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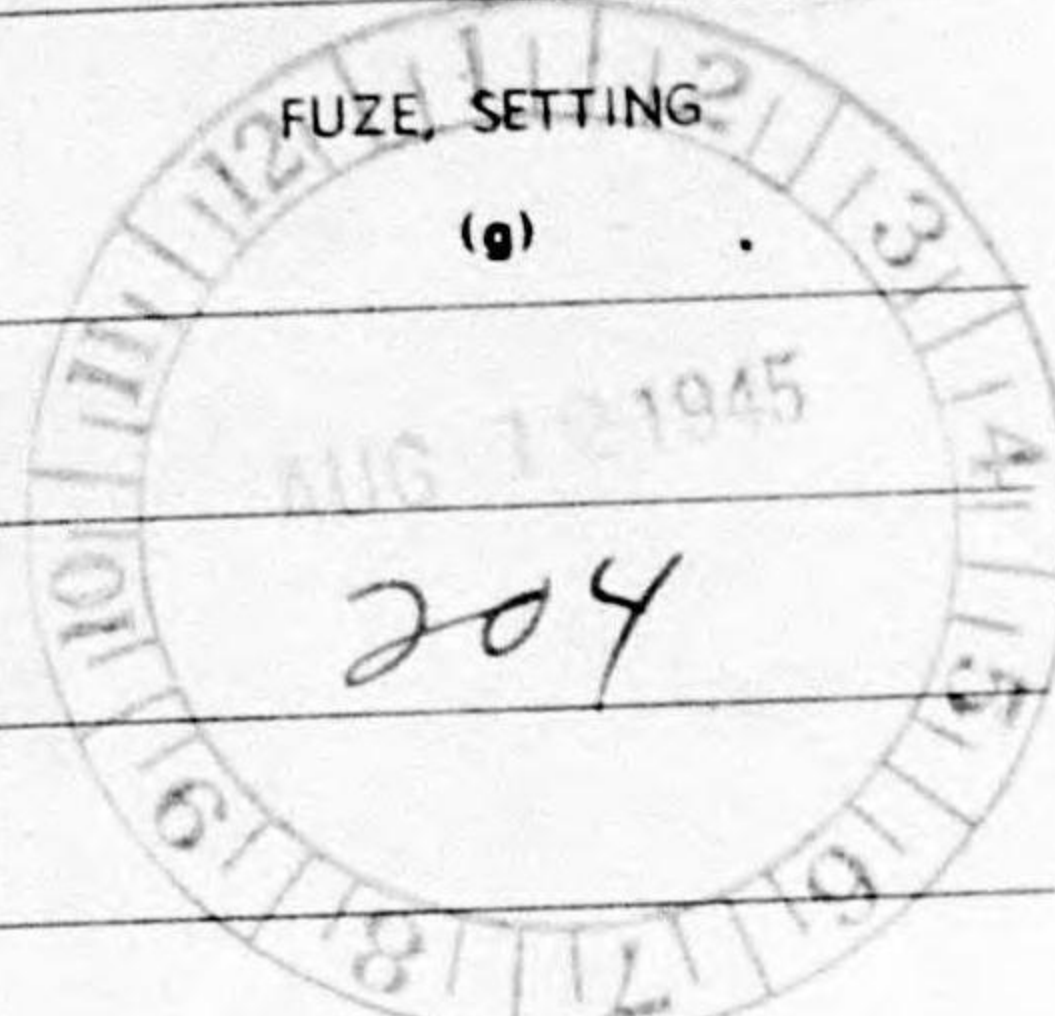
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GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VNF-113 (b) Based on or at Charlie Airstrip, Ia Shina (c) Report No. 101
 (d) Take off: Date 13 July, 1945 Time (LZT) 1534 Item (Zone); Lat. 26° 43' N Long 127° 47' E
Jima, Sakishima Gunto.
 (e) Mission Dive Bomb and Srafe targets of opportunity, Iahigaki (f) Time of Return 1905 Item (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
<u>F4U-1D</u>	<u>VNF-113</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4 - AR5" HE, head - Inst-33</u>	
<u>P-40</u>	<u>VNF-113</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4 - AR5" HE, head - Inst-33</u>	

III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<u>Corsairs</u>	<u>VNF-314</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>Charlie Airstrip, Ia Shina.</u>				
<u>Corsairs</u>	<u>VNF-422</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>Charlie Airstrip, Ia Shina.</u>				

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	(c) NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	(ZONE)	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) None
 Did Any Part of
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? No If so, Describe Clouds None (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 (j) Time of Day and Brilliance None (k) Visibility None (MILES)
 of Sun or Moon None (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON, DAY, OVERCAST, ETC.)

