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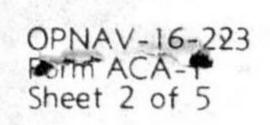
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I. GENERAL

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	QUADRON (b)	TAKING	ALLY COVER	RED BY TH	HIS REI	PORT					
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733-3	(0)	OFF (c)	ENEMY A/C	ATTACKING TARGET			AND TORPEDOE (PER PLANE)	FUZE, SETTING			
			(d)	(e)	A	250 15	(f)		Inst010		
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735.3	70-83	1	0		6 - 5"(HE) HVAR				Nose plug02 bas		
III. OTH	FR II S	OR ALLIED	AIRCRAFT	EMPLOYED	IN TI	HIS OPER	ATION				
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	770C-2	4	UDS FARS	HAN BAY							
至 1000		44.82	USS ESSE	X.							
IV. ENE	MY AIRC	RAFT OBSE	RVED OR EN	GAGED (E	y Own	Aircraft	Listed in II	Only).			
(a) TYPF	(b) NO.	(c) NO. ENGAGING	(d) TIME	LOCAT	(e) ION OF		(1)	CAMO	(g) UFLAGE AND	
	OBSERVED	OWN A/C	ENCOUNTERED	ENCO	UNTER		BOMBS, TORPEI GUNS O	BSERVED	, N	MARKING	
	NONE		(ZONE))							
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Time of Da	ay and Bri	illiance	(YES OR NO)				(BASE IN	FEET, TYPE	AND TENTHS OF CO	VER)	
of Sun or	Moon.		(NIGHT, BRIGH	T MOON; DAY,	OVERCAS	T; ETC.)		_(k) Visil	bility	MILES)	
V. ENEM	Y AIRCR	RAFT DESTR	OYED OR D	AMAGED I	N AIR	(By Own	Aircraft Lis	ted in II O	nly).		
(a) (TYPE	(b) DESTRO	YED OR DAMAG	SED BY:						(c)	(d) DAMAGE	
NEMY A/C	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT	OR GUNNER		GUNS L	JSED	WHERE	HIT, ANGLE	CLAIME	
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REPORT No. VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only). (e)
EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE,
(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) (d)
WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C,
TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE (b) (a) SQUADRON TYPE OWN A/C

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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(b) NO. SQUAD	RON NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS	

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

(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
TIME	76	00	3.03	920	240	600	200			- 8

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	4%			

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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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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	NEMY SHIPS OR GROUND (on (s) (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL		•	
(c) Clouds Over Target_	3500- oumilus -	E IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF		
(d) Visibility of Target	(CLEAR HAZY BARTIALLY C		(e) Visibility	(MILES)
(f) Bombing Tactics: Typ	e(LEVEL, GLIDE	OR DIVE)	mb Sight Used	8 guinsight
Bombs Dropped per Ru	1/3, 1/4, or 1/5th 5pa	acing (FEET)	Altitude of Bomb Rel	
(g) Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Ground: Destroy	edProbably	Destroyed	Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR (i) NO. A/C ATT TONNAGE (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMM EXPENDED, EACH AIM	MUNITION NO. HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
Cave entrances.	0 TB3- 7C-03	16 - 250 lb. 40 - 100 lb.	G.P. Many	Sorious
2		56 - 5" (HE) 6 - 5" (HE)	AR	
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1. Five cave entrances were hit and scaled. It was impossible to observe the extent of the damage to installations contained in the cayes.

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

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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

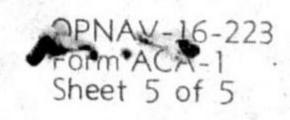
XII. TACTICAL' AND OPERATIONAL DATA. (Narrative and comment. Describe action fully and comment freely, following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

8 VT from VC-83, 4 VT from VCC-2, and 12 VT from USS ESSEX were launched as one group to furnish direct aircraft support to the Army's ground troops on Okinews. At the target the group was divided into two 12 plane ditack groups and directed to attack certain cave entrances in the side of a hill in area 8266 Y and N.

The artillery marked the location of the hill with smoke shells but some pilots did not spot the cave entrances and the planes were dispatched successively to mark the cave entrances with bombs. After these were spotted Lanfor CASCU directed the S VT from VC-33 and the 4 VT from VOC-2 to attack the cave entrances on one side of the hill and expend one-half of their armament. After this attack was completed the VC-33 and VOC-2 VT returned and circled while the other 12 VT attacked the entrances on the opposite side of the hill. Then after this second attack VC-85 and VOC-2 VT made enother attack against cave entrances not closed by the first attack.

The bombing was excellent and on our side of the hill resulted in five cave entrances being closed. Lanfor CASCU reported that they results were very good and that the cave entrances had been sealed. No other results were noted but there could be little doubt that the cnewy was using the underground passages, which ran straight through the hill with openings on each side, for military purposes although their exact use and purpose was not apparent to the pilots.

Pilots: Lt. E. A. PARKER; Liouts. (jg) V. M. SCHUMART, C. H. BONEN, M. BOTEAN, D. O. HANCOCK; Ensigns R. FOREHAND, R. L. BAAKE, C. W. EUNCH.



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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

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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