

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VC-85 (b) Based on or at USS LUNGA POINT (CVE-94) (c) Report No. VC-85 - 134
 (d) Take off: Date 6 APRIL 1945 Time (LZT) 1330 (I) (Zone); Lat. 25° 30' N Long. 127° 47' E
 (e) Mission Support of Ground Troops, Okinawa Shima. (f) Time of Return 1745 (I) (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
FM-2	VC-85	5	4	1	1-6 x 3 1/2" F.S. Rockets 4-6 x 5" HE Rockets 4-1 x Napalm Bomb 1600 x .50 Ga. Ammo.	

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	(c) NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
VAL	4	4	1630 (I) 1645 (ZONE)	OVER IE SHIMA	NONE OBSERVED	OLIVE DRAB PAINT RED INSIGNIA
ZEKE 52	3	3	" " (ZONE)	" " "	" " "	TOP PAINTED BLACK UNDERSIDE-SILVER
OSCAR	1	1	" " (ZONE)	" " "	" " "	NOT OBSERVED

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) To Attack U.S. Ships off Okinawa
 Did Any Part of
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? YES If so, Describe Clouds 3000' Stratus 6/10-4500' Stratus 10/10
(YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 Time of Day and Brilliance
 (j) of Sun or Moon Day, overcast. (k) Visibility 10
(NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (MILES)

V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:			(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER		
VAL	FM-2	VC-85	Lt. (jg) James D. Ingram, USNR 4 wing	Fuselage, Wings, Engine.	Destroyed
ZEKE 52	FM-2	VC-85	" " " "	Wing root, Engine, Fuse.	Destroyed
ZEKE 52	FM-2	VC-85	Lt. (jg) James A. Homyak, USNR	Engine, Fuselage.	Destroyed
VAL	FM-2	VC-85	Ens. Geo. M. Turner, USNR.	Engine, Fuselage, Wings.	Destroyed
ZEKE 52	FM-2	VC-85	Lt. (jg) Adrian S. Bazzell, USNR	Engine, Fuselage.	Destroyed

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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) **Trucks, Okinawa** (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Over Target(s) **1430-1630 (I)** (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target **2500 Stratus 8/10 - Solid at 4000** (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target **Clear** (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (e) Visibility **10** (MILES)

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

Bombs Dropped per Run _____ (NUMBER) Spacing _____ (FEET) Altitude of Bomb Release _____ (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	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
		(k) SQUADRON			
1 Truck	1 1/2 - 2 tons	1 FM-2 VC-85	100 x .50 cal	Not Known	Destroyed
2					
3					
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).

(p) Were Photographs Taken? **YES** 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.
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

No material failures were reported.

**Lieutenants (jg) Ingram, Bazzell, Homyak and Ensign Turner
jettisoned their rockets and Napalm bombs when it became certain
that aerial combat would ensue. Guns fired well and no radio
difficulties developed.**

**FORWARDED: G. A. T. WASHBURN,
Captain, U. S. Navy,
Commanding Officer,
U.S.S. LUNGA POINT (CVE-94).**

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6 April 1945

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