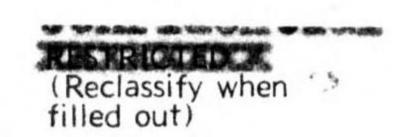


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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

(a) 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)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1 TBM-3	VC-84	AA probably light	Under starboard gun.	repaired on return
2			blast tube and on	
3			into wing, below 1-3	
4			O'clock.	
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6		3		
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left). None

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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a)	(b)	(c)	AV. HOURS	(e) AV. FUEL	AV. FUEL	. (g)	TOTAL AMMU	NITION EXPEN	NDED	NO. OF PLANES
TYPE A/C	MILES	MILES RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
TIM-3	58	57	3.3	330	180		295			4
FM-2	58	57	3.3	232	120		1200			4

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

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	X			
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

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PROTECTION

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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		None affec	ting attack		
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Bombing Tactics: Type		(LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight Us	ed	(TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Run	- VY AIN S	SpacingSpacing	(FEET) Altitude (of Bomb Rela	ease 2000 - 1500
Number of Enemy Airc	raft Hit on Gro	ound: 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		(n) DAMAGE (None sticht serious destroyed or sunk)
Target area No. 1	600 x 200 yards	4 FM-8 VC-84	(24) HE Rockets Mk 1 body, Mk 7 motor.	All	Unknown
		4 FM-2 VC-96	Unknown	Unlanown	Unknown
Target area No. 2	yards	2 TIM-3 VC-84	(3) 500 lb GP AN-M 64. (16) HE Rockets Mk 1	All	Unknown
Target area No.3	400 x 200	1 TEM-3 VC-84	(10) 100 1b GP AN-M 30	All	Unlanown
Target area No. 4	200 x 200 yards	1 TBM-5 VC-84	(10) 100 lb GP AN-M 3 (8) HE Rockets Mk 1	O All	Unknown
			body. Mk 7 motor.		
	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) Clouds Over Target Visibility of Target Bombing Tactics: Type Bombs Dropped per Run Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Gro AIMING POINT DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	Target(s) and Location(s) (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA Clouds Over Target (BASE IN FEET (SLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) Bombs Dropped per Run Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed (h) AIMING POINT DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE (k) SQUADRON (k) SQUADRON	Target (s) and Location (s) Soc below (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) Clouds Over Target None affecting attack (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER) Visibility of Target (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) Bombing Tactics: Type (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) Bombs Dropped per Run Rockets per Run All Spacing (FEET) All Slant Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed O Probably Destroyed (h) AIMING POINT DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE (h) SQUADRON DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE (k) SQUADRON EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT CARROLLE STATE TARGET AREA NO. 2 200 2 TIM-3 VC-34 TARGET AREA NO. 2 200 1 TIM-3 VC-34 TARGET AREA NO. 2 200 1 TIM-3 VC-34 TARGET AREA NO. 2 200 2 TIM-3 VC-34 TARGET AREA NO. 2 200 1 TIM-3	Visibility of Target Hary Partially obscured by clouds Etc.)

(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 literature of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

Specific results could not be observed. Bombs and rockets were seen to go into designated gun positions in the areas as well as to fall within the general target areas attacked.

Targets and locations:

- le Sulphur Mine Refinery area, Iwo Jima.
- 2- Area containing gum positions and AA 600 yards north of Airfield No. 5, Iwo Jima.
- So Area containing gum positions & mile east of Sulphur Mine Refinery, Iwo Jima.
- 4- Area containing gun positions adjoining Sulphur Mine Refinery on the west.

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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

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 support flight consisting of 4 TEM-3 and 4 FM-2 took off from USS MAKIN ISLAND at 1100 (K). on 25 February 1945, D plus 6, for Iwo Jima. TIM-5s were piloted by Lt. Richard I. Haley, division leader, Lts. (jg) Marvin L. Doliana and William H. Bartles and Ensign Glamm A. Terry. Lt. George Shaw-Corthorn led the FM-2s, the other pilots being Lt. (jg) Duene C. Miller and Ensigns Richard D. Tietjen and Bernard Nobson. They joined with 4 TBM-3 and 4 FM-2 of VC-96. The VF were split off after orbiting on station about am hour and directed to attack the Sulphur Mine Refinery (200 Charlie Dog Easy on local grid) with rockets and strafing. Starting at 1320, 2 runs were made with rockets and strafing. Rockets were released at slant range of from 2500 to 1500 feet and strafing carried on down to low level. Results were not observed, although the area was well covered. VT continued to orbit until shortly before 1400. Radio communication which had been good at the start of the time on station had become poor because of crowded channels. At 1350 attack was started on the target areas assigned. We attempt is made herein to include attacks by VC-96. Lt. Haley and Lt. (jg) Dollana dropped (8) 500 lb. G.P. bombs on gum and AA positions (235 Uncle on local grid) about 600 yards north of Airfield No. 3. Runs were made from 3500 feet with release at 1500 feet. Sixteen rockets were released at slant range of about 1000 feet. Light, meager, inaccurate AA was met resulting in minor damage to one TEM-3 from a hit on the blast tube of the starboard gum. Ensign Terry dropped (10) 100 lb. G.P. bombs on gur positions in an area (219 Uncle Victor on local grid) } mile east of the Sulphur Mine Refinery, scoring hits on positions on along a ridge. His run was similar to the bombing run on the first target of the VI. Lt.(jg) Bartles dropped (10) 100 1b. GP from 2000 feet and fired (8) rockets from slant range of 100 feet on a gum emplacement area (202 Baker on local grid) adjoining the Sulphur Mine Refinery on the west. While specific results were not seen all bombs and rockets fell in the areas aimed at. The flight joined up and returned to best at 1415 (E).

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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 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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One 500 lb. bomb hung up due to faulty release mechanism which was repaired on return. Difficulty in radio communication was laid to crowded channels rather than defects in equipment. Otherwise performances of material was normal.

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