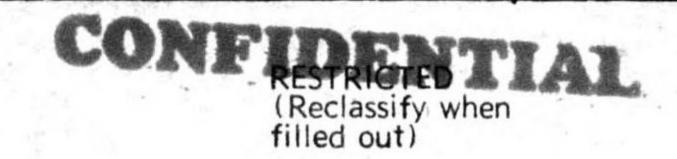
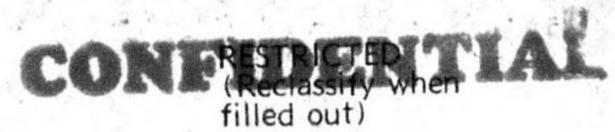
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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT



I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Re	porting	VC-85	(b)	Based on or	rat_USS LUNG	A POINT	(CVE-94) (c)	Report No.	-85 - 13
d) Take of	f: Date	9 April	1945	_Time (LZ	T) 0745 (I)	(Zone);	Lat. 25° 29	Long. 1	27° 44.
e) Mission	Stri	ke on Oki	nawa Shi				(f) Time of Re		
				and the state of t	HIS REPORT.			, turi	120110
TYPE	SQUADRON	TAKING	NUMBER	ATTACKING	вомв	AND TORPED		FUZE, SET	TING
(a)	(b)	OFF (c)	ENEMY A/C	TARGET (e)	CARR	(f)	NE)	(g)	
FM-2	VC-85	5		5	1 - 6 x F. 4 - 8 x 5"				
					1600 x .50	100			
					- 12 - 12 - 12 - 12 - 12 - 12 - 12 - 12				
	T	T	AIRCRAFT		D IN THIS OPE	RATION.			
TYPE .	SQUADRON TG-90	NUMBER	USS STEA	BASE BAY	(CVE-87)	SQUADRO	N NUMBER	BASE	
PM-2	VC-90	1	USS STEAT						
								*	
IV. EN	IEMY AIRC	CRAFT OBSI	(d)		By Own Aircraf	t Listed in	II Only).		(g)
TYPE	OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGING	ENCOUNTER	ED LOCA	ATION OF COUNTER	BOMBS, TOR	RPEDOES CARRIED; OBSERVED	CAMOUF	RKING
			(ZO)	NE)					
			/70						
			(Z01	NE)					
			(ZO:	NE)					-1
(h) Apparei		Aission(s)							
	Part of ter(s) Occi	ur in Clouds	2	_If so, Desc	ribe Clouds				
	Day and Br		(YES OR NO)			(BASE	IN FEET, TYPE AND		R)
		DAET DECT			, OVERCAST; ETC.)	A ·	(k) Visibilit	(MII	LES)
(a) TYPE		OYED OR DAMA		DAMAGED	IN AIR (By Ow	n Aircraft i	Listed in II Only		(d)
ENEMY A/C	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILO	OR GUNNER	GUN	S USED	WHERE HIT	ANGLE	DAMAGE
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REPORT No. VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only). (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C,
TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE (b) (a) SQUADRON TYPE OWN A/C 6 8 9 11 12 13 14 VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left). (e) (d) (c) (b) (a) CONDITION OR STATUS CAUSE NAME, RANK OR RATING SQUADRON

V 111.	KANGL,	I ULL, AIT	D AMMINIOIT		A FOR PLAN	,	TOTAL AAAAAII	NITION EVDEN	IDED	(h)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	AV FILE	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				NO. OF PLANES
TYPE A/C	MILES OUT	MILES RETURN	AV. HOURS	LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
FM-2	87	41	4 hr	242	150		1040			5
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		-100		•						

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Chec	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

CONFIDENTIAL



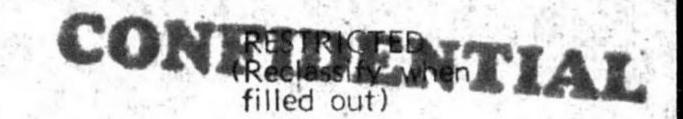
(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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XI. ATTACK ON ENE	MY SHIPS OR	GROUND OBJEC	TIVES (By Own Aircraft	Listed in II Only)	0830-
Target(s) and Location	(S) AFEILLOS	y Fositions.	OKINAMA (b) Tin	ne Over Target(s)	1030 (I) (Zone)
Clouds Over Target 12	00 - 1500	Stratus	3/10 8000 S	tratus 10/10)
Visibility of Target	Clear		ET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER		20
visibility of farget	(CLEAR, HAZ	Y, PARTIALLY OBSCURE	D BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	(e) Visibility	(MILES)
Bombing Tactics: Type -		(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE	Bomb Si	ght Used	(TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Run		Spacing	Alt	itude of Bomb Rela	
			(FEET)		(FEET)
Number of Enemy Aircr	aft Hit on Gro	und: Destroyed	Probably Desti	royed	_ Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO A/C ATTACKING	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING P	ON NO HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight,
tillery Positions	100 Yds.	5 PM-2	2 x F.S. Rocket	s All in	
on Hill	Square	VC-85	20 x 5" HE Rocke	ts Area	Not Known
tillery Positions In Caves	100 Yds. Square	5 FM-2 VC-85	4 x F.S. Rocket	72.75 (0.00)	Not Known
			1040 x .50 cal	495 64	
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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
", 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

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

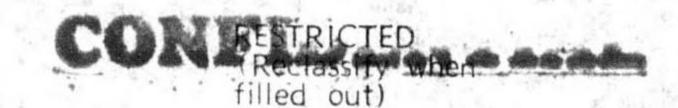
Navigation
Homing
Rendezvous
Recognition, Ships
Communications
Flight Operations
Search and Tracking
Base Operations
Maintenance

Five FM-2s of VC-85, led by Lieutenant Joseph A. KUSH, USHR, as Air-Coordinator, rendezvoused with one FM-2 and four TBM-Ss of VC-90 to provide direct support for ground troops on Okinawa.

The first target assigned by CASCU, CTF55, was a group of artillery positions on the central part of the island. After making a low level recommaissance of the area, holes were observed in the side of a hill at the designated spot. No guns were visible but rocket and strafing runs were made, as it was believed the guns were concealed in the hill openings. Twenty (20) rockets were expended in addition to .50 caliber. Results could not be assessed beyond the fact that the area was well covered.

The second target was a similiar group of artillery positions concealed in deep caves. Four rockets were expended in runs from 1200 feet altitude. Damage was not assessible.

Light, moderate, anti-aircraft fire was noted, but all planes returned to base without damage.



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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

SIGNATURE

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

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An engine malfunction was reported by one FM-2 pilot. He described the trouble as "engine popping".

No other material fallures were noted.

The Air-Coordinator reported that F.S. Rockets are excellent for designating obscure targets.

* Caused by spark plugs becoming fouled. Trouble eliminated

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