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I. GENERAL

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TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	NUMBER ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	ATTACKING TARGET (e)	•		AND TORPEDO O (PER PLANE (f)	()	Mk103-	FUZE, SETTING	
F6F-5	VF-49	16		16	_	anes car	ried 50	O# G.P.	Inst.n	fuze, 100	-A-2
						anes car ckets	rried H	VAR		base, Mk	
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TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	· ·	BASE		TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE	
NONE											
IV. EN	HEMY AIRC	CRAFT OBSE	RVED OR E	NGAGED (By Own	Aircraft	Listed in I	I Only).			
(a) TYPE	NO. OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	TIME ENCOUNTERE	LOCA ENC	(e) ATION OF COUNTER		BOMBS, TORK	PEDOES CARRIE OBSERVED	D;	CAMOUFLAGE MARKIN	AND G
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(h) Appare	ent Enemy A	Aission(s)									
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in 11 only). (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) A small tear in fabric about SQUADRON TYPE OWN A/C Cowl - port side Medium automatic, pro-3 inches long and 1 inch at VF-49 F6F-5 bably 25mm. widest extent. Caused no operational difficulty and can be repaired aboard ship. 9 10 13 14

VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) (b) (c) (d) (AUSE CONDITION OR STATUS

NONE CONDITION OR STATUS

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OR CAUSE CONDITION OR STATUS

VIII.	RANGE,	FUEL, AN	ID AMMUNI	TION DATA	A FOR PLAN	(g) TOTAL AMM	UNITION EXPE	NDED	NO. OF PLANES
(a)	(b)	(c) MILES	AV. HOURS	AV. FUEL	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
A/C	MILES	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	220		800(av	erage per	plane)	16
F6F-5	153	153	4hrs 31mi	n 400	520		000(4.			
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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

No enemy aircraft was observed.

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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Target(s) and Location	(FOR SHIP	and Environs s include ALL IN AREA U	(b) Time Ove		10/10
Clouds Over Target		(BASE IG . LL.	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)	11 .1.	1 - 1/2
Visibility of Target	Partly ob	scured by cloud	SY CLOUDS. ETC.)	Visibility TT	Imminated ginsis
Bombing Tactics: Type	Glide	(LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE)			luminated gimsig
Bombs Dropped per Rur		The state of the s	(FEET)	of Bomb Rele	* Damaged0
Number of Enemy Airo			<u> </u>	(m)	(n) DAMAGE (None slight
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	NO. HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
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of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and dealing of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits.

(p) Were Photographs Taken?

Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

⁽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

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 sixteen plane fighter sweep was launched from the USS SAN JACINTO at 0356(I), 17 July 1945, for an attack against Tsukuba West and Shimodote airfields. When the Japanese coast was reached the entire target area was found to be closed in. The flight proceeded to the vicinity of the targets but were unable to find a hole through the low overcast and finally returned to the coast where there appeared to be an opening near the western shore of Kita-Ura. Ikisu field was found to be only partially obscured and a run was initiated against this objective from about 5,000 feet, and a number of bombs were put in the hangar area. One bomb went through the roof of one of the two hangars, but did not explode. Several other bombs struck immediately in front of this same hangar and it appeared badly damaged when the flight retired. No planes were observed on or around the field, although the flight pulled out at about 1,000 feet. Visibility became so bad at this target that another run could not be made, and the flight proceeded south to the area of best visibility. A long modern-type concrete bridge was discovered just west of the town of Kashima. It was heavily attacked by rockets and the supports on the western side were probably damaged.

On retirement a bomb was dropped in the town of Kashima and the entire building area was strafed. No damage was observed. Some beached fishing craft on the coast east of Kita-Ura were subsequently strafed when no other targets could be found. Visibility became steadily worse and when the prudent limit of endurance had been reached the area still had not opened up sufficiently to permit attack on the assigned objective, or any other suitable targets of opportunity. Some medium automatic weapons fire was encountered from the northwestern sector of Konoike field, but it was inaccurate and meagre. One pilot reported some light automatic weapons fire from the vicinity of Chosi point, but it caused no damage. No enemy aircraft were observed in the air or on the ground. Return to base was made without incident.

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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 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:

All equipment performed normally.

APPROVED BY:

G. M. ROUZEE, Lieut.Comdr., USN Commanding Officer, VF-49 RANK AND DUTY

17 July 1945

DATE

R. A. SMYTHE, Lieut., USNR SIGNATURE C. I. Officer.

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