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	II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS					ND TORPEDOE	:S	FUZE, SETT	ING	
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)	BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)			(g)		
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IV. EN	IEMY AIRCE	RAFT OBSE	RVED OR	ENGAGED (By	Own Aircraft	Listed in I	I Only).		(a)	
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	VII. PER	RSONNEL	CASUAL	TIES (in airc	raft listed i	n II only	; iden	tiry with	planes listed	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(e)	
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X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

No enemy aircraft encountered.

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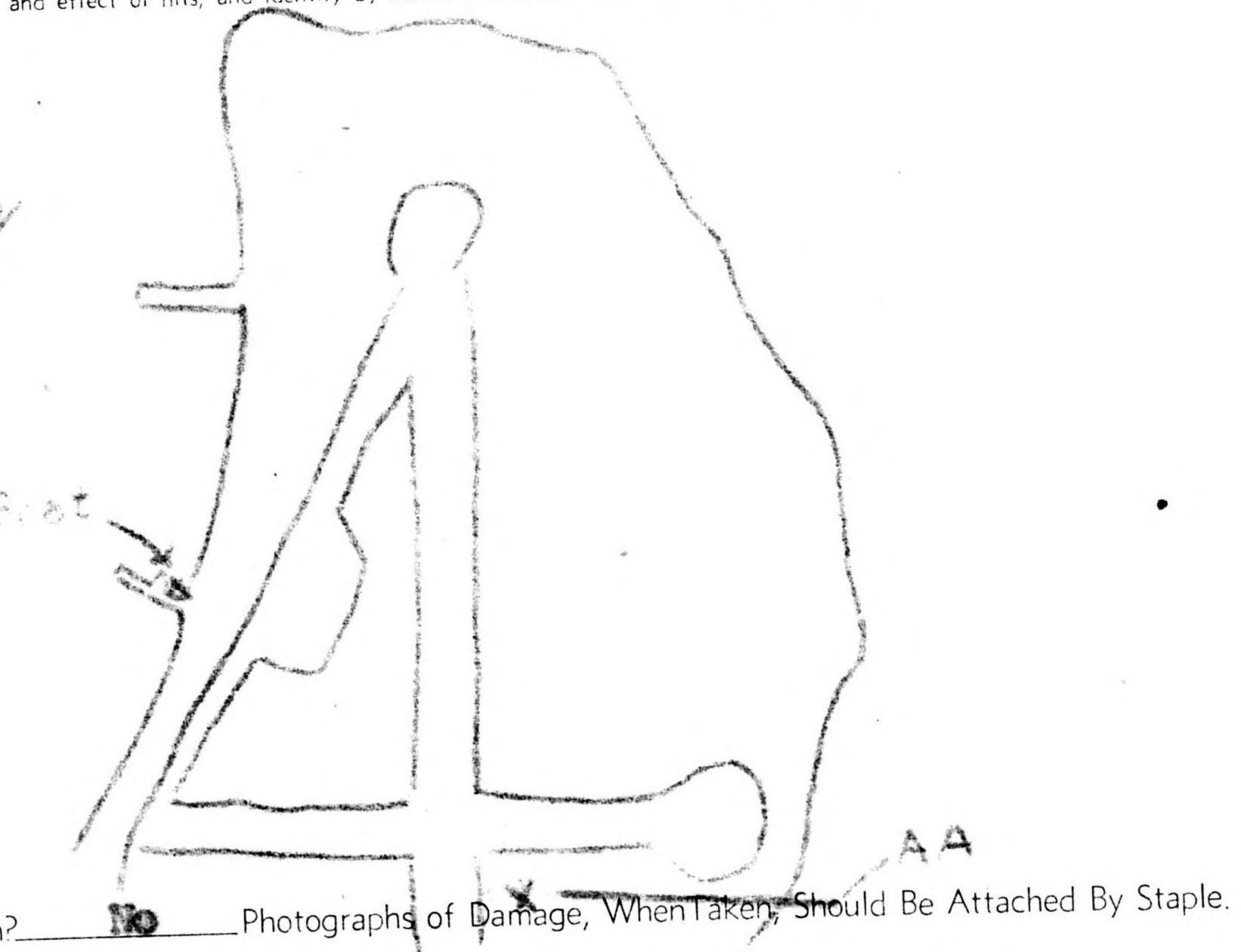
(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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	XI. ATTACK ON ENE	MY SHIPS OF	GROUND OBJECTI	VES (By Own Aircra	aft Listed in	n II Only).	NATE	17000)
1)	XI. ATTACK ON END Target(s) and Location	(S)(FOR SHI	PS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA U	NDER ATTACK)	Time Over	larget(s)_	· Salan J	Z.One)
-)	Clouds Over Target	2,0000 0	PASE IN FEET.	TYPE AND TENTHS OF CO	OVER)			
1)	Visibility of Target	Cloar (CLEAR, HA	ZY. PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	(e) Vi	sibility	(MILES)	•
F)	Bombing Tactics: Type	Tone	(LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bom	b Sight Use	eded	(TYPE)	
	Bombs Dropped per Rur	(NUMBE	Spacing	(FEET)	_ Altitude o	t Bomb Kele	ase	EET)
g)	Number of Enemy Airc	craft Hit on Gr	round: Destroyed	Probably [Destroyed_		_ Damaged	A 7 No. 10 A 10
-	(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMU EXPENDED, EACH AIM	INITION ING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (No serious, destroy	one, slight, ed or sunk)
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of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sheets



