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Report # 7

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(Short Form for routine actions only)

Read instructions before filling out

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VMT-122 (b) Ship or base Pololu Island (c) Report No. 7
 (b) Take off: Date 6 Aug. 45 Time (LZT) 0830 -10 (Zone). (e) Time of Return 1000 -10 (Zone)
 (f) Target Gardens & Saw Mill (g) Round-Trip Distance Flown 150 (Miles)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT

(a) TYPE	(b) SQUADRON	(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)
P4U-1D	122	4	0	4	1-Napalm Tank	Double Fused M4-R1 Igniters

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, TYPE 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		
3				
4				
5				

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 Bahelthup (b) Time over target 0900 -10 (Zone)
 (c) Weather, clouds, visibility CAVV
 (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. HITS 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
1 Saw Mill		1 122	1-Napalm	1	200' 20 deg.	220	
2 Saw Mill		1 122	1-Napalm	1	150' 20 deg.	250	
3 Gardens		2 122	2-Napalm	2	150' 30 deg.	260	
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5							

Give results and narrative on separate sheet, follow outline.

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VII (r) Results:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Target No.</u>	<u>Contact Pt.</u>
Major Shuman	1	Hit and burned in area-damage undetermined.
Lt. Dorrell	2	Large continuing fire started in area.
Lt. Galbraith	3	Hit and burned garden.
Lt. Dunlop	3	Hit and burned garden.

VIII

Equipped with Napalm tanks this strike was briefed to strike the primary target of growing gardens with the option of striking possible saw mill locations in the vicinity of the arekalong peninsula. Saw dust and log remnants have been noted in the water at this location from time to time. Targets 1 and 2 were located on small streams with saw dust floating in the water nearby. A large fire was started at target #2 but the substance was undetermined.

Approximately three hundred Japanese were noted along the shore from TW(770-050) to TW(770-090). They appeared to be swimming and resting in the morning sun. They immediately dispersed. The shore line was repeatedly strafed with unobserved results. Only one is known to have been killed.

A floating mine at TX(645-778) was strafed and exploded. A 20' motor boat at TA 940 W was strafed. No fire resulted but the boat is believed to have been damaged.

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