

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VC-93 (b) Based on USS PETROF BAY CVE-30 (c) Report No. 60
 (d) Take off: Date 23 April 1945 Time (LET) 1515 -9 (Zone); Lat. 25°20'N Long. 138°10'E.
 (e) Mission Direct Support Strike on Okinawa (f) Time of Return 1850 -9 (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE)	FUZE, SETTING
		TAKING OFF	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	ATTACKING TARGET		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
TBM-3	VC-93	4	0	4	8-5"HR; 10-100/GP	Inst. nose and tail; Base
TBM-3	VC-93	4	0	4	8-5"HR; 4-500/GP	Inst. nose and .01 sec. delay tail; Base

III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
FM-2	VC-30	4	USS SAGINAW BAY, CVE-32

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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	(c) 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)
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
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12				
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14				

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

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

(a) TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	(d) AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	(f) AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h) NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
						.30	.50	20MM	MM	
T-28B	65	65	3.5	330	180			2400		6

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

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

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

SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes

- TURNING
- DIVES
- CEILINGS
- RANGE
- PROTECTION
- ARMAMENT

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XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

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(a) Target(s) and Location(s) road, N. W. of Shuri, Okinawa (b) Time Over Target(s) _____ (Zone) _____
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

2000, Cumulus, 3/10

(c) Clouds Over Target _____ (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

Hazy and smoky

3 at surface

(d) Visibility of Target _____ (e) Visibility _____ (MILES)
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.)

Slide

Mark 8

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type _____ Bomb Sight Used _____ (TYPE)
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)

Various

50

1000, 100/OP
1400, 500/OP

Bombs Dropped per Run _____ Spacing _____ Altitude of Bomb Release _____ (FEET)
(NUMBER) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed _____ Probably Destroyed _____ Damaged _____

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 Highway	700x10 yds	VC-33 1	40x100/OP Bombs	20x100/OP	Destroyed
2 Building	Small	VC-33 2	2x5" HBR 2400x50 Caliber	2 HBR	Destroyed
3 Caves	100x20yds	VC-33 3	62x5" HBR	14 HBR	Slight damage
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					

(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).

1. Dirt and coral road just northwest of Shuri town was pocketed by direct hits and near misses so as to probably prevent further enemy use. 4 VP of VC-33 strafed houses along road side.
2. Building located at junction of two roads was knocked down by direct hits of two rockets.
3. Caves, probably personnel as no roads near, located two miles southwest of Naha were strafed and rocketed. Damage to caves was undetermined.

NO

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

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

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This strike group was given a section of road, about two miles ahead of our troops, to destroy. Expenditure of all bombs in seven HRL-335 runs, from 3500 to 500 feet, at 25 degree glide and 270 knots, caused destruction of the road.

The Air Coordinator then led the flight to a ridge containing caves for expenditure of rockets and 50 caliber ammunition. No particular damage was observed at this target.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.
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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

Pilots participating in this flight were:

- Lt(jc) M. W. Williams, Al, USNR
- Ensign W. J. O'Heron, Al, USNR
- Ensign P. R. Baumgartner, Al, USNR
- Ensign S. L. THEIVAGT, Al, USNR
- Lt(jc) R. M. Reid, Al, USNR
- Lt(jc) J. F. Tuttle, Al, USNR
- Lt(jc) H. Foster, III, Al, USNR
- Lt(jc) G. F. Schock, Al, USNR

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