

20. Approximate minimum range aircraft approached #1-700 Yds. Altitude #1-In Water.
#2-900 Yds. #2-In Water
21. Approximate range last shot #1-700 Yds. Altitude In Water.
#2-900 Yds.
22. Approximate altitude of bomb release None Size bomb -
23. Approximate range torpedo release None Size torpedo -
24. Number hits on ship by bombs None by torpedoes -

Was ship strafed? No Size gun -

25. Number near bomb misses damaging ship None

26. PLANES SHOT DOWN:	SURE (By own ship alone)	SURE (Assist)	PROBABLE	DAMAGED
(a) Those attacking own ship	<u>Two</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
(b) Other aircraft	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

(An aircraft is considered destroyed "SURE", when, as result of own ship's fire: 1. It is seen to crash., 2. It is seen to disintegrate in the air or be enveloped in flames. 3. It is seen to descend on friendly territory and be captured. 4. Pilot and entire crew are seen to bail out).

(A "SURE ASSIST" may be claimed when plane is destroyed as result of own ship's and assisting fire by friendly planes, shore batteries, or other ship).

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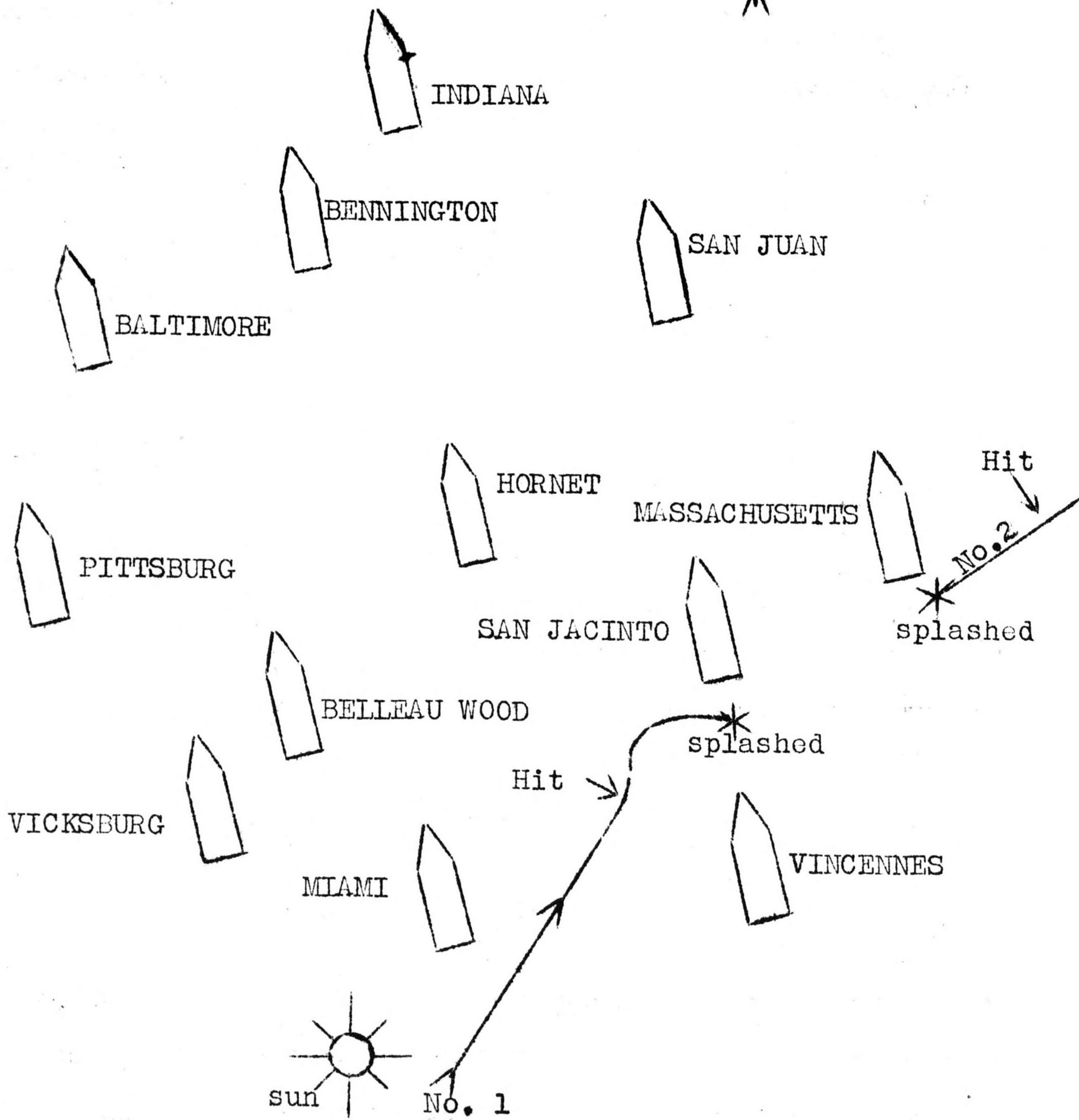
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27. Best estimate of size gun or guns responsible for "SURE" 40MM & 20MM.
28. Performance of ammunition (excellent, good, bad, poor) Excellent
29. What failures in material occurred in this action? None
30. Sketch: (a) Indicate direction of attack relative ship's head.
 (b) Show relative position of sun.
 (c) Indicate own maneuvers.

NOTE:- Add descriptive text on additional sheet if required to clarify report.

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Course - 350° T, swinging to 330° T
Speed - 25 Knots
Formation 5-V(D)
Axis - 030° T
Az. Alt.
Sun - 221° 63°



These two planes and the one that attacked the BELLEAU WOOD, just a few seconds previously, appeared to be an attempt at a coordinated attack. The number one plane of this attack started his run on the SAN JACINTO's port quarter from about 4,000 feet altitude. At the time the ship was in a turn, swinging from 030° to 330°. We spotted the plane quickly, and were the first ship to open fire at him. We obtained early hits, setting him

afire shortly after he commenced his dive. After being hit, the plane became the most spectacular blaze we have ever seen. It trailed smoke and continued in its dive for a few seconds, then started to pull up in a steep climb. It burst into flames at its left wing root and climbed high into a stall, seeming to hang in the sky directly astern of us, trying to decide in which direction to fall. Finally it dipped its right wing and spun in about eight hundred yards astern of the SAN JACINTO.

Just before number one plane reached the peak of his climb we spotted another Jap attacking the SAN JACINTO from the starboard beam. All the starboard battery immediately shifted fire to it and starting hitting it just at about 2500 yards starting it to smoke badly. Intense AA fire continued from this ship until the Jap crashed into the sea astern of the MASSACHUSETTS. By this time, the ship was on a course of 330°.

This made two sure kills for the SAN JACINTO batteries in less than two minutes.

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Location of Ship (area) Southeast of Okinawa USS SAN JACINTO

Zone Time 1330 (-9) Date 6 April, 1945.

1. Surprise attack (yes or no) Yes Day or Night Day

2. Method picking plane up (Radar, binoculars, naked eye) Naked Eye

3. Range plane was picked up (50,30,10, less than 5 miles) 4,000 Yds.

4. Total number of planes observed One Type KATE

5. Number of planes attacking own ship One Type KATE

6. Number of planes taken under fire by own ship One

(a) Of those attacking own ship One Type KATE

(b) Others _____ Type _____

7. Speed and altitude of approach in knots and feet 175 knts., 12000 ft.

8. Number of guns firing - by caliber 16 Barrels 40MM., 11 Barrels 20MM.

9. Ammunition expended - by caliber 259 Rds. 40MM., 475 Rds. 20MM.

10. Percent service allowance expended 0.415% 40MM., 0.36% 20MM.

11. Method of control Mk 14 Sight
Mk 51 Director Method of spotting Direct

Method of ranging Estimate Method of firing Automatic

12. Approximate time-tracking to first shot Fired Immediately

13. Approximate time of first hits 4 to 5 Seconds.

14. Approximate time first shot to last shot 40 Seconds.

15. Approximate position angle open fire 10°

16. Approximate position angle cease fire In Water

17. Approximate bearing first shot 000 Relative

18. Approximate bearing last shot 005 Relative

19. Approximate range first shot 2300 Yds. Altitude 1200 Ft.

(over)

20. Approximate minimum range aircraft approached 50 Ft. Altitude In Water
 21. Approximate range last shot 50 Ft. Altitude In Water
 22. Approximate altitude of bomb release None Size bomb -
 23. Approximate range torpedo release None Size torpedo -
 24. Number hits on ship by bombs None by torpedoes -
 Was ship strafed? No Size gun -

25. Number near bomb misses damaging ship None

26. PLANES SHOT DOWN:	SURE (By own ship alone)	SURE (Assist)	PROBABLE	DAMAGED
(a) Those attacking own ship	<u>One</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
(b) Other aircraft	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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27. Best estimate of size gun or guns responsible for "SURE" 40MM & 20MM.

28. Performance of ammunition (excellent, good, bad, poor) Excellent

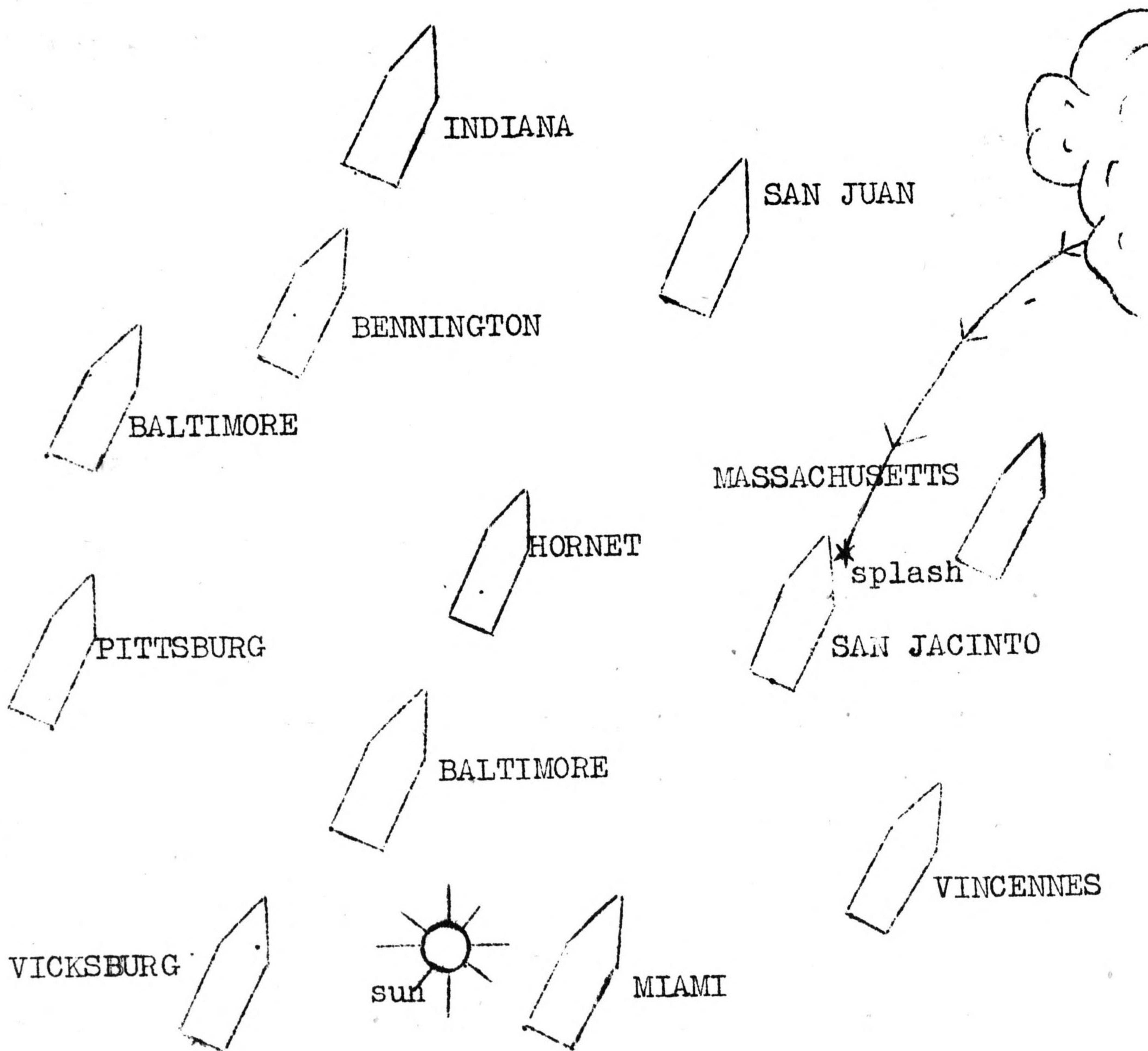
29. What failures in material occurred in this action? None

30. Sketch: (a) Indicate direction of attack relative ship's head.
 (b) Show relative position of sun.
 (c) Indicate own maneuvers.

