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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

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e) Mission_				ERED BY TH	HIS REPO				
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		CARRIED (PER PLAN (f)	E)	FUZE, SET	
BM-3E	VT-33	1	O	1	10 x	100 G.P.	No	se AN M 1	03Al Ins
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III. OT	HER U. S.	OR ALLIED	AIRCRAFT		D IN TH	S OPERATION.	L NUMBER	BAS	C
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE		TYPE SQUADROI	NUMBER	BAS	
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IV. EN	EMY AIRC	RAFT OBSE	RVED OR I	ENGAGED (Aircraft Listed in	II Only).		(a)
(a) TYPE	NO. OBSERVED	NO ENGAGING	ENCOUNTER	LOCA ENC	(e) ATION OF OUNTER	BOMBS, TOR GUNS	PEDOES CARRIED; OBSERVED	CAMOL	JFLAGE AND ARKING
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Did Any Encount Time of (i) of Sun (a)	Part of ter(s) Occur Day and Bror Moon — EMY AIRC (b) DESTROY TYPE A/C	RAFT DEST OYED OR DAMA SQUADRON	(YES OR NO (NIGHT, BRI ROYED OR AGED BY:	one) If so, Desconding the moon; DAY DAMAGED	IN AIR	(By Own Aircraft	(k) Visib	nly).	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED

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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

(a) (b) (c) (e)

(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)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) NO.	(b) SQUADRON	NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) TYPE	(b) (c) MILES MILES	AV HOURS	(e) AV FUEL	AV. FUEL	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h)	
A/C	OUT	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
TBM-3E	65	65	2 5/6	330	220	0	400			1
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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	X			
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).

SPEE	D, CLIA	ИB,
at	various	altitudes

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TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

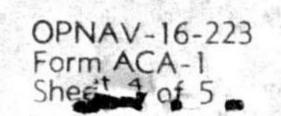
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		d Visibility	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)	**	-74-4-3
Visibility of Target	Clear, HAZ	Y, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)		nlimited
Bombing Tactics: Typ	e Glide	(LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight U	sed MK ocket S/	R -TYPOOO yard
Bombs Dropped per Ru	in O (NUMBER	Spacing		of Bomb Rel	3000
Number of Enemy Air			Probably Destroyed		_ Damagedo
(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	serious, destroyed or sunk)
Gun emplace-	701 x 400	VT-33	10 x 100 G.P.	5	Extent Unobservable
ments			8 HVAR	8	
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1. Gun emplacements were on side of ridge and area was 70° x 400°. Extent of damage could not be observed from the air.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

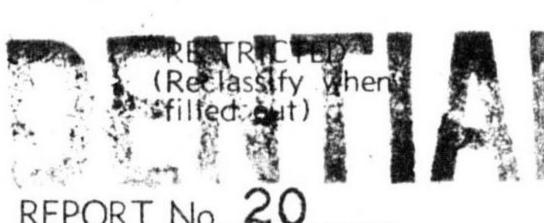
⁽o) RESULTS: (For all hits claimed on ship targets and for land targets of special interest, draw diagram, top or side view or both, as appropriate, showing type and location of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sheets if necessary).



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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.)

Lieutenant Commander Gilkeson served as Air Coordinator for planes from U.S.S. RANDOLPH. Number of the Air Group is not known.

The fighter planes were very accurate with their rockets but the TBM bomb drops and rocket hits were very inaccurate.

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

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

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

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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Commanding Officer, VT-33
signatur Commander, CVEG-3R3NK AND DUTY

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