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I. GENERAL

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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RESTRICTED (Reclassify when filled out)

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(a)	(b)	TAKING OFF	NUMBER ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	ATTACKING	BO					
40-10	/W-113		(d)	TARGET (e)	BOMBS AND TORPEDOES  CARRIED (PER PLANE)  (f)		FUZE, SETTING			
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TURNS

DIVES

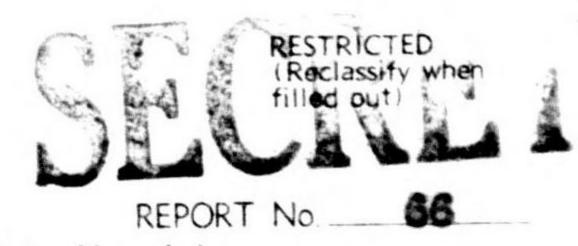
CEILINGS

PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

RANGE

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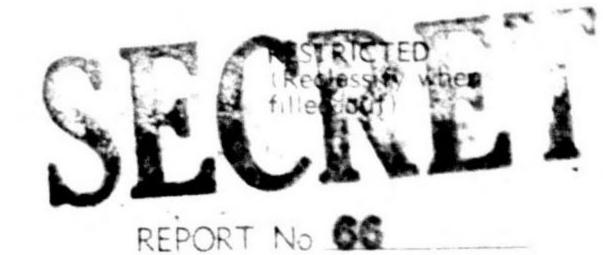
VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only). EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (d)
WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C,
TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE (b) (a) (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) TYPE OWN A/C SQUADRON Loue 10 13 14 VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left). (e) (d) (c) (b) (a) CONDITION OR STATUS CAUSE NAME, RANK OR RATING SQUADRON Bone VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED (h) NO. OF PLANES RETURNING AV. FUEL CONSUMED (d) AV. HOURS IN AIR (e) AV. FUEL LOADED (b) (c) (a) MILES RETURN TYPE A/C MILES **20MM** MM .50 5.2 230 326 F40-10 371 395 371 IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line). MODERATE INTENSE MEAGER NONE CALIBER HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left). SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes He enemy aircraft encountered.

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



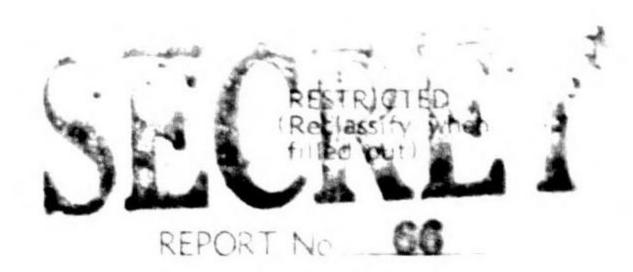
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			VES (By Own Aircraft Listed		
a) Target(s) and Locat	ion(s) Old Airst	FIP. PORAPO IS	JANDER ATTACK	er Target(s).	1150% Zone
		island - 1500	to 10,000 cumulus.  Type and tenths of cover)		
d) Visibility of Target	artially observed	ared by clouds	BY CLOUDS. ETC.)	/isibility	MILES)
f) Bombing Tactics: Ty	pe lione.	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight Us	sed Lions	(TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per l			Altitude		
g) Number of Enemy A					
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT	NO HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight secous destroyed or suck)
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eputik Island	5" reckets	· J. 1	2	2	Not observed
akatik Island	5" reckets	J. 1	2	2	Not observed
4	5° rockets	J. 1	6	8	Not observed.
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The two strafing planes were equipped with a total of fourteen (14) reckets which were fired on targets of eppertunity on Langar, Japutik and Takatik Islands and the vicinity of the sirfield without observed results.

(p) Were Photographs Taken?	Photographs of Damag	ge, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached	By Staple
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<sup>(</sup>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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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

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

At 0900M this date, (22 February 1945), units from VMF-115, VMF-422 and VMB-613 took off on a combined mission to photograph airstrips on Ponape Island, Carelines. The mission was divided into two divisions. One of thes assigned to potograph the old sirfield at Ponape was composed of one (1) F4U-10 photographic plane from VMF-422, one (1) F4U-10 photographic plane from WAF\_113 and two (2) F4U-10 strafing planes from VIR-115. These last two planes were equipped with reckets and were assigned the task of flying cover on the photographic planes and creating a diversion during the time the photographic planes were making their runs. This division came in over Ponape from the north and slapped in under the cloud cover at about 1500 feet, the two (2) strafing planes going in shoud of the photographic planes, and firing at tarjets of opportugity on Langar, Japutik and Takatik Islands and the vicinity of the airstrip without observed results. The photographic planes foliamed about five (5) seconds behind. All four (4) planes retired west of Jokij island and made a rendezveus over Ponage Harber. The second unit was composed of four (4) F4U-1D's from VM-422. Two (.) of these acting as photographic lames and two(2) as cover and strafing planes.

The assigned target we the new airfield. One (1) PBJ from VMB-618 based at Eniwetek acted as navigation plane. Upon rejoining, all planes returned to base without incident, landing safely a 1410M. The fellowing is a list of pilots of this organization who participated in this mission:

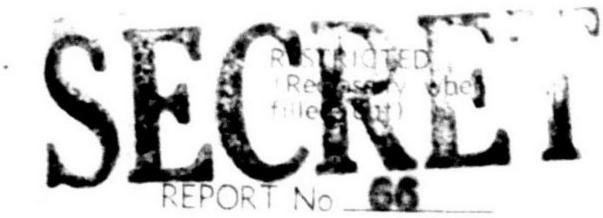
Major Honsley Williams. Captain G. B. Heoliky. 2ndLt. A. D. Anton

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One reaket was abortive due to faulty construction.

One camera failed to function due to improper briefing on its

operation by the Photo section. All other material performed in



XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary).

a satisfactory manner.

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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SIGNATURE

Major, CO, AVERPLITS

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