I. GENERAL

	Target	Combet A	ir Patrol	- Iwo dime			f) Time of Re	eturn1700	Z (Zone	
11. 0	WN AIRCR	AFT OFFICE	ALLY COVE	RED BY THIS	REPORT.				•	
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	NUMBER ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		AND TORPEDOE ED (PER PLANE) (f)	S	FUZE, SET	TING	
71-2	VC-88		0			*		(g)		
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III. O	1		AIRCRAFT	EMPLOYED IN	THIS OPE	RATION.				
11PE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	USS MART	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE		
IV. El		1		IGAGED (By C	wn Aircraft	Listed in II	Only).			
TYPE	NO. OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	TIME LOCATION (E) ENCOUNTERED ENCOUNTER		OF FR	BOMBS, TORPEI GUNS OF	OOES CARRIED; SSERVED	CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING		
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	nt Enemy N	Aission(s)				•				
Did Any Encoun Time of	Part of ter(s) Occuber Day and Br	ir in Clouds?.	(YES OR NO)	f so, Describe	Clouds	(BASE IN	FEET, TYPE AND	TENTHS OF COVE	R)	
Did Any Encoun Time of of Sun	Part of ter(s) Occur Day and Bror Moon —	ir in Clouds?.	(NIGHT, BRIGH	f so, Describe	RCAST; ETC.)		_(k) Visibility	/(MII	R)	
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	(a) OWN A/C	A/C SQUADRON TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CA			AY A/C, ONAL CAUSE	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)			(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroye		
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TY	PE	(b) MILES	(c) MILES	AV. HOURS	AV. FUEL	AV. FUEL		TOTAL AMMU			NO. OF PLAN
Α	/C		RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
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X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over

MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm

LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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XI. ATTACK ON EI	NEMY SHIPS OF	R GROUND OBJECT	IVES (By Own Aircraft Liste	d in 11 Only).	
a) Target(s) and Locatio	on(s) (FOR SHI	PS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA	UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time O	ver Target(s)	1620-1640 X (Zone
c) Clouds Over Target	4000-50	(BASE IN FEET	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
d) Visibility of Target	Good GROODS	ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	Visibility	(MILES)
f) Bombing Tactics: Typ	e		Bomb Sight L	Jsed	(TYPE)
		(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)			(1772)
Bombs Dropped per Ru	un(NUMBE	Spacing_	(FEET) Altitude	e of Bomb Rele	ease
g) Number of Enemy Ai	rcraft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed		_ Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1.		3 1711-2			
Morter positions		70-88	350 rds50 cel.	Strafing	Home observed
2		1 71-2			
lemouglaged area	30' x 50'	VC-88	100 rds50 cel.	Strofing	Hone observed
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caves		V0-55	200 rds50 cal.	TEPRILIP	HORS COMETVED
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- Morter positions reported as located in revines of cliffs in target areas 184 T and Y and 167 E, castern central Iwo Jima, were strafed by S FM-2's. The ravines were sighted and strafed but no results were observed.
- A area, light green in color, 50 ft. by 50 ft., apparently camouflaged by either netting or tarpaulin, located in a ravine in 184 T, Y or Q, was strafed by one Fis-2 without visible results.
- Three cave entrances, 50' high on cliffs, in target area 184 R and S, facing southerly were strafed by one FM-2 without visible results.

⁽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).

OWN AIRCRAFT

REPORT No.

ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY

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.)

> Pour Fil-2's of Yo-86 piloted by Lt. J. G. SANFORD, Lt(16) W. J. ARMITTA NO. 120. F. T. TATLON MAR THE. C. N. ADAMS were assigned the mission of terget combat sir patrol over Iwo Jima on 27 Feb. 1945. Toward the end of their period they were turned ever to the control of CARCU along with four FM-2's of VC-84 and four additional M-2's of Vo-76. They were directed to strais morter positions in terget area 204 T and T and 167 E. Lt. Sanford, Lt(jg) Armstrong and Ensign Telyor made their first run on the revines in the cliffs in this area. med n taylor, on this run, sighted a camourleged position, light green in color, about 50° x 50° which he believes was covered by either termulin or notting. To made a second run on this position and sen his trecors hitting this particular spot. Sanford and Armstrong made a second run, strafting the ravinas congrelly. These runs were made from south to morth, at steep 50 degree dives begun at 6500 feet, culling out at 1500 foot.

mulen Admis had spotted & large caves about 60 feet high on the sides of the cliffs, facing muth. He selected these as his ciming points, making two runs. His runs were made at about a 30 degree angle or loss, not pulling out until 160 feet. No saw his tracers hit about the care entrance.

There was no anti-aircraft fire and no actual results of the strafing could be seen.

failed to fire during the course of his two strafing runs.

Three of the four mechine guns on the FM-2 flown by Lt(jg) Armstrong

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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

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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