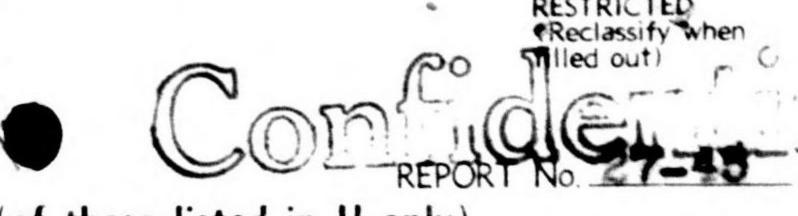
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I. GEN	ERAL				SET LI	481915	100		ilemi
) Unit Rep	porting	MF 114	( <b>b</b> ) Ba	ased on or	at 1	aiu	[c)	Report No.	7-4-
d) Take of	f: Date 8	March 1	945T	ime (LZ	1425 K	ne (Zone)	at. 7°N	Long	134°E
e) Mission	Bombi			Robel	thuan	161	(f) Time of F	Return 1505	Kin
			ALLY COVER	ED BY T	HIS REPORT.			10.00	, 200
TYPE	SQUADRON	TAKING	NUMBER	ATTACKING	T	BS AND TORPED	DOES	FUZE, SE	TTING
(a)	<b>(b)</b>	OFF (c)	ENEMY A/C	TARGET (e)	CAF	RIED (PER PLAI	NE)	(9	
	VMF							.l nose	
FG-1	114	16		16	1 x 100	1b. G.	P. bomb	.01 tai	l dela
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111. 07	THER U. S.	OR ALLIED	AIRCRAFT E	MPLOYE	D IN THIS O	ERATION			
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		ASE	TYP		NUMBER	BAS	SE .
F-5A	28 Adv	1	Peleliu						
	Photo								
IV FN	IEMY AIRC	RAFT ORSE	RVFD OR FN	GAGED (	By Own Aircra	ft Listad in	II Only)		
(a)	(b)	NO. ENGAGING	(d)		(e)		(f)	CAMO	(g) UFLAGE AND
TYPE	OBSERVED	OWN A/C	ENCOUNTERED	ENC	OUNTER	GUNS	RPEDOES CARRIED; S OBSERVED	M	ARKING
None			(ZONE)						
			(ZONE)						
			(20.42)						
		<u> </u>	(ZONE)	<u></u>					
h) Apparei	nt Enemy M	Aission(s)							
Did Any	Part of	· CI I 2		, 5	.1 61 1		IN FEET, TYPE AN		
Time of	Day and Br	ar in Clouds?. Alliance	(YES OR NO)	t so, Desc	ribe Clouds	(BASE	IN FEET, TYPE AN	D TENTHS OF CO	VER),
j) of Sun	or Moon _				, OVERCAST; ETC.		(k) Visibi	lity	MILES)
V. EN	EMY AIRC	RAFT DESTR	OYED OR DA	MAGED	IN AIR (By C	wn Aircraft	Listed in 11 Onl	ly).	
(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTRO	SQUADRON		OR GUNNER		NC LICED		t) IT, ANGLE	DAMAG
None	TIPE A/C	SQUADRON	FILOT	OR GUINNER	GU	NS USED	WITCH I		CLAIME
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e)  EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE,  (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
FG-1A	VMF114	.75 or 90 m.m.	Right oil cooler	Total loss
2		A/A fire.		Bu. No. 14018
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) NO.	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
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VIII. RANGE. FUEL. AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a)_	(b)		AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h)
TYPE A/C	MILES OUT	MILES RETURN				.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO OF PLANES
FG-1A	25	25	1.0	230	75		None			15

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over		X		
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm		X		
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 65mm-13.2mm				X

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

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	XI. ATTACK ON ENI							Kin
<b>a</b> )	Target(s) and Location	(S) Babelli	S INDEUDE ALL IN AREA IN	POER ATTACK)				
	Clouds Over Target							
)	Visibility of Target	Clear	ZY. PARTIALLY OBSCURED	Y CLOUDS, ETC.)	(e) \	/isibility	10 miles	
	Bombing Tactics: Type							· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	Bombs Dropped per Run	NUMBE	Spacing	(FEET)	Altitude	of Bomb Rele	ease	250
3)	Number of Enemy Airc				y Destroyed_			
	(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AM EXPENDED EACH A	MUNITION MING POINT	NO HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (Non serious destroye	e sli ht d or sunt
	Babelthuap Airstrip		16 VMF 114	16 x 1 x	_	16	Seriou	8
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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 is

Sixteen hits on the strip were obtained from sixteen bombs dropped. The strip was rendered unserviceable.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes. 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

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

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

Major Robert TUCKER led a sixteen-plane strike of VMF-114 against the Babelthuap airstrip, Babelthuap Island, which had been reported serviceable following enemy repairs. The planes were airborne at 1425 and proceeded directly to the target area in columns of sections formation. The pilots pushed over into their dives at approximately 6000 feet and ran the target from west to east, alltitude of releases averaging 1050 feet; and retirement was made to the east and south. All bombs hit the strip, rendering it completely unserviceable. Accurate and intense light A/A fire and meager but accurate heavy A/A were encountered from known enemy positions near the target. Pulling out of his bombing run First Lieutenant R. S. RASH was hit in the right oil cooler by a burst of heavy enemy A/A. Faced with a loss of oil pressure and rise in temperature, Lieutenant RASH bailed out from about 3500 feet over the sea 6000 yards east southeast of target. He was in the water approximately ten minutes before being picked up by one of our surface craft, the PGM-10 which retruned him to base later that evening. Lieutenant RASH suffered no injuries. His was the only plane to be hit.

The remaining aircraft returned safely to base at 1525, with the exception of one division which assumed combat air patrol until 1600, following the bombing.



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

Use additional sheets if necessary).

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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