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Course - 020° T
Speed - 25 Knots
Formation 5-V(D)
Axis - 030° T
Az. Alt.
Sun - 221° 64°



This plane made a surprise attack from low hanging clouds about 4,000 yards ahead of the SAN JACINTO. It was first spotted by a marine on one of the 20MM. guns forward on the port side who immediately opened fire on it, pointing it out to the other guns on the ship that could bear. We hit him repeatedly at close range, knocking pieces off him and driving him down. The ship was swung about thirty degrees to the left, unmasking the forward starboard guns. By the combination of gunfire and quick maneuvering of the ship we were able to cause the plane to crash into the sea about 25 feet slightly ahead and off the starboard bow, causing no serious damage to the ship.

The attack happened and developed so quickly it was almost impossible to identify the plane. However, we believe it was a KATE.

There were two things worthy of note, one is that the plane had his right wheel down. At the time, there were planes with wheels down in the landing circle. The Jap may have attempted to lower both his wheels in order to confuse us.

The other item of note was that the plane exploded just as it touched the water, throwing water and debris from plane and pilot over most of the topside of the ship. This indicates that his bomb or explosive charge was fuzed with an instantaneous setback fuze or that the plane had been wired on the underside in such a manner as to cause an immediate explosion.

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Lat. 27° 34' N.
Long. 130° 37' E.
East of Okinawa

Location of Ship (area) East of Okinawa USS SAN JACINTO CVE 30

Zone Time 1159 (-9) Date With T.G. 58.1
16 April, 1945.

1. Surprise attack (Yes or no) Yes Day or Night Day
2. Method picking plane up (Radar, binoculars, naked eye) Naked Eye
3. Range plane was picked up (50,30,10, less than 5 miles) 6,000 Yds.
4. Total number of planes observed One Type Fighter-ZEKE or HAMP
5. Number of planes attacking own ship One Type Fighter-ZEKE or HAMP
6. Number of planes taken under fire by own ship One
 - (a) Of those attacking own ship One Type Fighter-ZEKE or HAMP
 - (b) Others _____ Type _____
7. Speed and altitude of approach in knots and feet 175 Knts., 4000 Ft.
8. Number of guns firing - by caliber 19 Barrels 40MM., 4 Barrels 20MM.
9. Ammunition expended - by caliber 513 Rds. 40MM., 451 Rds. 20MM.
10. Percent service allowance expended .823% 40MM., .342% 20MM.
11. Method of control Mk14 Sight
Mk 51 Director/Optical Method of spotting Tracer
Method of ranging Estimate Method of firing Rapid Fire.
12. Approximate time-tracking to first shot Commenced Fire Immediately.
13. Approximate time of first hits 10 Seconds.
14. Approximate time first shot to last shot 40 Seconds.
15. Approximate position angle open fire 30°
16. Approximate position angle cease fire 5°
17. Approximate bearing first shot 020 Relative
18. Approximate bearing last shot 260 Relative
19. Approximate range first shot 2800 Yds. Altitude 4,000 Ft.

(over)

20. Approximate minimum range aircraft approached 400 Ft. Altitude 400 Ft.
21. Approximate range last shot 3500 Yds. Altitude 600 Ft.
22. Approximate altitude of bomb release None Size bomb -
23. Approximate range torpedo release None Size torpedo -
24. Number hits on ship by bombs None by torpedoes -

Was ship strafed? No Size gun -

25. Number near bomb misses damaging ship None

26. PLANES SHOT DOWN:	SURE (By own ship alone)	SURE (Assist)	PROBABLE	DAMAGED
(a) Those attacking own ship	<u>-</u>	<u>One</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
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30. Sketch: (a) Indicate direction of attack relative ship's head.
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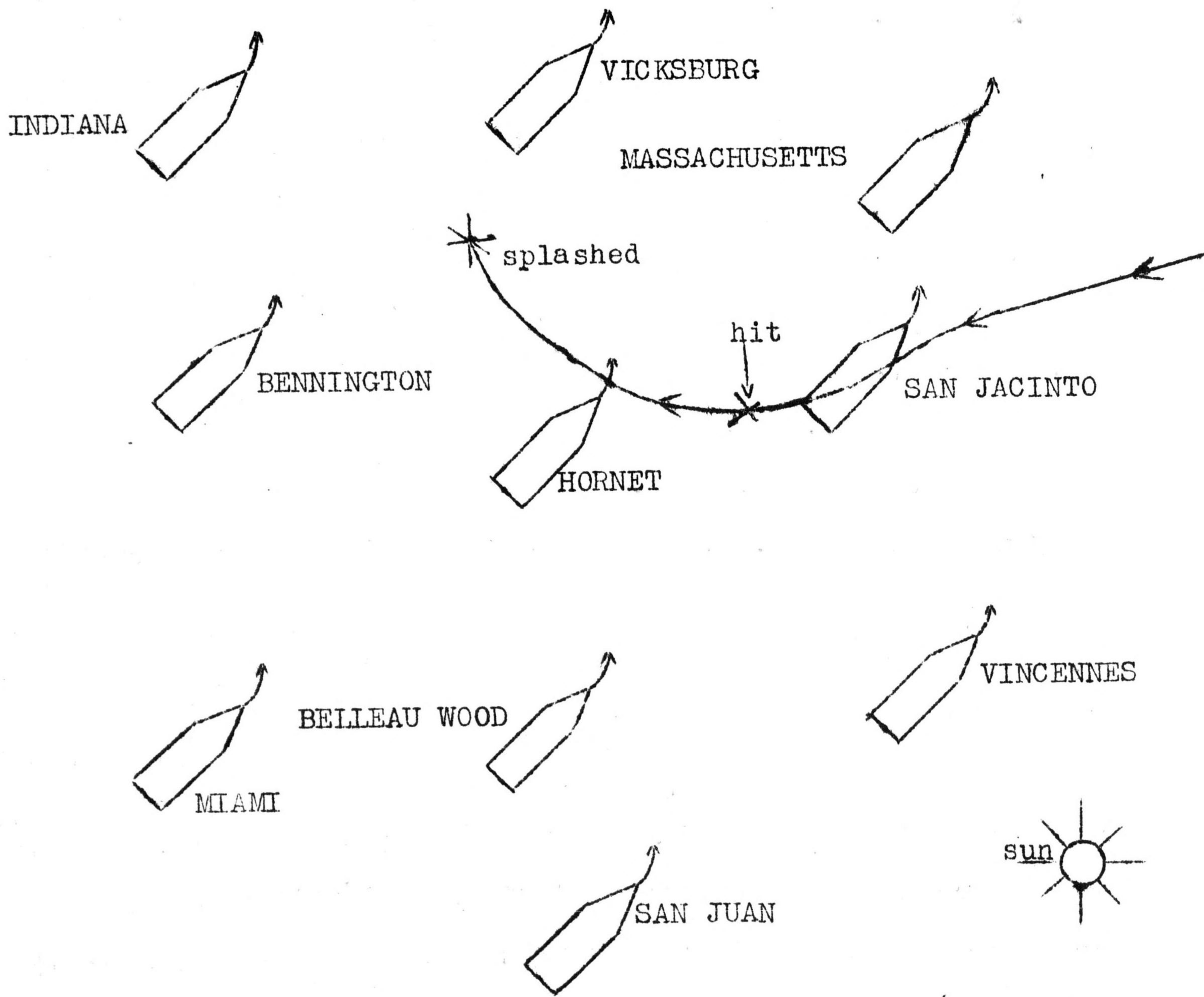
Course - 070°T, Swinging from 160°T
to 000° T.

Speed - 25 Knots

Axis - 000°T.

Formation - 5-V(N)

Sun - Az. 167° Alt. 71° 30'



For about forty five minutes prior to this attack, there had been two B-29s on the radar screen. They were at an altitude of between 26,000 and 30,000 feet. When a bogey plot at 20 miles at a high altitude appeared on the screen it was evaluated by the Task Group Fighter Director Officer as another B-29. However, the

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bogey soon began closing very rapidly, indicating that he was in a dive. At nine miles, a ship in the formation reported seeing a Jap plane diving on the formation. However, we did not pick it up until it was about 6,000 yards away and well in his dive. We opened fire on it at about 4,000 yards but did not score a hit on it until after it pulled out. We did hit it when it was about 400 yards astern of us. It immediately turned right and traveled across the formation before it was shot down astern of the VICKSBURG.

This was an amazing and unbelievable attack. The Jap had a perfect chance to crash this ship, strafe it or bomb it. He did neither, but pulled out of his dive at about 300 feet over our stern and appeared to make an effort to escape. The fact that the formation was making a left turn at the time might have confused him, our fire may have discouraged him or his bomb (if he had one) may have failed to release.

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1. Damage to enemy shipping, aircraft and installations is included in Part V of this report.

2. At 1330(I), April 6, 1945, while under attack by enemy aircraft this ship received a near miss from a suicide bomber. The plane, believed to be carrying a small bomb, was first discovered dead ahead at about 4000 yards making a high speed approach directly toward the ship, at an altitude of about 1000 feet. It was first taken under fire by 20 MM guns 4, 6, and 8 (port forward sponson) followed immediately by all forward battery guns which were able to bear on the target.. An emergency turn to port was made, in order to unmask the starboard battery. The plane crashed approximately 50 feet off the starboard bow, scattering wreckage on the forecastle, the flight deck (to abaft the forward elevator) and the island structure.

3. The following personnel casualties resulted:

HOFFMAN, Ray Alonzo, Slc, V-6, USNR.

Wound, shrapnel, head with compound fracture of skull and severe brain laceration. Died. Buried at sea.

HILL, J. Slc

Wound, shrapnel, left side of face.

Condition: Good. Admitted to sick bay.

McGINLEY, W.D., Slc

Wound, shrapnel, left chest.

Condition: Good. Not admitted to sick bay.

McGEEVER, J., Slc

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BATTLE DAMAGE (continued)

Wound, shrapnel, left forearm.

Condition: Good. Not admitted to sick bay.

