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I. GENERAL

II. OW	N AIRCRA				HIS REPORT.				
TYPE	SQUADRON	TAKING	NUMBER	ATTACKING	BOMBS	AND TORPEDOES		FUZE, SET	TING
(a)	(b)	OFF (c)	ENEMY A/C	TARGET (e)	CARRIE	(f)		(g)	
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III. OT	HER U. S.	OR ALLIED	AIRCRAFT	T EMPLOYE	D IN THIS OPE	RATION.			
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TYPE	NO. OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	ENCOUNTER	RED ENC	OUNTER	GUNS O	BSERVED	MA	RKING
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			.>	If so Desc	ribe Clouds				
Did Any Encount	Part of er(s) Occu	ur in Clouds	YES OR NO	If so, Desc	ribe Clouds	(BASE IN	FEET, TYPE	ND TENTHS OF COV	ER)
Did Any Encount		ur in Clouds				(BASE IN		oility	
Did Any Encount Time of of Sun o	Part of er(s) Occu Day and Br or Moon —	ur in Clouds	(NIGHT, BR	IGHT MOON; DAY	, OVERCAST; ETC.)		(k) Visi	oility	
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Did Any Encount Time of of Sun (Part of er(s) Occubary and Bron Moon — EMY AIRC (b) DESTRO	r in Clouds filliance RAFT DEST	(NIGHT, BR	DAMAGED	IN AIR (By Ow	n Aircraft Li	(k) Visi	nly).	(d)
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REPORT No. __ VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only). (e)
EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE,
(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor; self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C,
TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE (b) SQUADRON TYPE OWN A/C Fone 12 VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left). (d) CONDITION OR STATUS CAUSE (b) (a) NAME, RANK OR RATING SQUADRON Cons VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING NO OF PLANES RETURNING (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED AV. FUEL-CONSUMED • AV FUEL LOADED AV. HOURS IN AIR (c) MILES RETURN MILES OUT MM (a) TYPE A/C 20MM .50 .30 HORE **6400** 608Gals 1500 2.4Hrs. 970Gals 1784. 1834. PM-1 IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line). INTENSE MODERATE MEAGER NONE CALIBER HEAVY - Time-fused shells, 75mm and over MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left). SPEED, CLIMB, Hone Incountered. 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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Clouds Over Target	3/10 Ous	(BASE IN FEET.	TYPE AND TENTHS OF C	OVER)		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HAZ	Y. PARTIALLY OBSCURED E	Y CLOUDS, ETC.)	(e) V	isibility	(MILES)
Bombing Tactics: Type	LOW LATE	(LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE)	Borr	nb Sight Us	ed	(TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Rui	(NUMBER	Spacing	(FEET)	_ Altitude (of Bomb Rele	ease (FEET)
Number of Enemy Air				Destroyed_	None	_ Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMM EXPENDED, EACH AIM	UNITION NING POINT	NO HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight serious destroyed or sunk
		2-PM-1	Sulco White	Phos.	8	See Farrative
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(p) Were Photographs Taken? Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

⁽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

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

DEFENSE, ENEMY

Use of Jamming

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

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279321	Guillotte	1315 1315	1400-1448	1529
282821	Gorman Wilson	1316	1400-1448	1530

In the hopes of finding an incentious Jap or two, a program of strafing runs along the coasts of New Ireland was initiated.

Lt. Colonel Guillotte and Lt. Schreier took the south coast from Kant Bay to Koka Plantation, taking off at 1315 to fly a course of 165° Mag. to N.E. Hew Hemover and hence along the island's coast and the south shore of the Kabien Peninsula to the Initial point.

Colonel Guillotte's element searched and strafed the trails, gardens, and hate until 1448. No Hips; so beace back to base on 324° Mag., for a landing at 1529.

Captain Gorman and Lt. Wilson left the base at the same time to take a course of 1250 Mag. and arrived 5 miles off their initial point, Halus Plantation, at 1353. The two planes wove back and forth down the coast, strafing intermittently as possible targets flashed by in their tree-top runs. He signs of life except for a few futile rounds from a well-hidden machine gunner at Hongai Ray. Cape Lemoris was the couthern limit and the flight repeated its irregular pattern back to the initial point and pulled out to see at 1446. An easy flight on 3020 Mag. brought the pair is at 1529.

Owing to a bomb shortage, an experiment with the 100 lb. Mk. 47-Al white phospherus bomb was tried, hoping that their incendiary qualities would start fires among the hats. Only a third ignited however, for the impact was solice sufficient to rupture the cases. These bombs contained no determiters or bursting charges and consequently have no incendiary value when dropped at low altitude and at specia of 180 knots or less.

observation that there is very little energy activity in these areas during the daylight hours.

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