

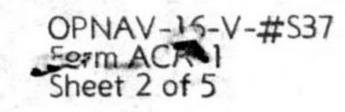
# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

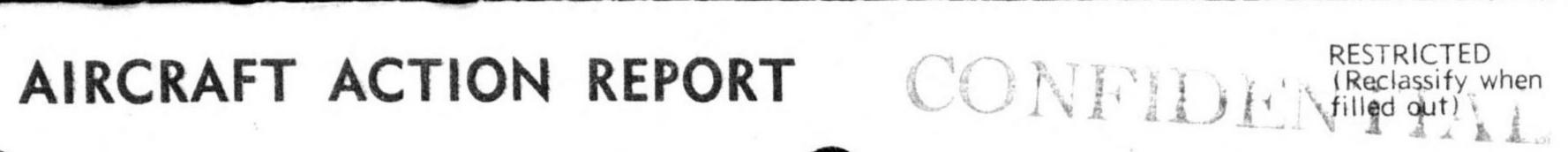
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I. GENERAL

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(e) Mission	CAP	over Iwo	Jima				f) Time of R	eturn <u>0956</u> •	- 10 (Zone)
II. OV	VN AIRCRA	AFT OFFICI		ED BY THIS RE	PORT.				
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	OFF ENEMY A/C TARGET CARRIED (PER PLANE)				FUZE, SETTING			
FM-2	VC-76	4		4					
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TYPE TYPE	SQUADRON VC-77	NUMBER	ISS RIMVERN	BAY (CVERT)	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BAS	E
FM-2		4	ISS SAGINAW	BAY (CVE82)					
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) IV. EN				GAGED (By Own	Aircraft				
TYPE	NO. OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER		BOMBS, TORPEL GUNS OF			(g) JFLAGE AND ARKING
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	nt Enemy N / Part of	Aission(s)							
(i) Encount	ter(s) Occu	ur in Clouds?	(YES OR NO)	so, Describe Clo	uds	(BASE IN	FEET, TYPE AND	TENTHS OF COV	ER)
Time of (i) of Sun	Day and Br	illiance					(k) Visibilit		
			(NIGHT, BRIGHT	MOON; DAY, OVERCAS				( M	ILES)
(a)	(b) DESTRO	DYED OR DAMA		MANGED III AIN	(by Own	MIICIAII LIS	(c)	<i>'</i> • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	(d)
TYPE ENEMY A/C	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT C	DR GUNNER	GUNS	USED	WHERE HIT	, ANGLE	DAMAGE
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VI. LOS	S OR DAM	AGE, COMBAT OR OPERATION	AL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of tho	se listed in 11 only).
(a)	(b)	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C,	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAM
PE OWN A/C	SQUADRON	TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE		(Give Bureau serial number of plane

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) 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	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS

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

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	( g	) TOTAL AMMU	INITION EXPEN	NDED	NO OF PLANES
TYPE A/C	MILES	MILES RETURN	AV. HOURS IN AIR	AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
FM-2	80	80	3	1.75	105		5000			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 DIVES CEILINGS

RANGE PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

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XI.	ATTACK	ON	ENEMY	SHIPS	OR	GROUND	<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	(By	Own	<b>Aircraft</b>	Listed	in	11	Only)	).
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(a)	Target(s) and Location	(S) Pillbox a	nd 3" gun emple	acement (b) Time Ove	er Target(s).	0905 - 10 (Zone)		
(c)	Clouds Over Target Cumulus, 5500 ft., 5/10 (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)							
( <b>d</b> )	Visibility of Target	Haze (CLEAR, HAZ	Y, PARTIALLY OBSCURED E	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	/isibility_10-	12 miles at sea lev		
<b>(f)</b>	Bombing Tactics: Type		(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight Us	sed	(TYPE)		
	Bombs Dropped per Rui	n(NUMBER	Spacing	(FEET) Altitude	of Bomb Rele	ease		
(g)	Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Gro	und: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed_		_ Damaged		
	(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)		
1 e:	Pillbox and mplacement		4 VF VC-76		In area	None observed		
2			4 VF VC-77					
3			ISS SAGINAW BAY					
4								
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<sup>(</sup>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).

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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

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.)

CAP made four runs on a pillbox and 3" gun emplacement, N/W Iwo. Flight could not estimate damage inflicted, although .50 cal. fire hit the target area.

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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

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