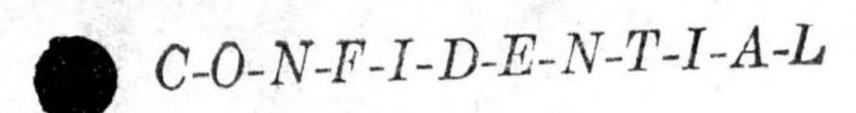


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I. GENERAL

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| (a) TYPE OWN A/C | (b) SQUADRON | AGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE | (d) 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 listed in | n II only; identify with planes li | sted in VI by Nos. at left). |
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| VIII. | RANGE, | FUEL, AN | D AMMUN | ITION DATA | A FOR PLAN | VES RET | URNING | | | |
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| TYPE A/C | (b) MILES OUT | MILES RETURN | AV. HOURS IN AIR | AV. FUEL LOADED | AV. FUEL CONSUMED | .30 | .50 | 20MM | MM | RETURNING |
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| CALIBER | NONE | MEAGER | MODERATE | INTENSE |
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| 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

No enemy A/C observed.

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE) C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L



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| XI. ATTACK ON | ENEMY SHIPS OF | R GROUND OBJECT | IVES (By Own Aircraft Listed | | |
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| a) Target(s) and Locat | tion(s) Areas 25 | PS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA | UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Ove | er Target(s) | (Zone |
| c) Clouds Over Target_ | 20000 424 | cocumulus - 10/ | | | |
| d) Visibility of Target_ | Clear, HA | ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED | BY CLOUDS, ETC.) | Visibility_25 | (MILES) |
| f) Bombing Tactics: Ty | 14. POR 25 TO 15 TO 15 TAY 10 TO 15 | | Bomb Sight U | sed 11 3 | (TYPE) |
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| g) Number of Enemy A | Aircraft Hit on Gro | ound: Destroyed | Probably Destroyed_ | *** | _ Damaged |
| (h) AIMING POINT | DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE | (j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON | BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT | (m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point | DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk) |
| AA Position in : | 250 | 4 - FM-2 VC-77 | 4000 rds 50 cal. | | Cun silenced |
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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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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

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

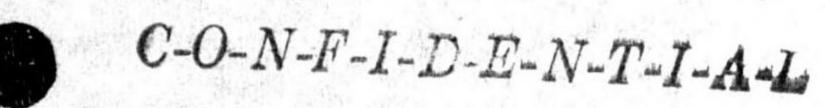
OPERATIONAL

Navigation Homing Rendezvous Recognition, Ships Communications Flight Operations Search and Tracking Base Operations Maintenance

Taking off at 0530(N), 5 March, 1945, on a pre-dama take off, VC-77's fourth division proceeded to INO JIMA for a routine combat air patrol over the island they finally joined with a fighter division from the U.S.S. TULAGI.

At 0740(K), instructions were given to strafe targets of opportunity in areas 250 and 251. On the first run from SE to MM a single 20cm gun started to fire at the strafing planes, with a fair degree of accurracy, forcing pull out at above 2000'. Four runs were made, starting at about 5000°, against this gam position, and it was not until the fourth run that the gun was finally silenced. It seemed to be well protected in a depression in the rocks, making it difficult to knock out. Even then, Lioutenant(jg) MAYMEN, U.S.H.R. had to pull out at as low as 400' on the last run to accomplish his purpose.

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Considerable gum trouble was experienced. These gums have been

given a hard workout for the past fourteen days, and are about worm out.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary). ARMAMENT

Bomb Sights

Turrets

Ammunition Bombs, Torpedoes Bomb Releases

Guns, Gunsights

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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