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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) Ejowa, Chirubon, Lukunor, and Inewa Islands, Nille Atoll (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) Time Over Target(s) 1455 W. (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 1,000 Cumulus 4/10 (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (e) Visibility 20 Miles (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Slide (LEVEL, SLIDE OR DIVE) Bomb Sight Used Cum Sight (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run _____ Spacing Salvo (FEET) Altitude of Bomb Release 50 (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 Ejowa Island	200#	1 VP-155	2x100# Incendiary Clusters.	2	Destroying one hut and starting fires
2			200 rounds 50 cal. ammunition.		
3 Chirubon Island	1600#	1 VP-155	1x1400# Napalm.	1	Destroying two huts, fires started.
4			2x100# Incendiary Clusters.	2	
5			100 rounds 50 cal. amm.		
5 Lukunor Island	1600#	1 VP-155	1x1400# Napalm.	1	Damaging one hut and garden.
6			2x100# Incendiary Clusters.	2	
7 Inewa Island	1400#	1 VP-155	200 rounds 50 cal. amm.		
8			1x1400# Napalm.	1	Destroying one hut and damaging another
			150 rounds 50 cal. ammunition.		

(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).

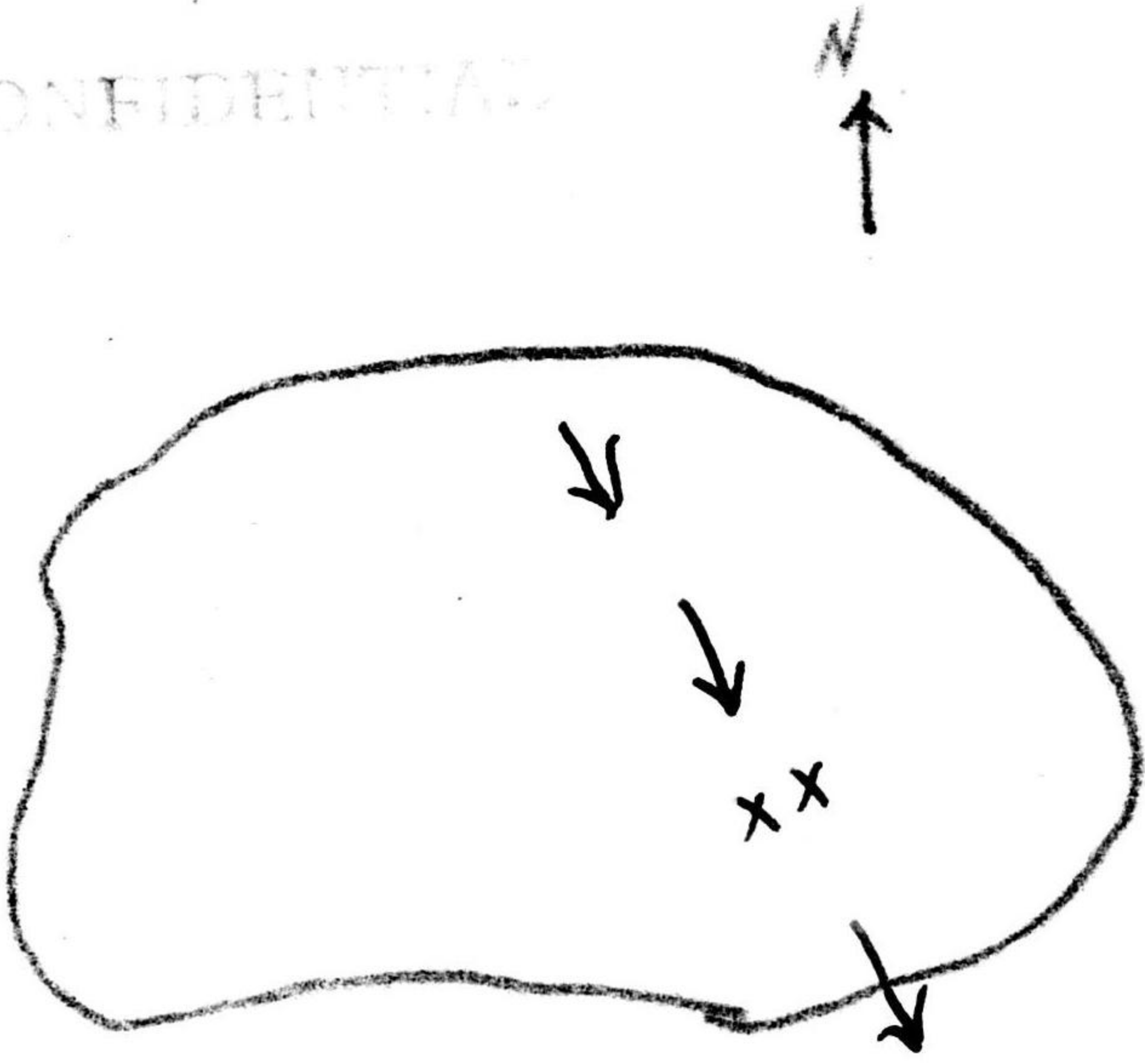
On the primary target islands, 4 huts were destroyed, 1 hut and 1 garden were damaged and numerous fires started.

