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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL (a) Unit Reporting (b) Based on or at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(c) Report N&45 (VIII-111) (d) Take off: Date 1 June, 1945 Time (LZT) 1205 M. (Zone); La 705-35N Long 171-22-40B (e) Mission Chirubon Island, Mille Atoll. (f) Time of Return 1325 M. (Zone) II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT. NUMBER TYPE SQUADRON BOMBS AND TORPEDOES TAKING ENGAGING ATTACKING FUZE, SETTING OFF CARRIED (PER PLANE) ENEMY A/C TARGET (a) (b) (c) (f) PAU-1D VMF-111 Midships: None Tail: 2 Inst Gran 2x100 Incondiary Cluster Tail: Inst III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION. TYPE SQUADRON NUMBER BASE TYPE SQUADRON NUMBER BASE SH2C -13 (Photo) ajuro FR -3R V.1-5 Majuro IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in 11 Only). (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) LOCATION OF BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED NO. CAMOUFLAGE AND NO ENGAGING TYPE TIME OBSERVED OWN A/C ENCOUNTERED ENCOUNTER MARKING Done (ZONE) (ZONE) (ZONE) (h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) Did Any Part of (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? (YES OR NO) If so, Describe Clouds (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER) Time of Day and Brilliance (i) of Sun or Moon \_\_\_\_ (k) Visibility (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON: DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only). (b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY: TYPE (d) ENEMY A/C TYPE A/C SQUADRON PILOT OR GUNNER DAMAGE WHERE HIT, ANGLE GUNS USED CLAIMED 000

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REPORT	N-245	(1

(a) YPE OWN A/C	S OR DAM		(c) USE: TYPE ENEM JN, OR OPERATI	NY A/C, ONAL CAUSE	WHERE HIT self-sealing	( <b>d</b> ) T, ANGLE (List armor, tanks, equipment hit)	(Give Bureau	NT OF LOSS OR u serial number of	DAMAGE, f planes destroyed)
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a) (b) SQUADRON		NAME, RAN	K OR RATING			NES RETURNING		CONDITION OR	

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).					
CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE	
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over					
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	A.				
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	<u> </u>				

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

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

No enemy aircraft encountered.

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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XI. ATTACK ON E	NEMY SHIPS OF	R GROUND OBJEC	TIVES (By O	wn Aircraft Listed	d in 11 Only	REPORT No
(a) Target(s) and Location	on(s) Bivous	PS INGLADE ALL IN AREA	nd Chiru	DONB) Time Ov	er Target (s	1230 M (Zone
c) Clouds Over Target_	2000,	(BASE IN FEE	O COVER	THS OF COVER)		
d) Visibility of Target_	Clear, HA	ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURE	D BY CLOUDS, ET	(e)	Visibility	20 Miles)
f) Bombing Tactics: Typ	ei	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE	)	Bomb Sight U	sed	Mone (TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Ri	un	Spacing_	(FEET)	Altitude	of Bomb Re	lease 50 (FEET)
(g) Number of Enemy Ai	rcraft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	O Pr	obably Destroyed.	0	Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	A ROWR? V	ND AMMUNITION ACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	
Charabon Is.	7986, x	70/F-111	6x1400	Napalm Incondiary		Various Huts Destroyed.
zuille Atoll.			Cluster	C C		
Ceru Island.		7 6 7 111	6200rds	.50 Cal.	lunor-	Not Observed.
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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).

All the Mapain bombs and inconditries dropped by the attacking planes were within the target area and well dispersed, causing numerous fires and destroying several buts in a Japanese military bivouse area.

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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 Anales 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 Fuzina 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

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.)

> Six Corsairs from this squadron took off at 1205 M on 1 June to strike Chirubon Island, Mille Atoll. They were accompanied by one lielldiver photo plane from Equip 13. The trip to the target was made at six thousand feet, 150 IAS, with engine setting at 30 inches and 2000 RFM. There was 3/10 cumulus cloud cover enroute with a base of about 3000 feet. Upon arrival at the target, the planes rendezvoused at 6000 feet, and made their bombing runs from SE to N. by sections over the length of the island. The first section dropped long, on the MW point of the island in order that Its bombs would not obscure the target for the other sections. The second and third sections followed at an interval of about one minute. The bombs were dropped in salvo, all falling in the target area with a good pattern shown by the accompanying overlay. One incendiary cluster failed to release, due to a short circuit and was jettleoned on the return to base.

