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SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

Enemy aircraft slow and took little evasive action. No opportunity afforded for comparison.

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a)	Target(s) and Location	(FOR SHI	(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Over Target(s)						
(c)	Clouds Over Target		(BASE IN FEET	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)					
(d)	Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HA	ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	(e) Visibility				
(f)	Bombing Tactics: Type		(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight U	sed	(TYPE)			
	Bombs Dropped per Run	n(NUMBE	Spacing	(FEET) Altitude	of Bomb Rel	ease 100 (FEET)			
(g)	Number of Enemy Airo	craft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed		_ Damaged			
	(h) AIMING POINT	(i) 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	Wooded area aloredge of Beach.	16	700-1	3 x Napalm	2	Area burned out.			
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In support of landings on Ie Shima the attack was made upon a wooded area along the edge of the western beach. Four planes commencing a dive from 9000' and picking up a speed of 300 knots went across the target area in level flight at approximately 100 feet. Three bombs were released. Two were seen to explode in the designated woods and to cause extensive and intense fires. A third drop was not observed. Defective release mechanism precluded the fourth drop.

⁽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

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
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Defensive Tactics, Own
""", Enemy
Elevible Gunnery, 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

DEFENSE, ENEMY

Use of Jamming

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

Four planes were launched with Napalm fire bombs to provide support for landings on Is Shima. Wooded area along the edge of the western beach, suspected as gun sites were designated as targets. Three bombs were dropped, two of which were seen to ignite causing intense fires. The third was not observed. Defective release mechanism precluded the fourth drop. Four strafing runs were also made of these areas.

Returning to base, the flight heard reports of bogies and turned north to intercept. Ewenty miles north of Okinawa at approximately 0915 two Kates were seen heading south at an altitude of 1000 feet. The VOC-1 division led by Lieut. Schauffler was at 5000 feet.

Lieutenant Schauffler made the first run, picking out the plane to the right, aft. The slowness of Kate, estimated as 110 knots caused him to overshoot. Lt(jg) Olszewski following in from 6 o'clock above poured rounds into the engine, fuselage and cockpit. Flames poured out of the fuselage and the plane rolled to the left and dove into the water. No evasive action was taken during the attack, although a free gun was ineffectually brought to bear.

Schauffler on a second run put several bursts into the remaining Kate without obvious effect. Lt(jg) McManus coming in from 6 o'clock level hit the plane repeatedly around the wing roots and fuselage. Smoke poured out as he recovered to the right. Ens. Bock immediately took over on a run from 6 o'clock above and fired until the Kate went in.

Lieut. Schauffler observed the second Kate drop a torpedo or large bomb as he began his attack.

RESTRICTED (Reclassify when filled out)

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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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary).

Namual release mechanism on the FM-2 has proved faulty on several bombing missions. Installation of an electrical release would increase efficiency and accuracy.

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