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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

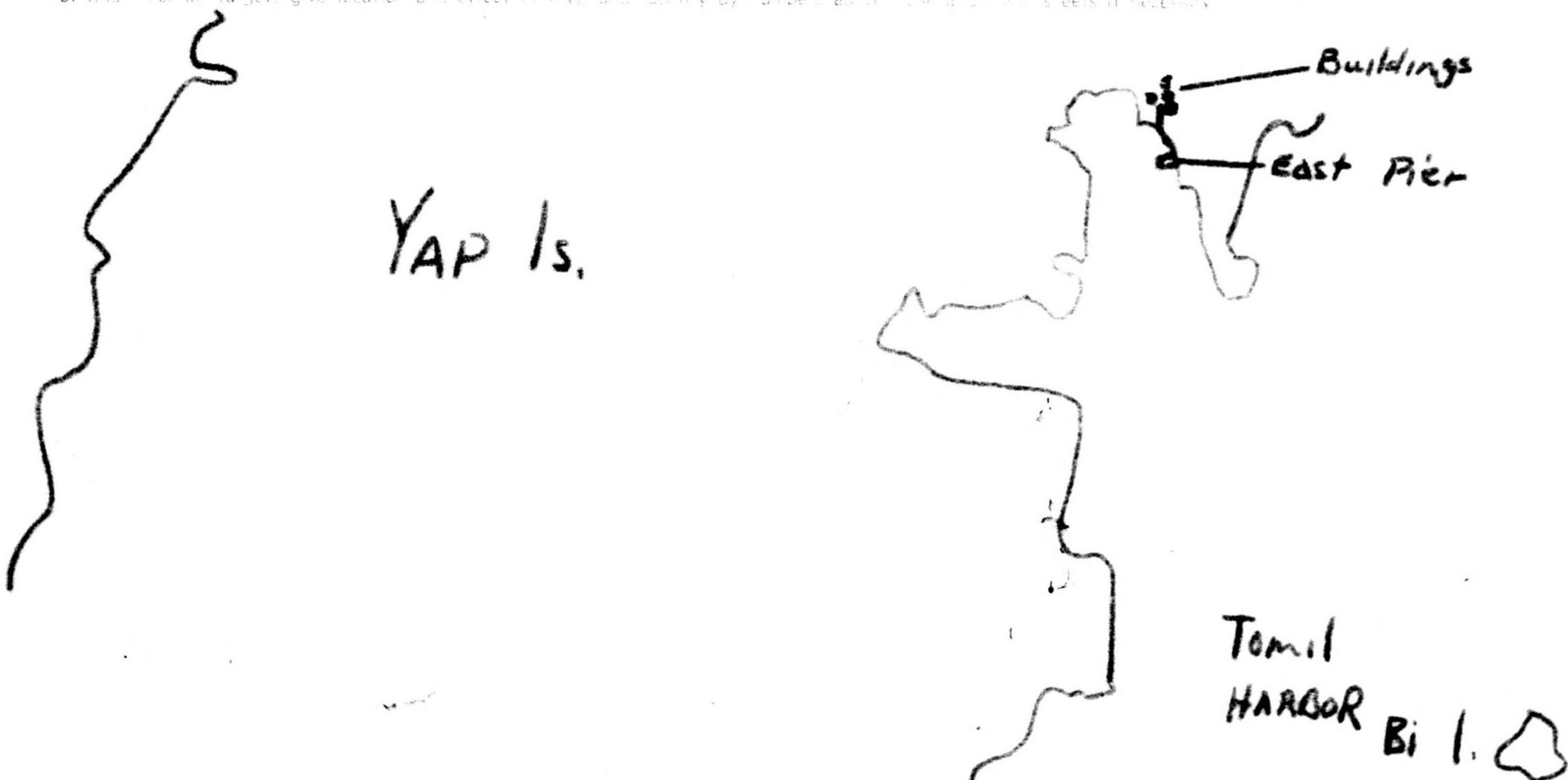
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XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) **HARBOUR INSTALLATIONS-YAP** (b) Time Over Target(s) **1100 -10** (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target **4/10 CUMULUS COVER AT 3000'**
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target **CLEAR** (e) Visibility **30 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 **-** Altitude of Bomb Release **1500' AV.**
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed **0** Probably Destroyed **0** Damaged **0**

(b) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(ii) NO. A/C ATTACKING (BY SQUADRON)	(iii) BOMB AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT	(iv) NO. HT. OF AIMING POINT	(v) DAMAGE TO TARGET
1 PIER AND ADJAC- ENT AREA	75' X 50'	4 VMF 122	8-500 LB. G.P.'S.	4	UNDETERMINED
2 GROUP OF BUILDINGS	-	4 VMF 122	8-500 LB. G.P.'S.	2	UNDETERMINED
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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 time and location of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by number, also. 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

CONTINUING WITH THE SCHEDULED BOMBING OF ALL HARBOR INSTALLATIONS IN THE YAP GROUP, TODAY'S STRIKE WAS AGAIN DIRECTED AGAINST THE REMAINING BUILDINGS AND PIER IN THE SECOND INLET NORTH OF YAP TOWN. MEMBERS OF THE FLIGHT WERE ALSO INSTRUCTED TO SEARCH THE AREA AROUND BI ISLAND IN TOMIL HARBOR FOR A FLOAT PLANE REPORTED TO BE IN THAT LOCATION.

GLIDE BOMBING TACTICS WERE EMPLOYED, THE RUNS BEING MADE FROM EAST TO WEST ACROSS THE TARGET AREA. THE REPORTED RESULTS FOR THOSE AIMING AT THE PIER ARE LISTED BELOW:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RELEASE PT.</u>	<u>CONTACT PT.</u>
CAPT. MC CULLAH	1500'	BOTH OVERSHOT TARGET-IN WATER.
MAJOR BONISKE	1000'	BOTH OVERSHOT-IN WATER.
LT. HAUSER	1000'	BOTH ON LAND AT BASE OF PIER, DAMAGING.
LT. AVERY	2000'	BOTH ON LAND AT BASE OF PIER.-DAMAGING.

FOR THOSE AIMING AT THE BUILDINGS THE RESULTS FOLLOW:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RELEASE PT.</u>	<u>CONTACT PT.</u>
LT. BRUCE	2000'	DIRECT HIT IN GROUP OF BUILDINGS.
LT. GILMOUR	1100'	BOTH ON LAND IN GENERAL TARGET AREA-POSSIBLY DAMAGING.
LT. BAUMAN	1500'	UNOBSERVED.
LT. MC LELLAN	1100'	BOTH ON LAND IN GENERAL TARGET AREA. POSSIBLY DAMAGING.

NO AA FIRE OF ANY DESCRIPTION WAS NOTED ON THIS DATE. A LOW LEVEL AND CAREFUL SEARCH OF BI ISLAND FAILED TO REVEAL ANY TRACE OF THE REPORTED FLOAT PLANE. NO ACTIVITY OF ANY SORT WAS OBSERVED. LT. AVERY REPORTS STRAFING TWO DWELLINGS WITH UNDETERMINED RESULTS.

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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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