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II. OW	SQUADRON	TAKING OFF	NUMBER ENGAGING A ENEMY A/C	TACKING TARGET	BOMBS AND TORPEDOL CARRIED (PER PLANE		FUZE, SETTI	NG
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IV. EN		NO. ENGAGING		1	wn Aircraft Listed in I	Only). (f) PEDOES CARRIED; OBSERVED	CAMOUFL	AGE AND
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Two FB4Y-1P sircraft of Fleet Air Photographic Squadron One, with Lieut. W. E. HUGHES flight leader, took off from Youtan Field, Okinawa, R. I., on 7 June 1945 at 0655 Item, to perform recommaissance photography of Southern Kyushu. Two photo-Lightnings of the Twentyeighty Photo Recommaissance Squadron, 7th Air Force, also participated in the action, photographing enemy airfields in the same general area. The Tactical Air Force of the Tenth Army provided fifty-two P47N fighter aircraft for escort and a diversionary raid.

Flight lines two miles apart and approximately thirty miles long running north and south over Southwestern Kyushu were planned. Photography was to be performed from an altitude of 20,000 feet using a 24 inch focal length camera. Each photo-Liberator was escorted by twelve P47N aircraft and each photo-Lightning by eight P47N aircraft while eight P47N aircraft were to stage a diversionary radar raid. A FBM Dumbo escorted by four P470 aircraft was provided to orbit in the vicinity of Take Shima.

Rendezvous with the fighters was made five miles northwest of Is Shima at 0730 Item. The formation proceeded from there to Take Shima climbing to 20,000 feet emroute. At Take Shima the photographic planes with their escort orbited, while ei ht P47N aircraft proceeded on a course of 325° Magnetic. After ten minutes on this course, these planes went into a five mile crbit dropping rope window. This action was repeated twice at ten ninute intervals. Forty enemy fighter sireraft were attracted by this diversionary action of which four were destroyed. Two P47N aircraft were damaged during the battle both of which crashed on the return to base.

After orbiting for fifteen minutes, the photographic planes proceeded to the target. They errived on station at 0910 Item and found the area covered with six to ten-tenths cumulus clouds. While unable to photograph over the planned flight lines due to the cloud coverage, they did cover such areas as were not too obscured, and excellent photographs of these areas were obtained. Heavy moderate and inaccurate antiaircraft fire was encountered. RCM gear was used to determine the frequencies used by the antiaircraft batteries and proper window was dropped to disrupt the sum laying radar. While no enemy aircraft were observed by the hoto-Liberators, the escorting aircraft observed and attacked an undetermined number. destroying two in the air.

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The planes continued to photograph until 1040 Item and then proceeded to the rally point at Take Shima. The photo-Liberator piloted by Lieut. W. H. HUGHES while emroute to base participated in searching for a life reft which had been reported sighted

between Take Shima and Amami Cunto. The search was not successful and the plane returned to base landing at Youtan at 1320 Item. The other plane piloted by Liout. H. O. ENDERSON returned directly to Yontan landing at 1230 Item.

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A PB4Y-1P flown by Lieutenant F. W. CROOK attempted photo reconnaissance of Truk on 9 June 1945. Take-off was at 0644 King and the target was reached at 1030 King. The entire atoll with the exception of Tol Island was overcast. Vertical and oblique photographs of Tol were obtained from 9,000 ft. Meager inaccurate automatic weapon fire was encountered. The plane landed at Agana at 1405 King.

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