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(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)	(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
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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	CONDITION OR STATUS
	None			

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

497		(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED		NO. OF PLANES		
TYPE A/C	MILES OUT	MILES RETURN	AV. HOURS IN AIR	AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
F6F-5	83	83	3-15	400	200		500	rds.		4

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	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

No opportunity for comparison.

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

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Clouds Over Target	Ceiling 1		T TYPE AND TENTUS OF	COVERY		
Visibility of Target	Clear, HA				'isibility	(MILES)
Bombing Tactics: Type		0°)	Bor	mb Sight Us	ed	5 - 10 (TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Run	1 (NUMBE	Spacing	(FEET)	Altitude d	of Bomb Rela	2500 - 3500
Number of Enemy Airc	raft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably	Destroyed_	• •	_ Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMM EXPENDED, EACH AIM	UNITION MING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	(n) - DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
Tokuno Strip		VF-47	4 - 500 lb	. Bombs	3	One revetment
						hit.
	Target(s) and Location Clouds Over Target Visibility of Target Bombing Tactics: Type Bombs Dropped per Run Number of Enemy Airc (h) AIMING POINT Tokuno Strip	Target(s) and Location(s) Clouds Over Target Visibility of Target Bombing Tactics: Type Dive (6) Bombs Dropped per Run Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Gro AIMING POINT DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	Target(s) and Location(s) (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA Clouds Over Target (BASE IN FEET (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED Bombing Tactics: Type (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) Bombs Dropped per Run (NUMBER) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed (I) NO A/C ATTACKING (IX) SQUADRON (IX) SQUADRON	Target (s) and Location (s) Clouds Over Target Clouds Over Targe	Target (s) and Location (s) Clouds Over Target Clouds Over Targe	Clouds Over Target

(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).

Objective of this combination strike and Target CAP was to destroy aircraft or aircraft facilities and to further crater the air strip in order to keep it inoperational if possible. No operational aircraft were observed, so all bombs were dropped on the southeastern and of the airstrip. One damaged a revetment, two cratered the airfield, and one hung up and dropped harmlessly.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No. Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached By Staple. DECLASSIFIED BY NND 760124 Jim K New 3/26/86

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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

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

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

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

combat air patrol over Tokuno. Principal objective of the flight was interception of Japanese aircraft flying toward Task Force Fifty-Eight or the Okinawa theater of operations. But the division was also ordered to drop 500 lb. G.P. bombs on the Tokuno airstrip and to destroy any aircraft observed there.

The flight approached Tokumo from the Southeast. The ceiling en route was 2,000 feet, visibility five miles. On sighting the target. Lt. WILSON took his flight to 8,000. The ceiling over the target was unlimited. The four planes made a bombing and strafing run from east to west. Lt. WILSON's bomb hit a revetment and two other bombs cratered the airfield. One bomb hung up and dropped too late to do any damage on the airfield.

on aircraft in revetments but reported that none appeared operational. He observed that some of the craters, made previously in the runway, had been filled in. The division also strafed several barracks-like buildings ly miles northeast of the airfield with no visible results. The division patrolled the area until relieved by four other FoFs.

There was no AA at Tokuno.

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

No comment.

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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