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I. GENERAL

TYPE	N AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT. NUMBER SQUADRON TAKING ENGAGING ATTACKING BOMBS AND TORPEDOES						<u>.</u> S	B. 1548 (I) C. 1830 (I) D. 1233 (I) FUZE, SETTING			
(a)	(b)	OFF (c)	ENEMY A/C	TARGET (e)	None None Rockets, 3 VF 2 Ro				None (g)		
F6F-5 F6F-5	VF-30 VF-30	12	0	12				VF 2 Roc			
F6F-5	VF-30	12	0		4 Rock		,		.015 sec.		
F6F-5	VF-30	11	0	11	4 Rockets 3 x 5				.015 sec. delay.		
	THER U. S.	OR ALLIED	AIRCRAFT E	MPLOYED	IN TH	S OPER	ATION.				
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	В	BASE		TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BAS	SE	
A. None	-										
B. None	-										
C. None D. None	1				· I						
	NEMY AIRC	CRAFT OBSE	RVED OR EN	GAGED (E	By Own A	Aircraft L	isted in 11	Only).			
(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d)	LOCA	(e) TION OF DUNTER		BOMBS, TORPEI GUNS OF)	; CAMO	(g) UFLAGE AND ARKING	
None None			(ZONE)								
None			(20112)								
None			(ZONE)								
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			(ZONE)								
Did Any	Part of			co Docce	ibo Cloud	1					
Did Any Encount	Part of ter(s) Occu	ir in Clouds?_	(ZONE)	so, Descr	ibe Cloud	ds	(BASE IN	FEET, TYPE A	AND TENTHS OF COV	/ER)	
Did Any Encount Time of	Part of ter(s) Occur	ir in Clouds?_ illiance	(YES OR NO)				(BASE IN			/ER)	
Did Any Encount Time of of Sun (Part of ter(s) Occur Day and Bror Moon —	ir in Clouds?_ illiance	(YES OR NO)	MOON; DAY,	OVERCAST;	ETC.)		_(k) Visit	oility	(ER)	
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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
SQUADRON
CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C
TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE
WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)

1 A. None
2 B. None
4 D. None
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (condition or status

A. None

B. None

C. None

D. None

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

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TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g) JOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h)
						.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO. OF PLANES
A. F6F-5	-	-	3.0	400	230		2400			8
B. F6F-5	-	•	5.7	400	375		2250			12
C. F6F-5			5.3	400	322	-				12
D FAR-5			1.0	100	265		1550			77

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

CALIBER

NONE

MEAGER

MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm

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MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm

TURNS

CEILINGS

RANGE

PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

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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

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.)

> A. TARGET COMBAT AIR PATROL, 15 April 1945 (1537) - (1832) (Item). Eight fighters were launched to fly Combat Air Patrol over the objective area at OKINAWA to protect land and naval forces against possible enemy air attacks. The patrol was uneventful. At the end of the patrol one team, unable to secure a target assignment from the target coordinator, jettisoned four rockets each and returned to base. Lt(jg) YESENSKY's team was assigned a personnel shelter in target square 8434, expending their rockets and strafing. Lt(jg) YESENSKY secured two direct hits upon a semi-covered structure believed to be the shelter.

B. TARGET COMBAT AIR PATROL, 16 April 1945, 1945 (Item) - 1548 (Item). Twelve fighters were launched to fly Combat Air Patrol over the objective area at OKINAWA. The patrol was uneventful. At the end of the patrol they strafed and expended forty-two rockets on mausoleums in target square 8833 G 3 on IE SHIMA, thought to be used by enemy forces. Ensign REBERR scored three direct hits on one of these mauseoleums.

C. TARGET COMBAT AIR PATROL, 18 April 1945. 1 1320 (I) - 1830 (I). Twelve fighters were launched to fly Combat Air Patrol over the objective area at OKINAWA. The patrol was uneventful. At the end of the patrol the planes were directed to use their rockets against any land targets on YORON SHIMA. Failing to locate any targets of military significance, pilots scored hits on, and started half a dozen fires in small buildings upon the island.

D. TARGET COMBAT AIR PATROL. 18 April 1945. 0831 (Item) - 1233 (Item). Twelve fighters were launched to fly Combat Air Patrol over the objective area at OKINAWA. The patrol was uneventful. At the conclusion of the patrol, after waiting for a considerable period, they were directed to make a rocket and strafing attack on YORON SHIMA. Several hits were scored on buildings on the island, and a number of fires started.

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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

SIGNATURE

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

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