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Report # 14-15

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED
(Reclassify when filled out)

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) See Mission Log Reports. (b) Time Over Target(s) See Log. (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target See Mission Log Reports.
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target See Mission Log Reports. (e) Visibility See Log.
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type See Mission Log Reports. Bomb Sight Used None.
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

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 BUAYAN Airdrome, MINDANAO.		6 planes. VMF-115	No bombs. 6500 rnds. ammo.	Str- ing.	Serious.
2 Jap positions near JOLO CITY, JOLO ISLAND.		2 planes. VMF-115.	No bombs. 2000 rnds. ammo.	Str- ing.	Serious.
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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

9 April 1945

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MISSION: Fighter Sweep to BUAYAN Airbase.
FLIGHT COMPOSITION: Innes, Foster, Chambers, Byrd.
TIME: TFO:0650. TOT:0800-0830. ATA:1000.
WEATHER: Hazy. Visibility 15-20 miles at 2000 feet. Clear below 1500 feet over water. Stratus from 1500-3000 feet.
COMMENTS: Byrd silenced a machine gun at the foot of the BUAYAN Airbase tower, and Foster put three automatic weapons out of business just East of the northern half of the strip. Both pilots raked a coconut grove southwest of the field, where aircraft were assumed to be parked, and they started several brush fires. At least seven of the 20 huts and buildings which were strafed burst into flame.

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MISSION: Scramble Alert.
FLIGHT COMPOSITION: Harrison, Eastman.
TIME: TFO:1715. ATA:1845.
WEATHER: Hazy. Cumulus building up over the islands.
COMMENTS: Harrison and Eastman strafed Jap positions near the highway south of JOLO CITY and started at least two small fires, one in a shack housing a machine gun. The machine gun was silenced.

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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