

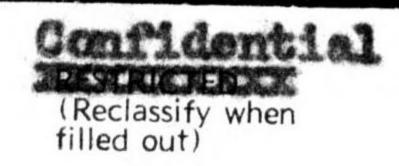
I. GENERAL

e) Mission	Target	Combat A	ir Patrol,	D plus 9. In	wo Jima.		(f) Time of Re	turn 0805 (	X) (Zor
II. OW	/N AIRCR	AFT OFFIC		RED BY THIS RI	EPORT.				
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		AND TORPEDOE D (PER PLANE) (f)		FUZE, SET	TING
MI-2	VC-84	4	0	4	Nane				
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111. 0	THER U. S.	OR ALLIE	DAIRCRAFT	EMPLOYED IN T	THIS OPER	T			
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	TICO CACTE	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	
M-2	VC-96	4	USS RUDYER	D BAY					
IV EN	IELAV AIDO	DAET OPS	EDVED OD EN	ICACED (R. O.	n Aircraft	Lictod in II	Only)		
(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGINOWN A/C	G (d)	LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	=	BOMBS, TORPE GUNS O	5)	CAMOUR	(g) ELAGE AND RKING
•			(ZONE)						
	3	•	(ZONE	)					
			(ZONE)	)					
Did Any Encoun	Part of ter(s) Occu	Aission(s) ur in Clouds		If so, Describe CI	ouds	(BASE IN	FEET, TYPE AND	TENTHS OF COVE	R)
of Sun	or Moon	illiance	(NIGHT, BRIGH	T MOON; DAY, OVERC	AST; ETC.)	Aircraft Lie	(k) Visibility	(MI	LES)
(a) TYPE	1	DYED OR DAMA		AMAGED IN All	K (by Own	All Clair Lis	(c)		(d) DAMAC
ENEMY A/C	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT	OR GUNNER	GUNS	USED	. WHERE HIT,	ANGLE	CLAIME
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				4					

TYPE OWN A/C

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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT



 OK DAMA	AGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONA	L, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of th	ose listed in II only).
(b) QUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)

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10				
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VII.	PERSONNEL	CASUALTIES (in aircraft	listed in II only; identify with plane	s listed in VI by Nos. at left).
a) (b) iO. SQUADE		(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e)
				CONDITION OR STATUS

		CAUSE	CONDITION OR STATUS
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

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TYPE A/C	MILES OUT	MILES RETURN	AV. HOURS	AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL	(g	) TOTAL AMMU	NITION EXPEN	NDED	(h)
1278-9	2001	KETURIN	IN AIR	LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
	G-A	Gala	800	202	125		3150			A
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IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	1		
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm				
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm		· Opp		

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

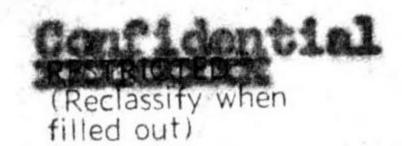
TURNS

DIVES

CEILINGS RANGE

PROTECTION

ARMAMENT





(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



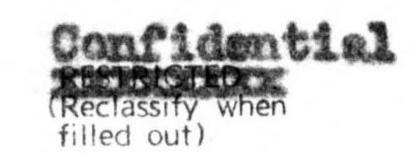
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Clouds Over Target		(BASE IN FEET	NDER ATTACK)  TYPE AND TENHAS OF COVER)		
Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HA	ZY. PARTIALLY OBSCURED E	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	Visibility	(MILES)
Bombing Tactics: Typ	e	(LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight U	sed	(TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Ru	A CHOMBE		(FEET)		Damaged 0
Number of Enemy Ai			(1)	(m)	DAMAGE (None, slight
AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING  (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	NO HITS On Aiming Point	serious, destroyed or sunk
Area above	300 x 200	4 FM-2 VC-84	3150 rounds .50 oal	All in	Unlanown
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Results could not be observed. Strafing was put in areas where directed.

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<sup>(</sup>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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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

#### 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 February 1945, D plus 9, at 0550, 4 FM-2 took off from USS MAKIN ISLAND for target combat air patrol over Iwo Jima. After finishing TGAP the flight, led by Lt.(jg) Milton R. King with Lt.(jg) Kenneth B. Finka and Basigas Henry Wardenga and Raymond A. Kerr, was directed to strafe reported mobile artillery positions. The strafing attack was led by 4 FM-2 of VG-88. Four FM-2 of VG-96 also joined the attack. These were located in an area (234 Sugar Mike George Able on local grid) extending about 800 yards southeasterly from the northwest beach to a point some 600 yards north of Airfield No. 5. Three firing runs were made from 2000 feet down to 100 feet. Light, meager, inaccurate AA was met. Strafing was placed where instructed but results could not be seen. TGAP landed aboard at 0805 (K).

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(Reclassify when filled out)

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.

Use additional sheets if necessary).

Equipment functioned normally.

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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ACI Officer, VC-84

RANK AND DUTY

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