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I. GENERAL

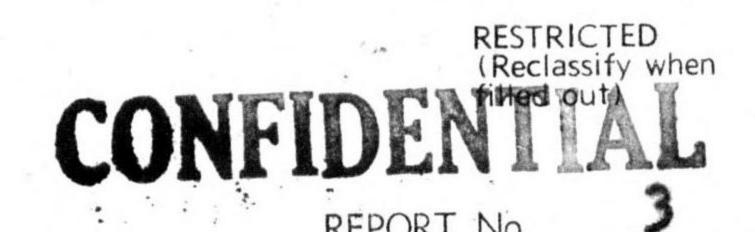
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TYPE OBSERVED NO ENCOUNTERED ENCOUNTER ENCOUNTER GUNS OBSERVED MARK (ZONE) (nst/ANM-
TYPE SQUADRON NUMBER BASE TYPE SQUADRON NUMBER BASE IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only). (a) (b) (NO ONN A/C) (CONE) (CONE) (b) Apparent Enemy Mission (s) (ZONE) (ZONE) (ZONE) (ZONE) (ADDITIONAL OF ENCOUNTER ENCO	NSE
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(a) YPE OWN A/C	(b)	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CA	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed
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VII. PE	RSONNEL	CASUALTIES (in aircraft li	sted in II only; identify with planes I	listed in VI by Nos. at left).
a) (b) O. SQUADRO	N	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	CONDITION OR STATUS

VIII.	RANGE,	FUEL, AN	D AMMUNI	TION DAT	A FOR PLAN	IES RETU	RNING			
(a)	(a) (b)		(d)	(d) (e)	(f)	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED			NO. OF PLANES	
TYPE A/C	MILES	MILES RETURN	AV. HOURS	LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
SB2C/SBW	106	106	3.2	320	241			695		8
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IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Che	eck one block on e	each line).		
CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over				
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm			•	
LIGHT — Machine oun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm		X	to 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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a)	XI. ATTACK ON EN Target(s) and Location	Coastal n(s) Position	Defenses and INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UN	ATTILLO	ircraft Listed i (b) Time Over	n II Only). Target(s)_	1625 - 1715 K (Zone)
(c)	Clouds Over Target Visibility of Target	3,000	(BASE IN FEET.	TYPE AND TENTHS	OF COVER)	isibility	
(f)	Bombing Tactics: Typ Bombs Dropped per Ru	e Dive	LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)		Bomb Sight Use		ase 3,000 (FEET)
	Number of Enemy Ai	DIMENSIONS OR	and: Destroyed	Probat		(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	Damaged DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
2	Target area assigned. Target area	600x1200ft	8 SB2C/SBW VB-9	14 250# (12 22	12	Undetermined "
3	assigned.				,		
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(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

(Ship does not release photographs to squadron).

⁽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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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

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

The Air Support Group 2G rendezvoused at base and proceeded to Point Easy ten miles east of Mt. Surabachi. Lieut. H. W. WORLEY took the lead of the VB flight. A climb was initiated and aircraft arrived on station at 1545 at 8,500 ft.

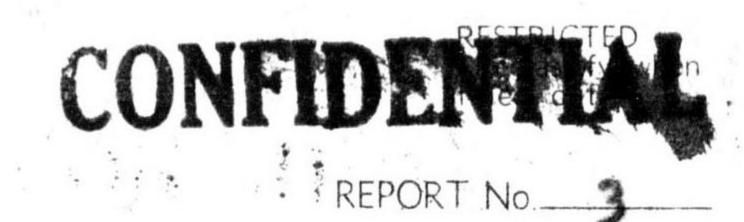
At 1625 the air coordinator ordered the VF and VB to strike an area approximately 600 ft. x 1,200 ft. on the north slope of Mt. Surabachi. No definite emplacements were given but artillery and coastal defense positions were known to be in this area. The VF preceded the VB in strafing and the Helldivers commenced their attack from 8,000 ft. A 70° dive using flaps with release at 3,000 ft. and pullout at 1,500 ft. was completed from west to east. As all the planes did not release Lieut. WORLEY requested that strafing runs be allowed.

east to west with aircraft strafing and dropping their remaining bombs. Lt(jg) VERRALL and Ensign WATSON could not release their 500% bombs and 250% bombs respectively. Ensign WATSON jettisoned in the water and the others were brought back aboard. The two runs were made at 1650 and 1715.

The flight rejoined at rally point and were ordered to return to base at 1725.

Lt(jg) RICKERBY of McincPac flew with Lt(jg) VERRALL to obtain photographs of the invasion of Iwo Jima.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.

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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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