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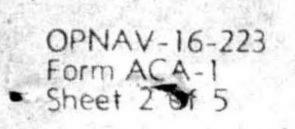
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

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)	EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (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	NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	TOTAL AMML	INITION EXPEN	NO. OF PLANES	
TYPE A/C	MILES	MILES RETURN	AV. HOURS	LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
TBM-3E	80	80	3	330	225	70	400	•	(600)	1
TBM-3E	65	65	1 3/4	330	110	0	0	•	469	1
F6F-5E	80	80	3	400	280	-	745	-	•	1

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

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DIVES CEILINGS RANGE PROTECTION

TURNS

ARMAMENT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

	Two 45 ft. boats at 1	Nananzu Beach
(a)	Target(s) and Location(s) Okinawa (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UND	(b) Time Over Target(s) 0715(I) (Zone)
(c)	Clouds Over Target 6000 ft., stratus, soli	d at base PE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
(d)	Visibility of Target Clear, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY	(e) Visibility Unlimited
(f)	Bombing Tactics: Type Glide 1 VT-5 on 1, 3 on 1, GLIT Brive	Bomb Sight Used Mk. VIII gunsight
	Bombs Dropped per Run VF-1 Spacing 1 Rockets VF-2 VT-6 on 1, 2 on 1	Altitude of Bomb Release 1500 Altitude of Bomb Release 1500 OFFEET) S/R of rockets VT-1000 yds. VF-500yd
	Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed O Damaged O

	(h)		DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION	NO HITS On	DAMAGE (None, slight,
-	AIMING P	OINI	TONNAGE -	(k) SQUADRON	EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT	Aiming Point	serious, destroyed or sunk
1	Small	boat	45 ft.	VT-33	8 x 100 G.P. bomb	s 0	Serious
•	#1	***		1 VF-33	1 x 100 G.P. 2 HVAR	0	**
2	#2	**	45 ft.	1 VT-33	2 x 100 G.P. 8 HVAR	0	Serious
4	11	8	***	VF-33	8 HVAR 1 x 100 G.P. 4 HVAR	0	Serious
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⁽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).

- 1. This small boat was alongside the beach at Kaganzu on western side of North Okinawa. No direct hits but several near misses and .50 cal. hits from strafing left the boat in seriously damaged and sinking condition.
- 2. This boat was near Target #1 and was camouflaged on topside with yellow grass or foliage. No direct rocket or bomb hits but near misses and .50 cal. hits from strafing seriously damaged the boat. A small fire was started but it went out. The boat was left in sinking condition. Both planes strafed on every run.

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA. (Narrative and comment. Describe action fully and comment (177-33 #12)

AGEMENT WITH ENEMY 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

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

DEFENSE, ENEMY

Use of Jamming

Defensive Tactics

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

The flight was scheduled by dispatch during the night preceding takeoff and 2 Vt and 4 VF were requested for the mission, direct support. The propaganda mission (1 VT plane) was scheduled for takeoff at the same time. Only 2 VT planes were available and, due to increase of CAP sorties on short notice, only 1 VF plane was available. The propaganda plane did not participate in the attacks.

The 2 attacking planes were assigned the 2 small boats as targets. CASCU had no other targets available. No direct support was conducted.

Although there were no direct hits the effects of near misses and strafing appeared to have hamaged both boats seriously enough to leave them sinking and of no further use.

The propaganda plane carried 8 MK. 26 flare cases filled with leaflets. Usually 10 are carried, but only 8 of the designated weries were aboard. Six unoccupied towns on Southern Okinawa were the targets and 1 case was dropped on each of 4 towns and 2 on each of 2 towns. The cases appeared to open up at about 1000 ft. altitude instead of 500 ft., the desired bursting altitude. After the drops the propaganda plane was directed to return to base and it landed considerably prior to return of the 2 support planes.

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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 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

On the VT support plane, the illuminating bulb in MK. VIII gunsight (with tilted reflector) vibrated out of the socket and as a result the sight was of no use. This bulb may not be reinserted in flight. To prevent this happening again the ordnancemen have been instructed to check before each flight to make sure the bulb is firmly in the clamp and socket.

Was of An-APS/4 radar gave good performance. definite aid in navigation and has good map characteristics.

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