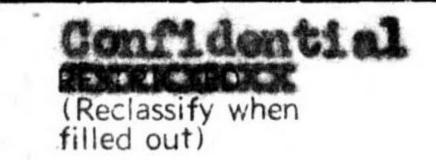
I. GENERAL

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TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)	•		AND TORPEDOES O (PER PLANE) (f)	5		SETTING g)
F11-2	VC-84	4	0	4	Non					
TYPE	THER U. S.	OR ALLIED	AIRCRAFT	EMPLOYED BASE	IN TH	IS OPER	ATION. SQUADRON	NUMBER	BA	\SE
Me2	VC-96 VC-88	4	USS RUDYE	IAN BAY						
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAI 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	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)			
1		*					
2							
3							
4							
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12							
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a) 10.	(b) SQUADRON	NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
		•		
		•		

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

(a) TYPE	(b) MILES	(c) MILES	The state of the s			(e) (f) (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED AV. FUEL		JNITION EXPENDED		NO. OF PLANES
A/C	OUT	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
F11-2	30	30	2.6	232	120		51.00			4

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

IN. ENTERNIE MINITERINA	Guerra oue block ou			
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	7			

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

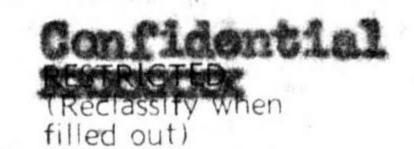
TURNS

DIVES CEILINGS

RANGE

PROTECTION

ARMAMENT





(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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) Target(s) and Locatio	n(s) Appliant (FOR SHIE	ea above northe	IVES (By Own Aircraft Listed Local (b) Time Ove INDER ATTACK)	er Target(s)	0740 (E) (Zone
:) Clouds Over Target		(BASE IN FEET.	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
1) Visibility of Target_•	(CLEAR, HA	ZY. PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	/isibility	(MILES)
F) Bombing Tactics: Typ	e	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight Us	sed	(TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Ru	IN(NUMBE	Spacing	(FEET) Altitude	of Bomb Rel	ease
g) Number of Enemy Air	rcraft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed_	0	_ Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	NO HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
Area above and trenches, AA and	là miles x 400 verds	4 FM-2 VC-84	5100 rounds .50 cal	All in	Sorious
shore batteries		4 FM-2 VC-96	Unknown	* **	Unknown
		4 FM-2 VC-88	**	66	69
5					
7					
3					

(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).

Specific results could not be observed. However trenches were thoroughly strafed a medium AA position was silent on the last run and the general area was well covered. The Air Coordinator obseving the attack believed the AA position was at least seriously damaged.

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:)

down to about 800 feet. The TCAP landed at 0809 (K).

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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

Four FM-2 took off from USS MAKIN ISLAND on 1 March 1945, D plus 10. at 0530 (K), for Target Combat Air Patrol over Iwo Jima. The division was led by Lt. Thomas S. Sedeker and included Lt. (js) Weston L. Scott and Ensigns John R. Stroppel and Johan D.W. Hubbeling, Jr. During its TCAP the flight spotted and reported a possible rocket launcher position. Position of shore batteries attacking a destroyer was also reported and about 15 minutes later the pilots saw this position fired upon from a ship. After the end of their TCAP they were directed to strafe with 4 FM-2 of VC-96 and 4 FM-2 of VC-88 along the cliffs above the northeest beach extending from the northern end of the island (219 to 251 on local grid). Three strafing runs were made, concentrating on trenches. AA and shore battery positions in caves all of which were thoroughly worked over. Medium, intense, inacourate AA was thrown up but one position (219 Kray) may well have been knocked out, at least as to personnel, since it was silent on the last run, having previously been extremely vocal. The Air Coordinator observing thought it was seriously demaged. Rums started from 8000 and 5000 feet and were brought

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Two starboard gums of 1 FM-2 jammed because of ruptured cartridges.



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

Use additional sheets if necessary).

Otherwise equipment performed normally.

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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