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I. GENERAL

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TYPE	SQUADRON	AFT OFFICE	NUMBER	ERED BY T	HIS KEPC					-
(a)	(b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)	BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)			FUZE, SETTING (g)		
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B2C-4E	VB-82	11	USS BENN	LHGION						
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IV. EN	IEMY AIRC	CRAFT OBSI	ERVED OR E	NGAGED (By Own A	ircraft	Listed in 11	Only).		
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None.			(201	NE)						
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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)	(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) (b) SQUADRON NAME, RANK OR RATING CAUSE CONDITION OR STATUS

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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING										
(a) TYPE	(b) MILES	(c) MILES	AV. HOURS	(e) AV. FUEL	(f)	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h)
A/C	OUT	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
TBM_3	80	65	3.1	335	155	300	2000			14
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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	2					
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	*					

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

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

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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	•		VES (By Own Aircraft Listed	**	
Target(s) and Location	(S) Beach Ar	cas, Zamami Ji	INDER ATTACK)	er Target(s).	0940(I) (Zone
Clouds Over Target		atus, 7/10			
		(BASE IN FEET,	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		7 miles.
Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HAZ	Y, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	Visibility	(MILES)
Bombing Tactics: Type	Shallow	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb. Sight U	sed	COOTYPE
		(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	40		500 Tor incends
Bombs Dropped per Run	10 (NUMBER	Spacing	Altitude	of Bomb Rele	ease 1200 for G.
Number of Enemy Airc	(i)	(i) NO. A/C ATTACKING	(1)	(m) NO. HITS On	Damaged
AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	Aiming Point	serious, destroyed or sunk)
	600 x 400	8	40 G.P. and 40	Not	l. Serious.
sqs. 3373 P,Q,R,W		VT-82	incend.	Sot	To MOLT ORDS
0	200 x 200	VT-82	20 G. P.	observe	d. Not observed
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RESULTS: (For all hits claimed			The state of the s		

(See narrative)

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

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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

Pilot

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

TASK ORGANIZATION

Gunner

		CONTRACTOR AND
Lt.Cdr. E. E. DeGarmo Lt.(jg) J. F. Gilreath	H. W. Wolfe, AMMZo	H. J. Kraus, ARMSe
Ensign /P. (n) Cochran	G. (n) Reid, AMM2c	m. (n) relte, www.
Lt.(jg) E. W. Schramm	B.L. Cigainero, Aleisc	B. L. Manning, ARMSe
Lt. (jg) W. O. McDowell	L. (n) Clay, AMM Sc	T. B. Hanley, ARMSe
Ensign L. E. Syverson	G. R. Hawkins, AOMSo	G. G. DeGuerre, ARMSe
Ensign R. M. Schouboe	A.H.J. Hussey, Jr., AOM3e	A. J. Delaporta, Jr. ARM3e
Ensign W. E. Rehm	V. C. Carnazza, AMISo	R. T. Gallagher, ARMSe
Lieut. D. Robertson	J. A. Driscoll, AOMZe	J. J. Doyle, ARMSe
Lt. (jg) C. R. Walton	F. M. Silver, AMMZc	W. (n) Molohosky, ARM36
Ensign J. (n) Cohen	R. H. Bloom, AOMSe	G. A. Munson, Jr., ARMSc
Lieut. W. G. Reed	R. E. Dow, AOMZo	G. (n) Flashner, ARM3c
Lt. (jg) R. L. Mini	W. A. Raker, Almise	L. A. Walker, Jr., ARM3c
Basign R. L. Jackson	R. J. Garrett, AOMSc	G. (n) Gardner, Jr. ARM3c

This strike was scheduled to assist in the neutralization of potential defense positions in the Kerama Retto in preparation for landing operations.

It was a routine support mission, unopposed by enemy aircraft or antiaircraft fire. Arriving on station, the CAG-82 elements of the strike were directed to concentrate their attacks on the beach and brush areas of Zamami Jima.

VT-82's tactical plan as prescribed by Lt. Comdr. DeGarmo at briefing was to have the GP loaded planes lead the attacks to spread inflammable material for follow-up runs by those carrying incendiaries.

Targets hit and left burning briskly included two villages or camps close to the southern beaches of the island. Some incendiaries were saved to drop on the northern beaches and brush areas to take advantage of the north wing in spreading good fires through the low shrub and trees which might later afford Jap snipers concealment.

Due to the absence of friendly forces on the beach, raddom strafing was permissible against any suspicious installation, and 2300 pot-shots were taken with unobserved results.

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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

SIGNATURE

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

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