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TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		AND TORPEDO D (PER PLANE (f)		FUZE, SI	
TBM-S	VC85	4		4	2-3x500/GP; 2-10x100/GF	8x5" H	Rockets	Inst. Nose	Non-Deley
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(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
F31-2	VC85	Mod. Accurate AA	Wing and Engine	Total Loss
		Moderate Intensity	Angle not known	Bu. No. 78574
	(Pilot	RescumidUninjured by A	MS 13)	
Thes	7085	.50 Cal. Bullet	Elevator	Minor .
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

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

TYPE MIL	ES MILES		A () [] []	AV/ CITCL	_		UNITION EXPEN		NO. OF PLANES
A/C OU		AV. HOURS	AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
TBM-3 6	65	2h 46m	330	140	75	165			4
FH-2 65	65	2h 45m	242	120	7. %	2280			3

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

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over				
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm				
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

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	ENEMY	SHIPS	OR	GROUND	OBJECTIVES	(By Own	Aircraft	Listed in	Name of Street	Only).	

(a)	larget(s) and Location	(FOR SHE	PS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA	UNDER ATTACK)	(b) Time Ove	er larget(s)	1010-1730 (X one)
(c)	Clouds Over Target	5 - 6,00	O STATE OF THE STA	TYPE AND TENTH	S OF COVER)		
(d)	Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HA	ZY. PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.	(e) \	'isibility	15 - 20 14 - (MILES)
(f)	Bombing Tactics: Type				Bomb Sight Us	ed	TIII (TYPE)
	Bombs Dropped per Run	(NUMBE	Spacing	(FEET)	Altitude (of Bomb Rel	ease (FEET)
(g)	Number of Enemy Airc	craft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Prob	ably Destroyed_		_ Damaged
E.	(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND EXPENDED, EAC	(1) AMMUNITION TH AIMING POINT	NO HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious destroyed or sunk)
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Demage not determined due to concealment of gun emplacements.

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

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
" 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

At 1550 on 16 February 1945, a strike group consisting of

4 TEM-3s and 4 FM-2s took off from parent ship, U.S.S. LUNGA POINT

(CVE-94). This group rendezvoused over the formation with a like

musber and type of aircraft of VCS4. Upon reporting to Advance

Commander Air Support Control Unit, the group was ordered to deliver

a glide bombing and rocket attack on the north eastern slope of Mt.

Suribachi on Iwo Jima, the velcano protecting the left flank of

landing beach #1. The first run, a coordinated attack, was made in

a west to east direction. The VF preceeded the VT, straffing and

firing rockets. All rockets, bembs and amunition hit the target

area. The second run was made from east to west, with like results.

Upon completion of the attack, the VT were given a "Well Bone" from

the control ship.

Anti-eircraft fire was medium (7.7 caliber up to 40mm), moderate and accurate at times. One FM-2 of VC85 was hit in wing and engine and forced to make a water landing. The pilot, Ensign Frank Jay STEVENSON, USHR, was rescued uninjured. One TSM-3 returned with a .50 caliber bullet hole in the elevator.

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No other meterial failures were reported.

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One TBM-3 had a faulty bomb shackle which prevented the dropping

of 5 x 100% bombs. This same plane had on inoperative radio altimeter.

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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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