





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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Gagil--Tomil Airfield  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)  
 Strafe surface craft. (b) Time Over Target(s) 1415 "I" Zone

(c) Clouds Over Target None  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

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

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Dive  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) Bomb Sight Used Mark 8  
(TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run 11 Spacing \_\_\_\_\_ Altitude of Bomb Release 2,000  
(NUMBER) (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. HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 SW end airfield	4500 x	12 FG-1A	11---500 lb. G.P.	6	Serious
Gagil--Tomil--Yap	200	VMF-121	1000--50 caliber		
Houses & Barges at 233 K		7 FG-1A	3000--50 caliber		Unknown
		VMF-121			
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).

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(p) Were Photographs Taken? \_\_\_\_\_ Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.  
**None Available**

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**NARRATIVE:**

Major Clay's flight of twelve planes approached the Gagil-Tomil Airfield over the island from the west at 13,000 feet. A clean dive of approximately 70° was initiated from 11,000 feet. Major Clay, taking as his aiming point the SW end of the strip, made a turn of 110° making his pullout over the water to the south. Each succeeding plane took a spot about 200 feet up the strip as an aiming point, and rendezvoused about five miles south of the island. Six direct hits were made on the field causing serious damage along its entire length with five bombs dropped just wide of the strip.

On a run around the island group no activity was observed although a house and barge were strafed at 233 K.

No AA was encountered either over the field or on the barge sweep.

Lt. Beall was seen to go into his dive over the strip but he did not rejoin the formation at the rendezvous. Major Clay climbed to 10,000 feet circling over the field several times endeavoring to find some trace of the lost pilot and plane. No visible evidence was seen.

Major Hay brought the ten plane flight back arriving at Peleliu at 1605. Major Clay returned to base at 1645.

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**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