

VMB-613

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Report #12

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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1998

6261

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VMB 613 (b) Based on or at KWAJALEIN ISLAND (c) Report No. 12
 (d) Take off: Date 28 FEBRUARY, 45 Time (LZT) 1730 H (Zone); Lat. 8-58'N Long 167-09'E
 (e) Mission SNOOP AND HARASS WOTJE IS., WOTJE ATOLL (f) Time of Return 2130 (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
<u>PSJ-1H</u>	<u>VMB 613</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>NO BOMBS, 21 ROUNDS 75 MM. SHELLS</u>	<u>-----</u>

III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE	(b) NO OBSERVED	(c) NO ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED, GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
			<u>(ZONE)</u>			
			<u>(ZONE)</u>			
			<u>(ZONE)</u>			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) -----
 Did Any Part of
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? ----- If so, Describe Clouds -----
(YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 Time of Day and Brilliance
 (j) of Sun or Moon ----- (k) Visibility -----
(NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (MILES)

V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:				(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		
					<u>NONE</u>	

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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only). **NONE**

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	(c) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE. (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1				
2				
3				
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12				
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left) **NONE**

(a) NO	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	(d) AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	(f) AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h) NO. OF PLANES RETURNING	
						30	50	20MM	MM		
J-1H	255	255	3.5	1160	435			75	3	75	1
								3 RNDG.			

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over				
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm				
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm		X		

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left)°

- SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes

TURNS

DIVES

CEILINGS

RANGE

PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

NONE OBSERVED

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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) **ENEMY INSTALLATIONS, WOTJE IS.** Time Over Target(s) **1830-2000** (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target **STRATUS, 1500', 10/10**
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target **HAZY** (e) Visibility **2 MILES**
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type **LEVEL** Bomb Sight Used **AN-APG 13 A**
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run **3 75MM SHELLS** Spacing **- - - - -** Altitude of Bomb Release **1500'**
(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 AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, NORTH PIER.	150 YDS. SQ.	1 PBJ-1H VMB 613	3 RND. 75 MM.	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
2					
3					
4					
5					
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7					
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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).

THE SNOOPER PLANE FIRED THREE ROUNDS OF 75 MM. SHELLS AT A KNOWN AUTOMATIC WEAPON POSITION BEGINNING AT A RANGE OF 4,000 YDS. AND FLYING IN A FLAT GLIDE AT 1500' USING THE AN-APG 13A SIGHT. ALL SHELLS APPEARED TO LAND ON THE ISLAND, BUT DARKNESS AND POOR VISIBILITY PREVENTED ACCURATE ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGE.

(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 PLANE OF THIS SQUADRON TOOK OFF AT 1735 FOR WOTJE ON WHAT WAS TO BE AN ALL NIGHT SNOOPING AND HARASSING MISSION INVOLVING TWO PLANES, ONE RELIEVING THE OTHER. ARRIVING ON TARGET THE PLANE FOUND CONSIDERABLE HAZE AND A 2,000' CEILING. IN SEVERAL CIRCLINGS OF THE ISLAND NO ACTIVITY OR SUSPICIOUS OBJECTS WERE OBSERVED AT ABOUT 1945 THE PILOT DECIDED TO FIRE AT AN A.W. POSITION THAT HAD BEEN OBSERVED IN PREVIOUS RECONNAISSANCE. THREE SHOTS WERE FIRED PRIMARILY AS A HARASSING MOVE WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. DURING ALL THIS TIME THE WEATHER WAS STEADILY WORSENING. BY 2.30 THE CEILING WAS DOWN TO 400' WITH CONSIDERABLE TURBULENCE AND VISIBILITY DOWN TO A FEW HUNDRED YARDS. THE PILOT DECIDED THAT TO REMAIN ON THE TARGET LONGER WOULD BE DANGEROUS AND RETURNED TO BASE, LANDING AT 2115. THERE BEING NO BREAK IN THE WEATHER THE REMAINDER OF THE NIGHT THE SECOND PLANE WAS HELD ON THE DECK. A SHORT BURST OF LIGHT ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE FROM A SMALL ISLAND MIDWAY BETWEEN WOTJE AND ORMED ISLANDS WAS OBSERVED BY THE PILOT. NO HITS WERE OBTAINED.

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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

ALL MATERIEL FUNCTIONED SATISFACTORILY.

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