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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT



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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 10 13 14 VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left). None. (e) (d) (c) CONDITION OR STATUS (b) (a) CAUSE NAME, RANK OR RATING SQUADRON NO VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING (h) NO OF PLANES RETURNING (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED AV. FUEL CONSUMED (e) AV. FUEL LOADED AV. HOURS (b) MILES OUT (c) MILES (a) TYPE A/C MM 20MM RETURN IN AIR 840 1160 7.0 525 PEJ-1H 525

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

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SPEED,	CLIM	ΛB,	
at va	arious	altitudes	

MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm

LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm

TURNS

CEILINGS RANGE

PROTECTION

None observed.

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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

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
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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

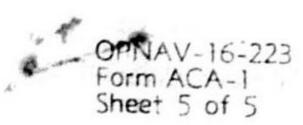
Bombing Tactics
Torpedo Tactics
Effectiveness of
Bombs, Torpedoes
Selection of Targets
Fuzing
Strafing Tactics
Defensive Tactics
Use of Radar
Reconnaissance
Photography
Briefing

OPERATIONAL

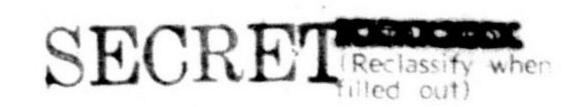
Navigation
Homing
Rendezvous
Recognition, Ships
Communications
Flight Operations
Search and Tracking
Base Operations
Maintenance

On the night of 25 March, 1945 one PBJ of this squadron, temporarily based at Majuro, took off at 1830 M. on a hunter-killer mission following a submarine contact near Mille Atoll. A careful reconnaissance of the Atoll was ordered on the chance that the submarine might be hiding there. Arriving on station the pilot found instrument weather with visibility almost zero, heavy winds, turbulance, and rain. The pilot decided to take advantage of breaks in the weather to search the Atoll and in the meantime to execute a square search from the reported point of sighting using radar. At about 2300 the weather lifted somewhat and a reconnaissance of the Atoll was begun flying at about 500 feet elevation. At 2330 while passing Rebiyoen Island, meagre inaccurate .50 cal. fire was observed, the origin of which could not be exactly determined. No further opposition was encountered and so submarine contacts were made. The plane returned to Majuro landing at 260130 Mike.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.

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

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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Use additional sheets if necessary).

All material functioned satisfactorily.

APPROVED BY:

SIGNATURE C. R. MOCINE, Capt. RANK AND DUTY

G. W. NEVILS, LtCol., RANK AND DUTY COMMANDING.

28 March, 1945