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I. GENERAL

		AFT OFFIC	NUMBER	ERED BY TH	112 KEPO					
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)			AND TORPEDOE D (PER PLANE) (f)	282	FUZ	E, SETTING (g)
TBM-1C	VC-76	8		8		10-10	# GP O # GP HER			ose and ta
		T	DAIRCRAFT		IN THI		T	NULMADED		DACE
TYPE FM-2	SQUADRON	NUMBER 8	USS STEAN	ER BAY ((VE87)	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE
IV FN	JEMY AIRC	RAFT ORS	FRVFD OR F	NGAGED (By Own A	ircraft	listed in II	Only)		*
(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	NO ENGAGIN OWN A/C	G (d)	(d) (e)		Own Aircraft Listed in II Only). ON OF NTFR BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED GUNS OBSERVED			CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING	
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Did Any Encount Time of of Sun (a)	Part of ter(s) Occur Day and Bror Moon	ir in Clouds	(YES OR NO) (NIGHT, BRIG	If so, Desci	OVERCAST;	ETC.)		(k) Visil	nly).	COVER) (MILES)
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VI. LOS	VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).							
(a) YPE 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)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)				
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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	(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) MILES MILES		AV. HOURS	(e) AV. FUEL	AV. FUEL	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED			(h) NO. OF PLANES	
TYPE A/C	MILES	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
TBM-1C	48	48	2.3	330	150		400			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				×

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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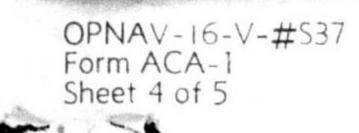
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XI. ATTACK ON EN	2. Area n	orth of east be area south-eas	IVES (By Own Aircraft List oat basin, Iwo Jima t Iwo Jima (b) Time (UNDER ATTACK)	ed in II Only). Over Target(s).	1105 - 10 (Zone)
(c) Clouds Over Target	Cumulus, 500	0 - 6000, 4/10 (BASE IN FEET	, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
(d) Visibility of Target	Clear, HA	ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	Visibility 10 n	iles (MILES)
(f) Bombing Tactics: Type			Bomb Sight	UsedNone	(TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Ru	n3-500# or 1	O-100# Spacing B	oth train and Altituc	de of Bomb Rele	ease 1800 (FEET)
(g) Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroye	d	_ Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT	(i) 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)
South-east beach area, 800 yds in	from water	8 TBM-1C VC-76		All bombs and rockets	-
2		8 FM-2	6 - 5" HER	in area	
3 Area north of eas boat basin, Iwo J		3 TBM-1c VC-76	20 - 100 # 3 - 500 #	All bomb	s None observed
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5					
6					
7					
8					
					

⁽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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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 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

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.)

> Direct Support Group of 8 VT and 8 VF directed by CASCU to strike south-east beach area of Iwo Jima from Mt. Suribachi northwards to point south-east of Motoyama Airfield # 1. Purpose of strike was to give cover to NUDT's off the beach.

Four VF made strafing run, followed by 8 VT which dropped a portion of their bombs and fired rockets. Remaining 4 VF covered withdrawal of the VT. Air Coordinator reported 3 pillboxes on fire from the attack.

Three VT which did not drop on first attack were then assigned an area to the north of the east boat yard on Iwo Jima just inland from the beach. Twenty 100# and three 500# GP bombs were dropped on this area. No specific damage observed.

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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

SIGNATURE

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

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