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GENERAL CAUSES OF ACCIDENT

NUMBER | CODE | DATE: 18 January 1945 | HOUR: 1455

PILOT'S NAME, RANK, & SERVICE GROUP: SHERMAN, Robert H., Ens., USNR

ORGANIZATION: VBF-85

DATE OF PILOT RATING	TOTAL HOURS	TOTAL HOURS THIS MODEL	TOTAL HRS. LAST 3 MONTHS	HRS. THIS MODEL LAST 3 MONTHS	FLYING LAST 24 HOURS
	711.8	39.4	81.7	20.7	0

PREVIOUS ACCIDENT RECORD

INJURIES TO PILOT: None

NAME & RANK OF OTHER PERSONNEL	INJ.
NONE	

AIRCRAFT MODEL & NO: F4U-1D #82588

DAMAGE	A	B	C	D	E	DAMAGE DESCRIPTION & REMARKS
AIRCRAFT	X					Sank at sea.
ENGINES	X					

GEN. NATURE: A-1

FLIGHT PHASE

SPECIFIC CAUSES

GENERAL CAUSES

PERCENTAGE EACH CAUSE: 50% P.E. (poor technique); 50% O.P.

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LOCATION: At sea.

PURPOSE: Rocket attack on towed spar.

SERIAL NO.: 9-45

TIME IN FLIGHT: 2 hr. 10 min.

CEILING	VISIBILITY	WIND	FORCE	PRECIPITATION	OTHER
2500'	15	335	23	--	broken ceiling between 2500-3500'

CLEARANCE: - - - - -

MANEUVER & ALT.: Post-attack rendezvous - 3500-4000'.

GENERAL NATURE OF ACCIDENT — PRIMARY-BOTTOM ROW, SECONDARY-TOP ROW

ANALYSIS

Mid-air collision with F4U-1D #57606, piloted by Ens. Mile G. Parker, Jr., USNR.

Sherman was outbound & abeam Parker when he started to shift to inside of turn. He, Sherman, did not see Parker until collision occurred.

Entered on Pilot's Card

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G	N	A-B	B	AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT RATE FORM NAVAER 00-6	G	N	A-B	BY WHEN
	✓	✓				X	A	

SPECIFIC TYPE OF ACCIDENT — PRIMARY-BOTTOM ROW, SECONDARY-TOP ROW