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(a) (b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:	Did Ar Encour Time of (j) of Sun	ny Part of Inter(s) Occ of Day and B or Moon —	ur in Cloud rilliance	(YES OR NO)	SHT MOON; DA	Y, OVERCA	ST; ETC.)		(k) Vis	sibility	MILES)
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VI. LOS	S OR DAM	IAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATION	VAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of tho	se listed in II only).
(a)	(b)	CALISE: TYPE ENEMY A/C	WHERE HIT ANGLE (List armor	EXTENT OF LOSS

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	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).

(a) NO.	(b) SQUADRON	NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
		NONE /		
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a)	(b)	(c)	AV. HOURS	(e) AV. FUEL	AV. FUEL	(g)	TOTAL AMMU	NITION EXPEN	NDED	NO. OF PLANES
TYPE A/C	MILES	MILES	IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
FM-2	68	54	3.3	245	125		4650			8
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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				X
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm		1 19	X	
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm		X		

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 E	NEMY SHIPS OR	GROUND OBJECT	IVES (By Own Aircraft Listed	in II Only)	
(a)	Target(s) and Location	on(s)(FOR SHIP	Airiold SINCLUDE ALL IN AREA	UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Ov	er Target(s)	1700 (I) (Zone
c)	Clouds Over Target_	4500 £		TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
d)	Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HAZ	Y. PARTIALLY OBSCURED		Visibility	(MILES)
f)	Bombing Tactics: Typ	e	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight U		(TYPE)
	Bombs Dropped per Ru	IN (NUMBER	, Spacing_	(FEET) Attitude	of Bomb Ret	1500 yds.
g)	Number of Enemy Air	rcraft Hit on Gro	und: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed_	None	_ Damaged _ One _
	(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)
1	Maha airfield	2000 yds. E 3000 yds	8 FM-2 • VC-83	48 - 5"(HE) AR Strafe - 4650 rds.	All	Slight
2	S/E plane		1 FU-2 VC-83	Strafe	Many	Slight
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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)
 - 1. The primary targets were the AA positions around the edge of the airfield. These were extremely difficult to see except when they fired. At least one was definitely destroyed by rockets and another stopped firing after a strafing attack, possibly because the gun crew had all been killed or wounded.
 - 2. One S/E plane was strafed on one run by one plane. It was hit but did not burn.

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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
", Enemy
Flexible Gunnery, Own
Escort Tactics
Fighter Direction
Use of Radar
Night Fighting

Recognition, Aircraft

ATTACK

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

8 VF launched as part of direct support group of 24 VF and 15 VT to support pre-invasion naval operations against Okinawa Jima. This group was divided into two smaller groups and 12 VF and 8 VT were directed to strike the Naha Airfield and endeavor to knock out the AA positions which surrounded the field.

There were numerous gun positions surrounding the airfield but most all of them were camouflaged and very difficult to see from the air except when they fired. At the time of the attack there was a solid overcast at 4500 feet and the AA fire, particularly from the heavies, was intense and also accurate. Several of the planes were bounced around by near-by explosions of heavy AA. Three runs were made from just beneath the overcast with the VF leading the way, strafing and firing rockets. Pull out was at about 1500 feet with rapid straight-away retirement. Hone of the planes was hit by AA.

It was difficult to observe results of the attack but at least one gun position was destroyed and others were damaged.

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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

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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