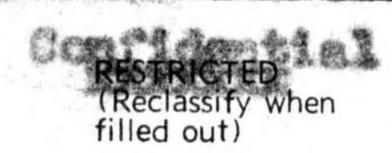
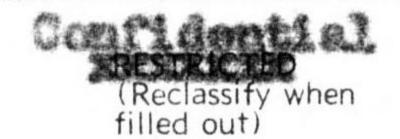
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I. GENERAL

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT



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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) NO.	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a)	(b)	(c)	AV. HOURS	(e) AV FUEL	AV. FUEL	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h) NO. OF PLANES
TYPE A/C	MILES	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
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-2	79	30	2.6	255	170		60			

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				
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	X			

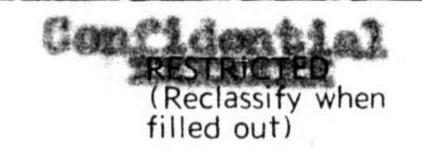
X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes TURNS DIVES

CEILINGS RANGE

PROTECTION

ARMAMENT





(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

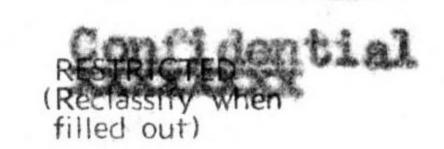


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	Clouds Over Target Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HA	(BASE IN FEET	T. TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER) BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	Visibility	(MILES)
(f)	Bombing Tactics: Typ	e	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight U	sed	(TYPE)
	Bombs Dropped per Ru	un Number	Spacing_	Altitude	of Bomb Re	lease (FEET)
(g)	Number of Enemy Ai	rcraft Hit on Gro	bund: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed.		Damaged
l.	(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	NO. HITS On Aiming Point	
1	rea above	100 x 100	3 THI-S 70-84	le MOO le GP AH-Mk 66 38 rookets, Mk. 1 body	All	2 c.d. sumo destroyed, Seriou
2			1 FN-2	ar 7 motor. Fronkets as above Fotal samo 2000 round		on to artillery positions.
3				50 cale, 5478 rounds		
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Direct hits were made both with bembs and rockets on the positions attacked. Assessment of demage is based on pilots' observation.

(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

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
Night Fighting
Recognition, Aircraft

ATTACK OWN TACTICS

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

On 1 April 1945, Love Day, at 1527 I, a support flight of 8 TBM-3 and an FM-2 Air Coordinator took off from USS MAKIN ISLAND for Okinawa Jima. It was joined by 12 FM-2 of VC-91 to make up a support group. The planes were instructed to attack C D and artillery positions on the eastside of Haha Airfield (7169 Nan 2 on local grid). The Air Coordinator spotted the positions with smoke rockets and joined in the attacks. Bombing runs

was made from 7000 feet with release at 2500 and pullout at 1500. Slant range for rocks to was 1800 feet in a run starting at 5000 feet. 3 strafing runs followed. Direct bomb and rocket hits were made on 2 C D gum positions and on artillery positions. The C D positions were believed destroyed and the other positions at least seriously damaged. The flight landed aboard at 1815.

Pilots -Lt. George Shaw-Corthorn, Air Coordinator.

Lt. Rrancis A. Holl, support group leader, Lt. Thomas R. Young, Lt. David J. Conroy, Lts. (jg) Howard A. Hughes, Wilbur E. Rge, Harry D. Anderson, Ensigns Fesley H. Richards, William T. Worden.

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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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Robert C. PULTON, Jr., Lt., USHR RANK AND DUTY SIGNATURECTICOR, VC-84

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