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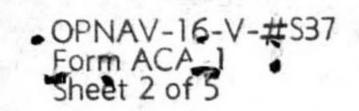
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TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)			AND TORPEDOES  (PER PLANE)  (f)	5	FUZE, SE	
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TYPE	OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	ENCOUNTERED	LOCA	BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED GUNS OBSERVED		DOES CARRIED; BSERVED	CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING		
None			(ZONE	)						
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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)	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).

a) (b) IO. SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
	None -		

VIII RANGE FUEL. AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(h) NO. OF PLANES
RETURNING
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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				
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm			X	

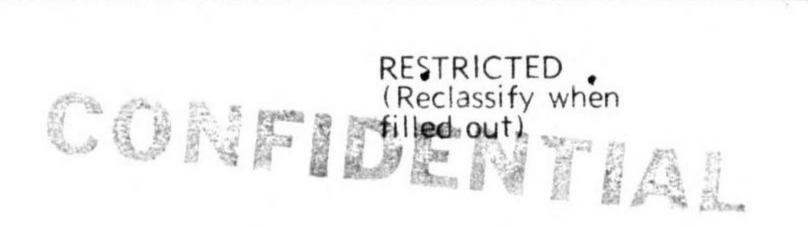
X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

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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(a)	XI. ATTACK ON EN Target(s) and Location							(Zone
	Clouds Over Target	44						
	Visibility of Target	0				/isibility	(MILES)	
<b>(f)</b>	Bombing Tactics: Type	9	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)		Bomb Sight Us		(TYPE)	
	Bombs Dropped per Ru	n(NUMBE	Spacing 5	(FEET)	Altitude	of Bomb Rele	ease 1500 (FEET	1200
(g)	Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed		ly Destroyed_		_ Damaged	
	(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND A EXPENDED, EACH	AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, serious, destroyed	slight, or sunk)
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(o)	RESULTS: (For all hits claimed of hits. For all targets give to	ocation and effect of	for land targets of special in hits, and identify by number	rs above. Use addition	al sheets if necessa	ary).		and location

Ref: Air Support Chart, Okinawa of 64th Engr. Top. Bn. USAFCPBC, Dec. 1944.

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

Photos attached taken by photo plane on 12 April 1945.

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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

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

Lieutenant James LOME, USMR. led this group of 47T against tergets in the island of IM SMIMA.

The primary objective was the neutralization of the southern beaches of the island, and a combined bombing, rocket, and strafing attack was made along beach areas in TA's 5132 to 5931. Rombing runs were made from west to east; drops being made at an altitude of 1200 feet.

Direct hits were observed in cares on 8932 D.E. and trenches in 8933 Y. Trenches and pillboxed in 8332 S.T. and 8432 P.O.A. were also hit.

He accurate essessment of damage could be made.

Ref: Air Support Chart, Okinawa of Sith Engr. Top Bn. USAFCPBC. Dec. 1944.

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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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