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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only). (e)
EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE,
(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) (d)
WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C,
TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE (b) (a) SQUADRON TYPE O'NN A/C Minor demage. Rocket shrapnel or light Hole in elevator. VC-91 TBM-3 AA. 9 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 None 4

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING (h) NO. OF PLANES (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED AV. FUEL CONSUMED (e) AV. FUEL AV. HOURS (c) MILES (b) (a) TYPE A/C MILES RETURNING MM 20MM .50 .30 IN AIR RETURN LOADED OUT 1325 3.30" 200 170 301 65 TBM-3 65

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER

NONE

MEAGER

MODERATE

INTENSE

MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm

None.

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

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	XI. ATTACK ON EN	IEMY SHIPS OF	GROUND OBJECT	TIVES (By Own	Aircraft Lister	d in 11 Only).	
(a)	Target(s) and Location	n(s) Enemy S	trong Point, O	Kinawa. UNDER ATTACK)	_(b) Time Ov	ver Target(s)	1700-I (Zone)
(c)	Clouds Over Target	Cumulus	- 4000 - 10/10 (BASE IN FEET	H. T. TYPE AND TENTHS	OF COVER)		
(d)	Visibility of Target	Fair (CLEAR, HA	ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	(e)	Visibility	10 (MILES)
<b>(f)</b>	Bombing Tactics: Type	Glide	(LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE)	)	Bomb Sight U	lsed	(TYPE)
Re	Bombs Dropped per Run	2 (NUMBER	SpacingSlant Ran	ge 805=100	Altitude O yds.	of Bomb Rele	ease 1500 (FEET)
(g)	Number of Enemy Airc	craft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	• Probal	bly Destroyed.	0	_ Damagedo
	(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND EXPENDED, EACH	AMMUNITION		(n)  DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
	Enemy strong pt. on SE side of	200 ft by 500 yds.	4 VC-91	8 - 500# ( 30 - 5" HE		All in area	Serious
marking.	ridge 7770V-7771	<del>-</del>		525 - Rds. 200 - Rds.	.50 cal	All in area	
	Group 6 houses in		VC-91	300 - Rds.	.50 cal	Majority	Undetermined
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Target #1. All eight 500-pound bombs and 30 rockets landed in Jap troop and gun strong-point (on southeast side of ridge). Pilots could not determine damage except for two rockets seen to enter caves, but CASCU said our ground troops reported "Some positions apparently knocked out".

Target #2. One pilot made two strafing runs on group of six small houses under trees from which he had seen machine gun AA tracers; damage from strafing not determined.

Target 3. Two pilots made two strafing runs on cave into which tax they had seen three Jap soldiers run; damage not determined.

p)	Were Photographs	Taken? No	_Photographs of	Damage,	WhenTaken,	Should Be	Attached By Staple.
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<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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ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY OWN AIRCRAFT

Disposition 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 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 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 Fuzina 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.)

> Four VI's composed VC-91's second Support flight over Okinawa on 15 May, the division taking off the MAKIN ISLAND at 1515 and going to the beach with eight other planes from our Carrier Group.

> > The operation is told by Lt. (jg) Kane, the Flight Leader:

"After circling an orbit point off the west beach for 30 minutes, the MAKIN division was separated from the others and with an FM-2 Air Coordinator from the FANSHAW BAY was directed by the Marines CSA to proceed to target area 7770V and 7771B. The target was described as a ridge running north and south and reported by our ground troops as an enemy strongpoint, with enemy troops and artillery occupying the caves on the southeast corner of the ridge.

"We circled over the target until the Air Coordinator marked it for us with a strafing and rocket run. We then proceeded to make our runs, from north to south, recovering to the right. We pushed over from 3500 feet and pulled out at about 1500 feet, dropping one of our two 500-pound bombs each run. We then made four rocket tuns, diring two per run at 800 to 1000 yards slant range and 30 degrees. This was followed by three or four strafing runs.

"The sky was solidly overcast above 4000 feet, but visibility was fairly good under that altitude.

"All bombs and rockets hit the target area. The bombs were evenly dispersed over the ridge, and the rockets were concentrated at the south-east tip; two rockets were observed to explode in caves. The CSA said the observing ground troops reported the bombs and rockets were 'right on' and that some enemy positions apparently had been knocked out.

"Lt. (jg) Smith spotted a few Jap soldiers on a road in target area 7569Q running into a cave, so he and Lt. (jg) Burch made two strafing runs on the cave, with unknown results. While this was going on, Ensign Peebles, who had noticed tracers from small calibre AA coming up from a nearby group of six houses under a clump of trees during his rocket runs (he later was to discover a small hole in his elevator, from AA or a rocket shrapnel), made two strafing runs on the houses. No fires resulted, but the AA stopped.

Pilots were:

Lt. (jg) D. G. Kane Lt. (jg) A. L. Smith Lt.(jg) J. W. Burch Ens. H. L. Peebles.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.

ARMAMENT

Guns, Gunsights
Turrets
Ammunition
Bombs, Torpedoes
Bomb Sights
Bomb Releases

None.

#### 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 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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