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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

II. OV	of oppo VN AIRCRA	rtunity. FT OFFICIA	ALLY COVER	ED BY TH	IS REPORT.	varget	s (f) Time of I	The Court of the C	1 2011
TYPE	SQUADRON	TAKING	NUMBER	ATTACKING		AND TORPED		FUZE, S	ETTING
(a)	(b)	OFF (c)	ENEMY A/C	TARGET (e)	CARRI	(f)	NE)	(jg)
4U-1D	VMF-113	12	0	4	8 AR 5"	HE, hea	d inst ND		
G-1D	VMF-113	•	0	7	(Rockets	were c	d inst ND arried by post flight b		
TYPE	SQUADRON	OR ALLIED NUMBER		EMPLOYED BASE	IN THIS OPE	SQUADRO	N NUMBER	DA	C E
one						JONDRO	INOMBER	BA	3 C
(a) TYPE	1		(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	LOCATI ENCOL	Own Aircraft ON OF		(f) RPEDOES CARRIED; OBSERVED	CAMO	(g) UFLAGE AND NARKING
None			(ZONE)						
			(ZONE)						
	nt Ename. MA	ission(s) N	one						
Did And Encount Time of of Sun	Part of ter(s) Occur Day and Bri or Moon —	r in Clouds?_ Iliance	NO (YES OR NO) None (NIGHT, BRIGHT	MOON; DAY, C	VERCAST; ETC.)		IN FEET. TYPE AND	ity No:	
i) Encoun Time of j) of Sun	Part of ter(s) Occur Day and Bri or Moon	r in Clouds?_ Iliance	None (NIGHT, BRIGHT OYED OR DA	MOON; DAY, C	VERCAST; ETC.)	Aircraft I	(k) Visibil	y).	ne

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(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	AGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONA (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)
None	,			
2				
3				
4				
5				
6	,			
7				
8				
9				
0				
1				
2				
13				
14				

VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in 11 only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left). (e) (d) (c) CONDITION OR STATUS (b) (a) CAUSE NAME, RANK OR RATING **SQUADRON** None

VIII	RANGE.	FUEL, AN	D AMMUNI	TION DATA	A FOR PLAN	IES RET	URNING			T (1)
		(c)	(b)	(e)	(f)	(g) TOTAL AMML	INITION EXPE	NDED	NO OF PLANES
(a) TYPE A/C	MILES OUT	MILES	AV. HOURS	AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL -	.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO OF PLANES RETURNING
		 	1. =	395	260	0	1700	0	0	12
F4U-1D	300	300	4.5 11.5	395	288	0	2800	0	0	12
FG-1D	300	700	1.0)	777						

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line). INTENSE MODERATE MEAGER NONE CALIBER HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm 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

No enemy aircraft encountered.

TURNS DIVES CEILINGS RANGE PROTECTION ARMAMENT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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(4)	Antiaircraft pos	sitions on K	ikai Shima.	ildings and (b) Time O		
(c)	Clouds Over Target	30	00 feet - 1/10	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
					Visibility	150
(d)	Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HAZ	Y. PARTIALLY OBSCURED E	Y CLOUDS, ETC.)	Visibility	(MILES)
	DAGIFAT					
(T)	Rockets		(LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight L	Rocket	(TYPE)
	Bombs Dropped per Ru	n 8	Spacing	O Altitude		ease 3500
	Dropped per Ru	(NUMBER	۹)	(
(a	Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Gro	ound: DestroyedC	Probably Destroyed	0	_ Damaged
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	(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	NO HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk
			1			
1	Planes in revetm	ents,				** 3 - 4 3
1	Planes in revetm buildings and An	ents, tiaircraft	VMF-113	78 AR 5"HE, head	0	Undetermined
2	Planes in revetment buildings and An positions.	tiaircraft	VMF-113	inst ND.	0	(except on gun emplacement ar
2	buildings and An	tiaircraft	VMF-113	inst ND. 4500 rounds of	0	emplacement ar
2	buildings and An	tiaircraft	VMF-113	inst ND.	0	emplacement ar barracks which was serusly
3	buildings and An	tiaircraft	VMF-113	inst ND. 4500 rounds of	0	emplacement ar
3 4	buildings and An	tiaircraft	VMF-113	inst ND. 4500 rounds of		emplacement are barracks which was serusly
1 2 3 6	buildings and An	tiaircraft	VMF-113	inst ND. 4500 rounds of		emplacement are barracks which was serusly
1 2 3 6	buildings and An	tiaircraft	VMF-113	inst ND. 4500 rounds of		emplacement ar barracks which was serusly
1 2 3 4 7	buildings and An	tiaircraft	VMF-113	inst ND. 4500 rounds of		emplacement are barracks which was serusly

of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identity by numbers above. Use additional sneets if necessary?

