

Form ACA-1
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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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

(a) Location of Target(s) MAKER ISLAND, NEW GUINEA 01-568 139-028 (b) Time Over Target(s) _____ GCT.

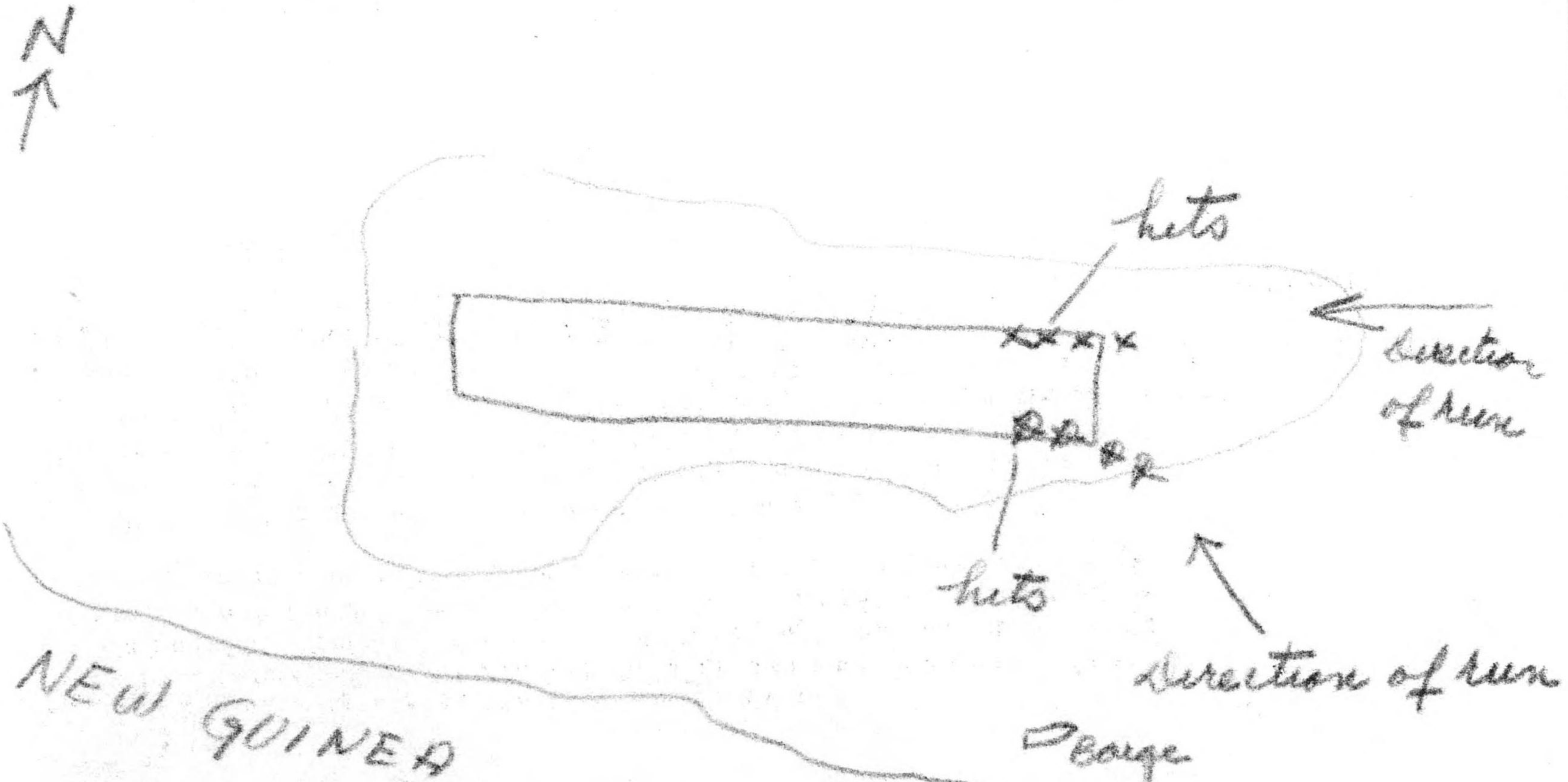
(c) Weather and Clouds Over Target Clear

(d) Sun or Moon moon 3/4 full overhead (e) Visibility Good

XI. TARGETS, RESULTS OF ATTACK.

1	(a) DESCRIPTION OF TARGET (List All Ships in Group, Whether or Not Individually Attacked)	(b) A/C ATTACKING (c) SQUADRON	(d) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH TARGET	(e) ALTITUDE OF RELEASE	(f) HITS
	1	Strip on Madroa Island	2 VF 33	4 x 500# G.P. bombs 4 x 1000# G.P. bombs 2 clusters incendiaries	2200' and 3500'
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3					
4					
5					
6					
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(g) **RESULTS:** (FOR SHIP TARGETS 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, WITH DIAGRAMS OR CHARTS WHERE DESIRABLE. DESCRIBE TARGETS FULLY IN (a), AND IN REPORTING DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION, IDENTIFY BY NUMBERS AT LEFT. USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY).



(h) Were Photographs Taken? No Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached.

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filled out)**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
Release
Pull-Out
Dive Angle
Strafing
Retirement
Defensive Tactics**DEFENSE, ENEMY**Evasive Tactics, Ships
Concealment
Anti-aircraft
Searchlights
Night Fighter Tactics**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 first plane was over the target at 1320 GCT. The bombs were dropped by seaman's eye from an altitude of 3500'. The intervalometer was used, spacing 700', speed 160 knots. At the time of release the speed of the plane was 200 knots. The run was made from east to west and all bombs landed on the northeast edge of the strip. The last bomb to hit (western-most) started a fire that was seen by another plane at 1745 GCT. A single A/A gun, possibly 75mm, on the southern point of the island, opened fire at the attacking plane with no effect.

The second plane attacked the target at 1345 GCT. The bombs were released at an altitude of 2200' by intervalometer set for 200' at 200 knots. The speed of the plane at the time of the drop was 160 knots. The run was made from southeast to northwest and the bombs landed on the southeast corner of the target island the last two to drop landing on the strip. A huge fire, in addition to the one mentioned above, was started, possibly a fuel dump, and was seen at a distance of 50 miles when the plane returned to base. This fire was also discerned at 1745 by another plane.

The PB4Y's, the two PB1-5's (VP 52), and the B-24's attacked the target following the attacks made by the planes of this squadron. All bombs fell in the target area, but results are not as yet tabulated.

The second plane of this squadron attracted A/A fire from the 75mm gun mentioned above, and also some .30 and .50 cal H/G fire was observed to be coming from a barge south of the island. No hits were scored.

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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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Radio silence was maintained during the flight, IFF was
turned off at the time of the attack, and radar was used successfully
in navigation.