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Report #248

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VMP-111 (b) Based on or at Majuro, Atoll (c) Report No. VMP-111 248
 (d) Take off: Date 5 June 1945, Time (LZT) 1430 M. (Zone); Lat. 07-05-35N Long 171-22-40E
Strike Hdqs. Area, Enesetto, Is. Mille, Atoll.
 (e) Mission Strike Hdqs. Area, Enesetto, Is. Mille, Atoll. (f) Time of Return 1615M (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
<u>PAU-1D</u>	<u>VMP-111</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1x1400/175gal. Napalm</u>	<u>Nose: Inst. Gren.</u> <u>Tail: 2 Inst. Gren.</u>
					<u>2x100# Incendiary clusters.</u>	<u>Tail: Inst.</u>

III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<u>VH</u>	<u>VH-5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Majuro (Dumbo)</u>				
<u>SB2C</u>	<u>VH-235</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Majuro (Air Coordinator)</u>				
<u>SB2C</u>	<u>Hq. 13</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Majuro (Photo)</u>				

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE	(b) NO OBSERVED	(c) NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
<u>None.</u>			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) _____
 Did Any Part of _____
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? _____ If so, Describe Clouds _____
(YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 Time of Day and Brilliance _____
 (j) of Sun or Moon _____ (k) Visibility _____
(NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON, DAY, OVERCAST, ETC.) (MILES)

V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:				(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		
<u>None.</u>						

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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) Hdqs. Area, Enajet Is., Hillo Atoll
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Over Target(s) 1500N (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 3000 cumulus 10/10
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 20
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Level Bomb Sight Used None
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run 3 Spacing None Altitude of Bomb Release 50
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed -- Probably Destroyed --- Damaged --

(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 Hdqs. Area Enajet Is. Hillo	400'x400'	2 VMP-111	2x1,000# (175Cal) Napalm	6	Several small Bldgs. destroyed
2 Hdqs. Area Enasotto Is. Hillo	300'x200'	2 VMP-111	2x1,000# (175Cal) Napalm	12	Several small Bldgs. destroyed
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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).

All bombs were well dispersed in the target area, destroying several buildings and causing numerous fires.

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(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

Photographs and negatives delivered to Commander, Injuro Air Group, for forwarding.

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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 Corsairs from this squadron took off for Millie Atoll at 1430H, accompanied by the Air Coordinator in a Helldiver and one photo Helldiver of Headquarters Squadron 13. The weather enroute was good with a cloud base of 2000 and .6 cover. The Corsairs went to target at 6000 feet, indicating 150 knots, drawing 30 inches at 2100 RPM.

VMB-231 was conducting a strike on Chirubon Island at the same time under the Air Coordinator's direction. After the Chirubon strike was completed, two Corsairs dropped their two Napalms and their four incendiary clusters in salvo on the Headquarters area Enajot Island, causing several huts to catch fire. The Air Coordinator examined the damage and considered this area to be destroyed. The other four Corsairs were then directed to bomb the headquarters area of Mesotto Island.

Return to base was made at 6000 feet, indicating 175 knots, drawing 33 inches at 1750 RPM.

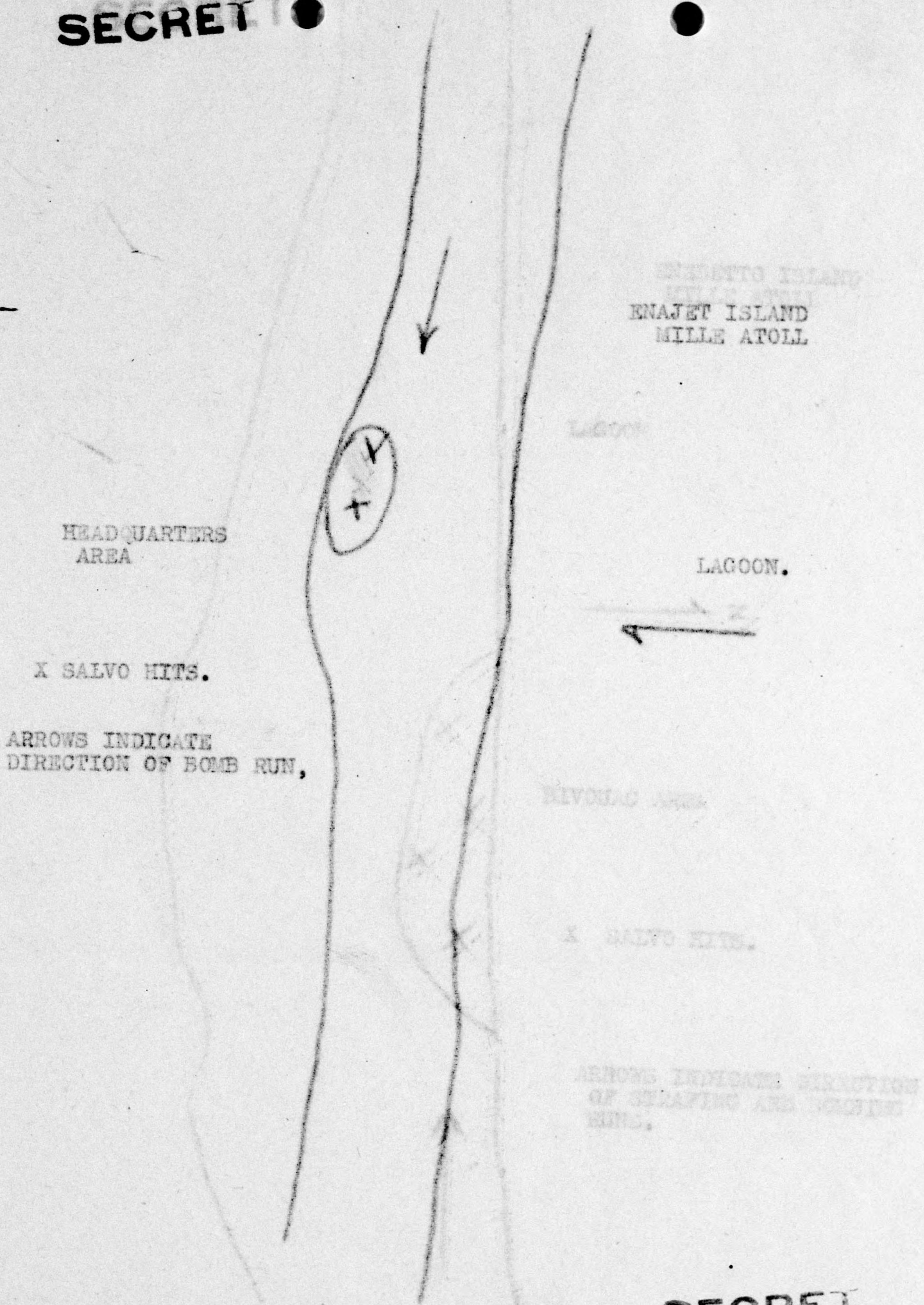
Weather over target was average with 10/10ths cover from 2500 feet, weather on return was also average with 9/10ths cover from 2500 feet.

The following pilots participated in the attack:

- Major Thomas A. TODD
- 2ndLt., F.B. SCHMEL
- Capt., F.F. ROYER
- 1stLt., A.J. BIBER
- 2ndLt., G.W. NELSON
- 2ndLt., B.R. BRYANT

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BIVOUCAC AREA

X SALVO HITS.

ARROWS INDICATE DIRECTION
OF STRAFING AND BOMBING
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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
 - 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

All material functioned satisfactorily.

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