





# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No. VC-84 #129

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

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) See below (b) Time Over Target(s) See below (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 800, Cumulus, .9  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Substantially obscured by clouds (e) Visibility 8  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Bomb Sight Used \_\_\_\_\_  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Rockets  
Bombs Dropped per Run 2 Spacing \_\_\_\_\_ Slant range \_\_\_\_\_  
(NUMBER) (FEET) Altitude of Bomb Release 800 - 500 (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 0 Probably Destroyed 0 Damaged 0

(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 Truck in area 1 below		1 TBM-3 VC-84	3 rockets, unknown quantity 30, 50 cal.	2 rockets	Destroyed
2 Trucks in area 2 below	100 x 75 yards	1 TBM-3 VC-84	3 rockets and ammo as above	4 rockets	Slight
3 Revetments in area 3 below	100 x 100 yards	1 TBM-3 VC-84	4 rockets, ammo as above	1 rocket	Unknown
4 Camouflaged vehicle in area 4 below		1 TBM-3 VC-84	Ammo as above	Unknown	Slight
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).

The truck which was target 1 burned fiercely with a cloud of black smoke. The other trucks were holed but did not burn.

### Targets:

- 1- Camouflaged fuel truck in Shima on road southeast of airfield (8532 Fox 2 local grid) 0900.
- 2- Trucks in Shima southeast of airfield (8532 Able 2 local grid) 1310.
- 3- Revetments, possible supplies area, west of Nago town, Okinawa Jima (0918 Able 2 local grid) 1640.
- 4- Camouflaged vehicle on road, center Motobu peninsula. (0125 Peter 1 on local grid) 1655.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes 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  
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

Three of the Air Observer flights launched by USS MARIN ISLAND on 4 April 1945, 1 plus 3, made attacks during the course of their flights. Lt. English got direct hits on a camouflaged fuel truck on a road southeast of Ie Shima Airfield (8532 Fox 2 local grid). The truck burned fiercely with large quantities of black smoke. The second flight attacked trucks in an area southeast of the same field, got rocket and strafing hits but the trucks failed to burn (8532 Able 2 on local grid). The third observer pilot put rockets into revetments, possibly a supplies area, west of Hago town, Okinawa Jima with unobserved results (0618 Able 2 local grid). He also strafed and holed a camouflaged vehicle on the road in the center of Motobu peninsula (0125 Peter 1 on local grid) but the truck failed to burn. Slant range for rockets was 900 - 500 feet. A 900 foot ceiling seriously hampered operations.

### Pilots -

Lt. Douglas K. English

Ensign Horace D. Harper

Lt.(jg) Donald E. Glasgow

### Observers-

2nd Lt. LeRoy Walters, O-1824105,  
Hdq. Batt. 306 Field Artillery APO 77  
1st Lt. Richard Brann O-1183249,  
Batt. C 902 Field Artillery APO 77  
2nd Lt. LeRoy Walters.

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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

**Equipment performance was normal.**

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**AOI Officer, VC-84**

**Commanding Officer, VC-84**