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I. GENERAL

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(e) Mission II. OW			IALLY COV	ERED BY TH				(1) Time 0	f Return 1500	
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)			ND TORPEDO (PER PLANE (f)			SETTING g)
F6F-5	VF-12		. 0	4	435	" HVAI	}		.025 dela	ay base
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III. O	THER U. S.	OR ALLIE	DAIRCRAFT	EMPLOYED	IN TH	HIS OPERA	ATION.			
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE		TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BA	ASE
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IV. EN	NEMY AIRC	RAFT OBS	ERVED OR E	NGAGED (	By Own	Aircraft L	isted in 1	Only).		
(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGIN OWN A/C	G TIME ENCOUNTER		(e) TION OF DUNTER		BOMBS, TORP GUNS (	(f) EDOES CARRIED OBSERVED	CAMO	(g) DUFLAGE AND MARKING
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(h) Appare	nt Enemy N	Aission(s)			•					
	y Part of		2	_If so, Descr	ibe Clo	uds				
	f Day and Br		(YES OR NO				(BASE I	N FEET, TYPE	bility	(MILES)
V. EN	EMY AIRCI	RAFT DEST		DAMAGED			Aircraft Li	isted in 11 C		
(a) TYPE		T COLLABORA	1	OT OR GUNNER		GUNS L	ISED	WHERE	(c) HIT, ANGLE	DAMAGE CLAIMED
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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	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e)  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	CONDITION OR STATUS		
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				NO. OF PLANES
						.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
P6P-5	90	85	3h.40m.	400	230		2,900			- Le
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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	Z			
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

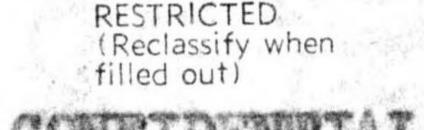
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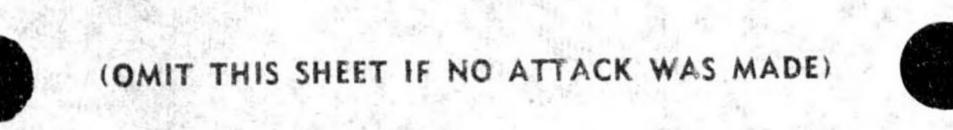
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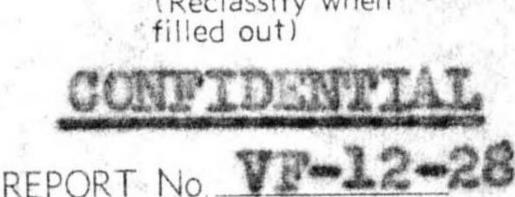
RANGE

PROTECTION

ARMAMENT







XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only). (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Artillery Implacements, (b) Time Over Target(s) 1310(I) (Zone) None (c) Clouds Over Target (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER) (d) Visibility of Target Bomb Sight Used III 23 sunsight Glide (f) Bombing Tactics: Type (LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE) Altitude of Bomb Release 1000 Spacing. Bombs Dropped per Run Probably Destroyed (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed. BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT NO HITS On DIMENSIONS OR (i) NO A/C ATTACKING DAMAGE (None, slight, (h) serious, destroyed or sunk) Aiming Point AIMING POINT (k) SQUADRON TONNAGE 18 18-5" HVAR Unobserved TA 7573, C, H 4x500# G.P. VF-12

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All hits were on target in the area described. Artillery emplacements were said to be there but were visible to none of the pilots.

<sup>(</sup>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.)

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The four HELLCATS concerned in this report a cted as escort to and from the beach for dive bomber and torpedo planes of Air Group TWELVE. A constant T-CAP was flown over OKINAWA throughout the day with all Task Groups contributing to its maintenance. This strike was uneventful; all bombs and rockets struck the general area (target), but no exact artillery pieces were discerned. Scattered

woods and huts covered the area, concealing the target em-

placements. Results were, therefore, undetermined, though

several fires were started in grid HOW of Target Area 7573.

#### 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

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Though listed here for the first time in the reports of

VF-12, most pilots have previously remarked that the target

grids of OKINAWA were weefully incomplete, and at times in-

exact. The enormity of the problem is understood. It is

short of the easily read charts covering IWO JIMA.

felt, however, that the efforts of this operation fell far

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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