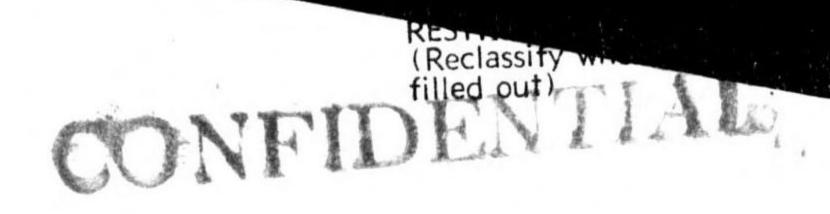
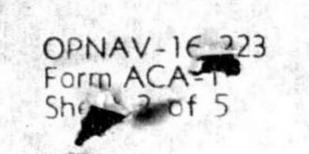
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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT



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VI LOSS	OR DAMAGE.	COMBAT OR OPERA	TIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of the	se listed in 11 only).
7 1. 5.000		(c)	(b)	CYTENIT OF LOSS OF DAMAGE

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)	(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1				
2				
3				
4		-		
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10			1	
11				
12	+ 1			
13				
14				

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

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

VIII. KAINGE,		(b) (c)	(d)	(e) (f)	(f)	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				NO. OF PLANES
TYPE	MILES	RETURN	AV. HOURS	AV FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
FM-2	31	31	3.1	233	110		2400			4
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IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

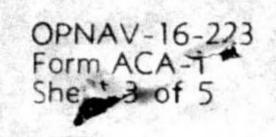
CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
	Y			
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	A.			
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	X			
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	X			

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

TURNS DIVES CEILINGS RANGE PROTECTION

ARMAMENT







(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

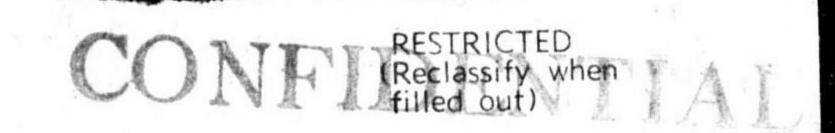


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XI. ATTACK ON EN	EMY SHIPS OR	GROUND OBJECT	IVES (By Own Aircraft Listed	in II Only).	
Target(s) and Location	(S) General	area, north en	d of Iwo (b) Time Ove	er Target(s).	0805 - 10 (Zone)
Clouds Over Target	Stratocum	ulus, 3500 ft.	6/10 TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
Visibility of Target	Obscured (CLEAR, HA	by low clouds	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	Visibility 8–1 0	miles at sea lev
			Bomb Sight Us	sed	(TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Rur	(NUMBER	Spacing	(FEET) Altitude	of Bomb Rele	ease
Number of Enemy Airc	craft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed_		_ Damaged
(h) 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	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
	*	2 FM-2			
eral area strafin	g	VC-76	2400 rounds .50 cal.	In area	None observed
					*,
				1	
	Target(s) and Location Clouds Over Target Visibility of Target Bombing Tactics: Type Bombs Dropped per Run Number of Enemy Airc (h) AIMING POINT	Target(s) and Location(s) General (FOR SHIP) Clouds Over Target Visibility of Target Bombing Tactics: Type Bombs Dropped per Run (NUMBER) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground (h) DIMENSIONS OR	Target(s) and Location(s) General area, north encount (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA Clouds Over Target Stratocumulus, 3500 ft. (BASE IN FEET Visibility of Target Obscured by low clouds (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED Bombing Tactics: Type (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) Bombs Dropped per Run (NUMBER) Spacing Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed (h) AIMING POINT DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE (k) SQUADRON 2 FM-2 eral area strafing VC-76	Target(s) and Location(s) General area, north end of Iwo (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) Clouds Over Target Stratocumulus, 3500 ft., 6/10 (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER) Visibility of Target Discured by low clouds (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) Bombing Tactics: Type (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) Bombs Dropped per Run (NUMBER) Spacing (FEET) Altitude Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed Probably Destroyed AIMING POINT DIMENSIONS OR (I) NO A/C ATTACKING BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED. EACH AIMING POINT 2 FM-2 eral area steafing VC-76 2400 rounds .50 cal.	Visibility of Target Clear, Hazy. Partially Obscured by Clouds (Clear, Hazy. Partially Obscured by Clouds, Etc.)

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

⁽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

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

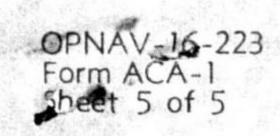
COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Two planes of the 4-plane CAP orbited over a picket destroyer near Kita Jima. Other 2 VF strafed northern tip of Iwo. Cave entrances and targets of opportunity were strafed.



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(Reclassify when filled out)

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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

SIGNATURE

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

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