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	SQUADRON	TAKING	NUMBER	ATTACKING	4	CARRIED	(PER PLANE)			(g)	
(a)	(b)	OFF (c)	(d)	(e)					Inst	Nose	AN-M-1	03A1
			0	3	10 -	100# G.	P. AN-		.025	Tail	AN-M-I	OOAZ
BM_3	VC-91				8 -	ARS MK1	/MX7		.02	base	MK 15	
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BM-3	VC-91	1	0	1								
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TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	TISS SHAM	DASE								
TBM-3	VC-94	4	USS RUDY	No. and Assessment of the Party								
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IV. E	NEMY AIRC	CRAFT OB	SERVED OR	ENGAGED	(By Owi	n Aircraft	Listed in	(f)			(g) AMOUFLAGE MARKIN	AND
(a) TYPE	(b) NO.	NO ENGAGI	(a)	1	CATION OF NCOUNTER		BOMBS, TOF	(f) PEDOES CARRI OBSERVED	ED;	-	MARKIN	G
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h) Appai	rent Enemy M	Mission(s)										
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

(a) (b) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C. TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE Self-sealing tanks, equipment hit).

(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)

1 None
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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) (CAUSE CONDITION OR STATUS

NO. SQUADRON NAME, RANK OR RATING CAUSE CONDITION OR STATUS

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING NO. OF PLANES (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED AV. FUEL CONSUMED (e) AV. FUEL AV. HOURS (c) MILES (b) (a) MILES TYPE 20MM MM RETURNING .50 LOADED RETURN OUT IN AIR A/C 1760 430 70 3 70 TBM-3

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER

NONE

MEAGER

MODERATE

INTENSE

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

LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 65mm-13.2mm

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

None.

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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	VI ATTACK ON T					REPORT No. VC-
				TIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed		
(a)	larget(s) and Locatio	n(s) SUDDI	V Depot TWA	UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Ov	er Target(s)	1230-I (Zone)
(c)	Clouds Over Target	Cumulus	- 3000 4/10	- 5000 10/10 T. TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
	Visibility of Target	01	ZY. PARTIALLY OBSCURED		Visibility	10 (MILES)
(f)	Bombing Tactics: Type	Glide	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE	Bomb Sight Us	sed	(TYPE)
	Bombs Dropped per Rui	5 to 10	Spacing 1	Sanual(50') Salvo titude		ease 1000
	Number of Enemy Airo		Section to the section of the sectio	lange 1000/700 yds. Probably Destroyed_		cle 15 Damaged 0
	(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(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)
1	Caves atop ridge, TA 7456FG-7556FQ		2 VC-91	00 2000	On ridge	
2	Village, 7458 PU		7C-91	8 - 5" ARs.	In cave	
3	5 huts (Supply Depot), 7964 RS	10 x 10'	1 VC-91	10 - 100# G.P.s 8 - ARs -325 rds.50	area.	Serious
4	Iwa Town, 7864 TY		1 VC-91	10 - 100# G.P.s 8 - 5" ARs.	All in	Dostroyed
I				150 - rds30 cal. 330 - rds50 cal.	area	Undetermined
	Ibaru, 7557 PQ		2 VC-91	5 - ARs. 1105 - rds50 cal.	5 ARs	8 fires (1&2 hourses blasted
7				250 - rds30 cal.	JUL LUY	T MUUSES DIESTOG
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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 atop a ridge believed possible Jap troop hideouts, were targets. All bombs hit M the area, but exact results were obscured by smoke & dust. Two rockets, however, were seen to land in mouth of one cave; occupants would have been discommoded.

Target #2. Two fires, each of at least two houses, were seen after rocket atta-Target #3. Five huts 10'x10', believed a possible Jap supply depot, were destroyed by bomb hits.

Target #4. Several buildings were blasted by bomb and rocket hits; number not determined.

Target #5. Eight fires (of one and two houses each) were left by strafing; four other houses were blasted by rockets.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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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

ATTACK

Use of Radar

Night Fighting

Recognition, Aircraft

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

The second Support group of four VT pilots of VC-91 on 7 May departed for Okinawa from the MAKIN ISLAND at 1130, and joined up with four VT from the SHAMROCK BAY and MAKIN four from the RUDYARD BAY. Lt.(jg) Butler was Flight Leader, but as a result of various difficulties, he was the only one of his division to attack the assigned target.

Lt.(jg) Smith and Ensign Vieau were instructed to leave the group and return to base early after dumping their loads on targets of opportunity in the Southern part of Okinawa, because of failure of Smith's prop governor. Lt.(jg) Kane stayed with Butler but due to faulty radio reception understood the target was 7864TY (town of Iwa) instead of 7964R5 (five 10x10 foot caves believed in use by the Japs as a supply depot).

Butler, leading the main group in two bombing and two rocket runs from west to east, placed five of his bombs and four rockets squarely in the area, but could not assess the extent of his own damage; however, he reported the five huts closed by the group attack.

Kane, concentrating on what he believed was the target, fired a few hundred yards sooner and placed all of his bombs and rockets and 480 rounds of .30 and .30 calibre ammunition in the village of Iwa, blasting several buildings but starting no fires. Butler also strafed on his runs.

Meanwhile Smith and Vieau went target hunting. Each dropped all their bombs in a single run and Smith fired two rockets on a second at caves atop a ridge running from 7456FG to 7556PQ, which they thought likely hideouts for Jap troops. Damage was not determined, but all bombs apparently landed on the ridge and two rockets were seen to explode in one cave. Vieau fired his eight rockets into a village at 7458PU, startin two fires of at least two houses each.

Smith and Vieau then expended Smith's remaining five rockets and a total of 1265 rounds of 50 and 30 calibre amno in a half-dozen attacks on the town of Ibaru (TA 7557PQ), leaving at least eight fires burning among the houses.

Bombing runs were made generally from 3000 feet, a dive of 30 degrees and release at 1000 feet; while rocket runs were shallower, about 15 degrees, firing at 700 to 1000 yards.

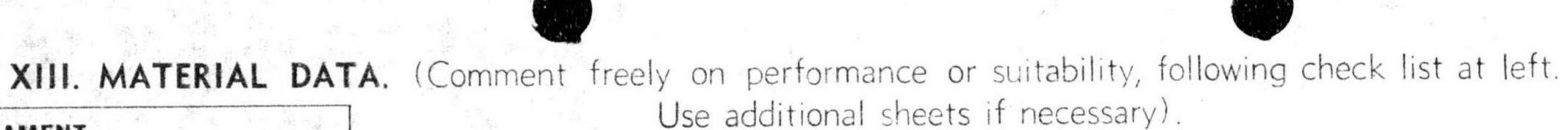
Pilots participating were:

Lt.(jg) D. K. Butler Lt.(jg) D. G. Kane Lt.(jg) A. L. Smith Ens. H. E. Vieau. ARMAMENT

Turrets

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None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ammunition

Bomb Sights

Bomb Releases

Radio, Radar Homing Devices Visual Signals Codes, Ciphers

Guns, Gunsights

Bombs, Torpedoes

RECOGNITION

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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