# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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| ) Mission  | CAP.  | KIKAI SH                                    | IMA, NANSK  | ISHOTO  |  | (f) Time of                        | Return_0710                      | (Zone)                  |
| , II. OW   | N AIRCRA  | FT OFFICIA                                  | ALLY COVERE   | D BY THIS REPO  | RT.                                      |                                    |                                  |                         |
| TYPE .   | SQUADRON<br>(b)                                 | TAKING<br>OFF<br>(c)                        | ENGAGING A<br>ENEMY A/C<br>(d)  | TTACKING<br>TARGET<br>(e)   | BOMBS AND TORP<br>CARRIED (PER PL<br>(f) |                                    | FUZE, SET                        |                         |
| F-5N   | W-12  | 4   |   | 0   |  |                                    |                                  |                         |
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| TYPE   | SQUADRON  | NUMBER                                      |   | TASE .  |  |                                    |                                  |                         |
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| IV. E  |   | 1   |   | GAGED (By Own   | Aircraft Listed                          | in II Only).                       |                                  | (g)<br>IFLAGE AND       |
| (a)<br>TYPE  | NO.<br>OBSERVED                                 | NO ENGAGING                                 | TIME<br>ENCOUNTERED   | LOCATION OF<br>ENCOUNTER  | BOMBS, GI                                | TORPEDOES CARRIED,<br>JNS OBSERVED | CAMOL                            | ARKING                  |
| PONTY .  | 2   | 1   | 0525 (I)<br>(ZONE)  | WAN A/F<br>Kikai Shima  | Not ob                                   | 4.3                                | Dark B                           | rown<br>at Balls        |
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|  | ent Enemy A                                     | /11551011/5/                                | At point  | of taking off   |  |                                    |                                  |                         |
|  |   | /11551011/5/                                | At point  | of taking off   |  | ASE IN FEET, TYPE                  | AND TENTHS OF COV                | /ER)                    |
| i) Did Ar<br>Encour  | ny Part of nter(s) Occurring Day and Br         | ar in Clouds                                | YES OR NO)  | of toking off   |  |                                    | bility                           |                         |
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

| (a)<br>TYPE OWN A/C | (b)<br>SQUADRON  | CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE | WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) | (e)  EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE,  (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) |  |  |
|---------------------|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| 176F-6N             | W-12   | Unknown   | Unknown  | Lost. Bullo.77858   |  |  |
| 2707-51             | 75-12  | Unicnoma  | Unichowa   | Lost. Bullo.72676   |  |  |
| 3                   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|                     | 2.77 (Aug. 19.7)   |   |  |   |  |  |
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

| (a)<br>NO. | (b)<br>SQUADRON | (c) NAME, RANK OR RATING      | (d)<br>CAUSE             | (e) CONDITION OR STATUS |
|------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
|            | W-12            | moon, James Julian, Lt. USMR  | Unicatown                | Missing in ection       |
| 2          | W-12            | Woods, Lamar Oliver, Bas. USH | Unknown                  | Missing in action       |
| A S        |                 |                               |                          |                         |
|            |                 |                               |                          |                         |
|            |                 | Lt. J.J. Wood was atteched    | to Vr(N)90 serving tempo | rary duty with W-12     |
| 3 8 8      |                 |                               |                          |                         |
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|            |                 |                               |                          |                         |

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

| (a)         | (b)   | (c)   | (d)                 | (e)                | (f)                  | (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED |     |      |    | NO. OF PLANES |
|-------------|-------|-------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----|------|----|---------------|
| TYPE<br>A/C | MILES | MILES | AV. HOURS<br>IN AIR | AV. FUEL<br>LOADED | AV. FUEL<br>CONSUMED | .30                           | .50 | 20MM | MM | RETURNING     |
| PGP-51      | 143   | 110   | th 10m              | 400                | 270                  |                               | 700 |      |    | L             |
|             |       |       |                     |                    |                      |                               |     |      |    |               |

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

| CALIBER                                   | NONE | MEAGER | MODERATE | INTENSE |
|---|------|--------|----------|---------|
| HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over  | X.   | ,      | *        |         |
| MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm   | X.   |        |          |         |
| LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm | A    |        |          |         |

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

TURNS DIVES

CEILINGS

RANGE

PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

No besis for comparison

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 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

This dawn turget CAP over KIKAI SHIMA was acceptly and regretable flight. Two night fighters, Lieut. James WOOD, and Ens. Lamar O. WOODS failed to return. The weather was miserable - unfavorable enough to cancel succeeding morning hops after dam. Clouds based at 500 feet extended upmards in layers above 10,000 feet; below the ceiling to the sea it was hazy.

One night fighter was forced to make an emergency landing on the BUNKER HILL soon after take-off. The remaining three planes proceeded to KIKAI and took station, as is their custom, at the northern and southern tips of the island. Normally each plane orbits a point along, but Das. Woods' APS-64 gear was not functioning therefore he joined up with Lieut. Wood at the northern station. At 0445 Wood and Woods informed MOHAGHAN (at southern station) that they were going to patrol the area to AMMI O'SHIMA, passed down the east coast and south of MOHAGHAN, and headed west. MONACHAN "Regered" for the message. This was the last contact with the missing pilots. Every 15 minutes until landing MOMACHAN called them, but received no response. Successive KIKAI CAP's, a special search, and Dumbo aircraft failed to locate them.

At 0530 Bus. MOHAGHAN, orbitting at 500 feet just south of KIRAI noticed some activity at WAN Airfield. He came in over the field to notice two TUNY's, one airborne and the other taking off. The first was too far ahead to contact, so he fell in behind the second just after it had left the field, fired, and saw it fall over on its back and glide into the sea a quarter of a mile off-shore. The first TONY had by this time concealed itself in the clouds, and MONAGHAN was unable to route him out. Both planes were painted a dark brown, andbore the customary bright red meathalls.

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under adverse weather is extremely hazardous.

The failure of Mas. Woods' radar gear made it necessary that he

take position close to Lt. WOOD whose gear was functioning properly.

Under ordinary circumstances each plane would operate separately but

WOOD in section formation. It is possible that the disappearance of

future, when the APS-6A gear fails, would be for that aircraft with

both pilots was caused by this close section at low altitude. It

faulty radar to return to base alone by navigation or radio aids.

Unlike the daytime, when poor flying conditions and low visibility

rarely prohibit the section formation, such a disposition at night

with weather conditions as they were it was imperative that WOODS join

would seem that the proper procedure under similar circumstances in the

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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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