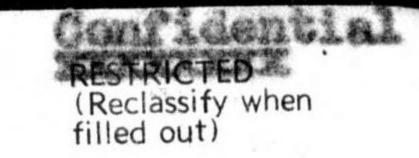
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1711-2	VC-84	4	0		(6) HE Rocks			body.	Noso -	
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		***	USS BISE		•					
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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT



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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only). (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C,
TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE (b) (a) SQUADRON TYPE OWN A/C Hole patched VC-84 angle not know. VC-84 Holo patched ETHORN. 6 9 10 11 13

VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left). Some

(a) (b) (c) (c) (AUSE CONDITION OR STATUS

CAUSE CONDITION OR STATUS

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING NO. OF PLANES (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED AV. FUEL (e) AV. FUEL LOADED AV. HOURS IN AIR (c) MILES RETURN MILES OUT (a) TYPE RETURNING MM 20MM .50 CONSUMED A/C 1700 102 252 3.8 160 160 PW-2

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

CALIBER

NONE

MEAGER

MODERATE

INTENSE

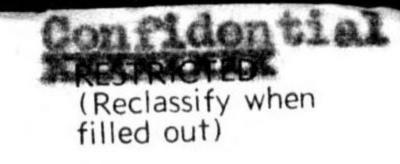
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm

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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(a) Target(s) and Location			UNDER ATTACK)		2-0855 K (Zone 3-0905 K
(c) Clouds Over Target	2000,	(BASE IN FEET	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
(d) Visibility of Target				/isibility	(MILES)
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(f) Bombing Tactics: Type		(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight Us	sed	(TYPE)
Rockets	23	Spacing	(FEET) Altitude	of Bomb Rele	ease
Bombs Bropped per Rur		₹)	Probably Destroyed_	0	Damaged
(g) Number of Enemy Airc	craft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed_		_ Dannagea
(h)	(i) DIMENSIONS OR	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk
AIMING POINT	TONNAGE	(k) SQUADRON	EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	7 (IIIII)	
12 Irvings and		4 Mi-2 VC-84	body. Mk 7 motor		
Betty on Susahi Zairfield, Chichi		9 40: 10:	strafing	unionom	Slight
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(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).

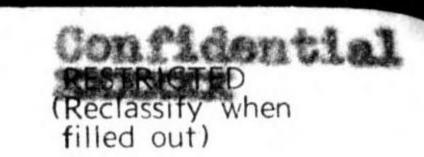
Strafing hits were made on a Betty and an Irving on Susahi airfield but neither burned. Strafing hits were secred on the Oiler at Higashi Minato Cove with no observable results. The 8 - 10 small craft at Okimura were also hit but damage was not observed.

1- Two Irvings and Betty on Susahi Airfield Chichi Jima.

2- Oller, Higashi Minato Cove, Haha Jima.

5 - Bight to ten small craft, Okimura Hahn Jima.

e Photographs Taken?	No	Photographs of [Damage,	WhenTaken,	Should Be	Attached By	Staple.
e Photographs Taken:							



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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
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 17 February 1945, D-2, 4 FM-2 took off from USS MAKIN ISLAND at 0645 to join with like mambers of FM-2 of VC-85, group leader, and VC-85, in a special strike on the Domins. The pilots were Lt. Barl R. Attobury. division leader, and Lts. (jg) Donald B. Skewis, James G. Babb and Rex S. McDaniel. The mission was to destroy only enouy airborne planes or grounded planes on Susahi Airfield at Chichi Jima, scaplanes at the base thore, and finally to sweep for and attack small boats in harbors and cover of Chichi and Haha Jima. The 12 FM-2 arrived at Chichi Jima at 0820 and at 0830 VC-84 FM-2s come in from 7000 feet breaking through cloud cover at 2000 and making a run on 2 Irvings and 1 Botty on Susahi Airfield. Rookets were fired but missed, hitting the raway. The Betty and I Irving were hit by strafing but did not burn. The planes had wing markings consisting of a white panel enclosing the usual mestball. Pulling out they observed an explosion and smoke up to 5000 feet from a point about 2 miles west of the seaplane area which they thought was the result of an attack by other FM-2s of the strike on a ship in that vicinity. Medium intense accurate AA was encountered. Lt. Attebury's plane and that of Lt. (jg) Babb each receiving a hole in the wing. No seeplanes were seen. The flight joined up and proceeded to Haha Jima. Then an attack was made at 0855 on an oller at Higashi Minato Cove which was hit by straffing with unobserved results. Medium meager inaccurate AA was encountered. At 0905 8 to 10 amall craft at Chimura were strafed and hit but again with no observed damage. Heavy and medium intense inaccurate AA was met. The flight was taken aboard at 1030 (E).

One FM-2 gum failed to continue firing because of a cooled

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

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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

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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