4. The following minor material damage resulted:

- (a) Starboard forward anchor light steam tight fitting and bulb shattered; cable severed.
- (b) Bullet hole in W.T. Door 02-44-5. Bullet entered forward edge of frame, penetrating door. Hole $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter about 2 feet from top of door.
- (c) Bridge: Forward window (outboard) knocked out by cylinder of Japanese plane; forward outboard stanchion deflected aft about 2 inches; plexiglass plotting boards and shattered in upper right corners; Sound Power Circuit selector switch casing holed but switch serviceable.
- (d) Water breaker on life raft #17 (Frame 115 (S)) shattered by shrapnel.

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AIR OPERATIONS

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March 22 - April 27, 1945

During the period March 22 - April 27, 1945, planes of Air Group FORTY-FIVE, based on the SAN JACINTO, flew missions having as their major purpose the support of the Amphibious Operations around OKINAWA GUNTO.

This period was characterized by the heaviest schedule of combat flying in the history of the ship. 61.8 per-cent of all missions were over the targets or on search, while the remainder were principally Combat Air Patrols in areas where active enemy air opposition was expected and frequently encountered. Pilots on most days other than those devoted to replenishment, with regularity flew two combat missions a day for a frequent total of eight to nine hours flying time. The strain of this schedule on flight personnel was accentuated by the fact that there were only single day intervals between the periods of combat flying, instead of a sequence of several days of Strikes followed by a number of light days, practice followed in previous operations. The arduous schedule similarly called for a sustained and exhausting effort on the part of the entire complement of the Air Department.

Major accomplishments consisted of the continued support of the various phases of the OKINAWA Amphibious Operations; the sinking of a large Japanese destroyer of the TAKANAMI class that had been escorting the YAMATO; the sinking in the East China Sea of two (2) FTD's, and the destruction of forty-five (45) enemy aircraft

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in the air.

Commencing March 23, 1945, Air Operations consisted principally of Support Missions and Target Combat Air Patrols against OKINAWA SHIMA itself in support of the Amphibious Operations. VF-45 flew thirteen (13) Support Flights and twenty-seven (27) Target Combat Air Patrols for a total of four hundred twenty-four (424) sorties. VT-45 flew seventeen (17) flights for a total of one hundred eleven (111) sorties. Military installations and enemy gun positions were hit repeatedly and it is felt that the SAN JACINTO planes contributed materially to the reduction of the enemy's position on the island.

In addition to the Support Missions summarized above, neutralizing Sweeps and Strikes were flown by the Air Group against other islands in the NANSEI SHOTO, as well as against Japanese shipping. Planes based on the SAN JACINTO participated in this campaign as follows: VF-45 flew twelve (12) Sweeps for a total of one hundred seven (107) sorties against MINAMI DAITO, KIKAI JIMA, MIYAKA JIMA, TOKASHIKA JIMA and KYUSHU. Small craft were destroyed, numerous buildings, barracks, hangars and fuel dumps were set on fire, radio stations were destroyed, or damaged and planes on the ground were strafed and damaged. A whale factory at NAZE HO, suspected of being used as a base for midget submarines, was heavily hit by rockets. In fifteen (15) Strikes against enemy shipping and against aircraft and aircraft installations at TOKASHIKA JIMA, KIKAI JIMA, MIYAKA JIMA, OKINOYERABU JIMA, and AMAMI O SHIMA, VF-45 flew one hundred twenty-four (124) sorties and VT-45 flew one hundred nine (109) sorties. The damage inflicted consisted of the sinking of one (1) enemy destroyer, two (2) FTDs, and numerous small craft.

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Two efforts were made to locate the Japanese Fleet. The first Strike against the Jap Fleet on March 29 proved abortive. The fleet could not be found. The second attempt however proved highly successful and the SAN JACINTO planes contributed to the score by sinking one of the large destroyers, as previously mentioned. The damage inflicted to ground installations by these strikes consisted principally of the burning of storage buildings and warehouses, barracks, radio stations, and fuel dumps. Numerous enemy aircraft were destroyed or damaged on the ground. Runways on MINAMI DAITO and KIKAI were well cratered. In addition, the VF(T) plane was flown on sixteen (16) Photographic Missions for the purpose of damage assessment. The photographs that were obtained were excellent.

Anti-Submarine Patrols that formerly accounted for a high percentage of the flight time of the torpedo squadrons are now rarely flown. Only one such patrol was flown during this current operation.

Three hundred sixty-nine (369) VF flew thirty-seven (37) Combat Air Patrols over the Task Group, sixteen (16) VF flew two (2) Combat Air Patrols over the Mine Sweepers operating off KERAMO RHETTO during the preliminary phase of the OKINAWA operation and fifty-five (55) VF flew nine (9) Combat Air Patrols over the Destroyer Picket Lines. Detailed statistics on these Air Operations appear in the tables that follow.

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DAILY TABLE OF SORTIES

DATE	AVAILABILITY			AT TARGET STRIKES & SWEEPS				SEARCH		CAP					ASP OR JACK		OTHER	
	VF	VFP	VT	VF	VFP	VT	CAP	VF	VT	ICAP	SCOCAR	SHIPS	MCAP	RAF CAP	VF	VT	VF	VT
3/22/45	19	1	6															
3/23/45	22	1	8	24	2	16						224						
3/24/45	22	1	9	13	2	16						24					16	
3/25/45	20	1	9	11	1	18	36					8	16					
3/26/45	21	0	8									12				4		2 tow planes
3/27/45	19	1	8	11	1	6	36					24				4		
3/28/45	20	1	8	8		14	32					8						
3/29/45	16	1	4	6		5						24						
3/30/45	18	1	4															
3/31/45	24	1	9	23	1							16						
4/1/45	22	1	9	15		12	16					12						
4/2/45	21	1	9	31	1	18						16						

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DAILY TABLE OF SORTIES

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DATE	AVAILABILITY			AT TARGET STRIKES & SWEEPS				SEARCH		CAP			ASP OR JACK		OTHER			
	VF	VFP	VT	VF	VFP	VT	CAP	VF	VT	ICAP	SCOCAP	SHIPS	CAP	RAPCAP	VF	VT	VF	VT
4/3/45	21	1	7	14	2	12						24						
4/4/45	16	1	7									8						
4/5/45	18	1	8	36	1	18		16										
4/6/45	19	1	9				48					8						
4/7/45	19	1	9	12	2	8	16					14						
4/8/45	16	1	8									24						
4/9/45	17	1	6									16		4				
4/10/45	20	0	6									16						
4/11/45	18	1	6															1 tow plane
4/12/45	23	1	8							313		24						
4/13/45	22	1	8							22		23						

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DAILY TABLE OF SORTIES

DATE	AVAILABILITY			AT TARGET STRIKES & SWEEPS				SEARCH		CAP				ASP OR JACK		OTHER		
	VF	VFP	VT	VF	VFP	VT	CAP	VF	VT	ICAP	SCOCAP	SHIPS	CAP	RAPCAP	VF	VT	VF	VT
4/14/45	17	1	8				24					12		12				
4/15/45	18	1	8	20			19							7				
4/16/45	17	1	9	8		8	24							7				
4/17/45	19	1	6									12						
4/18/45	20	1	8	16		16	33											
4/19/45	20	1	8	16		8								12				
4/20/45	18	1	7	21	1	24				32								
4/21/45	24	1	5	10	1		18			8				4				
4/22/45	18	1	4									12						
4/23/45	24	1	6	7		13	24							16				
4/24/45	20	1	8															
4/25/45	20	1	8				16											
4/26/45	23	1	9									8						
4/27/45	19	1	9	12	1	8	46											

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DAMAGE TO ENEMY

STRIKE NO.	DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	LOCATION	ENEMY A/C DESTROYED		ENEMY SHIPPING		
				IN AIR	GROUND OR WATER	SUNK	PROBABLY SUNK	DAMAGED
Strike 1C	3/23/45	1055-9	Tokashika Jima	0	0	0	0	One motor launch on beach and other small boats.
Sweep 1E	3/23/45	1215-9	Okinawa Jima	0	0	Two sampans sunk Unten Ko.	0	One sampam strafed Unten Ko. 4 large anchored luggers strafed Taguchi Ko. 3 beached camouflaged landing barges strafed
Strike 1G	3/23/45	1515-9	Tokashika Jima	0	0	0	0	7 luggers 4 small boats strafed. One whale boat, 3 row boats by bombs.
			Fukashi Jima	0	0	0	0	21 whale boats by bombs

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DAMAGE TO LAND TARGETS

STRIKE NO.	DATE	LOCATION	NATURE OF TARGET AND DAMAGE
Strike 1C	3/23/45	Tokashika Jima	Four houses destroyed by 12 rockets; 5 barracks type buildings burned by 24 rockets by VF. Military installations; possible radio station with four masts 8 square houses facing beach, caves were attacked by 8 VTB aircraft dropping 95 100# G.P. bombs and strafing with approximately 800 rounds .50 calibre machine gun fire. The houses were left burning, as confirmed by photographs. Effect of hits on other targets was not observed.
Sweep 1E	3/23/45	Okinawa Jima	One steel roof shed set afire by two rockets in Toguchi Ko.
Strike 1G	3/23/45	Tokashika Jima	Houses in village strafed, barracks type buildings strafed set on fire. Probable radio station rocketed, all by VF. Twenty buildings, trenches and caves were attacked by six VTB aircraft dropping 72 100# G.P. bombs and strafing with approximately 1000 rounds .50 calibre machine gun fire. The buildings were left burning, but the effect of hits on the other targets was not observed.

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TABLE OF BOMBS, ROCKETS, TORPEDOES, MINES DROPPED AT TARGETS

STRIKE NO.	DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	TARGET GENERAL	ATTACKED SPECIFIC	SORTIES AT TARGET		BOMBS, ROCKETS, TORPEDOES & MINES		FUSING	
					VF	VT	NUMBER	TYPE	NOSE	TAIL
Strike 1C	3/23/45	1055-9	KERAMA RETTO, OKINAWA GUNTO	Buildings and military installations on Zamami Yokan, Fukashi, and Tokashiki Jimas.	9	8	None. 95 800 Rounds	100# G.P. Bombs. .50 Cal. Machine gun fire.	Instant	Non-delay
Sweep 1E	3/23/45	1215-9	OKINAWA JIMA	Shipping, Unten Ko, Taguchi and Subtown.	8			5" H.E. Rockets	Non-delay	
Strike 1G	3/23/45	1515-9	KERAMA RETTO, OKINAWA GUNTO	Boats and buildings.	9	8	None 96 1500 Rounds	100# G.P. Bombs. .50 Cal. Machine gun fire.	Instant	Non-delay

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DAMAGE TO ENEMY

STRIKE NO	DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	LOCATION	ENEMY A/C		DESTROYED		ENEMY SHIPPING		
				IN AIR		GROUND OR WATER		SUNK	PROBABLY SUNK	DAMAGED
Strike 1C	3/24/45	0840-9	Tokashiki Jima, Yakan and Koba Jimas.	0		0		0	0	0
Strike 1F	3/24/45	1300-9	Jap Convoy in East China Sea. 28° 25' N., 124° 32' E.	0		0		0	One FTC (already damaged and on fire as result of attack by other planes) by two torpedoes and ten rockets. (See photo 8 of sortie SAN JAC 67 in Part II.	

