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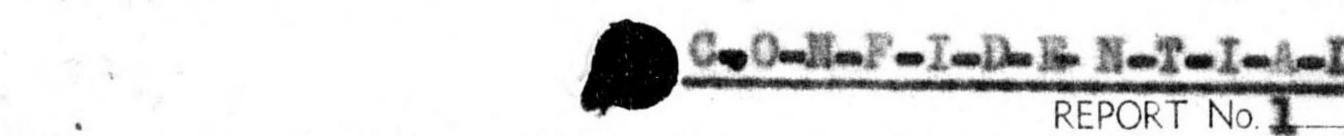
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(a) Unit Rep	orting	VC-93	<b>(b)</b> B	Based on or a	it		Y Y	(31)	c) Repor	t No.	
(d) Take of	f: Date	25 March 1	945	Time (LZT)	113	0-9	(Zone); L	at. 250	30° I	Long.	7° 30'E
(e) Mission	Direct s	support st	rike, Tok	nshilki &	Okin			(f) Time o	f Return.	1540-9	(Zone)
II. OW	N AIRCRA	AFT OFFICIA	ALLY COVER	ED BY TH	IS REP	ORT.					
TYPE	SQUADRON		NUMBER			BOMBS	AND TORPEDOE	S		FUZE, SETTIN	10
(a)	(b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	TARGET (e)			(f)			(g)	<b>NO</b>
							Ass.		Base	*	- 1
133 -3	VU-35	4	0	4	8 5"	IIR;	10 100%		Inst.	11000	.025
7-1-2	NECK CAME				* 37	- T A			19	1 Julia	165/12
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TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE		TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	103	BASE	- 63
F11-2	VC-79	6	USS MARCO	AT DAY,O	V1103					<del>\</del>	- 10V
73-3	VU-79	5	UN SAR TE	OF BAY, C	VE65				1	Harrion Valley	
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IV. EN	IEMY AIRC	CRAFT OBSE	RVED OR EN	IGAGED (B	v Own	Aircraft	Listed in 11	Only).			
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(6	e)		(	f)		(g)	
TYPE	NO. OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	ENCOUNTERED	LOCATI	ION OF UNTER		BOMBS, TORPE GUNS C	DOES CARRIEI BSERVED	O;	CAMOUFLA MARK	
			(ZONE)	)					,		
			(ZONE	)							
			(ZONE	)							
(h) Apparei	nt Enemy A	Aission(s)									
. Did Any	Part of										
(i) Encoun	ter(s) Occi	ur in Clouds?	(YES OR NO)	If so, Descri	be Clou	uds	(BASE II	N FEET, TYPE	AND TENTH	S OF COVER)	
Time of	Day and Br	rilliance						/1 \ \ /:-	·L · I · i		
(j) of Sun	or Moon _		(NIGHT, BRIGH	T MOON; DAY,	OVERCAS	T; ETC.)		( <b>k</b> ) VIS	ibility	(MILE	S)
V. EN	EMY AIRC	RAFT DESTR	OYED OR D	AMAGED II	N AIR	(By Owr	Aircraft Li	sted in 11 (	Only).		
(a)	T	OYED OR DAMAG							(c)		(d)
TYPE ENEMY A/C	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT	OR GUNNER		GUNS	USED .	WHER	E HIT, ANG	LE	DAMAGE
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in 11 only).

(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)	EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE; (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
FM-2 V	C-93 A	A Shrapnel, probable	3 o'clock below, in	Repairable locally -
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) NO.	(b) SQUADRON	NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
1	C-93 A	nthony J. La MARCO, Jr. nsign, Al, USHR, 390546	Lower back, right side	seriously wounded.
	- 12/26			
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) TYPE A/C	(b) (	(c)	(d)	d) HOURS AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED			(h)	
	MILES	RETURN	IN AIR			.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
TBM-3	50	60	4.3	330	260					4
FH-2	50	60	4.3	175	160					a

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

CALIDED	The No.		7	MODERATE	INITENICE
CALIBER	127	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over					- Aller
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm				100	alle.
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm				900	

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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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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XI. ATTACK ON E	NEMY SHIPS O	R GROUND OBJECT	TIVES (By Own Aircraft Lister	d in 11 Only	REPORT No. 1
개발하다. [1] 경기 시간 이 경기 기가 있다면 하는데 되었다.	하게 취임 경기를 가면 있는데 그 사람들이 가게 되었다.		(b) Time Ov		
	# - Table (1) 1 (제휴요)(1) : 이 1 (제휴요)(전) - 1 (제휴요)(전) : 이 4 (제휴요)(T) : 이 4 (제휴.)(T) : 이 4 (제		T, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
I) Visibility of Target				Visibility	5 at Mileface
) Bombing Tactics: Typ			Romb Sight II		
Bombs Dropped per Ru	(NUMBE		75 Altitude	of Bomb Re	ease 1500 (FEET)
) Number of Enemy Air	rcraft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed	5	Damaged5
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	
Beach Defenses		6 VF VC-93	2000 50 caliber 6 Napalm Bombs	4	
Beach Defenses		4 VT VC-93	35 100# GP	28	Undetermined
Plane		6 VP	11 5" HER	8	Undetermined
		10-33	5000, 50 caliber		2 serious

3. Revetments along 5000 foot E - W taxi strip contained aircraft apparently operational which were observed to receive many 50 caliber hits, covering all parts of plane.

<sup>(</sup>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).

<sup>1</sup> and 2. Pillboxes, fortifications and caves were probably, (but not definitely observed so due to smoke) rather seriously damaged.

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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

# 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

Upon direction of Commander Support Air strikes were made on beach areas and the air field. Runs were executed from 10,000 to 500 feet, 35° (VT) and 50° (VF) glide angles, at speeds of 220 to 300 knots.

The strike softened beach defenses for landings, intended in mear future. Neutralization of some of the A A positions and other military emplacements on Yontan field were effected.

Ensign La Marco was making a run on A A in N. E. part of Yontan field from 8,000 feet, 50°, and 200 knots when struck by flak. Due to this his dive continued but he was able to pull out and retired at 300 feet, using evasive tactics.

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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

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Pilots participating in this flight were:

Lt. Comdr. C. P. SMITH, USN Lieut. L. V. LIEB, Al, USNR

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Lieut. W. H. SKINNER, Al, USNR

Lieut. J. J. OLIVER, Al. USNR

Lt(jg) A. GODFREY, AL, USNR

Lt(jg) R. C. SULLIVAN, AI, USNR

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Ensign P. R. GAWTHROP, Al. USNR