Following the bombing and strafing attack the 4 A/C strafed other islands on the Atoll, damaging at least 6 huts on the northern islands of the Atoll.

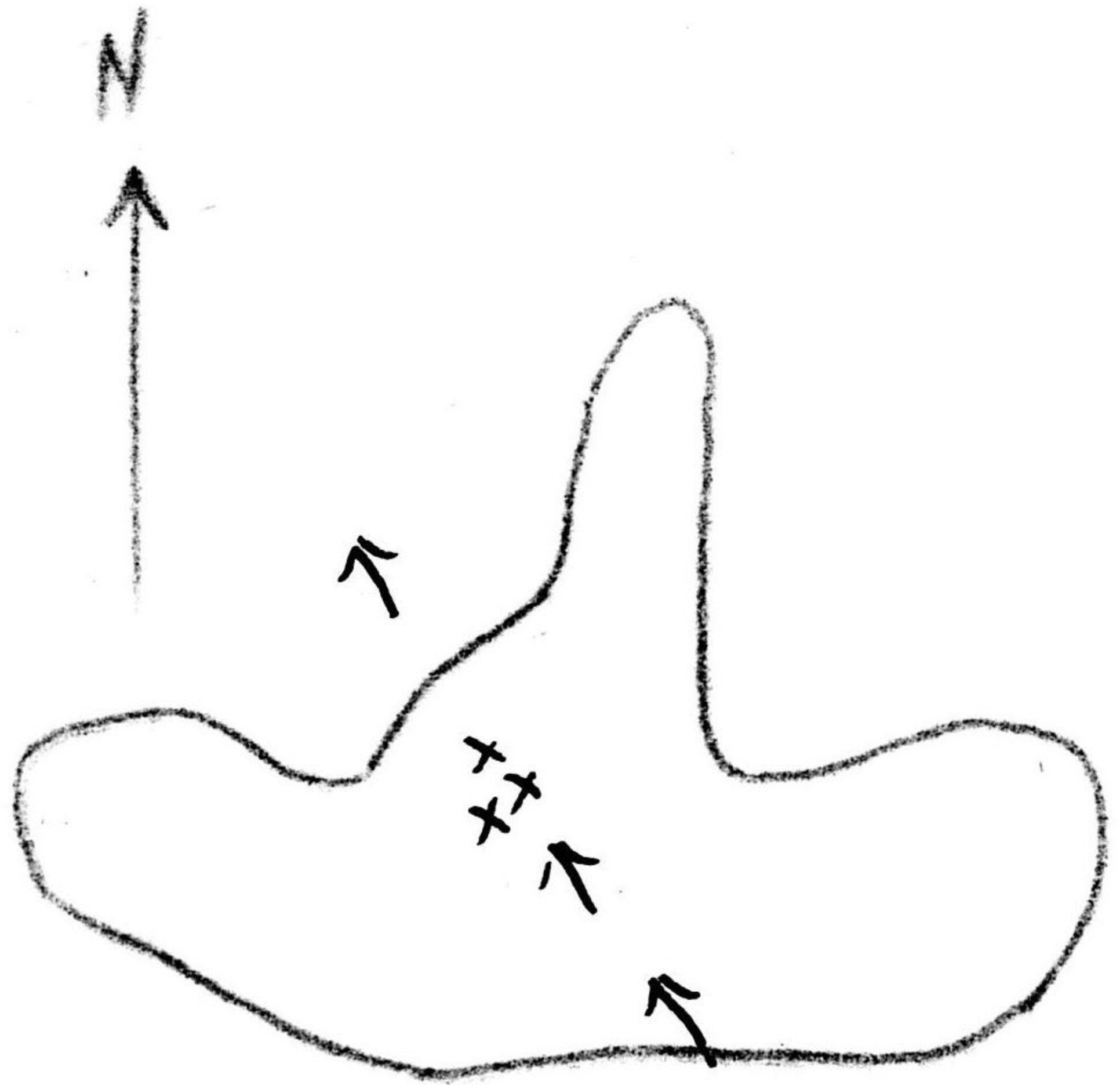