V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:			GUNS USED	(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER			
<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>

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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	(c) 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)
1 None	None	None	None	None
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				

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	None		None	None

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

(a) TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	(d) AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	(f) AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h) NO OF PLANES RETURNING
						30	50	20MM	MM	
F4U-1B	175	175	3.7	395	280	0	7050	0	0	8
F8F-1B	175	175	3.7	395	250	0	5000	0	0	8

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

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	0			
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	0			
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	0			

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

SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

No enemy aircraft encountered.

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Grounded planes, A/A positions, Bridges, Boats, Buildings, Ishigaki. (b) Time Over Target(s) 1745 Item Item (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 3000 - 2/10 Cumulus (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility Unlimited (MILES)
- (f) ~~ROCKET~~ Tactics: Type Dive Bomb Sight Used AN MK-Mod.6
- ~~ROCKETS~~ Dropped per Run 4 Spacing - - - - - Altitude of Bomb Release 2000
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 1 Probably Destroyed 0 Damaged 0

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 <u>Grounded planes, A/A positions,</u>	<u>- - - - -</u>	<u>16</u> <u>VNF-113</u>	<u>58 - AR5^o HE, head</u> <u>Inst-ND</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>Undetermined</u> <u>(except direct hit</u> <u>on Val-See narrative</u>
2 <u>Bridges, Boats and Buildings.</u>					
3			<u>12,050 rounds .50 cal.</u>	<u>- - -</u>	<u>Undetermined</u>
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					

(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).

One (1) direct hit was observed on a grounded Val. Other results were undetermined due to lack of observation.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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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

- Disposition
- 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

(13 July, 1945) Sixteen (16) Corsairs of VMF-113 took off from Charlie Airstrip, Ie Shima, Okinawa Gunto at 1534 Item as part of a combined dive bombing, rocket and strafing mission to Ishigaki Island, Sakashima Gunto. Each plane from this squadron was armed with rockets and full ammunition and assigned targets of opportunity on the island.

The approach to the island was from the northwest at 11,000 feet. The attack was made by divisions, starting at 11,000 feet and diving at 70° and 320 knots indicated. Release was at 2,000 feet and pulling out at 1,000 feet the planes strafed as they retired close to the deck.

Targets attacked were grounded planes, A/A positions, bridges, boats, a pier and buildings in the town of Ishigaki. Numerous fires were started in the town. One (1) direct rocket hit was observed on a grounded Val. Other results were undetermined due to lack of observation.

No anti-aircraft fire was observed.

All planes returned safely to base, arriving at 1905 Item.

The following VMF-113 pilots participated:

- Maj. W.J. SIMS - Division leader
- 1st Lt. H.E. WENDT - Wingman
- 1st Lt. G.K. O'MALLEY - Section leader.
- 1st Lt. H.L. JUNGI - Wingman

- Capt. W.A. BALDWIN - Division leader
- 1st Lt. D.C. HALLQUIST - Wingman
- 1st Lt. B.H. TUTTLE - Section leader
- 1st Lt. H.F. SMITH - Wingman

- Capt. Robert DAILEY, Jr. - Division leader
- 2nd Lt. J.L. SCOTT - Wingman
- 2nd Lt. H.J. PETERSEN - Section leader
- 1st Lt. S.R. CROWELL - Wingman

- 1st Lt. J.D. JOHNSON - Division leader
- 2nd Lt. T.J. WHITE - Wingman
- 2nd Lt. J.W. SMITH - Section leader
- 2nd Lt. S.O. MINARD - Wingman

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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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