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	XI. ATTACK ON EN					
(a)	Target(s) and Location	South Oc	cean Beach,	NOT Je Is., Wot	me Over Target(s).	1515 M (Zone)
(c)	Clouds Over Target	1100, 8/10	CUMULIUS TO FEET.	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVE	R)	
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(f)	Bombing Tactics: Type	Glide-	(LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb S	Sight Used AN-1	(TYPE)
	Bombs Dropped per Rui	n6 planes	1 bombSpacing	— O (FEET)	Ititude of Bomb Rela	ease <u>50</u>
(g)	Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Gro	und: Destroyed	O Probably Des		_ Damaged 0
	(h) AIMING POINT		(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNIT EXPENDED, EACH AIMING	TION NO HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1	CD gun (E1), center positi		6-F4U-1D VEE-155	Six planes: 6-1400# napa	lm bombs 2	Serious
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1. CD Gun (El), Wotje Is: Of six mapalm bombs expended on this target, two hit squarely in the target area. The other four bombs were slightly long and hit slightly inboard of the gun position. A large explosion with flying debris was reported by the last planes in the formation and confirmed by observers. It is believed that the explosion may have been an ammunition storage area located near the gun position, but damage evaluation must wait for the development of photographs.

See diagrams attached.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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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).

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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

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

Six fighters of this command took off at 1400 M. following the SB2C's of VMSB231 from the deck. The mission was a coordinated strike on installations on Wotje Island, Wotje Atoll. The plan was to have the fighters drop Napalm bombs on the remaining gun of a coastal defense battery on the southern part of the island while the Helldivers made a simultaneous attack on a bivouac area and command post located along the central ocean coastline.

The two squadrons rendezvoused separately and flew to the target keeping visual contact. The fighters did not perform escort tactics because of the nature of their bomb load. Our planes used power settings of 1700 RPMs and 32

inches while climbing to 3000 feet enroute.

As the formation approached the target island the fighterydropped back slightly and allowed the SB2C's to go into their attack first. At a radio signal from the air coordinator the fighters started their glide from column formation at 1100 feet which was the base of the clouds. It was a glide with power on and all the planes were making around 200 knots when the bombs were released at 50 feet. The runs were made from east to west and recovery was over the lagoon.

The fighters joined up in a running rendezvous over the center of the lagoon and returned directly to their home base, Kwajalein Island, Kwajalein Atoll. On this re-

turn trip they were escorted by lag 13's R4D. The dumbo plane was observed on station.

Pilots participating in the strike were:

Capt., LYNCH, J.P., USMCR. 2dLt., SVOBODA, F.R., USMCR. lstLt., DENISON, C.R., USMCR. 2dLt., GARDINER, H.F., USMCR. 2dLt., MATAS, T.F., USMCR. 2dLt., SMITH, E.F.,

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In all respects all moterial functioned satisfactorily.

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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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