GENERAL CAUSES OF ACCIDENT

NUMBER

CODE: Marine

DATE: 17 July 1945

HOUR: 0755

PILOT'S NAME, RANK, & SERVICE GROUP: McGILL, William, 1st. Lt. MCR

ORGANIZATION: VMF-124

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
	1047.8	90.6	90.6	90.6	3.0

PREVIOUS ACCIDENT RECORD

INJURIES TO PILOT: Fatal

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NAME & RANK OF OTHER PERSONNEL

AIRCRAFT MODEL & NO.: F6F-5 #70048

DAMAGE	A	B	C	D	E
AIRCRAFT	X				
ENGINES					

DAMAGE DESCRIPTION & REMARKS: completely demolished

GEN. NATURE: B D

SPECIFIC TYPE ACCID: 4 Collision during bombing run

SPECIFIC CAUSES: (c) Failed to pull out of dive preceding skip bombing run

GENERAL CAUSES

PERCENTAGE EACH CAUSE: 100% Undetermined

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

LOCATION: MCAS, Mojave, Calif

SERIAL NO.: 7-45

PURPOSE: Skip bombing (dummy)

TIME IN FLIGHT: 55 min.

CEILING	VISIBILITY	WIND	FORCE	DARKNESS	OTHER
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CLEARANCE: Operational

MANEUVER & ALT.: Skip-bombing: 6,000 ft. above target.

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