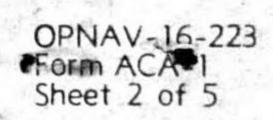
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II. OV	VN AIRCRA	FT OFFIC	IALLY COV	ERED BY TH	HIS REI	PORT.					
TYPE	SQUADRON		NUMBER		BOMBS AND TORPEDOES				FUZE	SETTING	
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(j) of Sur	or Moon _		(NIGHT, BRI	GHT MOON: DAY	, OVERCA	ST; ETC.)		(k) Vi	sibility	(MILES)	
	VEMY AIRC	RAFT DES	TROYED OR	DAMAGED	IN AIR	R (By Ow	n Aircraft Lis	sted in II	Only).		
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) (Gi	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, ve Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1 SB2C-3	VB-9	Operational	Tail hook caught ramp	Engine change.
2			and pulled out.	
3			Barrier Crash.	
4 SB2C-L	VB-9	20 mm.	Round entered port	Minor.
5		·	wing flap at 10°	
6			angle.	
7 SB2C-3	VB-9	20 or 40 mm.	Unable to determine	Total loss - thrown
8			angle. Mit in port stub	over the side.
9			wing. Ammo exploded.	Bu.No. 19435.
10			Hyd. fluid burned.	
11			Crash landing.	
12				
13				
14	3			

VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) NO.	(b) SQUADRON	NAME, RANK OR RATING	. * (d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) (b)		(c) (d)	(d)	(d) (e)	AV. FUEL	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED			NO. OF PLANES	
TYPE MILES A/C OUT	OUT	RETURN	AV. HOURS IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
SB2C/S	BW 117	207	3.5	320	224	650		2280		14

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

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over			Kuji Wan	
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm			Kuji Wan	
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	egs.	okuno A/F	Kuji Wan	

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

TURNS DIVES CEILINGS. RANGE PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HA	ZY. PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	Visibility	(MILES)
Bombing Tactics: Type	Dive	(LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight U	sed M.	8 Gun sight
Bombs Dropped per Rui	Tour (NUMBE	Spacing 1	0 2 250 - 1 500# 500# 75 ft. Altitude	of Bomb Rel	ease 2,500 ft.
Number of Enemy Air				_	
(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	
Airfield		13 SB2C VB-9	2 250# GP 2 500# GP		See below.
1 DE, AK	No	9 SB2C		en esso	Undetermined b
tified ships.	l- estimat	V.D-7	Sorared wron and		ships seen bur
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one damaged.

Bombs landed in middle of 3 Zekes, two damaged - one of which was seen to have tail blown off.

Bombs landed on 1 single-engine and near a second that was probably previously damaged. The first single-engine was seen burning and destroyed; the second was damaged.

Bomb seen to land along side of a Frances. Wing and engine were seen to be destroyed. 1 Frances destroyed.

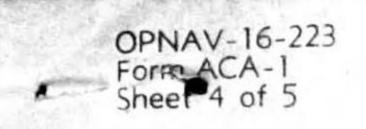
One anti-aircraft emplacement was observed destroyed by one of the succeeding VT pilots.

Two buildings around airfield were destroyed and one partially destroyed.

2. Ships could not be positively identified by photographs but appeared to be from 150 ft. to 250 ft. long. As they were worked over by many planes actual damage by any one flight is questionable.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Les Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

(Photographs not released by ship to squadron).





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

Rendezvous was affected with all squadrons at 0752 and strike group led by Lt. Comdr. HOUCK, USN, Commander Air Group NINE, proceeded to Tokuno Shima on course 006°. Ensign BELL could not retract right wheel so remained at task group and circled until returning aircraft were landed. Upon arrival at the airfield the target coordinator

ordered the bomber attack preceded by 8 VF strafers. Lieut. T. F. SCHNEIDER, USN, led the attack in a steep dive from 9,000 ft. releasing at 2,500 ft. Course across rield was from south to west.

Each pilot picked his own target resulting in two buildings destroyed by Lieut. WORLEY and Lieut. WIELOREK and one building partially destroyed by Ensign HANAWALT. The nature of buildings was undetermined.

Lt(jg) Ballans protectly destroyed a Frances. Lt(jg) May damaged 2 Zekes, Lt(jg) Heller probably destroyed 1 twin-engine and damaged one twin-engine, and Lt(jg) Dance protectly destroyed 1 single-engine and damaged one single-engine. One anti-aircraft position was seen destroyed and a fire similar to a small oil storage dump was observed in the southwest corner of the field. Only meager light anti-aircraft was encountered during the attack.

Aircraft seen were painted grey or black and mottled brown.

Rendezvous was made southwest of field and group was ordered to proceed to Amami O Shima to attack shipping. Flight skirted the northwest coast of Kakeroma Shima where heavy and medium anti-aircraft was encountered from the Yeniya Banare & Utsu Saki. The latter was fairly accurate. Puffs were brown and about 3,500 ft. The weather was good and visibility excellent.

At Kugi Wan one DE, 1 AK, 1 SB and two unidentified ships were seen and at 0930 Lieut. SCHNEIDER led the bombers in a 45° strafing dive from 6,000 ft. from the north. No visible damage was seen on any ships. Strafing was fairly ineffective as many of the guns jammed after short bursts. Moderate, medium and light anti-aircraft fire was encountered and black, brown and white bursts were observed. About 5 parachutes with a hanging object suspended thereto were seen over the cove between 2,000 and 3,000 ft. but their source was undetermined.

Ensign BEATY was hit in the port stub wing which caused some ammunition to explade and hydraulic fluid to burn.

BOMBING SQUADRON NINE

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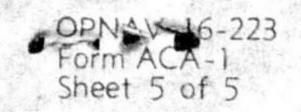
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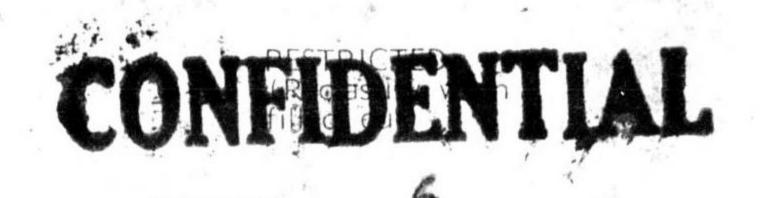
All the aircraft rendezvoused and returned to base at 135 knots indicated air speed.

Ensign BEATY could not lower one wheel and made a successful crash landing on deck with no injuries to personnel.

Ensign WATSON's tail hook was pulled off at the ramp and he made a no hook landing resulting in a barrier crash.

All aircraft returned on deck.





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
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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Eleven of the 22 mm. cannon used in the strafing attack jammed after a few bursts or were inoperative. It is suggested that these guns be checked carefully before any operation that may require strafing or firing. Exposure to enemy anti-aircraft fire is not commensurate with minor damage inflicted by a partial number of operative cannon in the flight.