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VI. LUS	S OK DAM	AGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONA	AL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of the	ose listed in 11 only).
(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e)  EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE,  (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
None				
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

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(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(f)	(e)	(d)	(c)	(b)	(a) TYPE	
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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	97			
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	42			
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

None.

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
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	OMIT THIS SHEET IF	NO ATTACK WAS MADE)		REPORT No
XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY	SHIPS OR GROUND OBJEC	TIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed	in It Only).	10
(a) Target(s) and Location(s)	I REOR SHIPS INCLUSE ALC IN AREA	UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Ove	er Target(s).	(Zone)
(c) Clouds Over Target	Jork over Okinema, Shi	ET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
(d) Visibility of Target	TELEAR. HAZE PARGALLY) OBSCURE	DIS CLOUDS, ETC.)	/isibility	(MILES)
(f) Bombing Tactics: Type		Bomb Sight Us	sed	(TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Run	Spacing_	Altitude	of Bomb Rele	ease 100 / 1500 ( 500 / / 2800 *
(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft H	•	Probably Destroyed_	0	_ Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT  DIME	(i) ENSIONS OR ONNAGE  (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)
General Area, T.A.		7 - Rockets		
2 8361 "A" to 8361 "E" 2 to 8562 "0"	4	10 - 100 Bombs		
3	70-91	750 - Eds30 cal. 1480 - Eds50 cal.		Meterial
A Amphibious Boat	1			
5 Shelter 8260 "P.Q & R	** TC-01	4 - 500 Bombs	ALL	Indotermined
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A general area back to the demonstration landing beaches on the southern part of the island was wovered generally by strafing, rocket firing and bombs, but no particular installations were noted. Many fires were started, some small houses burned, and the area in general was pinned down.

The second target was designated as an amphibious boat shelter. No shelters could be found, but the area was located, and four 500# bombs were dropped within it. Such installations as were in the area were seriously damaged.

\_Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached By Staple. (p) Were Photographs Taken?

<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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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
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

Lt. Fletcher as Air Coerdinator, with three other TBM Pilots took off at 0950-I for direct support work over Okinawa Shima. They rendezvoused with TBM's from U.S.S. NATOMA BAY (CVE62) and reported to Commander Air Support Control Units.

The weather was very heavy over base, and in flying in to the orbit point, the pilots flew at an altitude of 800 feet. On arriving at the orbit point, they were told to orbit until further orders, and not until after 1100 were they given a target.

The weather had improved, and on order from CASCU, they proceeded to the southern part of Okinawa Shima for the purpose of pinning down an area 200 yards in from the landing beaches at that point.

The area extended about two miles, and started just north of the town of Minatoga. Several runs were made by all of the planes in the territory, and the strip was thoroughly covered by strafing, rockets and bombs. No gun emplacements were noted, and no other military installations could be discerned. However, several fires were started, some of them being buildings within the area, and the general area was well covered. It is thought material damage was done to whatever instattlations may have been present.

The runs were started from 6000 feet, were made from west to east at angles of about 50° and pull-outs ranging from 1500 feet to 1000 feet, according to the type of bomb released. The rockets were fired at a slant range of 1500 yards from a diving angle of about 30°. Strafing was accomplished on all of the runs.

rected they go to a point between two inlets in target area 8260 "P".
"Q" and "R", just east of this general area covered. All bombs and rockets had been expended with the exception of four 500 bombs. The Air Coordinator made a recommaissance run on the target area, but was unable to locate definitely any amphibious boat shelters. There were, however, some installations which were covered over and suspicious looking.

The TBM pilot who had the remaining four 500# bombs made one rum on the target from southwest to northeast, dropping his bombs within the designated area. All bombs exploded, and the area in general was devastated. We fires were noted and no debris was seen after the attack so the amount of damage cannot be determined. Upon completion of run on the last target, the pilots rendezvoused and returned to base without further incident.

No enemy aircraft and no enemy anti-aircraft fire was en-

CASCU congratulated the flight on the efficient manner in which it had covered the assigned areas back of the beaches. The following TRM pilots took part in this strike:

Lt. J. M. Fletcher (Air Coordinator), Lt. (jg) D.K. Butler, Lt. (jg) A. L. Smith and Ens. D. G. Griesinger.

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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

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

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