(p) Were Photographs Taken? No Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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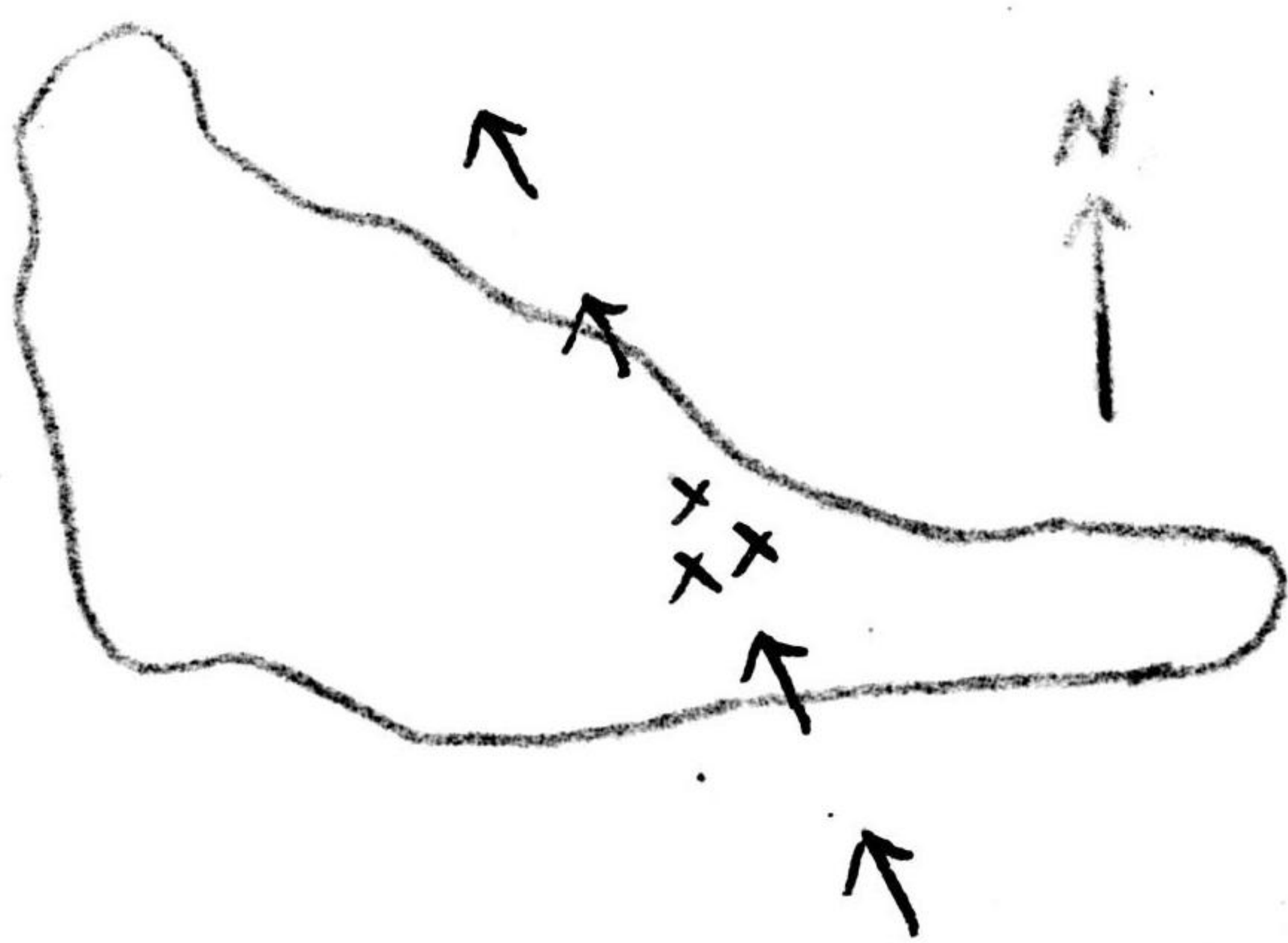



