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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	X						
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 for comparison.

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

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XI. ATTACK ON EN	n(s)	R GROUND OBJECT	TIVES (By Own Aircraft Liste (b) Time O	d in II Only) ver Target(s)	. (Zone)
(c) Clouds Over Target	,500 feet	base - 5/1(T. TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
(d) Visibility of Target	Clear, HA	ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURE	(0)	Visibility	(MILES)
(f) Bombing Tactics: Type	Glide	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE	Bomb Sight L	Jsed	(TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Rui	n (NUMBE	Spacing_	(FEET) Altitude	of Bomb Rele	ease 1,500 (FEET)
(g) Number of Enemy Aire	craft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed		_ Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
positions east	side	VB-12	12-500 lb. bombs 24 - Rockets	All in	Unobserved
20f hill in area 8071 and 8072					
3 (West of Shuri)					
4					
5 Gun positions Area 7971		VD-12	2-500 lb. bombs 3- Rockets.	All hi	Unobserved
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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).

Six planes of the VB unit attacked saves and gun positions on the cast side of a hill just west of the town of Shuri. A total of five runs was made on the target. Each plane dropped one bomb on its first and second runs. Rockets were fired in pairs on the third and fourth runs, while the fifth run consisted solely of strafing. The amount of damage done was not determined, but all bombs and rockets hit in the exact target area.

One other plane dropped two bombs and fired three rockets into gun positions just southwest of the primary target. One rocket failed to release and was returned to base.

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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.)

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

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

A seven-place unit of the VB squadron, in company with a four-plane unit of the VV equadron and an eight-plane unit of the VI Squadron, took off at 1130 (local time) and prodoeded to C Kinawa Shima to provide air support for U. . Army ground forces. Upon arrival at Reference Point George. (southeast (Kinawa) the VB unit was directed to attack caves and gun positions on the east side of a hill just west of the town of Shuri. The Air Group Commander clearly marked the terget by a series of strafing runs, after which six planes of the VB unit formed a traffic pattern from northeast The planes were sufficiently separated to permit each pilot to observe the bomb or rocket hits of the plane ahead and make any necessary corrections. Lanh plane made five runs on the terget. Bombs, were dropped on and second runs, rockets fired in pairs on the third and fourth, while the fifth run consisted solely of strafing. All bombs, rockets and 20mm, shells hit in One plane from the VB unit attacked gun positions to the southwest and expended its bombs and rockets on this terget.

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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

REPORT PREPARED BY:

All material proved satisfactory.

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