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Report # 1

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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	(c) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1		NONE		
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
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9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				

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
		NONE		

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	(d) AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV FUEL LOADED	(f) AV FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h) NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
						30	.50	20MM	MM	
F4U-1D	50	50	.7	230	75 GAL.		0			4

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, 6.5mm-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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(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) NGATPANG DISTRICT - BABELTHUAP Time Over Target(s) 1420-10 (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target 5/10 CUMULUS COVER AT 15000' -- 9/10 COVER AT 6000'
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target CLEAR (e) Visibility 20 MILES
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

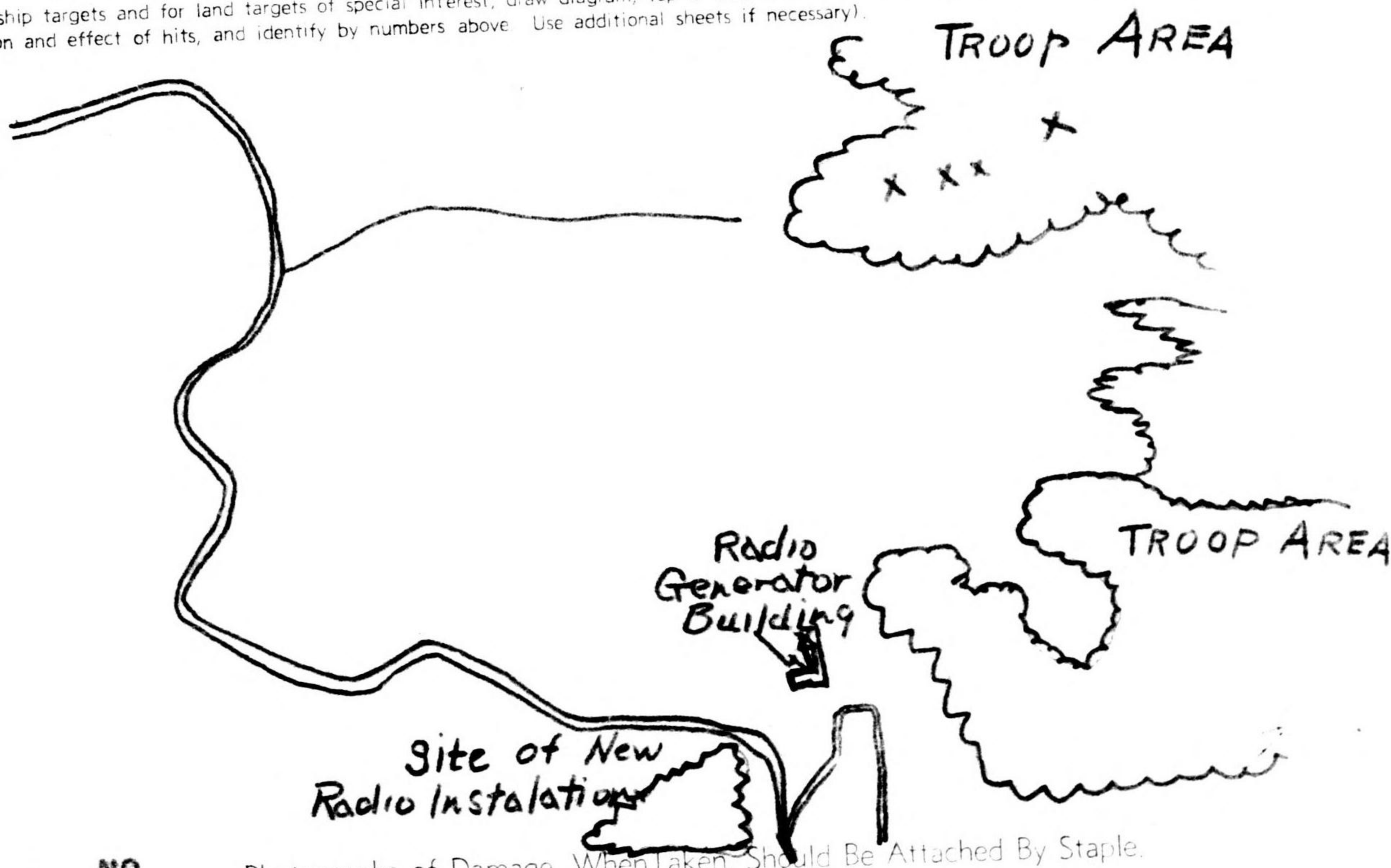
(f) Bombing Tactics: Type 45 DEGREE DIVE Bomb Sight Used NONE
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run 1 Spacing _____ Altitude of Bomb Release 1150 - 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 NORTHERN -MOST TROOP AREA	1500' X 600'	4 VMF-122	4 - 500 LB. G.P.'S	4	UNDETERMINED
GENERATOR BUILDING	150' X 108'	4 VMF-122	4 - 500 LB. G.P.'S	1	END OF ONE BLDG. DEMOLISHED
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).



(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

THIS STRIKE IS ONE OF ELEVEN ON THIS DATE DIRECTED AGAINST THE NGATPANG DISTRICT ON BABELTHUAP. TARGETS AS LISTED UNDER XI (H) ABOVE WERE SUGGESTED ALTHOUGH OVERALL AREA BOMBING WAS THE END RESULT DESIRED OF THIS PARTICULAR MISSION. SPECIFIC TARGETS OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED ON THIS REPORT WERE ASSIGNED TO OTHER PELELIU BASED SQUADRONS.

APPROACHING TARGET AREA NO. 1 AT 5000', THE PLANES PEELED OFF AROUND THE CLOCK. WIDE COVERAGE OF THIS HEAVILY WOODED TROOP AREA WAS OBTAINED. SEE DIAGRAM FOR REPORTED LOCATION OF THE RESPECTIVE HITS. THE NATURE OF THE TARGET PRECLUDES AN APPRAISAL OF THE DAMAGE SUSTAINED.

THE SECOND BOMB IN EACH INSTANCL WAS UTILIZED IN AN ATTEMPT TO DESTROY THE RADIO GENERATOR BUILDING, SHOWN IN THE DIAGRAM. THIS TARGET WAS STRUCK WITH THE BELLOW LISTED RESULTS.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RELEASE PT.</u>	<u>CONTACT PT.</u>
LT. TULIPANE	1500'	OVERSHOT TARGET BY 50' - NO DAMAGE
LT. BLANEY	1300'	DUD BOMB - UNOBSERVED.
LT. RUSSELL	900'	NEAR MISS - BOMB FELL IN COURTYARD FORMED BY "LY SHAPE OF BLDG. - DAMAGING HIT NORTHERNMOST SECTION OF BUILDING DEMOLISHING ONE CORNER.
LT. TABLER	1100'	

A STAGGERED COLUMNFORMATION WAS EMPLOYED IN THE DIVE BOMBING OF THIS TARGET, THE RUNS BEING MADE FROM SOUTH-EAST TO NORTHWEST.

IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT HERE THAT NORMALLY THIS IS A VERY ACTIVE A/A AREA AND FOR THIS REASON THE PILOTS WERE CAUTIONED TO RELEASE AS HIGH AS POSSIBLE TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE CLOUD COVER.

IT IS BELEIVED THAT THE ONE BOMB LISTED AS A "DUD" WAS PROPERLY ARMED, THE ARMING WIRE WAS RETURNED.

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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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