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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Town of Ishigaki, Ishigaki Shima, Sakishima Gunto. (b) Time Over Target(s) 1710-1830 (I) Zone
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALE IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target CAVU
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility Unlimited
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) ~~Attacking~~ Tactics: Type ROCKET Bomb Sight Used None
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- ROCKETS
Bombs Dropped per Run 8 Spacing - - - - - Altitude of Bomb Release 800
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 0 Probably Destroyed 0 Damaged 0

| (h) AIMING POINT | (i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE | (j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON | (l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT | (m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point | (n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk) |
|------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Town of Ishigaki, large buildings near the beach, appeared to be boat repair facility. | 4 | 28 - AR5" HE, head Inst-ND 800 - rounds .50 Cal. | - - - | Serious |
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(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).

Two large fires were started in the town of Ishigaki. One of these was centered around a large building near the beach, which appeared, from the number of boats docked and beached nearby, to have been in the nature of a boat repair facility.

Damage to target was considered serious.

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

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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

- 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

(12 July, 1945) One division (4 planes) from this squadron accompanied planes from VMF-314 and VMF-422 on a fighter sweep over Ishigaki, Iriomote and Miyako Shima, Sakishima Gunto. The primary mission was reconnaissance, with condition of the airfields of main importance. Rockets were carried for use against targets of opportunity.

From observations reported, Miyara Airfield on Ishigaki and the N-S runway on Hirara Airfield, Miyako could be used for landings and take-off.

Twenty-eight (28) rockets were expended against the town of Ishigaki. Two (2) large fires were started. One (1) of these was centered around a large building near the beach, which appeared, from the number of boats docked and beached nearby, to have been in the nature of a boat repair facility.

Some eight hundred rounds of .50 caliber were expended on the same target.

No anti-aircraft was observed, so the runs were made at low altitude, rockets being released in a very flat glide at 800 feet. No definite method of attack was employed. Planes selected targets and came back to fire at them. The flight was over the three islands from 1710 to 1830 (I).

All planes returned safely to base landing at 1941 Item.

The following VMF-113 pilots participated:

- Capt. G. B. HERLIHY - Division Leader
- 2nd Lt. S. O. MINARD - Wingman
- 1st Lt. A. D. ANTON - Section Leader
- 2nd Lt. P. J. MILLER - Wingman

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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
- 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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