

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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REPORT No. 41-45

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. 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 REBBER scored three direct hits on one of these mausoleums.

C. TARGET COMBAT AIR PATROL, 18 April 1945, ~~1320~~ 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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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

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