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I. GENERAL

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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XI. ATTACK ON EN	IEMY SHIPS OR G	ROUND OBJECTI	VES (By Own Aircraft Listed	in II Only).	
a) Target(s) and Location	n(s)_BRIDGES	BABEL THUAP	NDER ATTACK) (b) Time Ove	er Target(s)	(Zone)
(c) Clouds Over Target	CATTERED CU	ALL US WITH	YPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)	2000	3000
(1) Visibility of Target		CLEAR	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	/isibility	25 MILES
(a) Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HAZY.	45 DEG. GI	Bomb Sight Us	sed	NONE (TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Ru	ın1	Spacing	(FEET) Altitude	of Bomb Rel	ease 837 AV.
(g) Number of Enemy Air					_ Damaged 0
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR	(i) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON		(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight serious, destroyed or sunk)
1	30° X 18°	VMF 122	2-500 LB. G.P'S.	1	DESTROYED
BRIDGE #3	37° X 18°	WAF 122	3-500 LB. G.P.S.		SLIGHT
BRIDGE #4	30° X 18°	VMF 122	2-500 LB. G.P'S.	0	CRATERED ROAD
4 BRIDGE AT TW	34° × 18°	VMF 122	1-500 LB. G.P.	1	DESTROYED
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6					
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(p) Were Photographs Taken? Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

Confluence

⁽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).

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ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY

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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

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.)

> FOLLOWING A SYSTEMATIC BOMBING PROGRAM DESIGNED TO ELIMIN-ATE ALL THE BRIDGES ALONG THE PRINCIPLE NORTH-SOUTH THOR-OUGHFARE ON BABELTHUAP, THIS FOUR PLANE STRIKE HAD AS ITS PRIMARY TARGET THE BRIDGE DESIGNATED AS NUMBER 3. POSSIBLE SECONDARY TARGETS WERE BRIDGE NUMBER 4 AND THOSE IN THE NORTH CENTRAL PART OF THE ISLAND AT TW (895-036) AND TW (711-TWO OF THE FOUR BRIDGES WERE COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED, A THIRD IS BLLIEVED TO HAVE SUSTAINED A DAMAGING HIT, WHILE THE FOURTH WAS UNTOUCHED. IN EACH OF THE LATTER CASES HOW-EVER THE ROAD WAS CRATERED AT THE BRIDGE APPROACH AND WILL REQUIRE REPAIRS BEFORE THE BRIDGE CAN BE USED. THE RESULTS IN TABULATED FORM:

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	NAME	RELEASE PT.	TARGET	CONTACT PT.
LT.	BAUMAN	800*	#4 BRIDGE	SLIGHTLY OVERSHOT BRIDGE-HIT AND CRATER-
		800*	#4 BRIDGE	NEAR MISS IN WATER- DAMAGING.
LT.	AC LELLAN	8000	#3 BRIDGE	IN HATER TO HIGHT OF
		800*		BRIDGE. DIRECT HIT-BRIDGE
LT.	HAUSER	900.	#3 BRIDGE	DEMOLISHED. DIRECT HIT-BRIDGE DE-
		1000	BRIDGE AT	OFF TO RIGHT-NO DAM-
LT.	AVERY	800*	#4 BRIDGE BRIDGE AT	OVERSHUT-NO DAMAGE.
				HIT AND CRATERED ROAD
	742 ST			AT SOUTH END OF BRIDGE

LTS. HAUSER AND MC LELLAN REPORT STRAFING A GROUP OF FOUR BUILDINGS LOCATED NEAR BRIDGE #3. THERE WERE NO RESULT-ING FIRES. SLIT TRENCHES ALONG THE WEST COAST WERE ALSO STRAFED WITH UNDETERMINED RESULTS.

LT. BAUMAN REPORTS STRAFING AND KILLING A PERSON WHO WAS RUNNING ACROSS BRIDGE #4 AT THE TIME HE HAS AKING A RUN ON THIS TARGET. A POSSIBLE GUI POSITION AT NGARDMAU LAS STRAFED AND CAUSED TO SMOKE.

ONLY A DEAGER AMOUNT OF LIGHT AA WAS NOTED ON THIS DATE. THIS APPEARED TO ORIGINATE FROM TX PUSITION (659-992).

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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

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