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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) **1- CAUSEWAY-GAGIL-TOMIL**
2- PIER-GAGIL TOMIL (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Over Target(s) **1100 -10** (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target **SCATTERED CUMULUS WITH 4/10 COVER AT 1500'**
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target **CLEAR** (e) Visibility **25 MILES**
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

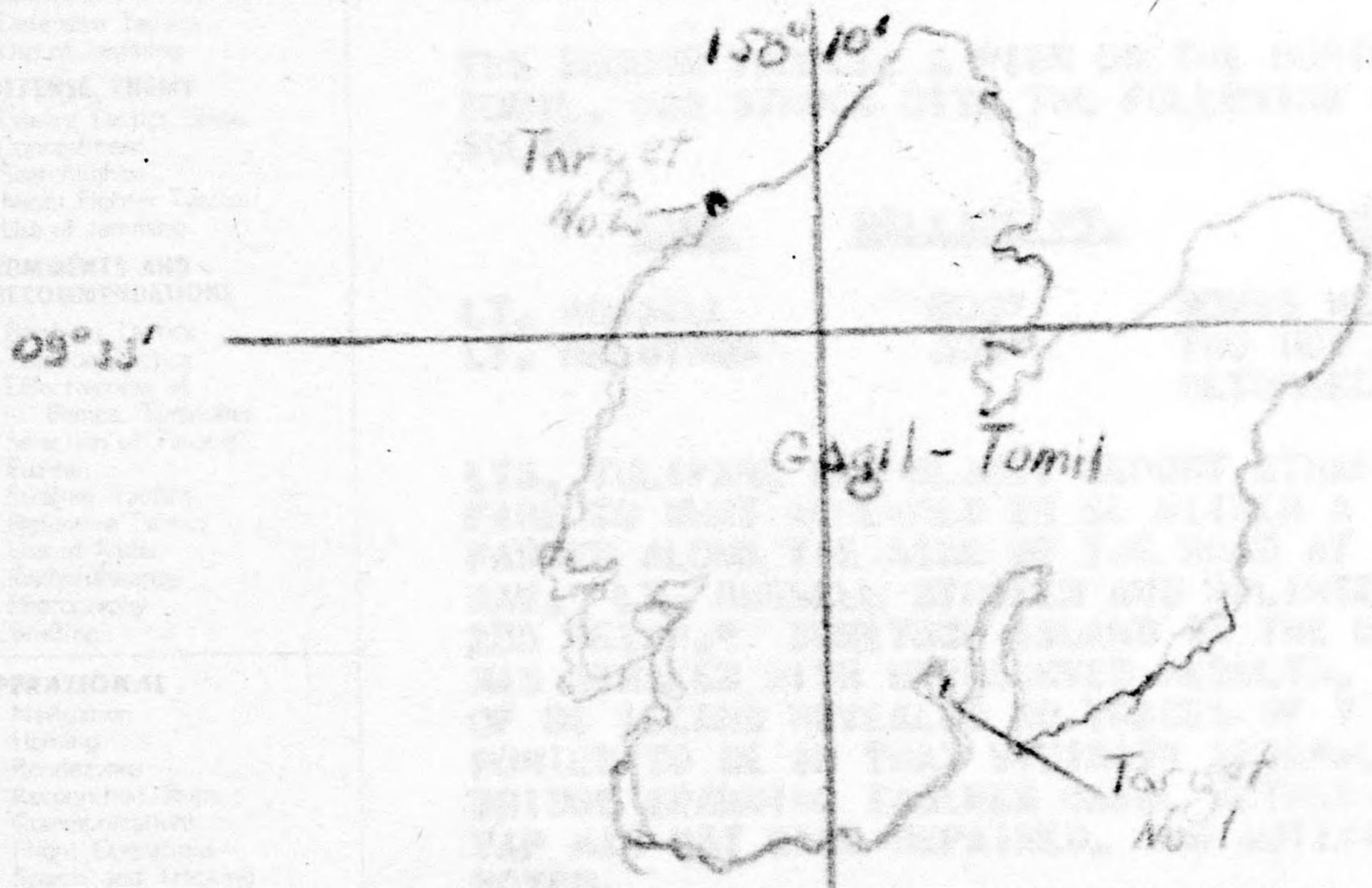
(f) Bombing Tactics: Type **GLIDE** Bomb Sight Used **NONE**
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run **2** Spacing **0** Altitude of Bomb Release **750' 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 CAUSEWAY	20° WIDE 100 YDS LONG	6 VMF 122	12-250 LB. G.P.S.	2	CAUSEWAY SEVERED
2 PIER	20° X 30°	2 VMF 122	4-250 LB. G.P.S.	0	NONE
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4					
5					
6					
7					
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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

