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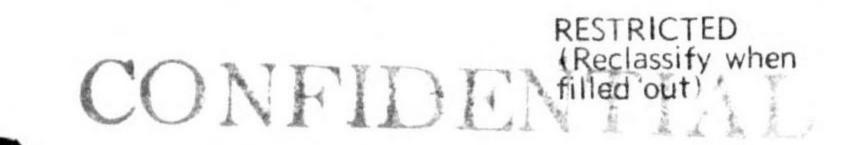




TYPE	SQUADRON		NUMBER				ND TORPEDO	ES		FUZE, SETTING	3
(a)	(b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING A ENEMY A/C (d)	TACKING TARGET (e)		CARRIED	(PER PLANE	(1)		(g)	
FM-2	VC-76	4		4	6 -	5" H	G R		Base :	fuze	
TBM-1C	VC-76	4	•	4	2 VT 2-	500#	GP		Inst. Inst.		
	T		AIRCRAFT E	MPLOYED	IN THI	S OPER.	ATION. SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE	
TYPE FM-2 TBM	SQUADRON		SS LUNGA F	OINT (C	VE94)		SQUITORON				
	VEMY AIRC	T .	RVED OR EN							(g)	
(a) TYPE	NO. OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	TIME ENCOUNTERED	LOCAT	OUNTER		BOMBS, TORK	PEDOES CARRIED OBSERVED);	CAMOUFLAG	GE AND NG
	,		(ZONE)								
			(ZONE)								
			(ZONE)								
Did Ar Encour	nter(s) Occi of Day and Broon —	ar in Clouds?	(YES OR NO)	f so, Desci	OVERCAST	; ETC.)			ibility	S OF COVER)	5)
) of Sun	NEMY AIRC		GED BY:	AMAGED	IN AIR	By Own	Aircraft I	_isted in II (Only).		(d)
of Sun V. EN		0 1 2 2 1 1		OD CLININED		CLINIS	USED	WHER	E HIT, ANG	LE	CLAIME
) of Sun	(b) DESTR	SQUADRON	PILOT	OR GUINIVER		GUNS					
of Sun V. EN	(b) DESTR	SQUADRON	PILOT	OR GUINIVER		GUIVS					
of Sun V. EN	(b) DESTR	SQUADRON	PILOT	OR GUINIVER		GUINS					
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8.				
9				
0				
1				
2				
13				
14				

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

(a) (b) NO. SQUADRO	NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	AV. FUEL	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED			(h) NO OF PLANES	
TYPE A/C	MILES	MILES RETURN	AV. HOURS IN AIR	AV. FUEL LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
FM-2	80	80	3	175	110		6000			4
TBM-1C	80	80 .	3	270	180	-	650			4

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				
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

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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	XI. ATTACK ON EN	NEMY SHIPS OR	GROUND OBJECT	IVES (By Own Aircraft Listed	I in II Only).
(a)	Target(s) and Locatio	n(s2. Gun em	placement s include all in area	(b) Time Ov	er Target(s) <u>0830 - 10</u> (Zone)
(c)	Clouds Over Target	Strato cumu	lus, 3000-3500,	ft., 8/10 TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)	
(d)	Visibility of Target	Clear below	3000 ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	Visibility 10 miles at sea leve
(f)	Bombing Tactics: Type	Glide	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight U	sedNone
	Bombs Dropped per Ru	2-500#, 10-	-100# Spacing	Salvo Altitude	of Bomb Release 1800 (FEET)
(g)	Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Gro	und: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed	Damaged
	(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 T	roop concentratio	n	4 VT & 4 VF VC-76	All rockets, .50 cal	. In area None observed
2			4 VT & 4 VF	TT	
2			USS LUNGA POINT	Unknown	Unknown
Gi	un emplacement		4 VT & 4 VF	All bombs 50 cel	In area None observed
4			4 VT & 4 VF	ALLE DOMEDOS SOO COLES	THE STEE MOHE OPPOLACE
		1	USS LUNGA POINT	Unknown	Unknown
5					
6					
7					
8					

⁽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).

(Reclassify when

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

VT and VF made five runs on Jap troops and equipment concentrated in a ravine in N/E Iwo. All rockets were expended plus strafing. Bombs were not dropped due to low altitudes from which attacks were made and which were necessitated by the cloud cover.

Strike then proceeded to N/W Iwo and made a bombing and strafing run on a gun emplacement located in the base of a cliff. Bombs were ladi along foot of cliff and on target. It is believed that serious damage was caused Knex the by the attack.

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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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