# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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## I. GENERAL

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| ) Take of                     | f: Date          | ours an              |                       | Time (LZT)   |  | _(Zone); La  | at   | Long.            | and the        |  |
| ) Mission                     | Tho.             | to hocom             | aisom oo              | of Trus  |  | (            | f) Time of Ref                                 | turn1900 E3      | (Zone          |  |
| II. OV                        | VN AIRCRA        | FT OFFICIA           |                       | RED BY THI   | S REPORT.                                    |              |  |                  |                |  |
| TYPE (a)                      | SQUADRON (b)     | TAKING<br>OFF<br>(c) | ENGAGING<br>ENEMY A/C | ATTACKING<br>TARGET<br>(e)                               | BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE)  (f) |              |  | FUZE, SETTING    |                |  |
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| 24                            |                  |                      | AIRCRAFT              | EMPLOYED<br>BASE   | IN THIS OPER                                 | ATION.       | NUMBER   | BASE             |                |  |
| TYPE                          | SQUADRON         | NUMBER               |                       | DAJE   |  | SQUINDINGIN  |  |                  |                |  |
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| (a)                           |                  | 1                    |                       |  | Own Aircraft                                 |              |  | CAMOUFLA         | CE AND         |  |
| TYPE                          | OBSERVED         | NO ENGAGING          | ENCOUNTER             | TIME LOCATION OF BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED |  |              | BSERVED  | MARKING          |                |  |
| andly .                       | 2                |                      |                       | (E)  | lagoon                                       | not objected |  |                  | 120119         |  |
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| L) Appar                      | ent Enemy M      | Aission (s)          |                       |  |  |              |  |                  |                |  |
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|                               |                  |                      | (YES OR NO)           |  | be Clouds                                    | 4            | FEET, TYPE AND                                 | TENTHS OF COVER) | en en          |  |
| Time o                        | of Day and Br    | rilliance            | 1130 MIN              |  | rely overco                                  | 4            | FEET. TYPE AND                                 | 20 1312          |                |  |
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PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

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| (a)<br>TYPE OWN A/   | (b)           |                | CAUSE: TYPE EN<br>GUN, OR OPERA |  |                | (4)       |   | ose listed in 11 | (0)           |  |
|--|---------------|----------------|---------------------------------|--|----------------|-----------|---|------------------|---------------|--|
| THE OWN A  | C SQUADRO     | TYPE           | TIONAL CAUSE                    | WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) |                |           | Give Bureau serial number of planes destroy |                  |               |  |
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| VIII   | EDCONING      | CACILA         | TIEC / · ·                      | · · · · ·  |                |           | 1   |                  |               |  |
| (b)  | EKSONNE       | L CASUA        | (c)                             | rcraft listed  | in II only; id | entify wi | th planes lis                               | ted in VI by N   | os. at left). |  |
| SQUADR   | NC            | NAME, RAI      |                                 | (d)<br>CAUSE   |                |           | (e)<br>CONDITION OR STATUS                  |                  |               |  |
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| VIII   | DANCE E       | HEL AN         | D ALALALINI                     | TION DAT   | 4 FOR DIAL     |           |   |                  |               |  |
| (a)  | (b)           | (c)<br>MILES   |                                 | (e)  | A FOR PLAN     |           | ***************************************     | NITION EXPENDED  |               |  |
| TYPE<br>A/C  | MILES         | RETURN         | AV HOURS<br>IN AIR              | AV FUEL<br>LOADED  | AV. FUEL -     | .30       | .50   | 221111           | MM NO OF PLAN |  |
| 47-31  | 570           | 570            | 7.9                             | 2300   | 2100           |           | 2009  |                  | THE TORINIA   |  |
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| IX. El   | NEMY AN       | TI-AIRCR.      | AFT ENCOU                       | NTERED (C  | Check one blo  | ck on ea  | ch line)                                    |                  |               |  |
|  |               | CALIBE         |                                 |  | NON            |           | MEAGER                                      | MODERA           | TE INTENSE    |  |
|  | e-fused shell |                |                                 |  | 3              |           |   | •                |               |  |
| BIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm  SHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm |               |                |                                 |  | N/A            |           |   |                  |               |  |
| 11 - 1/100   | nine gun buil | ets, o Jinin-1 | 5.2mm                           |  | 3              |           |   |                  |               |  |
| X. CC  | MPARATI       | VE PERFO       | DRMANCE,                        | OWN AND  | ENEMY AIR      | CRAFT     | (use check l                                | ist at left).    |               |  |
| ED, GLIMB  |               |                |                                 |  |                |           |   |                  |               |  |
| t various al   | itudes        |                |                                 |  |                |           |   |                  |               |  |
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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

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

DEFENSE, ENEMY

Use of Jamming

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 6 June 1945 at 0706 King in a photo Liberator for a photo reconnaissance of Truk. He arrived over the atoll at 1130 King and obtained vertical coverage of North Moen airfield from 14,400 ft. Cloud cover prevented vertical coverage but oblique photographs were taken of Param, Eten and South Moen airfields. A four engine seaplane believed to be an Emily was seen flying at low altitude and heading south from Truk lagoon. No antiaircraft fire was encountered. Lieut. CLAMPITT landed at Guam at 1500 King.

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Defensive Tactics, Own
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Flexible Gunnery, Own
Escort Tactics
Fighter Direction
Use of Radar
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Recognition, Aircraft

#### ATTACK

OWN TACTICS

Method of Locating Target
Approach to Target
Altitudes, Speeds

Approach
Dive
Pull-Out
Dive Angle
Strafing
Retirement
Defensive Tactics

### DEFENSE, ENEMY

Use of Jamming

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

A photo Liberator flown by Lieutement (jg) H. PETERSEN took off Iwo Jima on June 8, 1945 at 0910 King to obtain photo coverage of Mercus Island. Petersen arrived over Marcus at 1335 King and obtained good vertical photographs from 16,000 ft. altitude. He then proceeded to Guer landing at Agana Field at 1913 King.

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