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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

| (a) Unit Re | porting | VF-33 | (b) | Based on o | rat_ USS | SANG | AMON | (| c) Report No. | 2 |
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| (d) Take of | f: Date 30 |) March | 1945 | Time (LZ | T) 0330 | (I) | (Zone); L | | | 128-10E |
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| | | | ALLY COVER | | | | | | | (2.0110) |
| TYPE (a) | SQUADRON (b) | TAKING OFF (c) | NUMBER ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d) | ATTACKING TARGET (e) | | | ND TORPEDOES (PER PLANE) (f) | | | SETTING (g) |
| F6F-5N | VF-33 | 2 | 0 | 2 | Rocke No B | ts 6 | HVAR N | IK 149 | Instant | |
| III. OT | THER U. S. | OR ALLIED NUMBER | AIRCRAFT | | D IN THIS | | T | | | |
| VT | VC 92 | | USS TUL | AGI | | TYPE | SQUADRON | NUMBER | В | ASE |
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| IV. EN | EMY AIRC | CRAFT OBSE | RVED OR EN | GAGED (| By Own A | ircraft L | isted in 11 | Only). | | , |
| (a) TYPE | (b) NO. OBSERVED | (c) NO ENGAGING OWN A/C | (d) | LOCA | (e) TION OF OUNTER | | (f) | | CAM | (g) DUFLAGE AND |
| None | | | (ZONE) | | | | 00113 00 | JERVED | | MARKING |
| | | | (ZONE) | | | | | | | |
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| | Part of | r in Clouds? | (YES OR NO) | | | | | | ND TENTHS OF CO | |
| (j) of Sun o | | | (NIGHT, BRIGHT | MOON: DAY, | OVERCAST; | ETC.) | | (k) Visib | ility | MILES) |
| (a) | (b) DESTRO | YED OR DAMAG | OYED OR DA | MAGED | IN AIR (B | y Own A | ircraft List | ed in 11 On | ly). | |
| TYPE ENEMY A/C None | | SQUADRON | | DR GUNNER | | GUNS US | ED | | tit, ANGLE | DAMAGE CLAIMED |
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| (a) | (b) | CAUS | (c) E: TYPE ENEMY , OR OPERATION | A/C, | WHERE HIT, A self-sealing tar | (d) ANGLE (List aks, equipme | t armor, ent hit) | (Give Bureau se | erial number of p | DAMAGE, lanes destroyed) |
|---|---------------|-----------------|--|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| F6F-5N | SQUADRON | | into ca | twalk on | | - | | | | ing and |
| E OF-JW | VEUDD | landi | ng. | | | | | prop., | GHOHEAS | • |
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| VII PE | RSONNE | CASUAL | TIES (in airc | raft listed in | II only; ide | ntify with | n planes lis | sted in VI by | Nos. at le | rt). |
| VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft list) (b) (c) NAME, RANK OR RATING | | | (d) CAUSE | | | CONDITION OR STATUS | | | | |
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| | MILES | MILES RETURN | AV. HOURS | LOADED | CONSUMED | .30 | .50 | 20MM | MM | RETURNING |
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| TYPE A/C P6F-5N | | CALIB | BER | UNTERED (| Check one bloom | ock on e | MEAGE | ER M | ODERATE | INTENSE |
| TYPE A/C F6F-5N IX. | ime-fused sh | | d over | UNTERED (| Check one bloom | ock on e | MEAGE | ER M | ODERATE | INTENSE |

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

None

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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| XI. ATTACK ON E | NEMY SHIPS OR YOUTON. | GROUND OBJECT KADENA, MAC | HINATO OKINAWA(b) Time Ove | in II Only) | (I) |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---|
| (a) Target(s) and Location | on (s) NAHA, IT | OMAN AIRFIET | DS OKINAWA(b) Time Ove | er Target(s) | 0430-0600 (Zone) |
| () CI O T | Jaried from | 500 ft to 2 | 200 ft - cover .8 | | |
| (c) Clouds Over Target | | (BASE IN FEET | | | |
| (d) Visibility of Target | Partially o | bscured by | BY CLOUDS FTC.) | /isibility | MILES |
| Rocket | Shallow o | lide about 2 | 0 | None | |
| Rocket (f) Bombing Tactics: Typ HVAR - | e program 8 | (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) | Bomb Sight Us | sedsed | 1500 mda |
| Bombs Dropped per Ri | Ilred Sing | Spacing | None Altitude | of Bomb Rel | 1500 yds ease None |
| Dombs Dropped per in | (NUMBER | 1) | (FEET) | | (FEET) |
| (g) Number of Enemy Ai | rcraft Hit on Gro | und: Destroyed_No | Probably Destroyed_ | None | _ DamagedNone_ |
| | (i) | LUN NO A 1C ATTACKING | (1) | (m) | (n) |
| (h) AIMING POINT | DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE | (j) 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) |
| 1 Runways NAHA | 2000 yds | 1-F6F-5N | 2 HVAR MK 149 Strafed | Uno | pserved |
| Airfield, OKINA | TIME - | ds VF-33 | | TIno | pserved |
| 2 Runway MACHINA Airfield OKINA | | | | OHO | DOT ACA |
| Runway ITOMAN | 3000 x 300 | | 2 HAVAR MK 149 | Uno | pserved |
| irfield, OKINAW | | VF-37 | Strafed | TINO | pserved |
| Runways YONTON Airfield. OKIN. | | 1-F6F-5N VF-33 | 3 HAVAR MK 149 | OHO | Derion |
| Airfield, OKIN. 5 Runway KADENA | | t 1.F6F-5N | 3 HAVAR MK 149 | TIno | bserved |
| Airfield OKIN. | | | Strafed | 0220 | |
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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).

Two VF(N) of VF-33 were assigned night heckling missions to cover the airfields on OKINAWA SHIMA in order to prevent enemy aircraft from using the fields for pre-dawn and dawn take-off's.

Lt. Leslie W. LEY, USNR, covered the three most southern fields of MACHINATO, NAHA, and ITOMAN, while Ensign John DELANEY covered the northern fields of YONTAN and KADENA. At no time was any activity observed on any of the airfields.

Each pilot made intermittent runs on the fields assigned him, firing rockets singly, one rocket to each run unaccompanied by strafing. Between rocket runs separate strafing runs were made on the various fields assigned.

Due to the low cloud base and the poor visibility, only shallow 200 runs were possible. For the same reasons plus the fact it was dark, no damage or hits could be observed by the two pilots.

⁽p) Were Photographs Taken? Gun Camera hotographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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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

The general target area was located with the aid of Radar gear and the specific field visually, using the Radar to pick up points of the coast line opposite the different airfields. Dive angles had to be shallow due to the cloud cover and low cloud base (about 20°). Approaches varied according to the amount of cloud cover over the specific target, but were usually at low altitudes (below 4000 ft), in order to be able to locate the target.

The use of the search modification one and five mile

range scale (elimination of double dot) to AN/APS-6A Radar

A full report of above modification has been turned in

was found to be valuable in locating general target area,

but could not be used to locate specific target.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary).

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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

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

Oden F. GOSHORN, Lt (jg) USNR. SIGNATURE

Paul C. ROONEY, Lt-Cdr, USN,

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