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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED
(Reclassify when filled out)

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No **13.**

XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Strike UPIAN (b) Time Over Target(s) 1204-1242. (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target See log. (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target See log. (e) Visibility See log.
(CLEAR, HAZE, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type See log. Bomb Sight Used None.
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run _____ Spacing _____ Altitude of Bomb Release _____
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None. Probably Destroyed None. Damaged None.

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 Strike UPIAN.		12 Planes. VMF-115.	24-500 lb. bombs. 9000 rnds.	24	Unobserved.
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(o) RESULTS: (For all hits claimed on ship targets and for land targets of special interest draw diagram, top or side view or both, as appropriate, showing type and location of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

NO ENEMY SHIPPING ENCOUNTERED.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? NO. Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA. (Narrative and comment. Describe action fully and comment freely, following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

MISSION LOG REPORT REPORT NO. 13

26 July 1945.

MISSION: Strike UPIAN.

FLIGHT COMPOSITION: Paine, Weatherwax, Chambers, Wildman, Harrison, Byrd, Black, McNeill, Venturoli, W. Foster, Danckaert, Williamson.

TIME: TFO:1050. ATA:1350.

WEATHER: Visibility unlimited, 1/10 coverage.

COMMENTS: 21 of the 24 bombs exploded in the target area on the first pass. The other exploded in the area on the second run, after hanging. Two targets were cleared and their perimeters were on either side of the UPIAN river, about 1 mile east of the intersection of the UPIAN and DAVAO river right fork. They included grass shacks and trees. Besides the bomb run, two rocket runs were made. Of 78 rockets 74 were on the target, and four were brought back to base. Major Logan accompanied the flight as an observer. Most pilots strafed on their runs. Four planes refueled at Malabang.

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ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY

OWN AIRCRAFT

Disposition
Altitudes
Speeds
Approach Tactics
Use of Cover, Deception
Angles of Attack and
Their Effectiveness
Distance of Opening Fire
Defense Tactics and
Their Effectiveness

ENEMY AIRCRAFT

Method of Locating, Distance
Disposition
Altitudes
Speeds
Approach Tactics
Use of Cover, Deception
Angles of Attack
Distance of Opening Fire
Defensive Tactics

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Own Weaknesses
Enemy Weaknesses
Offensive Tactics, Own
" " " Enemy
Defensive Tactics, Own
" " " Enemy
Flexible Gunnery, Own
Escort Tactics
Fighter Direction
Use of Radar
Night Fighting
Recognition, Aircraft

ATTACK

OWN TACTICS

Method of Locating Target
Approach to Target
Altitudes, Speeds
Approach
Dive
Pull-Out
Dive Angle
Strafing
Retirement
Defensive Tactics
Use of Jamming

DEFENSE, ENEMY

Evasive Tactics, Ships
Concealment
Searchlights
Night Fighter Tactics
Use of Jamming

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Bombing Tactics
Torpedo Tactics
Effectiveness of
Bombs, Torpedoes
Selection of Targets
Fuzing
Strafing Tactics
Defensive Tactics
Use of Radar
Reconnaissance
Photography
Briefing

OPERATIONAL

Navigation
Homing
Rendezvous
Recognition, Ships
Communications
Flight Operations
Search and Tracking
Base Operations
Maintenance