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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) Food storage area, Nille Island, Nille Atoll. (b) Time Over Target(s) 1300 H (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 3/10, cumulus 3000 (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 10 miles (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Level Bomb Sight Used - - - (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run 1 Napalm Spacing - - - (FEET) Altitude of Bomb Release 75 (FEET)
- 2 Clusters
- (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)
1 Food Storage Area, Nille Is.	400' x 700'	6 VMF-155	6x1400/(175 gal) Napalm	6	Numerous fires.
2 Nille Atoll.			12x100# Incend Clusters	12	
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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).

No specific damage was observed but all bombs landed in the target area, were well dispersed and numerous large fires resulted.

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(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.  
Prints and negatives delivered to Commander, Majuro Air Group, for forwarding.



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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 six Corsairs of this squadron took off from base at 1030 H immediately following 12 Helldivers of VM3B-231 and after rendezvous at about 3000 feet immediately east of the field flew directly to the target island behind the Helldivers in a regular fighter formation. Engine settings en-route were at 2150 rpm's and 30 inches of mercury.

Upon reaching the target island the planes circled in column to the left over the lagoon of Mille Atoll and waited until the VM3B-231 aircraft had made their runs over the target and broke off in column at about four second intervals for the runs in a general northeast to southwest direction. The large Napalm bombs and incendiary clusters were released in salvo while the planes were flying straight and level at about 250 knots at an altitude of 75 feet. All bombs and clusters landed well in the target area causing numerous large fires.

Recovery from the bombing runs was to the left and rendezvous of the six planes was effected over the ocean several miles south of the target island at 3000 feet. Straight course for the base was flown from this point at an average altitude of 3000 feet with the planes registering 2000 rpm's and using 30 inches of mercury.

Safe return was made at base at 1158 H.

Two of the planes, those flown by Lt. Coppedge and Capt. Klackle, strafed approximately 800 rounds of 50 calibre on their bombing runs.

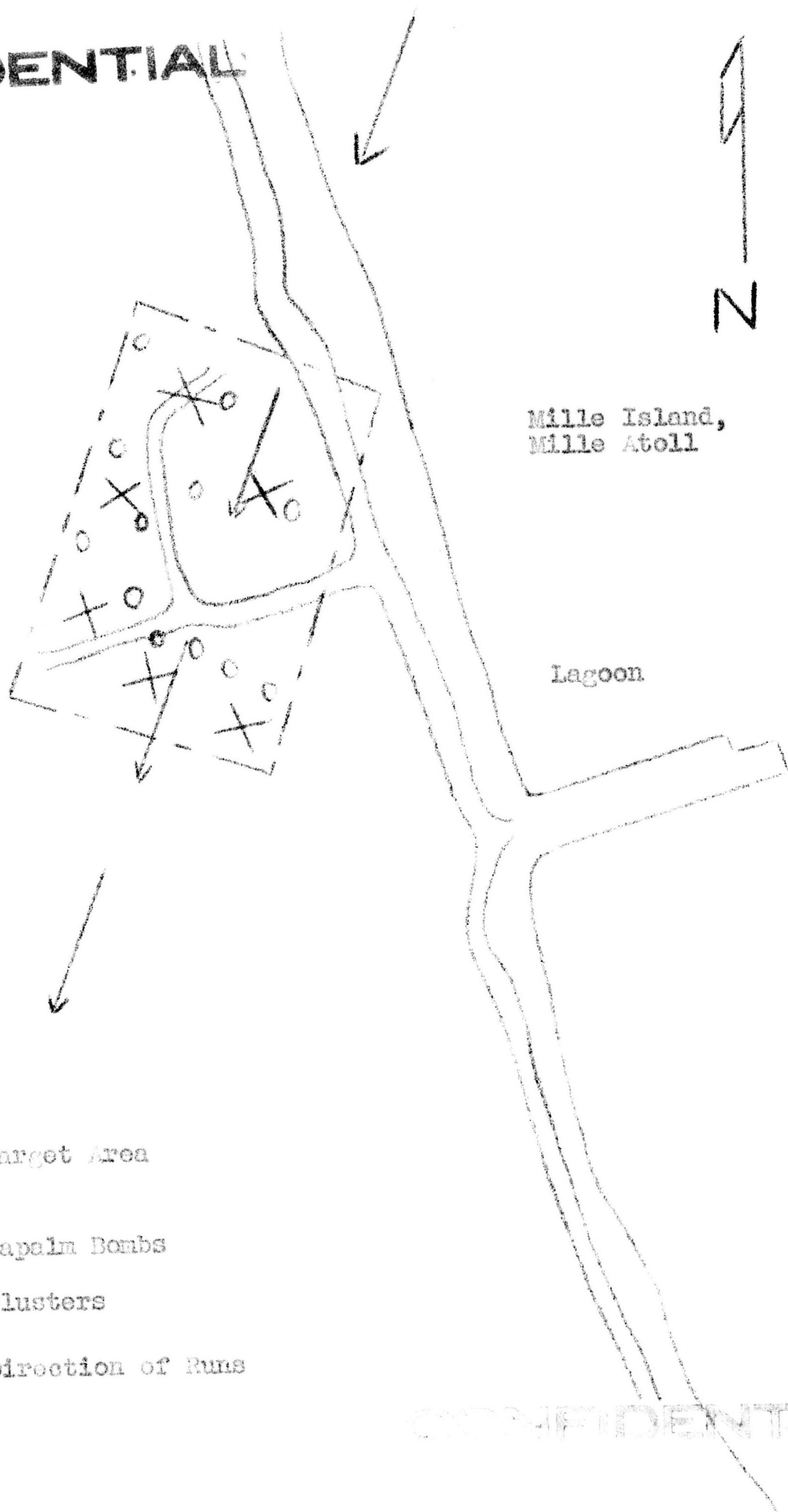
Pilots participating in this strike were:

O'NEAL, W.F.	Capt.	USMCR
NEVILLE, H.E.	1stLt.	USMCR
HENDERSON, R.P.	1stLt.	USMCR
CAMPBELL, W.J.	1stLt.	USMCR
KLACKLE, J.J.	Capt.	USMCR
COPEEDGE, C.H.	1stLt.	USMCR.

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Mille Island,  
Mille Atoll

Lagoon



= Target Area



= Napalm Bombs



= Clusters



= Direction of Runs

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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 material functioned satisfactorily.**

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