

67th FIGHTER SQUADRON TWO ENGINE
347TH FIGHTER GROUP TWO ENGINE
APO 159

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STATEMENT OF 1ST LT GEORGE T DUBIS COVERING RESCUE CAT TO MAKASSAR AREA 23
NOVEMBER 1944

1. I was the flight leader of Rainbow 7, escorting Playmate 13 during the rescue of a pilot who was downed the day before. We picked up Playmate 13 at 1000I, fifteen minutes before rendezvous time at the island of Salajar. Playmate 13 informed us his generators were out, so his radio would be used sparingly and we were to signal him when we wanted radio contact by diving in front of him. We then proceeded to south tip of Makassar, 5-10 miles offshore, until we heard Ballot White, the flight who was searching for downed pilot, call us at 1110I. We contacted Playmate 13 and went to the position of the fighter grid given us by Ballot White, which was seven miles west of the town of Makassar. We had no difficulty finding the pilot as he had displayed sea marker. Playmate 13 landed at about 1200I. There were several boats about that we suspected were armed but none bothered us. After picking up the pilot, Playmate 13 headed home and was given escort by us for thirty minutes more when we left him. We then kept him in sight fifteen minutes more. Under directions from Playmate 13, we notified Atlantic of his predicament of low gas supply, probability of not having any IFF radio or lights. Playmate 13 did an excellent job under adverse conditions. We were airborne from 0545I to 1650I.

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