(p) Were Photographs Taken?_____

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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
Elevible Gunnery Own

Flexible Gunnery, Own
Escort Tactics
Fighter Direction
Use of Radar
Night Fighting
Recognition, Aircraft

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

8 Corsair type aircraft from VMF-185 took off from Evalalein at 0520 M. zone, 29 May 1945, for the purpose of straff-

The flight was led by Major BARNUM, who also was the first division of 4 aircraft leader. The second division was led by Capt. Linch. It. Col. M.A. SEVERSON accompanied the flight in a Coreair type aircraft from Headquarters Equadron 4th MAW as an observer.

Upon leaving Evalalein, the flight climbed to 6,000' on a course of 060° until with in 15 miles of Motje at which time the flight let down to less than 1,000 feet. The aircraft arrived at the target area at 0615 M. Just before sumrise.

The first division led by Major Sannum went from West to East, towards Wotje Island along the northern side of the Atoli

looking for targets of opportunity to strafe.

The second division led by Capt. LYNCH flew along the southern side of the Atoli towards botje Island looking for targets of opportunity to strafe.

Approaching wote from the lagoon side, a boat about 20 feet in length was observed between the pier and the old hulk on wote Island (see sketch). It took the aircraft several minutes to gain altitude and get in position for a straffing run. By the time the run was made, the boat had disappeared. It is believed that the boat was hidden under the pier near shore. The general area was straffed, but results were not observed. To Japs were seen.

Another straffing run was made by divisions on the other lalands of the Atoli from East towest. Thatched buts were the chief targets.

It was observed that some gardens still exist on Crmed

On the first straffing run, from West to East, many big black birds arose from the trees on the smaller islands. Several birds hit the wings of aircraft #152 piloted by 2dLt. EMSWHILLER causing dents in the leading edge and fracture of the skin on the right wing, middle section. A minor dent was also made by birds on the right wing of plane #169 piloted by also made by birds on the right wing of plane #169 piloted by latt. SPAULDING. 2dLt. EMSWHILLER and istlt. SPAULDING both returned to base landing without further incident at Ewajalein at O720 M. Prior to departure from the target area they had partially completed the first straffing run.

Rendezvous was made at 0700 M. by the six remaining sircraft and the observer, over Wilbunku Island. The Flight was on course at 0705 M. climbing to 10,000 feet on the way back. The 6 aircraft from VMF-155 landed at Ewajalein at 0745 M.

Three or four rounds of medium meager inaccurate AA was observed from a point just south of the A of the runway on otje Island.

The Filots from this squadron participating in the strike

Were:
BARRUN, A.A. Major, USMCB.
LYNCH, J.P. Capt. USMCR.
SPAULDING S.M. letlt. USMCR.
STAULDING S.M. Letlt. USMCR.

MCLAUGHLIS D.F. Salt. USMCR.
STORODA F.R. Salt. USMCR.
L'CAS F. 24LL. USMCR.
DAUGHTRY F.F. Salt. USMCR.

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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

Battle Lights Procedures

PROTECTION

Armor; Points and Angles of Fire Needing Further Protection Leak Proofing

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

Rations, First Aid

Compasses

INSTRUMENTS

Flight Power Plant

CAMOUFLAGE AND DECEPTION DEVICES

STRUCTURE

Control Surfaces Control System Landing Gear Heating System Flight Characteristics At Various Loadings

POWER PLANT

HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

Auxiliary Plant Lights

FUEL SYSTEM

FLIGHT CLOTHING

Personnel Facilities

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In all respects all material functioned satisfactorily.

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Signals

Parachutes Life Belts, Life Rafts Safety Belts Emergency Kits

NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT

Driftsights Octants Automatic Pilots Charts Field Lighting

OXYGEN SYSTEM

Airframe Dive Flaps

Engines Engine Accessories Propellers Lubricating System Starters Exhaust Dampers

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

MAINTENANCE

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment

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