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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED (Reclassify when filled out)

I. GENERAL

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(e) Mission							(f) lime	of Retur	n 0342	(I) (Zone)
II. OV	VN AIRCRA	AFT OFFI	NUMBER	ERED BY T	HIS REP	ORT.			<u> </u>		
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	ATTACKING			AND TORPEDOE			TING	
(a)	(6)	(c)	(d)	(e)	10 X	100 G.I	(f)				N MIOZAI
TBM-3E	VI-33	4	0	10 X 100 G.P. 8 HVAR R.P.							AN M100A
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III O	THER U.S.	OR ALLI	ED AIRCRAFT	FMPI OYF	D IN TH	IIS OPER	ATION				
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE		TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	m TT	BASE	
TBM	VC-13	4	U.S.S. AN			TBM FM-2		16	1.0.	52.1.2	
FM-2 TBM	VC-9	4	U.S.S. FA			T. 1. 2		20			
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(a)	1	T	SERVED OR E		(e)		(1)			(g)
TYPE	(b) NO OBSERVED	NO ENGAG OWN A/	ING TIME C ENCOUNTER	ED . ENC	ATION OF COUNTER		BOMBS, TORPE GUNS O	DOES CARRII BSERVED	ED;	CAMOUF MAF	LAGE AND RKING
N-0-n-e			(70)	VIE)							
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(h) Appare	nt Enemy N y Part of	Aission (s)_		•							
(i) Encoun	ter(s) Occu	ir in Cloud	ds? (YES OR NO)	_If so, Desc	ribe Clou	uds	(BASE IN	FEFT. TYPE	AND TEN	THS OF COVE	R)
(i) of Sun	f Day and Br	illiance							sibility		
•				SHT MOON; DAY							LES)
V. EN	(b) DESTRO		MAGED BY	DAMAGED	IN AIR	(By Own	Aircraft Lis	ted in II	Only).		(4)
TYPE ENEMY A/C		SQUADRON		OT OR GUNNER		GUNS	USED	WHER	RE HIT, AN	IGLE	DAMAGE
N-0-n-e											
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at various altitudes

TURNS

DIVES

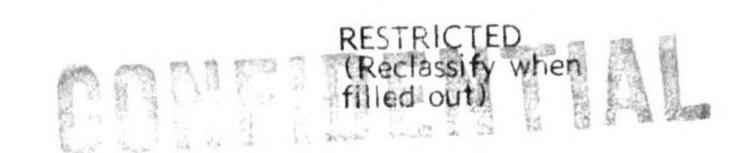
CEILINGS

PROTECTION

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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATION (a) (b) (C) (C) (C) (C) (PE OWN A/C SQUADRON TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE			WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)			(Give Bureau serial number of planes des					
-0-n-e											
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VII. PI	ERSONNEL	CASUAL	TIES (in airc	raft listed i	in II only; id	entify with	planes liste	ed in VI by	y Nos. at I	eft).	
(b)	(c)				(d)			(e) CONDITION OR STATUS			
SQUADRO	N	NAME. RAN	NK OR RATING		CAUSE						
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VIII.	RANGE,	FUEL, AN	D AMMUNI	TION DAT	A FOR PLA	NES RETI	JRNING		.1016	- 1	
(a) TYPE	(b) MILES	(c) MILES	AV HOURS	AV FUEL	AV. FUEL	(g	TOTAL AMMU	NITION EXPE	MM	NO OF PLAN	
A/C	OUT	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	30	20/////	17/1/1	1	
BM-3E	65	55	3 hrs. 50	330	261	150	830	<u> </u>	0	4	
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HEAVY — Ti	me-fused she	lls, 75mm an	d over			(· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
MEDIUM -	Impact-fused	shells, 20m	m-50mm			1					
IGHT — Ma	ichine gun bu	llets, 65mm	-13.2mm							1	
							(use check		12		

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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XI. ATTACK ON	ENEMY SHIPS OR G	ROUND OBJECTI	VES (By O	wn Aircraft Listed	in II Only).	
Target(s) and Loca	tion(s) Yakabi Shi	ma, Kerama Rei	NDER ATTACK)	(b) Time Ove	r Target(s)	0827(I) (Zone
	Base 2500 feet	cumilus, 8/	10 cover	Moderately ha	azy over	target
Visibility of Target	Sun partially (CLEAR, HAZY.		BY CLOUDS, ET			
Bombing Tactics: T	ype Glide	EVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE)		Rocket S/R	Mark VII	T (TYPE)
TH H		Spacing		Altitude	of Bomb Rele	ease 1200 (FEET)
Bombs Dropped per						
Number of Enemy	Aircraft Hit on Groun	nd: Destroyed	O P	obably Destroyed.		_ Damageu
(h)	DIMENSIONS OR	IN NO A/C ATTACKING	BOMBS A	AND AMMUNITION FACH AIMING POINT	NO HITS On A mind Point	DAMAGE None, slight serious destroyed or sunk
AIMING POINT	TONNAGE	k) SQUADRON	40 X	100 G.P.	16	Slight
Power House	60 X 150ft.	VT-33	32 HV		75	
Houses	300 yds. Są.	VI-33	830	.50 cal	115	Slight
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- 1. Aiming point situated on southeast coast of Yakabi Shima, Kerama Retto. Power house and about 20-30 shacks are nestled on sort of a ledge at base of hill or mountain. The bomb and R.P. hits were on the power house as it was the aiming point for G.P. and R.P.
- 2. Houses or shacks referred to in description of Target No. 1 were strafed in bomb and rocket runs and also in strafing runs. Main effect of hits was to start fires.

⁽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 locution of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sleets 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

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

Lieut. KAGEY lead flight of 4 TBM's which took off at 0552(I) as part of support group at Kerama Retto. Arrived at designated orbit point at 0630(I) as per schedule. All 4 planes orbitted until 0827(I) before being called on for a strike.

Because of the low ceiling, planes were handicapped in glide bombing attacks.

It appeared that those pilots who kept opening up on the air to request permission to attack a target they had seen were getting the missions while the pilots who merely reported targets observed and otherwise maintained radio discipline were left to orbit during whole period on station.

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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:

Apparently the outboard starboard R.P. launcher in one plane was loaded with a faulty HVAR as the radome of the AN/APS-4 was smashed as was the antenna inside the radome. This is the first time this has happened to a plane of this squadron and the launcher is in proper condition. Consideration was given to discontinuance of loading this outboard launcher, but since it had never happened before and in view of the satisfactory check of the launcher, it was decided that the fault was in the rocket.

APPROVED BY:

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F. B. GILKESON, Lieut. Comdr., USN Commanding Officer VI-33 RANK AND DUTY ALLSET - MCommanding COCVEG-33

26 March 1945