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Report # 66

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(Short Form for routine actions only)

Read instructions before filling out

(a) Unit Reporting VMB 613 (b) Ship or base Kwajalein Is., Kwajalein (c) Report No. 66
 (b) Take off: Date 10 August, 1945 Time (LZT) 1520M Forward echelon at Maruro (Zone) (e) Time of Return 1920M (Zone)
 (f) Target Food supply boat, Wotje Atoll (g) Round-Trip Distance Flown 600 (Miles)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT

(a) TYPE	(b) SQUADRON	(c) TAKING OFF	(d) NUMBER ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	(e) ATTACKING TARGET	(f) BOMBS, ROCKETS, CLUSTERS, TORPEDOES, NAPALM & 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)
PBJ-1H	VMB 613	1	-	1	4 X 350# Death Bombs. 7 X 5.0" Aircraft R. 21 X 75mm shells.	Nose-Instantaneous. Tail-none. Nose-Instantaneous. Tail-non-delay.

III. ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENGAGED

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

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

V. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	(c) CAUSE: Type ENEMY A/C, AA, TYPE 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)

(a) No.	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK, OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
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VII. ATTACK ON TARGET

(a) Location Orned Is., Wotje Atoll (b) Time over target 1747M to 1826M (Zone)
 (c) Weather, clouds, visibility 3/10 cumulus from 1500' visibility 15 miles
 (d) Bombing tactics Level (Level, Glide, Dive, by type of plane) (e) Bomb Sight used None (Type for each type of plane)
 (f) AA present: ~~XXXXX~~ None

(a) AIMING POINT	(b) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(c) No. A/C Attacking (j) Squadron	(d) BOMBS, ROCKETS, AMMU. NITRONS EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT (Give fuzing used if selectively armed)	(e) NO. HITSON AIMING POINT	(f) Altitude of Release (Ft.) (n) Dive Angle	(g) Spacing of Bombs (Ft.) (p) Indicated Air Speed (Kts)	(h) Range of Release of Rockets
1 Orned Is., 1st Island NW of Wotje Is.	Undetermined	1 PBJ 613	1 X 75mm H.E.	1	15°	220	3500yds.
2 of Wotje Is.	"	1 PBJ 613	2 X 75mm H.E.	2	15°	220	3500yds.
3 Wotje Is.	"	1 PBJ 613	1 X 75mm H.E.	1	15°	220	3500yds.
4 Orned Is.	"	1 PBJ 613	2 X 350# Depth B.	2	2500'	0'	-
5 Wotje Is.	"	1 PBJ 613	2 X 350# Depth B.	2	2500'	0'	-

Give results and narrative on separate sheet, follow outline.

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VII. (r). Bombs and 75mm shells were dropped on islands on which Jap gardens and bivouac areas were reported. Nature of the targets prevented exact assessment of damage.

(s). None observed.

(t). No photos taken.

VIII. It was determined from POW interrogation that Japs on Wotje had a power boat used for gathering food from various islands. There was reason to believe that the boat would be enroute from Wotje to Orned this date. The pilot spent forty minutes over the atoll without finding it, however, and finally expended his bombs on Orned and Wotje Islands returning to base without firing his rockets.

Seventeen 75mm shells were returned to base.

IX. All materiel functioned satisfactorily.

Report prepared by:

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G. W. NEVILS, LTCOL., COMMANDING. 24 Aug 45.

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