# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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) Mission	Direct	support	- prior	to invasi	ion Okinawa		(f) Time of R	Return	(Zone
II. OV	/N AIRCRA	AFT OFFICI	ALLY COV	ERED BY T	HIS REPORT.				
TYPE	SQUADRON	TAKING OFF	NUMBER ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	ATTACKING TARGET		AND TORPEDOE		FUZE, SET	TING
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)		(f)		(g)	
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TBM FM-2	VC-92 VC-1	4	USS TUI	G ISLAND					
IV. EI	NEMY AIRC	CRAFT OBS	ERVED OR	ENGAGED (	By Own Aircraft	Listed in II	Only).		
(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGINO OWN A/C	G TIME ENCOUNTER	RED ENC	(e) ATION OF COUNTER	BOMBS, TORPI GUNS C	EDOES CARRIED; OBSERVED	CAMOUR	(g) FLAGE AND RKING
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TYPE OWN A/C SQUADRON TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAU			MY A/C, IONAL CAUSE	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)			EXTE (Give Burea	OR DAMAGE, r of planes destroyed		
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VII. P	ERSONNEL	CASUA	(c)	craft listed	in II only; id	entify with	n planes list	ted in VI b	y Nos. at	left).
). SQUADRO	N	NAME, RA	NK OR RATING		# C	AUSE		CONDITION OR STATUS		
VIII.	RANGE, FI	JEL, AN	D AMMUNI	TION DAT	A FOR PLAN	IES RETU	RNING			
TYPE	(b) MILES	(b) (c) (d) (e) MILES AV. HOURS AV. FUE			AV. FUEL (g) TOTA	TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED			(h)	
A/C	OUT	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO. OF PLAN RETURNING
P1-2	1874 MA	***	3.25	175	110		3700			8
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IX. EN	EMY ANT	I-AIRCR	AFT ENCOU	NTERED (	Check one blo	ck on eac	h line)			
		CALIB			NON		MEAGER	МО	DERATE	INTENSE
A V W I	e-fused shells,	75mm and	over		X					
AVY — Tim	apact fused s	hells, 20mm	n-50mm		77					
4 1 2	DIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm  HT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm									
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XI. ATTACK ON EN	NEMY SHIPS OR	GROUND OBJECT	IVES (By Own Aircraft Listed	in II Only)	•
(a) Target(s) and Locatio	n(s) Kadean	Okinawa and V	icinity (b) Time Ove	er Target(s)	1635-1740((Z))ne)
(c) Clouds Over Target	1300 ft.	3 Cumulus (BASE IN FEET	, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
(d) Visibility of Target	Smokey, smo	Y, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	Visibility	10 · (MILES)
(f) Bombing Tactics: Type	e Rocket	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight U	sed	(TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Ru	IN(NUMBER	, Spacing	(FEET) Altitude	of Bomb Rel	ease
(g) Number of Enemy Air	rcraft Hit on Grou	und: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed_		_ Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) 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)
Revetted boathous	;e	4 FM-2 VC-88	3 napalm, 4 rkts, 800 rds .50	7 hits Strafed	Unknown number destroyed
2 Buildings	Large & med.	8 FM-2 VC-88	3 napalm, 16 rkts, 500 rds .50 cal	19 hits Strafed	
3 Cave entrances		4 FM-2 VC-88	ll rkts 1000 rds .50 cal	6 hits	Serious
4 Camouflaged boat	50 ft.	2 FM-2 VC-88	250 rds .50 cal	Strafed	Sli ht
5 Aircraft	One	1 FM-2 VC-88	150 rds .50 cal	Strafed	Slight
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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 Revetted boathouses on south side of Bisha Gawa river, target areas 8289M to 8290 S attacked, fires statted which destroyed unknown number.
- #2 Buildings on both north and south banks of Bisha Gawa River attacked, resulting in fires, at least several buildings destroyed, many seriously damaged. In target areas 8290, 8289, 8389, and 8489.
- 3 Cave entrances in 8490 hit by rockets and strafing. Serious damage.
- 14 No smoke or fire resulted but beat repeatedly hit in 8189 M
- #5 One aircraft strafed and left smoking. Plane covered with boughs. Extent of damage therefor, difficult to ascertain.

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(n) V	Vere Photographs	Taken?	No	Photographs of	Damage,	WhenTaken,	Should Be	Attached By Sta	aple.
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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 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

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.)

> Hight PM-2s of VC-83, miloted by Lts. H. H. P.C., H. A. FAIP Lin(je) C. H. RHUILS, H. J. MAN and Innight W. G. Hally, R. T. CARLITHEE, N. E. SELLITE and D. J. M. COUNTY, printed with D V" from VC-UZ and & VF from VCC-1, to attmak installations in the vicinity fo Madean, Okinawa on 31 March 1046. From 1635(I) until 1740(I) attacks involving napalm bombe, reckets and strafing wors made by the Fi-Es of TC-38, causing considerable durage, including destruction of revetted bosthouses on southsoide of Hisha Cama river, near its menth, buildings on the north and south of the river, with demage to others; in addition damage was done to a boat in the harbor, a Diffy on the round at Endena sirficld and various care entrances in the vicinity. The mapala bombs particularly started fires in the groups of buildings attacked.

In order to conduct he at now it was necessary to make rune lower than the maximum ordinate of maval gunfire which had been given at 300 feet. The ceiling was on 1 1000 feet, mapalm bends must be dro ped from low altitudes. As far as possible, however, the plenes bore the mewal gumfire in mind, making 5 and 10 degree runs from 1200 feet in the rocket and strafing attacks, milling out fairly high.

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No comment.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.

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

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#### BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

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