Serious damage was considered on gun emplacements and barracks buildings. Other hits were not definitely observed.

p)	Were Photographs	Taken?	No	Photographs of Damage,	When Taken,	Should Be Attached By StapleCONFIDENTIAL-
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XII. TACTICAL AND ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY

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

Flexible Gunnery, Own Escort Tactics Fighter Direction Use of Radar Night Fighting Recognition, Aircraft

ATTACK

Method of Locating Target
Approach to Target
Altitudes, Speeds
Approach
Dive
Pull-Out
Dive Angle
Strafing
Retirement

Use of Jamming DEFENSE, ENEMY

Defensive Tactics

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

OPERATIONAL DATA. (Narrative and comment Describe action fully and comment freely, following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

(13 July, 1945) Twenty-four (24) planes from this squadron took off from Charlie Airstrip, Ie Shima at 0931 Item. Their mission was to observe the weather enroute to Kyushu. Eleven (11) planes were equipped with rockets and had instructions to strike targets of opportunity.

Forty miles from southern Kyushu a solid front extending from the deck to above 25,000 feet and covering the horizon from east to west

The flight turned back and the rocket-carrying planes approached Kikai Shima, which had been selected as the target, from the north. When over the island at 9000 feet, the planes reversed course by executing a split—S and went down at 70° and 335 knots indicated, releasing at 3500 and pulling out at 1500 feet.

lst Lt. A.D. ANTON made a dream come true when he scored direct hits with five (5) rockets on the gun emplacements250 yards SE of the western tip of the A/F which had deposited him in the drink a few weeks previously. He reported that "those guys went go around shooting anybody else down".

Near misses and two (2) hits were scored on a large barracks on the northern coast near the center of the island. Results of other hits the northern coast near the center of the island. Results of other hits were not definitely observed. Planes in revetments, buildings and A/A were not definitely observed. Planes in revetments, buildings as they repositions were the targets. These planes strafed buildings as they retired.

No A/A fire was observed.
All planes returned safely to base, landing at 1324 Item.

The following VMF-113 pilots participated:

Capt. G.B. HERLIHY - Division leader

2nd Lt. S.O. MINARD - Wingman

1st Lt. A.D. ANTON - Section leader

1st Lt. D.F. HOLLINGSWORTH - Division leader

2nd Lt. J.E. WELLMAN - Wingman

1st Lt. R.J. MUNRO - Section leader

1st Lt. KIRKLAND FLYNN - Wingman

1st Lt. E.G. DICK - Division leader

1st Lt. J.J. KISSELL - Wingman

1st Lt. Russell HUNCHAR - Section leader

1st Lt. S.L. SCHARF - Wingman

Maj. Hensley WILLIAMS - Division leader

1st Lt. A.J. IVY - Wingman

2nd Lt. H.L. MIXSON - Section leader

1st Lt. A.C. FRAZER - Wingman

1st Lt. C.P. WOODBURY - Division leader

1st Lt. L.R. WEATHERSBEE - Wingman

1st Lt. R.F. SCOTT - Section leader

2nd Lt. P.J. MILLER - Wingman

2nd Lt. C.H. JONES - Division leader

2nd Lt. F.S. VAUGHN - Wingman

1st Lt. B.J. KELLEHER - Section leader

2nd Lt. E.E. ZANDT - Wingman

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Ten (10) rockets were returned to base. Eight (8) due to

failure of pilot to push contact plug in, two (2) failed to

All other material and equipment performed in a satisfactory

release. One plane equipped with rockets, was forced to return

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

manner.

to base due to engine trouble.

ARMAMENT

Guns, Gunsights Turrets Ammunition Bomb Sights Bomb Releases

Visual Signals Codes, Ciphers

RECOGNITION

Battle Lights Procedures

Armor; Points and Angles of Fire Needing Further Protection Leak Proofing

Compasses Automatic Pilots

INSTRUMENTS

Flight Power Plant

OXYGEN SYSTEM

CAMOUFLAGE AND DECEPTION DEVICES

STRUCTURE

Control Surfaces Control System Dive Flaps Landing Gear Heating System Flight Characteristics

POWER PLANT

Engines Engine Accessories Propellers Lubricating System Starters

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Auxiliary Plant

FUEL SYSTEM

FLIGHT CLOTHING

MAINTENANCE

BASE FACILITIES

Personnel Facilities REPORT PREPARED BY:

SIGNATURE W. H. JORDAN

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RANK AND DUTY

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Bombs, Torpedoes

COMMUNICATIONS

Radio, Radar Homing Devices

IFF Signals

PROTECTION

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

Parachutes Life Belts, Life Rafts Safety Belts Emergency Kits Rations, First Aid

NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT

Driftsights Octants Charts Field Lighting

Airframe At Various Loadings

Exhaust Dampers

HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

Lights

Plane Servicing Equipment

Capt., ACIO RANK AND DUTY