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Report #2

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**AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT**

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 (Reclassify when filled in)

Sheet 1 of 2

(Short Form for routine actions only)

Read instructions before filling out

**I. GENERAL**

(a) Unit Reporting VMF 122 (b) Ship or base PELELIU ISLAND (c) Report No. 2  
 (b) Take off: Date 4 AUG 45 Time (LZT) 0845 -10 (Zone). (e) Time of Return 1010 -10 (Zone)  
 (f) Target CULTIVATED AREAS-BABELTHUAP (g) Round-Trip Distance Flown 100 (Miles)

**II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT**

(a) TYPE	(b) SQUAD. RON	(c) TAKING OFF	(d) NUMBER ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	(e) ATTACKING TARGET	(f) BOMBS, ROCKETS, CLUSTERS, TORPEDOES, NAPALM & DROP FUEL TANKS CARRIED PER PLANE (Specify type & size exactly)	(g) FUZE DELAYS, TORPEDO DEPTH SETTING (Give mk. of cluster & bomb fuzes, & setting used if more than one is possible)
F4U-1D	VMF 122	4	0	4	1 NAPALM TANK	E4-B1 IGNITER

**III. ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENGAGED**

**IV. ENEMY PLANES DAMAGED IN AIR** (Give details in narrative)

(a) TYPE	(b) NUMBER ENGAGED	(c) TIME/ZONE	(d) LOCATION	(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY TYPE A/C SQUADRON PILOT OR GUNNER	(c) DAMAGE CLAIMED

**V. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT**

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	(c) CAUSE: Type ENEMY A/C, AA, GUN OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT & ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE (Give Bureau No. of plane destroyed)
1				
2		NONE		
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**VI. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES** (Identify with planes listed in V by nos. at left)

(a) No.	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK, OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
		NONE		

**VII. ATTACK ON TARGET**

(a) Location YAMATO-BABELTHUAP (b) Time over target 0915 -10 (Zone)  
 (c) Weather, clouds, visibility C A V U  
 (d) Bombing tactics SHALLOW GLIDE (Level, Glide, Dive, by type of plane)  
 (e) Bomb Sight used NONE (Type for each type of plane)  
 (f) AA present: Yes. No. X

(g) AIMING POINT	(h) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) No. A/C Attacking (j) Squadron	(k) BOMBS, ROCKETS, AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT (Give fuzing used if selectively armed)	(l) NO. HIT ON AIMING POINT	(m) Altitude of Release (Ft.) (n) Dive Angle	(o) Spacing of Bombs (Ft.) (p) Indicated Air Speed (Kts)	(q) Range of Release of Rockets
CULTIVATED AREA	200 YDS 200 YDS	4 122	4 NAPALM TANKS	4	50° 15 DEG.	100 RTS	
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Give results and narrative on separate sheet, follow outline.

THIS FOUR PLANE BARGE SWEEP WAS BRIEFED TO RELEASE THE NAPALM TANKS OVER CULTIVATED AREAS IN THE YAMATO DISTRICT OF BABELTHUAP. WHILE OF NO STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE, THIS SETTLEMENT DOES CONTAIN A MISCELLANEOUS ASSORTMENT OF BUILDINGS, A BRIDGE, GARDENS, AND A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF ENEMY PERSONNEL. IT HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A SYSTEMATIC BOMBING PROGRAM FOR THE PAST WEEK--FEW SUITABLE TARGETS REMAIN INTACT.

GOOD COVERAGE WAS OBTAINED WITH THE NAPALM ON THIS DATE, A SIZE-ABLE AREA OF CULTIVATED LAND BEING BURNED OFF.

FOLLOWING THE RELEASE OF THE NAPALM A ROUTINE BARGE SWEEP OF THE NORTHERN PALAUS WAS CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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