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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) Two rowboats offshore Chiebidadeds Is. and Bokoerivitee Is., Maloelap Atoll. (b) Time Over Target(s) 1040 H. (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 2500, Cumulus 2/10 (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (e) Visibility Unlimited (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type _____ Bomb Sight Used _____ (TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Run _____ Spacing _____ Altitude of Bomb Release _____ (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 Rowboat, center ocean beach, Chiebidadeds Is.	12'	2 F4U-1D VF-155	Two planes: 800 rds .50 cal. ammunition	Numerous	Destroyed
2					
3					
4 Rowboat, south end lagoon beach, Bokoerivitee Is.	12'	2 F4U-1D VF-155	Two planes: 800 rds .50 cal ammunition	Numerous	Destroyed
5					
6					
7					
8					

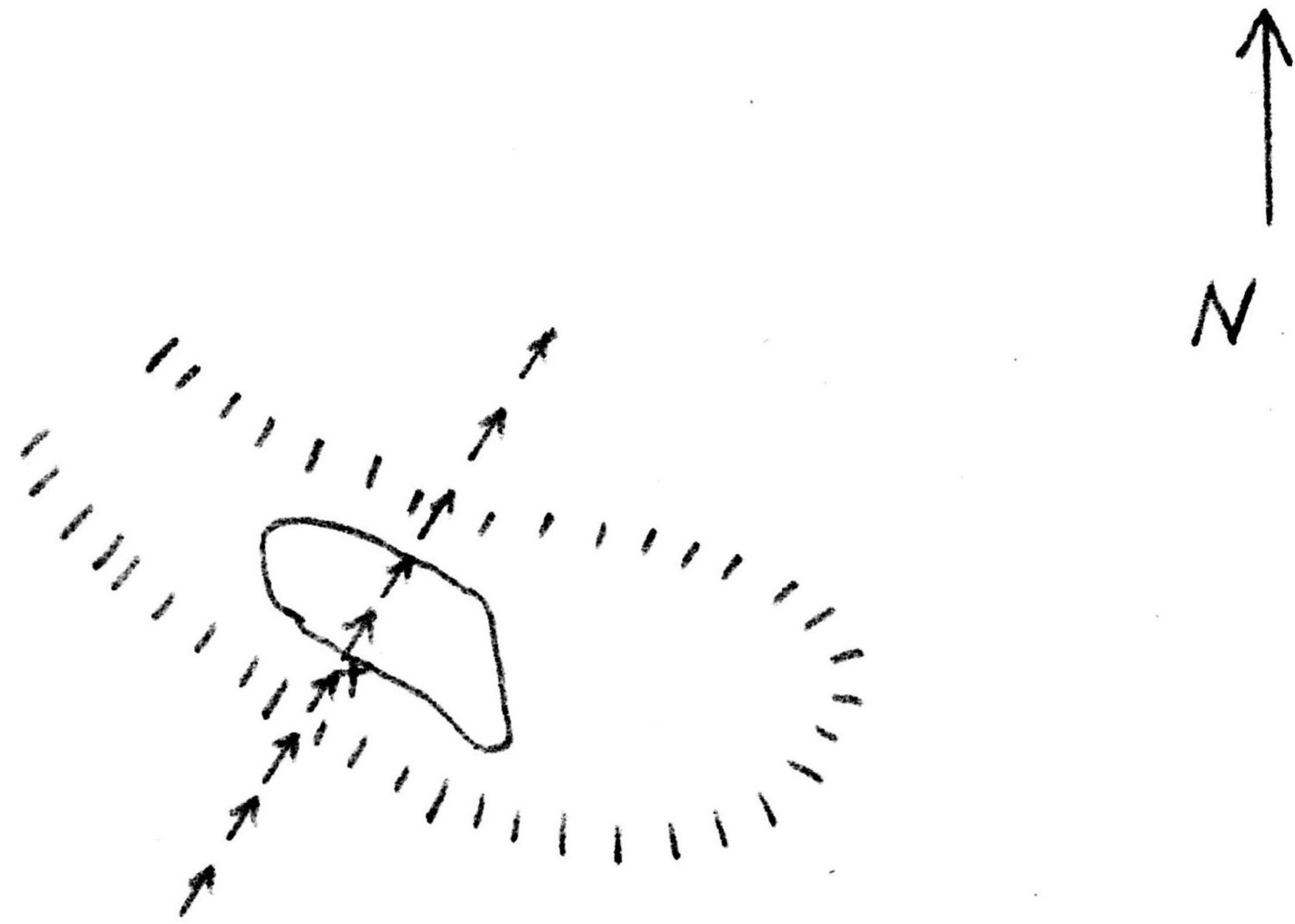
(o) RESULTS: (For all hits claimed on ship targets and for land targets of special interest, draw diagram, top or side view or both, as appropriate, showing type and location of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sheets if necessary).

1. Morning search planes (21 and 24 VJ11) strafed and destroyed a beached 12' rowboat on the center of the oceanside of Chiebidadeds Island. Six runs were made by each plane and 800 rounds were expended.
2. Same planes also strafed and destroyed a similar rowboat found on the lagoon beach of Bokoerivitee Island. 800 rounds were expended in 5 strafing runs by each plane.

