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I. GENERAL

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BJ-1H V	(b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)	1		(PER PLANE)		FUZE, SETT	1110
BJ-JR V	MB-613	2	347				( <b>f</b> )		\ <b>y</b> /	
III. OTH			None	2	No bombs		mm. shel	26.		
111. 011	IFR U.S.	OR ALLIE	AIRCRAFT	EMPLOYE	D IN THIS	OPERA	ATION.			
	QUADRON	NUMBER		BASE	Т	YPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	
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, , , , , , ,	1.434 A 1.D.C	DAFT ODG	EDVED OD E	NGAGED	(By Own Air	craft l	isted in 11	Only). Nor	18	
(a) TYPE		NO ENGAGIN			(e) ATION OF COUNTER		BOMBS, TORPE GUNS C	DOES CARRIED; BSERVED		(g) ELAGE AND RKING
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j) of Sun o	Day and Br r Moon — MY AIRC	r in Clouds	(YES OR NO	GHT MOON: DA	ocribe Clouds	TC.)		(k) Visibi	, (M)	ILES) (d) DAMA
TYPE ENEMY A/C	TYPE A/C	T	7	OT OR GUNNE	R	GUNS	USED	WHERE H	IT, ANGLE	CLAIM
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YPE OWN A/	C SQUADRON	1 TYPE C	AUSE: TYPE ENE	MY A/C, IONAL CAUSE	WHERE HI	T, ANGLE (	List armor,	EXT	TENT OF LOSS	OR DAMAGE,	
	300000	TYPE	GUN, OR OPERAT	IONAL CAUSE	self-sealing	tanks, equi	ipment hit)	(Give Bure	au serial numbe	r of planes destroye	
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VII. F	ERSONNEL	CASUA	LTIES (in air	craft listed	in 11 only; id	entify wit	h nlanes lis	ted in VI	by Nos at	loft) None	
(b)			(c)			(d)	m planes ns	ica iii vi	(e)		
SQUADR	ON	NAME, RAI	NK OR RATING			AUSE		CONDITION OR STATUS			
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VIII.	RANGE, F	UEL, AN	D AMMUNI	TION DATA	A FOR PLAN	IES RETI	JRNING				
	-(b)	(c)	(b)	(e)	A FOR PLAN		JRNING ) TOTAL AMML	JNITION EXP	ENDED	(h)	
(a) TYPE								INITION EXP	ENDED 75 MM	NO. OF PLA	
(a) TYPE A/C	-(b) MILES	(c) MILES	AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g	TOTAL AMMU	r	-	NO. OF PLA	
(a) TYPE A/C	-(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	AV. HOURS	(e) AV FUEL	AV. FUEL	(g	TOTAL AMMU	r	-	NO. OF PLA	
VIII.  (a) TYPE A/C	-(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g	TOTAL AMMU	r	-	NO. OF PLAI RETURNING	
(a) TYPE A/C	MILES OUT	MILES RETURN	AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30	.50 - 550	r	-	NO. OF PLA	
(a) TYPE A/C	MILES OUT	MILES RETURN	AV. HOURS IN AIR  7.2  AFT ENCOU	(e) AV FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30	.50 - 550	r	-	NO. OF PLA	
IX. E	MILES OUT	MILES RETURN  FI-AIRCR  CALIBI	AV. HOURS IN AIR  AFT ENCOU	(e) AV FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30 ck on ea	.50 - 550	20MM	-	NO. OF PLA	
IX. E	NEMY AN	MILES RETURN  CALIBI 75mm and	AV. HOURS IN AIR  AFT ENCOU ER  over	(e) AV FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30 ck on ea	ch line).	20MM	75 MM	NO. OF PLA RETURNIN	
IX. E	NEMY ANT	MILES RETURN  CALIBI TI-AIRCR CALIBI To the shells, 20mm	AFT ENCOU ER over	(e) AV FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30 ck on ea	ch line).	20MM	75 MM	NO. OF PLA RETURNIN	
IX. E	NEMY AN	MILES RETURN  CALIBI TI-AIRCR CALIBI To the shells, 20mm	AFT ENCOU ER over	(e) AV FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30 ck on ea	ch line).	20MM	75 MM	NO. OF PLA RETURNIN	
IX. E  VY — Tir  IUM —  HT — Mac	NEMY ANT	CALIBI TI-AIRCR CALIBI 5, 75mm and shells, 20mm	AV. HOURS IN AIR  AFT ENCOU ER  over n-50mm 13.2mm	AV FUEL LOADED  1160  NTERED (C	heck one blo	ck on ea	ch line).  MEAGER	20MM	75 MM	NO. OF PLA RETURNIN	
IX. E  VY — Tir  IUM —  IT — Mac  X. C	NEMY ANT	CALIBI TI-AIRCR CALIBI 5, 75mm and shells, 20mm	AV. HOURS IN AIR  AFT ENCOU ER  over n-50mm 13.2mm	AV FUEL LOADED  1160  NTERED (C	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	ck on ea	ch line).  MEAGER	20MM	75 MM	NO. OF PLA RETURNIN	
IX. E  IX. E  IV — Tir  IUM —  IT — Mac  X. C  D, CLIME	NEMY ANT ne-fused shells Impact-fused chine gun bulle	CALIBI TI-AIRCR CALIBI 5, 75mm and shells, 20mm	AV. HOURS IN AIR  AFT ENCOU ER  over n-50mm 13.2mm	AV FUEL LOADED  1160  NTERED (C	heck one blo	ck on ea	ch line).  MEAGER	20MM	75 MM	NO. OF PLA RETURNIN	
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IX. E  VY — Tir  IUM —  IT — Mac	NEMY ANT ne-fused shells Impact-fused chine gun bulle	TI-AIRCR CALIBI T5mm and shells, 20mm ets, 6.5mm-1	AV. HOURS IN AIR  AFT ENCOU ER  over n-50mm 13.2mm	AV FUEL LOADED  1160  NTERED (C	heck one blo	ck on ea	ch line).  MEAGER	20MM	75 MM	NO. OF PLA	