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Strike Number	DATE	LOCATION	STATEMENT OF NATURE OF TARGET AND DAMAGE.
Strike 1C	3/24/45	Tokashiki Jima, Kerama Retto	Trees and underbrush flanking beaches at Tokashiki and Aware Towns were attacked by 2 VTB aircraft dropping 24 incendiary clusters, ANM-12, causing large fires which effectively burned out the area. (Photo) Several small buildings destroyed by rockets at Tokashiki Town. Boat building damaged on coast near Tokashiki Town by strafing. Designated fuel dumps and amphibious tank areas middle west coast Tokashiki Jima, damaged. Blockhouse NW coast Tokashiki Jima damaged.
		Yakan Jima	Eight buildings including radio station in town were attacked by 2 VB aircraft dropping 10 incendiary clusters, ANM-12, and 10 100# G.P. bombs. The buildings were effectively burned and destroyed, as confirmed by photographs.
		Yaku Jima	About 6 buildings in town were attacked by 3 VTB aircraft dropping 12 100# G.P. bombs and 2 incendiary clusters, ANM-12. These buildings were effectively burned and destroyed. (Photo). A large wooded area overlooking the beach on the Eastern side of the island was attacked by 1 VTB aircraft dropping 12 incendiary clusters ANM-12, which burned out the area. A large cave on the southwestern tip of the island was hit by 1 VTB aircraft with 2 100# G.P. bombs. Extent of damage is not known.

NOTE: Extensive saturation strafing was done at each of the above targets.

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STRIKE NO.	DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	TARGET		ATTACKED		SORTIES AT TARGET		BOMBS, ROCKETS, TORPEDOES & MINES		FUSING	
			GENERAL		SPECIFIC		VF	VT	NO.	TYPE	NOSE	TAIL
Strike 1C	3/24/45	0840-9	Tokashiki Jima		Buildings, trees, & underbrush flanking beaches at Tokashiku and Aware towns.	1	2	24	Incendiary clusters	-	-	Non-delay
						7		42 - 5" H.E.	ANM 12 Rockets			
						1	2	10	Incendiary clusters ANM 12	-	-	
						3		12	100# G.P. bombs.	Inst.	None	
Strike 1F	3/24/45	1309-9	Japanese Shipping		One FTD at 28° 25' N., 124° 32' E.			48- 5" H.E.	Rockets	non-delay		
						1	1	12	Incendiary clusters ANM 12	-	-	
						1		2	100# G.P. bombs	Inst.	None	
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STRIKE	DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	LOCATION	ENEMY A/C		ENEMY SHIPPING		
				IN AIR	DESTROYED GROUND OR WATER	SUNK	PROBABLY SUNK	DAMAGED
1 Able	3/25/45	0550-9	Okinawa Jima	0	0	0	0	0
TCAP #2	3/25/45	0600-9	Okinawa - Cove SW side Tonaki Jima	0	0	3 small boats.	0	0
TCAP #2	3/25/45	0750-9	500' beach SE corner Yakabi Jima	0	0	0	0	
1 Dog	3/25/45	1020-9	Small boat basin at Naha, Okinawa	0	0	0	0	6 or 8 lug- gers on beach 'burned and about 10 add- itional lug- gers probably damaged.
Sweep Reconn.	3/25/45	1210-9	Iiyako Shima	0	1 or 2 S/E damaged by strafing, Harara Field.			
TCAP #6	3/25/45	1215-9	Heansa Jima	0	0	0	0	1 lugger and 2 small boats Heansa Jima. 3 Small boats Ide Shima.

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				IN AIR	GROUND OR WATER	SUNK	PROBABLY SUNK	DAMAGED
1 George	3/25/45	1515-9	Bldgs. and wooded area between west coast of Okinawa and Kunishi town (Southeast tip of island).	0	0	0	0	0

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STRIKE	DATE	LOCATION	NATURE OF TARGET AND EXTENT OF DAMAGE
1 Able	3/25/45	Okinawa Jima	Reveted area along Bisha (river) near town of Kadena was hit by six VTB aircraft dropping 60 100# G.P. bombs and 48 5" H.E. head rockets. Fires were started throughout the area.
1 Dog	3/25/45	Small boat basin at Naha, Okinawa.	Sixteen - eighteen luggers on beach were attacked by 6 VTB aircraft .58 100# G.P. bombs and 48 rockets. Six-eight of the luggers were destroyed by burning and 10 were probably damaged. In addition, 2 100# G.P. bombs were dropped on an automatic A/A position along waterfront in Naha. The gun was silenced.
1 George	3/25/45	Southeast tip of Okinawa.	Buildings and wooded area between west coast of Okinawa and Kunishi town were bombed by 6 VTB aircraft dropping 29 100# G.P. bombs, 6 500# G.P. bombs and 40 rockets. Fires were started throughout the area. The town of Kunishi was also hit by 8 rockets, with fires started and observed gaining headway.
Sweep - Reconnaissance	3/25/45	Nobara Field Miyako Shima	Radio station between runways damaged.

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			GENERAL	SPECIFIC	VF	VT	NO.	TYPE	NOSE	TAIL
1 ABLE	3/25/ 45	0550-9	Okinawa Jima	Reveted area along Bisha Gawa (River) near town of Kadena.		6	60	100# G.P. Bombs.	Inst.	.025
							48	Rockets (5" H.E. Head)	-	-
TCAP #2	3/25/ 45	0600-9	Targets of opportunity west of Okinawa Jima.	Attacked 4 small boats cove SW side Tonaki Jima.	12		None			
TCAP #3	3/25/ 45	0750-9	Designated beach target south coast Yakabi Shima.	500 feet beach SE corner Yakabi Shima.	12		None			
1 Dog	3/25/ 45	1020-9	Small boat basin at Naha, Okinawa.	16-18 luggers on beach.		6	58	100# G.P. bombs.	Inst.	.025
							48	Rockets (5" H.E. Head)	-	-
				Automatic AA Position along water front in Naha.			2	100# G.P. bombs.	Inst.	.025
Sweep Reconnaissance	3/25/ 45	1210-9	Miyako Shima	Aircraft Hirara field, radio station between runways; Nobara field.	12		60	5" H.E. Rockets	non-delay	

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			GENERAL	ATTACKED SPECIFIC	VF	VT	NO.	TYPE	NOSE	TAIL
TCAP #6	3/25/45	1215-9	Target of opportunity Okinawa Gunto	Small boats and luggers.	12		12	5" H.E. Rockets	non- delay	
1 George	3/25/45	1515-9	South-east tip of Okinawa.	Buildings and wooded area betw: tween west coast of island and Kunishi Town. Kunishi Town		6	29	100# G.P. bombs.	Inst.	.025
							6	500# G.P. bombs	Inst.	.025
							40	Rockets (5"H.E. Head)	-	-
							8	Rockets (5"H.E. Head)	-	-

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STRIKE NO.	DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	LOCATION	ENEMY A/C		ENEMY SHIPPING		
				IN AIR	DESTROYED GROUND OR WATER	SUNK	PROBABLY SUNK	DAMAGED
Special Strike	3/27/45	1210-9	WAN A/F KIKAI JIMA and AMAMI O SHIMA	0	1 S/E probably destroyed, 1 S/E damaged WAN A/F, KIKAI JIMA	0	0	2 SUGAR DOGS set afire from bow to stern by rockets and strafing, AMAMI O SHIMA.

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STRIKE	DATE	LOCATION	NATURE OF TARGET AND EXTENT OF DAMAGE
Special Strike	3/27/45	WAN A/F KIKAI JIMA	Six VTB aircraft attacked and bombed WAN A/F, KIKAI JIMA at southwest tip of island, dropping 24 500# G.P. bombs, on and around the airfield, the revetment area off the southern cover of the field and among buildings one mile northeast of the field. Results were not seen but photos disclose destruction of seven or eight buildings adjoining field.

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			GENERAL	SPECIFIC	VF	VT	NO.	TYPE	NOSE	TAIL
Special Strike	3/27/45	1210-9	Kikai Shima	Wan A/F Kikai Shima and shipping Amami O Shima.	11		60	5" H.E. Rockets	non-delay	
					1 VFR					
			Kikai Shima	Airfield, revetment area off southern corner of field. AA position $\frac{1}{4}$ mile south of the field. Group of buildings 1 mile northeast of the field.	6		5	500# G.P. Bombs.	Inst.	.025
							2	500# G.P. Bombs	Inst.	.025
				4	500# G.P. Bombs	Inst.	.025			
						3	500# G.P. Bombs	Inst.	.025	

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				IN AIR	DESTROYED GROUND OR WATER	SUNK	PROBABLY SUNK	DAMAGED
1 Able	3/28/45	0550-9	Okinawa Jima	0	0	0	0	0
			Kutaka Shima	0	0	0	0	0
TCAP #2	3/28/45	0600-9	Okinawa Jima	0	0	Three camouflaged landing barges on beach at Suwa, Okinawa, burned by strafing. One small motor boat sunk by strafing in inlet west of Sesaka Shima and Okinawa Jima.		
TCAP #3	2/28/45	0750-9	Okinawa Jima	0	0	One small motor launch sunk off SE coast of Yagaji Shima.		
Special Shelling Strike	2/28/45	1430-9	32-30 N., 132-50 E	0	0	One Fox Tare Dog sunk, three Fox Tare Dogs probably sunk. (one exploded, two furiously burning), and three Fox Tare Dogs damaged, all by strafing).		

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STRIKE NO.	DATE	LOCATION	NATURE OF TARGET AND EXTENT OF DAMAGE
1 Able	3/28/45	Okinawa Jima	Under orders from Target Coordinator, probable enemy coastal defense positions on southeastern tip of island were hit by 6 VTB aircraft, dropping 60 100% G.I. bombs and firing 40 (5" H.E. head) rockets. Specific damage was not determinable, but the entire assigned area was saturated.
		Kutaka Shima	Kutaka Town was attacked by 2 VTB aircraft firing 8 rockets. Five or six buildings were hit and burst into flames. (.. piece of flying debris broke through forward cockpit enclosure of one of our planes.)

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			GENERAL	SPECIFIC	VF	VT	NO.	TYPE	NOSE	TAIL
1 Able	3/28 45	0600-9	Okinawa Jima	Probable enemy coastal defense positions on southeastern tip of island		6	60	100# G.P. Bombs	Inst.	.025
			Kutaka Shima	Kutaka Town		2	8	Rockets 5" H.E. Head	-	-
TCAP #2	3/28 45	0600-9	Okinawa Jima	Targets of opportunity west coast	12		None			
TCAP #3	3/28 45	0750-9	Okinawa Jima	Targets of opportunity west coast	8		None			
Special Shipping Strike	3/28 45	1430-9	Shipping off coast of Kyushu		8		48 5" H.E. Rockets		Non-delay	

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			GENERAL	ATTACKED SPECIFIC	VF	VT	NO.	TYPE	NOSE	TAIL
Special Fleet Strike	3/29/45	Jap Fleet east of Kyushu.					8	Torpedoes Mk. 16 Mod. 6	15ft. setting.	
<p>Note: The torpedoes were jettisoned when the Jap Fleet or other shipping was not found.</p>										

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STRIKE NO	DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	LOCATION	ENEMY A/C		DESTROYED		ENEMY SHIPPING		
				IN AIR		GROUND OR WATER		SUNK	PROBABLY SUNK	DAMAGED
SWEEP KIKAI	3/31/45	0815-9	KIKAI JIMA	WAN A/F KIKAI JIMA		1S/E plane strafed damaged. Probably unserviceable. 1 possible serviceable S/E WAN A/F strafed, damaged,		0	0	0
SECOND SWEEP KIKAI	3/31/45	1515-9	KIKAI JIMA	WAN A/F KIKAI JIMA		0	0	0	0	0

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STRIKE NUMBER	DATE	LOCATION	STATEMENT OF NATURE OF TARGET AND DAMAGE
Sweep Kikai	3/31/45	Kikai Jima	Town of Keran strafed, starting several houses burning.
Second Sweep Kikai	3/31/45	Okinawa Gunto	Rocketed camouflaged buildings S of Wan airfield. Rocketed, strafed two radio buildings isthmus Akaogi, Amami O Shima. One concrete building of the radio station was damaged.

