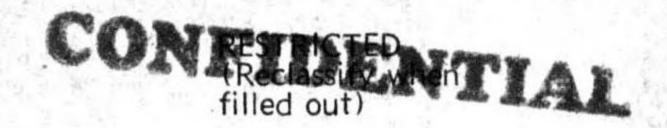
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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT



### I. GENERAL

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e) Mission	Strike	on Oldina	wa Shima			. A.	(	f) Time of	Return_1535	(Z) (Zone
II. OW	N AIRCRA	FT OFFICI	ALLY COVER	RED BY TI	HIS REPO	ORT.				
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	NUMBER ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)			AND TORPEDOES  D (PER PLANE)  (f)		FUZE, SET	TING
TML-3	VC-85	4		4		100# 5" HE	GP Ins Rockets	t.Mose:	.025 sec.D	olay-Tai
III. O	THER U. S.	OR ALLIED	AIRCRAFT	EMPLOYEI BASE	D IN THI	S OPER	ATION. SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	
1711-2	70-9		USS NATOM		VB-62	TIPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	DASE	
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IV. EN	IEMY AIRC	RAFT OBSE	RVED OR EN		By Own A	ircraft				(g)
TYPE	OBSERVED NO. ENGAGIN		G TIME LOCATI		TION OF OUNTER	TION OF BOMBS, TOR GUNS			RPEDOES CARRIED; CAMOUF S OBSERVED. MAI	
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			(ZONE	)	5					
			(ZONE	)	-					
(h) Appare	nt Enemy N	lission (s)								
	A LETTER TO THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY OF TH	ir in Clouds								
			(YES OR NO)	If so, Desci	ribe Cloud	s	(BASE IN	FEET, TYPE A	ND TENTHS OF COVE	R)
	Day and Br	Illiance								
Time of	Day and Broon	illiance	(NIGHT, BRIGH	T MOON; DAY	, OVERCAST;			_(k) Visib		LES)
Time of of Sun	or Moon		(NIGHT, BRIGH	.7		ETC.)	Aircraft Lis		(MI	LES)
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(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
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VII. PEI	RSONNEL	CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in	Il only; identify with planes list	ed in VI by Nos. at left).
(a) (b)		(c)	(d)	(e)

(a) NO.	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
10				
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

TYPE A/C	MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	AV. HOURS IN AIR	AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED			(h)	
						.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
THE-3	76	81	4hr5min	330	235	1350	1420			4
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IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

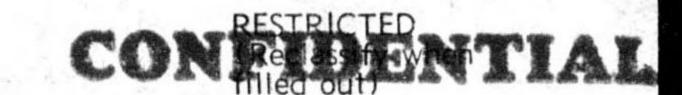
CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE	
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	X				
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	X				
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	X				

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION

ARMAMENT





(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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XI. ATTACK ON EN	NEMY SHIPS OR	GROUND OBJECT	VES (By Own Aircraft Liste	d in 11 Only)	1230-
Target(s) and Locatio	n(s) 2 Tillas	S INCLUDE ALL IN AREA L	(b) Time O	ver Target(s)	1430 (I) (Zone)
Clouds Over Target	5200				
Visibility of Target	CLEAR, HAZ	Y, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	Visibility	6 - 8 (MILES)
Bombing Tactics: Typ	e Glido	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight U	Jsed	VIII (TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Ru	in 2 - 5 (NUMBER	Spacing	Altitude	of Bomb Rel	ease 2000 (FEET)
Number of Enemy Air	rcraft Hit on Grou	und: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed		_ Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
Building	Sme.ll	3 TBH-3 VC-85	11 x 100# GP 10 x 5" HR Rockets	Known	Destroyed
Willage			27 x 100# GP 20 x 5" HE Rockets	Several	10 Bldgs. Destroye
			Total Ammunition 1420 x .50 cal		
			1350 x .30 cal		
	Target(s) and Location Clouds Over Target Visibility of Target Bombing Tactics: Type Bombs Dropped per Ru Number of Enemy Ai AIMING POINT	Target(s) and Location(s)  Clouds Over Target  Visibility of Target  Bombing Tactics: Type  Bombs Dropped per Run  (NUMBER  Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Gro  AIMING POINT  DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	Target(s) and Location(s)  (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA L  Clouds Over Target  (BASE IN FEET,  Visibility of Target  (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED  (BOMBING Tactics: Type  (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)  (NUMBER)  Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed  (h)  AIMING POINT  DIMENSIONS OR  TONNAGE  (i) NO. A/C ATTACKING  (k) SQUADRON	Target(s) and Location(s)  (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)  (Clouds Over Target  (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)  (Visibility of Target  (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.)  (E)  Bombing Tactics: Type  (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)  (In)  Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed  (In)  AIMING POINT  DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE  (I)  NO. A/C ATTACKING  (II)  NO. A/C ATTACKING  (II)  NO. A/C ATTACKING  (IV)  SOUADRON  EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT  (IV)  SOUADRON  EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT  (IV)  SOUADRON  EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT  (IV)  ATTACKING  (IV)  SOUADRON  EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT  (IV)  ATTACKING  (IV)  SOUADRON  EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT  (IV)  EXPENDED EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT  (IV)  EXPENDED EX	Clouds Over Target    Clouds Over Target

<sup>(</sup>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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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

Method of Locating Target
Approach to Target
Altitudes, Speeds
Approach
Dive
Pull-Out
Dive Angle
Strafing
Retirement
Defensive Tactics

### DEFENSE, ENEMY

Use of Jamming

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

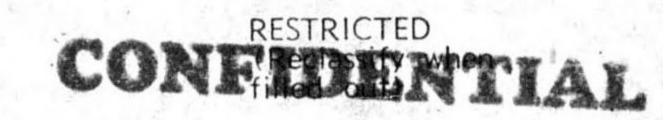
Four TBM-3s, led by Lieutenant Kenneth C. STOWELL, USNR, took off from parent ship, USS LUNGA POINT (CVE-94), to attack assigned targets on Okinawa in support of our ground forces.

The group rendezvoused with five FM-2s of VC-9, the senior pilot of which acted as Air-Coordinator. However, he developed radio trouble and then Lieutenant Stowell took over and directed the attacks.

First target was a village on the east coast of Central Okinawa where the enemy was reported to have a command post. Only one building was standing in the town. It was destroyed by bombs and rockets on one run.

The second target was the town of Ora, suspected of being a communications center. Here all remaining bombs and rockets were expended. Ten buildings were destroyed and several damaged.

No enemy opposition developed and all planes returned safely to base.



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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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One INS-5 redic enterms broke loose in a dive, and the wheels

One THE-3 had 2 receipts hang fire and fall to launch.

Two Till-Es had one hung bosh - both were jettisoned manually.

The bomb bay was checked and found to be in order.

\* The hydraulic charger control unit was found to be faulty and was replaced.

\*\* Due to faulty pig-tail on one recket which shorted out both reckets.

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Communication Correction.

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6 April 1946

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