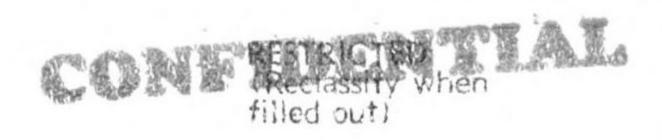
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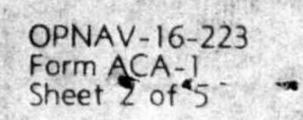
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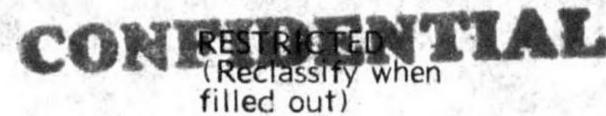
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(Reclassify when filled out)

VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only). 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) (a) (b) TYPE OWN A/C SQUADRON

VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) NO.	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	CONDITION OR STATUS
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

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TYPE A/C	OUT	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
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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	X	The state of the s		We will be a second of
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	X			
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	X			

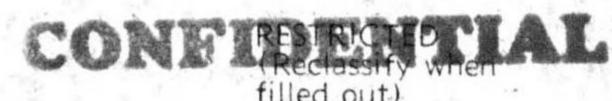
X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

TURNS DIVES CEILINGS RANGE

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XI. ATTACK ON EN	EMY SHIPS O	R GROUND OBJECT	TIVES (By Own Aircraft Liste	d in II Only)	. 0080-
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Bombing Tactics: Type	Glide	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight L	Jsed	
		(LLVLL, GLIDE ON DIVE)	80		(TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Rur	(NUMBE	Spacing	(FEET) Altitude	of Bomb Rel	
					(FEET)
Number of Enemy Airc	craft Hit on Gr	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed		_ Damaged
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AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT.	NO HITS On	DAMAGE (None, slight,
Caves on Tokashik		S _ STEEL SE		Aiming Point	serious, destroyed or sunk
Shima	* 600 yds.	VC-86	4 x 5" HE Rockets	Area	Not observed
Town on	300 yds.	5 - Tal-3	30 x 100 GP	All in	6 Buildings
Luba Shina		VC-35	24 z 5" HE Rockets	Area	Destroyed
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(p) Were Photographs Taken?\_

\_\_\_Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

<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).

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

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

At 0545 on 27 March, 1945, three THM-3s under the command of Lieutenant Kenneth C. STOWLLL, USBR, took off from parent carrier, USS LUMBA POINT (CVE-94), to strike assigned targets on Kerama Rhetto, Okinama Gunto. After joining with fighters and torpedo bombers from the other carriers the flight proceeded toward the designated orbit point, 5 miles north of Tokashiki Shims. Just prior to arriving on station, begies were reported in the area. Lieutenant STOWELL, at 2000 feet, spotted a TAL at 6 o'clock above at about 4500 feet. He ordered four FM-2s from VC-91 to intercept. The fighters began to olimb, as did the Wal, and the latter entered the clouds at about 50000 feet. The fighters lost the VAL in the overcast. Meanwhile, the fighters from VC-84, also searching for the VAL, apparently made contact and shot the VAL down. One FM-2 of VC-34 was also shot down, but it is not known what hit it. This plane, and the VAL, crashed to the east of Mei Shima. Meanwhile, Lieutenant STOWLL and the other TBM-3s continued toward the orbit point, altitude 2500 feet. Soon, at S o'clock above, he saw 3 more VALS at 4500 feet. One VAL, shortly followed by the other two, pushed over and made a mun toward Lieutenant STUMELL, whose turret gumner opened fire, as did a turret gunner in another VC-35 TBM-5. No hits were observed. The turret gun on the third VC-85 torpede bomber jammed. Before the VALS could get into position for a good attack on the TBU-3s, our ships in the water below opened up on the VALS with intense AA fire. Caught in the middle of this fire, our planes took evasive action and lest sight of the VALS. There were about seven ships firing at the planes including a cruiser and several destroyers. The bombers from VC-9 were below Lieutenant STOWELL but not in sight. It is believed that one The-3 from VC-9 was shot down, but the cause was not determined. Lieutenant STOWELL hoaded west to clear the flak area and circled. Here the TBM-3s were taken under fire directly by the surface ships so Lieutenant STUMELL headed east again. Bast of Tokashiki he saw one burning VAL hit the water, apparently hit by AA, an oil slick 1000 yards north of the VAL, and a large patch of dye marker between the two. This latter was investigated by a destroyer with no survivors reported. It is believed that one VAL was shot down by VC-84 fighters and two by ships' anti-aircraft fire. The remaining VAL escaped from the area.

After the above action subsided, the TBM-3s and seven of the fighters were ordered to attack caves on Tokashiki Shima. Four rockets were expended by VC-35 planes in the area. After this attack, the flight bombed and rocketed buildings in a village on Muba Shima, in the western part of Kerama Rhetto. 30 - 100% bombs and 20 rockets were expended, destroying six buildings which appeared to be wooden dwellings. No military installations were observed.

All siroraft of VC-35 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

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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