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Report # 429

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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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) 2 ships, 34-05N, 132-58W (b) Time Over Target(s) 251159Z (Zone) 251530Z
(FOR SHIP AND GROUND TARGETS UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target Stratus 800' base 10/10
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Clear
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.)

(e) Visibility 15 miles
(MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Rocket Bomb Sight Used APQ-5
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

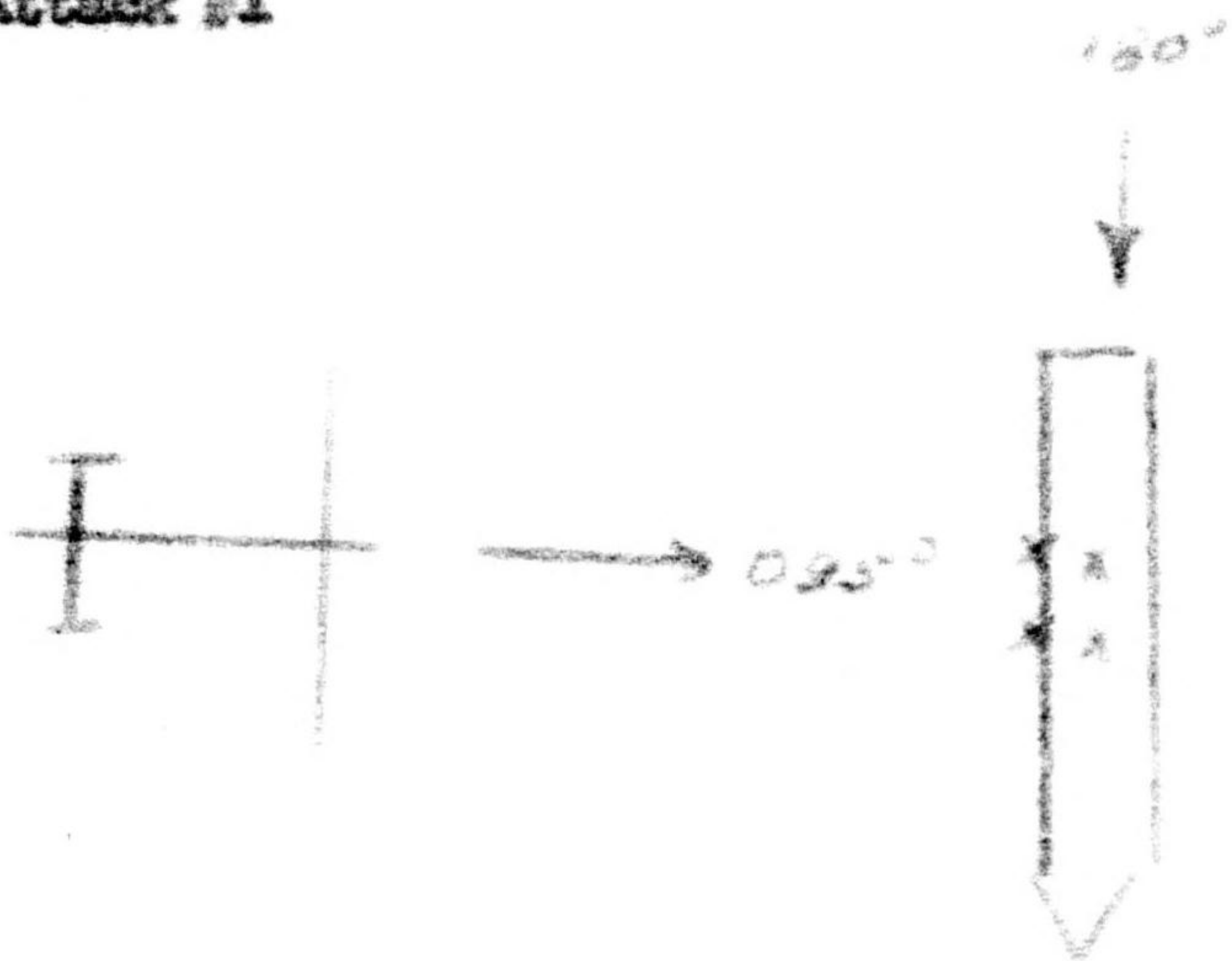
Rockets fired 8 Spacing 25' Altitude of Bomb Release 200'
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed - Probably Destroyed - Damaged -

