

NUMBER		CODE		DATE		TIME		GENERAL NATURE OF ACCIDENT		PRIMARY-BOTTOM ROW SECONDARY-TOP ROW	
		CV		19 April 1945		1100		At Sea.			
PILOT'S NAME, RANK, & SERVICE GROUP						LOCATION		SERIAL NO.			
SCHAEFFER, R. T. Lt. USNR						At Sea.					
ORGANIZATION						PURPOSE		TIME IN FLIGHT			
VBF-35 (USS SHANGRI-LE, CV-38)						Search		3 hr. 50 mins.			
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	CLEARANCE	MANEUVER & ALT.			
		744.9	372.7	78.1	78.1	0	Unl. Unl. 078°	16 kn. — Good			
PREVIOUS ACCIDENT RECORD						CLEARANCE		MANEUVER & ALT.			
								Orbiting CV to Land 300 ft.			
INJURIES TO PILOT						ANALYSIS					
None						<p>Lt. SCHAEFFER took off from the ship at 0710 on a search. He had a 150 gal. universal droppable tank but he could not get proper suction either on deck or in the air, so he could not use it. The search was conducted at minimum cruising power. Upon returning to the ship, Lt. SCHAEFFER shifted from main to reserve tank. His fuel gage indicated approx. 80 gals. of fuel remaining and up to this time his engine had run satisfactorily and smoothly. Shortly after circling the ship, the engine coughed and momentarily stopped. Full rich and electric fuel pump were employed and the engine caught but ran rough. All engine readings were normal except fuel pressure which fluctuated between 0 and 16 lbs. After making an emergency landing signal to the ship Lt. SCHAEFFER made several circles with wheels and flaps down. The engine quit twice, finally necessitating a water landing.</p>					
NAME & RANK OF OTHER PERSONNEL						INJ.					
AIRCRAFT MODEL & NO.											
FG-1D #76484											
DAMAGE		A	B	C	D	E	DAMAGE DESCRIPTION & REMARKS				
AIRCRAFT		X					Plane crashed-landed and sank at sea.				
ENGINES											
GEN. NATURE		E+									
SPECIFIC CAUSES		F-2					Loss of power - material				
GENERAL CAUSES		Fuel system - undet. but material from P.P.					100% P.P. (Fuel system - Undet.) droppable tanks				
PERCENTAGE EACH CAUSE		100%					HHK				
TALLY		D	R	A-B	O	AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT CARD FORM NAVAER 339 C 1-43		D	R	A-B	OTHER
		✓	✓			Entered as Pilot Car		X	X		