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TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	NUMBER ENGAGING AT ENEMY A/C (d)	TACKING FARGET (e)		CARRIED	ND TORPEDOES (PER PLANE) (f)		FUZE, SE	
T34-3	VC-85	6 .			2 - 4	x F.S x 5"	. Rocket	3		
III. O	THER U. S. SQUADRON	OR ALLIED NUMBER	AIRCRAFT EA	APLOYED	IN THIS	OPER. TYPE	ATION. SQUADRON	NUMBER	BAS	E
IV. EN (a) TYPE	VEMY AIRC (b) NO. OBSERVED	RAFT OBSEI	RVED OR ENG (d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	AGED (By LOCATIO ENCOU			(1	Only). DOES CARRIED; BSERVED	CAMOL	(g) JFLAGE AND ARKING
			(ZONE)				•			
Did An Encour Time of of Sun	y Part of ter(s) Occur f Day and Br or Moon	RAFT DESTR	(NIGHT, BRIGHT NOYED OR DA	MOON; DAY, O	VERCAST;	ETC.)		(k) Visibi	lity	MILES)
		SQUADRON		R GUNNER		GUNS I	USED		IT, ANGLE	DAMAC CLAIME
(a) TYPE										
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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) (b) (a) SQUADRON TYPE OWN A/C 9 10 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) NAME, RANK OR RATING CAUSE CONDITION OR STATUS SQUADRON NO VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a)	(b)	(c) (d) (e) (f) AV HOURS AV FUEL AV. FUEL	AV. FUEL	(9	(h) NO. OF PLANES					
A/C	MILES	MILES	IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
TIM-3	37	43	4 hr	330	200	280	785			6
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IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

IN. FIAFIALL MILLIAM LELICON LE PRINCE CONTRACTOR				
CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	X			
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	
PROTECTION	
ARMAMENT	

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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	XI. ATTACK ON EN	Radio St	GROUND OBJECT	IVES (By	Own .	Aircraft Listed	in II Only).	
(a)	Target(s) and Location	(S) (FOR SHIP	S INCLUDE ALL IN AREA U	JNDER ATTA	CK)	(b) Time Ove	r Target(s)	Variod (Zone)
	Clouds Over Target							
(d)	Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HAZ	Y. PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS	ETC.)	(e) V	'isibility	10 (MILES)
(🗲)	Bombing Tactics: Type	2	(LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE)			Bomb Sight Us	(ct	(TYPE)
	Bombs Dropped per Ru	n(NUMBER	Spacing	(FE	ΕΤ)	Altitude o	of Bomb Rele	Pase
(g)	Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Gro	ound Destroyed		Probat	oly Destroyed_		Damaged
	(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMB	AND EACH	AMMUNITION A MING POINT	NO HIT-On Arming Point	DAMAGE (None, str. ht serio :s destroyed or sunt t
1	Radio Station		1 TBM-3 7C-85	4 z 425 z	_		All	2 Buildings Destroyed
2				200 x	.30	cal		
3	Camouflaged Hang	ars	1 TBM-5 VC-85	4 x	5" E	E Rockets cal	None	Not Observed
4				80 x	.30	cal	2章	
5								
6								•
7								
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⁽o) RESULTS: (For all hits claimed on ship targets and for land targets of special interest draw diagram to be richely of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional starts of the analysis.

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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
Forpedo 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

On 14 April 1945, six THM-3s took off at two hour intervals with Army observers as passengers to observe and report enemy activity on Okinawa.

Five pilots each expended four reckets to designate targets.

Two pilots used their rockets to attack targets of opportunity as reported on page three of this report.

Very little enemy activity was observed, except artillery fire.

No anti-aircraft fire was encountered and all aircraft returned safely to base.

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Two pilots reported that their fixed guns fired with the

switches off and guns on "safe". Upon examination of one plane's

gums, it was found that the stop pin in the hydraulic charger had

been forced and by-passed, thus allowing the indicator to reverse

positions. On the other plane, all guns, electrical and hydraulic

circuits were checked and found satisfactory. However, both wing

guns were changed to insure against further possible malfunctions.

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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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