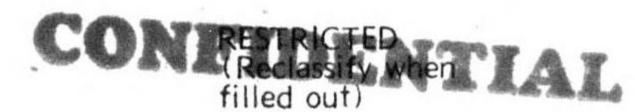
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d) Take of	f: Date	12 April	1945	Time (LZT)	0745	(I)			Long.1	
e) Mission	Photog	raphic S	orties ove	r Okinawa			(f) Time of	1145 Return 1600	(I) (Zone
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TYPE	SQUADRON	TAKING	NUMBER	ATTACKING			AND TORPEDOES	FUZE, SETTING		
(a)	(b)	OFF (c)	ENEMY A/C	TARGET (e)	CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)				(g)	
TBM-3	VC-85	2			Full Ammunition					
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IV. EN	IEMY AIRC	CRAFT OBS	ERVED OR E			craft	Listed in 11	Only).		(a)
TYPE	OBSERVED NO. ENGAGING TIM		NG TIME ENCOUNTERE	RED LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER		BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED			CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING	
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h) Apparei	nt Enemy A Part of	Aission(s)							•	
i) Encount	ter(s) Occu	ur in Clouds	(YES OR NO)	If so, Describ	be Clouds	***************************************	(BASE IN	FEET, TYPE A	ND TENTHS OF CO	VER)
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V. EN	EMY AIRC	RAFT DEST	TROYED OR D	AMAGED IN			Aircraft Lis	ted in 11 Or	/	MILES)
(a) TYPE	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:								(c)	
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(a)	(b)		OMBAT OR			(d)	l :	P\27-	(e)	OD DALLACE
YPE OWN A/C	SQUADRON	TYPE	GUN, OR OPERAT	ONAL CAUSE	self-sealing	T, ANGLE (I tanks, equi	pment hit)	(Give Bureau	serial number	OR DAMAGE, of planes destroyed)
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(b)	,	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING			(d) CAUSE			(e) CONDITION OR STATUS		
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VIII. R	ANGE FU	EL. AN	D AMMUNI	TION DAT	A FOR PLAN	NES RETI	URNING			
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	*****) TOTAL AMML	JNITION EXPEN	IDED	(h)
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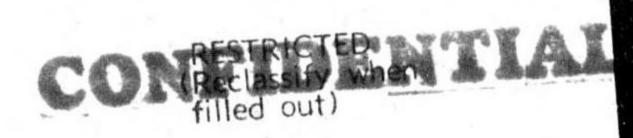
X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes TURNS DIVES CEILINGS RANGE PROTECTION ARMAMENT

MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm

LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm

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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

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

Two TEM-3s of VC-85, piloted by Lieutenant (junior grade) Robert C. REILLY, USNR, and Ensign Frank W. SMITH, USNR, took off from parent ship at 0745 (I) to conduct photographic sorties over Okinawa.

Lieutenant (jg) Reilly was assigned the mission of taking vertical photos in two areas. He accomplished this successfully and returned to base at 1145 (I).

Ensign Smith was assigned four missions and was forced to land on Yontan Airfield to refuel. He sighted an enemy Val over the small islands to the east of Okinawa and gave chase. The Val went into a dive and tried to hit a ship. The ship shot it down with anti-aircraft fire. Sometime later he saw three Vals attacking a destroyer near Izena Shima. These planes were shot down by four unidentified FM-2s.

No enemy opposition was encountered and Ensign Smith returned to base at 1600 (I).

No material failures were reported.

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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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