









# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

**SECRET**

REPORT No. 30

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Small Boat Basin, Haha, Okinawa (b) Time Over Target(s) 1250 (Zone) 2  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target 3/10 at 5,000 feet.  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 15 Miles  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used Mark 8  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run 10 Spacing Select Altitude of Bomb Release 2000-3000 Feet  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None Damaged None

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 Clusters of small boats	Boats were 40 to 50 feet long.	6 VT-45	60 100# G.P. 48 Rockets	All in basin area.	Serious - at least 8 boats sunk.
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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).

**At the direction of the Air Coordinator, these six planes delivered a concentrated attack with all their armament on a small boat basin lying in the small bay situated at S W side of Haha, Okinawa. There were 60 or 70 small boats there ranging in size from row-boats to 50 foot luggers. At least 8 were hit directly and broken up and sunk. At least 10 more were damaged and settling in the water when the planes withdrew. The attached photograph was taken immediately after the attack by one of the attacking planes.**

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes 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**

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

**ENEMY AIRCRAFT**

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

**COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**ATTACK**

**OWN TACTICS**

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

**DEFENSE, ENEMY**

- Evasive Tactics, Ships
- Concealment
- Searchlights
- Night Fighter Tactics
- Use of Jamming

**COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Bombing Tactics
- Torpedo Tactics
- Effectiveness of Bombs, Torpedoes
- Selection of Targets
- Fuzing
- Strafing Tactics
- Defensive Tactics
- Use of Radar
- Reconnaissance
- Photography
- Briefing

**OPERATIONAL**

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

**This strike was a support strike which remained on station 10 miles off the west coast of Okinawa from 1130 to 1300. Participating in this strike were Lieutenants Wiley and Bertoglio, Lieutenants (j.g.) Robinson and Mason, and Ensigns Sharp and Nickell. The strike was under the control of an Air Coordinator who was airborne over the Okinawa area. At 1230 the Air Coordinator directed the strike to make a coordinated attack on a small boat basin in the bay on the S W side of Naha and to expend its entire armament on the target. The planes proceeded to the indicated area at 7000 feet and observed about 60 or 70 small boats moored singly and in clusters around the edges of the indicated area. They made a 30° glide bombing attack on the basin releasing bombs and rockets at between 2000 and 3000 feet. Eight luggers ranging from 40 to 50 feet in length were hit and broken up and sunk. Many bombs exploding in the water close beside clusters of boats undoubtedly caused damage to numerous others. At least 10 are known to have been settling in the water when the planes withdrew. The attached photograph shows the area and a careful examination shows many of these damaged boats. One group of 5 or 6 boats was squarely hit and disappeared completely. During this attack a moderate amount of heavy anti-aircraft fire was directed at the planes from the shore front area of Naha. It appeared fairly accurate and shell bursts were observed near the planes as they made their attack. Automatic tracer fire was observed in the area while the planes were in their glide.**

**A small amount of window was thrown out during the attack to confuse any possible radar control of the heavy anti-aircraft batteries.**



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

- Guns, Gunsights
- Turrets
- Ammunition
- Bombs, Torpedoes
- Bomb Sights
- Bomb Releases

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Radio, Radar
- Homming 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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