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			GENERAL	SPECIFIC	VF	VT	NO.	TYPE	NOSE	TAIL
SWEEP KIKAI	3/31/45	0815-9	KIKAI JIMA	WAN A/F KIKAI JIMA	12	0	12 H.E. Rockets		Non- delay	
SECOND SWEEP KIKAI	3/31/45	1515-9	KIKAI JIMA	WAN A/F KIKAI JIMA	12	0	0			

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				IN AIR		GROUND OR WATER		SUNK	PROBABLY SUNK	DAMAGED
Support 1A	4/1/45	0545-9	Okinawa Jima	0		0		0	0	0
Support 1B	4/1/45	1410-9	Okinawa Jima	0		0		0	0	0

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STRIKE NUMBER	DATE	LOCATION	NATURE OF TARGET AND EXTENT OF DAMAGE
Support 1A	4/1/45	Okinawa Jima	A possible gun emplacement at town of Chatan, as assigned by target coordinator, was hit by 6 VTB aircraft dropping 72 100# G.P. bombs. The entire assigned area was saturated with hits, and 2 or 3 small buildings were observed burning as planes departed. VF expended their rockets and strafed assigned target area which Air Coordinator said was well covered.
Support 1B	4/1/45	Okinawa Jima	Possible artillery, search lights, pill boxes and warehouses, about 1,000 yards northeast of the town of Machinato on west coast, were assigned us by the target coordinator. Two or three moderate size buildings and 4 to 6 concrete gun emplacements (apparently empty) were observed in the assigned area and hit by 6 VTB aircraft dropping 59 100# G.P. bombs and 4 500# G.P. bombs. The entire area was saturated; one building exploded violently and at least one other was observed ablaze. Two barracks were burned and a blockhouse was damaged by napalm bombs and rockets from VF.

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			GENERAL	SPECIFIC	VF	VT	NO.	TYPE	NOSE	TAIL
Support 1A	4/1/45	0545-9	Okinawa Jima	Artillery positions west central coast Okinawa Jima.	8		24	5" H.E. Rockets	non-delay	
							8-500#	bombs	.01 delay	
Support 1B	4/1/45	1410-9	Okinawa Jima	Artillery, search-lights, pill-boxes, and warehouses about 1,000 yds northeast of town of Machinato on west coast as assigned by target coordinator.		6	72	100# G.P. Bombs	Instant.	.025
					7		42	5" H.E. Rockets	Non-delay	
						6	59	100# G.P. Bombs.	None	4-5 Sec delay.
							4-500#	G.P. Bombs.	None	4-5 Sec delay.

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STRIKE NO.	DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	LOCATION	ENEMY A/C DESTROYED		ENEMY SHIPPING		
				IN AIR	GROUND OR WATER	SUNK	PROBABLY SUNK	DAMAGED
Support 1A	4/2/45	0545-9	Okinawa Jima	0	0	0	0	0
Sweep #1	4/2/45	0745-9	Minami Daito Jima	0	0	0	0	0
Support 1D	4/2/45	1030-9	Okinawa Jima	0	0	0	0	0
Support 1G	4/2/45	1515-9	Okinawa Jima	0	0	0	0	0

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Support 1A	4/2/45	Okinawa Jima	Artillery positions south central Okinawa Jima hit by eight 500# bombs, 72 100# bombs and 48 rockets. The Air Coordinator reported the artillery position was destroyed, and the warehouses were observed destroyed by fire.
Sweep #1	4/2/45	Minami Daito Jima	Barracks building Minami Daito Jima airfield destroyed. The runway was damaged by two bombs.
Support 1D	4/2/45	Okinawa Jima	Eight trucks burned by strafing, 24 rockets, 3 napalm bombs and 35 100# G.P. south central Okinawa Jima. Trenches, dugouts and underground storage on top of small hill south central Okinawa Jima by 4 napalm bombs and 18 rockets. Eight buildings were destroyed by 33 100# G.P.
Support 1G	4/2/45	Okinawa Jima	One truck, 2 huts at junction of road south central Okinawa Jima destroyed by 1 500# G.P. bomb carried by a fighter. Three camouflaged trucks were burned by 5 VTB aircraft dropping 52 100# G.P. bombs. In addition 3 low storage buildings were attacked by 1 VTB aircraft dropping 6 100# G.P. bombs, starting a fire in the area.

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			GENERAL	SPECIFIC	VF	VT	NUMBER	TYPE	NOSE	TAIL
1G	4/2/45	1515-9	Okinawa Jima	Camouflaged trucks, three low storage buildings and an underground storage area.		5	52	100# G.P. Bombs.	Instantaneous	None
						1	6	100# G.P. Bombs.	Instantaneous	None
						1	12	100# G.P. Bombs.	Instantaneous	None
							4	500# G.P. Bombs.		
							24	H.E. Rockets		

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			GENERAL	SPECIFIC	V	T	NUMBER	TYPE	NOSE	TAIL
1A	4/2/45	0545-9	Okinawa Jima	Reported artillery positions and small warehouse about 1000 yds NE of Uchitomari.	8	3	72	100# G.P. Bombs.	Instantaneous	None
Sweep #1	4/2/45	0745-9	Minami Daito Jima	Airfield Minami Daito Jima.	12		12	500# G.P. Bombs.		-100-
1D	4/2/45	1030-9	Okinawa Jima	Five trucks parked along road at southwestern edge of town of Shuri and about 20 small bldgs. in front of which trucks were parked. Reported camouflaged gun positions about 500 yds. directly north of town of Shuri and four small bldgs.	8	6	35	100# G.P. Bombs.	Instantaneous	None
							40	5" H.E. Rockets		
							8	500# G.P. Bombs.		
							33	100# G.P. Bombs.	Instantaneous	None

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STRIKE NO.	DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	LOCATION	ENEMY A/C		ENEMY SHIPPING		
				IN AIR	DESTROYED GROUND OR WATER	SUNK	PROBABLY SUNK	DAMAGED
LC	4/3/45	0830-9	Miyako Jima	0	0	Five fishing vessels off NE coast of Miyako Jima by strafing.	0	2-3 power boats, Hirara Harbor, by strafing. 5 pickets boats south of Yara-bu Jima by strafing.
1F	4/3/45	1330-9	Yorabu Jima	0	0	0	Three tuggers (40-50 feet in length).	0
			Miyako Jima	0	0	0	0	0

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STRIKE NUMBER	DATE	LOCATION	NATURE OF TARGET AND EXTENT OF DAMAGE
1C	4/3/45	Hirara airfield Miyako Jima	All three runways on the airfield were hit by 500# G.P. bombs.
1F	4/3/45	Miyako Jima Yerabu Jima	A small dock and about 10 buildings along the waterfront at Hirara town were attacked by 3 VTB aircraft dropping 12 500# G.P. and VF by 8 500# G.P. bombs. The dock was hit and several buildings set afire. The barracks area at the eastern side of the northern peninsula on Miyako Jima was attacked by 1 VTB and 8 fighters, starting several fires. Buildings along the waterfront at Iremasoye were attacked by 2 VTB aircraft dropping 5 500# G.P. bombs. About six of the buildings burned, and three luggers were probably sunk.

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STRIKE NO.	DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	TARGET GENERAL	ATTACKED SPECIFIC	SORTIES AT TARGET		BOMBS, ROCKETS, TORPEDOES & MINES		FUSING	
					VE	VT	NUMBER	TYPE	NOSE	TAIL
1C	4/3/45	0030-9	Miyako Jima	Roadways Hirasa A/P	3		10	500# Bombs	Inst.	.025
						3	50	500# Bombs	.10	.025
1F	4/3/45	0300-9	Miyako Jima	Hirasa A/P small dock and waterfront at Hirasa town.	3		16	500# Bombs	Inst.	.025
						2	10	500# G.P. Bombs.	.10	.025
						2	1	500# G.P. Bombs.	.10	.025
						2	5	500# G.P. Bombs.	.10	.025
			Yerabu Jima	Bldgs. along waterfront at Ikemasoye; also 3 luggers along shore		1	3	500# G.P. Bombs.	.10	.025

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STRIKE NO.	DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	LOCATION	ENEMY A/C		ENEMY CHIPPING		
				IN AIR	DESTROYED ON WATER	SUNK	PROBABLY SUNK	DAMAGED
Sweep Minami #1	4/5/45	0745-9	Minami Daito Jima and Kita Daito Jima Tsuken Jima	0	0	0	0	0
1D	4/5/45	1015-9	Minami Daito Jima	0	0	0	0	0
Search #2	4/5/45	1340-9	31-38 N. 128-58 E.	1 Topsy	0	0	0	0
1G	4/5/45	1515-9	Okinoerabu Jima	0	0	0	0	0

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STRIKE NUMBER	DATE	LOCATION	STATEMENT OF NATURE OF TARGET AND DAMAGE
Sweep Minami #1	4/5/45	Minami Daito Jima	Twelve rockets damaged building northwest of airfield. Camouflaged probable fuel storage on Kita Daito Jima burned by strafing and six rockets.
1A	4/5/45	Tsukun Jima	Dual purpose gun positions at southwestern tip of island were hit by 32 500# G.P. bombs and the guns were damaged.
1D	4/5/45	Minami Daito Jima	The runways of the A/F were hit by 14 500# G.P. bombs. A small barracks was hit and left ablaze. The phosphate plant on the northwest corner of Kita Daito Jima was damaged by one bomb and twelve rockets.
1G	4/5/45	Okinoyerabu Jima	At least six buildings along the waterfront at Wadamari town were attacked by five VTB aircraft dropping seventeen 500# G.P. bombs, starting fires. Three buildings along the waterfront at China town by three VTB aircraft dropping seven 500# G.P. bombs. Extensive strafing was carried out in both towns.

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STRIKE NO.	DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	TARGET		SORTIES AT TARGET		BOMBS, ROCKETS TORPEDOES & MINES		FUSING	
			GENERAL	SPECIFIC	VF	VT	NUMBER	TYPE	NOSE	TAIL
1A	4/5/45	0545-9	Tsukun Jima	Dual purpose gun positions at southwestern tip of island as assigned by Air Coordinator		6	24	500# G.P. Bombs.	Instantaneous	.025
					8	8	500# G.P. Bombs.			
						2	5" H.E. Rockets.			
Sweep Minami #1	4/5/45	0745-9	Minami Daito Jima	Airfield and buildings.	3		100# G.P. Bombs.			
							48	5" H.E. Rockets.		
1D	4/5/45	1045-9	Minami Daito Jima	Runways & barracks at A/F.		6	21	500# G.P. Bombs.	Instantaneous	.025
					8	3	500# G.P. Bombs	Instantaneous	.025	
						16	500# G.P. Bombs			
							43	5" H.E. Rockets		
1G	4/5/45	1515-9	Okinoyerbu Jima	Bldgs. along waterfront Wadamari town		5	17	500# G.P. Bombs.	Instantaneous	.025
						3	7	500# G.P. Bombs.	Instantaneous	.025
				Jetty and 3 buildings along waterfront at Chira town						

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STRIKE NO.	DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	LOCATION	ENEMY A/C	DESTROYED	ENEMY SHIPPING		
				IN AIR	GROUND OR WATER	SUNK	PROBABLY SUNK	DAMAGE
DCAP	4/6/45	0925-I	Over TG 58.1	1 Mynt	0	0	0	0
Em. DCAP	4/6/45	1257-I	Over TG 58.1	1 Tojo	0	0	0	0
DCAP #&	4/6/45	1500-I	Okinawa Jima.	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ Vals 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ Zekes 1 Oscar 1 Jill 1 Hamp 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ U/D S/E fighter 2 Zekes Probables.	0	0	0	0

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STRIKE NO.	DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	TARGET GENERAL	ATTACKED SPECIAL	SORTIES AT TARGET		BOMBS, ROCKETS, TORPEDOES		FUSING	
					VF	VT	No.	Type	NOSE	TAIL
TCAP #4	4/6/45	0925-I	Aircraft, Okinawa Jima.		16			None.		
Sm. MCAP	4/6/45	1257-I	Over T.G. 58.1.		4			None.		
TCAP #1	4/6/45	1500-I	Aircraft, Okinawa Jima.		16			None.		

