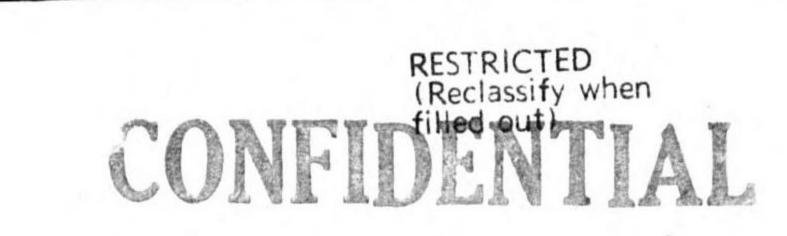
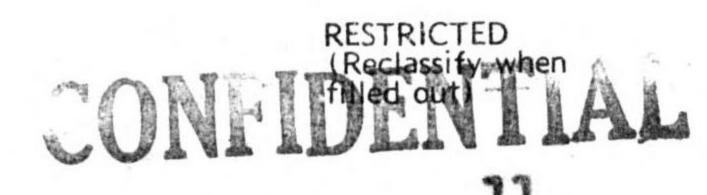
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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT



I. GENERAL

	Date 22			Time (LZ)			(f) Time of	M Long. 140 Return 1215 K	(Zone)
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			NUMBER		P	BOMBS AN	D TORPEDOES	5	FUZE, SETTI	NG
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)	CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)			(g)		
6F-5	VBP-9	12	0	12	Napal 2400	m Bomb	cal			
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6F-5	V.Dy	•								
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B1-3	VT-9	7/.		FF		SB2C-	VB-80	13	**	
	ent Enemy Iny Part of onter(s) Occ	cur in Clou Brilliance	Ids? (YES OR	ZONE) ZONE) ZONE) If so, De	AY, OVERCAS	uds	(BASE	(k) Vis	AND TENTHS OF COV	ER)
Time (or Moori -	COAFT DE	CTDOVED C	R DAMAGE		(D)			(c) RE HIT, ANGLE	DAMA(
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(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
		none		
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VII PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) NO.	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
		none		
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do				

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

MILES	MILES		AV ELLE	AV. FUEL	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				NO. OF PLANES
OUT	RETURN	AV. HOURS IN AIR	AV. FUEL LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
48	65	3	250	205		3000	,		20
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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	22			
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	**			

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

No opportunity.

DIVES CEILINGS

TURNS

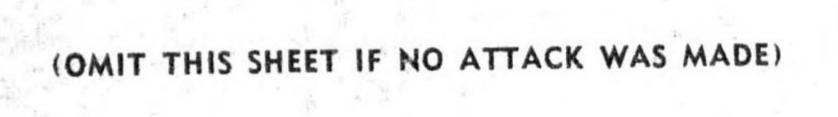
RANGE

PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

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) Clouds Over Target	2000	(BASE IN FEET	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
			SY CLOUDS, ETC.)		(MILES)
Bombing Tactics: Type	Lovel at 1	LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight U		8 6
Bombs Dropped per Rui	n(NUMBER	Spacing	(FEET) Altitude	of Bomb Rele	ease
Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Grou	und: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed	1090	_ Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT		(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None slight serious destroyed or sunk
Toot side 201	eco sq yds	20 P6P-5's	12 Napalm Bombs	100%	u/d
East side 200			8 500% G.P. bombs 3000 X .50 cal		CF. below
			,		
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2. All Mapalm bombs fell in target area (some did not explode CF meterial com ent) and

8 of our 8 500% C.P.'s as well.

3. Strike given oral "well done" by air coordinator.

of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sheets if necessary)

^{1.} This area was designated by air coordinator. Tlanes of U.S.S. MANCOCK and planes from VF-9 preceded our aircraft. Due to the heavy rain, dust and debris from prior attacks, mayal, and artillery bombardment results cannot be determined.



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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

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

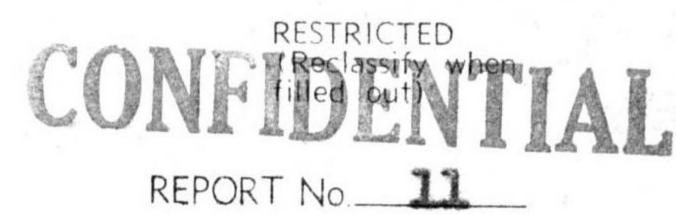
Navigation
Homing
Rendezvous
Recognition, Ships
Communications
Flight Operations
Search and Tracking
Base Operations
Maintenance

Support Strike #1 took off from U.S.S. LEXINGTON at 0915 K and effected rendezvous with units of U.S.S. HANCOCK (CF. page 1 for numbers and types). Approach to the target, INO JIMA, was made just below and 2000 overcast and orbit taken at Point Easy - 10 miles 090° of Mt. Suribachi. About 1100 K the entire strike was ordered to hit enemy installations in west side area 201 and east side of area 200.

Our planes followed the U.S.S. HANCOCK aircraft and VF-9's aircraft in this attack. We approached the target area, flying over it at 2500' from north to south. We then circled to the left in a line of divisions, peel-off being to the west with planes attacking the target area in columns, the 12 Napalm bomb earrying aircraft dove from 2500' and entered the target area at altitudes from 100 feet to 250 feet and dropped their Napalm bombs, speed 280-300 kmots. The 8 aircraft with 500% G.P.'s made a glide (300) approach from the same direction and altitude and dropping at 700' into the target area.

The designated target area was hit during a driveng rain with poor visibility. Our attack was preceded by many Navy aircraft with resultant dust and debris. Consequently it is not possible to detail results. The flight however received a "well done" from the ground forces via the air coordinator.

Retirement was made to the north and rendezvous made at 2000. No further action was had the strike returning to base without incident at 1215 K.



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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The 12 planes of this unit were successful in dropping all Napalm bombs in assigned target area. It is the consensus of opinion amongst the pilots however that only about 60% of same detonated. The ones that did detonate gave a vivid flame area about 100' X 100' and approximately 50' high for 15 seconds.

All other material performed satisfactorily.

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