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I. GENERAL

| II. OW | N AIRCRA SQUADRON | TAKING | NUMBER ENGAGING | ED BY TH | | | ND TORPEDOES | | FIIZE | , SETTING |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|---|--------------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| (a) | (b) | OFF (c) | ENEMY A/C | TARGET (e) | | CARRIED | (PER PLANE) (f) | | | (g) |
| F4U-1D | VMF 511 | 4 | | 4 | | OOLD " | | | Nose In | st tail . |
| P6F-5N | VMF 51 | 1.4 | | 4 | | ne | , | | | same |
| 111. 0 | THER U. S. | OR ALLIED | AIRCRAFT | EMPLOYED | IN THIS | OPER/ | ATION. | | | |
| TYPE | SQUADRON | NUMBER | | BASE | | TYPE | SQUADRON | NUMBER | | BASE |
| BM | VMTB-233 | 8 | U.S.S. B | LOCK ISL | AND | | | | | |
| TBM | MCVG-2 | 8 | U.S.S. G | OLBERT I | SLANDS | | | | | |
| F4U | MCVCmZ | 8 | U.S.S. G | TTREET, 1 | SLANDS | 4 | 1 | | *************************************** | ************************************** |
| IV. EN | NEMY AIRC | RAFT OBSE | RVED OR EN | GAGED (B | y Own Ai | rcraft l | isted in 11 | Only). | | |
| (a) TYPE | OBSERVED | NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C | TIME ENCOUNTERED | LOCAT | (e) FION OF OUNTER | | BOMBS, TORPED GUNS OF | OES CARRIED; SERVED | . CA | (g) MOUFLAGE AND MARKING |
| NONE | | | (ZONE) | | 1 | | | | | |
| | | - A | (ZONE) | | | | | * | | |
| - | | | (ZONE) | | | | | | | |
| Did Any | y Part of | | | f co Descr | iba Clauda | | | | | |
| Time of | Day and Br | illiance | (YES OR NO) | 1 SU, Desci | ibe Ciouds | *************************************** | (BASE IN | FEET, TYPE A | ND TENTHS OF | COVER) |
| j) of Sun | or Moon _ | | (NIGHT, BRIGH | T MOON, DAY | OVERCAST. | TC \ | | _(k) Visib | oility | (MILES) |
| V. EN | EMY AIRCE | RAFT DESTR | OYED OR D | | | | Aircraft List | ed in II O | nlv) | (MILLS) |
| (a) TYPE ENEMY A/C | 7 | SQUADRON | SED BY: | OR GUNNER | | GUNS L | | | (c) HIT, ANGLE | DAMA(CLAIM |
| LIVEIVIT A/C | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nacional de la company | | | | | | | | | | |
| NONE | 7. | - | | | | | | | | |
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| No. of the same of | | | | | | | | | | |
| No. of Bassacian | | | | | | | | | | |
| No. of Branch and | | | | | | | | | | |
| No. of Brown and | | | | | | | | | | |

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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

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| TYPI | (a) E OWN A/C | (b) SQUADRON | (c) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAU | WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) | (e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) |
|------------|------------------|-----------------|--|--|---|
| 1 1 | 14U-1D | VIIIF 511 | 20]Mi | Forward Radio mast and windshield | JUNE DENTAL |
| 3 | | - | | , · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
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| | VII. PE | RSONNEL C | CASUALTIES (in aircraft lis | ted in II only; identify with planes list | ted in VI by Nos. at left). |
| (a) NO. | VII. PEI | | CASUALTIES (in aircraft list | ted in 11 only; identify with planes list (d) CAUSE | ted in VI by Nos. at left). (e) CONDITION OR STATUS |
| | (b) | | (c) . | (d) | · (e) |
| | (b) | | (c) . | (d) | · (e) |
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| | (b) | | (c) . | (d) | · (e) |

