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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) **Center Gun CD Position (C4) SE Coast Taroa Island, Maloelap Atoll** (b) Time Over Target(s) **1455 H** (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target **4000, Cumulo-Nimbus 0** (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target **Partially obscured by rain squall** (e) Visibility **Under 10 miles** (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type **Glide** (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) Bomb Sight Used **AN-MK 8** (TYPE)  
Bombs Dropped per Run **5 Planes / Two** (NUMBER) Spacing **0** (FEET) Altitude of Bomb Release **1000 ft.** (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed **0** Probably Destroyed **0** Damaged **0**

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 Center Gun, C4, Circle Coastal Defense with 35' Position, SE Coast, Taroa Island	35' Diam.	6 F4U-1D MP-155	Five planes: 2-500# G.P. One plane: 1-500# G.P.	One Possible	Not Observed
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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.)

1. Center Gun-C4: Ten of eleven bombs dropped on this target hit in the immediate area with one possible direct hit. One bomb either hung up on the rack or was thrown by the pilot and hit in the lagoon.

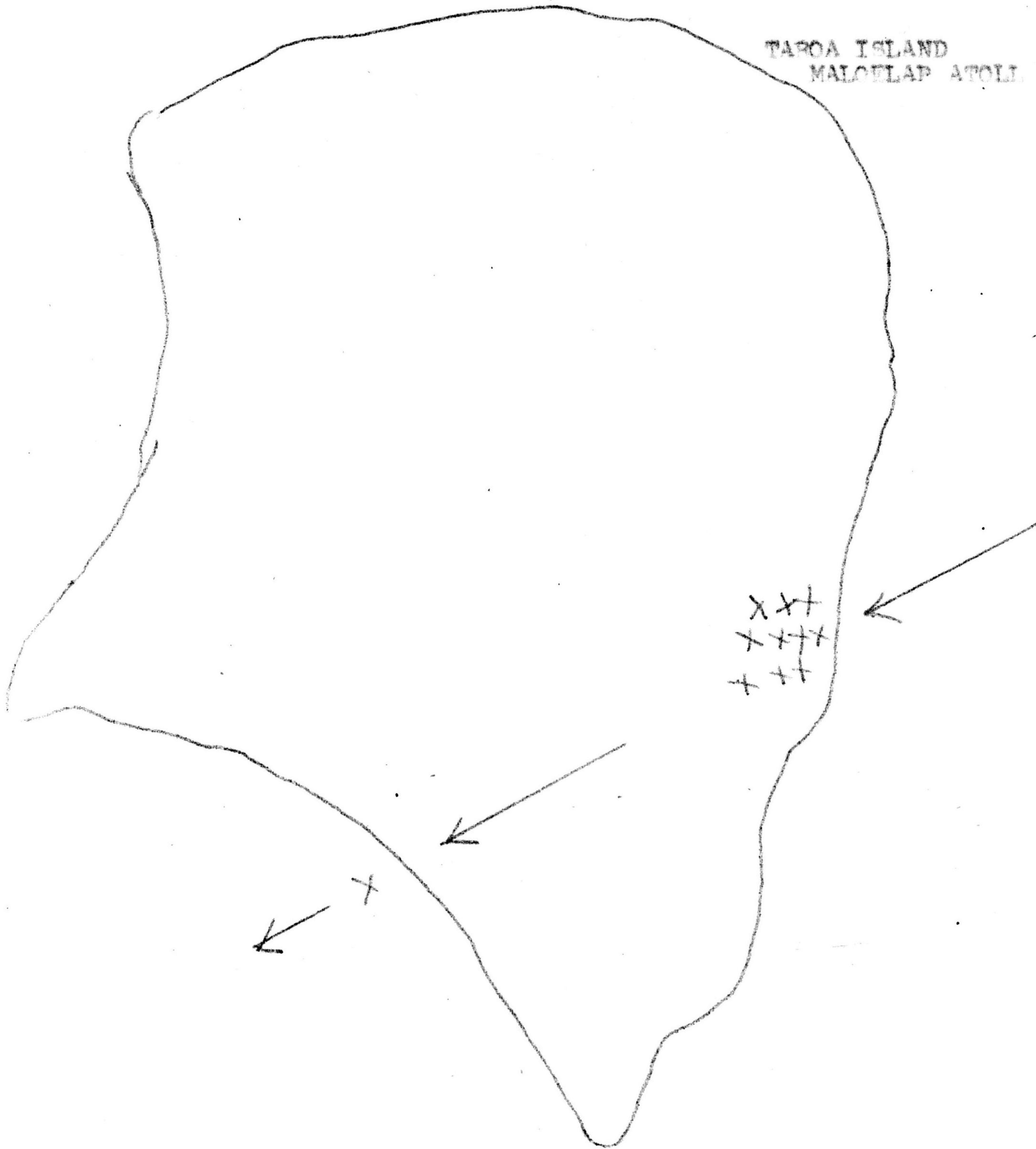
Diagrams are attached

(p) Were Photographs Taken? **Yes** Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.  
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TAROA ISLAND  
MALOCELAP ATOLL



X Indicates where bombs hit.  
Arrow indicates direction of bombing.



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

## ATTACK

### 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

Six fighters of this Command took off at 1410 M. for a strike at Taroa Island, Maloelap Atoll. Take off was delayed for approximately 12 minutes because one of the planes of VLF-113 lost a bomb on the runway while taking off. One of our planes also lost a bomb off its rack while the motor was being turned up at the head of the runway. Normal rendezvous was quickly effected and the planes headed on direct course for the target island using power settings of 2050 RPM and 34 inches.

Flying conditions were excellent enroute to the target until the planes were in sight of Aur Atoll, but then they ran into a small front with the cloud cover getting lower and lower until it was below 4000 feet over the target island. There was a rain squall edging our target area and moving north. A dive bombing attack was out of the question so the planes made a glide bombing attack from a left hand turn in column formation. The approach run was in a north-east direction along the coast at just under 4000 feet. Bombs were released at 1000 feet and recoveries were over the lagoon with all planes turning slightly to the left after pullouts.

A running rendezvous was accomplished over the lagoon and the planes then made as careful a reconnaissance of Tar Island, Maloelap Atoll, as weather conditions permitted. Results were negative. Return to the base was without incident.

The pilots participating in the strike were:

Lynch, J. P., Capt. USMCR  
Svoboda, F. R., 2dLt USMCR  
Kissell, A. J., 1stLt USMCR  
Dutkin, A., 1stLt USMCR  
Dunlop, 2dLt USMCR  
Ross, 1stLt USMCR



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## 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

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