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**AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT**

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No. 55

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

1940 N.

to

2252 N. (Zone)

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Wille Is., Lukunor Is., Arbar Is., Chirubon Is., (Wille Atoll) (b) Time Over Target(s)

(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target 6/10 cumulus base 2000 feet, tops 5500 feet.

(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Partially obscured by clouds. (e) Visibility 5

(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSERVED 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 2700

(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 <u>Wille Is.</u>	-	<u>1 PRJ-1H FMB-613</u>	<u>1 X 250# G.P. 3 X 75MM.</u>	<u>1 3</u>	<u>Not observed.</u>
2 <u>Lukunor Is.</u>	-		<u>1 X 250# G.P. 3 X 75MM.</u>	<u>1 3</u>	
3 <u>Arbar Is.</u>	-		<u>4 X 5# A.R. 3 X 75MM.</u>	<u>4 3</u>	<u>Not observed. Not observed.</u>
4 <u>Chirubon Is.</u>	-		<u>1 X 250# G.P. 3 X 5# A.R.</u>	<u>1 3</u>	<u>Not observed.</u>
5 <u>All above Islands</u>			<u>Total 780 rnds.</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>	<u>Not observed.</u>
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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).

**Damage not observed because of darkness and altitude of flight.**

(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.)

**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

One PRJ of VMB 613 harrassed Mille Atoll. The plane was over the target from 1940M to 2252M. Seven rockets, four on Lukunor, three on Chirubon, three 250# G.P., one on Mille, one on Lukunor, one on Chirubon. Nine 75mm, three on Mille, three on Arbar, three on Lukunor. Strafed Islands with 780 rounds of .50 cal. One rocket failed to release because of mechanical malfunction. Approximately sixteen runs were made in all directions initiating at 3500-4000 feet with releases 2000 to 3000 feet. Damage was unobserved due to darkness and altitude of flight. Light, meagre, innacurate A/A observed coming from Lukunor and Arbar. Weather over target 6/10 cumulus base 2000 feet built up to 5500 feet.

**XIII. MATERIAL DATA.** (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.  
Use additional sheets if necessary).

**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

**All materiel functioned satisfactorily with the exception  
of a mechanical malfunction preventing release of one of the  
rockets.**

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**Commanding.** 24 June, 1945.  
SIGNATURE RANK AND DUTY DATE

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