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TYPE	SQUADRON	TAKING	NUMBER	ATTACKING			AND TORPEDOES			
(a)	(b)	OFF (c)	ENEMY A/C	TARGET (e)		CARRIE	(F)			SETTING 103 Al Inst
BM-3E	VT-33	2	-	2	10 x		GP		Tail AN M	100 A2 .1 :
6F-5E	VF-33	4	***	14		100 5" H	GP M 30 VAR		AN 103 & A MK 157	
		OR ALLIE	DAIRCRAFT	EMPLOYED	IN THIS	OPER	ATION.	,		
None	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE		TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	В	ASE
(a) TYPE	(b)	NO. ENGAGING	(d)	NGAGED (By			BOMBS, TORPED GUNS OB		: CAMO	(g) DUFLAGE AND
None	OBSERVED	OWIN A/C	(ZON		NIER		GUNS OB	SERVED		MARKING
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	nt Enemy M	ission(s)								-
Encoun	Part of ter(s) Occur Day and Bril	in Clouds?	(YES OR NO)	If so, Describ	e Clouds		(BASE IN F	EET, TYPE A	ND TENTHS OF CO	VER)
	or Moon		dr.	AMAGED IN			A:			MILES)
of Sun	EMY AIRCR		GED BY:	THE THE	AIR (D)	OWIL	AIICIAIT LISTE	ed in 11 O	(c)	(d)
of Sun V. EN (a) TYPE		PED OR DAMA					SED	WHERE	HIT, ANGLE	DAMAGE
of Sun V. EN (a) TYPE	(b) DESTROY TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT	OR GUNNER		GUNS U				
of Sun V. EN (a) TYPE	(b) DESTROY	PED OR DAMA	PILOT	OR GUNNER		GUNS U				
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

TYPE OWN A/C	SQUADRON.	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C.	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE,
None			o and administration of the second of the se	Torve 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).

SQUADRON	NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
None			
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

TYPE	MILES	(c) MILES	AV. HOURS	(e) AV FUEL	UEL AV. FUEL		(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED			
A/C	OUT	RETURN	. IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
TBM_3E	90	90	3hrsl0min	330 gal	243 gal	600	510			2
F6F-5E	90	90	3hrsl0min	400 gal	230 gal	(Inp	***	849	(Date)	1
			Jaca Davina	TOU BELL	Zou gal			200	Gus	4

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

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	11.17.51.10.5
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	Y	MENOLK	MODERATE	INTENSE
MEDIUM — Impact-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

None

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DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
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THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a)	Target(s) and Location(s) KOURI SHIMA and IE SHIMA (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Over Target(s) 1300 (I) (Zone)
(c)	Clouds Over Target Cumulus Base 6,000 feet with scuds to 4000 feet Overcast
(b)	Visibility of Tour
(f)	Bombing Tactics: Type All
	Rockets fired - 3 VF 1422, 1 VF 6: Bombs Dropped per Run 3 VF-2, 1 VF 1 Spacing VF-0; VI - 0. Altitude of BonVTR1500 yds, 1500 feet
	Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None Damaged None

AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight,
range finders Sta	sa - 200 ft Square	2 TBM 4 F6F VT-33. VF-33	VF-14xHVAR-4x100 GP	8&2	serious, destroyed or sunk) S light
on shore line	Area 200 yd in length	2 TBM 4 F6F VT-33 VF-33	VF-6 HVAR VT-2 HVAR	10&4	R.F. destroyed Serious Serious
ed area	x 600 yds.	4 F6F VF-33	VF 4 HVAR 4x100 GP VT 4x100 GP	14824	Unobserved
AThree small houses	100 ft x 100 feet	1 TBM VT-33	6 100 GP dropped	6	TT 2
5				0	Unobserved
5					
7					
3					

- 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. These gun positions and range finder station were located about \frac{1}{2} mile east of the town of KOURI. The gun positions were about 15 feet in diameter and appeared to be empty. The area about this target was hit but damage unobserved to any extent.
- 2. Several direct hits with rockets observed on these caves located in central part of east coast of IE SHIMA, resulting serious damage.
- Air coordinator designated this area on Eastern end of IE SHIMA as possible location of ammo dumps and gun positions. No damage obwerved though the area designated was hit by both rockets and bombs.
- On beach, eastern tip of IE SHIMA these small buildings assigned by Air Coordinator. All bombs hit but damage unobserved as only one plane hit this target and only one run by it was made.

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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

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 flight leader felt that this flight which was ordered on very short notice accomplished very little and was a waste of time and ordnance, especially since the fighter squadron was maintaining a very heavy target and local combat air patrol schedule and all planes and pilots available were required to keep up this latter schedule.

The support group or at least the VF spent most of their time orbiting the area and when attacks were made the targets assigned were so general and uncertain as to installation in that area that the pilots were unable to find a definite target to hit.

The flight leader realizes that in support missions of this type the targets necessarily must be general and uncertain, but feels only squadrons not heavily engaged in maintaining schedule such as target combat air patrol should be used for these missions.

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Ensign HAYES, pilot of one of the TBM planes, attempted to re-

lease his ten bombs in train but only six released. The remaining four

released on the next run but the emergency release was used so as to be

sure they dropped on this run. On returning to base, the circuit was

carefully checked and no part of the mechanism failed to function

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

properly.

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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