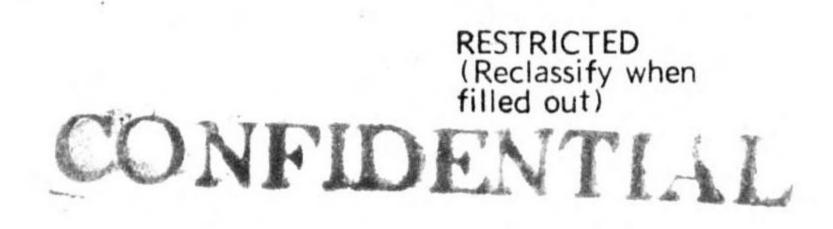
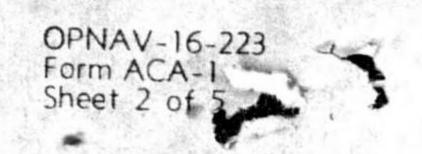
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(a) Unit Re	porting V	C-76	(b)	Based on or	at_USS_	PETRO	F BAY (C	VE 80) (c	:) Report No	90	
					•				5 N Long.		
(e) Mission	Strike	on Chic	hi Jima				(f) Time of	Return 1659	9 - 1@Zone)	
II. OV	VN AIRCRA	FT OFFIC	IALLY COVE	RED BY TH	HIS REPOR	RT.					
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER				BOMBS AND TORPEDOES					
(a)	(b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)	CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)			FUZE, SETTING (g)			
FM-2	VC-76	4		4	6 -	6 - 5" HER			Base fuse		
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111. 0	THER U. S.	OR ALLIE	D AIRCRAFT	EMPLOYED	IN THIS	OPER	ATION.				
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE		TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BA	SE	
FM-2		4	USS SARGEN		VE83)		-				
FMe2	 	4	USS STEAME	,		VE87)					
TBM-1C			USS STEAME	R BAY (C	VE87)		1				
IV. EN	NEMY AIRC	RAFT OBS	ERVED OR E	NGAGED (E	By Own Ai	rcraft l	Listed in 11	Only).			
(a) TYPE	(b)	NO. ENGAGIN OWN A/C	(d) TIME		(e) TION OF DUNTER	BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED			CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING		
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(j) of Sun	y Part of ter(s) Occu f Day and Bri or Moon	r in Clouds	(YES OR NO)	HT MOON; DAY,	OVERCAST;	ETC.)		_(k) Visib		VER)	
(a)	(b) DESTRO	YED OR DAM		AMAGED	III AIR (D	y Own	All Clair Lis	ted iii ii Oi	(c)	(d)	
TYPE ENEMY A/C	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT	OR GUNNER		GUNS (JSED	WHERE	HIT, ANGLE	DAMAGE CLAIMED	
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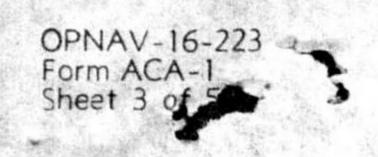


(a)	(b)		(c)		NAL, OF OW	(4)					
YPE OWN A/C SQUADRON TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE		where H self-sealing	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)		(Give Bureau serial number of plan		OR DAMAGE, er of planes destroyed				
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VII PER	SONNELC	ACIIA	TIEC (::	(1. 1. 1							
(6)	JOININEL C	AJUA		rcraft listed	in II only; id	entify with	planes list	ted in VI b	y Nos. at	left).	
SQUADRON	NA	NAME, RANK OR RATING				(d) CALISE			(e) CONDITION OR STATUS		
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VIII RA	NGE FIIFI	ΛN	D AAAAAIINII	TION DAT	A FOR PLAN	IFC DETIID					
(a)	111	c)	(d)	(e)						T	
TYPE A	MILES M	ILES TURN	AV. HOURS	AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL -	30 (g) I		NITION EXPEN		NO. OF PLANE	
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IX. ENE	MY ANTI-A	AIRCRA	AFT ENCOU	NTERED (C	Check one block	ck on each	line)				
IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Chec					NON		MEAGER	MOF	DERATE	INITENICE	
EAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over								74101	LIVATE	INTENSE	
EDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm										A.	
GHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm					1					. A.	

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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(a) Target(s) and Location	1. Planes	GROUND OBJECTI on Susaki Airf ar Dogs in Futa	VES (By ield mi Bay	Own Aircraft Lister	d in II Only) ver Target(s)	1450 - 10 (Zone)
(a) Target(s) and Location	3. Fiving	boats in Futam	i Bav	CK)	er ranget (5)	1201107
(c) Clouds Over Target_	Strato-cumul	us, 4900 - 6000	. Ft.	8/10 TENTHS OF COVER)		
(d) Visibility of Target Page	cclear, HA	cealed by cloud	S BY CLOUDS	(e)	Visibility_1	O miles
(f) Bombing Tactics: Type	e	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)		Bomb Sight L	Ised	(TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Ru	IN (NUMBE	Spacing	(FE	Altitude	of. Bomb Re	ease(FEET)
(g) Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed		Probably Destroyed		Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMB	(1) S AND AMMUNITION D, EACH AIMING POINT	NO HITS On Aiming Point	
1 Two-engine plane		1 FM-2				
on field		VC-76	• 50	ammo.		Fired
2		4 FM-2			*	
Sugar Dogs		VC-76	**	**		2 Sugar Dogs hit
3		2 FM-2				Hits scored, but
Emilys on water	· :	VC-76	**	**		no damage observed
4						
5						
6	70					
7						
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⁽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

Own Weaknesses
Enemy Weaknesses
Offensive Tactics, Own
" , Enemy
Defensive Tactics, Own
" , Enemy
Flexible Gunnery, Own
Escort Tactics
Fighter Direction
Use of Radar

ATTACK

OWN TACTICS

Night Fighting

Recognition, Aircraft

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

Twelve FM-2's and one VT struck Chichi Jima. Priority of targets was to be: (a) aircraft in air on or ground, (b) ships and small boats.

Arriving over target, approximately 15 Sugar Dogs were spotted in Futami Bay. Also two large flying boats, believed to be Emilys and apparently operational, were moored in the bay, plus a small float plane next to the seaplane ramp.

Four VF of VC-76 picked the following targets for their first run:

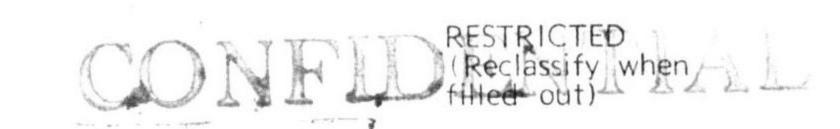
- (a) Plane on airfield attacked by one pilot. Plane was burning when strike left, but pilot believes that planes of the STEAMER or SARGENT BAY succeeded in firing it.
- (b) Two Sugar Dogs strafed by 3 VF, with no visible results, although it is believed that hits were scored.
 - (c) Emilys strafed by one VF. No results observed.

Run on the two Sugar Dogs was repeated by three of the VF pilots. Strike then rendezvoused and returned to base.

Intense AA was encountered on all runs.

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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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