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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAF

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes TURNS DIVES CEILINGS RANGE PROTECTION ARMAMENT

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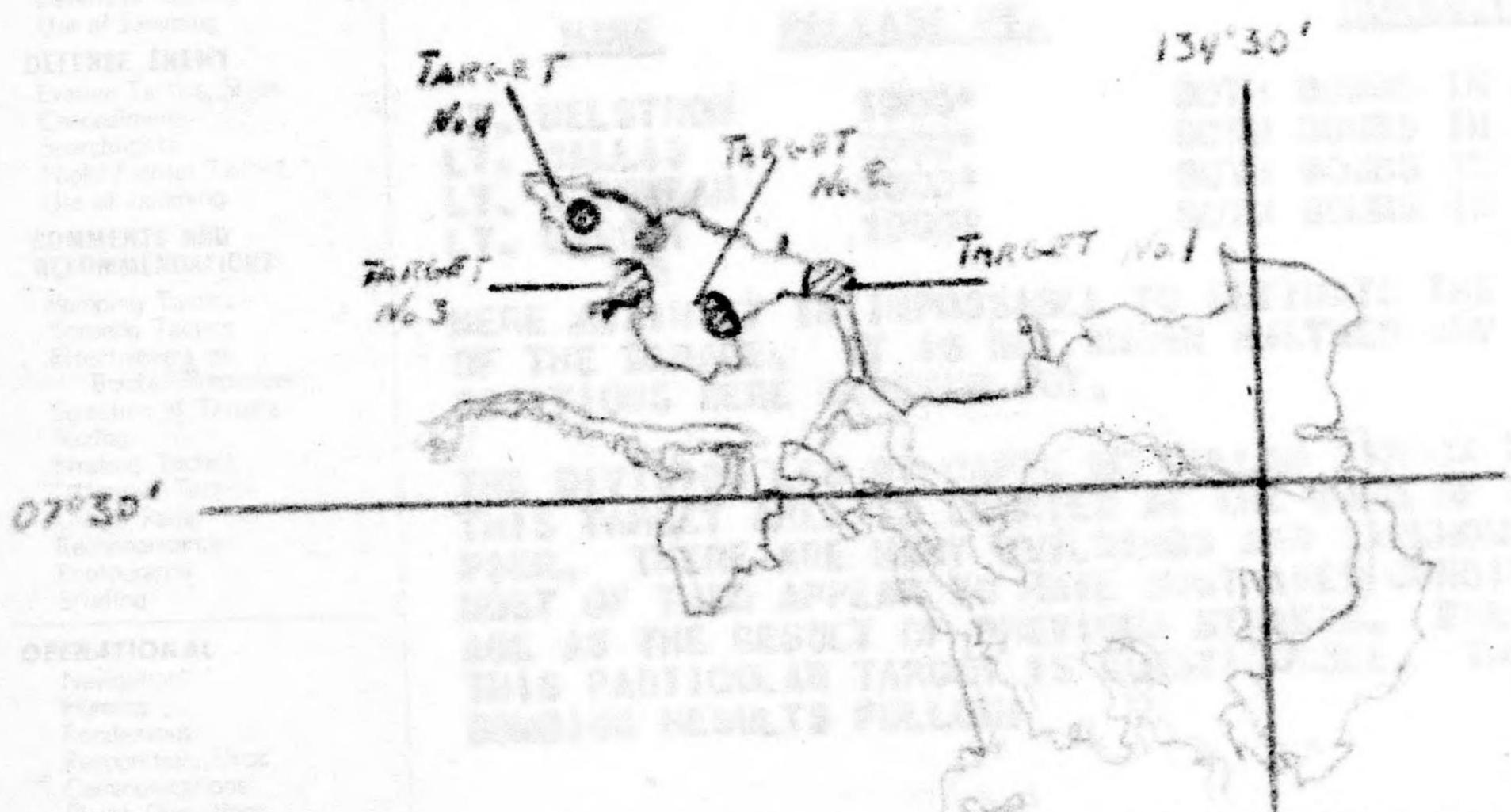
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(f) Visibility of Target Bombing Tactics: Type Bombs Dropped per Rur	45 DE	CEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE	Borr	b Sight Use Altitude o		(TYPE) ase 2000 AV.
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(O) RESULTS: (For all hits claimed on ship targets 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).



