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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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# I. GENERAL

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V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).
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X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes TURNS DIVES CEILINGS RANGE PROTECTION ARMAMENT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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c)	Clouds Over Target	2	000 ft OUMUI (BASE IN FEET	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
d)	Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HA	ZY. PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	Visibility	(MILES)
f)	Bombing Tactics: Type Bombs Dropped per Rur	2 planes	(LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE)  Spacing	40 - 100 ft. Altitude	Jsede of Bomb Rel	ease 1500 rds.
g)			K)	Probably Destroyed		
	(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT	NO. HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1	8 small huts and		4 TIM VC-83	(20 - 100 lb. GP / 8 - 500 lb. GP	lany	Destroyed
2	camouflaged building			(21 - 5°(HE) HVAR		
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# 1. All eight huts were set aftre and destroyed. In addition several fires were started in Afuso.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

<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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# 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

#### ATTACK OWN TACTICS

Night Fighting

Recognition, Aircraft

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

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.)

> 4 VT from VC-83 and 4 VF from VC-87 launched as direct eir support group to aid ground troops in III Phib. Corps area on Okinawa. Because of the lack of organized enemy resistance in the area there was no need for call strikes and the group was directed to smak targets of opportunity. There was no Air Coordinator on station and accordingly Lt. E.A. PARKER, Jr., was directed to act as Air Coordinator, and to try to locate a camouflaged house in Gushikawa.

Lt. PARKER searched the erea thoroughly and found a building near Gushikawa camouflaged by palm fronds. He organized an attack but just as it was about to begin the attack was called off by the controlling CASCU because our rapidly advancing Earines had approached too close to the target to permit the attack.

Enemy troops were reported retiring to hills in areas 9302, 9303 and 9503, but none could be observed by the pilots and no attack was made there.

Further intensive search along the part of the island north of the III Phib. Corps some of action likewise failed to produce any substantial targets although near the town of Afuso Lt. PARKER discovered a row/Shall wooden huts or shacks which could have been used to house small boats. These huts were destroyed and several fires were started in the nearby village of Afuse.

Liout. E. A. PAREER, Jr.; Lieuts. (jg) V. M. SCHUHART, Pilote: C. H. BOWEN; Ensign R. FOREHAND.

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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