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I. GENERAL

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a) Unit Re	eporting	VC-98	(b)	Based on or	at USS	Lunga	Point	(CVE 94)	c) Report No	VC98-2
d) Take of	ff: Date 8	June 194	5	Time (LZT	0600	(I)	_(Zone);	Lat. 25.10	Long	128.00
e) Mission	Direct	support	over Okin	awa Shim	a			(f) Time o	f Return 09	30 (I) (Zo
II. OV	VN AIRCRA	AFT OFFICIA	ALLY COVE	RED BY TH	IIS REPO	ORT.				
TYPE	SQUADRON	TAKING OFF	NUMBER ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	ATTACKING TARGET			AND TORPEDO		FUZE	, SETTING
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	10 -		(f)			(g)
TBM-3	VC-98	4		8	rocke	•••	ombs, 7	O" HE	delay ta	se and .02
	THED II C	OP ALLIED	AIDCDAFT	ELADI OVED						
TYPE	SQUADRON	OR ALLIED NUMBER	AIKCKAFI	BASE	IN IH	TYPE	ATION. SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE
TBM-3 TBM-3	VC-83	1	CVE 83	(Air Coor	rdinato	or)				
IV. EN	VEMY AIRC	RAFT OBSE	RVED OR EN	NGAGED (B	v Own A	Vircraft	Listed in 11	Only)		
(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d)	(By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only). (e) ATION OF BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED GUNS OBSERVED			CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING		
None			(ZONE	2)			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
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Did Any Encount Time of of Sun	Part of ter(s) Occur Day and Brion Moon	RAFT DESTR	(YES OR NO) (NIGHT, BRIGH	T MOON: DAY,	OVERCAST:	ETC.)		(k) Visib	nd TENTHS OF C	COVER)
TYPE ENEMY A/C		SQUADRON	ED BY:	OR GUNNER		GUNS L	JSED	WHERE	(c) HIT, ANGLE	DAMAG CLAIME
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YPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAL	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE. (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed
TBM-3	AC-88	Enemy A/A	Fuselage, elevator, wing	
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VII. PER (b) SQUADRON		CASUALTIES (in aircraft list	ed in II only; identify with planes II (d) CAUSE	isted in VI by Nos. at left). (e) CONDITION OR STATUS
VII. PER (b) SQUADRON		(c)	ed in II only; identify with planes I	(e)
VII. PER (b) SQUADRON		AME, RANK OR RATING	ed in II only; identify with planes II (d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
VII. PER (b) SQUADRON		AME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	CONDITION OR STATUS
VII. PER (b) SQUADRON	N	AME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) TYPE	(b) MILES		AV. HOURS	AV. FUEL	AV. FUEL	(g)	NO. OF PLANES			
A/C	OUT	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
3 TBM-3	62	62	3.5	335	200		N o	n e		3
1 TBM-3	64	64	1	335	55		No	n e		1
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IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over				
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm		X		
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 65mm-13.2mm		X		

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

Enemy aircraft not encountered.

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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	XI. ATTACK ON EN	NEMY SHIPS OF	R GROUND OBJECT	VES (By Own	Aircraft Listed	in II Only)	
a)	Target(s) and Locatio	n(s) Gun empl	Acements, Senage	Shima INDER ATTACK)	_(b) Time Ov	er Target(s	0625-0925(I) (Zone
c)	Clouds Over Target	Broken 350	O. Strato-Cumuli	TYPE AND TENTHS	OF COVER)		
d)	Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HA				Visibility	7 - 8
	Bombing Tactics: Type						Ll gun sight
	Bombs Dropped per Ru	_	Spacing	140 (FEET)	Altitude	of Bomb Rel	ease 1000 - 1500
g)	Number of Enemy Air	rcraft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	None Proba	bly Destroyed	None	_ Damaged_ None
	(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND EXPENDED EACH	AMMUNITION A AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1	Gun nplacements		3 VT - VC98	30 100# 1	bombs	15	3 destroyed
2	Caves			21 5" HE		8	Damaged
3							
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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)

Air Coordinater reported to flight leader that 3 gun emplacements in target area 7067w4 were unquestionably destroyed.

(p) Were Photographs Taken?_____Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, 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

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

At 0600 on 8 June 1945 four VT's from VC98 under command of Lieut. P. A. LAVARS joined four VT's from VC83, who had the flight leader in their group, for a direct support mission at Okinawa Shima.

Upon arriving at the orbit point Ensign L. L. ZIEGLER Experienced a bad oil leak, obtained permission and returned to base after jettisoning all bombs in the sea.

The balance of the planes arrived on target at 0645 and were directed to circle a pillbox in target area 7367A and prepare to attack. Heavy naval gunfire combined with artillery fire caused smoke to the extent that accurate bombing was impracticable. Air Coordinator thesefore directed all planes proceed to Senaga Shima, a small island off the southwest coast of Okinawa Shima, and prepare to strike gun emplacements in target area 7067w4. VT's made glide bombing attacks at a 30° angle commencing dive from 2500 and releasing at 1000 - 1500 feet. Two runs of this type were made with 5 100# instantaneous fuzed bombs being released per run. The Air Coordinator reported to flight leader that 3 gun emplacements were unquestionably demolished.

Following this all planes were directed to cares in an embankment in target area 70660 and two rocket runs were made discharging all rockets with unobserved results.

Following these runs Lt(jg) J. J. GOEBEL reported gasoline leaking in his bilge and requested permission to make an emergency landing at Yontan airfield, Okinawa Shima. Permission was granted and he landed without damage to plane or injury to occupants. Upon landing he found that his plane had been hit by A/A as follows: I hit on lower hinge of radiomans access door, 2 hits aft of radiomans access door, 1 hit in upper side of fuselage and 4 small holes in port elevator and starboard wing. No hits contributed to necessity for emergency landing (See X111)

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

Use additional sheets if necessary).

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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Ensign L. L. ZIEGLER returned from strike before reaching target with an oil leak. He landed at base at 0700. The oil leak was caused by the clamp coming loose on the push rod housing on the crank case end. This allowed the tube to come free and oil to escape.

Lt(jg) J. J. GOEBEL was forced to make an emergency landing at Tontan airfield, Okinawa Shima, because of a bad gasoline leak. It was found that the drain petcock in the bomb bay, for the gas tank, was not safety wired to that the handle opened allowing gasoline to excape into the bilge. The damage experienced by A/A was not a contributing factor.

Forwarded:

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10 June 1945

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