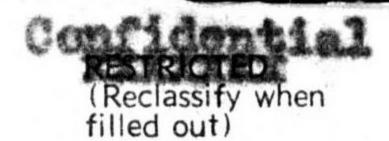
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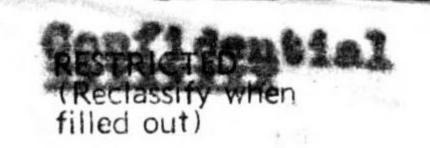
AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT



I. GENERAL

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II. OV	VN AIRCRA	AFT OFFICIA	ALLY COVE	RED BY T	HIS REPOR	Ι.					
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)			(PER PLANE) (f)	5		FUZE, SETTING	5
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TYPE	THER U. S.	OR ALLIED NUMBER	AIRCRAFT	EMPLOYEI BASE	D IN THIS	OPER/ TYPE	ATION. SQUADRON	NUMBER	None	BASE	
IV. EI (a) TYPE	(b)	(c)	RVED OR EN (d) TIME ENCOUNTERED (ZONE	LOCA	By Own Air	T	isted in II BOMBS, TORPEL GUNS OF)		(g) CAMOUFLAG MARKIN	E AND IG
			(ZONE					•	•		
Did An	v Part of	illiance	(YES OR NO)	If so, Desc	ribe Clouds		(BASE IN		and TENTHS	S OF COVER)	
(j) of Sun	EMY AIRCI	RAFT DESTR	OYED OR D				Aircraft Lis		nly).		
(j) of Sun	(b) DESTRO	DYED OR DAMAG	GED BY:				Aircraft List	ted in 11 C	nly).		(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
(j) of Sun V. EN	(b) DESTRO	DYED OR DAMAG	GED BY:	AMAGED			Aircraft List	ted in 11 C	(c)		

VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).



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(a) TYPE OWN A/C		(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAU	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)		
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(a) NO.	VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft lis		CASUALTIES (in aircraft list	ed in II only; identify with planes li	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS		
-	250,1011011	N	(c) IAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE			
7	30000000	N	IAME, RANK OR RATING	CAUSE			
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) TYPE	(b)	(b) (c)	AV. HOURS	(e) AV FUEL	AV. FUEL	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				NO. OF PLANES	
A/C	MILES	RETURN	AV. HOURS IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING	
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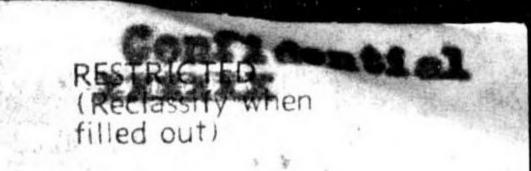
IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	***			
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	4500 Marie	,		
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	100			

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT





(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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a) Target(s) and Location	(S) SHIPS OR	GROUND OBJECT	IVES (By Own Aircraft Listed (b) Time Ove	r Target(s)_	Zone)
(c) Clouds Over Target		(BASE IN FEET	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
(d) Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HAZ	Y. PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	isibility	(MILES)
(f) Bombing Tactics: Type		(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight Us	ed	(TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Rur	2 planes al	Spacing	(FEET)	of Bomb Rele	ease (FEET)
(g) Number of Enemy Airc			Probably Destroyed_	0	Damaged 0
(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)
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6	feet long, 6 foot	V Com DA			2 022606
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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).

Targetta -

- 1- Area 2000 yards soth of Naha airfield, Okinawa Jima, containing Coves, possible underground storage, (7265 Leve Nike Otoc local grid) 1230
- 2- Gave 150 yards northeast of Makade Town, Okinawa Jima. (7659 Uncle legal grid). 3- Area 200 yards south of Makade Town, Okinawa Jima, containing tanks in revetments.
- possibly demaies (7557 Baker Charlie legal grid)
 4 18 small boats along southwest shore Okinawa Jima (7360 William 7258 Queen Victor local grid).

(-)	Word Photographs	Taken?	Photographs of	Damage,	WhenTaken,	Should Be	Attached By	y 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

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
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Defensive Tactics, Own
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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

Four Air Observer pilots taking off from USS NAKIN ISLAND on 11 April 1945, L plus 10, for Okinawa attacked targets in the course of their observation missions. Two attacked caves all getting hits with no specific results seem. Caves were located 150 yards northeast of Makabe Town, Okinawa Jima (7659 Uncle local grid) and 2000 yards south of Naha airfield (7265 Love Mike Obse local grid). As attack was made, rocket and strafing hits being scored, on an area 200 yards north of Makabe town (7557 Baker Charlie local grid) containing tanks, possibly dummies in revetments, without observable results. Lt. Solladay and his observer, let Lt. Brann, on the final observation flight of the day spotted about 18 small boats, 15 x 10 x 6 feet, along the couthwest shore of Okinawa (7360 William 7256 Queen Victor local grid). Strafing hits destroyed 4 of these and alightly demaged 2 others. Rockets released by observers at slant range of 1000 - 500 feet.

Pilots -

Lt. David J. Conroy

Lt. (jg) Harry D. Anderson

Basiga Terence B. McKanus

Lt. Brice Helleday

Observers -

let Lt. Richard Brans, Robb. C. 902
Field Artillery AFO 77
Int Lt. LeRoy Valters, Fals. Batt. 306
Field Artillery AFO 77
Let Lt. Richard Brans

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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

REPORT PREPARED BY:

Except for 1 imperative rocket rail equipment performence was

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