

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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

- (a) Target and Location Gun emplacements, Okinawa (b) Time Over Target 1400 -9 (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target None
- (d) Visibility of Target Slightly Easy (e) Visibility 9 miles at surface
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used Mark 8
 Bombs Dropped per Run 2 Spacing Selective Altitude of Bomb Release 1000 feet
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed Probably Destroyed Damaged

(h) AIMING PT.	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) & (k) NO. A/C ATTACKING SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIRING	(m) PT. AIMING	(n) DAMAGE
Pill 1. boxes	200 yds diameter	4 VC-93	32-5"HER 26-100GP	32-5"HER 26-100GP	Serious
Light 2. trucks(2)		1 VC-93	2-100GP 250 mg	Near miss	Serious
Buildings 3. & fuel dump diameter	100 yds	4 VC-93	150 mg 12-100GP	12-100GP	Serious

(o) RESULTS:

- Pill boxes and small artillery positions scattered over rugged hill about 5 miles SE of Naha. All armament entered target area, 5 direct hits on pill boxes were seen, and one large fire was started.
- Light pick up trucks, believed Plymouth and Ford, on road, were believed destroyed but did not burn.
- Remainder of armament fired Shindawaku and two other small towns, and a chance hit was made on a fuel dump as red flame and black smoke blast rose 200 feet into air.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No.

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA. (Narrative and comment. Describe action fully and comment freely, following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY

OWN AIRCRAFT

- Disposition
- Altitudes
- Speeds
- Approach Tactics
- Use of Cover, Deception
- Angles of Attack and Their Effectiveness
- Distance of Opening Fire
- Defense Tactics and Their Effectiveness

ENEMY AIRCRAFT

- Method of Locating, Distance
- Disposition
- Altitudes
- Speeds
- Approach Tactics
- Use of Cover, Deception
- Angles of Attack
- Distance of Opening Fire
- Defensive Tactics

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Own Weaknesses
- Enemy Weaknesses
- Offensive Tactics, Own
- " " , Enemy
- Defensive Tactics, Own
- " " , Enemy
- Flexible Gunnery, Own
- Escort Tactics
- Fighter Direction
- Use of Radar
- Night Fighting
- Recognition, Aircraft

ATTACK

OWN TACTICS

- Method of Locating Target
- Approach to Target
- Altitudes, Speeds
 - Approach
 - Dive
 - Release
 - Pull-Out
- Dive Angle
- Strafing
- Retirement
- Defensive Tactics

DEFENSE, ENEMY

- Evasive Tactics, Ships
- Concealment
- Anti-aircraft
- Searchlights
- Night Fighter Tactics

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

Four squadrons furnished VT divisions for this strike. At the target VC-95 planes were separated from the flight and were alone in operations described in item IX (g) and (e).

Following certain target area location, attack runs were executed from N to S, 3500 to 500 feet, at 30° glide and 250 knots for bombs and from S to N, 1500 to 300 feet, 15° glide and 200 knots for rockets. A daisy chain column formation permitted individual selection of specific objectives which were scattered over the area, thereby increasing accuracy.

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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

Participating pilots were:

D. H. BEAN	Lt. (jg)	A1	USNR
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