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None					
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VII. PE	RSONNEL	CASUALTIES (in aircraft lis	sted in I	I only; identify with planes I	isted in VI by Nos. at left).
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IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Che	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

None encountered.

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Clouds Over Target_	None	(BASE IN FEET	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
Visibility of Target_	Hazy to	lear 4500*	(e)	Visibility	0-12
Rocket Bombing Tactics: Typ	10% M	AZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED		9	(MILES)
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Artillery emplacements were the object of attack in the areas assigned. They were situated on a sharp, rugged, formation in the central portion of Ie Shima. The nature of the terrain and the subsequent smoke and dust from rockets and strafing obscured the target from view.

⁽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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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

RECOMMENDATIONS

Fighter Direction

Recognition, Aircraft

Use of Radar

Night Fighting

Own Weaknesses
Enemy Weaknesses
Offensive Tactics, Own
"Enemy
Defensive Tactics, Own
"Enemy
Flexible Gunnery, Own
Escort Tactics

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

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Eight HELLCATS of Fighting Squadron TWELVE escorted a similar number of Torpedo Squadron TWELVE AVENGERS to OKINAWA to participate in attacking Air Support targets in conjunction with the ground operations. Artillery emplacements positioned on a rugged hill in central IE SHIMA were rocketed and strafed with unobserved results. The exact targets were difficult to observe due to the nature of the terrain and the dust and smoke in the erea.

Unlike OKINAWA isself, anti-aircraft was encountered on IE SHIMA; this was moderate, accurate fire from automatic weapons.

VHF communications were poor. Upon reporting on station CASCU directed the strike group to shift to channel VICTOR. None of the VF, of which the strike commander was an element, and only one of the VF had this channel set up on their radios. All messages were received on channel VICTOR and re-transmitted on channel WILLIAM.

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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

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

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