I. GENERAL

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| TYPE (a)                               | SQUADRON (b)   | TAKING<br>OFF<br>(c) | NUMBER ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d) | ATTACKING<br>TARGET<br>(e)   |                            | BOME              | RIED (PER F                               |                            |                     |                   | FUZE, SETTI                           | NG                       |
| 4U-4                                   | VBF-94   | 5                    |                               | 5  | 1 x<br>6 x                 | 50 C              | IVAR                                      |                            |                     | i                 | nstant                                |                          |
|  |  |                      |                               |  |                            |                   |   |                            |                     |                   |                                       |                          |
| TYPE 6F-5 BL-5E BLC-3 BL-5E            | SQUADRON  SQUADRON  SOLUTION  SOLUTI | NUMBER               | USS LE                        | BASE   |                            | F6F<br>F6F<br>TBM | -5 VI<br>-5 VI<br>-4 VI<br>-5 VI<br>-5 VI | 1-6<br>1-6<br>1-50<br>1-50 | NUMBER 16 15 Only). | USS<br>USS<br>USS | BASE                                  | CK<br>CK<br>CK<br>NS     |
| (a)<br>TYPE                            | VEMY AIRC  | NO. ENGAGING         | (d)                           |  | (e)<br>ATION OF<br>COUNTER | AirCre            | BOMBS                                     | TORPED<br>GUNS OB          | OES CARRIE          | D;                | CAMOUFL                               | g)<br>AGE AND<br>KING    |
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| TYPE<br>ENEMY A/C                      |  | T                    |                               | OT OR GUNNE  | R                          |                   | SUNS USED                                 |                            | 77112.1             |                   |                                       |                          |
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

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| (a) TYPE OWN A/C | (b)<br>SQUADRON   | CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE   | WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) | EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) |
|------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                  | 16 To |   |  |   |
|                  | 145   |   |  |   |
|                  |   | NONE  |  |   |
|                  |   |   |  |   |
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| a) (b)           |   | (c)   | in II only; identify with planes li  (d)  CAUSE                  | isted in VI by Nos. at left).  (e)  CONDITION OR STATUS                   |
|                  |   | CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed (c) NAME, RANK OR RATING | (d)  | (e)   |
| a) (b)           |   | (c)   | (d)  | (e)<br>CONDITION OR STATUS  |
| a) (b)           |   | (c) NAME, RANK OR RATING                                | (d)<br>CAUSE   | CONDITION OR STATUS   |
| a) (b)           |   | AME, RANK OR RATING                                     | (d)<br>CAUSE   | CONDITION OR STATUS   |
| a) (b)           |   | AME, RANK OR RATING                                     | (d)<br>CAUSE   | (e) CONDITION OR STATUS   |

| VIII        | RANGE, | FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING |           |                    |          |                               |     |      |    | T (b)        |
|-------------|--------|--|-----------|--------------------|----------|-------------------------------|-----|------|----|--------------|
| (a)         | (b)    | (c)  | (d)       | (e)                | AV. FUEL | (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED |     |      |    | NO OF PLANES |
| TYPE<br>A/C | MILES  | RETURN   | AV. HOURS | AV. FUEL<br>LOADED | CONSUMED | .30                           | .50 | 20MM | MM | RETURNING    |
| TRATE A     | 75     | 75   | 2.66      | 312                | 170      |                               | 900 |      |    | 5            |
| E40-4       | 12     | 12   | 200       | 7                  |          |                               |     |      | -  |              |
|             |        |  |           |                    |          |                               |     |      |    |              |

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

CALIBER

NONE

MEAGER

MODERATE

INTENSE

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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|     | XI. ATTACK ON E                   | NEMY SHIPS OR            | GROUND OBJECT                     | IVES (By Own /             | Aircraft Listed | in II Only)                |                                       |           |
| (a) | Target(s) and Location            | on(s) Make I             | Sland AA POS                      | itions<br>JNDER ATTACK)    | (b) Time Ov     |                            |                                       | (Zone)    |
| (c) | Clouds Over Target_               | Cumulus: T               | ops 100001;                       | bottoms 30                 | OF COVER)       | er .3 -                    | .4                                    |           |
| (d) | Visibility of Target              | Clear, HAZ               | Y. PARTIALLY OBSCURED             | BY CLOUDS, ETC.)           | (e) \           | Visibility                 | ght and                               |           |
| (f) | Bombing Tactics: Typ              | <b>G1</b>                | LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)             |                            | Bomb Sight Us   | sed Seama                  | n's Eye                               |           |
|     | Bombs Dropped per Ri              | un(NUMBER                | ,Spacing                          | (FEET)                     | Altitude        | of Bomb Rele               | ease 4000 •                           |           |
| (g) | Rockets: In<br>Number of Enemy Ai | rcraft Hit on Gro        | 6 in one rui                      |                            | ly Destroyed_   |                            | to 2000 Damaged                       |           |
|     | (h)<br>AIMING POINT               | DIMENSIONS OR<br>TONNAGE | (i) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON | BOMBS AND A EXPENDED, EACH | MMUNITION       | NO HITS On<br>Arming Point | DAMAGE (None, serious, destroyed o    | slight,   |
| 1   | WA-2:12                           | AA positio               | n 3<br>VBF-94                     | 3 x 500<br>18 x 5"         |                 | 0                          | See note                              |           |
| 2   | WA-2:10                           | AA Positio               |                                   | 2 x 500                    | GP              | 0                          | See note                              |           |
| 3   |                                   |                          | VD2-0-2                           |                            | nvan            |                            |                                       | 43 2 3 44 |
| 4   |                                   |                          |                                   |                            |                 |                            |                                       | ·         |
| 5   |                                   |                          |                                   |                            |                 |                            |                                       |           |
| 6   |                                   |                          |                                   |                            |                 |                            |                                       |           |
| 7   |                                   |                          |                                   |                            |                 |                            | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |           |

- Two unobserved bombs. Seven rocket hits in target area, but unable to determine damage due to lack of satisfactory vertical photos. (g)(n) 4-6 rocket hits in target area, but unable to determine
- extent of damage due to lack of satisfactory vertical photos See annotated photos forwarded with CAG-94's report to ComairPac.

(p) Were Photographs Taken?\_\_\_\_\_Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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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### 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 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.)

# TTACK - OWN TACTICS

Target was located in same manner as in previous strikes. Bombing fighters approached target from 12000 from SW: puched-over over the lagoon at 9500' in a 40° bombing run south to north, releasing at 4000' and pulling out at 3000 . Retirement, as in previous strikes, was effected with sufficient linking normal to coast line and flat.

Following rendezvous 10 miles north of target, a rocket and strafing attack was carried out with pushover at 8000\* with rockets being released at 3200 down to 2000 and strafing continuing down to 1500' in a 400 dive at a speed of 330 knots. Retirement was identical to that following the bombing run.

## COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Same as XII (2) in VBF-84 report 1 (re: strafing).
- Same as XII (3) in VBF-94 report #1 (re: photos).
- Same as XII (4) in VBF-54 report #1 (re: briefing).
- Same as XII (1) in VEF-94 report 3 (re: rockets).

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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

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

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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No comment.

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