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(a) Unit R	eporting	WF-12	(b)	Based on or a	at U.S.	S. Ra	ndolph (JV-15)	c) Report No.	W-12-15
(d) Take o	ff: Date	8 April		Time (LZT	1257	(I)	(Zone) · I		Long	
(e) Mission		[사람이 아이트 아이트 아이트 (아니트 - 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 1	ANSET SHO		250430 8			(f) Time of	Return_164	(I) (Zone
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TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)	BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)			FUZE, SETTING (g)		
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	NEMY AIRC	CRAFT OBSE	ERVED OR EN	IGAGED (By	Own A	ircraft	Listed in 11	Only).		
(a) TYPE	OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGING	TIME ENCOUNTERED	LOCATIO	ON OF	5.45 5.41	BOMBS, TORPEI GUNS OF	DOES CARRIED; BSERVED	CAMO	(g) DUFLAGE AND MARKING
Hond			(ZONE)			35			
			(ZONE))	7. 1					
			(ZONE)				55			
(h) Apparei	at Enamy M	liccion (c)	None							
Did Any	Part of	r in Clouds?		f so, Describ	e Cloud	S				
Time of	Day and Bri		(YES OR NO)				(BASE IN	FEET, TYPE AN	D TENTHS OF CO	VER)
j) of Sun	or Moon		(NIGHT, BRIGHT	MOON; DAY, O	VERCAST;	ETC.)		_(k) Visibi	/	MILES)
			OYED OR DA	AMAGED IN	AIR (B	y Own	Aircraft List	ed in 11 On	ly).	
TYPE ENEMY A/C	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON		OR GUNNER		CUNC			c) IIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only). (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C,
TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE (b) (a) SQUADRON TYPE OWN A/C Total loss; Bu.No. 72295 Fuselage, near tail VF-12 1 F6F-5 Replaced Stb. Horiz. atabilizer Heavy AA (prob. 120mm) W-12 2 F6F-5

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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, RA	(d) CAUSE					CONDITION OR STATUS		
1	VF-12	Ens. Jay M	. FINLEY,	USNR	Enemy	AA :	fire;	shot	down	Recovered by DUMBO-condition good-returned to squadron
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING NO. OF PLANES (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED AV. FUEL AV. FUEL AV. HOURS (c) MILES RETURN (b) TYPE A/C MILES RETURNING MM 20MM .50 LOADED CONSUMED IN AIR 14 9,570 400 gls. 300 gls. 125 125 F6F-5 400 gls. 300 gls. 125 FGF-5P 125

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

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
			X	X
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over		-	9.0	**
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm			A	A
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	1.0		X	

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

None encountered.

TURNS DIVES CEILINGS. RANGE PROTECTION ARMAMENT

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(a)	XI. ATTACK ON EN Target(s) and Locatio	n(s) AMAII O	R GROUND OBJECT	IVES (By Own Aircraft Listed SIOTO (b) Time Ov UNDER ATTACK)	d in II Only) er Target(s)	. 1450 (I) (Zone)
(c)	Clouds Over Target	2700' Bas	es Alto-Stratus	1 10/10 Dovor		
	Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HA	ZY. PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)		(MILES)
(f)	Bornbing Tactics: Type	e	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight U	sed 23	(TYPE)
(g)	Rombs Dropped per Ru Number of Enemy Air	(NOMBE		(FEET)		ease 700° Similar Romannesse (FEET) Damaged
	(h) AIMING POINT	DIMICIASIONS OR	(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)
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This ship was already damaged and beached. The interior was badly burned out, only the aft portion appearing to be undamaged. Smoke emerged from the stern area hit but no fire was observed. A FOX TARE CHARLIE was found beached and completely gutted in an adjoining cove to the south in HAZE KO, but was passed over as a target.

Photographs do not show damage inflicted.

⁽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 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

The primary duty of this flight was target CAP over KIRAI and TORUNO SHIMA, but two rockots were loaded in each plane in ouse a suitable objective wore found. The two sirfields on RIKAI SHIMA and the one on TORUNO SHIMA were strafed, and most of the rockets launched against gun emplacements and damaged aircraft in the vicinity of the field. Heavy and medium antiaircraft fire at WAN Airfield on KINAI SHIMA was moderate to intense and fairly accurate. The enemy allowed the flight to appreach close without opening fire during its first run; on subsequent runs, however, fire was opened at extreme range and supported by increasingly accurate automatic weapons fire close in. Lieutement Hamilton MoThortor's HELLCAT was hit in the starboard horizontal stabilizer by 25mm AA during the pullout, causing severe durage to the empennage.

almsign day M. Finley is reported as missing. He was last seem with the formation prior to its final straffing attack on MAN Airfield, when his division passed through a cloud layer above the target. Subsequent events leading to his less were not observed. Successive flights over the same area were instructed to be alert for any remants of an FSF, but all such searches have been negative.

*Bhaign Finley was shot down by enemy AA. He was recovered and returned to the Squadron two weeks later.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary).

COMMITS

ARMAMENT

Guns, Gunsights Turrets Ammunition Bombs, Torpedoes Bomb Sights Bomb Releases

COMMUNICATIONS

Radio, Radar Homing Devices Visual Signals Codes, Ciphers

RECOGNITION

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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