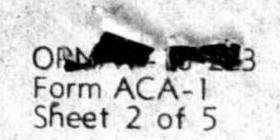
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## AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT



I. GENERAL

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	N AIRCRA	FT OFFICE		RED BY TH	IS REP	ORT.				
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)			ND TORPEDOES (PER PLANE) (f)		FUZE, SET	TING
IM-2	VC-83	4	0	4	None					<u> </u>
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TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	AIRCKAFI	BASE	114 15	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	
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IV. EN	VEMY AIRC	CRAFT OBSI	ERVED OR E	ENGAGED (E	By Own	Aircraft	Listed in 11	Only).		
(a) TYPE	(b)	NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d)		(e) TION OF DUNTER		(f	DOES CARRIED; BSERVED	CAMOU	(g) IFLAGE AND ARKING
		None	(20	NE)						-
			(20	NE)						
			(ZO	NE)						
(h) Appare	ent Enemy A	Mission(s)	•							
Did An	v Part of			_If so, Desc	ribe Clo	uds			TENTUS OF COV	(ED)
Time o	f Day and B	rilliance	(YES OR NO	)			(BASE IN	(k) Visibili		LR)
	or Moon _			GHT MOON; DAY			A:		, (M	IILES)
(a)	(b) DESTR	CRAFT DEST		DAMAGED	IN AIK	(By Own	Aircraft Lis	sted in 11 Only	)	(d) DAMAG
TYPE ENEMY A/C	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON		OT OR GUNNER		GUNS	USED	WHERE HI	I, ANGLE	CLAIME
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in 11 only).

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(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
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VII. PE		CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed  (c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	in II only; identify with planes list (d) CAUSE	condition or status
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a)	(b) MILES OUT	MILES MILES	AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED			NO OF PLANES	
TYPE A/C					CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO. OF PLANES
PM-2	29	29	2.0	235	75		2700	•		4
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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			

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

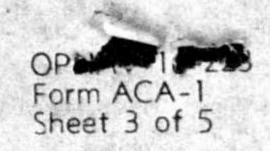
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CEILINGS

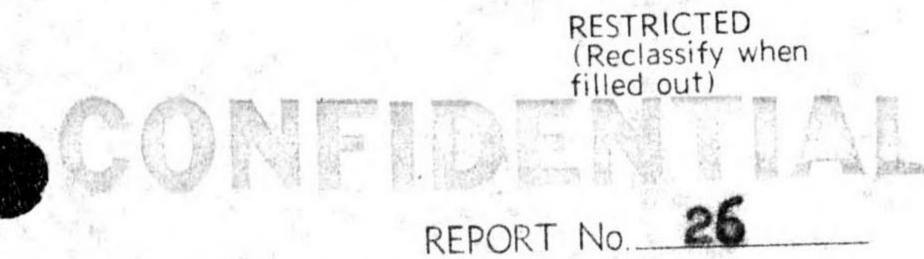
RANGE

PROTECTION

ARMAMENT



(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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ATTACK	ON ENEMY SHIPS	OR GROUND	OBJECTIVES	(By Own A	Aircraft Listed	in II Only).
ATTACK	ON EMENT STILL	Mark area	9 235 0. B	LW.AX		

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(a)	Target(s) and Location	S) (FOR SHIP	S INCLUDE ALL IN AREA U	(b) Time Ove	i largetts/-	
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( <b>d</b> )	Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HAZ	Y, PARTIALLY OBSCURED E	CLOUDS, ETC.)	Visibility	(MILES)
( <b>f</b> )	Bombing Tactics: Type		(LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight Us	sed	(TYPE)
	Bombs Dropped per Run	(NUMBER	Spacing	(FEET)	of Bomb Rele	
(g)	Number of Enemy Airc	raft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed	None	_ 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)
1	Target areas	200 yds.		)Strafe-2700 rds.		
2	235 Q. R. W. & X Target areas 202 P & U	200 yeas				

(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).

- 1. We specific targets could be observed prior to attack but much fire was poured into slit trenches with unobserved redults. Also two huts probably used as personnel shelters were set on five.
- 2. No specific targets could be observed and extent of damage could not be determined. Ground troops reported good results in area.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA. (Narrative and comment. Describe action fully and comment freely,

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

#### 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

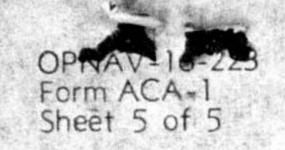
following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

4 VF and 4 VT from USS STEAMER BAY and 4 VF from VC-83 on station at assigned orbit awaiting assignment of target for aircraft strike in support of invasion of Iwo Jima.

Two targets were assigned - target areas 235 Q. R. W. and M. and target areas 202 P & U. In neither instance could specific targets be picked out nor were any assigned. Coordinated strafing and bombing attacks were made against each target area. Two runs were made by VF against first target and three against second.

No AA was encountered.

Liout. L.F. ZABEL; Liout. (jg) W.H. BURNET; Pilots: Ensigns F.P. Molleroy, J. J. MEAGHER, Jr.



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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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