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TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)	BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)			FUZE, SETTING		
712	VC85	4		4	6 X 5**	ar Rocket				
III. O	THER U. S.	OR ALLIED	AIRCRAFT	EMPLOYED	IN THIS C	PERATION.				
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE	TY	PE SQUADR	ON NUMBER	BASE		
IV. EN	JEMY AIRC	RAFT OBSE	RVED OR E	NGAGED (E	Sv Own Airci	raft Listed in	II Only).			
(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGING	TIME LOCAT		BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED		CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING			
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Did An	y Part of ter(s) Occu		(YES OR NO)						ER)	
i) Encoun Time of j) of Sun	or Moon			HT MOON; DAY,				(V)		
i) Encoun Time of of Sun V. EN	or Moon		ROYED OR I				Listed in II Or	(c)	(d)	
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

(a) (b) TYPE OWN A/C 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)		
1 711-2	VC85	40mm AA	Conter of Port Wing	Major domage to wing		
2	176					
5						
7						
3						
)		-1 -53				
2	200					
3			* 4			
4						

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	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
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	, ,			
7	2			
Maria Earl				
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	AV FUEL	AV. FUEL	(g)	TOTAL AMMUN	NITION EXPEN	NDED	NO. OF PLANES
TYPE A/C	MILES	MILES	AV. HOURS IN AIR	AV. FUEL LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
TN-2	45	45	333	242	140		4000			4
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		-		7						

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		×		

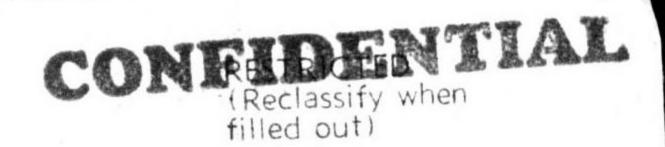
X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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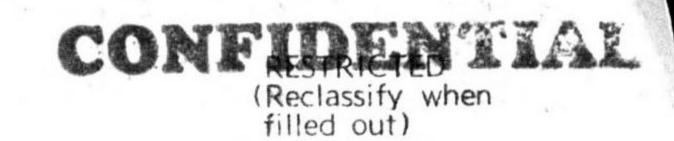
XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

Clouds Over Target	5	(BASE IN FEET.	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
			Y CLOUDS, ETC.)	isibility 15	(MILES)
Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HAZ	Y. PARTIALLY OBSCURED E	Bomb Sight Use		
Bombing Tactics: Typ	pe	(LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE)	•		
Bombs Dropped per R	un	Spacing	(FEET) Altitude (of Bomb Rele	ase
DOMINOS DIOPPOSIÇÃO	ircraft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed_		_ Damaged
Number of Enemy /	1.37	(i) NO A/C ATTACKING	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED. EACH AIMING POINT	1 (200)	DAMAGE (None, slight serious destroyed or sunk
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(k) SQUADRON	24 Rockets	Aiming Point	
Tronches,		7C85	4000 x .50 Gal.		Not Courved
		4			
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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).

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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.)

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

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

At 0930 on 17 February 1945, four FW-2s took off from parent ship, U.S.S. LUEGA POINT (CVE-94) on Target Combat Air Patrol over the IWO Jima area. Upon reporting to Advance Commander Air Control Unit, the flight was ordered to make strafing and rocket attacks on the east landing beach. The attack was made by sections in a high speed run from east to west. Recovery was made at 1000 feet, accompanied by evasive maneuvers and a sharp pull out to the left. Shortly after executing this turn, the plane piloted by Lieutenant (junior grade) Gordon A. GILFILLAN, USHR, was hit in the port wing by a 40mm AA shell. The shell demaged the aileron and flap. Not withstanding this all aircraft returned to base and landed aboard safely.

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No meterial failures were reported.

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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

SIGNATURE

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

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FURMARDED:

RANK AND DUTY

G.A.T. WASHBURN, Captain, U.S. Mavy. Commanding Officer, U.S.S. LUNGA POINT (CVE-94).

APPROVED BY:

SIGNATURE

Under Avilu

FRED C. HERRIMAN, Lt. Comdr., USN, C.O. 17 February 1945 DATE RANK AND DUTY