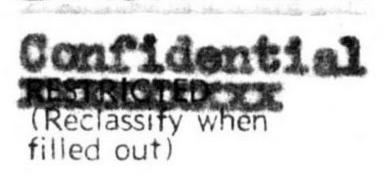


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X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

TURNS

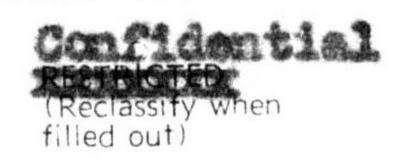
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PROTECTION

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	XI. ATTACK ON EN	EMY SHIPS OF	R GROUND OBJECT	IVES (By Own Aircraft Listed	in II Only)	•
(a)	Target(s) and Location	(S) dof GEOR SHI	orthogst const	JNDER ATTACK)	er Target(s)	1015 (K) (Zone)
(c)	Clouds Over Target		BASE IN FEET	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
(d)	Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HA	ZY. PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	Visibility	(MILES)
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				(FEET) Altitude		
(g)	Number of Enemy Aird	traft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	• Probably Destroyed	0	_ Damaged0
	(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR. TONNAGE	(i) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT	NO HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, stight serious destroyed or sunk)
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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)

Results could not be observed - strafing went into gum positions.

RESCRIENCE (Reclassify when

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filled out)

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
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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

A Target Combat Air Patrol of 4 FM-2 took off from USS MAKIN ISLAND on 27 February 1945, D plus 8, at 0800 (K) for Iwo Jima. The pilots were Lts.(jg) Donald E. Skewis, division leader, Rex S. McDaniel, James G. Babb and Ensign Harold E. Chapman. While on station they observed a destroyer 4 or 5 miles off shore receiving fire from coast defense guns on the northeast bluffs. They investigated, reported the probable locations of the guns (219 Able and northwest on local grid) and asked permission to strafe. This was granted and they attacked the location at about 1015, being joined by 4 FM-2 of VC-88 also on, target combat air patrol. A run was made with hits going into the positions located by them. Just as they were getting really squared stay they were taken off the targets by CSA to permit an ismadiate rocket attack on the positions by a support group. Light, moderate, inaccurate AA was encountered. The flight landed aboard at 1104 (E).

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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

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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equipment was normal.

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