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

| (a) TYPE A/C | (b) MILES OUT | (b) (c) (d) MILES AV. HOURS OUT RETURN IN AIR | (d) | (e) (f) AV. FUEL AV. FUEL - LOADED CONSUMED | (f) | (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED | | MMUNITION EXPENDED (h) | (h) | |
|--------------------|---------------------|---|-----|---|------|-------------------------------|------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----|
| | | | | | .30 | .50 | 20MM | MM | NO. OF PLANES RETURNING | |
| FAH-1D | 145 | 145 | 3.3 | | 220 | | | | | |
| PAR-SN | 745 | 145 | 3.3 | | 31.1 | | | | | |
| TOF-3N | 145 | 143 | 3.3 | | 261 | | 1 | - | | - 5 |

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

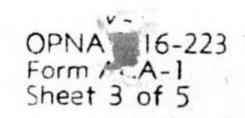
| CALIBER | NONE | MEAGER | MODERATE | INTENSE |
|---|------|--------|----------|---------|
| HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over | | | | |
| MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm | * | | x | |
| LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm | | | Y | |

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)

| | | | | REPORT No |
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| 1. | ATTACK ON ENEMY | SHIPS OR GROUND | OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only). | and the same |

| (a |) Target(s) and Location | n(s) Ishigak | Airfield IPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA | UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Ov | er Tanget (s | 1355-1450(I)Zone) |
|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---|
| | | | | TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER) | UUN | 1355-1450(I)Zone) FIDENTIAL |
| | | | | BY CLOUDS, ETC.) | Visibility | Unlimited (MILES) |
| (f |) Bombing Tactics: Type | Dive b | Orbing (LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE) | Bomb Sight U | sed_MK_8 | Gunsight |
| | Bombs Dropped per Rui | n1 | Spacing | (FEET) Altitude | of Bomb Rel | ease 2,000 (FEET) |
| (g | Number of Enemy Air | craft Hit on Gro | ound: Destroyed | Probably Destroyed | NONE | Damaged NONE |
| | (h) AIMING POINT | DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE | (i) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON | BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT | (m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point | DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk) |
| 1 | E-W runway Ishigaki | | VIVE 511 | 6 x 500 lb | - | craters |
| 2 | Shop area 8949 MRX | | VWF 53.3 | 1 x 500 lb 26 x 5" MVAR | several | damaged by fires |
| 3 | AA positions 8747 | , | 2 VMP 511 | 6 x 5" MVAR | | unobserved |
| 4 | | | | | - | |
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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).

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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 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 Homina Rendezvous Recognition, Ships Communications Flight Operations Search and Tracking Base Operations Maintenance

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.)

> At 1225 eight fighters and one F6F photo plane plus eight Torpedo bomber planes of VMTB-233, took off from the U.S.S. BLOCK ISLAND to join planes of MCVG-2, form the U.S.S. GILBERT ISLANDS in a strike on Ishigaki Airfield. Our fighters carried 1 x 500 lb bomb plus The photo plane was armed with maching guns only.

> The strike arrived at the target at 1355. The E-W runway at Ishigaki and the repair shop area outlying the field were the present principal targets. Six bombs were released on a dive bombing attack on this runway and five hits were scored in areas 8647E, 8747AB. King kitaxeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee One 500 1b bomb was dropped on the repair shop area, along with 26 rockets. The attack resulted in seriously damaging these shops. Several fires were reported in this area. (8949 RMX)

AA fire was moderate and accurate from medium and light weapons. Sex rockets were fired at an emplacement at 8747L with no results observed. Captain Paul Fuss received 20 MM hits on his forwardent radio mast and also in his windshield which cracked but did not shatter. His engine also developed trouble while coming out of a dive and he was forced to return to the ship, excorted by his wingman, lstLt, J.S. BOSTWICK. Both landed safely aboard at 1445.

The remaining fighters covered the VT's during their attack and then strafed a radar station in the north end of Ishigaki.

Photo coverage was made of Miyara and Ishigaki fields and also a cable station on the west side of the Island.

Planes returned at 1555 (I).

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary). GONFIDENTIAL

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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