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XI. ATTACK ON E	on(s) Installat	ions and boats	VES (By Own Aircraft Listed  Ponane Isa (b) Time Ove	r Target(s)_	0730-1000 (Zone
larget(s) and Locati	(FOR SHIPS	- QAA TIFEIN	e to 5/10 at 3,500'		
Clouds Over Target_	1200, committu	(BASE IN FEET.	Sto 5/10 at 3,500'	/isibility	15
Visibility of Target_  Rombing Tactics: Ty	Clear (CLEAR, HAZY	PARTIALLY OBSCURED I	(e) V  By CLOUDS, ETC.)  Book Sight Us	sed AN-APG	13 TYPE
Bombs Dropped per I Number of Enemy A	Run	Spacing	(FEET)	OI DOIND NEIC	Damaged None
(h)	DIMENSIONS OR	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	(1)	NO HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None stight serious destroyed or sunk
Building, prob		VMB 613	1 75mm. shell	All	Destroyed
ly warehouse. Bridge over in		1 PBJ-1H	100 rnds. 50 cal. 1 75 mm. shell.	1	Destroyed
Ponape Town. Motor boat pat		VMB 613 1 PBJ-1H	2 75 mm. shells.	All	Sunk
craft.	15'-20'LOA	VMB 613 1 PBJ-1H	100 rnds50 cal. 200 rnds50 cal.	All	Destroyed
3 boats.	30' LOA	1 PEJ-1H	150 rnds50 cal.	All	Sunk

(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)

