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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

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(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY TYPE GUN, OR OPERATION	A/C, VAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
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VII. PE  (b)  SQUADROI		CASUALTIES (in aircr.	aft listed in		(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
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(a) TYPE	(b)	(c) MILES	AV. HOURS	(e)	AV. FUEL	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h) NO. OF PLANES
A/C	MILES	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
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and	20	100	740 V,440	201	271					

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				
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	46.50			

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

TURNS DIVES CEILINGS RANGE

PROTECTION

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	XI. ATTACK ON EN						
(a)	Target(s) and Locatio	n(s) (FOR SHIP	S INCLUDE ALL IN AREA	UNDER ATTACK)	b) Time Ove	r Target(s)	Zone
(c)	Clouds Over Target	Lions	(BASE IN FEET	. TYPE AND TENTHS O	F COVER)		
(d)	Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HAZ	Y. PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	(e) V	'isibility	(MILES)
(f)	Bombing Tactics: Typ	e Glido 8 runs l	(LEVEL GLIDE OR DIVE)	B	omb Sight Us	ed	(TYPE)
	Bombs Dropped per Ru	13	Spacing	(FEET)	Altitude o	of Bomb Rel	ease 2 // 20// (FEET)
(g)	Number of Enemy Air	rcraft Hit on Gro	und: Destroyed	Probably	y Destroyed_		_ Damaged
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1			4 931-3			Area	•
2	Side of Ridge	500° X 150°	70-70	15 X 500 1b.	0.2.	Covered	Indappaged
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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)

Area of camouflaged caves pointed out by air coordinator blanketed with bombs. Gves not discernible to pilets. Air coordinator reported, "Caves not damaged; bombed from wrong direction."

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

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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
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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

Routine direct support mission. VG-70 planes rendesvoused with 4-TBM-3's from the Hoggatt Bay and 4-TBM-3's from the Gilbert Island. The target assigned by GASGU, Landing Force, 3rd Corps, was camouflaged caves on the side of a ridee, Located by grid coordinates at 7764-X. Aiming point was clearly defined by road junction and spotted with smoke rockets by the air coordinator. Runs were made from southeast to northwest.

Buns were started at 6000 feet, release 2400/2500 feet, pull out at 2000 feet; angle of dive 300/40? LAS about 300 knots, interval between planes 20/25 seconds.

One pilot thought that he saw some tracer fire on his pull out, trailing by about 100 yards.

Three runs made by three planes; one bomb dropped on the first two muns, two bombs on the third run. One plane failed to get his fourth bomb away when the radicman put selector switch on the wrong station. Given permission by CASCU to bomb target of opportunity on southern part of island. Fut crater in side of road at 5/60/2. The fourth plane, because the pilot was on the wrong VHF channel, failed to follow directions, and dropped all four bombs in salvo on his first run.

Flight rendezvoused and returned to base, landing at 6945 I.

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

One plane experienced complete failure of artificial horizon.

directional gyro, and auto-pilot. A lead on the inverter had been

improperly soldered and had jarred loose. Inverter was replaced.

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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