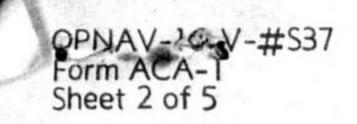
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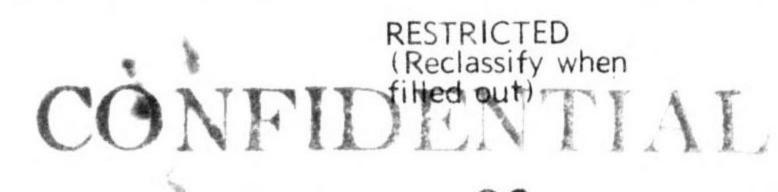


I. GENERAL

	f: Date 17	Februar	y 1945	Time (LZT) 0	657 - 10	_(Zone); L	at. 24° 35° 1	I Long. 1	40° 25° E
e) Mission	CAP ove	er Iwo Ji	ima Island			(f) Time of Re	turn_0940	- 10(Zone
II. OV	VN AIRCRA	FT OFFIC	IALLY COVE	RED BY THIS	REPORT.				
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		(f)		FUZE, SET	TTING
M-2	VC-76	4		4					
TYPE	SQUADRON	OR ALLIE NUMBER	DAIRCRAFT	BASE	TYPE	ATION. SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	Ε
'M-2	VC-85	4	USS BISMA	RCK SEA (CV	E95)				
IV. E	VEMY AIRC	RAFT OBS	ERVED OR E	NGAGED (By C	Own Aircraft	Listed in 11	Only).		
(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	NO ENGAGIN OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERE	LOCATION ENCOUNT	I OF FFR	BOMBS, TORPEI GUNS OF	DOES CARRIED; BSERVED		(g) IFLAGE AND ARKING
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Did An Encour	,	ir in Clouds	(YES. OR NO)	If so, Describe		(BASE IN	FEET. TYPE AND	y	
Did An Encour Time o of Sun	y Part of iter(s) Occu f Day and Br or Moon	ir in Clouds	(YES. OR NO)		ERCAST; ETC.)		(k) Visibility	/(M	
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in 11 only).

(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)
5				
5				
7				
3				
9				
0				
1				
2				
3				
4				

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

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	AV. FUEL	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED			NO OF PLANES	
TYPE A/C	MILES OUT	RETURN	AV. HOURS IN AIR	AV FUEL LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
FM-2	48	48	2.7	233	96		3200			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. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

TURNS

CEILINGS

RANGE

PROTECTION

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 On	in II Only).	Listed	Aircraft	Own	(By	OBJECTIVES	GROUND	OR	SHIPS	ENEMY	ON	ATTACK	XI.
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				st Iwo Jima (b) Time Ove		0830 - 10 (Zone)
				TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
(b)	Visibility of Target	Clear (CLEAR, HAZ	Y. PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	isibility_10) miles
(f)	Bombing Tactics: Type		(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight Us	sed	(TYPE)
	Bombs Dropped per Rur	n(NUMBER	Spacing	(FEET) Altitude	of Bomb Rele	ease
	Number of Enemy Aire			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	ad - 1/8 mile		4 FM-2 VC-76			No damage
2	long		4 FM-2 VC-85			observed
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						

⁽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
Fighter Direction
Use of Radar
Night Fighting
Recognition, Aircraft

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

Four (4) VF of this squadron, together with four (4) VF of VC-85 were directed by Task Force Fighter Director to strafe trucks on road in northeast Iwo Jima. Two strafing runs were made by squadron from 8500 and 9000 feet respectively. No damage was observed. Pull-outs were above 1500 feet due to intense medium AA encountered.

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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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