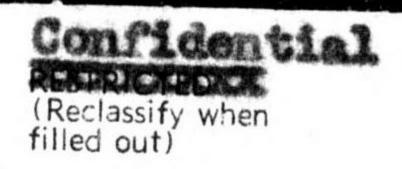
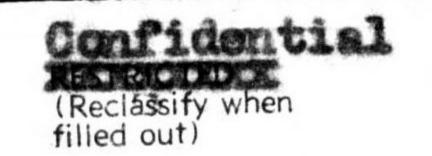
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TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)	BOMBS	AND TORPEDO D (PER PLANE (†)	ES:)	FUZE	SETTING (g)
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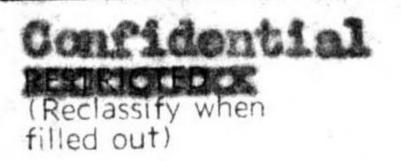
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(a)	(b) SQUADRON	CAL	JSE: TYPE ENEMY	A/C,	WHERE HIT,	(d) ANGLE (List anks, equipme	t armor, ent hit)	EXTENT (Give Bureau s	(e) OF LOSS OR erial number of	DAMAGE, planes destroyed)
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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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c)	Clouds Over Target	36	OO STRATO CUMU	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
d)	Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HA	ZY. PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	/isibility	6 (below cover)
f)	Bombing Tactics: Type	e	(LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight Us	sed	(TYPE)
¥	Bombs Dropped per Ru	IN (NUMBE	Spacing	(FEET) Altitude	of Bomb Rela	ease(FEET)
g)	Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed_	0	_ Damaged
	(h) AIMING, POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) 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
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of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sheets if necessary)

Results could not be observed. The assigned area was thoroughly hit by the strafing.

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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 " 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

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.)

> Bight FM-2 were launched on 26 February 1945, D plus 6, at 0800 (K). by USS MAKIN ISLAND, for combat air patrol over Iwo Jima. Pilots were Lt. Thomas S. Sedaker, division leader, Lts. (jg) Weston L. Scott and Melvin J. Simpson Jr., and Ensign Johan D.W. Hubbeling Jr. with Lt. George Shaw-Corthorn, division leader, Lts. (jg) Duene C. Miller and Raymond B. Howard and Masign Richard D. Tietjen. After being relieved on station the flight received a strafing mission with 4 FM-2 of VC-85. Their target was an area (217 Baker George Low on local grid) about 200 yards north of the west end of Airfield No. 5, reported to contain rocket launchers. Section and column runs were made, fire being opened at 1500 feet with pullout from 500 to 200 feet. Fire was concentrated particularly on a cressroads area and bluffs in the designated target area which was well covered. Lt. Sedaker's wing tanks cocked 90° in a dive. leaving them almost parallel with his wings. He managed to release and despite a heavy wing landed safely aboard with the other, thus twisted around. The flight returned to base at 1110 (K).

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

Except for Lt. Sedaker's wing tanks, equipment functioned in normal

FM-2 away braces punctured the tanks resulting in a loose connection

manner. The tanks twisted in a dive, made at about 50°. Old type

permitting twisting of the tenks. Except for this and one other

occasion sufficient now type sway braces were evailable.

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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