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Report # 17

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OPNAV-16-381 (6-45) FORM ACA 2

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED (Reclassify when filled in)

Sheet 1 of 2

(Short Form for routine actions only)

I. GENERAL

Read Instructions before filling out

(a) Unit Reporting VAF-122 (b) Ship or base Peleliu (c) Report No. 17 (d) Take off: Date 15 Aug. 45 Time (LZT) 0830 -10 (Zone) (e) Time of Return 0830 -10 (Zone) (f) Target Koror (g) Round-Trip Distance Flown 65 (Miles)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT

Table with 7 columns: (a) TYPE, (b) SQUADRON, (c) TAKING OFF, (d) NUMBER ENGAGING ENEMY A/C, (e) ATTACKING TARGET, (f) BOMBS, ROCKETS, CLUSTERS, TORPEDOES, NAPALM & DROP FUEL TANKS CARRIED PER PLANE, (g) FUZE DELAYS, TORPEDO DEPTH SETTING. Row 1: P4U-1B, 122, 11, 0, 11, 2-500 lb. G.P.'s, VI Nose (750-34) Non Delay Tail.

III. ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENGAGED

IV. ENEMY PLANES DAMAGED IN AIR (Give details in narrative)

Table with 7 columns: (a) TYPE, (b) NUMBER ENGAGED, (c) TIME/ZONE, (d) LOCATION, (a) TYPE ENEMY A/C, (b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY TYPE A/C SQUADRON PILOT OR GUNNER, (c) DAMAGE CLAIMED.

V. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT

Table with 5 columns: (a) TYPE OWN A/C, (b) SQUADRON, (c) CAUSE: Type ENEMY A/C, AA, TYPE GUN OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE, (d) WHERE HIT & ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit), (e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE (Give Bureau No. of plane destroyed). Row 1: 1, None.

VI. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (Identify with planes listed in V by nos. at left)

Table with 5 columns: (a) No., (b) SQUADRON, (c) NAME, RANK, OR RATING, (d) CAUSE, (e) CONDITION OR STATUS. Row 1: None.

VII. ATTACK ON TARGET

(a) Location Koror (Western End) (b) Time over target 0830 -10 (Zone) (c) Weather, clouds, visibility CAWU (d) Bombing tactics Dive (Level, Glide, Dive, by type of plane) (e) Bomb Sight used None (Type for each type of plane) (f) AA present: Yes. No.

Table with 9 columns: (g) AIMING POINT, (h) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE, (i) No. A/C Attacking, (j) Squadron, (k) BOMBS, ROCKETS, AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT (Give fuzing used if selectively armed), (l) NO. HITS ON AIMING POINT, (m) Altitude of Release (Ft.), (n) Dive Angle, (o) Spacing of Bombs (Ft.), (p) Indicated Air Speed (Kts), (q) Range of Release of Rockets. Row 1: Western Koror Area Bombing, 1000yds, 1000yds, 11, 122, 21-500 lb. G.P.'s, 20, 11000, 60 deg, 320kts.

Give results and narrative on separate sheet, follow outline.

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VII (r) Results:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Target No.</u> | <u>Contact Pt.</u> |
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| Major Richards | 1 | Bombs detonated over indicated area. |
| Lt. Little | 1 | " " |
| Lt. Jackson | 1 | " " |
| Lt. Brown | 1 | " " |
| Lt. Frisk | 1 | " " |
| Lt. Brown | 1 | " " |
| Lt. Dodson | 1 | " " |
| Lt. Lemon | 1 | " " |
| Lt. Knight | 1 | One bomb hit indicated area; the other failed to release and was returned to base. |
| Lt. Kirby | 1 | One on edge of target; the other in water. |
| Lt. Loos | 1 | Both bombs on target. |

VIII

Resuming combat activities after three days of reconnaissance flights, this scheduled 12 plane strike was briefed to release over a target area approximately 1000 yds. x 1000 yds. at the Western end of Koror. The attack plan called for an approach at 15,000' with specific instructions that everyone release not lower than 10,000'. Excellent area bombing results were achieved. The entire target area was covered with smoke, dust, and debris for some ten minutes following the strike.

One plane was prevented from taking off on this strike due to Magneto trouble of a minor nature. It is believed that a shorted solenoid was responsible for the one bomb which failed to release.

The last division in on the target noted five or six bursts of Heavy calibre AA at 9000'. It was inaccurate.

Word of the successful termination of hostilities did not reach this strike until the rendezvous had been completed at approximately 0905.

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