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TYPE	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	ATTACKING TARGET (e)	BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)				FUZE, SETTING (g)	
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(a) TYPE	OBSERVED	NO ENGAGING OWN A/C	ENCOUNTERED	LOCATI	ON OF INTER	BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED			CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING	
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V. ENE	MY AIRCR	AFT DESTR	OYED OR DA	MAGED IN	I AIR (By	Own	Aircraft List	ed in II Only)		
TYPE ENEMY A/C		YED OR DAMAG						WHERE HIT,	ANGIE	DAMAGE CLAIMED
ENEMY A/C	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT	OR GUNNER		GUNS U	SED		/\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	CLAIMED

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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only). (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C,
TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE TYPE OWN A/C

VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left). CAUSE CONDITION OR STATUS NAME, RANK OR RATING SQUADRON NO-251 EVANS, arthur C. 2ndIt. Bed landing Pilot suffered minor DENIES SEE OUTER OR the head SIGNAL ASSESSED Collided mid-eir while straffax E111ed in Action STURGIS, James B. 1stit. Seme es # 2. milled in Action

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED AV. HOURS IN AIR AV. FUEL CONSUMED NO. OF PLANES RETURNING (c) MILES RETURN AV. FUEL LOADED TYPE A/C MILES MM 20MM

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line). NONE MEAGER MODERATE CALIBER INTENSE HEAVY - Time-fused shells, 75mm and over MEDIUM - Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm 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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COMPIDENTIAL		COMIT THIS SHEET IF	NO ATTACK WAS MADE)		REPORT No		
			IVES (By Own Aircraft Liste				
(a) Target(s) and Locatio	n(s) (FOR SHI	PS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA	UNDER ATTACK)	ver Target(s)	(Zone)	
(c) Clouds Over Target		(BASE IN FEET.					
(d) Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HA	ZY. PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS. ETC.)	Visibility	(MILES		
(f) Bombing Tactics: Type	2	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight L	Bomb Sight Used		(TYPE)	
Bombs Dropped per Ru	NUMBE	Spacing	(FEET) Altitude	of Bomb Re	lease	FEET)	
(g) Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Gro	bund: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed		Damaged_		
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	NO. HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (N serious, destro		
truoks on South cars and boats	III COM	39	No bombs		300(g)		
Fuel tanks at I	OLOZIO.	7710-251					
Radio station a airield, south	LIZONET	710-251	**				
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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).

Strufed fired and destroyed:

- 27 trucks a civilian automobiles 35-foot motor launches
- 2. No observed damage

(p) Were Photographs Taken?____ 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

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

Method of Locating Target
Approach to Target
Altitudes, Speeds
Approach
Dive
Release
Pull-Out
Dive Angle
Strafing
Retirement
Defensive Tactics

DEFENSE, ENEMY

Evasive Tactics, Ships Concealment Anti-aircraft Searchlights Night Fighter Tactics

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

The tragic loss, on 20 January 1945, of two pilots and two aircraft, by this squadron, occurred while one division of four planes was engaged in strafing trucks, in the same general area. The accident was obviously caused by the fact the two pilots who crashed head-on, did not know the whereabouts of the other three planes in the flight. This rule must be instilled into all pilots engaged in this type of operation that no pilot will make a strafing run until he is positive of the whereabouts of every other plane in the flight.

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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

SIGNATURE

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

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