

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VC-83 (b) Based on or at USS BARGAINER BAY (CVL-83) (c) Report No. 132
 (d) Take off: Date 11 June 1945 Time (LZT) 1131 (1) (Zone); Lat. 13°-11' N. Long. 125°-05' E.
 (e) Mission Direct aircraft support of ground troops on Okinawa. (f) Time of Return 1534 (1) (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) | | |
| <u>VB-3</u> | <u>VC-83</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5 - 500 lb. G.P.</u> <u>8 - 5" (IR) AR</u> | <u>Inst. - .025 tail</u> <u>Base plug - .02 base.</u> |
| <u>VB-2</u> | <u>VC-83</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>3 - 5" (IR) AR</u> <u>3 - 3 1/2" 75 Smoke Rockets</u> | <u>Base plug - .02 base.</u> <u>Inst. base, Mk. 149</u> |

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

| TYPE | SQUADRON | NUMBER | BASE | TYPE | SQUADRON | NUMBER | BASE |
|-------------|--------------|----------|--------------------------|------|----------|--------|------|
| <u>VB-3</u> | <u>VC-83</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>USS BARGAINER BAY</u> | | | | |
| <u>VB-3</u> | <u>VC-83</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>USS LINDA POINT</u> | | | | |

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 |
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| | <u>None</u> | | (ZONE) | | | |
| | | | (ZONE) | | | |
| | | | (ZONE) | | | |

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) _____
 Did Any Part of _____
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? _____ If so, Describe Clouds _____
(YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 Time of Day and Brilliance _____
 (j) of Sun or Moon _____ (k) Visibility _____
(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 | | |
| | | | <u>None</u> | | |
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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) Island of Mt Kiyasu (b) Time Over Target(s) 1350 (1) (Zone)

(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target Shifting cumulus clouds 500-1000 ft. from -/10ths to 10/10ths

(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Partially obscured by clouds, haze (e) Visibility 10

(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.)

(MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Slide Bomb Sight Used none

(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)

(TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run 3 - Planes - 1 Spacing 50-100 ft. Altitude of Bomb Release 500 - 1000 yds.

(NUMBER)

(FEET)

(FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None Damaged None

| (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 <u>Kiyasu</u> <u>TA 7256 D.H.I.J.</u> | <u>600 sq.yds.</u> | <u>1 FM: 4 TBM</u> | <u>24 - 5" (10) AR</u> | <u>all</u> | <u>Serious</u> |
| | | <u>YU-83</u> | <u>16 - 500 lb. GP</u> | | |
| 2 <u>Caves</u> <u>KA 7257 U-V</u> | | <u>1 FM</u> | <u>1 - 5" (10) AR</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>Not observed</u> |
| | | <u>YU-83</u> | <u>Strafe</u> | | |
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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).

1. Two large fires and six or seven smaller fires were started. The two large fires were still burning when the attack was broken off. One bomb hit squarely in the middle of the fire and spread it far and wide. It is impossible to say exactly how many houses were destroyed but from what the pilots did see fifteen or twenty houses must have been destroyed or damaged beyond repair.

2. One rocket was observed to hit in a cave entrance and explode but the extent of the damage could not be observed.

(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.
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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SIGNATURE

RANK AND DUTY

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Squadron Commander
DUTY

DATE