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. I. GENERAL

| (d) Take of | f: Date 4 | July 194 | .5 | Time (LZT | 0828 Item | _(Zone); L | at 26 23 | N Long 1 | 27 451 E | |
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| | Photog | raphy of | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | (t) Time of | Return 1420 | Zone | |
| II. OV | VN AIRCRA | AFT OFFICE | ALLY COVE | RED BY TH | IS REPORT. | | | | | |
| TYPE | SQUADRON (b) | TAKING OFF (c) | ENGAGING ENEMY A/C | ATTACKING TARGET | BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) | | | FUZE, SETTING | | |
| \$ P | '0' | | | ···· | (f) | | | (g) | | |
| B4Y-1P | VD-1 | 4 | 0 | 4 | none | | | | | |
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| | T | T | AIRCRAFT | EMPLOYED | IN THIS OPER | ATION. | | | | |
| TYPE | SQUADRON | NUMBER | | BASE TYPE SQUADRON Shima PBM VH4 | | | NUMBER BASE | | | |
| 47N | 516th F | G 100 | Ie Shin | Ie Shima | | VH4 | 1 | Kerama Retto | | |
| | 10th Ar | my | | | | | | | | |
| IV. EI | NEMY AIRC | CRAFT OBSE | RVED OR E | NGAGED (B | y Own Aircraft | Listed in 11 | Only). | | | |
| (a) TYPE | | (c) | 7 | | (e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED GUNS OBSERVED | | | CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING | | |
| none | | | (ZON | E) | | | | | | |
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| | nt Enemy A | | (ZON) | E) | | | | | | |
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| i) Did Any Encoun Time of | y Part of ter(s) Occu Day and Br | ur in Clouds? rilliance | | E) | be Clouds | (BASE IN | FEET, TYPE A | ND TENTHS OF COV | /ER) | |
| i) Did Any Encoun Time of | y Part of ter(s) Occu | ur in Clouds? rilliance | (ZON) | If so, Descri | be Clouds | (BASE IN | 201620 20 741 720 0 2 | oility | /ER) | |
| i) Did Any Encoun Time of j) of Sun | Part of ter(s) Occur Day and Bror Moon | r in Clouds? | (YES OR NO) (NIGHT, BRIGH | If so, Descri | | | (k) Visit | oility | | |
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| Did Any Encoun Time of j) of Sun V. EN | Part of ter(s) Occur Day and Bror Moon | r in Clouds? | (ZONI) (YES OR NO) (NIGHT, BRIGHT ROYED OR DECEMBER OF THE PROPERTY OF THE P | If so, Descri | OVERCAST; ETC.) | Aircraft Lis | (k) Visit | nly). | MILES) | |
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| Did Any Encount Time of Sun V. EN TYPE ENEMY A/C | Part of ter(s) Occur Day and Bror Moon — EMY AIRC (b) DESTRO TYPE A/C | RAFT DESTI | (ZON) (YES OR NO) (NIGHT, BRIGHT ROYED OR DESCRIPTION GED BY: PILON | If so, Descri | OVERCAST; ETC.) N AIR (By Own | Aircraft Lis USED | (k) Visit | nly). | (d) DAMAG | |
| Did Any Encount Time of (j) of Sun TYPE ENEMY A/C | Part of ter(s) Occur Day and Bror Moon — EMY AIRC (b) DESTRO TYPE A/C | RAFT DESTI | (ZON) (YES OR NO) (NIGHT, BRIGHT ROYED OR D GED BY: PILOT | If so, Descri | OVERCAST; ETC.) N AIR (By Own GUNS | Aircraft Lis | ted in 11 O | nly). (c) HIT, ANGLE | DAMAG CLAIME | |
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| (a) (b TYPE OWN A/C SQUAL | | TYPE | (c) AUSE: TYPE ENEM GUN, OR OPERAT | | | (List armor, lipment hit) | (e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|---------------|-----------------|---|
| none | C SQUADRON | TYPE | GUN, OR OPERAT | IONAL CAUSE | seit-seating | tanks, equ | iipment nit) | 1 Give Bureau | a serial number | or planes destroyed |
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| D. SQUADI | | NAME, RAI | NK OR RATING | | | AUSE | | | ONDITION OR | CSIAIUS |
| VIII. (a) TYPE A/C | RANGE, F | UEL, AN (c) MILES RETURN | D AMMUNI (d) AV. HOURS IN AIR | (e) AV FUEL LOADED | A FOR PLAN (f) AV FUEL CONSUMED | | TURNING g) TOTAL AMM .50 | UNITION EXPE | NDED | NO OF PLAN |
| 4Y-1P | 360 | 360 | 6 | 2700 | 1800 | | none | | | 4 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | ENEMY AN | | | JNTERED (C | Check one blo | | ach line). | 1 1 | DERATE | INTENSE |
| IX. | | EAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over | | | | NONE MEAG | | MODERATE | | INTENSE |
| | ima fusad shall | | dover | | i | | i . | | ~ | 1 |
| EAVY — T | | s, 75mm and | | | 3 | | | | х | |
| IEAVY — T | ime-fused shell Impact-fused lachine gun bull | s, 75mm and shells, 20mm | m-50mm | | 3 | <u> </u> | | | X | |

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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

Four PB4Y-IP aircraft of Fleet Air Photographic Squadron One, with Lieut. H. C. PAIGE flight leader, took off from Yontan Airfield, Okinawa, R. I. on 4 July 1945 at 0825 Item to obtain reconnaissance photography of Kyushu Island. Flight lines were planned two miles apart beginning at 32°-10' North extending over the entire width of the island. These lines were to be flown at an altitude of 20,000 feet with a twenty-four inch focal length camera. Tactical Air Force of the Tenth Army provided 100 P47N fighter aircraft, sixteen to fly escort over each photo-Liberator, thirty-two for a roving high cover and four to cover a rescue Dumbo provided by VH4 to orbit in the vicinity of Take Shima.

Rendezvous with the escorting planes was made at 0900 over Yoron Shima in the Ryuku group and the flight proceeded directly to the target. They arrived on station at 1050 and found only the western coastal areas sufficiently free from clouds for satisfactory photography. Each plane however flew two flight lines over the entire width of the island photographing such portions as they were able. No enemy interception was encountered. Heavy moderate inaccurate antiaircraft fire was encountered near Hitose and again over Miyaka-no-jo. No damage was sustained. Window and radar countermeasure gear was used to disrupt gun laying radar. All photo-Liberators returned to Yontan at 1420 Item.

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