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I. GENERAL

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II. O	Direct	Support (Brows - I	ID JIMA				f) Time of Ret	urn_1530((Zon
	WN AIRCRA	AFT OFFIC	IALLY COV	ERED BY TH	IS REPORT	Γ.				
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	NUMBER ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)			AND TORPEDOES O (PER PLANE) (f)		FUZE, SE	
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III. C	THER U. S.	OR ALLIE	D AIRCRAFT	EMPLOYED	IN THIS	OPER	ATION.			
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE	TI TI	YPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	
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	NEMY AIRC	CRAFT OBS	ERVED OR E	NGAGED (B	By Own Airc	raft	Listed in 11	Only). None		
(a) TYPE	NO. OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGIN OWN A/C		LOCAT	ION OF		BOMBS, TORPED GUNS OF	OOES CARRIED;		(g) FLAGE AND RKING
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i) Encour	ny Part of Inter(s) Occu	ir in Clouds	(YES OR NO)	_If so. Descr	ibe Clouds_		•	1		
Time o	f Day and Br	illiance	(YES OR NO)				(BASE IN	FEET, TYPE AND TE	NTHS OF COVE	ER)
j) of Sun	or Moon		(NIGHT, BRIG	HT MOON; DAY,	OVERCAST; ETC	C.)		(k) Visibility	(M)	LES)
V. EN	LEMY AIRCI	RAFT DEST	ROYED OR	DAMAGED I	N AIR (By	Own	Aircraft List	red in II Only).		
(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTRO	DYED OR DAMA	T =	T. OD. CLININED		211116 1	10.50	(c) WHERE HIT, A	NCLE	(d) DAMAGE
ENEMY A/C	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILO	T OR GUNNER		SUNS L	JSED	WHERE HII, A	MOLE	CLAIMEI
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OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in 11 only)

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(a) E OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	L, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of the WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed
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		CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed	in II only; identify with planes I	isted in VI by Nos. at left).
VII. PE		(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS

a) O.	(b) SQUADRON	ONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed) (c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	CONDITION OR STATUS
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TYPE A/C OUT RETURN AV. HOURS IN AIR LOADED AV. FUEL CONSUMED 30 .50 20MM MM RETURN RETURN AV. HOURS LOADED AV. FUEL CONSUMED 30 .50 20MM MM RETURN RETURN AV. FUEL CONSUMED 30 .50 20MM MM RETURN RET	VIII.	RANGE,	FUEL, ANI	D AMMUNI	HON DATA	A FOR PLAN	(g) TOTAL AMML	INITION EXPEN	IDED	NO. OF PLANE RETURNING
A/C	(a) TYPE	(b) -	(c)	(d)	(6)	AV FUEL -	.30		20MM	MM	RETURNING
	A/C	56	143	3.0	175	140		4300			

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Ch	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSI
AVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	X.			
DIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm		X		

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

He enemy A/G encountered.

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE) C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A



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c) Clouds Over Target	1800* - 91	(BASE IN FEET		*	
d) Visibility of Target		ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED			(MILES)
f) Bombing Tactics: Type					
Bombs Dropped per Ru g) Number of Enemy Air			Altitude (FEET) Probably Destroyed_	of Bomb Rele	ease(FEET) _ Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk
l Blockhouses in 235 F & A		No.77	1300 rds 50 cml.		Not observed
2 Stores in ravine		¥ - 314-2 VG-77	2 napelm bombs	2	
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3 4 5 6					

(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).

Of the four mapalm bombs dropped two exploded. One failed because it had no igniter.

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

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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

ATTACK

OWN TACTICS

Night Fighting

Recognition, Aircraft

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

At 1230(N), 8 Merch, 1945, VC-77's fifth VE division, led by Licutement B. W. BESSETT, was catepulted from CVE-81 and joined with VT and VF from VC-85 and VC-88 to sugment the fighter cover of a direct support mission over IWO JIMA.

At 1400(E) four strafing runs were made on blockhouses in 235 F and A. The VF proceeded the VF into the attack.

At 1450(E) two runs were made on stores in a ravine in area 250 T. On the first of these runs four mapalm bombs were dropped but only two ignited. The second run was a strafing run shead of the bombers. No results were observed.

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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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One gun failed to fire.

Lightenent BESSETT was having engine trouble in the landing circle, but was able to land. His tail hook bounced all the way down the dack, resulting in a serious barrier crash, but without personnel injury.

APPROVED BY:

T. D. PHILLIPPS, Mout. ACI Off. VO77

R. W. BEWELL, Lieutenant

SIGNATURE

RANK AND DUTY

SIGNATURE CONTINUE RANK AND DUTY

DATE