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Report # 65

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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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) 2ND INLET NORTH OF YAP TOWN (b) Time Over Target(s) 0905 -10 (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target 5/10 CIRULUS BETWEEN 2000'-5000'.
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target CLEAR (e) Visibility 25 MILES
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type SHALLOW GLIDE Bomb Sight Used NONE
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run 1 Spacing _____ Altitude of Bomb Release 325' AV.
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 0 Probably Destroyed 0 Damaged 0

(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 NORTH PIER	40' X 30'	1 VMF 122	2-500 LB. G.P'S.	0	SLIGHT
2 AREA ADJACENT TO SLIPS		3 VMF 122	6-500 LB. G.P'S.	0	UNDETERMINED
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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).

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

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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

CONTINUING WITH THE MONTHS OLD POLICY OF BOMBING HARBOR INSTALLATIONS IN THE YAP GROUP, THIS FOUR PLANE STRIKE WAS DIRECTED AGAINST THE PIER AND SLIPS OF THE SECOND INLET NORTH OF YAP TOWN. AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS INDICATE THAT THE AREA SURROUNDING THIS INLET REMAINS WELL CRATERED. IT WAS DEEMED ADVISABLE HOWEVER TO PLACE A FEW MORE BOMBS ALONG THE SLIPS AND AT THE BASE OF THE PIER ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE INLET. SIX OF THE LIGHT BOMBS RELEASED LANDED WELL WITHIN THE DESIGNATED TARGET AREA. TWO BOMBS RELEASED OVER THE PIER FELL TO ONE SIDE BUT ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE DAMAGED ONE CORNER. CHUNKS OF WOOD AND BUILDING MATERIAL WERE SEEN TO FILL THE AIR FOLLOWING SEVERAL OF THE EXPLOSIONS. IT IS LIKELY THAT FRAME BUILDINGS CONCEALED BY THE DENSE FOLIAGE WERE STRUCK AND DEMOLISHED.

LITTLE ACTIVITY WAS NOTED IN THE YAP GROUP. NO ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO REPAIR THE BRIDGE ACROSS TABEREN CANAL. BOTH AIRSTRIPS REMAIN THOROUGHLY CRATERED.

THE KNOWN MEDIUM CALIBRE AA POSITION AT *YAP, SHEET 3, T.A. 101 HOB* WAS ACTIVE AS WAS THE LIGHT POSITION AT *YAP, SHEET 1, T.A. 113 CHARLIE*. THE FIRE WAS MEAGER AND INACCURATE IN EACH INSTANCE.

AT *YAP, SHEET 1, T.A. 124 EASY* A JAP IN A DUGOUT TYPE CANOE WAS STRAFED AND KILLED. TWO RAFTS AT *YAP, SHEET 4, T.A. 243 SUGAR* WERE STRAFED AND RIDDLED.

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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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