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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT



I. GENERAL

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d) In Engaging	NO. ATTACK-	KLION	BOMBS A CARRIED	(f) ND TORPEDOES (PER PLANE)		FUZE, SETTIN	NG	
TYPE S	VMF 114	SORTIES 8	ENEMY A/C	B B	8 x		500 lb.		.l nose .025 tail		
		D ALLIED	AIRCRAFT	EMPLOYED	IN TH	IS OPERA	ATION.		BASE		
	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE		TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER			
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IV. ENE	MY AIRCR	AFT ENC	OUNTERED	(By Own Air	rcraft L	isted in 11	Only).	f)	D; CAMOUF!	g) LAGE AND	
(a) TYPE	(b) NO OBSERVED	NO ENGAGIN OWN A/C	NG TIME ENCOUNTER	RED LOCA	LOCATION OF BOMBS TOF GUNS			RPEDOES CARRIED; C. OBSERVED		MARKING	
			(GC								
				CT)							
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(h) Appare (i) Weathe		ds at Locat	ion of Encou					(k) V	isibility		
	ELAY AIDC	DAET DEST	TROYFD OR	DAMAGED I	IN AIR	(By Own	Aircraft Lis	red in 11 O	nly).	DAM.	
3/ FAII	(b) DEST	TROYED OR DA	MAGED BY:	BY: PILOT OR GUNNER BY Own Aircraft Lis GUNS USED					WHERE HIT, ANGLE		
		SQUADRO	JN	FILUT OR GUINING							
V. ENI (a) TYPE ENEMY A/C											
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(a)	(b)	CAL	USE: TYPE ENEM	NY A/C ONAL CAUSE	WHERE HIT, self-sealing ta	ANGLE (List nks, equipme	ent hit)	Give Bureau ser	rial number of p	DAMAGE, planes destroyed)
OWN A/C	300NDRO	AA P	1 pa (20	m.m.)	Hole in	left f	lap.	light.		
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VII. P	ERSONN	EL CASUAL		rcraft listed	in 11 only; ide	d)			(e)	SIJTATI
(b) SOUADRO	N	NAME, RAN	(c) NK OR RATING			USE		CO	NDITION OR S	31A1U3
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N/111	DANGE	FILEI A	ND AMMU	NITION DA	TA FOR PLA	VES RET	URNING		NDCD	(h)
	(b)	(c)	AV. HOURS	(6)	AV. FUEL			20MM	MM	NO OF PLA
(a) TYPE A/C	MILES OUT	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20/4/41		0
FG-1	270	270	3.7	344	249		3500			6
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IX.	ENEMY .	ANTI-AIRC	CRAFT ENC	OUNTERED	(Check one bl	ock on e	ach line). MEAGER		ODERATE	INTENSE
			IBER		N	ONE	MEAGER			Y
IEAVY — T	ime-fused	shells, 75mm a	and over							X
AFDUIAA	- Impact-fu	sed shells, 20	12.2							X
IGHT — N		hullate 6 hm	m-13/mm							

SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes

TURNS

DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

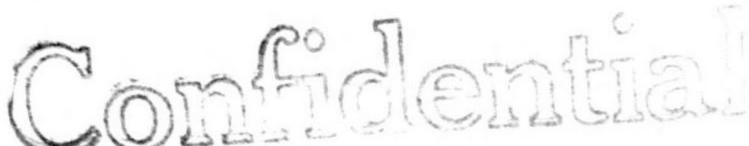
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	XI. ATTACK ON EN	EMY SHIPS OF	GROUND OBJECTI	VES (By Own Aircraft Listed i	in II Only). Target(s	King (Zone)		
(a)	Target(s) and Location	(S)(FOR Shi	S MELDE IN AREA U	NDER ATTACK) (b) Time Over	rargeris	FGG-7770		
(c)	Clouds Over Target	coverage	2000 ASE MATER	AND TENTHS OF COVER)				
(b)	Visibility of Target	CAP (CLEAR, HA	ZY. PARTIALLY OBSCURED I	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	isibility	5 miles		
	Bombing Tactics: Type			D. L. Ciaha I lood				
	Bombs Dropped per Rur	OB QUMBE	Spacing	(FEET) Altitude o	of Bomb Rele	ase 1000 feet.		
(g)	Number of Enemy Airc	craft Hit on Gr	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed_		_ Damaged		
	(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	NO. HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None slight serious, destroyed or sunk)		
C	auseway TH 41 3-95.0)		7MF-114 3	x 1 x 500 1b G.P.	2	breached		
	auseway XU 41.2-95.8)		VMF-114	x 1 x 500 lb G.P.	0	None Destroyed two		
3	ap Town		VMF_114 3	x 1 x 500 lb G.P.	3	buildings.		
	NU 02.1-44.4)		VMF-114 1	x 1 x 500 1b G.P.	1	Hole in road		
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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)









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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

RECOMMENDATIONS

Own Weaknesses
Enemy Weaknesses
Offensive Tactics, Own
" Enemy
Defensive Tactics, Own
" Enemy
Flexible Gunnery, Own
Escort Tactics
Fighter Direction
Use of Radar

ATTACK OWN TACTICS

Night Fighting

Recognition, Aircraft

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 0920 Captain PEEBLES and Captain PORTER (division leaders) took off from the Peleliu airstrip to bomb targets of opportunity on Yap Island.

The planes arrived over the target area at 1100. Captain PEEBLES, Lieutenant REED and Lieutenant GILCHRIST attacked the causeway to the east of Yap Town (XU 95.0 - 41.3). Two damaging hits were scored and the remaining bomb was a near miss. Lieutenant SONNENBERG scored a near miss on the other causeway south of Yap Town (XU 95.8 - 41.2). Captain PORTER, Lieutenant MANTEL and Lieutenant MARTENS attacked Yap Town itself and placed all three bombs in the target area. The eighth and last bomb was dropped by Lieutenant VIRGETS on the road at (XU 02.1 -44.4).

During the attack the anti-aircraft fire from known positions south of Yap Town (light, medium and heavy) was intense. Captain PEEBLES was hit by medium AA in the left flap but returned to base with a minimum of difficulty.

After releasing their bombs, the two divisions made a sweep of Yap Island. Lieutenant MANTEL strafed and burned a truck at (XU 89.4 - 36.3). The rest of the sweep was negative.

All planes returned safely to the Peleliu airstrip and landed at 1245.



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

MERGENCY 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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