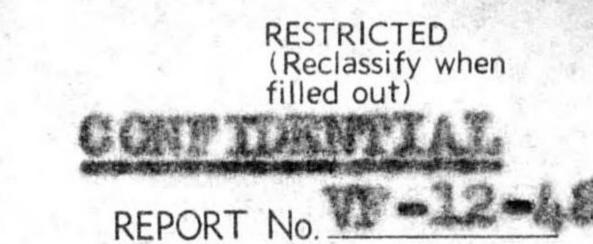
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COMP IDENTIAL

	VN AIRCRA					RT.						
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	NUMBER ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		FUZE, SETTING  (g)						
F6-5	WF-12	8	0	6	2 % 5	00// G	.2.					dela
PG-5	VF-12	3	0	0	2 Pho	to 01	morts.					
-60°-52	VP-12	2	0	0								
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IV. E	NEMY AIRC  (b)  NO.  OBSERVED	RAFT OBS  (c)  NO. ENGAGIN  OWN A/C	G (d)		(e) ATION OF			Only).  (f) EDOES CARRIE OBSERVED	D;	CA	(g) MOUFLAGE MARKING	AND
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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)	(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1 None				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
0				
1				
2				
3				
4				

VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) (b) NO. SQUADRON	NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
Mane			

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

(a) TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(	NO. OF PLANES			
						.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
767-5	135	140	3h.40m.	400	280	3	0000			11
TO-5P	240	150	3h.35m.	400	260					2
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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		44		
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

Mone encountered.

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT



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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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XI. ATTACK ON	ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND	OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only	). O

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a) Target(s)	and Locatio	n(S)(FOR SHIP	S INCLUDE ALL IN AREA	UNDER A	TTACK)	( D	) Time Ove	r rarger(s)			, 201107
c) Clouds O	ver Target	7000 ft. b	(BASE IN FEET	TYPE A	ND TENTH	d of	COVER)	7	m1. 1	n ha	20
d) Visibility	of Target	(CLEAR, HAZ	Y, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLO	JDS, ETC.	)		'isibility	/		
f) Bombing	Tactics: Typ	e	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)			Bor		ed 23			
Bombs Dr	opped per Ru	In(NUMBER	Spacing		(FEET)		Altitude (	of Bomb Rel	ease	(FEET)	
g) Number	of Enemy Air	rcraft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed		Prob	bably	Destroyed_		_ Damage	ed	
(h AIMING	POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	EXPE	OMBS AND	(1) D AMM CH A1/	NUNITION MING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	serious, d	(n) E (None, estroyed o	r sunk)
Buildin	gs,Area	200°x200°	VF-12	12	x 500	0# (	1.P.	12	Serio	Lie Lie	
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1. These buildings lay in a quadrangle, of which the eastern structure had already been razed. The six HELLCATS each attacked separate units with highly successful results.

(p) Were Photographs Taken?\_\_\_\_\_Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

<sup>(</sup>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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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
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
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

### COMPIDENTIAL

Immediately after takeoff two fighters were recovered by another carrier of the group in emergency landings. A replacement plane without bombs was launched before rendez-vous was completed (This accounts for the odd number of planes and irregular armament indicated under paragraph II). The remaining flight consisting of eight armed HELLCATS, two photo planes, two photo-escort, and one odd aircraft, preceded to KIKAI SHIMA to attack a quadrangle of buildings thought to be either military headquarters or barracks, located southeast of the main taxiway about half a mile east of WAN Airfield.

All twolve bombs fell within the quadrangle; the first four were observed to score direct hits upon two of the buildings, clouding the target so that the accuracy of successive drops could not be seen. The eastern structure of the area had already been razed by provious attacks. Photographs show the entire area, with the exception of the northern buildings, to have been completely leveled. Edifices further south, both above and below the athletic field, are shown as rubble by the same photographs. Pictures acquired two days previously indicate that all of those buildings were intect at that time. It is both possible and probable that elements from other ships caused a large part of the destruction described. On the intervening day (between the two sets of photographs) this task group was engaged in refueling. Pilots participating in this flight assert that the quadrangular area under consideration was undamaged before their errival, and were of the opinion before they had had an opportunity to see the pictures that this was the best divebombing they had ever eccomplished.

From KIKAI the patrol crossed to AMAMI O'SHIMA on a search for small craft along its shores. Several were strafed in the Southern finger of SUMIYO WAN, and others in a cove just north of this bay. Others, well camouflaged, were located on the western coast - two luggers of thirty or forty feet, of which one burned and the other smoked.

Just below the northeast tip of AMAMI are two sets of five towers, evidently of concrete constructions. These were presumed to be radio antennae. A small building at the base of the more southerly group was strafed and burned.

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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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