I. GENERAL

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED (Reclassify when filled out)

	SQUADRON	TAKING	NUMBER	ATTACKING	HIS RE		ND TORPEDOES		FUZE, SE	TTING
(a)	(b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENEMY A/C	TARGET (e)		CARRIED	(PER PLANE)		(g)	
BM-3E	VT-33	5	0	5	10	X 100 HVAR	G.P.	Nose Tail	AN M 103 AN M 100 MK 157	Al Inst Al 1 s
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III. O	THER U. S.	OR ALLIED) A!RCRAFT	BASE	INT	HIS OPER	ATION. SQUADRON	NUMBER	BAS	E
rbm	VC-9	4	U.S.S.	NATOMA I	BAY					
TM-2 TM-2	VC-9	12	U.S.S.	NATOMA I	BAY	1				
IV FN	JEMY AIRC		52.	1.2 ENGAGED (Listed in 11	Only).		
(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d)	LOCA	(e) TION OF DUNTER		(1	DOES CARRIED; BSERVED	CAMOL	(g) JFLAGE AND ARKING
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i) of Sun V. EN	or Moon_	RAFT DEST	ROYED OR	DAMAGED					(c) HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAG
of Sun V. EN	or Moon_	RAFT DEST	ROYED OR	DAMAGED OT OR GUNNER		GUNS			(c)	DAMAG CLAIME
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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

(Reclassify when

VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
TBM	VT-33	.50 cal.	Port wing Tw	o (2) small holes
2 TBM	VT-33	.50 cal.	Both wings Tw	o (2) small holes each wi
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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
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) TYPE	(b) MILES	(c) MILES	AV. HOURS	OURS AV FUEL AV FUEL . (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPEND			(e) AV. FUEL AV. FUEL —	IDED	(h)	
A/C	OUT	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
TBM-3E	65	45	4 1/3	330	270	460	1405	*	•	5
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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

NONE

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

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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)_	(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE	ALL IN AREA UNDER A	(b) TI	me Over Target(s	T900(T)	Zone)
(c)	Clouds Over Target 150	O, strato-cu	mulus, 9/1	O GOVER AT	Yontan, un	limited at	oth
(d)	Visibility of Target	Clear. HAZY. PARTIAL	LY OBSCURED BY CLO	UDS, ETC.)	(e) Visibility	Unlimite(1
(f)	Bombing Tactics: Type	G11de	IDE OR DIVE)	Bomb S	ight Used_MK.	VIII DOC	3
	Bombs Dropped per Run	(NUMBER)	Spacing	OO AI	titude of Bomb Re ockets 8/	R 1000 TO	o ds.
(g)	Number of Enemy Aircraft	Hit on Ground: Des	troyed	Probably Dest	troyed O.	Damaged0	

	AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BO. EXPEN	MBS AND IDED EACH	MAMUNITION	INT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious destroyed or sunk)
1	Gun Positions		5 VT-33	12 :	X 100	G.P.	Un	observed	Unobserved
2	Building Acra		77-33	20	fvAR0	G.P.		11	Serious
3.	Plane Revet-		5 VT-33		X 100 HVAR	G.P.	Un	8 observed	Serious Unobserved
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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. This target is on tip of a peninsula en eastern coast of Okinawa. The positions were like semi-caves near the crest of a hill. CASCU designated this spot as a target. All positions appeared to be empty. So many planes were attacking the target that number of hits and amount of damage could be assessed. Preceding strike group had also hit the same target.

2. Building area noth of Yontan Airfield. Hits did not demolish the structure but serious damage was done. Building would not be usable without major repairs. No fires were seen burning. Small buildings surrounding the large building were also hit. Bomb hits on the frame buildings did more damage than rockets. The whole

building area was quite large.

3. Revetments surrounding Yontan Airfield appear to be for planes. These runs were made on the covered ones, some earthen covered and others with round rafter and net tree branches, Rockets did considerable damage to the earthern covered ones while a 100 G.P. dropped in the others blew the covering off or open enough to see inside. Seriously damage planes were in some but no planes burst into flame. Some of these planes have been seen in these and other revements for at least the past five (5) days. Some of them definitely appear to be dummies and it is believed that others were damaged some time ago and left there as decoys. These decoys and dummies are very effective, at least to the extent of attracting strafing and bombing planes whenever they make attacks on the field.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No. Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.



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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

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

Own Weaknesses
Enemy Weaknesses
Offensive Tactics, Own
"Enemy
Defensive Tactics, Own
"Enemy
Flexible Gunnery, Own
Escort Tactics
Fighter Direction

ATTACK

OWN TACTICS

Use of Radar

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

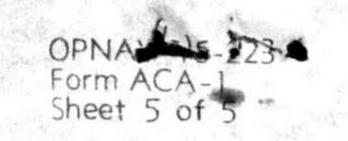
Navigation
Homing
Rendezvous
Recognition, Ships
Communications
Flight Operations
Search and Tracking
Base Operations
Maintenance

The original Air Plan for this date provided that planes of this squadron would fly TASP. The change was made by dispatch the night before and changed caused no difficulty.

Lieut. Young and the four (4) other planes joined up with the remainding planes of the attacking group near the launching point.

The first target appeared to be a fruitless target. It had been hit by the previous strike group and they reported that the positions were empty.

The Air Coordinator called to the acra planes that were not in his assigned group and as a result and so many planes diving on the target at the same time that pilots of this squadron, at least, were diverted from giving desired attention to the aiming point and results of drops.



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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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Two 100 lb. G.P. bombs did not release (Stations 6 & 9) and the radioman failed to notify the pilot. The plane landed aboard with the bombs on the rack without mishap. The pilot and radioman have been reminded of the possible consequences of this and it is not expected that it will reoccur.

The damage to planes reported in VI, was apparently inflicted by enemy machine gun fire. No tracers were seen but crewmen from other planes noticed flashes coming from building area as the planes, which were hit, flew over.

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