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(a)	(b)	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	AL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those where hit, and the self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
TYPE OWN A/C	SQUADRON		Entered port wing 3 ft	Exploded inside and near
TBM-3	VT-49	Probably .25 mm.	back of leading edge	leading edge, blowing
		explosive A/A shell.	from 6 O'clock.	numerous small holes and
			Trom o o or or	one 6-inch hole in skin
				of wing and severed
				longitudinal large string
5				Holed wing, exploded,
70004_2	WT_49	Probably 25 mm.	Left wing aeleron and	broke one aeleron arm.
8		explosive 3/3 shell	aeleron control	
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14			in II only; identify with planes li	

(b) SQUADRON	NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	CONDITION OR STATUS
	None		

VIII.	RANGE,	FUEL, AN	D AMMUNI	HON DATA	A FOR PLAN	(g	TOTAL AMML	INITION EXPEN	NDED	NO. OF PLANE RETURNING
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IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Che	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
CALIBER	110112	-	Y	
Y — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over			Y	
UM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm		3.5		
T — 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

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

None encountered

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XI. ATTACK ON EN	IEMY SHIPS OR	GROUND OBJECT	IVES (By Own Aircraft Liste	d in 11 Only)	•
(a) Target(s) and Location	(S) Hime ji A	F, Kobe Area,	JNDER ATTACK) (b) Time O	ver Target(s)	0940(-9) (Zone)
(c) Clouds Over Target	Scattered cu	mulus 2,500 to	7,000 TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
(d) Visibility of Target	Partially ob	scured by cloud	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	Visibility_No	L5-20 (MILES)
(f) Bombing Tactics: Type	Glide l plane 0	(LEVEL 12E OR DIVE)		Jsed 8-Mai	rk VIII (TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Ru	1-6; 7-12 (NUMBER	Spacing 🍮	00-150 feet Altitude	e of Bomb Rel	ease 3,500-3,000
(g) Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	2 Probably Destroyed	0	Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) 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)
Across North Rev- etted Dispersal	3,000 ' X	2 VT-49	24-100# GP'S	All in area.	Smoke from one revetment noted.
² Apron & hangar dispersal area		VT-49	48-100# GP'S	All in area.	One hangar damaged.
3 Shop and repair area.		VT-49	6-100# GP*S	All in area.	in unid. bldg.
4 South revetted dispersal area	1500' X 1500'	VT-49	12-100# GP'S		Not observed.
5 Airframe plant bl Kakogawa town		VT-49	12-100# GP'S	8 or 9	Roof damage and fire.
6 Fex Uncle, 500 years off Eishima in	5000 tons	VT-49	150 rounds .50 cal. strafing.	Many	Serious.
7 Harima Nada					
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- Exhibit A is a K20 shot of the north dispersal area, showing smoke from a plane burning in a revetment-The only damage picture that was obtained.
- Exhibit C shows a before and D an after picture of the probably airframe plant on which Lieut. Livingston dropped after his bombs failed to release over the airfield.
- Exhibit B shows Ensign Coffey's plane and the Fox Uncle which he strafed, just 6. before his run, on the way to the rendezvous area. The anchored ship smoked heavily and later was further damaged by fire in a later sweep.

⁽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).

EXHIBIT "A"



EXHIBIT "B"



