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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

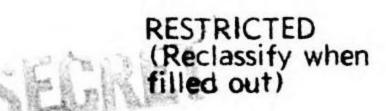
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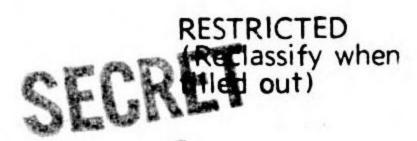
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SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes **TURNS** DIVES **CEILINGS RANGE** PROTECTION ARMAMENT

No enemy aircraft encountered.

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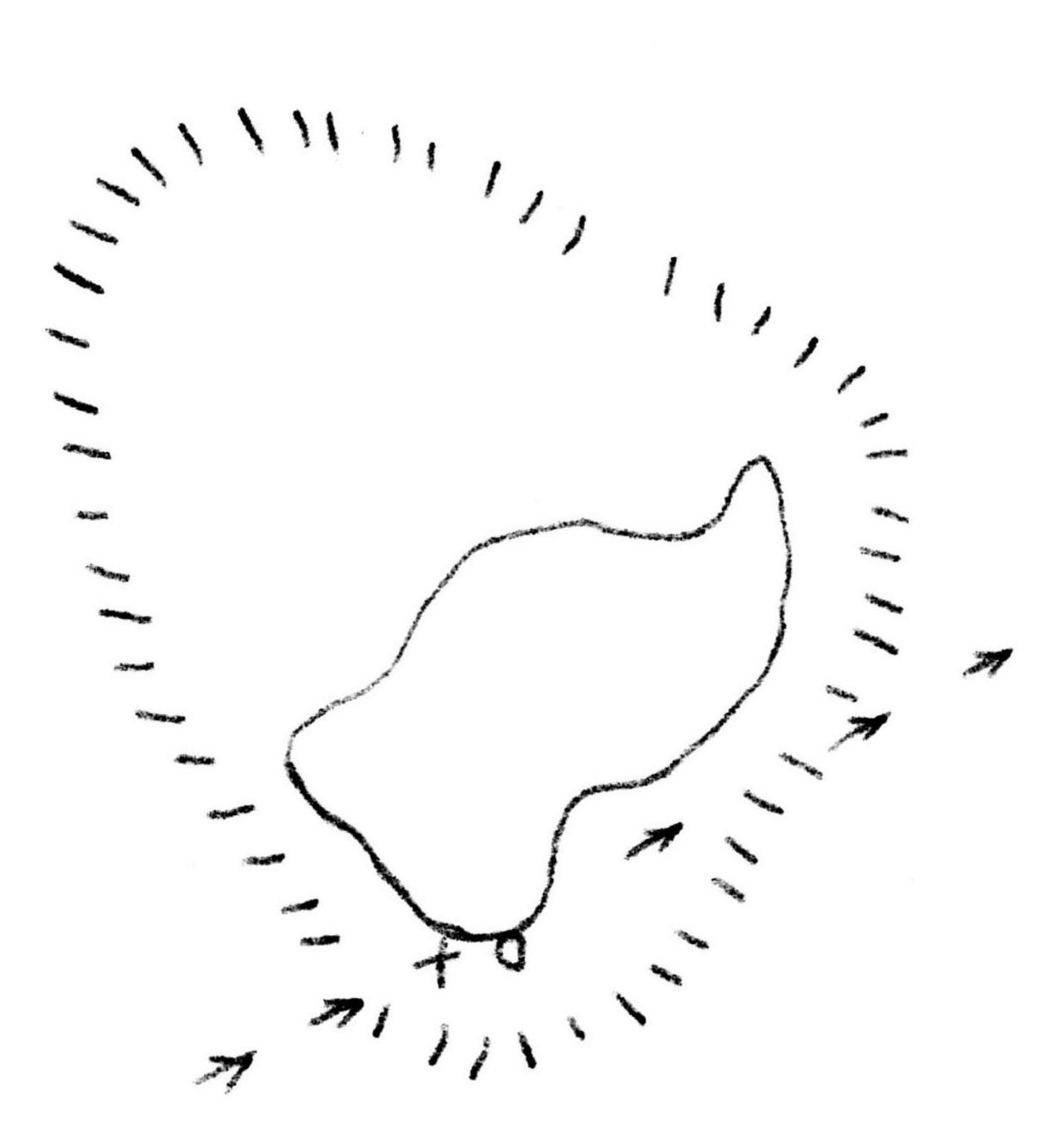
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	XI. ATTACK ON EN	EMY SHIPS OR	GROUND OBJECTI	VES (By Own Aircraft List	ted in 11 Only).	
(a)	Target(s) and Location	(s) Power b	oat beached	on SW end(b) Time ( NDER ATTACK) of Toton	Over Target(s)	1545M. (Zone)
(c)	Clouds Over Target	1400, Cum		TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)	IS., WOU	e wrott.
( <b>b</b> )	Visibility of Target_C:	lear (CLEAR, HAZ	ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED E	SY CLOUDS, ETC.)	) Visibility_Ur	(
<b>(f)</b>	Bombing Tactics: Type	<b>G11</b> d	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight	Used AN-M	(TYPE)
	Bombs Dropped per Rur	1 (NUMBER	Spacing	- Altitu	de of Bomb Rela	ease 1500 (FEET)
(g)	Number of Enemy Airc	craft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroye	ed	_ Damaged_ <del></del>
	(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POIN		serious, destroyed or sunk)
	Power boat on edge of beach	30°x 8°	2 F4U-1D VMF-155	2-325# Depth Bo 600 rds .50 cal	Numero	None 15 Serious
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(p)	Were Photographs	Taken? No	Photographs o	f Damage,	WhenTaken,	Should Be	Attached	By S	Staple.
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<sup>(</sup>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).

<sup>1.</sup> Evening search planes (21 and 24 V311) depth bombed and strafed a 30 foot wooden power boat beached on the southwest end of Toton Island, Wotje Atoll. Both depth bombs exploded within 100 feet of the boat. One bomb hit on the beach near the boat and the other in the lagoon about 100 feet from the boat. Seven strafing runs were made and numerous hits were observed which left the boat inoperational on the beach.

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X INDICATES WHERE BOAT WAS DESTROYED

O INDICATES WHERE BOMBS HIT

ARROWS INDICATES WHERE STRAFING AND BOMBING RUNS WERE MADE

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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

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

#### ATTACK OWN TACTICS

Night Fighting

Recognition, Aircraft

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

Evening search planes (21 and 24 V311 were engaged in a perimeter search of Wotje Atoll when they observed a 30 foot power boat beached on the SW end of Toton Island, Wotje Atoll. The stern of the boat was in the water and the bow on the beach. The boat was of wood construction and appeared to have a covered shelter for the motor amidships. Each plane using glide bombing tactics made one run and each dropped one bomb. Runs were made from an altitude of 5000 feet with release at 1500 feet. Runs were made upwind in a SW to NE direction. One bomb fell on beach within 100 feet of the boat and the other in the lagoon 100 feet north of the boat. After the bombs were dropped seven strafing runs were made at the boat in a SW to NE direction. 600 rounds of .50 cal. ammunition were expended at the target and numerous hits were observed. The boat was seriously damaged and left inoperational on the beach.

The following pilots participated in the search:

ROSS, K., lstLt., USMCR DUNLOP, J.D., 2ndLt., USMCR

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All materials functioned satisfactorily.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.

Use additional sheets if necessary).

#### **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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Capt., S.N.A.P. 19Mar4