THE YAP GROUP OF ISLANDS AND THE INSTALLATIONS THEREON PRESENT A "BEATEN UP" APPEARANCE AT THE PRESENT TIME. FEW, IF ANY, WORTHWHILE BOMBING TARGETS REMAIN INTACT. THIS EIGHT PLANE STRIKE WAS DIRECTED TO SEARCH OUT TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY KEEPING IN MIND THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF RENDERING USELESS HARBOR INSTALLATIONS AND POSSIBLE SUBMARINE DOCKING FACILITIES.

THE CAUSEWAY BETWEEN TWO SECTIONS OF GAGIL-TOMIL AT "YAP SHEET 4 T.A. 174 ABLE AND FOX" WAS SELECTED AS ONE TARGET WHILE THE PIER AT "YAP SHEET 4 T.A. 225 ABLE" WAS SELECTED AS THE OTHER. GLIDE BOMBING TACTICS WERE EMPLOYED WITH THE RUNS IN EACH INSTANCE BEING MADE FROM SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST.

THE CAUSEWAY WAS STRUCK WITH THE BELOW TABULATED RESULTS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RELEASE PT.</u>	<u>CONTACT PT.</u>
MAJOR NELSON	500'	BOTH BOMBS MISSED-IN WATER TO LEFT OF TARGET.
LT. BROADUS	600'	BOMBS STRADDLED THE TARGET.
LT. TULIPANE	1000'	TWO DUD BOMBS-ARMING WIRES RETURNED.
LT. BLANEY	1000'	BOTH MISSED TARGET.
LT. MC GEE	800'	BOMBS STRADDLED THE TARGET.
LT. DILKS	1000'	DIRECT HIT WITH BOTH BOMBS-CAUSEWAY SEVERED.

THE DAMAGE WAS SUCH THAT WATER NOW SEPARATES THE BROKEN ENDS OF THE CAUSEWAY. EXTENSIVE REPAIRS WILL HAVE TO BE MADE BEFORE IT CAN AGAIN BE USED.

THE SECOND TARGET, A PIER ON THE NORTHWEST COAST OF GAGIL-TOMIL, WAS STRUCK WITH THE FOLLOWING UNSATISFACTORY RESULTS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RELEASE PT.</u>	<u>CONTACT PT.</u>
LT. RUSSELL	800'	BOMBS HUNG UP-FELL OFF LATER.
LT. HELSTROM	300'	TWO DUD BOMBS-ARMING WIRES RETURNED.

LTS. TULIPANE AND BLANEY REPORT STRAFING AND SETTING FIRE TO WHAT APPEARED TO BE EITHER A TRUCK OR A TRAILER PARKED ALONG THE SIDE OF THE ROAD AT ONE END OF THE CAUSEWAY. LT. RUSSELL STRAFED AND SPLINTERED A RAFT AT "T.A. 255 PETER." DONITSCH ISLAND IN THE MOUTH OF TOMIL HARBOR WAS STRAFED WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. A FURTHER SEARCH OF BI ISLAND REVEALED NO TRACES OF THE FLOAT PLANE REPORTED TO BE IN THAT VICINITY SEVERAL DAYS AGO. THE BRIDGE SPANNING TAGLREN CANAL BETWEEN GAGIL-TOMIL AND YAP HAS NOT BEEN REPAIRED. NO ACTIVITY OF ANY SORT WAS NOTED.

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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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