EJOWA ISLAND, Mille Atoll.



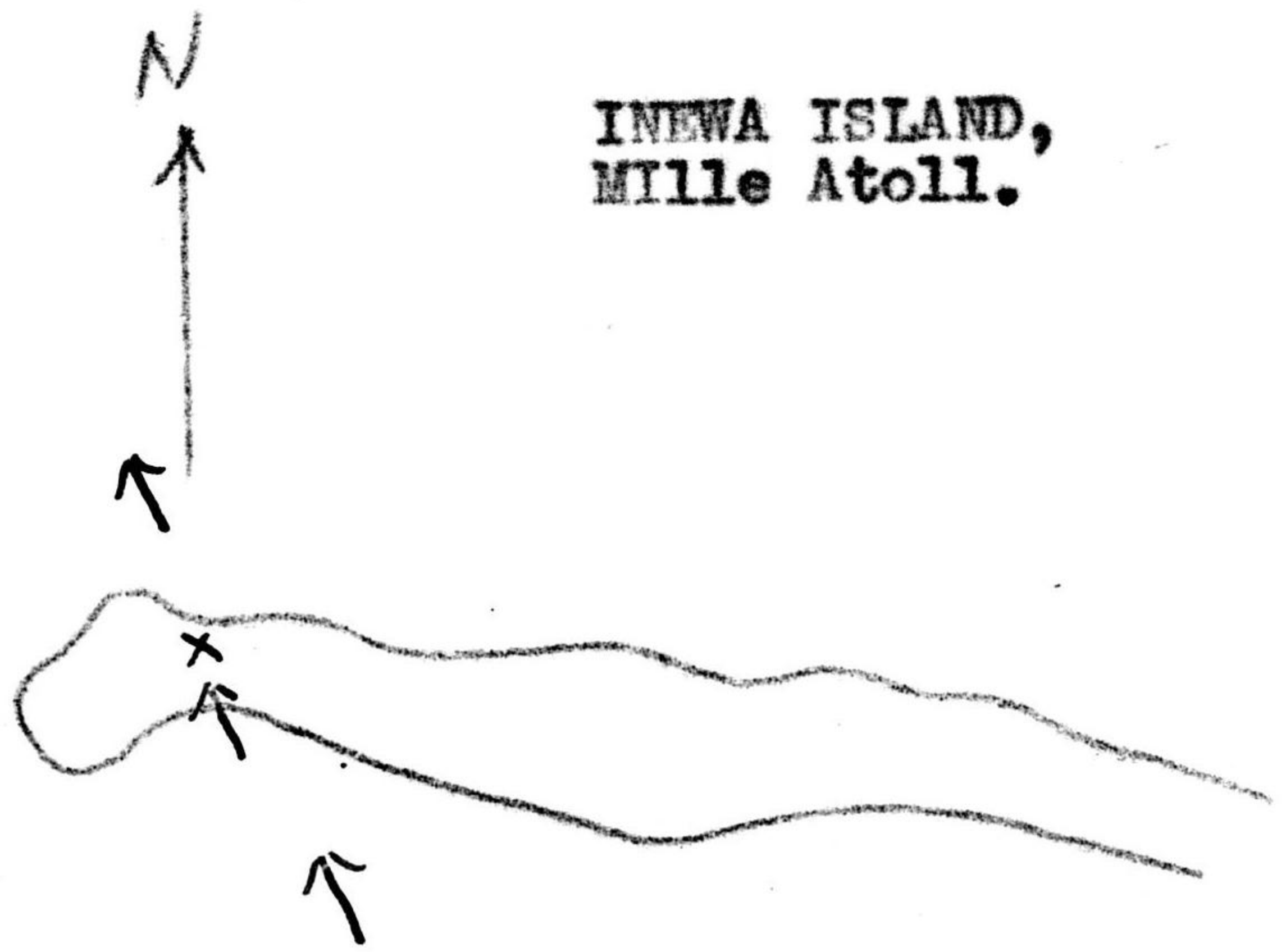
CHIRUBON ISLAND, Mille Atoll.

