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VI. LOS	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	(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) (b) O. SQUADRON	NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) (b)			(d)	(e)	(e) (f) (g		TOTAL AMM	NO. OF PLANES		
TYPE A/C	MILES	RETURN	AV. HOURS	AV. FUEL AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING	
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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 TURNS DIVES CEILINGS RANGE PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

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XI. ATTACK ON	N ENEMY SHIPS OF	R GROUND OBJECTI	VES (By Own Aircraf	t Listed in II Only).	-10
) Target(s) and Loc	cation(s)(FOR SHI	PS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA U	NDER ATTACK)	ime Over Target(s)	(Zone
) Clouds Over Targe	et 7/30 et 5,	OCO feet	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COV		
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Bombs Dropped pe	er Run'	Spacing		Altitude of Bomb Rele	ease (FEET)
g) Number of Enemy	(NOMBE		Probably De	**************************************	_ Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNI EXPENDED, EACH AIMING	TION NO. HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
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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).

Instructions from Commander Air Support Control Units were to hit terget areas 183 Q and N with the entire bomb and rocket load of three planes each as it was believed that energ ortillery and norter positions were located there. Three planes attached each target eres in a glide booking and rechet attack launching rockets and dropping bombs from 1,500 foot. These planes all placed their rockets and bombs within the most likely concesiment portion of the assigned target area. A photograph is attached of the explosion caused by Lieutenant Bertoglio's rockets in target area 183 Q at a point where track activity led into what appeared to be a communicated cover for some every installation. As this photograph decometrates, whatever installation was there was undoubtedly destroyed. The bonds and rockets of the other planes effected similar results though no photographs were taken of them.

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA. (Narrative and comment. Describe action fully and comment freely,

## 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 Tartics, 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

following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

This flight was a special mission to support ground troops which had landed on lim Jim the same morning, and was composed of serven VT-45 terpede planes and one VT-9 terpede plane and eight VF-45 fighters. The planes errived on station at 0950 and reported in to Commander Air Support Control Units. The goven VI-65 planes were piloted by Identerante Piegari, Riley and Bertoglio, Identerants (1.g.) Robinson, Laughlin and Dynert and Rosign Roson. At 1105 these planes more ordered to attack target areas 183 0 and 8 and to have helf the torpedo planes expend their entire loading of bombs and rockets in each area where it was believed every artillery and norter positions were hidden. They were firther instructed to eppresch from the south and retire to the west and not to drop any bombs or launch any reckets into the area south of the southern border of target area 183 as the front lines of our ground forces were 600 yards to the south of that border. The run was made as directed. One plane did not participate as its radio failed and the pilot could not satisfy hisself by blinker communication as to the exact termet to be hit or the equat position of the front line of our ground troops. In the briefing for this flight it had been emphasized that no attacks should be made under s oh diremetances. The dix planes ofteding oppresched their respective tergets at 4,500 feet, identified the terget areas, and delivered a combined glide bombing and rocket attack at 1,500 feet, mulling out at 1,000 feet. An average glide angle of 300 was attained and the average speed in the glide was 250 knots. All bombs and reckets were seen to land in the easigned target areas. At the comelunion of the attect the Commender Air Support Control Units rediced "Good Fork" to the leader of the flight.

At the expertion of the prescribed time on station the flight was relieved and departed for its base.

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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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A.C.I. Officer

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