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I. GENERAL

a) Mission			ey 1945 TongKong					f) Time of		51-9	(Zone)
			ALLY COVER	ED BY TH	HIS REPO	ORT.					
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	NUMBER	ATTACKING TARGET (e)	Bernanda de la companya de la compa	BOMBS	AND TORPEDOES D (PER PLANE) (f)	5	FUZE	, SETTING	Nose-
F6F-5 6F-5(P)	VF-20	11		11	SAC 1	X 50	500 GP - 500 GP	6 Pkts.	Bomb t Rocket Tail (1211 125	.025 I
TBM-le	VT-20			4	1 0/0	A X	500 G	2	Most II	196.	Tall
B20-3	VB-20	65		5	2 8/0	$\frac{12 x}{12 x}$	1000% G		Nose i	ist. Pail	Tail.
III. O		4	AIRCRAFT		DINTH		4 60	NUMBER		BASE	
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE		TYPE	SQUADRON	INOMBLK			
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11/ Fh	IFLAY AIDC	DAET ORS	ERVED OR EN	JCAGED (Ry Own	Aircraft	Listed in 11	Only).			
(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGINOWN A/C	G (d)		(e) ATION OF OUNTER		BOMBS, TORPE GUNS C	DOES CARRIED;	CA	(g) AMOUFLAC MARKII	SE AND NG
None			(ZONI	E)		7					
			(ZONI	E)							
			(ZON	D)							
(b) Appare	nt Fremy A	Aissinn(s)		V.							
Did An	v Part of			If so Dose	cribo Clou	ide					
(i) Did An Encour	y Part of iter(s) Occu f Day and Br	ur in Clouds	(YES OR NO)			,	(BASE I	N FEET, TYPE A			
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only). WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C (P) (a)

TYPE OWN A/C	PE OWN A/C SQUADRON TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE		self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)			
1 TBMLo	VT-20	AA - prob. 5"	Starboard wing blow	a Crashed - Bu.No. 73225			
2			off.				
3		•					
4							
5							
6							
7							
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9							
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13							
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) NO.	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
L	VT-20	Lt. M.L. Leedom	Plane grashed	Missing
		E.G. Long. ACRM	99	**
		W.L. Schneider, Almizo	? *	\$ \$ \$
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e) AV. FUEL	AV. FUEL	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h) NO. OF PLANES
TYPE A/C	MILES	RETURN	AV. HOURS IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
F6F-5	167	180	3.40	400	325			3900		12
TBMlc	99	99	99	330	24.5			600		3
SB20-3	19	19	**	320	200				130	5

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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(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	n(s) (FOR SHIE	S INCLUDE ALL IN AREA	UNDER	ATTACK)	(b) Time Ove	er Target(s)	(Zone)		
(6)	Clouds Over Target		(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER) (e) Visibility United (MILES)							
(d)	Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HAZ								
(f)	Bombing Tactics: Type		(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)		Bomb Sight Used			(TYPE)		
	Bombs Dropped per Ru	IN(NUMBER	Spacing		(FEET)	Altitude	of Bomb Rel	ease		
(g)	Number of Enemy Air	rcraft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed		Pro	bably Destroyed_		_ Damaged		
	(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON		BOMBS AN	(1) ID AMMUNITION ACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)		
1	SA	10,000	lvr/lvr	4 X	500/ 500/	SAP	2	Unobserved		
. 2	SA		2 VF	2 x	500		Unkn.	Unobserved		
3			1VB/1VF	2 x	250	/GP	0			
4			3 VB	1 x	1000	GP 2 x 25	0/GP 1			
5			IVB	2 x	1000	4SAP	0			
6			2 1/18	2 x	500%	GP	Unkn.	Unobserved		
7	TA 107		3 17 53				3	60		
8			93 929-723			cockets				
	RESULTS: (For all hits claims of hits. For all targets give	ed on ship targets and		interest	, draw diag			opriate, showing type and location		
9	Oil tanks Tex Storage.	aco Oil	SVE	36	x 5"	rockets	Unkn.	2 Burning		
0	Power plant 1 Storage	exaco oil	LVF	6	x 5"	rockets	6	Burning		

- 2. One bomb is thought to have hit the stern of the ship but cannot be claimed for certain.
- 8, 9 & 10. All targets burning furiously as planes left area.

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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

Twelve fighters participated in this mission, two of which were flown by the Group Commander as Target Goordinator and his wingman and 2 were engaged solely in photographic

The formation approached the harbor over Hongkong Island and went down in a southeast - northwest direction in order to recover over the water to the west. As in the strike before, AA fire of all types was intense and accurate, forcing the pilots to change their angle and direction of dive frequently and to retire on the water with little opportunity to observe hits or damage. A F A, 2 SA's, a DD and a DE were heavily strafed and in addition one rocket hit was seen on the DD and DE, but no bomb hits can be claimed for certain.

As the planes retired south toward the rendezvous point over a burning tanker (south of Hong Kong) they searched for survivors from the previous strikes without success.

A second attack was delivered, this time on the Lai Chi Kok and Texaco oil storage areas just north of Stonecutters Island. Ten fighters dove from northeast to southwest, hitting both areas at the same time. A building was set afire in the Lai Chi Kok area and two oil tanks and a building believed to be a power plant, were fired at the Texaco area.

On the way to the rendezvous point one pilot strafed and burned a small river boat moored off Lantau Island.
All planes escaped damage and returned safely.

VT NARRATIVE

The fourtvT planes attacked the ships in Hong Kong Harbor lying offshore to the northwest of the Royal Navy Yard on Hong Kong Island. The approach was made from the south across the Island, and dives were made in a general westerly direction with retirement out the western entrance to the Bay. Again the intensity and accuracy of the AA of all types was described as incredible, with multi-colored bursts of heavy calibre making an umbrella over the bowl of the Harbor. One of the VT planes was hit in the starboard wing, presumably with a heavy calibre shell, and the wing tore off like paper. The plane spun into the water, and no parachutes were seen. Many other planes of other groups were shot down, and some pilots reported seeing four, five to six separate crashes. The An was reported to be coming both from the numerous warships, DDs and DEs, anchored in the harbor, and also from all contiguous shorelines.

The three pilots that did complete their dives all reported successful missions, with one claiming two hits on a large AO which was left burning and smoking profusely; another a hit on the stern of another large AO; and the third a hit on one of the destroyers. Further observation of damage inflicted was precluded by the more pressing problem of "getting out of there" as rapidly as possible.

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Speeds
Approach Tactics
Use of Cover, Deception
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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

VB NARRATIVE

Dive was made from the East upon 3 ships anchored in Hong Kong Harbor to the northwest of Royal Navy Yard Docks. A large quantity of smoke from previous attacks prevented complete observation of results. However one hit upon the larger of two AK's was clearly observed by three pilots involved in the strike. Anti-aircraft of all types was intense and accurate. A TBM was seen to go down in its dive, and a fighter pilot bailed out in the center of the cone of fire.

AGC COMMENT: The smoke which covered the harbor is believed to have been caused by smoke screens generated in the city of Hong Kong.