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(a)	VEMY AIRC	T	RVED OR EN		(e)	Aircraft		(f)		CAMAC	(g)
TYPE	OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGINO OWN A/C	ENCOUNTERED	LOCA	ATION OF		BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED		CAMOUFLAGE ANI MARKING		
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LOSS OR DAMAGE, I number of planes destroyed	
os. at left).	
(e) CONDITION OR STATUS	

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING (h) NO. OF PLANES (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED (f) AV. FUEL CONSUMED (e) AV. FUEL LOADED AV. HOURS (c) MILES RETURN (b) MILES (a) TYPE MM RETURNING 20MM IN AIR OUT A/C 45 TBM-3

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over		X		
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	X			
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	X			

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

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at	various	altitudes

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TURNS
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RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

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VI.	ATTACK C	ON F	NEMY	SHIPS	OR	GROUND	OBJECTIVES	(By C)wn	Aircraft	Listed	in	11	Only)
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Clouds Over Target	A. A	800 - 8/10 (BASE IN FEET	TYPE AND TE	NTHS OF COVER)	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	10
Visibility of Target	Clear, HAZ	Y, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, E	TC.)	e) Visibility	(MILES)
Bombing Tactics: Type	Glide	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)			nt Used	
Bombs Dropped per Ru Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Gro	SpacingSpacingound: Destroyed	(FEE	robably Destro	yed	elease (FEET) Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT		(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS EXPENDED,	(I) AND AMMUNITION EACH AIMING PO	NO. HITS On Aiming Poin	n DAMAGE (None, slight serious, destroyed or sur
A 8869 "K"	2	7C-91	29 - 1	Rookets	mbs 25	Undebermined
froops in caves TA 8170 "M"		VC-91	The state of the s	ds50 cal		Undetermined
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Target #1. Artillery positions in TA 8369 "K" (if present as reported by CASCU) were concealed under brush. Twenty five 100 pound bombs landed in the designated area, starting one large fire in the brush. Damage Gould not be determined, but area was well plastered.

Target #2. Caves, at TA 8170 "M" into which troops were reported by CASCU to have been seen running, were attached with 22 rockets. An estimated eight landed in the mouths of the caves and the others close by. The caves also were strafed.

⁽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).

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ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY

Disposition 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

ATTACK OWN TACTICS

Night Fighting

Recognition, Aircraft

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

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.)

> Artillery positions and cares supposedly containing Jap troops were bombed and rocksted on Okinawa on 30 April by three TBM's of VC-91 and four mach from the Fenshaw Bay and Shaarock Bay. It was W-91's first strike after transferring the provious day from the SAVO ISLAND.

Lt. Richards led the flight, which originally included four VC+91 THM's, one pilot was forced to return after his windshield was broken by a bullet casing from a gun being tested on a plane close ahead. The group took off at 0600 and 45 minutes later was over the tergot area.

The first terget assigned by CASCO was artillery positions in TA 8369 "K", in rough Mill country. The gun positions could not be seen, but may have been under brush. Nor could the results of the bombing be observed, but the area was thoroughly covered with about 100 100-pound bombs, and the brush was not aftire. VC-91 pilots dropped 29 bombs, released manually two to a run, 25 definitely in the area.

At the conclusion of that attack, CASCU said that troops had been reported run ing into caves in TA 8170 "M", so Lt. Richards led the group in a rooket attack in that area. The low cailing made it difficult for the pilots to find targets after starting their dives through the overcast, but eight of 91's 22 rockets were seen to hit in or close by the mouths of caves. The caves were also strafed. Exact results could not be determined.

The pilots in their retirement runs in their round-robin attacks encountered heavy and medius anti-aircraft from three different batteries, but it was inaccurate and gave them no trouble.

The following VT pilots participated in this attack:

Lt. R. F. Richards (Flight Louder)

Lt. (jg) J. W. Burch Ens. I. L. Poobles

Ens. D. F. Griesinger (Pilot who was forced to return early).

One plane was forced to return to base with full bomb and

rocket loads after his windshield was broken by a bullet from a plane

ahead charging its gums. One rocket became unplugged and failed to

fire; one bomb failed to release because shackles were out of

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.

Use additional sheets if necessary).

synchronization.

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

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

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