

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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## I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VT-33 (b) Based on or at U.S.S. SANGAMON (c) Report No. 1  
 (d) Take off: Date 25 March 1945 Time (LZT) 0745(I) (Zone); Lat. 25°15'N Long. 127°26'E  
 (e) Mission Attack Ground Installations (f) Time of Return 1130(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)		
TBM-3E	VT-33	5	0	5	10 X 100 lb. G.P. 8 X HVAR R.P.	Nose Inst. AN M103A1 Tail .1 sec. AN M100A2 Nose Inst. Mk. 149 Base .02 sec. Mk 157

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
TBM-3C	VC-79	5	U.S.S. SARGENT BAY				
FM-2	VC-79	6	U.S.S. SARGENT BAY				
FM-2	VC-84	6	U.S.S. MAKIN ISLAND				

## 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
<del>N-o-n-e</del>			(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:				(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		
<del>N-o-n-e</del>						



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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No. 1

**XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).**  
**Kuba Shima and Zamami Shima**

**0845-1010**

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Kerama Retto (b) Time Over Target(s) Item (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target 3000 feet, strato-cumulus, 7/10 cover Target hazy

(d) Visibility of Target Bright sun (e) Visibility 15 miles

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used Mark VIII

Bombs Dropped per Run 5 Spacing 100 Altitude of Bomb Release 2000

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 0 Probably Destroyed 0 Damaged 0

(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 Cliff and rocks behind beach	35 X 35 yds	5 VT-33	8 HVAR 374 X .50 cal	4 unknown	unobserved unobserved
2 Area of buildings	265 yds. square	5 VT-33	215 X .30 cal 22 HVAR	" 16	unobserved serious
3			50 X 100 G.P. 800 x .50 cal	40 640	serious slight
4			990 X .30 cal	495	slight
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. Kuba Shima, Kerama Retto. Effect of hits unobserved as aiming point in undergrowth.
2. Town of Zamimi on Zamami Shima, Kerama Retto. Direct bomb hit on one building exploded what appeared to be a fuel storage. A subsequent HVAR hit on another building also exploded what appeared to be a fuel storage. Other hits did serious damage to buildings, most of which appeared to be small residential houses. Incendiary bullets from VT planes and napalm bombs from FM-2s set fires. The entire target area was left burning furiously.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.





