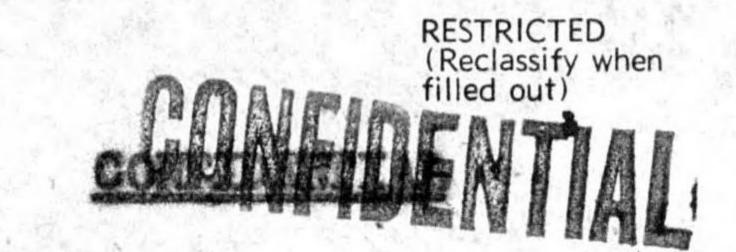
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| TYPE ENEMY A/C | (b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY: TYPE A/C SQUADRON PILOT OR GU | | OR GUNNER | GUNS USED WHE | | | WHERE | (c) RE HIT, ANGLE | | DAMAGE CLAIMED | | |
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT. OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only). CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C,
TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) (a) (b) (e)
EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE,
(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) TYPE OWN A/C SQUADRON Side windshield Chipped hole in plexiglass from one o'clock level Repaired on board 6 9 10 12 13

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

(a) (b) (c) NAME, RANK OR RATING

(Ad) (d) (e) CONDITION OR STATUS

CONDITION OR STATUS

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

| TYPE N | OUT | | IN AIR | LOADED | AV. FUEL CONSUMED | 20 | T 50 | AMMUNITION EXPENDED | | NO. OF PLANES |
|---------|-----|--------|--------|--------|----------------------|-----|------|---------------------|----|---------------|
| TBU-3 1 | 158 | RETURN | 3.2 | 335 | 220 | 300 | 500 | 20MM | MM | RETURNING |
| F6F-5 1 | 58 | 158 | 3 / 20 | 325 | 225 | | 8400 | | | 8 |

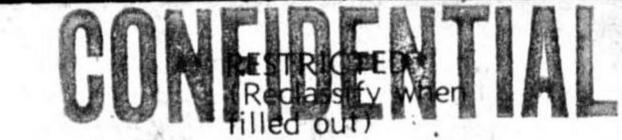
IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

| CALIBER | NONE | MEAGER | MODERATE | INTENSE |
|-------------------------------------------|------|--------|----------|---------|
| HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over | X | | | |
| MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm | X | | | |
| LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm | | | 2 | |

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes 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).

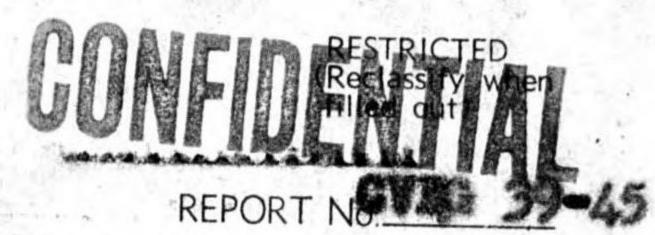
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|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
|) Bombing Tactics: Type | W - glide W - none | | Bomb Sight Use | ed Tr | ease 3500 |
| Bombs Dropped per Ru Number of Enemy Air | | () | (FEET) | | _ Damaged |
| (h) AIMING POINT | DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE | (i) 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 |
| T Runeray (| icorgo s/f | WT -24 | 80 - 100# bombs v | 20 | Cratered |
| | eorge e/f | 8 VI-24 | 64 rockets | ** | |
| T Dispersal area | | VF-24 | 4 bombs | • | |
| II Amno. dumo | Miyara | 7F-24 | 3 bombs | • | • |
| F Dispersal area | Ishigaki a/ | T VF-24 | 24 rockets - straffed | *** | |
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- WT 2 A group of storage buildings of various sizes located east of field George. Hits were scored in the area and two fires left burning.
- VF 3 The wooded dispersal area south of the airfield took two direct hits and a good fire was started. Exact damage unknown.
- VF 4 This ammo. dump under trees was hit by one bomb directly and 2 near misses. A small emplosion and fire resulted in target area 9350 U.
- VF 5 Entire dispersal area was combed with rocket and straffing hits. A S/E plane on runway was hit hard and probably destroyed, other damage not observed. Many dummys hit besides.

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| 0) | Were Photographs | Taken? | Photographs of | Damage, | vvnen i akeri, | Should be | Milached by | stapic. |

⁽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

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 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

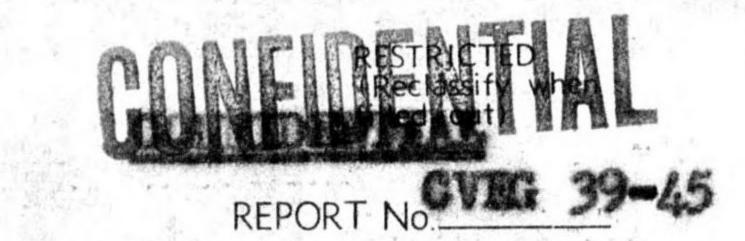
This flight was led by Lieutenant D. W. Gooper, Commanding Officer of VI-24. The planes arrived over the target at 10,000' and split into two units. Lieutenant Coopen took & Sammer Tr plus Lieutenant Darwin Cosfier's division of fighters to open an attack on field "George", a green strip, the limits of which are not too well defined. Thus, it was a hard target to locate. The VT led down, pushed over at 6500° and dropped 80 - 100 lb. bombs, about 1/3 of which struck the runway. Release was made at 3600' altitude. Meanshile, the 4 VF dive bombed the adjacent dispersal area, getting 2 hits and starting a fire. The fighters attacked at 70° angle, releasing at 3500. The VT then combined for a rocket attack on storage buildings east of this field. They fired in a 40° glide at 2000 yards slant range, secured several hits which left two fires burning there.

In the meantime, the other division of SAMPER fighters, led by Lieut(jg) J. E. MARER, joined up with the Marines from the USS GILBERT ISLANDS to attack Myera airfiedl. Our fighters bombed an ammo. dump straffed A/A positions etc., in support of the bombing attack on the main runway.

The final attack was a rocket and straffing run on the dispersal area at Ishigaki airfield. All the SAMTEE fighters, including our photo plane, participated. One S/E plane tilted up on the runway was hit and probably destroyed. Other dummy planes were hit but additional demage was unobserved. Ams were made in 45° angles, firing rockets at 1000 yards. Liout(jg) BallAMD secured excellent photo coverage of Ishigaki and George fields on this mission, with his For-5P.

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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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