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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) (b) SQUADRON NAME RANK OR RATING CAUSE CONDITION OR STATUS

none

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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED (h) NO OF PLANES RETURNING (d) Av. Hours In Air (e) AV FUEL LOADED (f) (b) MILES OUT (c) (a) TYPE A/C AV. FUEL CONSUMED MILES RETURN .50 20MM MM .30 2150 9.8 640 3200 PB4Y-1P 640 none

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

CALIBER

NONE \* MEAGER MODERATE INTENSE

HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over

MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm

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LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm

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

A. COMPA
SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes
TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

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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

Use of Radar

Recognition, Aircraft

Night Fighting

Own Weaknesses
Enemy Weaknesses
Offensive Tactics, Own
"", Enemy
Defensive Tactics, Own
"", Enemy
Flexible Gunnery, Own
Escort Tactics
Fighter Direction

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

On 28 April 1945 two FB4Y-1P aircraft of Fleet Air Photographic Squadron Five with Lieut. H. L. SALYER, Jr., flight leader, took off from Iwo Jima Airstrip at 0730 King to photograph Tanega and Yaku Islands of the Nansei Shoto group just south of Kyushu. They arrived over Tanega at 1200 King, weather was CAVU and they obtained good photographic coverage of the island from an altitude of 20,000 ft. Two enemy planes were observed on the airstrip. They then proceeded to Yaku Island where they found from three to seven-tenths cloud cover, however they were able to cover the perimeter areas at 20,000 ft. There was no enemy interception or anti-aircraft fire from either island. Both planes landed at Iwo Jima at 1730 King.

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