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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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Ref: NR 413 275
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443 121

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting NR 413 (b) Based on or at Eniwetok Island (c) Report No. 275
(d) Take off: Date 14 April 1945 Time 0915L Lat 07° 51' N Long 159° 15' W
(e) Mission Coordinated low level bombing and strafing
attack on Eniwetok Island, R.I. (f) Time of Return 1115L

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT

TYPE	SQD	NUMBER	TAKING OFF	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	ATTACKING TARGET	BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (per plane)	FUSE SETTING
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
RB-1	NR 413	5	None	5	5 x 250 GP	NR 413, A-5 300.	
RB-1	NR 433	7	None	7	5 x 250 GP ALM-57	NR 413, A-5 300.	
RB-1	NR 443	9	None	9	5 x 250 GP MK-57	NR 413, A-5 300.	

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

TYPE	SQD	NO.	BASE	TYPE	SQD	NO.	BASE
RB-1	NR 413	1	Eniwetok Island				
RB-1	NR 423	2	Eniwetok Island				

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

(a) TYPE	(b) NO.	(c) No. Engaged	(d) Time	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS CARRIED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE MARKINGS
OBSERVED	OBSERVED	Own A/C	Encountered	ENCOUNTER	CARRIED	GUNS
None			(zone)			
			(zone)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) _____
Did Any Part of Encounter(s) _____
(i) Occur in Clouds? _____ If so, Describe Clouds _____
Time of Day and (Yes or No) _____ (base in feet, type, tenths cov.)
(j) Brilliance of Sun or Moon _____ (k) Visibility _____
(night, Bright moon; Day, overcast; etc.) (miles)

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

(a) TYPE	(b) Destroyed or Damaged By:	(c) Damage
A/C	Type A/C: SQD: Pilot or Gunner: Guns used: Where hit angle: Claimed	(d)
None		

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XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II)

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) H.I. Lanchot Pt. Area (b) Time over Target 1027³⁰
 (c) Clouds Over Target Scattered cumulus at 2000', tops to 6000'
 (d) Visibility of Target clear (e) Visibility 10
 (f) Bombing Tactics: Type level Bomb Sight Used None
 Bombs Dropped per Run All Spacing Altitude 50-300'
 (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground None Destroyed None Damaged None

(L)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
				(1)	(r)	(n)
Lanchot	2500'	5	8000 rds. 50 cal.			
1 Pt. Area	1200'	WR-443	32 x 250 GP			
Lanchot		7	6250 rds. 50 cal.			
2 Pt. Area	same	WR-443	56 x 250 GP			See pg. 2
Lanchot		9	11,350 rds. 50 cal.	6 700 rds.		
3 Pt. Area	same	WR-443	72 x 250 GP	30 cal.		
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(o) RESULTS: 1.-32 x 250 GPs were distributed from the middle of Lanchot Pt. bordering target in the south, through the target itself, to the middle of Lanchafango bordering target on the north.
 2.-56 x 250 GPs were distributed from Fungulawa Road thru Lanchot Pt. and the target to the middle of Lanchafango Pt.
 3.-72 x 250 GPs were distributed from Lanchot Pt. through the target to the middle of Lanchafango Pt.
 * 8 x 250 GPs were returned to base because of plane developing a mechanical failure. However, the plane did strafe the target.

A.C.I.O. Comment:

No assessment of damage is possible due to the heavy vegetation cover at the location of the target and due to the delayed fusing on the bombs. The actual hits were obscured from visual and photographic observations.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes. Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should be attached by staple.

Photograph Attached:

(1) (WR 443) (199) (C) (6 3/8) (low level) (1021L) (14 Apr 45) (Lanchot Pt., H.I.)

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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 A/A was received but many ricochets and bomb fragments made the run interesting. All planes came through safely.

Retiring from the target at speed out over the ocean, the lead squad on circled about 10 miles off Cape Sase to allow the following squadrons to join up. From the rally point, The group headed back to base to land at 1113.

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