

(a) Unit Reporting VMF-122 (b) Based on or at PELELIU ISLAND (c) Report No. 14  
 (d) Take off: Date 24 OCTOBER 1944 Time (LZT) 1030 -9 (Zone); Lat. 7 DEG. 40. Long. 134 DEG.  
 (e) Mission BOMB YAP AIRSTRIP AND VICINITY. (f) Time of Return 1415 -9 (Zone)

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

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
<u>FG-1</u>	<u>VMF-122</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1-1,000 LB. G.P.</u>	<u>1 NOSE FUZE .025 TAIL FUZE</u>

**III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.**

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE

**IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).**

(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	(c) NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Did Any Part of \_\_\_\_\_  
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, Describe Clouds \_\_\_\_\_ (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)  
 Time of Day and Brilliance \_\_\_\_\_ (j) of Sun or Moon \_\_\_\_\_ (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (k) Visibility \_\_\_\_\_ (MILES)

**V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).**

(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:			GUNS USED	(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER			

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(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	(c) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1	FG-1 VNF-122	MEDIUM AA	UNDETERMINED	DESTROYED - BU NO. 14180 MINOR
2	FG-1 VNF-122	MEDIUM AA	LEFT WING LEADING EDGE, HOLE 2" IN DIAMETER	
3				
4				
5	FG-1 VNF-122	MEDIUM AA	LEFT WING ROOT - KNOCKED OUT IN- BOARD GUN	MINOR
6				
7				
8	FG-1 VNF-122	HYDRAULIC LEAK		MINOR
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				

VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) NO.	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
1	VNF-122	GIRVIS HALTON, JR., 1STLT., USMC	CRASHED - HIT BY MEDIUM ANTI-AIRCRAFT	DEAD

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	(d) AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	(f) AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h) NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
						.30	.50	20MM	MM	
FG-1	270	270	3 HRS 45 MIN	344	234		3,000			7

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm				

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

- SPEED, CLIMB,  
at various altitudes
- URNS
- DIVES
- CEILINGS
- RANGE
- PROTECTION
- ARMAMENT

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(a) Target(s) and Location(s) YAP AT STRIP (b) Time Over Target(s) 1210 -9 (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)  
 (c) Clouds Over Target SCATTERED CUMULUS 2,000' TO 6,000' - 2/10 COVER.  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)  
 (d) Visibility of Target CLEAR (e) Visibility UNLIMITED  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)  
 (f) Bombing Tactics: Type GLIDE Bomb Sight Used NONE  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)  
 Bombs Dropped per Run 1 Spacing \_\_\_\_\_ Altitude of Bomb Release 1,000  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)  
 (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Probably Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged 4

(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 REVETMENT AT S.E. END OF STRIP	50' X 20'	1 VMF-122	ONE 1,000 LB G.P.	1	DESTROYED REMAINS OF A DAMAGED B.TTY
2 REVETMENT AREA NO. OF STRIP	50' X 20'	1 VMF-122	ONE 1,000 LB. G.P.	0	DAMAGED 3 RANES IN QUESTIONABLE STATE OF REPAIR
3					
4 AREA NO. CENTER SECT. OF STRIP CONTAINING AA AND POSSIBLE TOWN.	50 YDS X 50 YDS	1 VMF-122	ONE 1,000 LB. G.P.	1	SLIGHT
6 N.W. END OF AIR STRIP	100 YDS X 100 YDS	3 VMF-122	THREE 1,000 LB. G.P.	3	SLIGHT
7 REPUTED AMMO DUMP IN Y NO. OF STRIP	200' X 40'	1 VMF-122	ONE 1,000 LB G.P.	1	SLIGHT
8 BLDG AT NGARD MAU		1 VMF-122	ONE 1,000 LB G.P.	1	DESTROYED 1 BLDG

(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).

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(p) Were Photographs Taken? \_\_\_\_\_ Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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**ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY**

following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.

**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

THE PURPOSE OF THIS MISSION WAS TO INSURE  
THE CONTINUED INOPERATIVE STATUS OF THE AIRSTRIP  
AT YAP.

SHORTLY AFTER TAKING OFF THE AIRPLANE PILOT-  
ED BY LIEUTENANT LEPIRE DEVELOPED A HYDRAULIC  
LEAK. HIS WHEELS DROPPED AND HE WAS FORCED TO RE-  
TURN WHEN ABOUT THIRTY MILES NORTH OF BABELTHAUP.  
HE UTILIZED HIS BOMB BY RETURNING OVER THE MINING  
DISTRICT OF NGARDMAU ON BABELTHAUP AND RELEASING  
IT THERE. HE REPORTS THAT ONE SIZEABLE BARRACKS  
WAS DEMOLISHED.

MAJOR PIERCE WHO LED THIS MISSION REPORTS  
THAT YAP NOW PRESENTS LITTLE OR NOTHING IN THE  
WAY OF A SUITABLE TARGET. BOTH AIRSTRIPS ARE  
OBVIOUSLY OUT OF COMMISSION AND THE AIRCRAFT IN  
THE VICINITY HAVE BEEN DAMAGED ON PREVIOUS OC-  
CASIONS. MANY ARE PROPPED UP WITH NO WHEELS; OTHERS  
APPEAR TO BE PATCHED.

THE BOMBS WERE RELEASED WHERE IT APPEARED  
THAT THEY WOULD DO THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF DAMAGE.

IN STRAFING THE AREA AND THE GUN POSITIONS  
FOLLOWING THE BOMBING, FIRST LIEUTENANT GIRVIS  
HALTOM, JR. WAS STRUCK WHEN AT 600 FEET. HIS  
PLANE WAS SEEN TO DO A SLOW ROLL TO THE RIGHT,  
CRASH AND EXPLODE. THE CRASH OCCURED AT THE NORTH-  
WEST EDGE OF THE AIRSTRIP.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE A FEW HOUSES AND  
A PIER WERE STRAFED WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.

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