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TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	NUMBER ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		BOMBS	AND TORPEDO	ES E)	FUZE,	SETTING	
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(a) TYPE	(b)	(c) NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d)	LOCA	D (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only). OCATION OF BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIENCOUNTER BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIENCOUNTER GUNS OBSERVED		f)	CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING			
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h) Apparei	nt Enemy Mis	ssion(s)									
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TYPE ENEMY A/C	(B) DESTROYE	SQUADRON	ED BY:						(c)	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED	
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ГҮРІ	(a) E OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	TYPE	(c) AUSE: TYPE ENER GUN, OR OPERAT	MY A/C, IONAL CAUSE	WHERE H self-sealing	(d) IT, ANGLE (L g tanks, equip	ist armor, oment hit)	(Give Burea	(e) NT OF LOSS (u serial number	OR DAMAGE, of planes destroyed
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	VIII. R	ANGE, FU	EL, AN	D AMMUNI	TION DAT	TA FOR PLA	NES RETU	JRNING	,		
	(a) TYPE	(b) MILES	(c) MILES	AV HOURS	(e) AV. FUEL	AV. FUEL	(g)	TOTAL AMM	UNITION EXPE	NDED .	NO. OF PLANI
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	XI. ATTACK ON EN	IEMY SHIPS OF	GROUND OBJECT	IVES (By Own Aircraft Listed	in II Only).	
(a) 7	Target(s) and Location	r(s) POR SHI	PS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA	(b) Time Ove	er Target(s).	1050-1150K (Zone)
(c) (Clouds Over Target	Large singl	e cumilities si per	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)	tire area.	
(d) \	Visibility of Target	(SLEAR, HA	ZY. PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS: ETC.)	Visibility	(MILES)
(f) E	Bombing Tactics: Type	- Glide	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight U	sed	(TYPE)
	Bombs Dropped per Rui					ease 2300
(g)	Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed		_ Damaged
	(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)
ed to Ago	mmo. dumo n positions	15' x 15'	3 TM: 4 TM_2 VC288	6-500% G.P. bombs 48-5" H.B. rockets 5200 rds50 cal.		Amminition dump destroyed. Direct hits and near miss
3				600 rds. 30 cal.		On gun positions Number destroyed
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Numerous gum positions, at least 12 to 16, were seen. They were about 15 feet aguare with protected sloping sides, open top, in target area 202 H in eastern Iwo Jima. These were located on top of a prominent cliff which provided a commanding location of friendly lines. Practically all of the rockets hit on the top or sides of the cliff, 14 were seen to hit among the gum positions. Two of them struck a small ammunition supply dump, setting off a blast and pillar of white smoke 200 to 300 feet high. Two bombs were seen to explode on the gum positions. In addition to the dump it would appear that many of the gum positions were knocked out.

⁽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).

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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

ATTACK OWN TACTICS

Method of Locating Target Approach to Target Altitudes, Speeds Approach Dive Pull-Out Dive Angle Strafing Retirement Defensive Tactics

Recognition, Aircraft

DEFENSE, ENEMY

Use of Jamming

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.)

> Three TRE-3's of VC-88, piloted by Lt(jc) F. C. MERMER, Lt(jc) D. C. BETTE, and Braign H. H. H. HTM HERES and four FM-2's of YG-88, piloted by Lt. E. H. PECK and Empigu's W. G. MANGE, E. L. CANDER and U. W. SCHREIDER, joined with & Phy-2's of vo-84 and & Thu's of vo-77, engaged in a direct support mission on Iwo Jime on 6 March 1945. The mining point for the entire flight were gun positions located on the top of a prominent cliff in eastern Des Jime. These positions were in a communiting position to fire upon friendly treeps. The real attack was delayed at first by the designation of the arong target area by CASCU: pilots had made many damny runs and were ready to attack when N.P. shells showed this to be wrong target. The true positions in target area 202 H were located. Lt(js) Herfurth made two dusty runs, then load others to the positions. All pilots made several dummy runs until they knew the positions well. The fighters came in first with rockets and strafing, shooting a pair of two rockets on each run. 12 to 16 gun emplacements, 15 feet square, with slightly aloging sides and open tops, were seen. Lt. Peck on his last two rockets struck an assaultion dusp in the midst of the gun positions. There was a large explosion, causing white smoke to raise up 200 to 300 foot high. Fook heard the blast below him and felt the concussion below him. He had pulled out of his 55 degree glide at about 500 feet altitude. Imaign Schmeider spetted a tremch, about 8 feet wide, covered or cemoufleged, leading from the south toward the cliff which he strufed. All the rockets were hitting near the positions, some right on them.

The torpedo bembers were not able to perform good glide bumbing attacks due to the large cloud over the immediate area at 3500 feet altitude. Runs were begun at \$500, \$5 degrees, releasing at 2500 feet altitude. Two bombs landed equarely among the gun positions.

all runs were made individually from west to east. In addition to bombing and rocket attacks there was intensive strafing by fighters with the terpede bembers deining in. He accurate assessment could be sade of the actual destruction other than the assur but it is believed that several cun positions

ment, the vernier, had come out completely.

One Illi-5 never reached the target area, returning to base

shortly after take-off when R.P.M. fell off. The prop control instru-

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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

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

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