I. GENERAL

d) Take o	ff: Date	31 March	1945	Time (LZT)	1950-I	(Zone); L	at. 25° 3.	Long.	1270 190
				Air Coordin			(f) Time of	Return	(Zone
II. OV	VN AIRCR	AFT OFFIC	TALLY COVE	RED BY THIS F	REPORT.				
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	NUMBER ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		D TORPEDOE (PER PLANE) (f)			SETTING
TBM-3	VC-91	2	0	2 10	- 5" H.E.	P. Bom) (ac	Tail - No	Delay
TBM-3	VC-91	2	0	2 4	- 5" H.E.	P. Boml		Tail - No	Delay
TBM-3	VC-91	1	0	1	ione				
III. O	THER U. S.	OR ALLIE	DAIRCRAFT	EMPLOYED IN	THIS OPERA	TION			
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE	TI TI	squadron	NUMBER	ВА	SE
TM-2	VC-13	5	USS MATOM USS AMELO	L BAY (CVES2))				

IV. E	VEMY AIRC	CRAFT OBS	ERVED OR EN	NGAGED (By O	wn Aircraft Li	sted in 11	Only).		
(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGIN OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	LOCATION (ENCOUNTER	OF BC	MBS, TORPE	DOES CARRIED BSERVED	CAMO	(g) DUFLAGE AND MARKING
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None			(ZONE			*			
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	ent Enemy A	Aission(s)							
i) Encour	y Part of iter(s) Occu	ur in Clouds	(YES OR NO)	If so, Describe C	Clouds	(BASE IN	FEET. TYPE A	ND TENTHS OF CO	VER)
Time o	f Day and Br or Moon _	rilliance					(k) Visit		
				AMAGED IN A		ircraft Lic		,	MILES)
(a)	(b) DESTR	OYED OR DAM		AMAGED III A	IN ON OWN A	iiciait Lis		(c)	(d) DAMAGE
	TYPE A /C	SQUADRON	PILOT	OR GUNNER	GUNS USI	ED	WHERE	HIT, ANGLE	CLAIMED
TYPE ENEMY A/C	TIPE A/C								
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(a)	(b)	AGE, COMBAT OR OPERATION	(d)	(0)
TYPE OWN A/C	SQUADRON	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)
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(a) (b)	(c)	ted in II only; identify with planes lis	
NO. SQUADRON	NAME, RANK OR RATING	CAUSE	CONDITION OR STATUS
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

TYPE A/C	MILES	MILES	AV. HOURS IN AIR	AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO. OF PLANES
	00	OU	0.60	230	220	330	1530			- 5

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	7	,		
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

None.

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CEILINGS
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			(b) Time C		
			ET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
) Visibility of Target_	(CLEAR, HAZ	Y, PARTIALLY OBSCURE	D BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	Visibility	(MILES)
) Bombing Tactics: T	ype Lovel	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIV	Bomb Sight	Used	(TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per	Run Varied	Spacing_	(FEET)	1476	ease 1200 (FEET)
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Number of Enemy	Aircraft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroye	e 15°	_ Damaged
) Number of Enemy	Aircraft Hit on Gro	und: Destroyed	Probably Destroye G ROMBS AND AMMUNITION	(m) NO. HITS On	DAMAGE (None, slight,
Number of Enemy (h) AIMING POINT	Aircraft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroye BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POIN	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
Number of Enemy (h) AIMING POINT	Aircraft Hit on Gro	(i) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	Probably Destroye G ROMBS AND AMMUNITION	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
Number of Enemy And (h) AIMING POINT	Aircraft Hit on Gro	(i) NO. A/C ATTACKING	Probably Destroyed BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT COLORS Probably Destroyed BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT COLORS CO	NO. HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
Number of Enemy And (h) AIMING POINT	Aircraft Hit on Gro	(i) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	NO. HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
Number of Enemy (h) AIMING POINT Coves Houses and Buildings	Aircraft Hit on Gro	(i) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	Probably Destroyed BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT COLORS Probably Destroyed BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT COLORS CO	NO. HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
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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).

Caves in target areas 3593, 3693, 3594, 8495 and 3494 were hit by two of ninetine rockets fired, and some damage presumably was caused by the bombs dropped on this target, but the results could not be determined.

A large building in Nagahama Town was set aftre by two rockets hits; one small house in target area 8698, one in area 8595, and two in area 8594 were rocketted and set ablaze.

A small, log bridge in target area 8494 "R/S" was destroyed by two 100# bomb

A road in target area 8496 was pocketted by eight 100# bomb hits, rendering the road inoperational for a short time.

Two tombs were hit by four rockets in target area 8593 destroying part of the structure.

(-)	Were Photographs	Taken?	Photographs of	Damage,	WhenTaken,	Should Be	Attached By	Staple.
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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

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.)

> Four TBM pilots of VC-91 took off at 0950-I as Direct Support Group over Okinawa, and one TBM Filot, Lt. Fletcher, as air ccordinator, was launched. The THM's rendezvoused with five FM's Ing from U.S.S. MATCHA BAY (CVE62) and five TBH's from U.S.S. ANZIO (CVE57).

After orbitting a point five miles south of Tokashiki Shima for approximately one hour, they were assigned a general target erea inland from the main landing beach area, with instructions to bomb and rocket caves and any other installations they could find.

The pilots were handicapped by low clouds and poor target visibility. Both rocket and dive bombing runs had to be made at 15° glide angle, with push-over from 1500 feet and release at 1200 feet.

The air coordinator made a reconnaissance run over the target area, and then instructed the four TBM's to attack caves and tombs on a hill. All pilots made individual runs, and after expending a portion of their bomb load, they flow over the area in search of additional targets. Only two rockets hits with possibly a few bomb hits were registered against the caves out of a total of mineteen rockets and fourteen bombs expended.

Mear the central, west coast of Okinawa Shima a pilot noticed a small, log bridge and destroyed it with two 100% bombs. The same pilot damaged the road with his eight other 1 0/ bombs.

One large building and five houses were set afire by either rockets or bombs and destroyed. Two tombs were also damaged by two rocket hits.

Upon expenditure of all bombs and rockets, the pilots made several strafing runs against villages, but apparently caused no fires.

No enemy aircraft or anti-aircraft fire were observed.

The following pilots participated in the strike:

Lt. J. M. Fletcher, Air Coordinator

Lt. (jg) J. P. McNeela

Lt. (jg) B. K. Harmon

Ens. H. E. Viesu

Ems. S. E. Ulmer.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary).

none.

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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