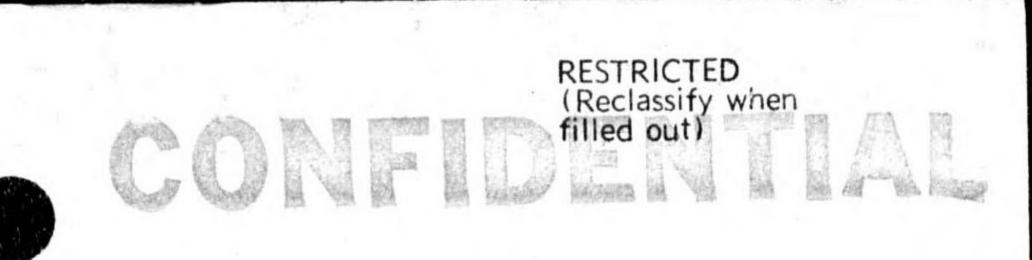
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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT



I. GENERAL

II. OW	SQUADRON		NUMBER		IIS REPORT.	BS AND TO	ORPEDOES	•	FUZE. S	SETTING
(a)	(b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)	CAF	CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)		(g)		
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III. O	THER U. S.	OR ALLIED		EMPLOYED BASE	IN THIS O		DN. JADRON	NUMBER	. BA	ASE
- 73	307,01,01,	None								
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IV. E	NEMY AIRC	CRAFT OBSE	RVED OR EN	NGAGED (I	By Own Aircr	aft Liste	d in 11	Only).		
(a) TYPE	OBSERVED	(b) (c) NO. NO. ENGAGING		(d) (e)		OF BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED;			CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING	
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in 11 only). CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE (e)
EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE,
(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) (b) (a) SQUADRON TYPE OWN A/C None

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

(a) NO.	(b) SQUADRON	NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	CONDITION OR STATUS
		None		
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a)	(b)	b) (c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	TOTAL AMMI	(h)		
TYPE A/C	MILES	MILES	AV. HOURS IN AIR	AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
73M-10	34	38	2.2	325	140		775			8
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IX ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

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

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

TURNS DIVES

CEILINGS

RANGE

PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



			VES (By Own Aircraft Listed		
) Target(s) and Location	on(s) Target a	S INCLUDE ALL IN AREA U	(b) Time Ove	r, Target(s).	1735 (II) (Zone
			TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HAZ	ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS. ETC.)	/isibility	6 (MILES)
) Bombing Tactics: Typ	oe Glide	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight Us	sed	TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per R		Spacing		of Bomb Rele	ease 2000 (FEET)
) Number of Enemy A			Probably Destroyed_		_ Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED. EACH AIMING POINT	NO. HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
Target area	200 yds.	6	38-5" (HE)ARP 29-1004 GP	All	Hot observed
Gun Position 235 X	20 foot diameter	70-83	10-100 GP 8-5" (HE) ARP Strafe- 100 rds.	1	serious
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- (0) 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).
 - 1. Most pikots could not locate any specific targets and expended all bombs. ammunition and rockets against the target generally. The area was completely packed by hits but no damage to specific installations could be observed.
 - Lt. E.A. Parker located what he took to be a gun position and used it as his aiming point. He observed at least one bomb hit the aiming point.

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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

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

After circling at the assigned orbit point for over an hour the flight of 8 VT was ordered to make one run and expend all bombs and rockets against target area 235 Y on Iwo Jima. Two gun positions were thought to be in the area.

With no opportunity to make a preliminary aerial observation of the designated area most of the pilots were unable to locate any gun positions. One pilot picked what he thought was a gun position and used it for his aiming point. Six pilots let go everything against the area generally and one pilot, being unable to find any specific targets, did not drop any bombs or fire any rockets.

One definite hit on a probable gun position and many hits on the area were the only results observed.

No heavy or medium AA was encountered. Light AA was meagre and inaccurate.

To expend all bombs and rockets on one run seems a tremendous waste. The pilot has no chance of correcting his aim and can have no assurance that he is getting hits. It seems particularly wasteful to use rockets in this manner.

Pilots: Lt. E.A. Parker; Lieuts. (jg) V.F. Schuhart, C.H. Bowen, Jr., M. Botean, D.O. Hancock; Ensighs R. Forehand; R. L. Blake, C. W. Bunch.

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

REPORT PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

B. V. GATES, Lt. Comdr., USN.

Squadron Commander AND DUTY SIGNATURE

2/22/45 DATE

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