

VMB-612

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Report # 454

ICC(14)

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

SECRET

(a) Unit Reporting VMB 612 (b) Based on or at Chimu Field, Okinawa (c) Report No. 456
 (d) Take off: Date 6 August 1945 Time (~~Local~~ GCT) 060952 Z (~~Zone~~); Lat. 26°-28' N Long 127°-56' E
Night low altitude anti-shipping search. Target location and firing of rockets by radar. (e) Mission location and firing of rockets by radar. (f) Time of Return 062027 Z (~~Zone~~) GCT

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
PBJ-1D	VMB612	1	0	1	8 Rockets 5" Hd. (GP) Mk1	Mk157 Base 0.02 sec. delay
PBJ-1J	VMB612	1	0	1	3 1/2" Motor Mk7	Mk149 Nose, instantaneous*
					2 Photo flash Bombs M 46	AN-M111A2, 5 sec. delay

* Unarmed

III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

NONE

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE	(b) NO OBSERVED	(c) NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED (ZONE)	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER (ZONE)	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
Twin Engine	1	0	061501 Z (ZONE)	34°-42' N 130°-40' E (ZONE)	None observed	None observed

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) Undetermined
 Did Any Part of
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? No If so, Describe Clouds 2000' cu, 3/10
(YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 Time of Day and Brilliance
 (j) of Sun or Moon Dark Moonless night (k) Visibility 3 to 4 miles
(NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON, DAY, OVERCAST, ETC.) (MILES)

V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

NONE

(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:				(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		

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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) (1) Ship 34°-35' N, 129°-55' E
(2) Ship n/i 34°-17' N, 129°42' E
(3) Ship FT 34°-50' N, 129°-20' E (b) Time Over Target(s) 061443 Z GCT
061710 Z (Zoned)
061524 Z

(c) Clouds Over Target 2000' cu 3/10
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 6 to 8 miles
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) ~~Bombing~~ Tactics: Type Level Bomb Sight Used APQ-5
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
Rocket
Rockets fired (1) 2
Bombs/Drops per Run (2) 2 Spacing 25 Altitude of Bomb Release 300
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
(8) 8

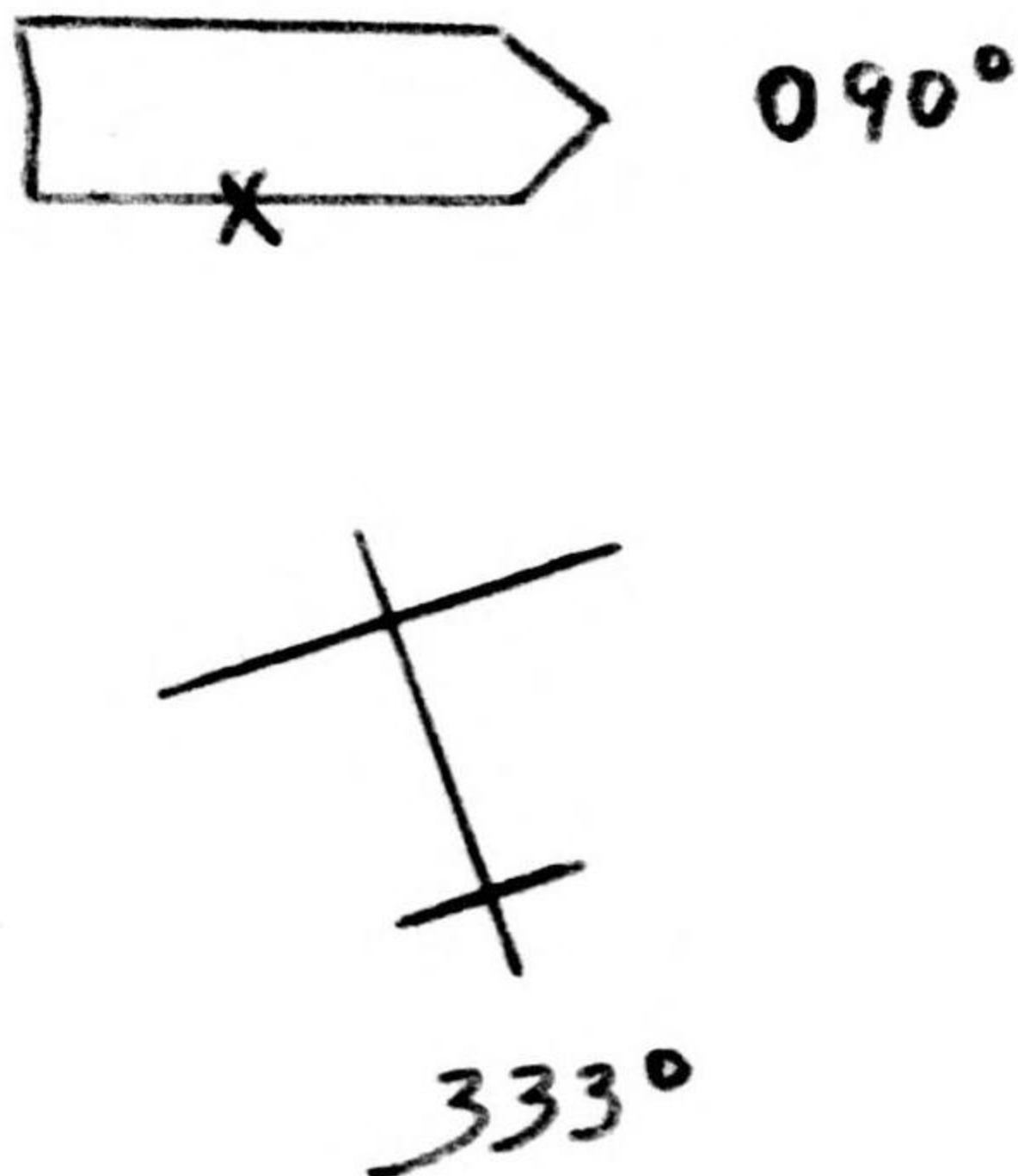
(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed _____ Probably Destroyed _____ Damaged _____

