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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED

(Reclassify when filled in)

Sheet 1 of 2

I. GENERAL

- (a) Unit Reporting VMB 613 (b) Ship or base Kwajalein Is., Kwajalein (c) Report No. 67
 Read Instructions before filling out
 (b) Take off: Date 11 August, 1945 Time (LZT) 1700M forward echelon at Majuro. (Zone)
 (e) Time of Return 1930M (Zone)
 (f) Target Various Islands, Jaluit Atoll. (g) Round-Trip Distance Flown 375. (Miles)

Atoll.

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II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT

| (a) TYPE | (b) SQUADRON | (c) TAKING OFF | (d) ENGAENGING ENEMY A/C | (e) TARGET | (f) BOMBS, ROCKETS, CLUSTERS, TORPEDOES, NA/PALM & DROP FUEL TANKS CARRIED PER PLANE (Specify type & size exactly) | (g) FUZE DELAYS, TORPEDO DEPTH SETTING (Give mk. of cluster & bomb fuzes, & setting used if more than one is possible) | |
|----------|--------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------|--|--|---------------------|
| | | | | | | NUMBER | NUMBER |
| PBJ-1H | VMB613 | 1 | - | 1 | 4 X Mk. 54 Depth Bombs. 8 X 5.0" AR rockets. | Tail-none. Tail-instantaneous. | Nose-instantaneous. |
| | | | | | | | Nose-instantaneous. |
| | | | | | | | Tail-instantaneous. |

III. ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENGAGED

IV. ENEMY PLANES DAMAGED IN AIR (Give details in narrative)

| (a) TYPE | (b) NUMBER ENGAGED | (c) TIME/ZONE | (d) LOCATION | (e) TYPE ENEMY A/C | (f) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY TYPE A/C 'SQUADRON' PILOT OR GUNNER | (g) DAMAGE CLAIMED | |
|----------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|---|--------------------|---|
| | | | | | | None | - |
| None | - | - | - | | | - | - |

V. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT None

(a) TYPE OWN A/C (b) SQUADRON (c) CAUSE: Type ENEMY A/C, AA, GUN OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE (d) WHERE HIT & ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) (e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE (Give Bureau No. of plane destroyed)

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 5 | - | - | - | - | - | - |

VI. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (Identify with planes listed in V by nos. at left) None

| (a) No. SQUADRON | (b) SQUADRON | (c) NAME, RANK, OR RATING | (d) CAUSE | (e) CONDITION OR STATUS |
|------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - |
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| - | - | - | - | - |

VII. ATTACK ON TARGET

- (a) Location Various Islands, Jaluit Atoll. (b) Time over target 1755-1825M (Zone)
 (c) Weather, clouds, visibility 5/10 cumulus from 2000'
 (d) Bombing tactics Level (e) Bomb Sight used None
 (Level, Glide, Dive, by type of plane) (Type for each type of plane)

(f) AA present: Yes. No.

| (g) AIMING POINT | (h) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE | (i) No. A/C Attacking Squadron | (k) BOMBS, ROCKETS, AMMO- NITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT (Give fusing used if selectively armed) | (l) NO. HITSON | (m) Altitude of Release (Ft.) | (o) Spacing of Bombs (Ft.) | (q) Range of Release of Rockets |
|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Ooa Island | 200' X 250' 613 | 1 PBJ | 2 X 350# Depth Bombs. 4 X 5.0" Rockets. | 2 | 1500' | 0 | 1800yds. |
| 2 Menge Island | 100' X 150' 613 | 1 PBJ | 1 X 350# Depth Bombs. | 1 | 0 | 180 | |
| 3 Elizabeth Is. | 50' X 150' 613 | 1 PBJ | 2 X 5.0" Rockets. | 2 | 0 | 180 | 1800yds. |
| 4. Island | 200' X 200' 613 | 1 PBJ | 1 X 350# Depth Bombs. 2 X 5.0" Rockets. | 1 | 1500' | 0 | |
| 5 | | | | 2 | 0 | 180 | 1800yds |

Give results and narrative on separate sheet, follow outline.

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VII. (r). Targets were enemy bivouac areas hidden by vegetation on the islands named. Nature of target precludes accurate damage assessment, however all bombs and rockets hit in target areas except that three rockets fired at Ooa Island were short.

(s) No enemy aircraft observed.

(t) No photos taken.

VIII. One plane went to Jaluit to destroy Jap bivouac and food areas on Ooa, Menge, Elizabeth, and Ai Islands. A large front hung over the eastern half of the atoll however the target islands on the western side were fairly clear. Attacks were made as noted above and the plane returned to base without incident.

IX. One depth bomb dropped on Elizabeth Island proved to be a dud, reason unknown. All other materiel functioned satisfactorily.

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