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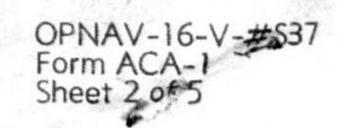
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I. GENERAL

	SQUADRON	TOFFICIAL	NUMBER	ATTACKING		BOMBS AN	ID TORPEDOES		FUZE, SETT	NG	
(a)	. (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	TARGET (e)		CARRIED	(PER PLANE)		(g)		
1-2	VC-76	5		5	2 VF	1 Napal	m bomb				
	HER U. S. C		AIRCRAFT	EMPLOYE!	DINTH	IS OPERA	TION. SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE		
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER IT	SS STEAM	ER BAY (CVE87)						
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Did Any Encoun Time of of Sun	nt Enemy My Part of ter(s) Occur Day and Brior Moon.	r in Clouds? illiance	(YES OR NO	NE) NE) If so, Des	AY, OVERCAS	ST; ETC.)		(k) Visibil	(14)	ER)	
	EMY AIRCI	NAFT DEST	ROYED OR	DAMAGED	IN AIR	(By Own	Aircraft L	isted in II Onl	C)	DAMA	
TYPE ENEMY A/C	TYPE A/C	1		OT OR GUNNE	R	GUNS	USED	WHERE H	IIT, ANGLE	CLAIM	
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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	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)
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(b) D. SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) TYPE	(b) MILES			d) (e) HOURS AV. FUEL	AV. FUEL	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h) NO. OF PLANES	
A/C	OUT	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING	
FM-2	30	30	2.2	175	80		3000			5	

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HÉAVY — 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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XI. ATTACK ON EN	1. Gun en	GROUND OBJECTI	VES (By Own A	ircraft Listed	in II Only).	1358 - 10 (Zone)
a) Target(s) and Location	(FOR SHIP	S INCLUDE ALL IN AREA U	INDER ATTACK)	(b) Time Ove	i largetts/.	
c) Clouds Over Target_S						
(d) Visibility of Target_E	Partially obs	Scured by cloud	S BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	(e) \	isibility 8 mi	les at sea level
(f) Bombing Tactics: Type	e	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)		Bomb Sight Us	ed	(TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Ru	IN(NUMBER	Spacing	(FEET)	Altitude	of Bomb Rel	ease(FEET)
(g) Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probab	ly Destroyed_		_ Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND A EXPENDED, EACH	MMUNITION AIMING POINT	NO. HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1		2 FM-2	O Manalm		misses	Hit building beyon target. Fire star
Gun emplacement		VC-76 5 FM-2	2 Napalm		MILSSES	
Stores and troops in ravine		VC-76	18 5" HER,	.50 cal.	In area	None observed
3		USS STEAMER BAY				
4						
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(p) Were Photographs Taken? No Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

⁽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).



Describe action fully and comment freely

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

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

2 VF with Napalm bombs attacked a gun position. The bombs carried 100 yards over the position. However, a building was hit by one bomb and set on fire.

VF then made a strafing and rocket run on a ravine containing trucks, supplies and troops. VT dropped their bombs and rockets in this area.



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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

SIGNATURE

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

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