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TYPE	SQUADRON		NUMBER	ATTACKING		BOMBS A	ND TORPEDOES		FUZE, SETT	ING
(a)	(b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	TARGET (e)		CARRIED	(PER PLANE) (f)		(g)	
767-5	VP-45		None	8	Boch H.Z.	plene e rockets	erried 6	X 5#	Mark 146, 110	n-delay
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TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	TISS BATA	BASE	· ·					
F6P-5	77-47	8	C35.75.0 19.15.1.10	Z333						
(h) Appar Did A	ent Enemy A	Mission(s)	(2	IONE)	scribe C	louds			E AND TENTHS OF COV	(ER)
Time	of Day and B	rilliance		RIGHT MOON; D			(BASE I		sibility	(ILES)
	NEMY AIRC	CRAFT DE	STROYED O	R DAMAGE	DINA	R (By Ow	n Aircraft L	isted in 11	Only).	(d)
			AMAGED BY:	ILOT OR GUNN	ER	GUNS	S USED	WHE	RE HIT, ANGLE	CLAIM
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

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(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) - SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
None				
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(e) (d) (c) (b) (a) CONDITION OR STATUS CAUSE NAME, RANK OR RATING SQUADRON

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a)	(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES	AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL EGADED	AV. FUEL -	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED					NO. OF PLANES
TYPE A/C						.30		.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
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	- Sand I	and of				20	ds.	per	plane		
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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	X			
LIGHT — 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 No encounter with enemy airborne aircraft

TURNS DIVES CEILINGS RANGE PROTECTION ARMAMENT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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	XI. ATTACK ON E	NEMY SHIPS OF	R GROUND OBJECT	IVES (By Own Aircraft Lister	d in II Only	
(a)	Target(s) and Location	on(s) Article	PS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA	ONDER ATTACK) (b) Time Ov	er Target(s)	App. 1135(I)(Zone)
	Clouds Over Target_	Second 1		, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
(d)	Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HAZ	ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	Visibility	Unline (MILES)
( <b>f</b> )	Bombing Tactics: Typ		(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight II	sed	(TYPE)
	Bombs Dropped per Ru	In(NUMBER	Spacing	(FEET) Altitude	of Bomb Rel	ease(FEET)
(g)	Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Gro	und: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed	X .	_ Damaged
	(h) AIMING POINT	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)
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<sup>(</sup>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
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

Eight (8) Hellcats of Fighting Squadron FORTY FIVE were launched at 1000 (I), 18 March 1945, to accompany eight F6F's of the USS BATAAN on the Kyushu airfields of Miyakonojo and Korimoto. The sweep was under the leadership of the USS BATAAN flight leader.

The sixteen fighters flew directly to Miyakonojo field, where the installations and parked planes were observed to be either destroyed or badly damaged from a previous sweep. Notwithstanding, the eight planes of the BATAAN went down on a strafing and rocket attack on the least damaged facilities, while the SAN JACINTO fighters flew cover for them.

Following the attack by the BATAAN planes on Miyakonojo, the eight SAN JACINTO Nelloats flow to Kerimote Airfield, approximately 5 miles to the northeast. There six of the VF-45 fighters made a strafing and rocket attack on a newly constructed hangar in the center of the airfield in a rum from west to east, attaining a 45 degree angle in the glide from 14,000 feet down to approximately 2,500 feet. At least 20 of the rockets hit the hangar squarely, splintering the structure which was left smoking. The other two Helloats made similar strafing and rocket rums on two warehouses about 500 yards south of Korimote airfield, and all 12 rockets exploded squarely in the building.

Upon rendezvous over the east coast of Kyushu directly east of the field, on orders of the sweep leader, a galvanized shed at a boat basin, and numerous small boats in the basin were strafed heavily in several runs, with unobserved results. The planes then rendezvoused once more and returned to base without further incident.

ARMAMENT

Turrets

Ammunition

Bomb Sights

Bomb Releases

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All material and equipment functioned satisfactorily.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Radio, Radar Homing Devices Visual Signals Codes, Ciphers

Guns, Gunsights

Bombs, Torpedoes

#### 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'

FLIGHT CLOTHING

MAINTENANCE

FUEL SYSTEM

### BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment. Personnel Facilities

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