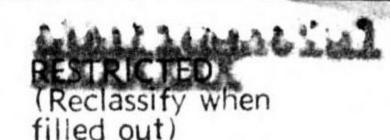
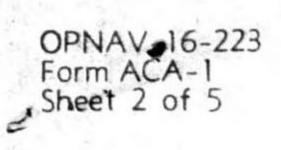
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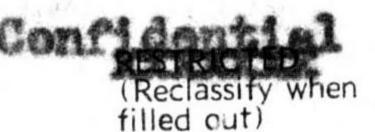


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EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE,
(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C.
TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE (b) (a) SQUADRON TYPE OWN A/C 9 10 12 13 14

VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left). (e) (d) (b) (a) CONDITION OR STATUS CAUSE NAME, RANK OR RATING SQUADRON NO

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED (h) AV. FUEL (e) AV. FUEL LOADED AV. HOURS IN AIR (c) MILES RETURN (b) MILES OUT NO. OF PLANES (a) TYPE A/C MM RETURNING 20MM CONSUMED 790 190 233 4.0 FM-2

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

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	X		-	
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	X	,	3	
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	X			

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

TURNS DIVES CEILINGS RANGE PROTECTION ARMAMENT

FM-2 caught Zoke in chase on deck after dropping wing tanks, was unable to close with wing tanks.

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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

OWN TACTICS

Use of Radar

Night Fighting

Recognition, Aircraft

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

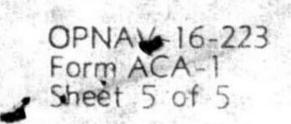
COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Bombing Tactics
Torpedo Tactics
Effectiveness of
Bombs, Torpedoes
Selection of Targets
Fuzing
Strafing Tactics
Defensive Tactics
Use of Radar
Reconnaissance
Photography
Briefing

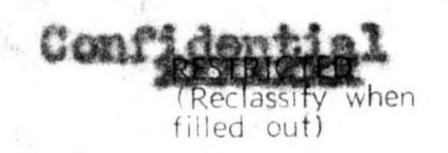
OPERATIONAL

Navigation
Homing
Rendezvous
Recognition, Ships
Communications
Flight Operations
Search and Tracking
Base Operations
Maintenance

On 16 April 1945, L plus 15, at 0745 I, 4 FM-2 took off from USS MAKIN ISLAND for target combat air patrol at Okinawa Jima. The CAP took station over the northern part of the island. At 0850 it tallyhood a Zeke off Thoma Shima which went down low on the water and headed northeast. The FM-2 followed and a chase of some 60 miles took place low on the water starting through friendly AA, an air attack then being in progress. Indicating 247 knots with both wing tanks the FM-2 were falling behing. Lt. Shew-Corthorn dropped 1 wing tank and found he could hold his own in the pursuit but not gain. He dropped the other tank and was able at 257 IAS to close to 800 feet. During the pursuit he fired short bursts at the Zeke which jinzed. Lt. Shaw-Corthorn kept inside it during these maneuvers gotting hits in the cockpit and wings from slightly above and from 8 to 5 o'clock as the Zeke jinxed. Finally at a point about 5 miles west of the southern tip of Tokuno Shima the Zelle which had not flamed pulled up tightly from its position at 20 feet over the water to the right and then fell off on its wing into the water. The omnouver at that altitude appeared to be on which the Zeke could not complete. As it pulled up Ensign Hobson got bursts into the Zeke. The flight returned aboard at 1146 I.



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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

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

CAMOUELAGE 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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Performance of equipment was normal.

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