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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE) REPORT No. XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in 11 Only). (b) Time Over Target(s) 0715-0840 (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Artistics and Location(s) Artistics and Location(s) (c) Clouds Over Target Base 3000 feet, top 12,000 feet, cover 10/10/. (e) Visibility 10 miles (d) Visibility of Target Clear beneath overcast (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) None (TYPE) Bomb Sight Used (f) Bombing Tactics: Type_ EVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE) 1-500# Bombs Dropped per Run 100# G.P. variobacing Altitude of Bomb Release 1500 feet (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed___None Probably Destroyed None Damaged None BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT NO. HITS On Aiming Point DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE (j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (h) AIMING POINT (k) SQUADRON 4-500# G.P. Bombs 4-500# Artillery, 400 CASCU report yds, SW Kaniku VF-40 18-5" H.E. Rockets18 rockets on target in area 35-100# G.P. Bombs All in CASCU report 3 Artillery, 400 32-5" H.E. Rockets Area on target. VT-40 yds, SW Kaniku 5 6 7

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Their Effectiveness
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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
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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>

Lieut. BARANOWSKI Lieut. HUNT
Ensign SMITH Ensign CLINE
Lt(jg) CURRY Ensign McGRATH
Lt(jg) DENMAN Ensign SHORTALL

Flight took off at 0550(I), Lieutenant Baranowski leading, and reported on station at Okinawa at 0715(I). CASCU had flight orbit until 0750 before assigning a target at which time it was directed to attack enemy artillery en placements 400 yards southwest of Kaniku village.

All bombs and rockets were expended in glide bombing attacks, starting at 3000 feet with releast at 1500 feet and pull-out at 1000 feet. All bombs and rockets hit in assigned and CASCU reported them on target.

Following the attack flight was directed by CASCU to return to base.

Ensign William K. SHOR TALL landed at Yontan airfield as he had straggled behind in the attack, his radio was no functioning properly and he was low on fuel. He returned to base later in the day.

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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

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RECOGNITION

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STRUCTURE

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HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM Auxiliary Plant Lights

FUEL SYSTEM

FLIGHT CLOTHING

MAINTENANCE

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

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	(b)	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/CAUSE		WHERE H	OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of the			EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE,		
TYPE OWN A	C SQUADRON	TYPE	GUN, OR OPERAT	IONAL CAUSE	self-sealin	g tanks, ec	uipment hit)	(Give Burea	au serial number	of planes destroyed
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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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(c) Clouds Over Target		00 feet, top	4000 feet, cover	9/10.	
(d) Visibility of Target	Clear (CLEAR, HA	ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (e)	'isibility	10 miles
(f) Bombing Tactics: Type	5 to 10 1	CENEL. SLIDE OR DIVE	Bomb Sight Us		None (TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Ru	1-500# G	Spacing Spacing	50 feet Altitude		(FEET)
(g) Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Ione 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	
Trucks (3)		1 VF-40	Strafed		not observed
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6-5" H.E. rockets hung and were jettisoned later.

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Maintenance

<u>VF-40</u>

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Ensign R.A. ADRIAN

Ensign G.O. THORNE

Ensign R.T. BURNS

Flight took off at 1200(I), Lieut. Johns leading, and reported on station at 1235(I). A flash red condition temporarily immobilized mission and flight was orbited for an hour before receiving an assignment.

First assignment was to search for a reported A/A position of 6 guns between Takanyata and Karara. The position was located, but repeated low zooms by Lieut. Johns (ordered by CASCU) revealed the reported guns to be dummies made of logs.

In the course of the search for the A/A, Lt(jg) Uglow spotted three trucks in a camouflaged dugout in the side of a hill a half mile south of Takanyata. He led a strafing attack by VF in which he hit well all three trucks; but before the rest of the VF distinguished the target the flight was ordered to its main assignment, the attack on Jap front lines along a wooded ridge 2000 yards East of the Machinato airfield.

The entire flight made shallow glide bombing attacks on the indicated position, dropping all bombs, launching all rockets and strafing. Although fox-holes and connectivenches were visible in a few open spots the extent of the damage could not be determined. CASCU reported flight to have hit on target.

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