I. GENERAL

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(e) Mission	Direct	Support	work over	· Okinswa	Shima		(f) Time of F	Return0945	(Zone)
II. OV	VN AIRCRA	AFT OFFICIA	ALLY COVE	RED BY TH	IS REPORT	Γ.				
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	NUMBER ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)			ND TORPEDOES (PER PLANE) (f)	5	FUZE, SET	TING
7-2	V(-91	4	0	4	None					
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III. O	THER U. S.	OR ALLIED	AIRCRAFT	EMPLOYED	IN THIS	OPERA	TION.			
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE		YPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	
None										
IV. EN	1	CRAFT OBSE	1	1	y Own Airc	raft L	isted in 11			(a)
TYPE	NO. OBSERVED	NO ENGAGING OWN A/C	ENCOUNTERE	D LOCAT	ION OF JNTFR	В	GUNS OF	OOES CARRIED; BSERVED	CAMOU	(g) FLAGE AND RKING
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s/s	1	0	0650-I (ZON	E) SEINOS SE	above	Ur	iknown.		Dark Gr	een
(i) Encoun Time of (j) of Sun	y Part of ter(s) Occu f Day and Br or Moon		(YES OR NO)	If so, Descri	be Clouds -	C.)		_(k) Visibil	(M)	LES)
(a) TYPE		OYED OR DAMAG						(c)	(d) DAMAGE
ENEMY A/C	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILO	T OR GUNNER		guns u	SED	WHERE HI	T, ANGLE	CLAIMED
Lone										
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RESTRICTED (Reclassify when filled out)

VI. LOS	S OR DAM	AGE, COMBAT OR OPERATION	AL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those	NFIDENCIA REPORT No.
(a)	. (b)	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C.	WHERE HIT ANGLE (List armor	EXTENT OF LOSS OF DAMAGE

(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)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE; (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) (b) (c) (a) (d) (CAUSE CONDITION OR STATUS

(A) SQUADRON NAME, RANK OR RATING CAUSE CONDITION OR STATUS

(A) (D) SQUADRON NAME, RANK OR RATING CAUSE CONDITION OR STATUS

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

(a) TYPE	(b) MILES	(c) MILES	AV. HOURS	(e) AV. FUEL	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h)
A/C	OUT	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED		.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
PW-2	53	45	4.50	233	195		2500			4

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

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
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

Mone.

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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(s) 0745-1 (Zone
2 to 4 (MILES)
(TYPE)
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Damaged
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nt serious, destroyed or sunk)
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(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).

A camouflaged boat was found in the target area mentioned above, and was thoroughly strafed by one of the fighters. It caught on fire, burned and samk.

Installations covered over by camouglaged nets along the north bank of a stream in the target area were noticed and strafed. Several strafing runs were made by all of the FM pilots. No explosions were noted, and no fires were seen although much smoke resulted. The nature of the installations could not be determined nor could the extent of the damage.

About fifty oil drums were seen in target area 8291 "H", and two runs were made on them. About half of them caught on fire and burned briskly. The other half was located some distance away and did not catch on fire.

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

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.)

> Four FM-2's were launched at 0515-I to fly target Combat Air Patrol and after the patrol to proceed with direct support work. The TCAP was flown without incident except that two gap planes were seen in the distance. One was an Oscar, and the other a single-engine plane, which was too far away to be identified. They were both seen just after dawn and neither could be overtaken because of the poor visibility and the thick cloud coverage. Both of the enemy planes were on their way away from the Combat Air Patrol when spotted, and they immedistely sought protection in the clouds.

> Upon being relieved on patrol, Commander Air Support Control Units directed the flight to attack shipping and such installations as could be found on the Bishe River, just south of Yontan irfield. The four FM's proceeded to the target area, and made separate reconnaissance runs in order to locate targets.

> One pilot found a boat in a Bend of the river, and proceeded with two strafing runs on it. The boat was camouflaged with a net which seemed to be covered with burlap and foliage. The boat caught fire and sank. It was about twenty-five feet long.

In the meantime the other three FM's were strafing installations found along the bank of the river further inland. Many camouflaged installations were noted, but it was impossible to determine the nature of the installations under the camouglage because of the effectiveness of the camouflage. Several runs were made in the area designated, and the installations were thoroughly strafed. Ho fires or explosions resulted, and the amount of damage could not be determined. All four FMEs took part in the strafing.

One of the pilots located some oil drums close by, and the FM's proceeded to make two runs on them. They were successful in setting fire to one pile of the drums which sonstituted about 50% of the drums present, and were about twenty-five in number.

Due to the very low ceiling all runs were very shallow, and the strafing was close to tree-top level.

No enemy anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

After the completion of the runs on the installations on the river bank, they were ordered by CASCU to report back to base.

The following pilots took part in the attack:

Lt. (jg). R.L. Gaither

Ens. H. E. Bates Ens. D. L. Campbell

Ens. R. A. Cullom

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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

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

REPORT PREPARED BY:

None.

APPROVED BY:

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