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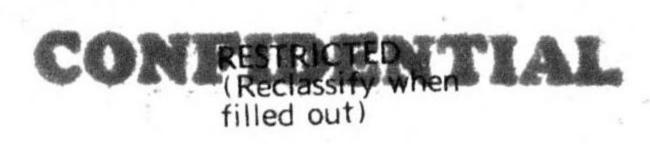


I. GENERAL

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		1 , 12	ALLY COVER			RT.	•	r) Time of	Return	5 (Zone
TYPE	SQUADRON		NUMBER		T		ID TORPEDOES			
(a)	(b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENEMY A/C	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		CARRIED	(PER PLANE)			SETTING g)
TBM-3	VC-85	8			TK.		Rockets mitions			
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111. 0	THER U. S.	OR ALLIED	AIRCRAFT	EMPLOYE	D IN THIS	OPERA	TION.			
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE		TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BA	ASE
IV. EN	NEMY AIRC	CRAFT OBSE	RVED OR EN	IGAGED (By Own Ai	rcraft L	isted in 11	Only).		
TYPE	NO. OBSERVED	NO ENGAGING OWN A/C	TIME ENCOUNTERED	LOCA	(e) TION OF OUNTER	N OF BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED GUNS OBSERVED		CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING		
			(ZONE)						
			(ZONE)						
			(ZONE							
		Aission(s)								
Did And Encoun	y Part of ter(s) Occu	ur in Clouds?	(VEC OD NO)	If so, Desc	ribe Clouds	5	(DACE IN	FFFT TVDE	ND TENTHS OF CO	DVED.
Time of			(TES OR NO)				(BASE IN			
	•		OYED OR D			•	ircraft Lis			(MILES)
j) of Sun	EMY AIRC				III MIN LD	W W W II /	1		(c)	(4)
j) of Sun V. EN	(b) DESTRO	SQUADRON		OR GUNNER	III AIN (D	GUNS US	SED	WHERE	HIT, ANGLE	DAMAGE CLAIME
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j) of Sun V. EN TYPE	(b) DESTRO	T					SED			DAMAG
j) of Sun V. EN (a) TYPE	(b) DESTRO	T							HIT, ANGLE	CLAIME

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(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	AGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
0	2			
8				
9				
0				
11				
12				
13				

(a)	(b)	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	sted in 11 only; identify with planes liste (d) CAUSE	CONDITION OR STATUS
. 5	SQUADRON	MAME, KAINK OK KITTIO		•
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VIII.	RANGE,	FUEL, AN	D AMMUNI	(0)	A FOR PLAN	(g)	TOTAL AMML	INITION EXPEN	NDED	NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
(a) TYPE	(b) MILES OUT	MILES RETURN	AV. HOURS	AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL -	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
A/C	47	AG	4 hr	330	200		125			3
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IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT EN	COUNTERLE	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
CALIBER		110111			
AVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	NOT ACCURATE			- A	
DIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	NOT ACCURATE				

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

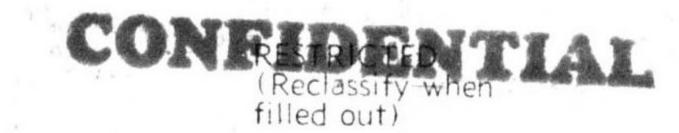
SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes TURNS

DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

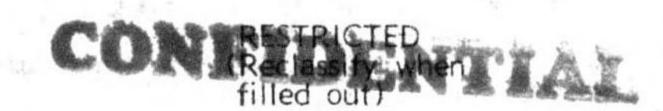


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	Gun Positions		1 TBM-3 VC-85	4 x F.S.Rockets 125 x .50 cal	Not	Observed
	6 Haystacks		1 TBM-3 VC-85	4 x F.S.Rockets	None	None
	AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED. EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk
)	Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Gr	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed_		Damaged
	Bombs Dropped per Ru	IN(NUMBE	Spacing	(FEET) Altitude	of Bomb Re	lease
				Bomb Sight U		
	(6)			BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (e)		
)	Clouds Over Target	ADUU	Stratus 7 10 (BASE IN FEET	. TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		

⁽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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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

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.)

Lieutement (junior grade) George M. ARMSBY, USNR, pilot of a TRM-3, took off at 0745 (I) on an observation-reconnaissance mission over Okinawa, with an Army officer observer as passenger.

Emmerous enemy artillery batteries were spotted and reported.

Four F.S. Rockets were expended on them.

Although moderate medium AA fire was encountered, the plane was not damaged.

Lieutement Joseph A. SHEHAN, USN, of VU-55, took off on a similar mission at 1130 (I). Recommaissance of south western Okinawa was made. Several haystacks, believed to be camouflaged enemy tanks, were observed and attacked with 4 rockets. No hits.

Charing Sidney R. O'NEIL, USNE, took off at 1330 (I) and observed and reported enemy activity in assigned areas on Okinawa.

We was successful in locating and reporting several active gum positions.

All planes returned safely to base.

No material failures were reported.

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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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