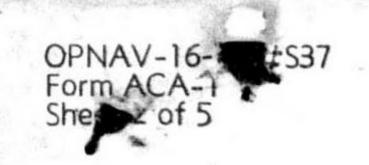
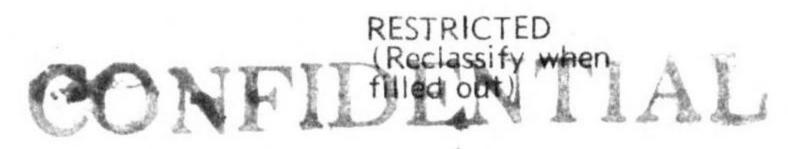




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FM-2	VC-76	8		8	1 Napa	alm b	omb			
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only). CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) (e)
EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE,
(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) (a) (b) TYPE OWN A/C SQUADRON 6 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left). (c) (d) (a) (b) (e) NAME, RANK OR RATING CAUSE CONDITION OR STATUS SQUADRON

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

(a) TYPE	(b) MILES	(c) MILES	(d) AV. HOURS	(e) AV. FUEL	(f) AV. FUEL	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED			(h)	
A/C	OUT	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
FM-2	30	30	3.3	175	115		7600			8

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

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	X			

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

TURNS

DIVES

CEILINGS

RANGE

PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

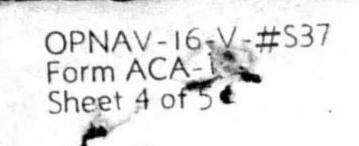


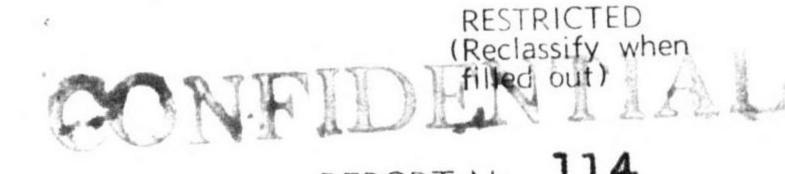
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	XI. ATTACK ON EN	IEMY SHIPS OR	GROUND OBJECT	IVES (By Own Air	rcraft Listed	in II Only)	Approx
(a)	Target(s) and Location	r(s)2. Tanks	in north-centr	al Two (b) Time Ove	er Target(s)	0930 - 10 (Zone)
(c)	Clouds Over Target_S	Stratocumulu	s, 2000, 8/10 (BASE IN FEET	TYPE AND TENTHS OF	COVER)		
(d)	Visibility of Target_C	bscured by (CLEAR, HAZ	clouds ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	(e) \	isibility <mark>8 m</mark>	iles at sea level
(f)	Bombing Tactics: Type		(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Вс	mb Sight Us	ed	(TYPE)
	Bombs Dropped per Rur	(NUMBER	Spacing	(FEET)	Altitude (of Bomb Rele	ease
(g)	Number of Enemy Airc	craft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably	Destroyed_		_ Damaged
	(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AM/ EXPENDED, EACH AI	MUNITION MING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
	Ravine containing		8 FM-2 VC-76	7 Napalm (1	bomb hung) 2 hits	Fires started
2	Tanks		4 FM-2 VC-76	24 5" HER.		Near	Hits within 10 ft Damage unknown
3	Trucks on road		4 FM-2 VC-76	Approx. 6400	rds .50	Unknown	Unknown
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5							
6							
7							
8							

⁽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 ", 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

VF made four runs in dropping Napalm bombs. Drops were made from 150-200 ft, 140 knots indicated, in a slight dive. Two bombs fell directly in the ravine starting a large fire. Two bombs failed to go off and one would not release. Remaining three bombs were placed in the area.

One division of VF with rockets were then directed to attack three enemy tanks which were dug in and being used as stationary pill-boxes. Two near misses were scored with the rockets with hits 10 and 20 feet from the turrets of the tanks.

Other division atrafed roads in northern Iwo with results un-Approximately 16 runs were made. observed.



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

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

SIGNATURE

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

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