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| TYPE | SQUADRON | | NUMBER | | | | ND TORPEDOE | 5 | | FUZE, SETT | NG |
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| (a) | (b) | TAKING OFF (c) | ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d) | ATTACKING TARGET (e) | | CARRIED | (PER PLANE) (f) | | | (g) | |
| 204-3 | VC-91 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 8 - 5 | 0 (d. | P. Bomb | ts) | NG 8 | | Tail .C |
| PD-3 | VO-91 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 10 - 10 |)O# G | .P. Bomb | s) | 76.1 | - No IX | lay |
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| 194-3 194-2 | VC-84 | 4 | JSS LUNGA | POINT (C | 77394) | | | | | | |
| | 1 | CRAFT OBSE | RVED OR EN | | | rcraft l | | Only). | | () | 3) |
| (a) TYPE | NO. OBSERVED | NO. ENGAGINO | (d) TIME ENCOUNTERED | LOCA | (e) TION OF DUNTER | | BOMBS, TORPE GUNS O | DOES CARRIE BSERVED | D; | CAMOUFL | AGE AND |
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| Did Ar Encour Time of of Sun | nter(s) Occuping Part of Occuping Day and Brown or Moon — | ir in Cloudsi illiance | (YES OR NO) | If so, Desci | ribe Clouds | ETC.) | (BASE IN | FEET, TYPE | and TEN | THS OF COVER | |
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| (a) PE OWN A/C | (b) SQUADRON | CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY TYPE GUN, OR OPERATION | A/C, AL CAUSE | WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) | EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--|------------------|--|--|
| None | | | | | |
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| VII DEI | CONNEL | CASHALTIES (in aircra | ft listed in | Il only identify with planes li | sted in VI by Nos at left) |
| VII. PEI (b) SQUADRON | | CASUALTIES (in aircra (c) IAME, RANK OR RATING | ft listed in | Il only; identify with planes list (d) CAUSE | sted in VI by Nos. at left). (e) CONDITION OR STATUS |
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| (a) | (b) | (c) (d) | AV. HOURS | (e) AV FUEL | AV. FUEL | (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED | | | | NO. OF PLANES |
|-------------|-------|---------|-----------|----------------|----------|-------------------------------|-----|------|----|---------------|
| TYPE A/C | MILES | RETURN | IN AIR | LOADED | CONSUMED | 30 | .50 | 20MM | MM | RETURNING |
| TBM-3 | 50 | 50 | 4 | 330 | 245 | 200 | 200 | | | 5 |
| | | | | | | | | | - | |

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

| CALIBER | NONE | MEAGER | MODERATE | INTENSE |
|---|------|--------|----------|---------|
| HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over | ~ | | | |
| MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm | ** | | | |
| LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm | -25. | | | |

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

| SPEE | D, CLIA | ЛB, |
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| at | various | altitudes |

None

TURNS
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CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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| XI. ATTACK ON ENE | MY SHIPS OR | GROUND OBJECT | IVES (By O | wn Aircraft Liste | d in 11 Only). | |
| (a) Target(s) and Location | (S) FOR SHIP | S INCLUDE ALL IN AREA | UNDER ATTACK) | (b) Time O | ver Target(s). | 0730-I (Zone) |
| (c) Clouds Over Target | Cumulus - 1 | 500 - 10/10 (BASE IN FEET | , TYPE AND TEN | ITHS OF COVER) | | |
| (d) Visibility of Target | DECUCEER, HAZ | Y. PARTIALLY OBSCURED | BY CLOUDS, ET | (e) | Visibility | (MILES) |
| (f) Bombing Tactics: Type_ | Glide | (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) | | Bomb Sight L | Jsed | (TYPE) |
| Bombs Dropped per Run. (g) Number of Enemy Aircr | | | 10 / 270 kd | Altitude obably Destroyed | | ease 100 / 1200 · |
| (h) AIMING POINT | (i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE | (j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON | | (I) ND AMMUNITION ACH AIMING POINT | (m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point | (n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk) |
| Gun Emplacemente T.A. 8192 "M" & "Y" | | V0-91 | 10 - 100 5 - 500 | | Many | Undetermined |
| 2Gun Implacements T.A. 8888 "I", "" Covered-over Mounds T.A. 8587 "0" 2 | ng# | 7C-91 5 | 4 - Rock 4 - Rock | cets | | Serious |
| * | | | 2 - 500 200 - Rds | | Numerous 30 cal. or | Serious |
| Yonten Airfield | | VC-91 | 5 - 500 | Pombs | | Serious |
| 7 | | | | | | |

(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).

The gun emplacements in terget, I could not be definitely identified, but serious damage must have been inflicted from the large number of bombs dropped in the area.

On target #2 two direct rocket hits were scored in one camouflaged area which appeared to be a gun emplacement. Walls caved in on all sides causing serious damage.

The covered over stores in target #5 were believed to be mounds, containing ammunition. A large amount of smoke came from the dump, and some fire but no explosion. The stores were probably destroyed.

In target #4 large craters were formed in the northern end of the north-south strip of Yontan Airfield by three 500# bomb hits.

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

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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.)

speed of 140 kmots.

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

A direct support group for work over Okinawa Shima of five TBM's was launched at 0545, and they joined up on the west side of Okinawa Shima with four TBM's and four FM's from U.S.S. LUNGA POINT (CVE94). The clouds were thick, and on the way to the rendezvous, the TBM's flow 5000 feet above them on a course of 050° with an air

The first target assigned by Commander Air Support Control Units were gun emplacements near Yontan Airfield. The first run was made through the clouds and on to the target. All subsequent runs on the adjacent targets were very shallow due to the low cloud base.

Many hits were registered on the first target, but it was impossible to determine the amount of damage which was done. The same prevailed in the other targets due to the shallowness of the runs. The only definite evaluation of damage was in connection with the covered-over mounds on the Yontan Airfield.

The stores or dumps under the mounds were definitely damaged and probably destroyed; a great amount of smoke issued there from. It is known the north-south strip on the Yontan Airstrip was damaged to the extent that three large craters in the northern end of the field.

The first run, as above stated, was made from an altitude of 6000 feet, at an angle of 45° and the bombs were released at 1200 feet for the 100# and 2000 feet for the 500#, just under the base of the clouds. The remaining runs started under the clouds at altitudes of from 1500 feet to 2000 feet, and the bombing was almost horizontal.

After the final run on Yontan Airfield, the pilots withdrew and returned to base.

No enemy aircraft or anti-aircraft fire were seen.

The following torpedo pilots participated in the attack:

Lt. (jg) M.D. Howard (Flight Loader)

Lt. (jg) E.E. Younglove

Ens. W. F. Hancock

Lt. (jg) D. G. Kane

XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary).

None.

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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