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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

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
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Defensive Tactics, Own
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Flexible Gunnery, Own

Escort Tactics
Fighter Direction
Use of Radar
Night Fighting
Recognition, Aircraft

OWN TACTICS

Method of Locating Target
Approach to Target
Altitudes, Speeds
Approach
Dive
Pull-Out
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Strafing
Retirement
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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

THIS, THE SECOND OF FOUR CONTEMPLATED STRIKES AGAINST THE KOROR-WALAKAL-ARAKABESAN AREA ON THIS DATE, WAS DIRECTED PRIMARILY AGAINST KNOWN AS POSITIONS ON ARAKABESAN. VMF 114 AGAIN CARRYING NAPALM AND VMF 121 EQUIPPED WITH 1000 LB. G.P'S. BOTH STRUCK ARTILLERY HILL ON KOROR. THE AT-

GLIDE BOMBING TACTICS WERE AGAIN EMPLOYED BUT IN THIS IN-STANCE ALL RUNS WERE MADE FROM NORTH TO SOUTH. THE TARGET DESIGNATED AS #1 WAS STRUCK BY MAJOR NELSONS DIVISION WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:

NAME	BELLESE PT.	CONTACT PT.
MAJOR NELSON	2300*	BOTH IN WEST END OF AREA WHERE FOUR ZOMM GUNS ARE ALLEGEDLY
LT. DILKS LT. GOODSON	2000*	BOTH IN GENERAL AREA. BOTH IN NORTH SIDE OF ROAD IN 408M GUN AREA.
LT. MC GEE		TO WORK, BOTH BOMBS RETURNED
		TO BASE.

INADVISABLE TO MAKE SECOND RUNS ACROSS THIS TARGET AREA, THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE MUST OF MECESSITY REMAIN UNDETER-MINED.

THE SECOND TARGET LISTED, AN AREA OF TERRACED LAND HARBOR-ING NUMEROUS AS POSITIONS IN THE CENTRAL SECTION OF THE ISLAND, WAS STRUCK BY LT. HELSTROM'S DIVISION WITH THE BELOW LISTED RESULTS:

	MAME	RELEASE PT.		CONT	ACT	97.
LT.	HELSTROM CALLIS GOODYEAR LAGON!	1900*	BOTH	BOMBS BOMBS BOMBS	1 No.	AREA.

HERE AGAIN IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ESTIMATE THE EXACT EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER AMY OF THE AA POSITIONS WERE KNOCKED OUT.

THE DIVISION LED BY CAPT. MC CULLAN STRUCK TARGET #3.
THIS TARGET AREA IS LOCATED AT THE BASE OF THE SOUTH
PIER. THERE ARE MANY BUILDINGS AND MAREHOUSES HERE BUT
MOST OF THEM APPEAR TO HAVE SUSTAINED CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE AS THE RESULT OF PREVIOUS STRIKES. THE VALUE OF
THIS PARTICULAR TARGET IS QUESTIONABLE. THE TABULATED
BOMBING RESULTS FOLLOW:

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

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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

SIGNATURE

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

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NAME	RELEASE	PI.
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NAME BE	LEASE PI.	CONTACT PI.
CAPT. MC CULLAH	18001	ONE BOMB EXPLODED IN DESIGNATED AREA. ONE DUD BOMB. (ARMING WIRE RETURNED)
LT. MISLEY	1900*	BOTH BOMBS IN GENERAL TARGET
LT. BRUCE LT. GILMOUR	1800*	SHORT OF TARGET AREA. OVERSHOT AA POSITION AT WHICH HE WAS AIMING. PROBABLY NO DAMAGE.

THE FOURTH TARGET WAS BELIEVED TO CONTAIN SEVERAL HEAVY AA POSITIONS BUT LT. MELIN REPORTS THAT NO ONE IN HIS DIV-ISION NOTED ANY FIRE FROM THIS AREA NOR DID THEY SPOT ANY PROBABLE POSITIONS.

NAME	RELEASE PT.	CONTACT PT.
LT. MELIN	2000	FAULTY BOMB RELEASE. ONE BOMB OVERSHOT TARGET. ONE JET-
LT. SMITH	2000•	BOTH BOMBS ON RIDGE IN TARGET
LT. TORBETT	3000	BOTH BOUBS ON RIDGE ALSO. NO DAMAGE NOTED.
LT. BROADUS		BOTH BOMBS RETURNED TO BASE. RELEASE FAILED TO FUNCTION.

WARRANT OFFICER CADENHEAD IN CHARGE OF SQUADRON ORDNANCE FEELS THAT THE BOMBS MAY HAVE BEEN SET TOO "TIGHT" ON THIS STRIKE CAUSING THE UNSATISFACTORY RESULTS IN THE ABOVE CITED INSTANCES.

APPRÓVED BY:

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