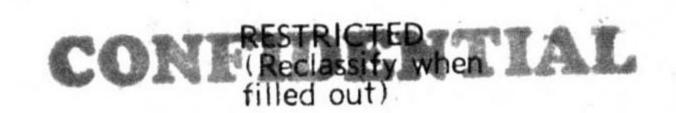
# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

I. GENERAL

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TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)		ATTACKING TARGET (e)		BOMBS	AND TORPEDOE ED (PER PLANE) (f)	S		SETTING
TBM-3	VC-85	8		8	10 x 3		iP lockets	InstNo	se:1/10 s	
III. O	THER U. S.	OR ALLIED	AIRCRAFT	EMPLOYE	) IN THI	S OPER	ATION			•
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE		TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BA	ASE
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(a) TYPE	(0)	NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	RVED OR EN	LOCAT	(e) TION OF OUNTER		Listed in II  BOMBS, TORPED GUNS OF		CAMC	(g) OUFLAGE AND MARKING
			(ZONE)							
		•	(ZONE)							
Did Any Encounted	Part of er(s) Occur	ssion(s)in Clouds?_	(ZONE)	so, Descri	be Clouds		(BASE IN	CEET TYPE AND		
of Sun o	MY AIRCRA	AFT DESTRO	(NIGHT, BRIGHT	MOON; DAY,	OVERCAST;	ETC.)		(k) Visibilit	y	VER)
TYPE ENEMY A/C	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	D BY:	R GUNNER		GUNS U		(c) WHERE HIT		(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
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. VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only). (e)
EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE,
(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C,
TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE (b) (a) SQUADRON TYPE OWN A/C 6" hole in Fabric Port Elevator 40mm. AA VC-85 6 9 10 11 12 13

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	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

MM	1	O OF PLANE
		RETURNING
		8
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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	AC.
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm  ACCURATE			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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(Reclassify when filled out)



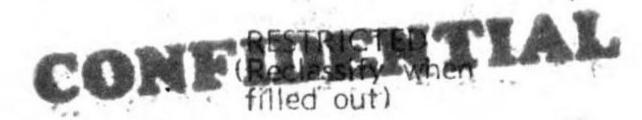
(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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	XI ATTACK ON E	NEMY CHIEC C				REPORT No. VC-05 -1
(a)	Target(s) and Location	on (s) (FOR SH	AIRCIOLA HIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA	TIVES (By Own Aircraft	ft Listed in II Only ime Over Target (s	REPORT No. (Zone)
(c)	Clouds Over Target	2-3,000	Gu	T. TYPE AND TENTHS OF COV		. (20116)
(d)	Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, H			(e) Visibility	6
( <b>f</b> )	Bombing Tactics: Type	M. Carlotte			Sight Used	(MILES)
(a)	Bombs Dropped per Ru Number of Enemy Air	INUMBE	Spacing_	(FEET)	altitude of Bomb Rel	ease 1500
-	Number of Enemy Air	Clair fill on Gr	ound: Destroyed	Probably Des	stroyed	_ Damaged
	AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNIT EXPENDED, EACH AIMING	ION NO HITS On	DAMAGE (None disht
1	AA Dofenses Radona Airfield	-4	8 TBM-3 VC-85	27 x 100 GP	A 45 05	DAMAGE (None, slight serious, destroyed or sunk)
2				2 x 5" HE Rooks 10000 x .50 cal 5000 x .30 cal		to hase
3	Town of Konosu		8 TIM-5 VC-85	52 x 100% GP	A77	Several Building
4				780 x .50 cal	053	Destroyed
5						
6						
7						
8						

<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)



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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

Fight THM-3 of VC-85 under the command of Lieutenant Commander Fred C. HERRIMAN, USN, took off from parent ship, USS LUNGA POINT (CVE-94) at 1330 (I) on 26 March, 1945 to strike assigned targets on Okinawa Shima, Nansci Shoto.

The first target assigned by CASCU was anti-aircraft defenses south of Kadena Airfield. One bombing and rocket run was made and several hits were believed scored although accurate assessment could not be made due to low visibility and hase. Due to the low ceiling (around 2,000 feet) dives had to be initiated so low that an unsatisfactory rate of speed was developed and subsequent releases and pull outs were at dangerously low altitudes, particularly so since anti-aircraft emplacements were numerous and the fire encountered was considerable. One plane was slightly damaged by AA in this attack.

Following this run, the Squadron Commander of VC-85 informed CASCU of the difficult situation and stated the opinion that attacks on such targets under existing conditions of weather were suicidal and could not result in an accuracy of bombing to warrant the risk to planes and personnel.

GASCU then instructed the flight leader to strike targets of opportunity and expend remaining loads. Accordingly the town of Komesu, at the southern end of the island, was bembed, rocketed and strafed. Mumerous fires were started and several buildings destroyed. Anti-aircraft fire was limited to light caliber and was not intense.

All aircraft returned safely to base.

# COMMENT OF SQUADRON COMMANDER, VC-85

The first attack, described above, was undertaken under extremely hazardous conditions of weather and enemy opposition. In my opinion, Thm type aircraft should not be ordered to attack extensive anti-aircraft areas except under good weather conditions where the ceiling is sufficiently high to permit high-speed dives and the visibility sufficiently good to insure accurate bombing. Where Maval Gun Fire is available it should be coordinated with air attacks on such targets, and results can be greatly improved by having fighters preced the bombers in high speed strafing runs. This would result in greater damage to enemy installations and a minimum of risk to our own aircraft and personnel.

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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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One 100% bomb failed to release due to electrical and

machanical failure. The bomb bay was not correctly synchronized.

Romb bay was resymmentsed and one shackle replaced.

One THE-S pilot reported a radar failure. Trouble was due to faulty tube in radar transmitter.

One TEE-S pilot reported a faulty Mi.7 interphone gear. The trouble was traced to a faulty microphone.

FURNARDED:

RANK AND DUTY

C. A. T. WASHINGE, Commanding fficer, U.S.S. LUNGA POINT (CVE-04).

APPROVED BY:

SIGNATURE

W. H. KEARES, Lieut., USER, ACIO

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