# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

(b) Based on or at USS LUNGA POINT (CVE-94)(c) Report No. VC-85 - 134

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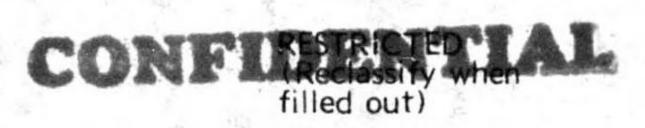
I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VC-85

(d) Take off: Date 6 APRIL 1945

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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	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	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	VC-85	Crashed - out of fuel -		Total Loss.
2		while attempting to		Bureau No. 73514
3		reach Yontan Airfield		Engine Bu. No. 116664
4		on Okinawa.		
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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	NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
1	WC-85	Lt. (jg) Adrian S. Bazzell,	USIR	Killed in Action
			Crashed while attempting	
145	The second		to reach Yontan Airfield,	
7 10			Okinawa, following dog-fight	,
- 1 "			with Jap planes. It is	
54			believed he crashed in the	
5- 1			water before reaching the	
			field.	
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) TYPE	(b)	(c)	AV. HOURS	AV. FUEL	AV FILE	(g)	TOTAL AMML	INITION EXPEN	ITION EXPENDED	
TYPE A/C	MILES	MILES	IN AIR	AV. FUEL AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30 .	.50	.20MM	MM	NO. OF PLANES RETURNING	
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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

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

SPEED: FM-2s had no trouble closing with Vals or Zekes. Jap pilots did not make serious attempts to outrun FM-2s, except in dives.

TURNS: FM-2s turned inside Vals but one Zeke turned inside FM-2s.

DIVES: Both types were overtaken in dives, Vals more easily than Zekes.

PROTECTION: Japs did not fire at FM-2s. All but one Jap plane smoked and burned readily.

Comparison with Oscar not assessible.

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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a)	Target(s) and Location	on(s) True	k GROUND OBJECT	IVES (By Own Aircraft Lister		
	gotta/ and Locatio	(FOR SH	PS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA	UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Ov	ver larget(s)	1630 (I) (Zone
c)	Clouds Over Target_	2500	tratus 8/10	- Solid at 4000 TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
d)	Visibility of Target	Clear (CLEAR, HA	ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED		Visibility	10 (MILES)
f)	Bombing Tactics: Typ	e	(LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight U	sed	(TYPE)
er it	Bombs Dropped per Ru	In(NUMBE	Spacing	(FEET) Altitude	of Bomb Rela	
g)	Number of Enemy Ai	rcraft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed		_ Damaged
	(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
	Truck	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 tons	1 FN-2 VC-85	100 x .50 cal	Known	Destroyed
100 mm						
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<sup>(</sup>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).

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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 Defensive Tactics, Own 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 Homina Rendezvous Recognition, Ships Communications Flight Operations Search and Tracking Base Operations Maintenance

Five FM-2s were launched from parent ship on a mission to support ground troops on Okinawa Shima. Air-Coordinator for the flight was Lieutenant Joseph A. KUSH, USHR. Upon arriving on station, Lieutenat KUSH was ordered by CASCU, CTF 55, to make a reconnaissance of enemy troop positions on the central part of the island. He carried out his mission, the other four FM-2s orbiting on station. Lieutenant Rush observed some enemy trucks and attacked one, destroying it. Meanwhile, enemy planes were reported in the vicinity and the division of FM-2s, led by Lieutenant (junior grade) James D. INGRAM, USER, and the division was ordered to Point Sugar, 10 miles south of Okinawa. Before arriving there, they were ordered to Point Man, just northwest of IE SHIMA and about 10 miles 10 miles northwest of Okinawa. Lieutenant (jg) Ingram saw a Val at 12 o'clock at 4000 feet (1500 feet above), 2 to 3 miles away. Lieutenant (jg) Ingram turned left to get parallel to the Val's course, and Lieutenant (jg) Homyak, leader of the second section pulled up to the right. The Val started a steep dive toward some ships below, which opened fire. Lieutenant (jg) Ingram and Homyak, with their wingmen, followed the Val in the dive but the distance was to great to over take him. Soon the Val pulled up steeply, recovering from his run. Lioutenant (jg) Ingram gave chase and opened fire. About to over-run the Val, Lieutenant (jg) Ingram turned sharply and got on his tail, giving him a long burst. The Val burst into flame and went into a dive. Lioutenant (jg) Homyak out under Lieutenant (jg) Ingram and followed the Val down. It crashed on IE SHIMA. At one time or another, all four FM-2s fired on this plane. Lieutenant (jg) Ingram is credited with the kill.

