### RAFT ACTION REPORT

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XI. ATTACK ON EN	IEMY SHIPS OF	R GROUND OBJECT	TIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed	in II Only	(I)
(a) Target(s) and Location	n(s) South	Okinawa PS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA	UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Ove	er Target(s	0635-0840 (Zone)
(c) Clouds Over Target			O feet, Cover 3/10		
(d) Visibility of Target	Partially (CLEAR, HA	obscured by	relouds (e) V	/isibility	Unlimited (MILES)
(f) Bombing Tactics: Type	Steep	glide (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight Us		None (TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Ru	1-500# (NUMBE	Spacing_	40 feet Altitude	of Bomb Re	lease 2500 feet
(g) Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed_	None	_ Damaged _ None
(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)
Gun positions Machinato Airfie	la	VF-40	4-500# G.P. Bombs	4 in area	One emplacement destroyed, oth
<sup>2</sup> Gun positions Machinato Airfie	ıa	VT-40	15-100# B.P. Bombs	2 in	possibly damag
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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

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

## 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

### <u>VF-40</u> <u>VT-40</u>

Lieut. R.E. JOHNS, Jr.

Lieut. E.G. TRULY

Ensign J.J. McGRATH

Lieut. R.I. ROTH

Lt.(jg) A.A. LEE

Ensign J.J. McMONIGLE

Flight took off at 0600, reported on station at 0635, and were assigned two targets between that time and their departure at 0840.

The first target was A/A emplacements at northeast end of Machinato runway. Attacking in 500 glides from 8000 to 9000 feet and bombing through a thin, low-lying cloud cover which partially filmed the target, VF laid 4-500# G.P. bomb and VT dropped 15-100# G.P. bombs in the target area. One of VT's 100#'s was a direct hit on an emplacement and destrict. Demage from the other bombs could not be determined. The attack was met by fire from one of the light A/A target positions and it was this active emplacement which was destroyed by the VT's direct hit.

The second target was a group of tanks or completely armored vehicles drawn up beside an embanked road at the southeast end of Inasom. VF attacked the position given with 24-5" H.E. rockets, but on this pass did not see the tanks and was unable to assess possible damage. VT follows with a rocket and bombing attack scoring at least one direct hit with a 5" H.E. rocket and destroying one of the tanks which burned throughout the rest of the attack. A second fire started in the undergrowth just off the road, throwing off black smoke in volume and intensity similar to that of the burning tank. This second fire may have come from another hidden tank or vehicle. VT continued to strafe the tanks, riddling them. Their fire was answered by an m/g or light A/A from the bank overlooking the tanks.

VF, in pulling out of their first attack, saw four or five more tanks on the other side of the hill and made strafing runs. The tanks, or armored vehicles, were well hout positive signs of damage were lacking except that the tanks returned their fire on the first run but were silent on the last run. It is believed that the tanks were serious damaged.

Two VT pilots dropped 15-100# G.P. bombs on a reported storage area in the town adjoining that in which the tanks were seen. Five of the bombs landed squarely in the designated area, blowing up its canvas cover, but there was noth in the area.

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

No comments.

#### 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

REPORT PREPARED BY

Lt.Cdr., USN, Acting 4

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

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	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) 10.	(b) SQUADRON	NAME,	(c) RANK OR RATING		(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e) AV. FUEL	AV. FUEL	(g)	TOTAL AMMU	NITION EXPE	NDED	NO. OF PLANES
TYPE A/C	MILES	MILES	AV. HOURS IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
F6F-5	- 60	- 60	3.5	325	205		720	A		3
TBM-3C	60	60	3.7	335	210					4
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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		100 AND 100 AND	Valority and the
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	X			_ \
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm		I	144 7 17	