1. A large building located in headquarters area was attacked from 300' altitude.

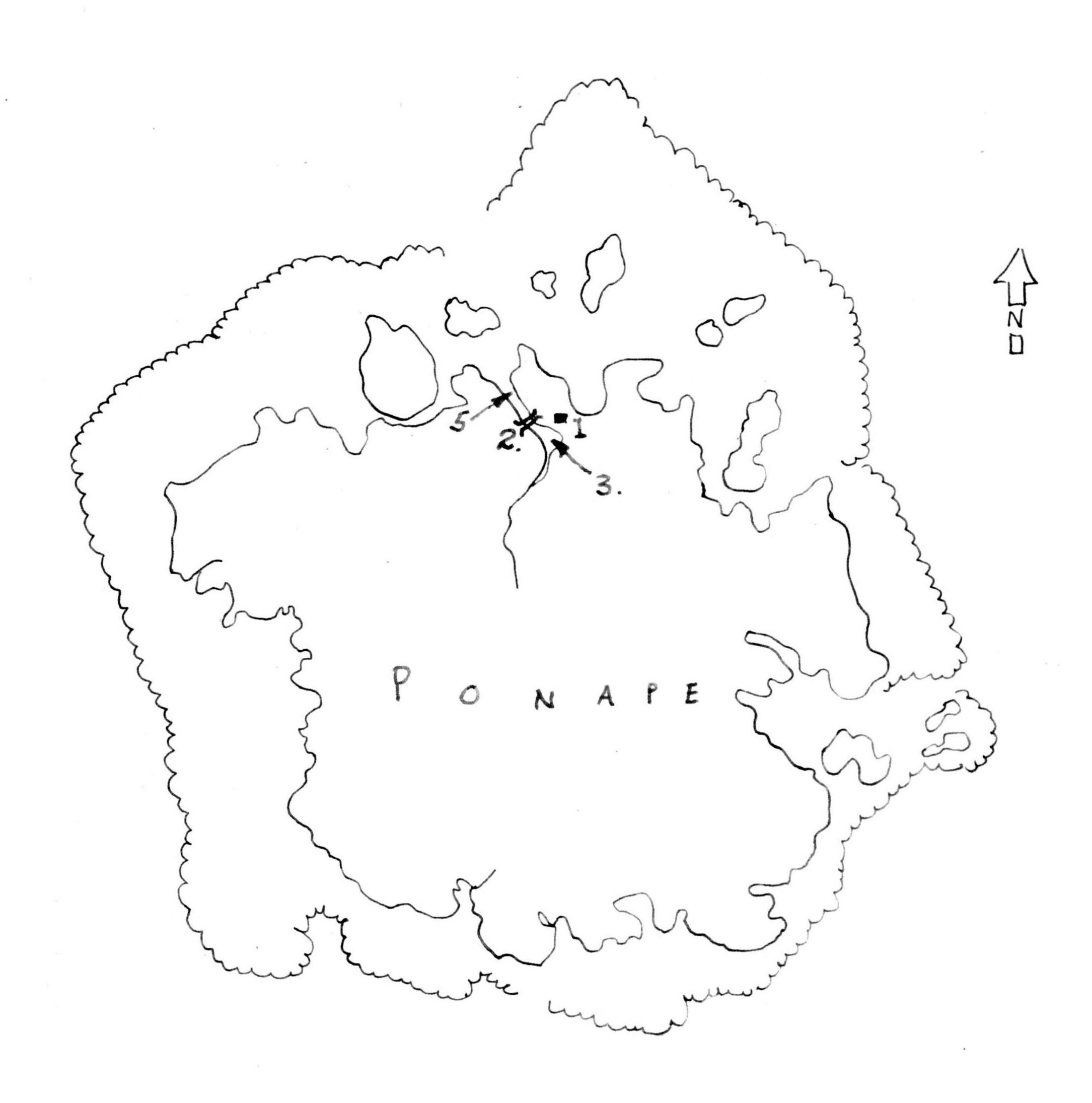
was seen to explode and burn. 2. The bridge connecting installations on east and west banks of inlet was attacked from 200' altitude and point blank range and was destroyed.

3. A 60' navy craft, probably a patrol boat, was sunk in the inlet at its mooring.

4. Six outrigger canoes encountered at different locations in Ponape lagoon were strafed and destroyed. Some occupants escaped by diving overboard. The balance

5. Three boats, probably lighters, moored together in the inlet were attacked and sunk.

See diagram next page.
Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached By Staple.



Figures indicate aiming points described on page 3

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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

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

Two planes from this equadron took off on a regularly scheduled reconnaisance mission over Romape Island with orders to attack targets of opportunity. Upon arriving over the target a circling patrol was taken up until weather had lift d sufficiently to allow flying over the island itself. When visibility was sufficient, the two planes made coordinated runs over Ponage Town and the adjoining inlet, the old and new airfields, and the various small islands around the shore of Ponape Island proper. While one plane was performing low level reconnaisance the other maintained cover over it at approximately 3,000 feet. During these runs photos were taken and attacks were made on boats moored in the inlet and on other installations enumer ted on page three. Light A/A was intense in Ponape Town and appeared to originate in the town site and on the ridge opposite Jokaj Island and also from south of the mold airstrip. Meagre, heavy, inaccurate A/A from langar Island was also encountered. Light, moderate A/A came from a position on the south side of Metalanim Harbor. While circling the island at various times during the morning a total of six native canoes were discovered in the lagoon and destroyed. It is known that some of the personnel in the boats were killed although an accurate count could not be obtained. The pilots estimated these occupants per cames approxmately half of whom escaped. At 1000 the planes left Ponape according to orders returning to Eniwetok and Landing at 1240Mike.

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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

## DXYGEN 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

REPORT PREPARED BY:

All material functioned satisfactorily

APPROVED BY:

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