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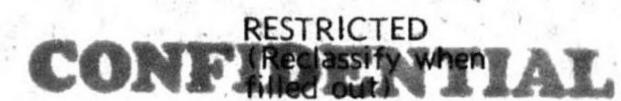
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I. GENERAL

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II. OW	'N AIRCRA	AFT OFFICIA	ALLY COVER	ED BY TI	HIS REPOR	Τ.				
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)		ATTACKING TARGET (e)			(F)		FUZE, SETTI	NG
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IV. EN	IEMY AIRC	CRAFT OBSE	RVED OR EN	GAGED (	By Own Ai	rcraft	Listed in 11	Only).		
(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	LOCA	(e) TION OF OUNTER		BOMBS, TORPE GUNS O	DOES CARRIED; BSERVED	CAMOUFL MARK	AGE AND
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(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)					
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left). (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) · SQUADRON NAME, RANK OR RATING CAUSE CONDITION OR STATUS

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

TYPE A/C	(b) MILES	(c) MILES	AV. HOURS	(e) AV. FUEL	(f)	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h)
A/C	OUT	MILES	IN AIR	LOADED	AV. FUEL -	.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
TBM-3	42	45	4hr5min	330	240					2
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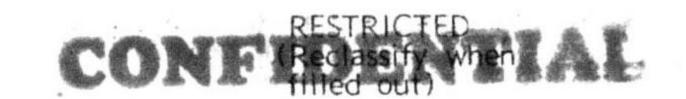
IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over				
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm				
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13,2mm			1	

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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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 piloted by Lieutenant Commander Fred C.

HERRIMAN, USN, and Lieutenant (junior grade) Armand J.

LAMARRE, USNR, each accompanied by an Army Observor as

passenger, took off from parent ship to conduct an observation-reconnaissance of Okinawa Shima.

Both pilots reported enemy positions to the ground forces. No anti-aircraft fire 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

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 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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One pilot reported radio trouble. No other material failures were noted.

. Gear checked and found satisfactory. Trouble probably due to weather conditions.

FORWARDED:

G. A. T. WASHBURN, Captain, U. S. Wavy, Commanding Officer, U.S.S. LUNGA POINT (CVE-94).

APPROVED BY:

SIGNATURE

W. H. KEARNS, Liout., USMR, ACIO SIGNATURE RANK AND DUTY FRED C. HERRIMAN, Lt.Cdr., USN, C.O.

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5 April 1945

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