





# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

REPORT No. **VOC-1/103**

## 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 FM-2	VOC-1	Enemy AA - medium	Engine	Destroyed, #74196
2 FM-2	VOC-1	Enemy AA - 3" med.	Engine	Destroyed, #73611
3 FM-2	VOC-1	Enemy AA - medium	Fuselage & Canopy	Replaced canopy tachometers
4 FM-2	VOC-1	Enemy AA - medium	Engine and accessory section. Starboard wing.	Replacements
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6 FM-2	VOC-1	Enemy AA - light	Starboard wing	Slight damage.
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## 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
2	VOC-1	Lt(jg) William Homer Betha, A1, USNR.	Enemy AA fire	Missing in action
3	VOC-1	Lieut. Martin George O'Neill, A1, USNR.	Enemy AA fire	Lacerations of right arm below shoulder.

## 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	
FM-2	65	75	3	230	140		3750			10
FBM-3	65	75	4.2	330	230					1

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

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over				X
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm				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

URNS

DIVES

CEILINGS

RANGE

PROTECTION

ARMAMENT



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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Minami Daito Shima  
Kita Daito Shima  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Over Target(s) 0630 Item (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 3000' cumulus .6  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target clear  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (e) Visibility 12  
(MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type 1  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) Bomb Sight Used \_\_\_\_\_  
(TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run \_\_\_\_\_ Spacing \_\_\_\_\_ Altitude of Bomb Release \_\_\_\_\_  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (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 <b>Minami AA Emplacement</b>	<b>Med.</b>	<b>12</b> <b>VOC-1</b>	<b>26 x 5" H.E. Rocket</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2 AA emplacements hit.</b>
2 <b>Warehouse - Kita</b>	<b>200' x 200'</b>	<b>1</b> <b>VOC-1</b>	<b>4 x 5" H.E. Rocket</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Burned</b>
3 <b>AA - Kita</b>	<b>Heavy</b>	<b>8</b> <b>VOC-1</b>	<b>32 x 5" H.E. Rocket</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1 AA emplacement destroyed, 1 AA emplacement hit.</b>
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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).

Primary target was designated as aircraft on Minami Daito Shima. The field was found to be inoperational and only 4 planes were seen. These, believed to be Tonys, were lined up on the field, apparently as decoys. These were strafed by several planes. Two rocket and strafing runs were made on Minami - two AA emplacements were hit. One run was made on Kita Daito - one large AA emplacement was destroyed and a second hit by rockets. A large warehouse was hit by four rockets and burned.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.







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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

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**The FM-2 again demonstrated its inappropriateness as a support plane. The inability of the plane to build up speed in a dive to permit safe recovery contributed in no small degree to the damage sustained. All hits were received during recovery. The limited fire power for strafing purposes has also been a continual deficiency.**

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