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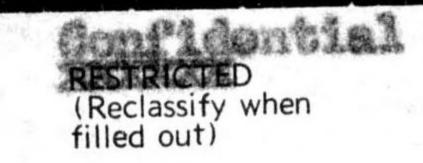
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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT



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REPORT No. VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only). (e)
EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE,
(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) (d)
WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C,
TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE (b) (a) TYPE OWN A/C SQUADRON

VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left). (e) (d) (c) CONDITION OR STATUS (b) (a) CAUSE NAME, RANK OR RATING SQUADRON

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING (h) NO. OF PLANES RETURNING (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED AV. FUEL CONSUMED (e) AV. FUEL LOADED AV. HOURS IN AIR (c) MILES RETURN (b) MILES OUT (a) MM 20MM TYPE A/C 330 220 3.2 36 570 217 130 0 52

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line). INTENSE MODERATE **MEAGER** NONE CALIBER 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

TURNS DIVES CEILINGS RANGE PROTECTION ARMAMENT

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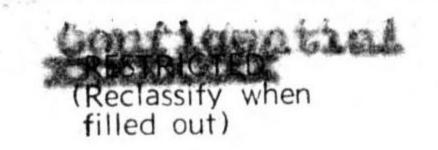


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(a)	XI. ATTACK ON Electrical Target(s) and Location	on (s) (FOR SH	R GROUND OBJECT	TIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed (b) Time Ov	d in II Only) er Target(s). (Zone)
(c)	Clouds Over Target		1200 BASE IN FEE	ET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		7
(d)	Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HA	ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURE	D BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	Visibility	(MILES)
(f)	Bombing Tactics: Type		(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE	Bomb Sight U	sed	(TYPE)
(g)	Bombs Dropped per Ru Number of Enemy Air	(NUMBE	R)	(FEET)	of Bomb Rel	
	(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON		(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1	Area above	400 x 400 yards	2 TM4-8	(16) 100 lb 6 AN-H 30 (16) HR Rockets Mk 1		serious, destroyed or sunk?
2			4 FM-2 VC-34	(17) Rockets as above (1) nemals tank	17	Unimown
3			2 TBH-5 70-86	number bombs, rockets		· **
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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).

Results could not be observed but the area assigned was well covered.





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

A support flight of 2 THI-5 and 4 FM-2 took off from USS MAKIN ISLAMD on 8 March 1945. D plus 17, at 1058 (X) for support operations over Iwo Jima. THES pilots were Lt. David J. Conroy, flight leader, and Lt. (jg) Donald E. Glasgow, FM-2s were flown by Lt. (jg) Renneth B. Finka and Ensigns Henry Wardenga, Raymond A. Kerr and Edsel C. Varney. They joined 2 THI-3 and 4 Ph-2 of VC-85 which furnished the support group leader. The target assigned to them was an area (202 Queen Victor William on local grid) containing mortars and troops, located about 1600 yards east of Airfield No. 2. The Air Goordinator made spotting runs first. Then at about 1245 VF strafed and fired rockets into the area. Rockets were fired at slant range of 1800 feet and strafing was carried down to 500 feet in runs coming through the overeast from 3000. Vr followed with bombs, 500 lb. GP, and rookets the former released at 1000 feet with pullout at 500 in runs that started at 5000 , and the latter fired at 1500 feet. Although specific results were not observed it was felt that the targets were hit hard. The flight returned to base at 1410 (E). Yellow smoke gremages marking lines stood out well.

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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:

Equipment performed normally.

APPROVED BY:

Robert C. FULTON, Jr., Lt., USHR

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