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

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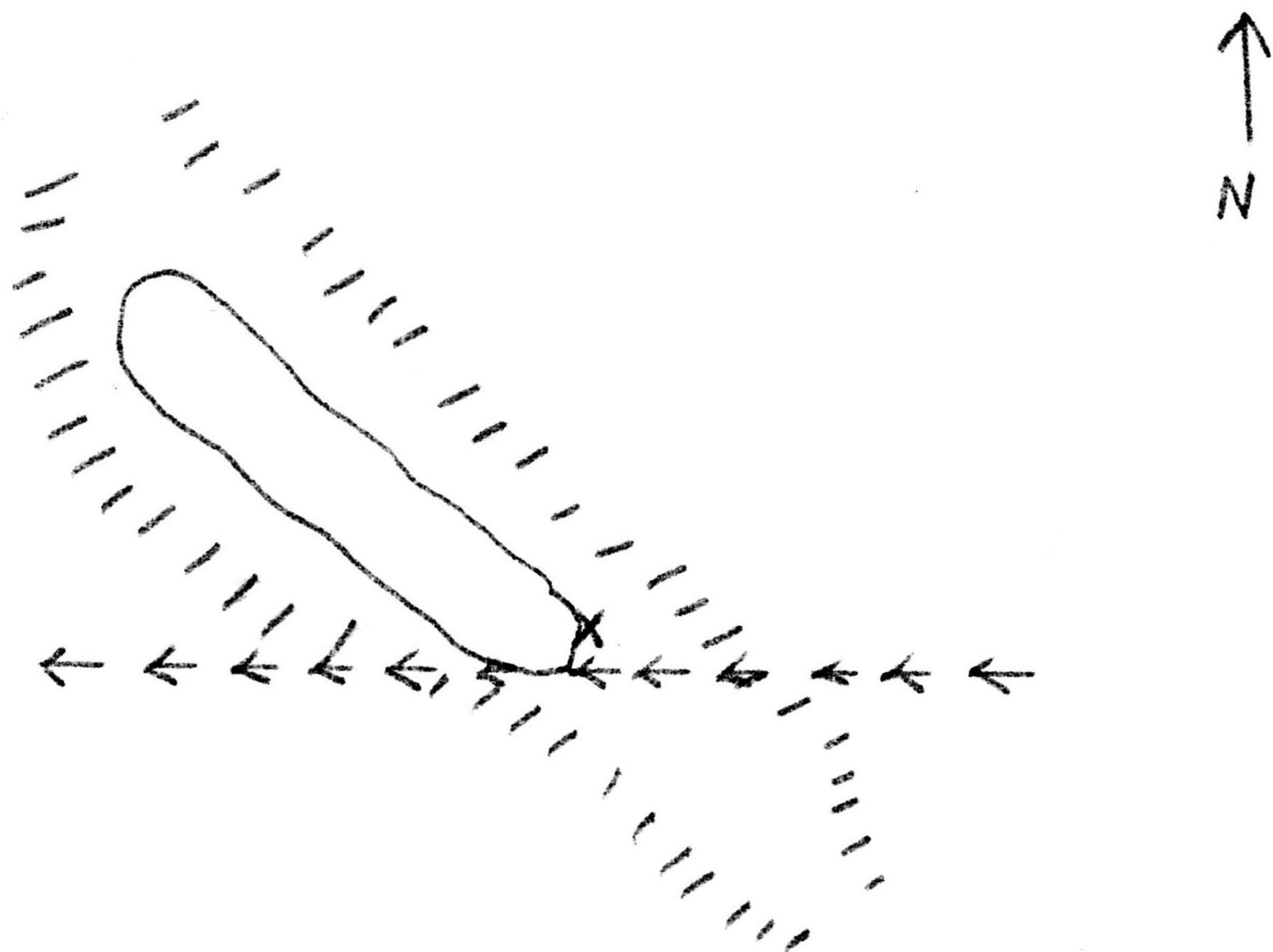
CHIEBIDEADEFDE ISLAND
MALOELAP ATOLL



DOTTED LINE INDICATES STRAFING RUNS
X INDICATES WHERE BOAT WAS SUNK

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BOKERUITOO ISLAND
MALOELAP ATOLL



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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 morning search planes (21 and 24 V311), while engaged in a perimeter search of Maloelap Atoll, discovered two 12 foot row-boats beached and pulled up under the trees. The first one was observed on the central ocean beach of Chiebidedeede Island. The pilots expended 800 rounds on this target in six runs each, and left it inoperational. No Japs were observed in the vicinity of the boat.

Farther around the atoll they observed another boat on the lagoon beach of Bokoervitoo Island, and treated it to a similar dose.

The search of the lesser islands of the atoll was conducted at just above tree-top level, however the pilots were at 1000 feet and over the ocean when investigating Taroa Island.

The pilots engaged in the search were:

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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

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