LUKUNOR ISLAND, Mille Atoll.




 Direction of run.
 Bomb hits.

INEWA ISLAND, Mille Atoll.



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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

4 Corsair type A/C from VMF-155 took off from Majuro 1427 H., 28 June 1945, carrying 1x1400# Napalm bomb and 2x100# incendiary clusters on each plane for the purpose of bombing Ejowa, Chirubon, Lukunor and Enewa Islands, Mille Atoll

The 4 A/C arrived over target at 1455 H. and attacked the islands as follows:

Ejowa: 2 incendiary clusters dropped from 50 feet in one run destroying one hut and starting fires. The island was strafed with 200 rounds 50 cal. ammunition.

Chirubon: One bombing run was made and 1 Napalm and two incendiary clusters were dropped in salvo. Two huts were destroyed and fires started. The huts were located on the lagoon side about the middle of the island. 100 rounds 50 cal. ammunition was expended in strafing.

Lukunor: One bombing run was made and 1 Napalm and 2 incendiary clusters dropped in salvo. A garden and a hut were severely damaged. Other huts were strafed on this island with 200 rounds 50 cal. ammunition.

Enewa: One Napalm bomb was dropped destroying one hut and severely damaging another. Other huts on this island were strafed with 150 rounds 50 cal. ammunition.

One Napalm and two incendiary clusters landed outside of the target area.

Following the bombing and strafing attack above mentioned, the 4 A/C from VMF-155 went around the Atoll and strafed, damaging at least 6 huts on the northern islands.

Light, meager, inaccurate AA was observed from Bodur-igirik Island.

The DE Belshevick was observed 1/2 mile off Garu Island, and the LCI Penrod was observed 1/2 mile west of Cherubon.

The 4 A/C of VMF-155 returned to Majuro without incident landing at 1610 H.

The Pilots from this squadron participating in the strike:

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ANDERSON, K.A.	1stLt.	USMC
FOUST, H.L.	1stLt.	USMC
CART, W.P.	1stLt.	USMC

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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

All material and equipment functioned satisfactorily.

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RANK AND DUTY

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