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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

TYPE	SQUADRON		NUMBER			ROMPS A	ND TORPEDOE	:		
(a)	(b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)			(PER PLANE)		FL	JZE, SETTING (g)
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IV. EN	IEMY AIRC	CRAFT OBSE	RVED OR EN	GAGED (By Own	Aircraft I	isted in 11	Only).	1	
(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	NO ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	LOCA.	(e) TION OF DUNTER		BOMBS, TORPEI GUNS O	DOES CARRIED	;	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
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(a) TYPE OWN A/	(b) SQUADRON	TYPE (AUSE: TYPE ENEM GUN, OR OPERAT	MY A/C, IONAL CAUSE	WHERE HI self-sealing	(d) T, ANGLE (L tanks, equip	ist armor, ment hit)	EXTEN (Give Bureau	(e) NT OF LOSS C serial number	OR DAMAGE, of planes destroyed)
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D. SQUADR	ON		(c) NK OR RATING			AUSE		CC	(e) NDITION OR	STATUS
										
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VIII.	RANGE, FU	EL, AN	D AMMUNI	TION DAT	A FOR PLA	NES RETU	JRNING			
(a) TYPE	(b) MILES	(c) MILES	AV. HOURS	(e) AV FUEL	AV. FUEL	(g)	TOTAL AMMI	JNITION EXPEN	NDED	NO. OF PLAN
A'/C	OUT	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
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	me-fused shells				***					
FAVY — Ti	HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm				**					
	Impact-fused sh	ells. 20mr	m-50mm		1			1		

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes TURNS DIVES CEILINGS RANGE PROTECTION ARMAMENT

COMPULATION

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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XI. ATTACK	ON ENEMY SHIPS OF	R GROUND OBJECT	TIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed	in II Only)	•
(a) Target(s) and L	ocation(s)(FOR SHI	PS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA	UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Ov	er Target(s)	(Zone)
(c) Clouds Over Targ	get 1500* - Soli	d moles and he	T, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
	get(CLEAR, HA			Visibility	(MILES)
(f) Bombing Tactics	: Type	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE	Bomb Sight U		
Bombs Dropped p	er Run(NUMBER	Spacing _	(FEET) Altitude	of Bomb Rel	ease 800 -1000 (FEET)
(g) Number of Enem	ny Aircraft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed_	0	_ 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)
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(p)	Were Photographs	Taken?	Photographs of	Damage,	WhenTaken,	Should Be	Attached By	Staple
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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⁾ Target had been pretty well destroyed. One operational s/o was seen and destroyed - several fires started on the field.

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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.)

> Lieutenant Commander E. . . HESSEL, Strike Coordinator for this flight, led the group to Okinews and reported on station as scheduled. target squares were assigned for attack and inacqueb as Maha 4/7 was in this area, concentration was on this target over which the flight remained for approximately 1 hour. The fighters escorted both VB and VI in their attacks in addition, made several runs independently. Lt.Comdr. HESSEL spotted a "TONY" in a hangerette at the edge of the field, with the nose extending out of the opening. He made a strafing run on it and the "TONY" was observed burning. He other operational a/c were noted, although there wore many wrecks on the field.

Several fires were started, and it was noted that the radio antannas had been knocked down by earlier attacks. When the attack was completed, the group rendezvoused and returned to base.

Lt. Comdr. HESSEL's run on the above mentioned "Hangarette" was from the side, inaxmuch as he already committed himself in the run before spotting the a/c in the enclosure. It is believed that the .60 caliber struck the forward part of the e/o which was extending out of the opening rather than ponotrating the "langarette".

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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 Bornb 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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Jap "TONY" burning in a hangarette on NAHA A/F, Okinawa after being spotted and strafed by Lt. Commanding Officer of VF-82 on 2 April, 1945.