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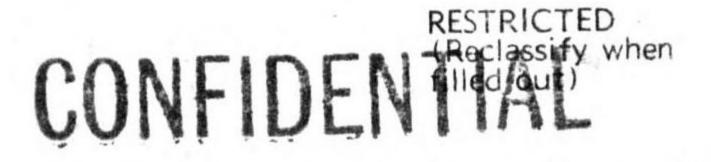
I. GENERAL

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e) Mission	Photog	raph Adi	rrields	in Tok	yo Ar	00		(f) Time of	Return 1	(Zone)
II. OV	VN AIRCRA	FT OFFICIA		ERED BY T	HIS REF	ORT.				
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)			ND TORPEDO (PER PLANI (f)		FUZE, SETTING (g)	
F6F-5	W9	4	None	None						
767-5			None	None	Two	12º K	-17 car	2020		
III. O	THER U. S.	OR ALLIED	AIRCRAF	T EMPLOYE	DINT			T MINIPED T	DACE	
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE		TYPE	SQUADRO	NUMBER	BASE	
IV E	NIENAY AIRC	RAFT ORSE	RVFD OR	FNGAGED (By Own	Aircraft	Listed in	II Only).		
(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGING	(d) TIME LOC		(e) ATION OF COUNTER	Own Aircraft Listed in II Only). BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED GUNS OBSERVED		CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING		
Oscar	3	None	2000 (Z	NE)	10)		40% AM		460 3	
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(i) Encour Time (i) of Sur	ny Part of nter(s) Occi of Day and Bi n or Moon —		(YES OR NO	IGHT MOON: DA	cribe Cl	ouds	(BASE	IN FEET, TYPE		
(a) TYPE		ROYED OR DAMA	AGED BY:						(c) HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAG CLAIME
ENEMY A/C	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PII	OT OR GUNNER	R	GUNS	USED	YVITEINE		CLAIME
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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 desiroyed) (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 1020 13 14 VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left). (d) (c) (b) (a) CONDITION OR STATUS CAUSE NAME, RANK OR RATING SQUADRON NO: None VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING NO. OF PLANES (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED AV. FUEL CONSUMED (e) AV. FUEL LOADED AV HOURS (c) MILES (b) MILES (a) TYPE RETURNING 20MM MM .30 IN AIR OUT RETURN A/C 350 2400 400 195 195 SEPARES **CONTRACT** 0400-4Cm2 IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line). INTENSE MODERATE MEAGER NONE CALIBER murst HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over ni mesin di mesin MEDIUM - Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm 200 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

To enemy A/C engaged.

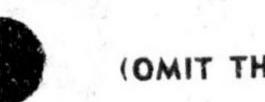
TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

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Clouds Over Target_	4000° bas	(BASE IN FEET.	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
Visibility of Target	To 27	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	'isibility	(MILES)
	(CLEAR, HA	ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	Bomb Sight Us	od III V	The state of the s
Bombing Tactics: Ty	pe	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Donati Signi Os		(TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per R	un(NUMBE	Spacing	(FEET) Altitude (of Bomb Rele	ase(FEET)
	. (,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		Probably Destroyed	- COLUMB - C	Damaged
Number of Enemy A	ircraft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed_		
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR	(i) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT	NO HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight serious, destroyed or sun
AIMING POINT	TONNAGE	6 16		Numer-	
Amidships	50 tons	779	400 rds per plane	0039	OCCUPA
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(p) Were Photographs Taken? Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

⁽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).

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 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

Photo #2 was launched at 0730, rendezvoused, and proceeded to the meinland of Japan on course 3300. The purpose of the mission, four FGF-5's escorting two photographic FGF-57's, was to photograph damage inflicted by a fighter sweep. The weather, both at base and target area, was poor.

After rendezvous, the planes climbed through the overcast breaking through at 25,500, and reached the coast ten miles south of Mita Airfield. The flight headed inland, descending to 13,000' to get below the cloud base, and on reaching the Tomobe area, the two photo planes became separated from the escort because of poor visibility and because approximately 100 other F6F's were milling around after an attack on Tomobe Field. Lt. Hudson and Lt(jg) Partwig, photo pilots, then made a photo run on course 3000, alt. 10,000° across Tomobe Field and retired to the south to make a similar run on course 1100, alt. 6,000' over Hyakurigahara Airfield. At 1015 Hudson and Fartwig finally found a VF division from the San Jacinto, joined up with them, and proceeded to base. Enroute, 27-30 luggers were sighted 20 miles off Inubo Saki, bearing 0900 from that point, and on course 3100, speed approximately 5 knots. All planes, including divisions from San Jacinto and Randolph made a strafing pass, which stopped at least five ships doed in the water, and left about 15 others smoking. In strafing the luggers, three were hit by heavy fire. Lt. Franger's division worked on one, while Hudson and Martwig each took one apiece. All pilots report pieces flying off, but no other damage. Lt. Phillips of Frangers division, reported an additional 10 luggers and many sampans on Hi Numa Lake. We further runs were made since both Wi-9 planes were low on gas, and Budson landed at this base, while Hartwis taken aboard the Belleau Wood because of fuel shortage.

Lt. Franger's division, escerting, after becoming separated provided additional cover for the fighter sweeps on Mito and Tomobe Airfields. On returning to base, this division, at 4000° also saw the luggers and made one strafing pass, with 3 of the 4 planes getting hits on one ship. This strafing preceded the runs made by Mudson and Hartwig.

The only A/A fire observed was seen by Lt. Hudson two miles north of Hyakurigahara, and that was one inaccurate burst of heavy fire.

Three enemy planes were sighted, believed to be oscars, midway between Tomobe and Hyakurigahara. The Japs were at least 8 miles from our planes and made no attempt at interceptica.

Lt. Franger observed three or four single engine planes burning on Tomobe Field, but was too high to note further details.

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

Use additional sheets if necessary).

All material reported satisfactory.

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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Photo #2

Liout. Franger
Lt(jg) Reiner
Lieut. Phillips
Lt(jg) Frior

Lieut. Hudson Lt(jg) Hertwig

APPROVED BY:

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