The division joined up again, climbed to about 3000 feet, and soon sighted two Zeke 52 planes 5 miles north of IE SHIMA at 11 o'clock about 1500 feet above them. Apparently sighting the FM-2s, the Zekes pulled up into the base of the clouds. Suddenly one Zeke peeled off and started to dive. Lieutenant (jg) Ingram and his wingman whoeled around sharply and opened fire, but were too far behind to hit. The second Zeke started out of the clouds in a dive and Lieutenant (jg) Ingram split off and went after him. Lieutenant (jg) Bessell, continuing to pursue the first Zeke, getting within range and opening fire. This Zeke splashed and exploded. Credit to Lieutenant (jg) Bazzell. Witnesses: Lieutenant (jg) Ingram and Lieutenant (jg) Homyak.

Meanwhile, Lieutenant (jg) Ingram closed with the second Zeke, got in several deflection bursts, then got on his tail and followed him in the dive, firing several more bursts. The Zeke began smoking at about 1500 feet, burst into flames at about 500 feet and splashed. Credit to Lioutenant (jg) Ingram. Witnesses: Lieutenant (jg) Homyak and Lieutenant (jg) Bazzell.

During the above action Lieutenant (jg) Homyak and his wingman, Ensign George M. Turner spotted another Val at 12 o'clock and 500 feet above them. The Val went into a steep dive and Ensign Turner sucked around and got on his tail. He gave the Val several long bursts at full deflection. The Wal burst into flames at 2500 feet, with Ensign Turner following and pulling out at 1000 feet. The Val crashed in the sea 12 yards off the starboard beam of a destroyer. Credit to Ensign Turner. Witness: Licutemant (jg) Homyak.

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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.)

2 VALS - 3 ZEKE 52s DESTROYED.

# ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY OWN AIRCRAFT

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

# 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

# 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

Just prior to this attack, Lieutenant (jg) Homyak had observed a Zoke 52. He was climbing from low on the water and was at 3500 feet, climbing slowly. Lieutenant (jg) Homyak was at 1000 feet with the Zeke heading 90° to his course. Lieutenant (jg) Homyak turned and climbed sharply, opening fire at about 60° deflection. The range was too long and he missed. The Zeke turned toward Lieutenant (jg) Homyak and dived toward a destroyer below. Lieutenant (jg) Homyak turned with him and gave the Zeke a burst at 1000 feet, stayed with him in the turn as the Zeke closed the distance. Lieutenant (jg) Homyak saw his tracers hitting. The Zeke began smeking, still diving, then burst into flames at 1500 feet and crashed. Credit to Lieutenant (jg) Homyak.
Witness: Lieutenant (jg) Ingram. Lieutenant (jg) Homyak then rejoined Ensign Turner in the attack on the Val described above.

Lieutenant (jg) Bazzell radiced the flight leader that he was low on fuel, could not make it back to parent ship and would land on Yontan Airfield, which our forces had captured and made operational. On

8 April, U.S.S. LUMMA POINT (CVE-94) intercepted a dispatch from CTG 51.10 to CTU 52.1.1 reporting that U.S.S. BUTTE (APA-168) recovered the body of a pilot whose clothing was marked "Ensign Adrian Bazzell". He was believed to have crashed while approaching Yontan Airfield for an emergency landing. The dispatch further stated that Lieutenant (jg) Bazzell's Body was sent to U.S.S. RELIEF. No further information is available.

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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

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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.

G. A. T. WASHBURN, Captain, U. S. Mavy. Commanding Officer, U.S.S. LUNGA POINT (CVE-94).

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