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STRIKE NO.	DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	LOCATION	ENEMY A/C		ENEMY SHIPPING		
				IN AIR	DESTROYED GROUND OR WATER	SUNK	PROBABLY SUNK	DAMAGED
TCAP #2	4/7/45	0723-9	Four miles north of IE Shima.	One (1) VAL	0	0	0	0
Special Strike against Jap Fleet.	4/7/45	1025-9	31° - 00 N., 128° - 55 E.	0	0	1 (1) KANAMI	0	0
						Sunk by two torpedoes. See photo No. 1 of 12-10-45 and photo No. 1 of 12-10-45 and photo No. 1 of 12-10-45		
DCAP #3	4/7/45	1220-9	FORCE	One (1) Myra One (1) Dinah	0	0	0	0
Special Sweep	4/7/45	1557-9	KIKAI JIMA	0	Damaged two 1/4 plane on ground	0	0	0

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STRIKE NO.	DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	TARGET	ATTACKED	SOURCES AT TARGET		BOMBS, ROCKETS, TORPEDOES, MINES		FUSING	
			GENERAL	SPECIFIC	7	8	NUMBER	TYPE	NOSE	TAIL
Special Strike against Jap Fleet.	4/7/45	1025-9	1 TAKANAMI class DD.				3	Mark 13, Mod. 6 Torpedoes	12 Seconds setting.	.025
Special	4/7/45	1557-9	KIKAI JUM				20 ROCKETS	5" H.L.	Non-delay	

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STRIKE NO.	DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	LOCATION	ENEMY AIRCRAFT	DESTROYED	ENEMY SHIPPING	
						SUNK	PROBABLY SUNK
						DAMAGED	
ICAP #3	4/12/45	0830-1	5 mi. N. of Hanko Shima	1 Zero		0	0

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			GENERAL	..TTACKED SPECIFIC	VF	VT	NUMBER	TYPE	NOSE	TAIL
ICAP #3	4/12/ 45	0830-I	Aircraft in air, north of Amami O Shima.		12		None			

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				IN AIR		GROUND OR WATER		SUNK	PROBABLY SUNK	DAMAGED
ICAP #3	4/13/45	0835-I	Naze Ko, Amami O Shima.	0		0		0	0	Damaged 1 SA (whale factory) beached at Naze Ko by 10 rocket hits.
ICAP #6	4/13/45	1345-I	Naze Town, Amami O Shima.	0		0		0	0	0

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STRIKE NO.	DATE	LOCATION	NATURE OF TARGET AND EXTENT OF DAMAGE.
ICAP #6	4/13/45	Naze Town, Amami O Shima	Strafed and rocketed 5 warehouses starting fires in Naze Town, Amami O Shima.

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			GENERAL	ATTACKED SPECIFIC	VF	VT	NUMBER	TYPE	NOSE	TAIL
ICAP #3	4/13/45	0835-I	Aircraft, Amami O Shima, and Whale Fac- tory, Naze Ko.		12		72	5" H.E. Rockets	Non delay.	
ICAP #6	4/13/45	1345-I	Amami O Shima, air- craft.		12		72	5" H.E. Rockets	non- delay	

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				IN AIR	GROUND OR WATER	SUNK	PROBABLY SUNK	
Em DCAP	4/14/45	1337-I	Over TG 58.1	1 Val 1 Oscar 1 Zeke	0	0	0	0

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			GENERAL	ATTACKED SPECIFIC	VF	VT	NO.	TYPE	NOSE	TAIL	
EM. DCAP	4/14/45	1337-I		Aircraft area TG 58.1	8		None.				

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STRIKE NO.	DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	LOCATION	ENEMY A/C DESTROYED		ENEMY SHIPPING		
				IN AIR	GROUND OR WATER	SUNK	PROBABLY SUNK	DAMAGED
Kikai Sweep #1	4/15/45	0530-1	Wan Airfield Kikai Shima	0	0	0	0	0
Kikai Sweep #2	4/15/45	0830-I	Wan Airfield Kikai Shima	0	1 S/E burned Wan Airfield.	0	0	0
Kyushu Sweep	4/15/45	1330-I	Kanoya and Takanama Air- fields Kyushu		Burned 1 T/E and 1 S.E airplanes at Kanoya. Damaged 10 T/E and 2 S/E air- planes at Kanoya. 6 S/E strafed and probably destroyed.	0	0	0

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Strike No.	DATE	LOCATION	NATURE OF TARGET AND EXTENT OF DAMAGE
Kikai Sweep #1	4/15/45	Kikai Shima	Two large fuel fires started in wooded area south of Wan Airfield.
Kyushu Sweep	4/15/45	Kanoya and Takanama Airfields, Kyushu.	One saw tooth roofed building at 22 nd. Naval Air Depot, Kanoya Airfield hit by 500 lb. bomb and probably destroyed. Adjacent hangar area damaged by one 500 lb. bomb hit.

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			GENERAL	SPECIFIC	VF	VT	NUMBER	TYPE	NOSE	TAIL		
Kikai Sweep	4/15/45	0530-I	Wan Air-field,	Kikai Shima.			8		48	5" H.E. Rockets	non-delay	
Kikai Sweep #2	4/15/45	0830-I	Wan Air-field,	Kikai Shima			12		4	500# G.P. Bombs.	.000 Non-delay.	.025
									48	5" H.E. Rockets		
Kyushu Sweep	4/15/45	1330-I	Kanoya and Takanama Airfields,	Kyushu			12		4	500# G.P. Bombs.	Non-delay	.025
									48	5" H.E. Rockets	Non-delay.	

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				IN AIR	GROUND OR WATER	SUNK	PROBABLY SUNK	
Support 1D	4/16/45	0850-I	Okinawa Jima	0	0	0	0	0
TCAP #3	4/16/45	0750-I	Okinawa Jima	8 Zekes 3 Vals 1 Betty 2 Tonys	0	0	0	0

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STRIKE NO.	DATE	LOCATION	NATURE OF TARGET AND EXTENT OF DAMAGE
Support 1D	4/16/45	Okinawa Jima	Target assigned by Air Coordinator about 150 yards north of town of TANABARU, reported to be five or six artillery positions recessed in northern side of hill, was hit by eight VTB aircraft dropping 32 500# G.P. bombs, of which 30 hit in the target area, and also by 48 rockets. Specific damage not observed.

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			GENERAL	SPECIFIC	VF	VT	NUMBER	TYPE	NOSE	TAIL
Support 1D	4/16/ 45	0850-I	Okinawa Jima.		8		48	H.E. Rockets	Non-delay	
						8	30	500# G.P. Bombs	None	8-15 sec. delay
TCAP #3	4/16/ 45	0750-I	Okinawa Jima.			12	None			

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				IN AIR	GROUND OR WATER	SUNK	GROUND OR WATER	
Strike B	4/18/45	0645-9	Okinawa	0	0	0	0	0
Strike G	4/18/45	1300-9	Okinawa	0	0	0	0	0

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STRIKE NO.	DATE	LOCATION	NATURE OF TARGET AND EXTENT OF DAMAGE
Strike B	4/18/45	Okinawa	Two buildings fired, NAKAGUSUKU TOWN, two buildings fired, GUSHICHAN TOWN, one building fired, HAMAGUSUKU TOWN, all by rockets. Wooded area in target square 7259 blanketed by rockets and strafing. Revetments and dugouts in 7739 strafed and rocketed with 24 rockets. Three artillery positions fifteen hundred yards east of AWACHA TOWN were observed hit and destroyed by 8 VTB dropping 32 500# G.P. bombs. An adjacent two story house was also destroyed. A cave entrance south of the artillery positions was hit and closed.
Strike G.	4/18/45	Okinawa	Clump of trees in 7876G and L strafed and rocketed with 48 rockets. Gun and mortar positions in woods 500 yards east of YAFUSU TOWN attacked by 8 VTB dropping 32 500# G.P. bombs. Specific results not determinable, but two fires observed in wooded part of area.

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			GENERAL	SPECIFIC	VF	VT	NUMBER	TYPE	NOSE	TAIL
Strike B	4/18/45	0645-9	Okinawa	Buildings, revetments and gun positions.	8		48	5" H.E. Rockets.	non-delay.	
						8	32	500# G.P.		4-5 sec.
Strike G.	4/18/45	1300-9	Okinawa	Gun and mortar positions.	8		48	5" H.E. Rockets	Non-delay.	
						8	32	500# G.P.		4-5 sec.

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				IN AIR		GROUND OR WATER		SUNK	PROBABLY SUNK	DAMAGED
Special Strike #1	4/19/45	0600-9	Okinawa, southern area	0		0		0	0	0

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STRIKE NO.	DATE	LOCATION	NATURE OF TARGET AND EXTENT OF DAMAGE
Special Strike #1	4/19/45	Okinawa Jima	Napalm, rockets, and 8 2000# G.P. bombs dropped in barracks and warehouse area at western edge of Yonabaru Town. Two cement buildings hit and destroyed. Three or four buildings in barracks area destroyed.

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			GENERAL	ATTACKED SPECIFIC	VF	VT	NUMBER	TYPE	NOSE	TAIL
Special Strike #1	4/19/45	0600-9	Okinawa Jima	Yonabaru Town, SE Coast Okinawa	16		96	5" H.E. Rockets	Non-delay	
							7	Napalm Bombs		
							9	500# G.P.	Long Delay	
									8-11 Secs.	
							8	2000# G.P. Bombs	8-15 Sec. Delay	

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				IN AIR	GROUND OR WATER	SUNK	PROBABLY SUNK	DAMAGED
Strike A	4/20/45	0530-9	Amami O Shima	0	0	0	0	0
Strike B	4/20/45	1015-9	Amami O Shima	0	0	0	0	0
Strike C	4/20/45	1430-9	Kikai Shima	0	0	0	0	0
ICAP #5	4/20/45	1200-9	Amami O Shima	0	0	0	0	0

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STRIKE NO.	DATE	LOCATION	NATURE OF TARGET AND EXTENT OF DAMAGE
Able	4/20/45	Amami O Shima	Started fires in SHODON Town, KAKEROMA SHIMA by rockets and strafing. Undetermined damage to OKEAWARU Town, Uke Shima.
Baker	4/20/45	Amami O Shima	Radio station at AKAOGA Town strafed by VF and bombed by 8 VTB dropping 32 500# G.P. bombs, of which 25 hit the general area. Three small buildings at base of towers hit and observed afire. Radio tower at SUKO SAKI left smoking after 10 rockets hits.
Charlie	4/20/45	Kikai Shima	SHITOOKE AIRFIELD rocketed and hit by at least 5 500# G.P. bombs. Buildings and barracks areas north and southwest of the field hit and afired.
ICAP #5	4/20/45	Amami O Shima	Damaged two 50' motor launchers on southwest coast of TORI SHIMA

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			GENERAL	ATTACKED SPECIFIC	VF	VT	NUMBER	TYPE	NOSE	TAIL
Strike A	4/20/45	0530-9	Amami O Shima		9		48	5" H.E. Rockets	Non-delay	
						8	15	500# G.P. Bombs		Non-delay
Strike B	4/20/45	1015-9	Amami O Shima		7		42	5" H.E. Rockets	Non-delay	
						8	25	500# G.P. Bombs		Non-delay
Strike C	4/20/45	1430-9	Kikai Shima		7		42	5" H.E. Rockets	Non-delay	
						8	32	500# G.P. Bombs		Non-delay
ICAP #5	4/20/45	1200-9	Amami O Shima		8		None.			

