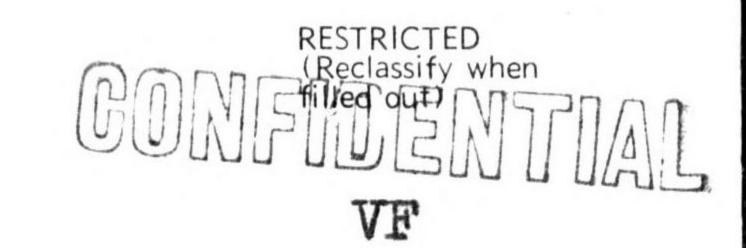
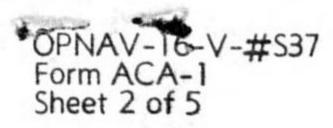
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II. OW	/N AIRCRA	AFT OFFICIA			III) KLI	JK 1 .				
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	NUMBER ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)			AND TORPEDOES (PER PLANE) (f)		FUZE	E, SETTING
F6F-5N	VF-33	4	0	4	1 500	G.P	• AN M6	4	AN 103 MK 157	& AN 101 .02 dela
III. O	THER U. S.	OR ALLIED NUMBER	AIRCRAFT	EMPLOYE BASE	D IN TH	IS OPER	ATION. SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE
None	JONDRON	INOMBER		DAJE			JONDRON	INDIVIDER		DAJE
IV. EN	(b)	(c)	RVED OR EN		(e)		(f)		(g)
TYPE	OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	ENCOUNTERED	LOCA	CUNTER		BOMBS, TORPET GUNS OF	DOES CARRIED BSERVED	; CA	MOUFLAGE AND MARKING
None			(ZONE)	······································					
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VI.	LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in I	I only).

(a) TYPE OWN A/C		CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL 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)
1 F6F-5N	VF-33	25 mm	Radome, angle un-	Replace Radome and
2			known. Belly tank	scanner unit.
3			through reserve	
4			tank into armor;	
5			left wing tank into	
6			cockpit - other fold	
7			mechanism.	
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left). (b) (a) (c) (d) (e) NAME, RANK OR RATING SQUADRON CAUSE CONDITION OR STATUS None

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING (b) MILES OUT (c) MILES RETURN AV. HOURS (f) AV. FUEL CONSUMED AV. FUEL (a) (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED NO. OF PLANES LOADED .30 20MM F6F-5N 100 170 80-150 325 265&255 3500rds

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over		x		
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm			X	,
_IGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm			X	

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes	
TUDNIC	
TURNS	
DIVES	
CEILINGS	
RANGE	
PROTECTION	
ARMAMENT	

None

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XI. ATTACK ON EN	EMY SHIPS OR	GROUND OBJECT	IVES (By Own Aircraft Listed	in II Only).	•	
(a) Target(s) and Location	(S)(1) ISH	EGOKI. (2) M.	TYAKO. (b) Time Ove	r Target(s).	0445 (I) (Zone)	
(c) Clouds Over Target C	umulo stre	atus; at (1)	500' 4/10 to over	cast. A	t(2) 6000 ft;9/3	LO
(d) Visibility of Target H	azy at (1)	Clear at (2) . (e) V	/isibility_5-8	8 miles after da	
(f) Bombing Tactics: Type		(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight Us Rocket	ed MK 8 S/R 1000	o yds'	
Bombs Dropped per Rur	1 (NUMBER	Spacing	O (FEET) Altitude o	of Bomb Rele	ease 700 1000 (FEET)	
(g) Number of Enemy Airc	craft Hit on Gro	und: Destroyed				
(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)	
Barracks area	unknown	2 VF-33	2 x 500 G.P. bombs	3	unobserved	
2 Searchlight area	Unknown	2 VF-33	4 HVAR		unobserved	
AA Position	Unknown	2 VF-33	2 HVAR		unobserved	
4 Runways HIRARA	7000 ft x 7000ft	2 VF-33	3 HVAR strafed	2	Slight	
Barracks	Unknown	2 VF-33	strafed	•	unobserved	
6						
7						
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- 1. Barracks area near ISHIGAKI Airfield. One bomb was direct hit and caused large explosion that must have caused considerable damage but darkness and smoke prevented accurate assessment.
- 2. Lights at No. 1 area, turned off when being attacked so effect and accuracy of hits unobserved.
- 3. Because of darkness position of firing guns could not be pinpointed for subsequent run so effect and accuracy unobserved.
- 4. NOBARA Airfield MIYAKO HIMA revetment area between two runways 2 bomb and 4 rocket hits. Damage unobserved.
- 5. HIRARA Airfield MIYAKO JIMA 3 rockets in inter section of runways -
- all runways strafed.
 6. BARRACKS on N. E. tip of MIYAKO JIMA damaged unobserved.

⁽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.)

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

This pre-dawn Intruder mission by 4 VF(N) was split so that two planes covered MIYAKO JIMA Airfield, while the other two denied the Japs the use of the Airfield of ISHIGAKI JIMA. They were successful in their purpose, but several safety factors were brought to the attention of the pilot in this type of mission. In the first place even though flying during darkness each pilot should still maintain safe altitude while roaming over the target area, as his purpose is not to pin point target but deny the enemy the use of his Airfield. This purpose can be accomplished from a safe altitude, especially when not envolved in a specific attack. At day break night intruders when operating in target areas infested with flack should cease their attacks, maintain a safe altitude and become a combat air patrol, so to speak, holding all enemy aircraft in that area. In such a case attacks on ground targets after daylight should be made only in cases of extreme necessity.

The reason for the above supposition being that night intruders fly over an area for several hours alerting every AAbattery located there. These batteries lie in wait for day-light to come so that they can fire on the aircraft whose

general location and altitude is known by them

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A/N-APS-6A used very sucessfully in locating the

islands and the target area after finding islands. Also

in finding the carrier on the return trip. It was used

in making run on specific target and to keep the pilot

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

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well oriented.

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

SIGNATURE

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

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