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FM-2	VC85	8		4	1600	x .50) Caliber				
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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)		(e)	Aircraft Listed in II Only). BOMBS TORPEDOES CARRIED			CAMOUFLAGE AND		
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(a)	VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (7) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED					(f)			UTION EVER	IDED	
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TYPE	MILES OUT	MILES RETURN	AV. HOURS IN AIR	AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL - CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h)
A/C						.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
PM-2	37	41	4h	242	120		680			
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IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

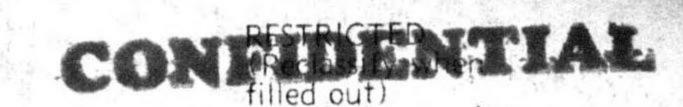
CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over				
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm				
LIGHT Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm			 	

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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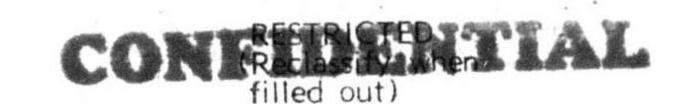


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	XI. ATTACK ON EN	EMY SHIPS OR	GROUND OBJECT	IVES (By Own Aircraft Listed	in II Only).	
(a)	Target(s) and Location	(S) ATT	llory Position	(b) Time Ov	er Target(s)	0830-1030(I) Zone)
(c)	Clouds Over Target	2000	Stratus 8/1	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
(d)	Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HA	ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	Visibility	10 (MILES)
(f)	Bombing Tactics: Type		(LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight U	sed	(TYPE)
	Bombs Dropped per Run	(NUMBER	Spacing	(FEET) Altitude	of Bomb Rele	ease (FEET)
(g)	Number of Enemy Airc	raft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed		_ Damaged
	(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	NO HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1	Camouflaged rtillery Position	Area 100Yds Sa	4 FM-2 VC85	680 x .50 Cal.		Not Assessible
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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).

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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
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Defensive Tactics, Own
"Enemy
Flexible Gunnery, Own
Escort Tactics
Fighter Direction

ATTACK

OWN TACTICS

Use of Radar

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

Right FM-2s of VC85 took off on combat air patrol over Okinawa Shima. On reaching their orbit point, the two divisions were ordered to split up, each to patrol a separate sector about 50 miles north of Okinawa. One division, led by Lieutenant William A. JAMES, USNR, made no attack on ground targets.

The other division, led by Lieutenant (junior grade) Robert N. BROWN, USNR, made a strafing attack on enemy artillery positions on Okinawa, after being relieved of their patrol.

No enemy AA fire was observed 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

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 FM-2 developed radio trouble and mal-functioning of the brakes. The radio trouble was traced to a shorted connection in the set. The brake trouble was eliminated by proper adjusting.

FORWARDED: G.A.T. WASHBURN,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding Officer,
U.S.S. LUNGA POINT (CVE-94)

APPROVED BY: