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I. GENERAL

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c) Clouds Over Target.	1500.	Jumulus, 2/10	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
d) Visibility of Target.	Clear, HAZ	Y. PARTIALLY OBSCURED E	Y CLOUDS, ETC.)	Visibility	(MILES)
(f) Bombing Tactics: T			Bomb Sight U	lsed	(TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per	•	Spacing	Altitude	of Bomb Rel	ease 1500 (FEET)
(g) Number of Enemy			Probably Destroyed		Damaged
(h)	DIMENSIONS OR	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
AIMING POINT	TONNAGE	(k) SQUADRON VIII-155	6-500# GP	0	2 Near misses.
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(p) Were Photographs Taken?

Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

FIRE

⁽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).

SECRET EMIDJ ISLAND, Jaluit Atoll. X Bomb hits. - Direction of run. Medium AA

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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

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
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Defensive Tactics, Own
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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

Three Corsairs of VMF-155 took off from Majuro at 0915 M, 18 June, 1945, each loaded with 2-500# GP's with instantaneous nose and tail fuses for the purpose of striking AA positions on Emidj Island, Jaluit Atoll, prior to a shelling by a Navy surface vessel. This was part of a coordinated air and sea strike in accordance with Operation Order CTU 96.9.2 No. 1-45, dated 16 June, 1945.

The planes from VMF-155 arrived over target at 1000M and were ordered by the Air Coordinator to strike the AA position at the base of Elbow Pier. The runs were made in column from the ocean to the lagoon side of Emidj Island, starting the glide at 6500 feet and releasing at pullout at 1500 feet. They were dropped in salvo, ing at pullout at 1500 feet. They were dropped in salvo, in and are described as near misses. The pilots feel that these 2 near misses inflicted damage to the position, the extent of which they are unable to determine.

In addition to bombing, the Corsairs strafed in the general locality of the bombing target, expending 300 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition.

AA fire was observed, and it is believed to be 40mm from a dual purpose gun. The AA was moderate and in-accurate.

Friendly surface vessels observed were:

BB Nevada

DD Murray

DD Taylor

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The Corsairs of VMF-155 then landed without further incident at Majuro at 1225.

Pilots participating in this action were:

Capt. Bachtel, USMCR Capt. Morris, USMCR 2d Lt. Syaboda, USMCR.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary).

Communication and all equipment worked satisfactorily.

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

Auxiliary Plant

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

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HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Lights

FLIGHT CLOTHING

BASE FACILITIES

FUEL SYSTEM

MAINTENANCE