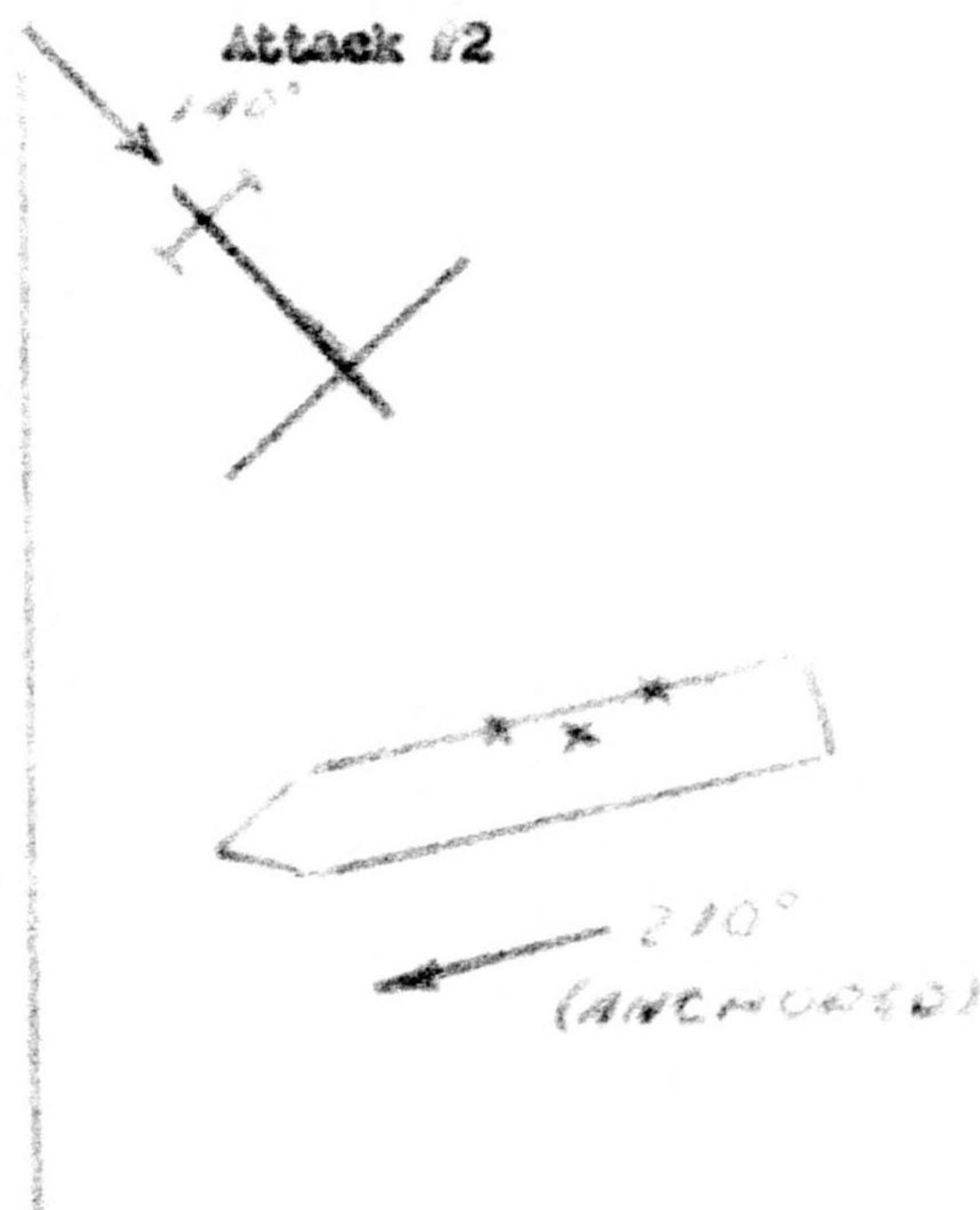
(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 Unidentified ship	200 ft	(j) 1 (k) VMB 612	8-5" HVAR	4	Unobserved
2 DD	350 ft	(j) 1 (k) VMB 612	8-5" HVAR	3	Unobserved
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5					
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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.)

Attack #1



Attack #2



(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple
No image

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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

PBJ was assigned night anti shipping search of D sector (Iwo Jima to 34-30N, 138-20E, search coast line of Honshu, including Ise Wan, to 33-22N, 135-53E, and return to base).

Two 200' ships, type undetermined were located at 34-05N, 138-58E, on course 180°, speed 8 kts. A rocket attack was made on one ship as follows: course of A/C 095°, speed 180 kts, altitude 200 ft, range 1975 yds, time 251159Z, 8 rockets fired. Four hits were observed followed by explosion and smoke. Extent of damage was unobserved.

PBJ proceeded on search making two radar contacts with surface vessels at 34-35N, 137-50E, time 251235Z. No other sightings were made.

PBJ was assigned night anti shipping search of B sector (Iwo Jima to 27-00N, 142-20E, thence to 34-45N, 140-00E, search Sagami Nada, Suruga Wan and return via Miyake Jima, Hachijo Jima and the Bonin Islands searching each area). PBJ found 350' DD anchored in Hachijo Jima boat basin (33-07N, 139-48-40E). A rocket attack was made as follows: course of A/C 140°, speed 180 kts, altitude 200 ft., range 1890 yds, 8 rockets fired, time 251530Z. Three hits were observed followed by one explosion on deck amidships. Extent of damage was unobserved.

PBJ completed search without further contacts.

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

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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

Aarmor; 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

No comment.

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