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F6F-5N	VF-12	3 .	1	0					
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TYPE		NO. ENGAGIN	G TIME ENCOUNTERED	LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	=	BOMBS, TORPED GUNS OB	OES CARRIED; SERVED	CAMOU	(g) FLAGE AND RKING
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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	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1 None				
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

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(a) NO.	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) TYPE	(b)	(c) MILES	AV. HOURS	(e)	(f)	(g	TOTAL AMM	UNITION EXPEN	NDED	(h)
A/C	MILES	RETURN	IN AIR	AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
F6F-5N	40	40	3hr.30m	400 els	300 gls		75			3
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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				
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm				

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

FRANCES took no evasive action.

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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
"Enemy
Defensive Tactics, Own
"Enemy
"Enemy

Flexible Gunnery, Own Escort Tactics Fighter Direction Use of Radar Night Fighting Recognition, Aircraft

OWN TACTICS

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

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

This report represents the results of the second vector of the evening of 14 April after an unsuccessful earlier contact. A division of three night fighters was orbitting

in the vicinity of TF 58 under the control of BULL DURHAM when Ensign MCNAGHAN was detached and assigned to arab to intercept an approaching bogey. At a point about 18 miles north of the Task Force he swung in behind the bogey; a good radar contact was established at about 3000 feet directly astern. Somewhere between 25 and 50 yards he was able to identify the plane as a FRANCES. The ememy took no evasive action, so MONAGHAN merely pulled up his nose and fired one short burst (between 50 and 75 rounds) which burned the starboard engine. The FRANCES crashed immediately into the sea, about 13 miles north of the Task Force. When it was splashed other bogeys in its company appeared to scatter. MCNAGHAN closed to within one mile of another plane on a third vector, when his contact was broken off upon appreach to a Task Group screen. Just as he turned the bogey was taken under AA fire and subsequently knocked down. The weather was clear, ceiling unlimited, with a heavy haze to 2000 feet.

The approach of the FRANCES was apparently in conjunction with an abortive attack against one of the Task Groups which was being undertaken simultaneously. During his successful in terception, while flying at an altitude of 2500 feet, MUNAGHAN was startled by a flare which burst in to light directly above him at 3000 feet. Each flare was composed of eight to ten balls of intense white light, each suspended from its own parachute, and all strung together horizontally. Several of these "sets" were dropped. Each flare lasted for about ten minutes and was replaced immediately, when it had burned out or submerged, by a fresh release which began to glow same altitude (3000 feet). A total of three groups of flares were dropped. The plane performing this operation flow a straight and level course at six to seven thousand feet, and dropped window simultaneously. This illumination was estimated to be at a distance of 15 miles from the group under attack.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.

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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

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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