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					VF	VT	NO.	TYPE	NOSE	TAIL
Minami Strike	4/21/45	1400-9	Minami Daito Jima	Airfield	11		48	5" H.E. Rockets	Non-delay	
							8	500# G.P. Bombs.		

DAMAGE TO ENEMY

STRIKE NO.	DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	LOCATION	ENEMY A/C IN AIR	DESTROYED GROUND OR WATER	SUNK	ENEMY SHIPPING PROBABLY SUNK	DAMAGE
				Minami Strike	4/21/45	1400-9	Minami Daito Jima	

DAMAGE TO LAND TARGETS

STRIKE NUMBER	DATE	LOCATION	NATURE OF TARGET AND EXTENT OF DAMAGE.
Minami Strike.	4/21/45	Minami Daito Jima.	Barracks buildings southwest of airfield hit by 24 rockets. No fires observed. Runway "C" hit by 3 to 4 500# G.P. bombs.

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DAMAGE TO ENEMY

STRIKE NO.	DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	LOCATION	ENEMY A/C DESTROYED		ENEMY SHIPPING		
				IN AIR	GROUND OR WATER	SUNK	PROBABLY SUNK	DAMAGED
Special Strike #1	4/23/45	0840-9	Okinawa Jima	0	0	0	0	0
Strike Fox	4/23/45	1430-9	Okinawa Jima	0	0	0	0	0

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DAMAGE TO LAND TARGETS

STRIKE NO.	DATE	LOCATION	NATURE OF TARGET AND EXTENT OF DAMAGE
Special Strike No. 1	4/23/45	Okinawa Jima	Underground headquarters of 32nd. Jap Army (directly east of Dakition Town) attacked by 6 VTB dropping 24 500# G.P. bombs and 4 VF with Napalm and rockets. All bombs were seen to land in the target area, but results could not be ascertained due to the nature of the target.
Strike Fox	4/29/45	Okinawa Jima	Revetted barracks buildings south of Tomui Town were attacked by VTB dropping 28 500# G.P. bombs. All bombs landed in target area with unassessable results.

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TABLE OF BOMBS, ROCKETS, TORPEDOES, MINES DROPPED AT TARGETS

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STRIKE NO.	DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	TARGET ATTACKED		SORTIES AT TARGET		BOMBS, ROCKETS, TORPEDOES & MINES		FUSING	
			GENERAL	SPECIFIC	VF	VT	NUMBER	TYPE	NOSE	TAIL
Special Strike No. 1	4/23/45	0840-9	Okinawa Jima			6	24	500# G.P. bombs	.10	.025
					8		44	Napalm bombs	Non-delay	
							24	5" H.E. Rockets		
Strike Fox	4/23/45	1430-9	Okinawa Jima		7	28	500# G.P. bombs	Inst.	.10	
					3	None.				

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STRIKE NO.	DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	LOCATION	ENEMY A/C DESTROYED		ENEMY SHIPPING		DAMAGE
				IN AIR	GROUND OR WATER	SUNK	PROBABLY SUNK	
Special Shipping Strike.	4/27/45	1015(I)	Cove at Koniya Ko, Kakeroma Shima, Amami O Shima.	0	0	Three Luggers.	One (1) SD, three (3) luggers SW arm of Koniya Ko.	One (1) lugger Kuji War

TABLE OF BOMBS ROCKETS, TORPEDOES, MINES DROPPED AT TARGETS
(INCLUDING STRAFING SORTIES)

STRIKE NO.	DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	TARGET		SORTIES TARGET		BOMBS, ROCKETS, TORPEDOES & MINES		FUSING	
			GENERAL	ATTACKED SPECIFIC	VF	VT	NO.	TYPE	NOSE	TAIL
Special Shipping Strike.	4/27/45	1015(I)	Shipping at Kakeroma Shima, Amami O Shima.	One (1) SD, one (1) LSM, five (5) luggers in cove at Koniya Ko, Kakeroma Shima.	13		66	5" H.E. Rockets.		Non-delay.
						8	30	500# G.P. Bombs.	None	4-5 Sec. delay.

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1945 DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	TYPE AIRCRAFT	CIRCUMSTANCES, PLACE, AND CAUSE OF PLANE LOSS	NO. PILOTS LOST	NO. AIRCREW LOST	NO. AIRCREW SAVED	NO. AIRCREW SAVED
27 March	1227	F6F	Ens. B.J. Pettigrew while on sweep over KiKai hit by AA fire. Forced down in vicinity Amami-O-Shima and made water landing. Pilot seen in water in yellow jacket. Sea-plane rescue mission launched. Pilot located but found dead. Believed injured by AA or in landing.	1	---	None	---
28 March	1426	F6F	Ens. C.B. Snay launched as part of strike in search of Jap Fleet. Forced to make night landing at 1945. Missed arresting wires, tore away 3 barriers and crashed into 4 TBM's parked forward on flight deck. All five planes damaged so severely that they had to be jettisoned at sea.	None	---	1	---
2 March	1430	F6F	Ens. H.M. Swinburne while returning from search for Jap Fleet, was hit by AA from enemy freighter. Plane severely damaged. Recovery made by Hornet but plane had to be jettisoned.	None	---	1	---
2 April	1040	TBM	Plane crashed near TA 7572 Okinaya. No survivors. Plane seen to burn behind enemy lines. Pilot Ens. Carleton L. Sharpe #37898. Aircrewmen Wm. D. Cornett ARM3c. James E. Barker AMM3c.	1	2	None	None
						Rescue Operations. Complete statement of both successful and unsuccessful methods and facilities employed.	

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AIRCRAFT - PILOTS AND AIRCREWMEN LOST

DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	TYPE AIRCRAFT	CIRCUMSTANCES, PLACE, AND CAUSE OF PLANE LOSS	NO. PILOTS LOST	NO. AIRCREW LOST	NO. PILOTS SAVED	NO. AIRCREW SAVED
2-April	1045	F6F	Pilot in rough sea failed to engage arresting wires resulting in barrier crash. Plane damaged so severely that it had to be jettisoned at sea.	None	---	1	---
3-April	0918	F6F	Pilot unable to get hook down. Carrier could not take him aboard. Made water landing near DD in screen. Ens. H.W. Swinburn made successful water landing. Picked up by USS DASHIELL.	None	---	1	---
3-April	1358	TBM	Pilot while on strike against Miyaka Jima was shot down. Thought to have crashed just off N. beach. No survivors ever actually seen in water. Rescue VOS dispatched. Results negative. Pilot Ens. C.M. Dysert #325530. Aircrewmn - R.E. Hufford AOM3c., H.C. Bush ARM2c.	1	2	None	None
5-April	0747	F6F	Lt. C.W. Wilson hit by AA over Minami Daito. Plane caught fire. Made summersault landing in water 8 to 10 miles north of Kita Daito. Pilot seen in lifejacket after crash. Further search, however, revealed no trace.	1	---	None	---
						Rescue Operations. Complete statement of both successful and unsuccessful methods and facilities employed.	

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AIRCRAFT - PILOTS AND AIRCREWMEN LOST

DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	TYPE AIRCRAFT	CIRCUMSTANCES, PLACE, AND CAUSE OF PLANE LOSS	NO. PILOTS LOST	NO. AIRCREW LOST	NO. PILOTS SAVED	NO. AIRCREW SAVED
7-April	1221	F6F	Barrier Crash resulting in damage requiring jettisoning.	None	----	1	----
13-April	0834	F6F	Pilot forced to make water landing due to engine cutting out prior to time he could be taken aboard. Successful landing made near destroyer. Pilot rescued.	None	----	1	----
15-April	1206	F6F	Pilot made emergency landing on USS BENNINGTON. Plane, a mechanical dud and jettisoned by that ship.	None	----	1	----
16-April	1541	F6F	Lt. R.L. Taylor, USNR, shortly after take-off, crashed into ocean on horizon. Cause unknown. Two separate destroyer searches and one aircraft search failed to disclose survivor.	1	----	None	----
18-April	1313	F6F	Pilot in landing aboard did not engage arresting wires. Barrier crash. Plane total loss and jettisoned.	None	----	1	----

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CIC NOTES

A. GENERAL

The performance of the radars was normal during this operation, the SK reaching far out on several occasions (i.e., on 29 March 1945, a friendly plane showing Code 1, was tracked at 166 miles). However, on at least three occasions the BM equipment on the SC-3 radar was inoperative for several hours due to moisture in the coaxial line.

A constant variance in range (both of the SK and the SC-3) with that of other ships was also noted; our radars showing the greater distance, and this difference increasing directly in proportion to the range. The equipment was checked by our technicians and showed correct calibration and tuning. No explanation has been made.

Several unusual phenomena were noted during this operation. Numerous enemy planes were picked up, all within a range of thirty-five miles, which did not have either course or speed great enough for a heavier-than-air craft. Intercepting planes were sent out. However, when they merged with the enemy plot, the pilots reported that they had each time been directed to a clear spot, void of clouds. On the night of 29 March 1945, this same phenomena occurred close to the formation, the first time at six miles and the second time at fifteen miles, on a crossing course and closing to twelve miles. The true speed was approximately sixty to seventy

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knots. Aerology reported a true wind of fifteen knots with no unusual weather. The night was clear. No explanation of this phenomena can be given.

IFF on the planes of this Task Group was far improved over any previous operation, and exceedingly few interceptions had to be run on planes of this Group. This cannot be said of the Army and Navy search planes encountered in this area. From 23 March until 10 April, interceptions were run on eleven B24's, B29's, PBM's, or PB4Y2's. Of this number, six sent the ship to General Quarters. On the night of 28 March, an unidentified plot came directly in to the ship, tracked for over forty miles. As the picket ships opened up with their AA fire, the target plot immediately turned friendly, showing a strong Code 1. Numerous other search planes were contacted by radio when intermittent lights would appear on the screen.

B. FIGHTER DIRECTION

From 22 March 1945 to 26 March 1945, inclusive, no coordinated raids were sent against this Group. During this time, interceptions were run on several single unidentified planes, believed to be shadowers or snoopers. These were the usual type single plane shadowers who did not press home an attack. It is of note, however, that the Radar Picket Line Combat Air Patrol shot down one

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Myrt within twenty-five miles of this Group on 23 March when no unidentified plots appeared on our screen. During this period, the Task Group Fighter Director made the report that "We believe there are enemy planes in the vicinity", although our radar screen showed only friendly contacts.

At 0414 on the morning of 27 March, HORNET planes, controlled by the HORNET, visually identified and splashed one Emily at 020°, eighty miles, after a long chase.

