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Report #24

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(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) POSSIBLE SUB DOCKING AREA (b) Time Over Target(s) 1110 -10 (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target CUMULUS WITH 5/10 COVER BETWEEN 2000' -4000'
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target CLEAR (e) Visibility 25 MILES
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type GLIDE Bomb Sight Used NOISE
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run 2 Spacing - Altitude of Bomb Release 1240 AV.
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 0 Probably Destroyed 0 Damaged 0

(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 DOCKS, PIERS AND ADJACENT AREA	450' X 200'	6 VMF 122	12-500 LB. G.P.'S.	6	SERIOUS
2 PIER IN INLET NORTH OF ABOVE	50' X 20'	1 VMF 122	2-500 LB. G.P.'S.	1	UNDETERMINED
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					

(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).

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

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY 28TH PHOTO-RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON AT REQUEST OF MAG 11.
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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.)

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

TODAYS STRIKE, THE 13TH IN WHICH THE SQUADRON HAS PARTICIPATED, AIMED AT THE DESTRUCTION OF ALL POSSIBLE SUBMARINE SANCTUARIES AT YAP, WAS DIRECTED AGAINST INSTALLATIONS OF THE FIRST INLET NORTH OF YAP TOWN.

GLIDE BOMBING TACTICS WERE EMPLOYED, RUNS BEING MADE FROM SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST TO ENABLE THE PLANES TO STRIKE AT THE LONG AXIS OF THE TARGET AREA. BELOW ARE THE TABULATED RESULTS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RELEASE PT.</u>	<u>CONTACT PT.</u>
LT. MISLEY	1000'	BOTH BOMBS STRUCK TARGET AREA DAMAGING A DOCK AND PIER.
LT. MORRISON	2000'	BOTH BOMBS ON INLAND SIDE OF ROAD. NO DAMAGE.
LT. ASHE	1500'	BOTH BOMBS IN TARGET AREA.
LT. JEWELL	1200'	SLIGHTLY NORTH OF TARGET AREA-BOMBS STRUCK AND DEMOLISHED POSSIBLE WAREHOUSE.
LT. THOMPSON	1200'	ACROSS ROAD FROM TARGET AREA.
LT. GOLDSON	1000'	BOTH BOMBS IN TARGET AREA-DAMAGING.

DUE TO CLOUD INTERFERENCE MAJOR PIERCE WAS PREVENTED FROM "GETTING ON" THE TARGET DURING HIS RUN. FOR THIS REASON HE PULLED THE NOSE UP AND RELEASED OVER THE INSTALLATIONS IN THE NEXT INLET TO THE NORTH. RELEASING AT 800', ONE BOMB WAS A DIRECT HIT ON THE CENTER OF THE ROAD WHILE THE OTHER WAS A NEAR MISS ON A PIER. BOTH THE ROAD AND THE PIER WILL REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE REPAIRS.

NO AA WAS OBSERVED ON THIS DATE. THE TARGET IN QUESTION HAS BEEN STRUCK ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS. IT IS REPORTED TO PRESENT A "BEAT UP" APPEARANCE AT THE PRESENT TIME. NO ACTIVITY WAS NOTED.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.
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ARMAMENT

- Guns, Gunsights
- Turrets
- Ammunition
- Bombs, Torpedoes
- Bomb Sights
- Bomb Releases

COMMUNICATIONS

- Radio, Radar
- Homing Devices
- Visual Signals
- Codes, Ciphers

RECOGNITION

- IFF
- Signals
- Battle Lights
- Procedures

PROTECTION

- Armor; Points and Angles
of Fire Needing Further
Protection
- Leak Proofing

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

- Parachutes
- Life Belts, Life Rafts
- Safety Belts
- Emergency Kits
- Rations, First Aid

NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT

- Compasses
- Driftsights
- Octants
- Automatic Pilots
- Charts
- Field Lighting

INSTRUMENTS

- Flight
- Power Plant

OXYGEN SYSTEM

**CAMOUFLAGE AND
DECEPTION DEVICES**

STRUCTURE

- Airframe
- Control Surfaces
- Control System
- Dive Flaps
- Landing Gear
- Heating System
- Flight Characteristics
At Various Loadings

POWER PLANT

- Engines
- Engine Accessories
- Propellers
- Lubricating System
- Starters
- Exhaust Dampers

HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

- Auxiliary Plant
- Lights

FUEL SYSTEM

FLIGHT CLOTHING

MAINTENANCE

BASE FACILITIES

- Plane Servicing Equipment
- Personnel Facilities

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