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I. GENERAL

TYPE	SQUADRON	TAKING	NUMBER ENGAGING	NGAGING ATTACKING BOMBS AND TORPEDOES				FUZE, SETTING	
(a)	(b) *	OFF (c)	ENEMY A/C .	TARGET (e)	(f)			Mose Instantaneous	
BJ-1H	VMB-613 1		none	none	2 350# depth charges.			Transverse 25' hyd	
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III. OT	THER U. S.	OR ALLIED		EMPLOYED BASE	IN THIS OPE	RATION.	one. NUMBER	BASI	E
	•	-				-	-	-	
IV. EN	T	NO. ENGAGING			Own Aircraf				(g) JFLAGE AND
TYPE	OBSERVED	OBSERVED NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C		TIME LOCATION ENCOU		BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIE GUNS OBSERVED		MARKING	
•	-	-	- (ZONE				•		
• -		(ZONE)							
Did And		ur in Clouds	(YES OR NO)	If so, Descri	be Clouds	(BASE II	FEET, TYPE	AND TENTHS OF COV	ER)
Did And (i) Encoun Time of (j) of Sun	y Part of Iter(s) Occur or Moon —	ar in Clouds illiance	(NIGHT, BRIGH	T MOON; DAY,	OVERCAST; ETC.)		(k) Vis	bility	ILES)
Did And Encound Time of Sun of Sun TYPE	y Part of Iter(s) Occurrence of Day and Broon — IEMY AIRC (b) DESTRO	r in Clouds filliance RAFT DEST	(NIGHT, BRIGHT ROYED OR DAGED BY:	T MOON; DAY,	OVERCAST: ETC.)		(k) Vis	bility	
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TURNS

DIVES

CEILINGS

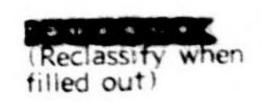
PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

RANGE

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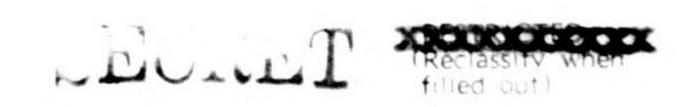




VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only). (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) (d)
WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C,
TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE (a) SQUADRON TYPE OWN A/C • 10 13 14 VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left). None. (e) (d) (c) (b) CONDITION OR STATUS (a) CAUSE NAME, RANK OR RATING SQUADRON VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED (h) AV. FUEL CONSUMED (e) AV. FUEL LOADED AV HOURS NO OF PLANES (c) MILES (b) MILES (a) TYPE RETURNING MM 20MM .30 IN AIR RETURN OUT 810 1160 6.75 510 510 PBJ-1H 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 None observed.

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA. (Narrative and comment Describe action fully and comment freely,

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

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

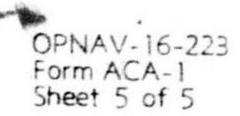
Bombing Tactics
Torpedo Tactics
Effectiveness of
Bombs, Torpedoes
Selection of Targets
Fuzing
Strafing Tactics
Defensive Tactics
Use of Radar
Reconnaissance
Photography
Briefing

OPERATIONAL

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

following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

One PBJ-1H of this squadron took off from Majuro at 1845 M., 24 March, 1945 on a hunter-killer mission. The submarine contact was made in the neighborhood of Mille Island and it was felt that the craft might be lurking somewhere in this enemy held atoll. The plane was therefore ordered to reconnoitre the atoll carefully both inside and outside the reef. Arriving on station the pilot found the weather to be very bad with high winds, rain squalls, and moderate turbulance, necessitating instrument flying for the majority of the time of the flight. While patrolling the island as ordered and flying under the overcast at about 500 feet, two to three bursts of .50 calibre shells were fired at the plane from a point near the junction of the runways on Mille Island. No hits were made. Proceeding around the Atoll the plane again drew fire, this time 20mm in meagre amount from an island near Tokowa Passage. Poor visibility prevented exact determination of the source of the fire. This medium AA was also inaccurate. The plane completed its run around the Atoll without encountering further opposition. A square search was executed without making any contact with the reported submarine and the plane returned to base at Majuro at 250130 Mike.



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

All material functioned satisfactorily.

Turrets

Guns, Gunsights 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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RANK AND DUTY SIGNATURE

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