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) Unit Re	porting	PT-45	(b)	Based on or	at USS	SAN J	AC INTO		(c) Repo	ort No	5
) Take of	f: Date	3 March 1	945	_Time (LZ	T) 10	55	_(Zone); L	at. 25 -	17 N	_Long. 12	3 - 48 1
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TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	NUMBER ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		BOMBS	AND TORPEDOES (PER PLANE) (f)			FUZE, SETTI	NG
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F6F 5820		16 15	USS HORN			,					
IV. EN	NEMY AIRC	CRAFT OBSE			By Own A	ircraft	Listed in 11	Only).			
(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERI	LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER			BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED			CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING	
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h) Appare	nt Enemy N	Aission (s)									
		ar in Clouds?		_If so, Desc	cribe Cloud	ls					
j) of Sun	f Day and Bror Moon	rilliance		SHT MOON; DAY			(BASE IN	(k) Vis		THS OF COVER	,
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SQUADRON			(c)			ientily with	pianes ns			
None		RON NAME, RANK OR RATING				(d) CAUSE		(e) CONDITION OR STATUS		
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(a)	ANGE, FL	JEL, ANI	D AMMUNI' AV. HOURS	AV. FUEL	AV. FUEL	(g) TOTAL AMM!	Υ	NDED	(h) NO. OF PLAN RETURNING
A/C	OUT	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	1500	20MM	74(14)	- INCTORTATION
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EAVY — Time-	e-fused shells	, 75mm and	over							
EDIUM — Imp					1					

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)

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cast	25 St.						*
d point on N Hdg	25 ft. 1	TT-45	3	100#	G.P.	1	Bamaged
aves	oft. high	VT-45	34	100#	G.P.	known	Unknown
ldgs, and 4 mast	2001	VT-45				Not	
ossible radio	100' X	1	30	100#	a.P.	8	Serious
point on west.	20° x 20°	VT-45	4	100#	G.P.	2 or 3	Serious
See See See	feet long	VT-45	10	100#	G.P.	0	None
State Pela.	Each 30 -45	V7-45	400				
The state of the s	20' x 20'	4	19	100#	a.P.	30	burned, 4 or 5 o
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OF	(i) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	EXPE	DMRS AND	AMMUNITION CH AIMING POINT	NO. HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
Number of Enemy Airc	raft Hit on Grou	und: Destroyed				1	
Bombs Dropped per Run		,			ably Destroyed_		_ Damaged
			eles		Altitude	of Bomb Rel	ease 1000 = 1200 (FEET)
Bombing Tactics: Type	611de	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)			Bomb Sight Us	ed Mark	(TYPE)
Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HAZ)	Y. PARTIALLY OBSCURED E	Y CLOU	JDS, ETC.)			(MILES)
Clouds Over Target 10/	SHIP TY	(BASE IN FEET,	TYPE A	ND TENTH	S OF COVER)		15 M17.00
XI. ATTACK ON ENE arget(s) and Location((FOR SHIPS	INCLUDE ALL IN AREA U	NDER A	TTACK)			
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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).

1. The square houses constituting this town which fronts on one of the possible landing beaches was heavily hit. Many of the buildings were neverely damaged and at least 4 or 5 burned completely. A photograph taken of this town during the attack is attached hereto marked "A". Fires can be observed burning in the portion of town nearest the beach.

2. None of the bombs hit these tosts as they were camouflaged and the pilot was uncertainty until the moment he dropped whether they were boats or were legs and this uncertainty undoubtedly speiled the run. However he returned and made 5 runs at 1000 feet while he and his turret gumner strafed the objects. A photograph taken of these possible boats is attached herete marked "B".

3. This building appeared to be hit by two or more of the bombs dropped. Smoke covered building after attack.

building after attack.

4. Several small buildings on hillside with four masts or poles sticking up were observed and hit with about 8 bombs. The buildings were hit directly and some fire was seen. Masts or poles were still standing.

5. Damage inflicted unknown. Cave could be seen on approach but would pass from sight and merge into the general topography as plane went over them.

6. One bomb exploded on or at corner of this building. No fire seen.

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

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

DEFENSE, ENEMY

Use of Jamming

Evasive Tactics, Ships Concealment Searchlights Night Fighter Tactics Use of Jamming

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Bombing Tactics Turpedo 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

This strike was sent out to find and attack any military installations small boets on Tokashiki Jima in the Kerema Retto of the Okinawa Gunto of the Mansei Shote which could be used against projected minesweeping activities off shore and the invasion of the island. Intelligence indicated that the island possessed little in the way of defensive fortifications, no airfields, and only three possible landing beaches. Saturation tactics were prescribed including heavy strafing.

This strike was composed of Lieutenants Piegari, Osborne, Van Hoven, Ricck, Lieutenants (j.g.) Laughlin and Mason and Ensigns Lennox and Robertson. They reached Tokashiki Jima without difficulty and, as no anti-aircraft fire was coming from the island, they flow over it at 2000 feet searching for targets. They found little of any consequence. Several isolated square buildings on promontories on the shore line were bombed and strafed. The portion of the town of Tokashiki on the Northeast coast facing the beach was heavily attacked with bombs and strafing on the theory that as these buildings commanded a potential landing beach they might serve as cover for enemy troops and guns. Photograph "A" atteched hereto shows this town during the attack. Several planes attacked some of the more elaborate caves, especially these that appeared to have a path leading to their entrance, on the theory that enemy troops or supplies might be in them.

Ensign Robertson observed a group of small buildings with 4 masts or poles protruding from them on the side of a hill northeast of the town of Tokashiku and believed it to be a redic station. He scored approximately 8 hits on or among the cluster of buildings and started several fires.

Lieutenant Van Noven observed 15 or 20 long narrow objects placed close to each other on a beach on the west coast north of Tokashiku Town. He could not be certain at first as to whether they were very large logs, they were 30 to 45 feet long, or boats camouflaged with underbrush. He pushed over at 2500 feet and dro ped ten bombs on them from 1000 feet. None of these bombs hit the target presumably because of the delay in dropping caused by the identification problem. Seeing that he had missed and feeling that they might be boats he made five more runs on them at 1000 feet while he and his turret guaner strafed them with 450 rounds of .50 calibre ammunition. A photograph taken of these objects by the radioman in the attacking plane is attached herete as photograph wyn.

All planes on this strike strafed heavily throughout the half hour the planes were over the target area. The unusual totals of 1500 rounds of .50 calibre ammunition and 1050 rounds of .30 calibre ammunition were expended by these eight planes on this strike in carrying out the prescribed "saturation" attack. The strafing was directed at all the targets berbed and other structures in areas adjacent to those bombed.

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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

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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