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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

LIGHT - Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

No airborne enemy sireraft nore observed.

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				IVES (By Own Aircraft Listed		•
(a) Target(s) and Locatio	n(s)(FOR SHIP	S INCLUDE ALL IN AREA	UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Ove	er Target(s)	(Zone)
(c	:) Clouds Over Target	4,000 feet	(BASE IN FEET	. TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
(0	d) Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HAZ	Y, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	visibility	(MILES)
(1	F) Bombing Tactics: Typ	e live	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight Us	sed .	TYPE) tod gunsight
	Bombs Dropped per Ru	IN (NUMBER	Spacing	(FEET) Altitude	of Bomb Rel	ease
(9	g) Number of Enemy Air	rcraft Hit on Gro	und: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed_	0	_ Damaged
	(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	NO. HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
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⁽⁰⁾ 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,

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

ATTACK OWN TACTICS

Use of Radar

Night Fighting

Recognition, Aircraft

Method of Locating Target Approach to Target Altitudes, Speeds Approach Dive Pull-Out Dive Angle Strating 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

following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

Bight Hellcats and seven Avengers of Air Group FURTY-NINE left the USS SAN JACINIO at 0737(I) 25 July 1945, as a unit of a Trak Force strike against energ werehips at the Euro Haval Base, in the inland see. The torget assigned for this flight was the BB-NCV Ise which was at enchor in Aure harbor. The weather was very had from the start of the mission, and became steadily worse as the course was held over the island of Shikoku. As a result of the beavy overcest planes from all the air groups participating became badly scattered. The Target Coordinator finally gave the order to abandon the primary mission and strike targets of opportunity on Shikoku. Division One from VF-49. under the Leadership of Lt.Condr. G.M. Rouses found the erec eround Unajima relatively clear and a dive bombing attack was made on the seaplane base west of that town. One direct hit was made by Ens. R.W. Smith on a large hanger or shop building south of the base, and it was left ablaze. Another half ton bomb fell in the building section adjoining the herbor at Uwajima town and a large area was left on fire. On retiring from the target, a downed pilot was seen in Dungo Straits, by Lt.Condr. Rouses and the outire division orbited the position until the Air See Resous facilities took over. Lt(in) R.W. Millbourn and Ensign C.A. Ericknell of the second division on the strike joined up with a number of planes from another air group when they became separated and targets near Luta, southern Shikoku, were attacked. Lt(1g) Millbourn dropped his bomb on a dem north of Auta herbor, and Basign Bricknell bombed a large lugger under wey south of the herbor. Limited visibility prevented an assessment of the damage caused. Lt(jg) H. Goodson and his wingman, Engign J.K. Morrie, who were also separated from their flight, joined up with five fighter planes of another eiz group and decided to contimue on to the enemy navel bese on the chance that a bele could be found in the overcast which would permit a strike to be made. South of Rure a clear eron was seen and an immediate attack was made by the seven planes. The first fighters over the enemy bestlechip-cerrier our very little flak, probably because the Jap gunners were too surprised by the audacity of the energy to fire their guns. However, by the time the planes from Fighting Squadron FORTY-WIRE made their dive, every gun in the vicinity was ablane and the battleship was almost obscured by the barrage above the target. The dives were presend home to a very low altitude, and retirement was made right on the water. Lt(jg) Goodson's bomb struck amidships on the starboard side and a tremendous explosion rocked the Jap ship. Ensign Norric did not attempt to release his bomb until he was at a dangerously low altitude and when be finally found his electrical release would not function be was unable to use the manual release to make a drop in the target area. On the course home. Ens. Horrie released his bomb on a large factory north of Maratabana on Western Shikoku. A direct hit was made on the northeesterly corner of the largest building in the plant, and the entire section was blown up, and the remainder of the installation set on fire. The mission against Aure was the only one to encounter flak. Both planes on this flight were repeatedly sheken by near misses by intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire. He airborne enony sireraft were seen. Return to base was made without incident.

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Electrical bomb release did not function on one plane.

Otherwise all equipment performed satisfactorily.

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

CAMOUELACE AND

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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