(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 <u>Small unidentified ship</u>	<u>Undetermined</u>	(j) 1 (k) <u>VMB 612</u>	<u>*2,5" rockets</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
2 <u>Ship</u>	<u>250'</u>	(j) 1 (k) <u>VMB 612</u>	<u>*2,5" "</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Unobserved</u>
3 <u>Ship (FT)</u>	<u>175'</u>	(j) 1 (k) <u>VMB 612</u>	<u>8,5" "</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>"</u>
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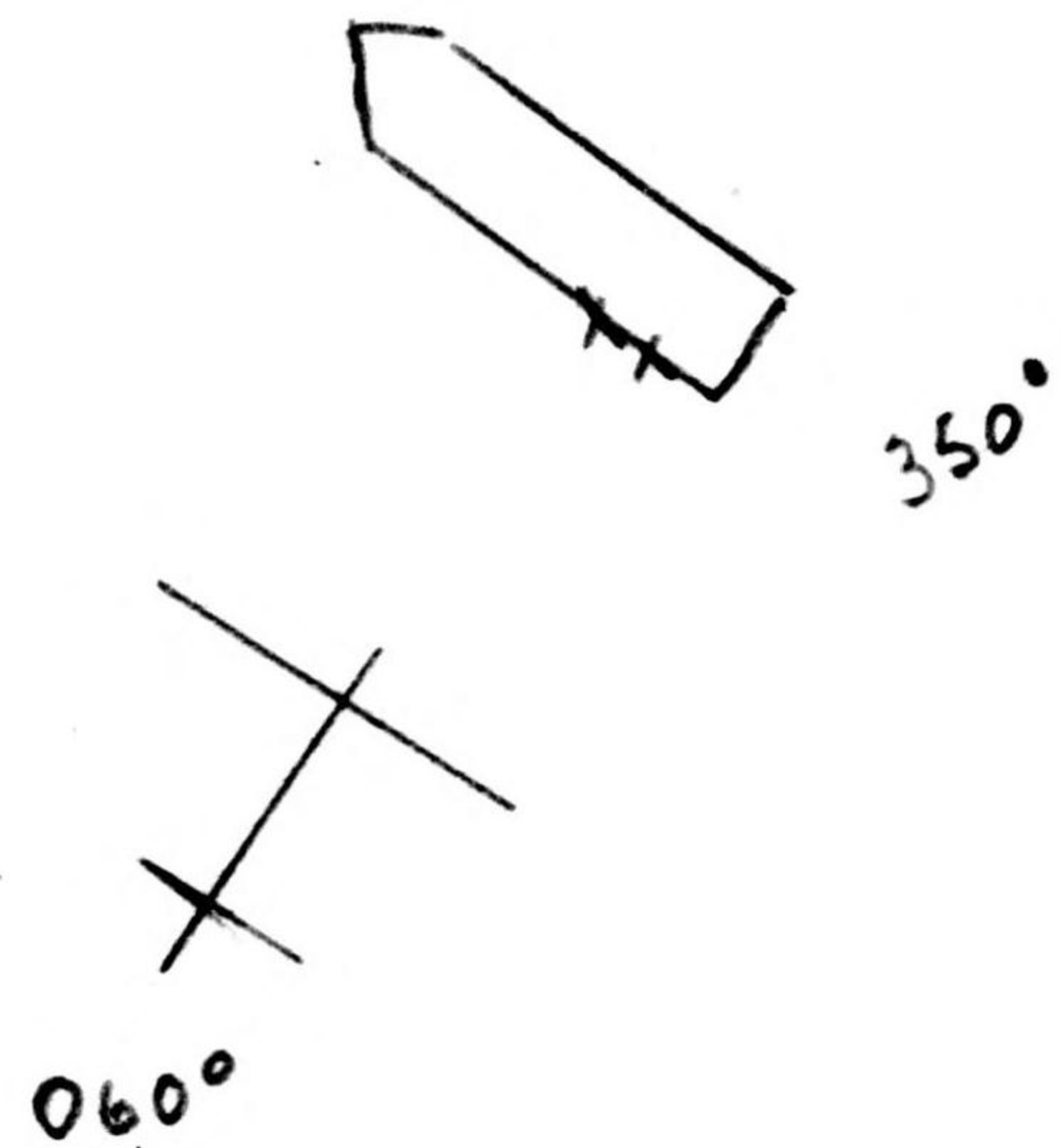
* 4 rockets set up to fire, only 2 fired in each case

(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).

Aiming Pt. 2



Aiming Pt. 3



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

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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

No comments.

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