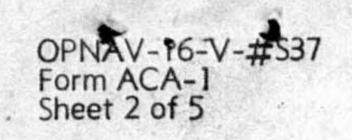
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III. OT	THER U. S.	OR ALLIED	AIRCRAFT	EMPLOYE	D IN THIS	OPER	ATION.				
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE		TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE	
76N-5 70N-3	VBF-12 VT-12	8		DOLPH							
IV. EN	EMY AIRC	CRAFT OBSE	RVED OR E	NGAGED (By Own Ai	rcraft	Listed in 11	Only).			
(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERE	D LOCA	(e)		BOMBS, TORPE GUNS O	(f) TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED		CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING	
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VI. LOS	VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).								
(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(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) NO.	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
	None			
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VIII RANGE FUEL AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT	S MILES RETURN	AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED			NO. OF PLANES	
						.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
3B20-41	08	90	3.3	320	250	600		1710		7
							,			

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	7.		,	
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

No opportunity for comparison.

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

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			(OMIT THIS SHEET IF	NO ATTACK WAS MAD	E)		REPORT No	19
	XI. ATTACK ON EN	NEMY SHIPS O	R GROUND OBJECT	TIVES (By Own A	ircraft Listed	in II Only		
(a)	Target(s) and Location	n(s) Caros	PS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA	UNDER ATTACK)	(b) Time Ov	er Target(s	0945	_(Zone)
(c)	Clouds Over Target	3,000 £	OOL - Dase IN FEE	T. TYPE AND TENTHS O	F COVER)			
(b)	Visibility of Target	CLEAR, HA	ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	(e) `	Visibility	20 (MILES)	
(f)	Bombing Tactics: Type	Glide -	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE	, B	omb Sight U	sedl	(TYPE)	
	Bombs Dropped per Rui	n 1 (NUMBE	Spacing_	(FEET)	Altitude	of Bomb Rel	ease 800 (FEE	T)
(g)	Number of Enemy Aire	craft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably	y Destroyed_		_ Damaged	
ison .	(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AM EXPENDED, EACH A		(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None serious, destroyed	e, slight, or sunk)
	Caves in Area 8074-P (West		7 VB-12	13-500 lb. 27-Rocket		13	Unobserv	ad
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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).

Twelve bombs landed among area. One bomb richecheted and exploded in the air, and one hung up and was later jettisoned. Although one rocket failed to release and was returned to base, all of the others struck in the target area.

(p) Were Photographs Taken?___ __Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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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

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

A seven plane unit of the VB squadron, in company with unito from the .VBF and VT squedrons, took off at 0830 (local time) and proceeded to Okinawa Shima to provide Air Support for U.S. Army ground troops. Upon arrival at Reference Point Goorge (Southeast Okinawa) the VB unit was directed by Commander Support Air to attack caves and gun positions on a ridge east of Machineto Airfield. An average of five attacks was made by each plane. Bombs were dropped singly on the first and second attacks, rockets were fired in pairs on the third and fourth, while the fifth was entirely a strafing attack. Those were glide bombing attacks initiated from the northwest at 3,000 feet, with the pullout to the southeast at approximately 600 feet. Although OSTABLISCO gave the VB unit a "Very Well Done". pletion of the mission, the VD unit rendezvoused with and Wr units and returned to base, landing aboard at

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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 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:

All material proved satisfactory.

APPROVED BY:

VICTOR TURN, LIGHT, UNIVERSIGNATURE OF THE RANK AND DUTY

SIGNATURE RANK AND DUTY

5-12-45 DATE