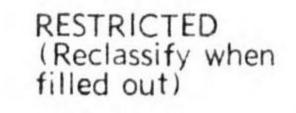
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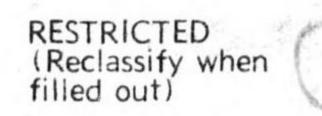




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F6F-5	VF-94	12	USS LEX	INGTON		F6F-5	VF-6	14	USS	HANC	OCK
FAU-4	VBF-94	77	USS IEX	INGTON		FAU-4	VBF-6	12	USS	HANC	OCK
F6F-5	JEWY-38	PAET ORS	ERVED OR E	PENS (By Own	TBM-31	VT-6	Only).	USS	HANC	OCK
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)		
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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
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(h)	
NO. OF PLANES RETURNING	
8	

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

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over		4530		
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm		4200		
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm		4524		

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

No basis for comparison. We enemy aircraft encountered.

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

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XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in 11 Only).

	XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Andreatt Listed III 1055 1 (7one
a)	Target(s) and Location(s) Barracks Area - Woke - WAZE-02(b) Time Over Target(s) 1055 I (Zone
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d)	Visibility of Target
f)	Bombing Tactics: Type Glide (TYPE) Bomb Sight Used (TYPE)
	Bombs Dropped per Run 10 Spacing 30 ft. Altitude of Bomb Release (FEET)
(g)	Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None Damaged None (n)

(h)	DIMENSIONS OR	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT		DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 Area WA2-02		8 TBM-3E	70-100# G3P. 48-5 in HVAR	70 48	Serious damage- bombs & rockets
2	drama.cor.				blanketed area. Strike photo-
3					graphs showed numerous hits,
4					by bomb bursts.
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					damage in the area
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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).

Precise results hard to estimate due to bombed out appearance of the area, and due to the area being almost completely covered by smoke and dust from early bomb hits.

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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

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

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

Course was set from the rendesvous area around the task group to take the strike group to a rendezvous area 15 miles northwest of the atoll. About 50 miles north of the task group the VF and VBF were sent ahead to make a fighter sweep of the island. The 17 VT (including 9 COWFENS VT) and 12 VB proceeded to the rendezvous area and were joined there at 10,000 feet by the VF and VBF. The attack was started, following HANCOCK strike group (including COWPENS VF) fighter sweep. Approach was made by proceeding south until abeam of the island and then breaking off to make a run from south to north across Wilkes and southern Wake Island. At 8,500 feet, at the break-up point divisions took their intervals and individual runs were made, 8 VT LEXINGTON hitting the barracks area and 9 VT COWPENS hitting WA2-97. 30-35 degree glides were used maximum speeds about 280, reglease altitude 3500 feet. Pull-out completed by about 2000 feet, and then retired loosing altitude to about 500 Wing gun strafing runs were made. Rockets were fired at about 2200 yards short range. Individual targets were very difficult to pick up, but the area was distinguishable. The sarget area seemed completely covered by bomb and rocket hits. Pre-strike photographs provided were taken from 20,000 feet and were poor. Photographs taken by our own VFP were much better.





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

Guns, Gunsights Turrets Ammunition Bombs, Torpedoes Bomb Sights

Bomb Releases

COMMUNICATIONS

Radio, Radar Homing Devices Visual Signals Codes, Ciphers

RECOGNITION

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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TRM-3E performed well under full load conditions. It was decidedly superior to TRM-1C in take-off characteristics In view of increased use of VT in glide bombing targets protected by AA, it is recommended that they come equipped with bullet-proof glass in the windshield, and that protestion be provided for the oil system.

Combat speeds continue to exceed technical order allowances. If the aircraft is to be used in this manner, it is recommended that action be taken to strengthen the air frame to stand higher speeds and pull-outs involving more g's.