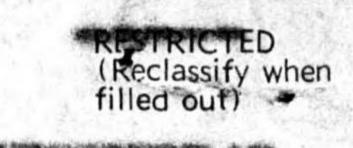
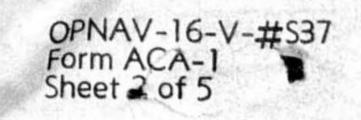
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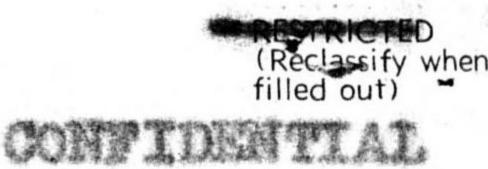
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PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

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XI.	ATTACK	ON	ENEMY	SHIPS	OR	GROUND	OBJECTIVES	tBy	Own	Aircraft	Listed	in	110	nly)	
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(a) Target(s)	and Location	(FOR SHI	PS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA	UNDER ATTACK)		er larget(s)	Zone!
(c) Clouds Ov	ver Target	8000	(BASE IN FEET	TYPE AND TENTHS OF			
(d) Visibility	of Target	(CLEAR, HA	ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	1111(e)	Visibility	(MILES)
(f) Bombing	Tactics: Type_	G11de	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Вс	omb Sight U	sed	(TYPE)
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(h) AIMING		DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AM EXPENDED, EACH A		(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
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The revetted area south and east of the air strip was bombed in this attack but observation of bomb hits and damage was impossible.

⁽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
", Enemy
Defensive Tactics, Own
", Enemy
Flexible Gunnery, Own
Escort Tactics
Fighter Direction
Use of Radar
Night Fighting

Recognition, Aircraft

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

Eleven VF, twelve VB and twelve VT from Air Group TWELVE rendezvoused with eight VF and 7 VT from the USS BATAAN for this attack. Strike leader was CAG 47 from the BATAAN. On the approach to the island the planes climbed to 13,000 feet but had to let down to 5000 feet over the mainland because of weather.

The Kumamote aircraft factory had been designated as the primary target and approach was made from the northeast. Just as the planes started a swing eastward so that runs might be made from east to wet, reasonably accurate heavy AA was encountered.

Signal for attack was given and 2 divisions of VF and VB started down on their dive. Just as the VT planes were starting down the strike leader called back stating that the area did not warrant further bombing and ordered all planes to orbit over Shimebora Bay until another target could be sleeted.

At Waifu airfield several planes were observed in revetments and torpe do planes were directed to strike this area. Fixed installations on the field had been stacked and severely damaged the day previously. Although the revetted area was well covered by the bembing, VT was armed with 500 AGP bembe instead of hundred pounders and extent of damage was question-able.

Rendezvous of the group was effected 5 miles northeast of Waifu for return to base. Pilots and crewmen had a good opportunity to see "Japan" on the way back because a low ceiling forced the planes to stay at a relatively low altitude.

RCM goor was used in the area of AA and was believed to be very effective.

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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

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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