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Exhibit C

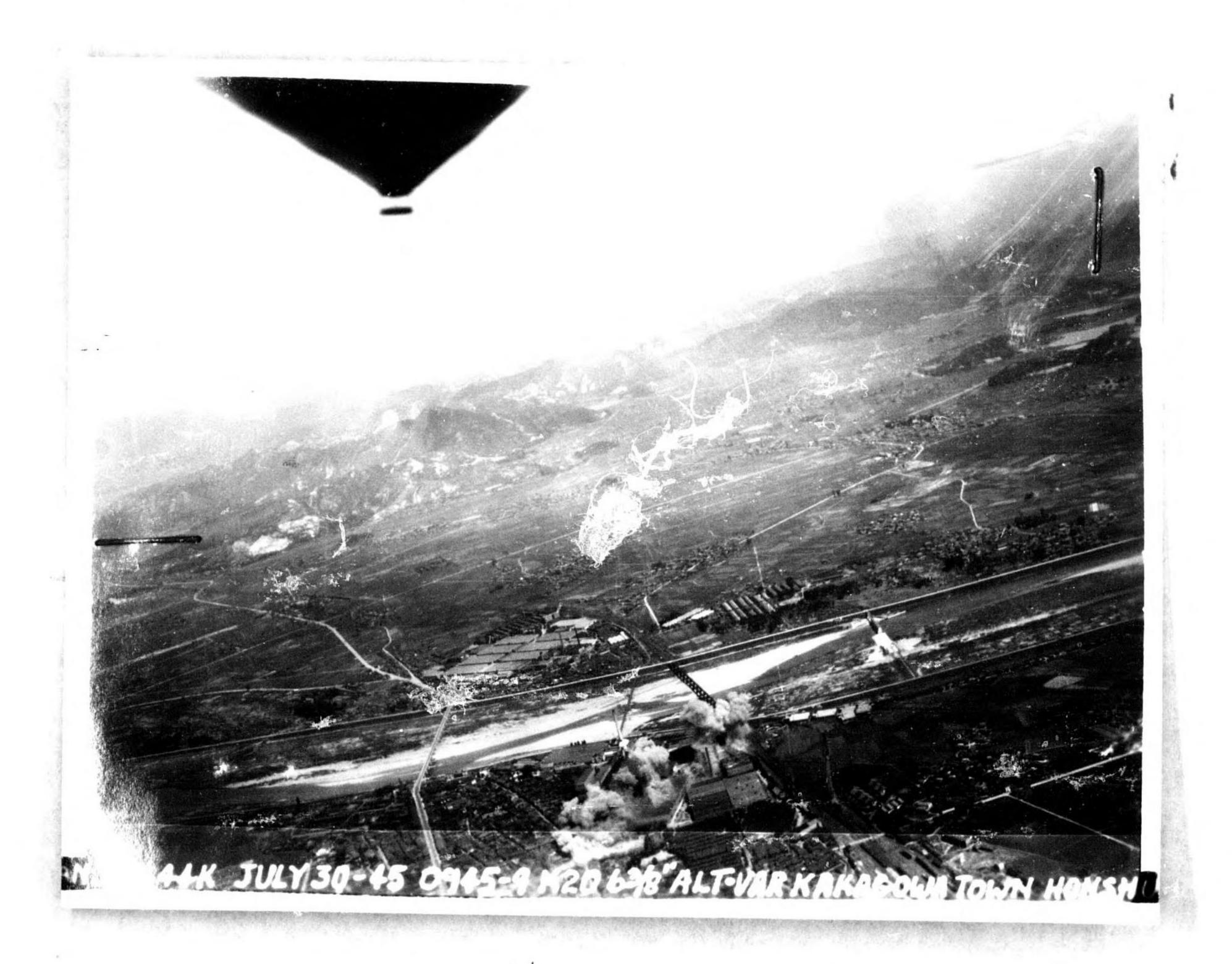


Exhibit D

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 Strating 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.)

> After a series of strikes at the heavily defended Naval Base of Kure, and following a day's rest, a series of airfields sweeps and strikes were called which required coverage by this Air Group of eight fields Northwest of Kobe and on Awaji Island, three of them picked as primary bases for the defense of the Osaka-Kobe area.

When Torpedo Squadron FORTY-NINE'S nine planes were launched at 0730 on 30 July, the flight was prepared to strike any one of the three priority fields. Communication with the leader of an earlier sweep indicated that many of the fields were poor targets and the strike leader decided to attack Himeji, a few miles from the Inland Sea, which was approached over Japan's southernmost Kumano peninsula.

In the approach across the Kobe area coastline, the flight encountered accurate bursts of heavy flak, over the Harima Arsenal, but fortunately escaped damage. Scattered cumulus cover made orientation difficult, and the airfield was spotted when the flight was directly over it. Lieut. Peters made a 270° turn to port and with his wingman, It(jg) Pruitt and Ensign Coffey, made runs to the South across the extensive northern dispersal area, where at least one plane was fired by the 100 pounder G.P.'s dropped. With six remaining bombs, the Skipper was able to get into position for a run to the North West and got at least one hit on a building in the shops area Southwest of the runway.

Lts(jg) MacCollister, Richards, Ferbert and Ensign Poulson all dropped on the plane parking areas and shelters for hangars along the West side. A fire was observed in one of these hangars, which was currently undergoing repairs from previous damage. Ensign Seckinger's dozen centuries were placed across the small taxi-loop to the south where photo intelligence has revealed the presence of three planes, but no damage could be assessed, as no post attack pictures were obtained.

Lt(jg) MacCollister's plane was holed on pullout, limiting his aileron control for a short while. Lieut. Peters also took a wing stub hit as he retired Westward from his second run. Both hits, apparently explosive 25 mm. shells, seemed to come from the heavily gunned built-up area to the West of the field.

Lieut. Livingston, who had been unable to get his bomb-bay doors open over the airfield in his run, nevertheless got some well placed hits on a large saw-toothed factory, thought to be an airframe plant at Kakogawa town. Despite the inappropriate bomb load and fuzing, a fire was started which VF-49 planes saw gaining ground when they passed over some minutes later

On approaching the rendezvous point off the village of Eishima. Ensign Coffey spied a good-sized merchant vessel at anchor. In a determined strafing run, he started a fire, smoke from which was clearly visible from the rendezvous area. This ship, a Fox Uncle of about 5,000 tons, was still emitting smoke four hours later when a VF-49 sweep rocketed and strafed it, setting additional fires.

The flight returned to the Task Force beneath a 6,000 foot ceiling. the damaged planes having no landing difficulties, and pancaked after having been airborne for over four and one half hours.

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

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ARMAMENT

Guns, Gunsights
Turrets
Ammunition
Bombs, Torpedoes
Bomb Sights
Bornb 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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None

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