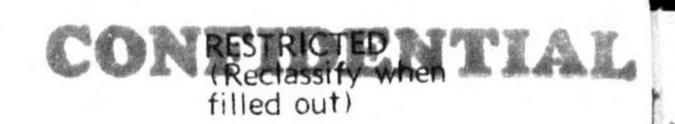
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I. GENERAL

) Mission	Strike	on Okina	wa Shima			(f) Time of	Return 1340	$(I)_{(Zone)}$	
II. OW	N AIRCRA	FT OFFIC	IALLY COVER	ED BY TH	HIS REPORT.					
TYPE	SQUADRON	TAKING	NUMBER	ATTACKING	BOMBS	AND TORPEDOE	S	FUZE, SE	TTING	
(a)	(b)	OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	(e)		(f)	40.00	(g)		
TIM-3	VC-85	2		2	10 x 100# 8 x 5" HE		Nose::	.10 sec.Del	Lay-Tall	
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HI 0	THED II C	OD ALLE	DAIDCDAET	ENADLOVED	IN THIS OPER	ATION		•		
TYPE	SQUADRON	HER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN SQUADRON NUMBER BASE			TYPE				BASE	
TIM-5	VC-91	2	USS SAVO I	ISLAND (CVE-78)					
IV. EN	NEMY AIRC	CRAFT OBS	ERVED OR EN	IGAGED (By Own Aircraft	Listed in II	Only).			
(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	NO ENGAGIN OWN A/C	IG TIME ENCOUNTERED	LOCA	(e) TION OF OUNTER	ON OF BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED SUNS OBSERVED			CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING	
			(ZONE)							
			(ZUNE	,						
	-		(ZONE	(1)						
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			(ZONE	2)						
h) Appare	nt Enemy N	Aission(s)								
h) Appare Did An Encour	nt Enemy N y Part of ter(s) Occu	Aission(s) ur in Cloud			ribe Clouds	(BASE IN	N FEET, TYPE	AND TENTHS OF CO	VER)	
Did An Encour Time o	y Part of ter(s) Occu f Day and Br	ur in Clouds	S? (YES OR NO)	If so, Desci	ribe Clouds	(BASE IN		and Tenths of Co	VER)	
Did An Encour Time o of Sun	y Part of ter(s) Occu f Day and Br or Moon —	ur in Clouds	(YES OR NO)	If so, Desci	, OVERCAST; ETC.)		(k) Visi	bility	VER)	
Did An Encour Time of Sun V. EN TYPE	y Part of ter(s) Occur or Day and Bror Moon	ar in Clouds filliance RAFT DEST OYED OR DAM	(YES OR NO) (NIGHT, BRIGHT (NIGHT, BRIGHT (NIGHT) (NI	If so, Desci	N AIR (By Own	Aircraft Li	(k) Visi	only).		
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PE OWN A/C	VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERAT (a) (b) SQUADRON TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAL		A/C, NAL CAUSE	(d)			(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destro			
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VII. F	ERSONNEL	CASUAL	TIES (in airc	raft listed i	n II only; ide	ntify with	planes liste	ed in VI by	Nos. at 1	left).
(b)	ON	NAME RAN	(c) NK OR RATING	CA	(d) CAUSE			(e) CONDITION OR STATUS		
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		UEL, AN	D AMMUNIT	TON DAT	A FOR PLAN	IES RETUR	NING	NITIONI EVDEN	IDED	(h)
		(c) MILES	D AMMUNIT (d) AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	A FOR PLAN (f) AV. FUEL CONSUMED	IES RETUR	NING TOTAL AMMU	NITION EXPEN	NDED	
VIII. (a) TYPE A/C		UEL, AN (c) MILES RETURN	(d)	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL	IES RETUR	NING TOTAL AMMU .50		Γ	NO. OF PLAN RETURNING
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VIII. (a) TYPE A/C	RANGE, F	MILES RETURN	AV. HOURS IN AIR	AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30	.50		Γ	
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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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	XI. ATTACK ON EN	EMY SHIPS OR	GROUND OBJECTI	VES (By Own)	Aircraft Listed	in II Only).	1030-
a)	XI. ATTACK ON ENI Target(s) and Location	(S) Gun Posi	tions, Ocinava	NDER ATTACK)	_(b) Time Ove	r Target(s)	1230 (I) (Zone)
c)	Clouds Over Target	3000	Cumulus 9/10 (BASE IN FEET.	TYPE AND TENTHS	OF COVER)		
(b)	Visibility of Target	Hasy (CLEAR HA	7Y PARTIALLY OBSCURED E	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	(e) V	'isibility	(MILES)
(f)	Bombing Tactics: Type	Glide	(LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE)		Bomb Sight Us	ed Mk VII	I (TYPE)
	Bombs Dropped per Rur	NUMBE	Spacing	60 (FEET)	Altitude	of Bomb Rele	Pase 2000
(g)	Number of Enemy Airc	craft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probal	bly Destroyed_		_ Damaged
	(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	EXPENDED EACH	AIMING POINT	Aiming Point	DAMAGE Name slight serious destroyed or sunkil
1	Gun Positions along Ridge		2 TBM-3 VC-85	20 x 100/ 16 x 5" H	E Rockets	All in Area	Not Observed
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(p) Were Photographs Taken? Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

⁽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

Two TBM-3s of WC-85 made glide bombing, recket and strafing attacks on a ridge containing enemy gum positions, trenches and pill boxes on Okinawa.

The bombing and rocketing was reported as very accurate. No estimate of the damage was made by the pilots.

No enemy opposition was encountered and both 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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The tail wheel on one THE-3 collapsed after landing as the pilot was taxiing out of the arresting gear. This trouble was caused by bending of the main down lock bolt due to successive landings. This bolt was replaced.

FORMARDED:

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