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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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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 HAVEN** (b) Time Over Target(s) **1040 -10** (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target **8/10 CUMULUS COVER BETWEEN 2000'-7500'**  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target **CLEAR** (e) Visibility **25 MILES**  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSERVED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type **STEEP GLIDE** Bomb Sight Used **NONE**  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run **1** Spacing **•** Altitude of Bomb Release **888' AV.**  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Probably Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_

(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)
<b>INLET NO. OF KAP TOWN AREA BETWEEN ROAD AND WATER.</b>	<b>450' X LONG 200' X WIDE</b>	<b>8 VME 122</b>	<b>8-500 LB. G.P.S.</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>TARGET AREA WELL "BEATEN UP"</b>
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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).

(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

THE DAYS YAP STRIKE WAS ONCE AGAIN DIRECTED AGAINST THE FIRST LARGE INLET NORTH OF YAP TOWN. THE AREA BETWEEN THE ROAD AND THE WATER IS FERTILE WITH PIERS, SLIPS, AND BUILDINGS. THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THIS TARGET HAS BEEN OBLITERATED AS THE RESULT OF PREVIOUS STRIKES. THE NORTHERN HALF-AS A RESULT OF TODAY'S STRIKE-IS SIMILARLY "BEAT UP."

THE TARGET WAS APPROACHED FROM THE WEST AT 6500', BUT THE ACTUAL RUNS WERE MADE FROM SOUTH TO NORTH ACROSS THE DESIGNATED AREA. POSSIBLY AS A RESULT OF THE EXCELLENT CLOUD COVER NO AA FIRE WAS EXPERIENCED ON THIS MISSION. THE TABULATED BOMBING RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RELEASE PT.</u>	<u>CONTACT PT.</u>
MAJOR PIERCE	800'	IN CENTER OF TARGET AREA.
LT. MISLEY	500'	IN AREA DAMAGING PIER AND HOUSE.
LT. MORRISON	1200'	IN TARGET AREA.
LT. ASHE	700'	IN CENTER OF TARGET AREA.
LT. RUSSELL	900'	IN TARGET AREA.
LT. BLANEY	1200'	NORTHERNMOST END OF TARGET AREA.
LT. GOODSON	800'	IN TARGET AREA.
LT. MC GEE	1000'	IN AREA.

THE AIR WAS FILLED WITH SMOKE AND DEBRIS AFTER THE FIRST FEW BOMBS STRUCK THE TARGET. ANY REMAINING INSTALLATIONS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. NO ACTIVITY WAS NOTED EITHER AT YAP OR ON THE FLIGHT TO AND FROM.

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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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