At 0600 a series of eight raids appeared in fast succession. All of these raids were picked up in the northeast with ranges of sixty-five to one hundred ten miles from the Force, and courses were generally of an almost direct heading for the Task Force. Approach procedure was virtually the same in all cases, a direct approach with perhaps an orbit of two to three minutes duration at fifty miles. Tracking was extremely difficult due to the fact that each raid was a single plane, and altitude of the unidentified plane was believed to be greater than twenty thousand feet.

Planes from the HORNET, BELLEAU WOOD, and SAN JACINTO were used on these raids, and control of each was shifted to the carrier having the best information on a particular raid. A division of HORNET planes, controlled by the SAN JACINTO, splashed one enemy plane at 045°, sixty miles. Combat Air Patrol of this Group

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splashed three more of these raids. Information on these raids was extremely poor, with no more than two or three plots on many of them. None were observed to close the formation closer than twenty-two miles.

On 28 March 1945 certain CIC personnel assisted in the night landings of our strike. Despite bad weather, lack of tracking, and its being the first night landing under adverse conditions for many of the flyers, an excellent job was done. It is strongly recommended, however, that CIC personnel be exercised in this phase of their work more frequently, using pilots and landing signal officers experienced in night landings. The occasion does not often arise. When it does, however, one group of successful landings will be worth the hours spent in training.

On 3 April 1945 an identified plane was picked up in the northwest and tracked for forty-five minutes, finally fading at 275°, sixty miles. Information was extremely poor and fades were frequent. SAN JACINTO planes, controlled by the SAN JACINTO first and then by the BENNINGTON and the HORNET, were vectored out, but no interception was made.

At 1217 another unidentified plane was picked up in the west, crossed to the northeast, turned again to the northwest, and finally faded at 320°, eighty-four miles. Both BENNINGTON and HORNET

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planes (controlled by each of the carrier at some phase of the interception) were vectored out, but no interceptions were made. It is believed the altitude of both of these planes was above twenty-five thousand feet.

Between 1707 and 1738, three unidentified plots appeared on our screen. The first of these was intercepted by SAN JACINTO planes, controlled by SAN JACINTO, but the plane proved to be a PBM. Shortly after this tally-ho, unidentified plots appeared in the northwest and in the northeast. The unidentified plot in the northwest was almost impossible to track, fading frequently, and having an erratic course and speed. An interception was attempted but failed. We first tried to intercept the unidentified plane in the northeast by the two SAN JACINTO divisions returning from the interception on the PBM. At 1748 we had a merged plot at 003°, twenty-three miles. This division attempted the interception from the north, with the unidentified plane between him and the Task Group. Two divisions of HORNET planes were vectored out from the Task Group and, at 1748, also showed a merged plot at 003°, twenty-three miles, with both the unidentified plane and the SAN JACINTO planes. These four divisions were stacked from four to twenty thousand feet. Although the unidentified aircraft appeared to orbit and we still received unidentified plots at 000°,

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twenty-three miles (now believed to have been some sort of radar decoy balloon), the unidentified plane was again picked up at 348° , twenty-one miles, on his same southwesterly course. The HORNET planes (high divisions) continued the chase, unsuccessfully. Although the unidentified plot was tracked to seventy miles, still opening, and the HORNET planes reached an altitude of twenty-seven thousand feet, the SM and SP radars of this Group reported the unidentified plane at an altitude above that of the interceptors. Approximately one hour later, another unidentified plot was picked up at 115° , eighteen miles, closing the formation but on a crossing course. It was visually identified by one of the destroyer pickets as a Sally, although a few minutes later, during the attempted interception, it was reported "climbing and out-distancing" the HORNET night fighter that was attempting the interception, and who stated he was flying with full throttle. No interception was made.

At 0800 on 6 April, Task Group 58.3 tracked an unidentified plot, bearing 000° , about twenty miles from us, on course 180° . This plot was not picked up by any other ships in this Task Group until it was at 165° , eighteen miles; at which time it changed course, went around the east side of the Task Group, took a northeasterly course for about thirty miles, followed by a northerly course for twenty miles, and then a northwesterly course, fading

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at 000⁰, fifty-two miles. An interception was attempted, but was unsuccessful. SM and SP altitude on this unidentified plane was twenty-five thousand feet.

From 1100 until 1630 on 6 April, there were approximately seventeen raids on our screen. Of these raids, three planes attacked this Task Group and were shot down by ships' guns. A table of these raids follows:

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Time of Original Pick-up	At	Course	Faded at	Intercepted at	By Planes	Controlled by	Splash
1053	000-75	190		350-55	Hornet	Radar Picket Line	1 Dinah
1108	010-72	190 then 250		000-46	Hornet	Radar Picket Line	1 Zeke
1141	350-90	180		345-48	Hornet	Radar Picket Line	1 Zeke
1159	310-70	100	295-28		Hornet	Hornet	
1215	240-80	opening	240-84	None attempted			
1220	303-45	180	230-60	None attempted			
1236	355-55	190		345-38	San Jacinto	San Jacinto	1 Myrt
1248	000-50	180	000-45	None attempted			
1254	213-32	190 then 350		215-16	Hornet	Hornet	2 Judy's
1258	028-37	190	075-13	See Note (1)			1 Zeke
1357	205-67	035 Ag. 28	050-69		Belleau W. Bennington		
1452	005-35	140		040-18	Hornet	Hornet	3 Tojos
1501	000-33	180	070-14	See Note (2)			
1537	005-54	200 then 090	025-45		Bennington	Bennington	
1555	345-67	095	030-70		Bennington	Bennington	
1607	045-45	220		040-32	Hornet	Hornet	1 Myrt
1610	025-50	110	037-50		Hornet	Hornet	

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Note No. 1: Both the HORNET and SAN JACINTO controlled HORNET and SAN JACINTO fighters on this raid. HORNET fighters called tally-ho at 075^o, thirteen miles, at 1312, but was lost and no splashes. SAN JACINTO fighters splashed one Zeke at 1334 at 250^o, eight miles. This was not a part of any tracked raid.

Note No..2: At the time this raid faded, the TAUSSIG reported that bombs (near misses) had been dropped by a Zero which she had taken under fire. The SAN JACINTO fighters on the raid reported being vectored into AA fire, and that one Japanese plane had been splashed by the AA fire.

At 2012 an unidentified aircraft was picked up at 005^o, seventy-one miles, on course 180^o. One Jake was intercepted and splashed by BENNINGTON night fighters, under the control of the BELLEAU WOOD, at 005^o, forty-one miles.

During the early morning of 7 April, numerous unidentified raids were picked up following a course along the NANSEI SHOTO chain, from and to OKINAWA. Interceptions were not attempted on these raids, since they were not closing this Force.

At 0758 an unidentified plane was picked up at 305^o, thirty-three miles, on a course varying from 060^o to 000^o. HORNET planes controlled by the Radar Picket Line made the interception and splashed one Hamp.

Beginning at 1200 on 7 April, this Task Group began picking up unidentified plots on the radar screens, and raids were constantly on the screens until 1600. A table of the raids is as follows:

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Time of Original Pick-up	At	Course	Faded at	Intercepted at	By Planes	Controlled by	Splash
1159	338-47	190 then 030	350-40				
1218	055-46	265 then 150		100-14	Bennington	San Jacinto	Friendly
1236	314-82	180		315-65	58.3	58.3	1 Judy
1248	Radar Picket Line reports their CAP as having splashed 2 Tonys and 4 Georges.						
1248	040-23	120	080-30		Belleau W.	Hornet	
1332	160-40	Orbiting & Changing		135-35	San Jacinto	San Jacinto	1 Jill
1412	Returning Hornet Search plane reports splash 1 Betty at 045-60.						
1420	075-57	180	103-73		San Jacinto	San Jacinto	
1425	070-64	180		090-70	San Jacinto	San Jacinto	1 Dinah
1443	Returning San Jacinto Search plane reports Splash 1 Betty at 045-30.						
1432	050-38	250	035-30		Belleau S.	Belleau W.	
1504	052-50	000 then 165		083-43	Bennington	Radar Picket Line	1 Francis
1535	Radar Picket Line reports splashing 2 Dinahs and 1 Francis.						
1540	3 Frances closed the formation in fairly short intervals, and were splashed by the Task Group ships fire.						
1552	Radar Picket Lone reports splashing 1 Judy.						
1803	135-35	330	135-21	135-21	Hornet	Hornet	1 Zeke

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Few unidentified plots appeared on our screen between 8 April and the early morning of 12 April. None of those intercepted were enemy planes. All were friendlies with weak or faulty IFF, or IFF not turned on.

Between 0000 and 0400 on the morning of 12 April, one Mavis and one Betty were splashed by VF(N), using INTREPID and BENNINGTON planes, controlled by the HORNET and BENNINGTON.

During the forenoon of 12 April, four enemy planes appeared on our screen, all in the northwest and northeast. Information was very poor on these targets, and none were successfully intercepted. During this time, however, Task Group 58.3 Combat Air Patrol splashed one Judy to the east, about thirty-five miles from us. Intercepting Combat Air Patrol was flown over AMAMI O' SHIMA and KIKAI, bearing about 340° and 000°, one hundred miles from this Group, in the hope that this Patrol might, without fighter direction assistance, be able to intercept raids coming from KYUSHU or other parts of the Japanese mainland.

The Intercepting Combat Air Patrol proved particularly useful in the afternoon since they intercepted several groups of enemy planes before they reached their targets. (Both OKINAWA and this Task Force were taken under attack)

Regardless of this Intercepting Combat Air Patrol and the Radar Picket Line, as well as the controlled Combat Air Patrol of this

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Force, three planes broke through our defenses and were splashed by ships' anti-aircraft fire.

As the last Day Combat Air Patrol was being landed, two enemy planes appeared to the north, followed by one to the east. All three were promptly splashed by Dusk Combat Air Patrol. They were two Lillies and one Zeke. Later the same night at about 2000, unidentified plots again appeared on our screen, and one Betty was splashed by BENNINGTON VF(N). One unidentified plane was splashed by a Destroyer Picket of Task Group 58.3.

Between 1315 and 1400 on 14 April, ten raids appeared on our radar screen to the north and northeast. Of these raids, sixteen planes were splashed by controlled Combat Air Patrol, and two by ships' AA fire. No unusual approach procedure or tactics, other than small groups apparently operating independently, were observed.

Beginning at 0400 on 16 April, unidentified raids began appearing on our screen. From that time until 2100 there were very few times during the day when we did not have some unidentified plots.

The main points of interest of these raids were :

(1) Few of them left well defined radar tracks, but were subject to frequent fades.

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(2) Several unidentified aircraft came into the formation even though the radar screens showed no tracks.

(3) On one occasion an identified plane was detected by this ship at twenty-four miles. We could get only three plots on him, and no one else could pick him up until he closed to thirteen miles, 150°. This plane closed rapidly from twenty-four miles, and at about 1200 was shot down by ships' AA fire.

(4) Bombers, torpedo planes, and fighters were intercepted.

(5) The night raids used a large and effective amount of window. At one time approximately 75% of our scope was covered within thirty-five miles. This window was effective against the SC and SK, and was observed on the SG.

(6) Window was dropped much farther from the Task Group than previously, and planes did not lead the window dropping. (Is it possible that this window was fired from planes, thus preceding the planes and aiding in the effective large scattering and blocking?)

(7) Although it was a bright night and we were illuminated, the night raids did not press home their attacks as did the daylight raids. There were no night Kamikaze attempts noted.