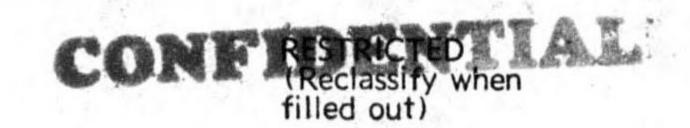
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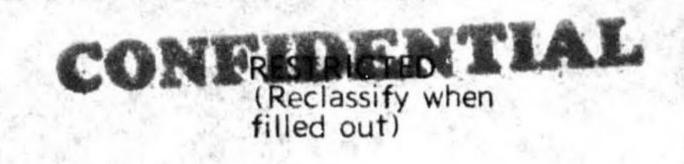


I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Re	eporting	. VC-85	(b) E	Based on or	at USS L	UNGA P	OINT (C	V2-94) (c)	Report No.	C-35 - 62
(d) Take o	ff: Date	37 March	1945	Time (LZ	T) 1130	(I)	(Zone); L	at. 25° 37	Long.	27° 29° E
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II. OV	VN AIRCRA	AFT OFFICIA	ALLY COVER	RED BY T	HIS REPOI	RT.				
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	NUMBER ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		CARRIED	D TORPEDOE (PER PLANE)		FUZE, SI	
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		1	AIRCRAFT		D IN THIS		,			
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IV. EI	NEMY AIRC	CRAFT OBSE	RVED OR EN	IGAGED (By Own Ai	rcraft Li	sted in II	Only).		
(a) TYPE	OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d)	LOCA	(e) TION OF OUNTER		(DOES CARRIED; BSERVED		(g) UFLAGE AND ARKING
			(ZONE)						
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			(ZONE))						
Did An Encoun	f Day and Br	ur in Clouds?	(YES OR NO)				(BASE IN	FEET, TYPE AN	D TENTHS OF COV	VER)
		OYED OR DAMAG	GED BY	AMAGED	IN AIR (B	y Own A	ircraft Lis			(4)
TYPE ENEMY A/C		T T		OR GUNNER		GUNS US	ED	WHERE H	IT, ANGLE	DAMAGE CLAIMED
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TYPE A/C	62	R2	4hrl6min	330	230	ETO	1270			A
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X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



(a)	Target(s) and Location	(S) (FOR SHIP	S INCLUDE ALL IN AREA U	VES (By Own Aircraft Lister (b) Time Own NDER ATTACK)	ver Target(s)	Zone)
(c)	Clouds Over Target	7000	Stratus	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
(d)	Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HAZ	Y, PARTIALLY OBSCURED E	(e)	Visibility	(MILES)
(f)	Bombing Tactics: Type	A322	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bornb Sight L	Jsed	(TYPE)
	Bombs Dropped per Rur	(NUMBER	Spacing	(FEET) Altitude	of Bomb Rel	ease(FEET)
(g)	Number of Enemy Airo	craft Hit on Gro	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)
1	Parracks Area Aragusuku Town	500 yards square	4 - TELL-3	27 x 100% GP 24 x 5° HE Rockets	All	Barracks Area Partially destroyed
2				770 z .50 cal		
3	Large Building Toyana Town	5 stories	4 - 7335-3 VC-35	10 x 100% GP 3 x 5" HB Rockets	. A11	Serious Damage
4				500 z .50 cal		
5			,			
6						
7						
8						

(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).

Portions of the barracks area were destroyed although accurate assessment could not be made.

The large building was damaged by direct hits but had previously been damaged by fighters of VC-35.

(p)	Were Photographs	Taken?	Photographs of	Damage, When	Taken, Should B	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

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

Led by Lieutemant Commander Fred C. HERRIMAN, USH, as Air Coordinator, four TEM-Se took off from parent ship, USS LUNGA POINT (GVE-94) to strike assigned targets on Okinesa Shima.

The group rendezvoused with four THM-Ss of VU-9. A group of fighters from another carrier group (TU 51.1.2) were supposed to join the THMs but no comtact was made with them. Commander Air Support Control Unit made every effort to locate the missing fighters but they failed to amssor up and were never located.

The THE were assigned two targets on southern Okinessa. The first was a group of easouflaged barracks which had previously been attacked by FE-2s from TC-85 and partially destroyed. Here the bombers dropped 27 bombs and 24 rockets and completed the destruction.

The second target was a large 3-story building at Toyana four which had proviously been damaged by VC-85 fighters. The group expended their remaining bumbs and rockets here and started several fires. Both direct rocket and bumb hits were observed.

Light moderate AA fire was observed but no planes were hit and all returned safely to base.

Three 100/ bombs hung up and were jettisoned later after the

planes left the target area. This trouble was ascribed to attempt

of the pilot to drop bombs in a dive angle steeper than normal.

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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

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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