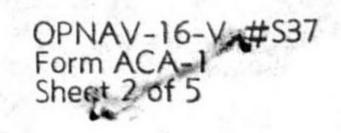




I. GENERAL

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TYPE	SQUADRON	TAKING OFF	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	ATTACKING TARGET			ND TORPEDOE		FUZE, SETTING (g)	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)			(f)			
FM-2	VC-76	8		8	4 VF 6	-5" H	ER, 1 Na	palm bomb	Base fuze	3
			D 41DCD4F7	F FLADIOVE		C 00FD	ATION			
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	D AIRCRAF	BASE	DINIHI	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	* BASE	
TBM		8	USS STEAM	ER-BAY (C	VE 87)					
IV. EN	VEMY AIRC	CRAFT OBS	ERVED OR I	ENGAGED (By Own A	ircraft	Listed in II	Only).		
(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGIN OWN A/C	(d) TIME LOCA		(e) ATION OF OUNTER	· (f)			CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING	
			(ZO	NE)						
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Did An Encoun Time o	v Part of	rilliance	YES OR NO	If so, Desc			(BASE II	FEET, TYPE AN	TENTHS OF COV	ER)
		RAFT DEST		DAMAGED	IN AIR (By Own	Aircraft Lis	sted in II Onl		(d)
TYPE ENEMY A/C		1	PILO	OT OR GUNNER		GUNS	USED	WHERE H	IT, ANGLE	DAMAGE





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(a) YPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUS	ONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of to the self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed	
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VII PE	RSONNEL	CASUALTIES (in aircraft list	ed in 11 only; identify with planes	listed in VI by Nos. at left).	
o. SQUADROI	(c)		(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS	
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING NO. OF PLANES (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED (f) AV. FUEL CONSUMED (e) AV FUEL LOADED AV. HOURS (c) MILES RETURN (b) MILES TYPE A/C RETURNING 20MM IN AIR OUT 6400 114 175 3.0 30 30 FM-2

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

CALIBER

NONE

MEAGER

MODERATE

INTENSE

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

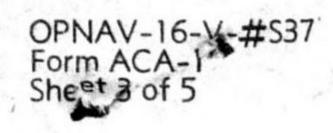
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION

ARMAMENT







(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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	XI. ATTACK ON EN	IEMY SHIPS OR	GROUND OBJECT	IVES (By Own Aircraft Listed	in II Only).	Approx.				
(a)	XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only). Approx. Approx. Target(s) and Location(s) Gun emplacement, north-central Iwo(b) Time Over Target(s) 1000 - 10 (Zone)									
(c)	c) Clouds Over Target 2500 ft., stratocumulus, 7/10 (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)									
(d)	d) Visibility of Target Partially obscured by clouds (e) Visibility 8 - 10 miles (MILES)									
(f)	Bombing Tactics: Type Bomb Sight Used									
	Bombs Dropped per RunSpacingAltitude of Bomb Release(FEET)									
(g)	g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: DestroyedProbably DestroyedDamaged									
***************************************	(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			8 VF	24 Rockets	All	NT 2 3				
- (Gun emplacement		VC-76	8 Napalm bombs	in area	None observed				
2										
3										
4										
5										
6										
7										
8										

⁽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).



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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

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

VF attacked gun position in north-central Iwo Jima. Near misses were scored on the emplacement. One of the wing tanks came loose on the brackets during a dive and turned sideways under the wing. Extreme vibration resulted and the plane was difficult to control. Pilot was forced to land on Airfield # 1 on Iwo and remove the tank.

VT operated separately from the VF.

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

SIGNATURE

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

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