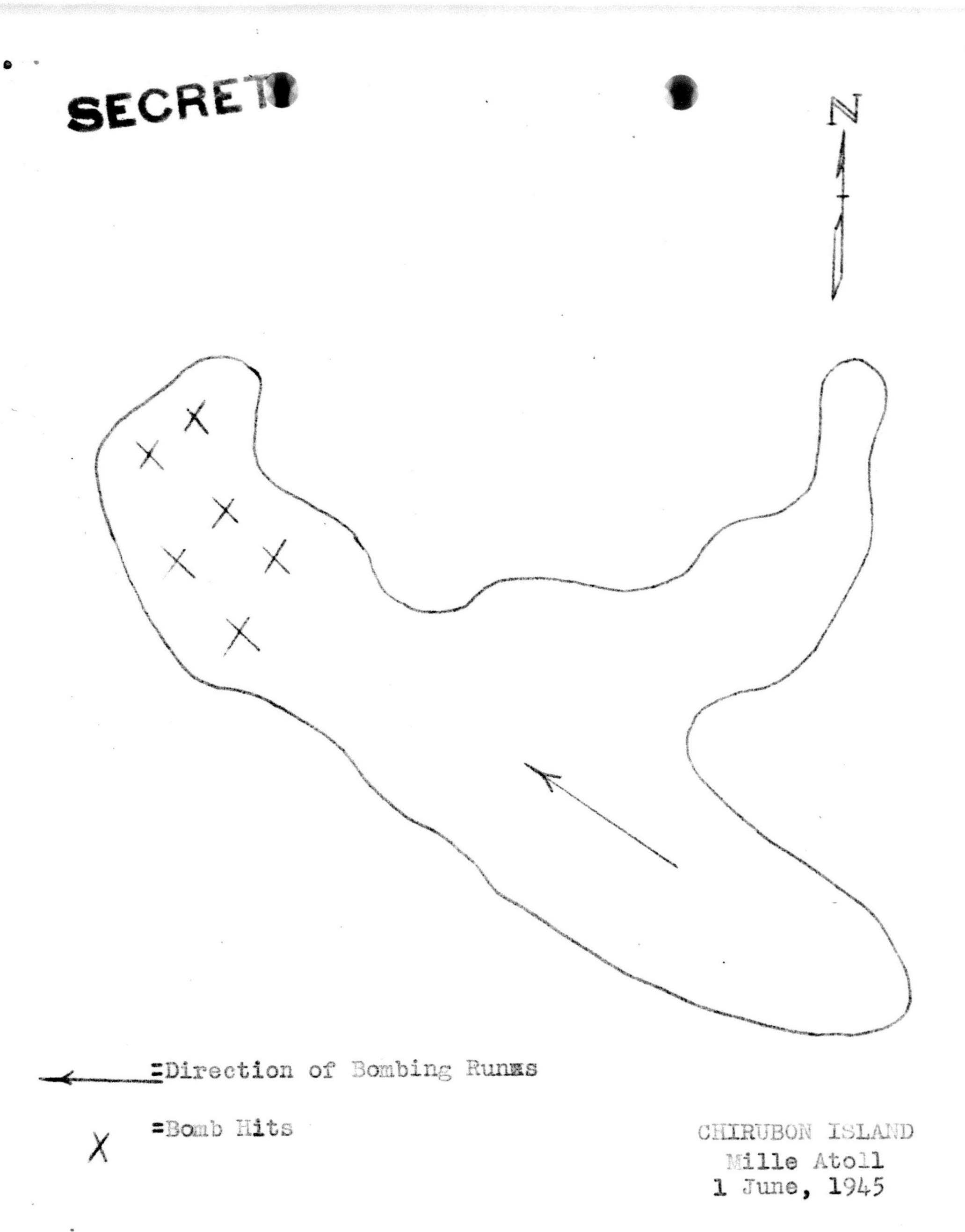
The Photo lane followed the orsairs over the strike target. The Corsairs, after rendezvous, then strafed Garu Island as cover ahead of the hoto Plane.

The return was made at 4000 feet, 170 I... showing 30 inches at 1750 RPK.

The following pilots participated in the

attack:

ajor Thomas A. Todd lot Lt. Albert J. BIBBE Capt. F. F. HOTTER 2nd Lt. Frod J. CC. N. J. 2nd Lt. Robert H. CHERRY 2nd Lt. G. W. BLJON



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All material functioned satisfactorily.

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 Charts Field Lighting

#### INSTRUMENTS

Power Plant

CAMOUFLAGE AND DECEPTION DEVICES

## STRUCTURE

Control Surfaces Control System Dive Flaps Landing Gear Heating System Flight Characteristics At Various Loadings

Engines Propellers Starters Exhaust Dampers

Personnel Facilities

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Automatic Pilots

Flight

OXYGEN SYSTEM

Airframe

POWER PLANT

Engine Accessories Lubricating System

HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Auxiliary Plant Lights

FUEL SYSTEM

FLIGHT CLOTHING

MAINTENANCE

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment

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