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REPORT No. 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)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
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2			starboard wing tank.	damage: other damage minor
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left). (d) (c) (b) (a) CONDITION OR STATUS CAUSE NAME, RANK OR RATING SQUADRON

RANGE,	FUEL, AN	D AMMUNI	TION DAT	A FOR PLAN	IES RET	URNING			
(P)-	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				NO. OF PLANES
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CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	T			
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

All enemy planes easily overtaken by ours. 2 Vals failed to flame when attacked from dead actern level. One of these burned when attacked from above. This may indicate armor or other protection along trailing edges of wings behind gas tanks causing bullets to ricochet off.

The Eate carried radar antenna on both sides of fuselage similar in position and appearance to that pictured on Mate in Weekly Intelligence Vol-1, Ho. 6, page 16, 18 August, 1944.

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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
""", 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

On 16 April about 0900 a group of around 150 Jap planes raided the Okinawa area. 20 of these, principally Vals, attacked the LAFVEY, ED 724, a radar picket 40 miles north of Okinawa. Some 20 friendlies were sent to assist the LAFVEY and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. Notwithstanding the losses, the LAFVEY was hit by 2 bombs and 4 suicides. It was able, however, to make Kerama Retto at 20 knots.

Among the planes sent to the LAFFET was a division of 4 70-94 FM-2's on TULP at the time of the raid. When a few miles to the south of the LAFFER on course 320° our division of We sighted a Eate at 10 o'clock, 5 miles, 7500 feet, flying on the reciprocal of our course. The division quickly intercepted the Kate and Lt(jg) G.J. RIBMAN, division leader, led the attack with a flat-side run from Joselock slightly above. He overshot the target and failed to hit. His wingman, Ins. R.A. COLLIER, followed with an attack from 11 o'clock above at a speed of 230 kts. As he closed to 1000 feet the Kate turned away from the attack and COLLINE found himself below the enemy on about the same course. He fired numerous bursts hitting the bottom side of the engine cowling, from which make and flame was seen to spurt. During this attack COLLINE slipped out to the starboard side of the Este and into the line of fire of Lt(jg) RIBMAN who was then attacking from astern above. Sunfire from RIEMAN's plane exploded COLLIES's starboard wing tank without damaging the wing and punctured the rudder trim tab. Meanwhile, the Eate fell away into a vertical dive, eventually burst into flame, and splashed in the water.

Within a few minutes after the above attack 3 Vals were sighted at 12 o'clock almost directly above - 1 at 5000 feet and 2 at 7000 feet. Lt(jg) RIEMAN climbed to close on the tail of the lower Val. At 1000 feet he gave it a J-second burst and the enemy plane exploded and disintegrated.

Continuing on up to 7000 feet RIMAN during the climb was joined by the second section of his division. As the FM-2's neared 7000 feet the Vals went into a slow turn to starboard away from our planes. Again RIMAN got on the tail of one of the Vals and took it under fire from 500 feet, exhausting his ammo and observing numerous hits in the port wing-root. A small puff of white smoke came from the engine, but the plane failed to break out in flame. The Val turned as if to dive on the halffelt. RIMAN, though out of same, made 3 dry runs on the enemy compelling him to turn away from the DD. The Val lost altitude rapidly gliding down to 100 feet from the water where it leveled out. There it was attacked by Ensign Jack D. DMAN, no. 4 man in the division. The attack was from 5 o'clock above, range 500 feet, in the face of fire from the rear-seat guaner in the Val. Under DMAN's attack, the enemy exploded and hit the water.

Meanwhile, Lt(jg) John HDGZA, leader of the 2nd section, was after the third Val. As he reached its altitude at 7000 feet the Val made a shallow turn to starboard, apparently preparatory to diving on the LAFFET. HDGZA got on its tail and commenced firing from 500 feet, both planes in shallow dives. During the attack HDGZA observed gunfire from the rear seat of the Val. He fired numerous bursts at the enemy and observed pieces of the wing break off. Except for a momentary spurt of white smoke, however, there was no evidence of critical damage until after about 50 bursts of gunfire when smoke commenced to stream from the cowling of the Val. Insectional after this the plane went into a spin and crashed in the water.

By this time all our planes had exhausted their ammo, so, regret-fully, the Mi-2's returned to base;

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.

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### 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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