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Report #80

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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RECEIVED
29 JUN 1945
CINCPAC
1415 (Z)

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VMB-113 (b) Based on or at Ie Shima, Okinawa Guato (c) Report No. 13693
 (d) Take off: Date 3 June 1945 Time (LZT) 0930 (1) (Zone); Lat. 26°43' N Long. 127°47' E
 (e) Mission Combat Air Patrol (f) Time of Return 1415 (Z) (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
FG-1D	VMB-113	2	2	0	NONE	NONE
F4U-1D	VMB-113	2	2	0	NONE	NONE

III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	(c) NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
NONE	20	7	1330 (1) (ZONE)	10 Miles North of point Okie	NONE observed	Greenish Brown with Nip rising sun.
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) Unknown
 Did Any Part of
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? No. If so, Describe Clouds NONE
(YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 Time of Day and Brilliance
 (j) of Sun or Moon 1330 (1) (k) Visibility 1 to 4 Miles
(NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON: DAY, OVERCAST: ETC.) (MILES)

V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:				(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		
1 ZONE	FG-1D	VMB-113	2nd Lt. J.L. Scott	6 .50 Cal.	Fuselage	Destroyed
1 ZONE	F4U-1D	VMB-113	1st Lt. K. Flynn	6 .50 Cal.	Wing, engine, fuselage	Destroyed

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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(s) NONE (b) Time Over Target(s) NONE (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target NONE
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target NONE (e) Visibility NONE (MILES)
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type NONE Bomb Sight Used NONE
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run NONE Spacing NONE Altitude of Bomb Release NONE
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed NONE Probably Destroyed NONE Damaged NONE

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1	<u>NONE</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>NONE</u>
2					
3					
4					
5					
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7					
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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).

NONE

(p) Were Photographs Taken? NO Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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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

Captain Bailey took his division off on a local Combat Air Patrol to point Okie at 0930 (1) 3 June 1945. The patrol was uneventful for the first three and one half hours when the division was vectored North of point Okie by Redfellow control. With planes flying sections at 12,000 feet Capt. Bailey tallyhoed twenty enemy planes in the overcast at about 16,000 feet. The division turned toward the enemy planes and started climbing. At about 13,500 they met seven (7) Zekes which had evidently been jumped from above and were being driven down. Two (2) of these planes came out of a tangle with the attacking F4U's and the division made head on run with these, firing. They were passed without observed results. Two more Zekes were seen directly ahead. Lt. Scott followed one of these down in a split "S" until he pulled up at about 10,000 feet where Lt. Scott, still following, opened fire from 20 to 30 degrees deflection. A small fire started in the belly of the Japs fuselage. The pilot started to climb out of the cockpit, but, thinking better of it, possibly upon realization that he had no parachute, he started back in. He did not make it. A burst of .50's and a wave of flame, as the fire progressed enveloping the cockpit, settled his indecision. The plane started down, it's tail blew off and it went into a spin. Lt. Scott followed it down and saw the splash. Capt. Bailey and Lt. Flynn also confirmed the kill. Capt. Bailey made a head on run on the second Zeko, then made a tight turn to the right after passing, to pick him up, and saw Lt. Munro on his tail. The Zip executed a split "S" pulling out to the left and Munro made an overhead run. He saw his tracers go into the fuselage, then pulled up as the Jap made another split "S" toward the water from about 1500 feet altitude, pulling out very low in a tight turn. Here Lt. Flynn got in a burst from full deflection and as the Jap pulled around to the right, he swung to the left and got in another long burst from head on. The Japs plane was seen to be smoking. Then Capt. Bailey made a long run from behind and his tracers were seen striking the right wing and ricocheting off. A fire started in the wing, flared briefly, and went out. Capt. Bailey overran and Lt. Munro slipped in on the Jap's tail and got in several bursts very close to the water. The Zeko glided in and made a water landing. The pilot tried to get out of the cockpit just as Capt. Bailey made his last run, and was killed. Lt. Flynn came in and set the plane on fire. It was burning fiercely when last seen. It was agreed that Lt. Flynn be given credit for the kill.

Attention is called to the fact that neither Jap pilot seemed inclined to die. Both used violent evasive tactics and both attempted to save themselves by leaving the planes. It also appeared that one of the Zekes had some type of armor plate on the wings, since tracers were definitely seen to be flanging off and that the wing tanks were self sealing. Also noteworthy is the fact that when first seen, the Jap planes were in a column of four plane divisions, two plane sections, very pronounced. There was a slight interval between the first three sections and the last two. Capt. Bailey pronounced it a very nice formation. Lt. Scott reported the Zeko he splashed appeared to be armed with four (4) 20 MM guns. They could be seen protruding well out from the wings.

The following pilots participated:

Captain Robert Bailey -- Division Leader
2nd Lt. J.I. Scott
2nd Lt. E.J. Munro ----- Section Leader
1st Lt. E. Flynn

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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

Aarmor; 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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