

VMB-613

174  
⑭

Report # 31

ttc(s)

6





# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

**SECRET** ~~TOP SECRET~~  
(Reclassify when filled out)

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No. **21**

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) **Installations Kusaie Island.** (b) Time Over Target(s) **1450-1630 M** (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target **1500' cumulus 4 to 5 tenths.**  
(BASE IN FEET. TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target **Partially obscured by clouds.** (e) Visibility **15** (MILES)  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC)

(f) ~~Attack~~ Tactics: Type **Level** **Gun** Sight Used **AN-APG-13A.**  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run **none** Spacing **---** Altitude of Bomb Release **---**  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

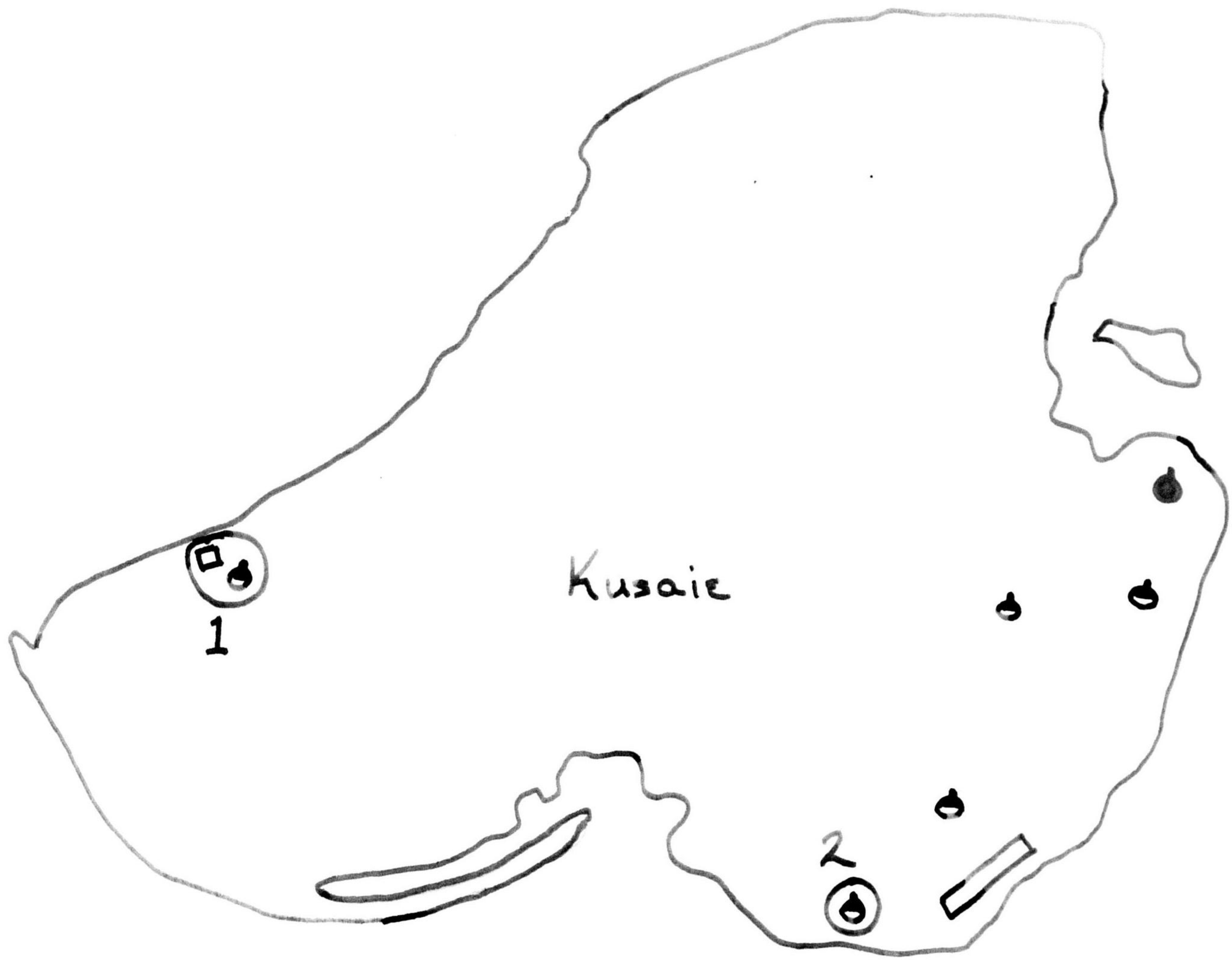
(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed **---** Probably Destroyed **---** Damaged **---**

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HIT On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk
1 Large house E. shore island.	40' square	1 PBJ-1H VMB-613	1 75mm shell 150 rnds. .50 cal.	1 100	Serious
2 .50 cal. MG Revettments.	6' diam. 20' apart.	1 PBJ-1H VMB-613	1 75mm shell 150 rnds. .50 cal.	none 100	Slight
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					

(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.)

**See diagram next page.**

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



- Heavy Anti-aircraft position
- 50 cal. Anti-aircraft position
- Indicates aiming points as described on page 3

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

SECRET

RECLASSIFIED  
(Reclassify when  
filled out)

REPORT No. 11

## 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

One PB4-J1 took off at 1300 for a regularly scheduled reconnaissance flight over Kusaie Island. The plane arrived over the island at 1450 and began patrolling the shoreline flying about one mile off shore at 1000' elevation. Coming around the western tip of the island the pilot observed a large house near the shore with what appeared to be revettments beside it. He shot one 75mm shell from three thousand yards range destroying part of the roof and then dropped down to an elevation of about 50 feet and made a strafing run on the house with the .50 cal. nose guns. 150 rounds were fired and a good percentage appeared to hit the house starting a fire which was later put out. As the plane pulled away from the target, still at minimum altitude, several bursts of .50 cal. fire were directed at the plane from a position in the rear of the house. The fire was meagre and quite inaccurate. Later while patrolling the southeast coast just south of the airstrip the pilot observed two camouflaged gun positions which he decided to attack. Taking advantage of available cloud cover the pilot swung in over the island and made his run out toward the ocean. One cannon shell was fired which was a near miss and about 150 rounds of .50 cal. ammunition were expended on the two revetted guns. Although tracers were seen to enter the gun positions, damage was evidently slight for AA was light, moderate, and inaccurate from this position and another fused shells and more .50 cal. fire was observed by the plane originating on Yepen Point. This fire was also inaccurate. No other activity or suspicious objects were observed and the plane left station at 1630 and returned to Kwajalein landing at 1845 H.

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

**SECRET**

~~SECRET~~  
(Reclassify when filled out)

REPORT No. 31

**XIII. MATERIAL DATA.** (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary).

**All material functioned satisfactorily.**

**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**

Parachute  
Life Rafts, 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

REPORT PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

SIGNATURE

**C. R. MOCINE, Capt., S-2.**

RANK AND DUTY

SIGNATURE

**G. W. NEVILLS, LtCol., Commanding.**

RANK AND DUTY

**29 March, 1945.**

DATE