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

TURNS

CEILINGS

RANGE PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

### CRAFT ACTION REPORT

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XI. ATTACK ON EN	NEMY SHIPS OR	GROUND OBJECT	IVES (By Own Aircraft Listed	in II Only)	(I)
Target(s) and Location	n(s) Trucks	Southern O	LINAWA (b) Time Ov	er Target(s)	1245-1435 (Zone)
Clouds Over Target	ase 1200 1	eet, top 500	00 feet, cover 10/	10 over	target.
Visibility of Target	lear benes	th/overcast	(e)	Visibility	10 miles
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(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	NO. HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
A trucks		2 VF-40	Possibly 2 to 4 rockets*	None	Well hit by strafing.
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	Target(s) and Location Clouds Over Target Visibility of Target Bombing Tactics: Type Bombs Dropped per Ru Number of Enemy Air AIMING POINT	Target(s) and Location(s)  Clouds Over Target  Visibility of Target  Bombing Tactics: Type  Glide  Rombing Tactics: Type  Mone  Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Gro  AIMING POINT  AIMING POINT  Tonnage  Trucks  (FOR SHI)  (CLEAR, HAX  (CLEAR, HAX)  (CLEAR, HAX)  (I)  DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	Target(s) and Location(s)  Trucks, Southern Of Ground Object  Target(s) and Location(s)  Trucks, Southern Of Ground Object  (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL, IN AREA  Clouds Over Target  Visibility of Target  Clear beneath overcast  (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED  (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED  (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED  (CLEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)  Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed  (h)  AIMING POINT  DIMENSIONS OR  TONNAGE  (j) NO A/C ATTACKING  (k) SQUADRON	Target(s) and Location(s)  Trucks Southern Okinawa (b) Time Over Clouds Over Target  Clouds Over Target  Topic Ships Include All, In Area under ATTACK)  Clouds Over Target  Clear beneath/overcast  (clear, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.)  Bombing Tactics: Type  Glide, Tockets and Straffing  Clevel, GLIDE OR DIVE)  Bombs Dropped per Run  None  (Number)  Spacing  (FEET)  Altitude  Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed  OIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE  (k) SQUADRON  COVER 10/  COVER	XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only)  Target(s) and Location(s) Trucks, Southern Okinawa (b) Time Over Target(s)  (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALY, IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)  Clouds Over Target  Cover 10/10 over Target(s)  Clouds Over Target  Cover 10/10 over Target  Clouds

<sup>(0)</sup> 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).

It is not known whether Lt.Cdr. Sampson fired his rockets. The first att made by Sampson and his wingman, Denman, was a rocket attack. Denman led the attack and was unable to observe whether Sampson's rockets were launc Denman's own rockets hung and could not be launched.

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#### ENEMY AIRCRAFT

Method of Locating, Distance Disposition Altitudes Speeds Approach Tactics Use of Cover, Deception Angles of Attack Distance of Opening Fire Defensive Tactics

## 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
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Defensive Tactics
Use of Radar
Reconnaissance
Photography
Briefing

#### **OPERATIONAL**

Navigation
Homing
Rendezvous
Recognition, Ships
Communications
Flight Operations
Search and Tracking
Base Operations
Maintenance

## <u>VF-40</u> <u>VT-40</u>

Lt.Cdr. R.D. SAMPSON Lieut. W.B. TRACY
Lt(jg) M.F. DENMAN Ensign R.A. ADRIAN
Lieut. A.J. BARANOWSKI Ensign G.O. THORNE
Ensign B.W. SMITH Ensign R.J. DYER

The flight took off at 1200, led by Lieutenant Comman Sampson, and reported on station at 1245(I). The island we covered by an overcast, base 1200 feet, top 5000 feet. The flight was left to orbit for half an hour above the overcaster which Lieutenant Commander Sampson was directed by CASCU to take his wingman and go down through overcast to search for and attack reported truck activities.

Sampson and Denman found and strafed four trucks at various localities in Southern Okinawa, hitting each of th four trucks well. The trucks were stationary and damage could not be observed. The third truck replied to their fire with a machine gun.

In pulling out of his strafing run on the third truck Denman discovered the fourth truck and called Sampson, reporting that he would strafe the fourth truck while Sampson continued attack on the third. There was no answer to Denman's call, and a moment later as Denman pulled out of his last run he saw an explosion and flying plane-debris below the base of the low clouds from which he and Sampson had been starting their runs. Denman followed flaming wreckage in its fall behind enemy lines but saw no signs of life. No parachute was observed by Denman. A plane from another air group reported an unopened parachute in the art of the wreckage. Neither Sampson nor Denman had dropped their 500# G.P.'s. Sampson had probably discharged his rockets in the first truck attack.

Lieutenant Commander Sampson is considered to be miss in action.

Denman was directed to rejoin rest of flight which was still orbiting above clouds, and the flight was then order by CASCU to return to base.

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ARMAMENT

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

Failure of Denman's rockets to launch resulted from

failure to remove shorting clips from pigtail plugs.

#### Bomb Releases COMMUNICATIONS

Guns, Gunsights Turrets Ammunition

Bombs, Torpedoes Bomb Sights

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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### RCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
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TBM-3	120	70	3.6	335	235				76.79	3
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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	I			
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

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CEILINGS

RANGE

PROTECTION

ARMAMENT