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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

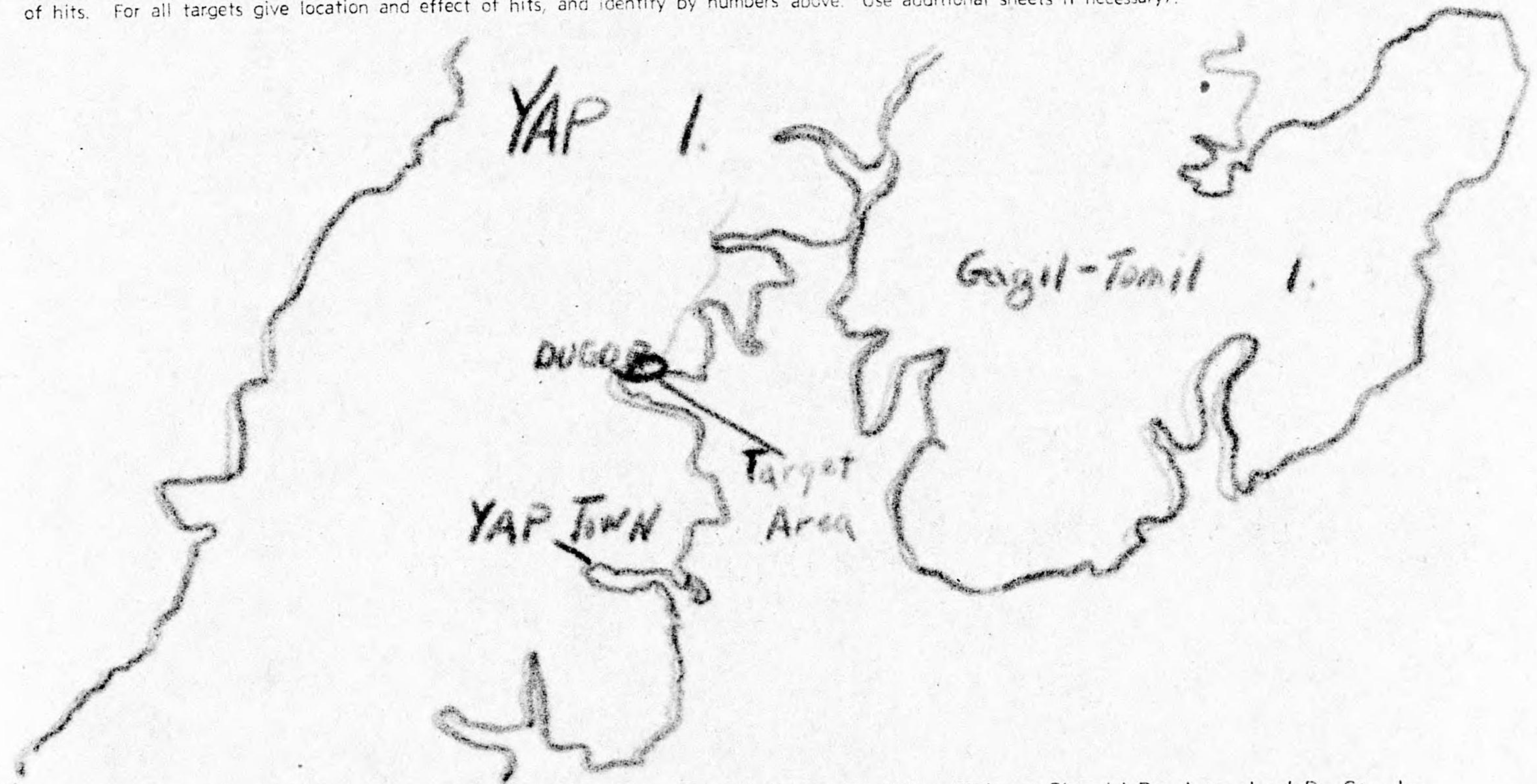
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XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) **DUGOR INLET-YAP** (b) Time Over Target(s) **1100 -10** (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target **8/10 CUMULUS AT 1000' - HEAVY CUMULUS BETWEEN 4000' - 5000'**
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target **CLEAR** (e) Visibility **15-20 MILES**
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type **STEEP GLIDE** Bomb Sight Used **NONE**
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run **2** Spacing **-** Altitude of Bomb Release **950' AV.**
(NUMBER) (FEET) (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 UNGRA TERE SEC-200' X TION OF DUGOR INLET.	200'	4 VMF 122	8-500 LB. G.P.'S.	7	UNDETERMINED
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5					
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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).



(p) Were Photographs Taken? **NO** 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

DUGOR INLET OFF TOMIL HARBOR NORTH OF YAP TOWN WAS THE TARGET OF THIS FOUR PLANE BOMBING MISSION. INSTALLATIONS IN THIS INLET HAVE BEEN STRUCK ON NUMEROUS PREVIOUS OCCASIONS IN AN ENDEAVOR TO COMPLETELY NEUTRALIZE ALL POSSIBLE SUBMARINE HAVENS. AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AS RECENTLY AS 13 MARCH 1945 INDICATE THAT THE AREA IN QUESTION (THAT BETWEEN THE ROAD AND THE WATER) IS WELL CRATERED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A SPACE MEASURING APPROXIMATELY 200' X 200'. THE STRIKE WAS BRIEFED TO AREA BOMB THIS REMAINING SPACE.

THE APPROACH WAS MADE ACROSS YAP ISLAND FROM THE WEST BUT THE BOMBING RUNS WERE MADE FROM SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST. STEEP GLIDE BOMBING TACTICS WERE EMPLOYED WITH THE BELOW LISTED RESULTS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RELEASE FT.</u>	<u>CONTACT PT.</u>
CAPT. COOK	1100'	BOTH BOMBS IN TARGET AREA.
LT. ROSS	900'	BOTH IN TARGET AREA.
LT. MORRISON	1000'	ONE IN DESIGNATED AREA; ONE IN PREVIOUSLY CRATERED AREA.
LT. ASHE	800'	BOTH IN DESIGNATED AREA.

EXCELLENT AREA BOMBING RESULTS ARE REPORTED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS TARGET. CAPT. COOK IS OF THE OPINION HOWEVER THAT NO INSTALLATIONS OF MILITARY VALUE EXIST OR DID EXIST IN THIS PARTICULAR AREA.

FOLLOWING THE BOMBING EACH PLANE MADE SEVERAL PASSES ACROSS THE AIRSTRIP ON YAP. THE STRIP IS REPORTED TO BE WELL CRATERED. NO OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT WERE VISIBLE.

THIS IS THE SIXTH SUCCESSIVE STRIKE AT INSTALLATIONS IN THE YAP GROUP IN WHICH NO AA FIRE HAS BEEN OBSERVED.

LTS. MORRISON AND ASHE REPORT STRAFING AND RIDDLING A SMALL 18' BOAT AT "YAP, SHEET 3, T.A. 142 YOKE." OIL SLICKS WERE NOTED OFF THE SOUTHEAST COAST AT "T.A. 115 LOVE AND QUEEN." NO ACTIVITY OF ANY NATURE WAS OBSERVED.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.
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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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