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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

(a)
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(CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C
TYPE OWN A/C
SQUADRON

(c)
(d)
WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, seif-sealing tanks, equipment hit)

(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)

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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) (b) (c) NAME, RANK OR RATING

CAUSE

CONDITION OR STATUS

CONDITION OR STATUS

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

(a)_	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	((h) NO. OF PLANES			
TYPE A/C	MILES	RETURN	AV HOURS	LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
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76F-5	173	173	Abre 9 min	400			TAN DV			
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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				
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm				
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 airborne enery aircraft were seen.

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



(c) Clouds Over Target	GATT	(BASE IN FEET.	TYPE AND TENTHS OF	COVER)			
(d) Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HA	AZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	(e) \	/isibility	(MILES)	
(f) Bombing Tactics: Type	G14de	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bor	nb Sight Us	sedr. 8 111	(TYPE)	gunaigh
Bombs Dropped per Run	(NUMBE	Spacing	(FEET)	_ Altitude	of Bomb Rele	ease	EET)
(g) Number of Enemy Airc	craft Hit on Gr	ound: Destroyed	Probably	Destroyed_	0	_ Damaged	0
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMM EXPENDED, EACH AIM		(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (No serious, destroy	
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18 rockets were fired into the hangers and revetments at Akashi and one building which was probably a supply depot was burned, and one plane in a revetment was destroyed;

20 rockets were fired at a concentration of fishing boats and wharfs on I Shime, with unobserved results.

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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

DEFENSE, ENEMY

Use of Jamming

Defensive Tactics

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

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.)

> Lt.Comdr. G. M. Rousee led twelve Hellcate of Fighting Squadren FORTY-NIME from the USS SAN JACINTO on a sweep against airfields in the Nobe area. The primary mission of this flight was to obtain information about eight airfields in the area which had been assigned as targets to Air Group FORT-MIME. To assist in the accomplishment of this end two photograph planes were sent on the mission. The course to the field was along the cautern shore of the Mii straits to the inland soa, and thence across Amaji Island to a point on south central Ronshu just cost of Shikama. The attack on Himail, the first airfield to be struck, was made from the west, with the recovery over the hills to the northeast. It. L.A. Gundert's eighth division made the attack with the other two divisions remaining as top cover. Three bends were dropped in the hanger area from about 2,500 feet and the field was strafed. Some operational planes were seen, but damage was not assessed. After division eight regained altitude it remained as top cover while similar simultaneous attacks were unde on neighboring Kakagons and Akashi airfields by the other two divisions. Division One under the leadership of Lt.Condr. Rousee, rade a swoop against Kabagowa. No operational planes were seen on the field, and the attack was directed mainly against the hanger area. The entire field had been badly beaten up on previous attacks and for this reason new damage could not be assessed. The revetments along the southern edge of the field were strafed at low level on retirement. The third division, led by Lt. Heil A. Heckinnen strafed and rocketed the southern revotment area and what remained of the badly bettered bengars, along the west side of the field at Akashi. One plane was fired in a revetment, and a previously undamaged building, apparently a supply depot was burned by Ens. D.C. Crowiler who occured a direct hit with two reckets. The entire mission rendesvoused over the mater, northeast of Amaji island and after sufficient altitude had been regained, an attack was made on Minate airfield by divisions one and eight, with division three acting as top cover. The revetments and buildings to the southeast were recketed and strafed, and special attention was given to the anti-circraft positions which were largely concentrated in that portion of the sirfield. Several operational aircraft were seen on the strip, but no report of demage was made. After leaving Mineto, it was decided to determine whether the airfield or scaplane base which wer believed to be on I Shine. the south in Rii straits, was actually in operation. The island was very carefully looked over at low altitude but no air installations were seen. All the remaining rockets were fired into a large number of fishing vessols bunched along the southern shore, and into the adjacent wheres. The entire island was also beavily strafed, but no fires or other demage were seen. Lt(jg) R.C. Bright and Lt(jg) E.K. MacDonald, the photographic pilots with division three, obtained complete coverage of the airfields assigned this mission. Lt(jg) Wright covered Miki, Kakagowa, Kakagowa North and Minato fields, while Lt(jg) MacDonald photographed Himeji, Yahiro, Akashi and Hanjo. Heagre inaccurate automatic AA fire was encountered at Himeji and Kakagowa. No other flak was soon. The Flak Information furnished by the Task Group as usual was extremely sound. The suggested approaches to the area, and the attack and retirement courses were carefully followed and no effective opposition was encountered. Noturn to base was made at 1034(I).

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.

Use additional sheets if necessary).

All equipment performed normally.

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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