

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No **VC-84 #154**

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) See below (b) Time Over Target(s) See below I (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target 3500, cumulus, .5
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Hazy (e) Visibility 6
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used None
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run All Spacing _____ Altitude of Bomb Release 1500
(NUMBER) (FEET)

Rockets per run 2 Slant range 1500 - 1200 feet
(FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 0 Probably Destroyed 0 Damaged 0

(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 South part of Awacha Town	200 x 400 yards	2 TBM-3 VC-84	20 100 lb GP AN-M 30 unknown no. rds. 50 & 30 cal.	All in area	Unknown
2 Area on Kune Shima in target 2 below.		12 FM-2 VC-84	11,780 rds. 50 cal.	"	1 barracks or warehouse destroyed; other damage unknown
3/ Pillbox area in target 3 below	300 x 200 yards	2 TBM-3 VC-84	4 500 lb GP AN-Mk 64 16 rockets, usual, unknown no. rds. 50 & 30 cal.	"	Unknown
4/6 Caves in target area 4 below	400 x 200 x 300 yards	4 TBM-3 VC-84	6 500 lb GP, 24 rockets and same as above	"	"
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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.)

In target 2 the barracks or warehouse was burned by strafing to the extent that it was considered destroyed.

Targets -

- 1- South part of Awacha Town, Okinawa Jima (7975 Item Mike Nan local grid) 0650 I.
- 2- Kune Shima, gun positions north coast, buildin s north of Nishuno Town, 110 & 1215 .
- 3- Pillbox area northeast of Washinato Airfield, Okinawa Jima (7777 Queen Mike local grid) 1110.
- 4- Caves area south of Tomusu Town, Okinawa Jima (7965 George, King 7865 Oboe on local grid) 1335.

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

Gun camera film did not show damage results.

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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
- " " " " Enemy
- Defensive Tactics, Own
- " " " " Enemy
- 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
- Homing
- Rendezvous
- Recognition, Ships
- Communications
- Flight Operations
- Search and Tracking
- Base Operations
- Maintenance

For convenience activities of support flights and target combat air patrol taking off from USS MAKIN ISLAND 22 April 1945, L plus 21, for Okinawa Jima are grouped in one report. 12 FM-2 were on target combat air patrol at varying times and on completion of such duties all strafed targets on Kume Shima; these were gun positions on the north coast and a buildings area north of Nishina Town. One barracks or warehouse was destroyed by fire which started as a result of strafing. 3 separate support flights of 2 TBM-3, 2 TBM-3 and 4 TBM-3 joined their respective support groups in attacking the south part of Awacha Town, Okinawa Jima (7975 Item Mile Nan, local grid), an area of pillboxes northeast of Machinato airfield (7777 Queen Mile local grid) and an area of caves south of Tomusu Town, Okinawa Jima (7965 George King 7865 Obce local grid). All bombs and rockets went in the designated areas but specific results were not observable. Bombing runs were started at 3500 feet, release at 1500 feet and pullout at 1000 feet. Slant range for rockets was 1500 - 1200 feet.

Pilots -

TCAP:

Lt. George Shaw-Corthorn, flight leader, Lts.(jg) Alfred E. Monahan, Raymond B. Howard, Ensign Richard D. Tietjen;
Lt. Thomas S. Sedaker, flight leader, Lt.(jg) Robert E. Hooks, Ensigns John R. Stroppel, Johan D.W. Hubbeling, Lt.(jg) Donald E. Skewis, division leader, Lt.(jg) James G. Babb, Lt.(jg) Rex S. McDaniel, Ensign Harold E. Chapman.

Support:

Lt. Brice Holladay, Lts.(jg) Donald E. Glasgow, Howard A. Hughes, Wilber E. Hge;
Lt. Douglas K. English, flight leader, Lt. (jg) William H. Bartles, Ensigns Glenn "A" Perry, Leonard F. Wogniak.

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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

Equipment performed in normal manner.

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