

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VL-83 (b) Based on or at USS SARGENT BAY (UICL 83) (c) Report No. 133
 (d) Take off: Date 12 June 1945 Time (LZT) 1249 (I) (Zone); Lat. 25°-17' N. Long. 128°-07' E.
 (e) Mission Direct aircraft support of ground troops on Okinawa. (f) Time of Return 1546 (I) (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
<u>BN-3</u>	<u>VL-83</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4 - 500 lb. GP</u> <u>5 - 5" (M) AR</u>	<u>Inst. - .025 delay</u> <u>Nose plug - .02 base.</u>
<u>BN-2</u>	<u>VL-83</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2 - 3" M Smoke Rockets</u> <u>3 - 5" (M) AR</u>	<u>Inst. Nose - .02, 14g</u> <u>Nose plug - .02 base.</u>

III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<u>BN</u>	<u>VL-9</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>USS SARGENT BAY</u>				

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	(c) NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
	<u>NONE</u>		(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) _____
 Did Any Part of _____
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? _____ If so, Describe Clouds _____
(YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 Time of Day and Brilliance _____
 (j) of Sun or Moon _____ (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (k) Visibility _____ (MILES)

V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:			GUNS USED	(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER			
			<u>NONE</u>			

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Clump of trees - SA 7357 K-1
Ridge - SA 7357 U.V.W.X. (b) Time Over Target(s) 1445 (1) (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 400 ft. base - 1400 ft. top - cumulus - 2/10ths.
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear but partially obscured by clouds (e) Visibility 10 - 15
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used Mr. 5 gunsight or None
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
2 - Planes #; 1 plane # Slant Range 800 - 1500
Bombs Dropped per Run 1 Plane-all Spacing 50-100 ft. Altitude of Bomb Release 1200 - 2000
(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 SA 7357 K-1 Clump of trees	50 X 150 ft	1 PH; 4 SSM VC-83	16 - 500 lb. GP 2 - 5" (HR) AR	3 X 500	Not observed
2 SA 7357 U.V.W.X. Ridge	50 X 800 yds	1 PH; 4 SSM VC-83	31 - 5" (HR) AR	All	Not observed
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4					
5					
6					
7					
8					

(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. A Jay strong point was reported in this clump of trees but nothing could be seen from the air except the trees. Three 500 lb. bombs hit right in dead center and the rest hit close by the trees, mostly along the road that led through the trees. While no specific damage could be observed it is very likely that any enemy installations hidden under the trees were seriously damaged, if not destroyed. Delay fusing was used.

2. There were many caves and some burial vaults in the ridge. All of the rockets hit the general area but no direct hits on caves or vaults were seen. The extent of the damage could not be observed.

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

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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
- Homing Devices
- Visual Signals
- Codes, Ciphers

RECOGNITION

- IFF
- Signals
- Battle Lights
- Procedures.

PROTECTION

- Armor; Points and Angles
of Fire Needing Further
Protection
- Leak Proofing

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

- Parachutes
- Life Belts, Life Rafts
- Safety Belts
- Emergency Kits
- Rations, First Aid

NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT

- Compasses
- Driftsights
- Octants
- Automatic Pilots
- Charts
- Field Lighting

INSTRUMENTS

- Flight
- Power Plant

OXYGEN SYSTEM

**CAMOUFLAGE AND
DECEPTION DEVICES**

STRUCTURE

- Airframe
- Control Surfaces
- Control System
- Dive Flaps
- Landing Gear
- Heating System
- Flight Characteristics
At Various Loadings

POWER PLANT

- Engines
- Engine Accessories
- Propellers
- Lubricating System
- Starters
- Exhaust Dampers

HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

- Auxiliary Plant
- Lights

FUEL SYSTEM

FLIGHT CLOTHING

MAINTENANCE

BASE FACILITIES

- Plane Servicing Equipment
- Personnel Facilities

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