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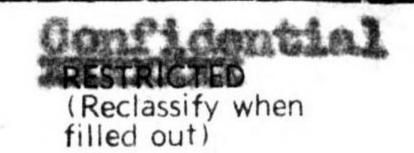
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I. GENERAL

	WN AIRCR	AFT OFFI		RED BY THIS R	EPORT.				
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		AND TORPEDO ED (PER PLAN (f)		FUZE, SET	TING
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						JONDRON	INOMBER	BASE	
(a) TYPE	(D)	()	(d)	GAGED (By Ow			(f)	T	-1
	OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGIN OWN A/C		LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER		BOMBS, TORPI GUNS (EDOES CARRIED; DBSERVED	CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING	
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	,		(ZONE)	Retto				red meatballs	
			(ZONE)						
Did Any Encount Time of of Sun o	Day and Brill or Moon MY AIRCR (b) DESTROY	in Clouds	(YES OR NO) (NIGHT, BRIGHT) ROYED OR DA	so, Describe Cla	oudsst; etc.)	(BASE IN	FEET. TYPE AND TEN (k) Visibility ted in II Only).	NTHS OF COVER	
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON		R GUNNER	GUNS U		WHERE HIT, AI		DAMAGE
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only). WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) (e)
EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE,
(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) (c)

CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C,

TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE (a) (b) TYPE OWN A/C SQUADRON 6 9 10 11 12 13 14 VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(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)	(b)	(c) (d)	(e)	AV. FUEL	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				NO. OF PLANES	
TYPE A/C	MILES	RETURN	AV. HOURS	LOADED.	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
TM-2	65	70	4.4	233	170		3320			4

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

for " "	CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-f	fused shells, 75mm and over	X			
MEDIUM - Impa	act-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	X			
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm		X			•

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

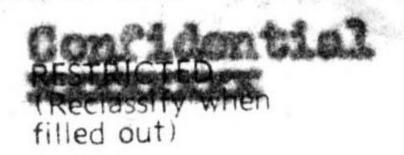
SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

FM-2 easily overtook Val.

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 ENE) Target(s) and Location() Clouds Over Target		(BASE IN FEET.	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
I) Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HAZY	PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	(e) Visibility	(MILES)
) Bombing Tactics: Type	(LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sigl	nt Used	(TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Run	(NUMBER)	Spacing	(FEET) Alti	tude of Bomb Rele	ease (FEET)
g) Number of Enemy Aircr	aft Hit on Grou				
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING PO	NO HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
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5					
6					
7					
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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).

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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

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

On 8 April 1945, L plus 7, 4 FM-2 took off at 0525 I from USS MAKIN ISLAND for Target Combat Air Patrol at Okinowa Jima. They were vectored after reporting on station in the direction of begays mear a force of our ships. They were then advised that salves would be fired by our ships in the direction of the bogoy. A Val was Tallyhood at 0655 I. 3 miles away at the sume altitude as the CAP, 900 feet. The Val climbed for clouds which was at 2000 feet; it carried a bomb under its fuselage and was a mottled brown and green in clor with the usual red meatballs. The FM-2s chased and easily caught the Val which fired inaccurately at them. Bursts from Lt. George Sham-Corthorn and Lt. (jg) Hiller into the cockpit and starboard wingroot resulted in the Vala' bursting into flame, nosing over and going into the water. The encounter took place about 2 miles southwest of Korema Retto. Val's sole evasion was an attempt to reach the cloud cover above. After being relieved on CAP the flight was given permission to attack targets of opportunity on Is Shima. An area (8834 Deg Jig 8934 King Queen William local grid) containing buts was strafed and fires were started. The flight returned to base at 0950 I.

Pilots - Lt. George Sham-Corthorn, Lts.(jg) Duane C. Miller. Alfred E. Monahen, Raymond B. Howard

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Equipment performed normally.

RESTRICTED

(Reclassify when filled out)



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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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