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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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## I. GENERAL

**KWAJALEIN ISLAND**

(a) Unit Reporting **VMB 613** (b) Based on or at **KWAJALEIN ATOLL** (c) Report No. **14**

(d) Take off: Date **1 MARCH, 1945** Time (LZT) **1730** (Zone); Lat. **S- 50' N** Long **167-09' E**

(e) Mission **SNOOP AND HARASS MALOELAP ATOLL** (f) Time of Return **0705M** (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)		
<b>PBJ-1H</b>	<b>VMB 613</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21 RND. 75MM. SHELLS</b>	<b>-----</b>

## III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION. **NONE**

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE

## IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only). **NONE**

(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
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) **-----**

Did Any Part of

(i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? **-----** If so, Describe Clouds **-----** (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

Time of Day and Brilliance

(j) of Sun or Moon **-----** (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (k) Visibility **-----** (MILES)

## V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only). **NONE**

(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		

• **TWO PLANES PERFORMED THIS MISSION, ONE RELIEVING THE OTHER.**  
**FIRST PLANE TAKEOFF 1 MARCH, 1730MIKE, LAND 2 MARCH, 0030M.**  
**SECOND PLANE TAKEOFF 2 MARCH, 0000 " " 2 " 0705M.**







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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) INSTALLATIONS TAROA AND PIGEYATTO ISLAND ATOLL. Time Over Target(s) 1845-0600 (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 2500, 3/10 CUMULUS (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target CLEAR (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (e) Visibility 15 (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type LEVEL (75 MM.) Bomb Sight Used AN-APG 13A (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run ----- (NUMBER) Spacing ----- (FEET) Altitude of Bomb Release 2,500' (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed NONE Probably Destroyed NONE Damaged NONE

(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 BLOCKHOUSES & SHELTERS, TAROA.		2 PBJ-1H VMF 613	5 RND. 75MM	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
2 RADIO STATION PIGEYATTO		1 PBJ-1H VMF 613	5 RND. 75 MM.	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
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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.)

EACH PLANE MADE A RUN FROM 3500-4000 YDS. ON THE INSTALLATIONS ON THE LAGOON SIDE OF TAROA ISLAND FIRING A TOTAL OF 5 75MM. SHELLS WHICH WERE SEEN TO HIT ON THE ISLAND. ONE PLANE MADE A RUN ON THE RADIO STATION ON PIGEYATTO ISLAND EXPENDING 5 RND. OF 75 MM. SHELLS. BOTH RUNS WERE MADE AT AN ALTITUDE OF APPROXIMATELY 2,000' PRIMARILY FOR HARASSING EFFECT. DARKNESS PREVENTED ACCURATE ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGE.

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



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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

THE FIRST PLANE ARRIVED OVER THE TARGET AT APPROXIMATELY 1845 AND TOOK UP A CIRCLING PATROL OF THE ATOLL. NO ACTIVITY OR SUSPICIOUS OBJECTS WERE OBSERVED. AT AUR, THE ADJOINING ATOLL, SEVERAL ELECTRIC LIGHTS WERE OBSERVED DURING THE EARLY PART OF THE NIGHT PROBABLY INDICATING A NATIVE VILLAGE OF SOME IMPORTANCE. TEN ROUNDS OF 75 MM. AMMUNITION WERE EXPENDED ON TAROA AND PIGEYATTO ATOLLS DURING THE NIGHT WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. THE PATROL CONTINUED DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE NIGHT DISCOVERING NO ACTIVITY OR SUSPICIOUS OBJECTS. THE SECOND PLANE LANDED AT 0705.



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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

**ALL MATERIAL FUNCTIONED SATISFACTORILY.**

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