

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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CVEG-33 # 3
VT #13
VF #11

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No. VF

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

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) KOURI SHIMA and IE SHIMA (b) Time Over Target(s) 1300 (I) (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target Cumulus Base 6,000 feet with scuds to 4000 feet Overcast
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility _____
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Rocket and All glide except 1 run 4 VF dive Bomb Sight Used MK-8 illuminated
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
Rockets fired - 3 VF 4&2, 1 VF 6; Slight Slant range 3 VF 1000 yds, 1 VF 700 yds
Bombs Dropped per Run 3 VF-2, 1 VF 1 Spacing VF-0; VT - 0. Altitude of Bomb VT 1500 yds, 1500 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 Gun position & Area - 200 ft range finders Sta. Square | | 2 TBM 4 F6F VT-33, VF-33 | VF-14xHVAR-4x100 GP VT-12 HVAR10x100 GP | 8&2 10&4 | S light R.F. destroyed |
| 2 Caves in cliffs on shore line | Area 200 yd in length | 2 TBM 4 F6F VT-33 VF-33 | VF-6 HVAR VT-2 HVAR | 4 2 | Serious Serious |
| 3 Wooded camouflaged area | Area 600 yd x 600 yds. | 4 F6F VF-33 | VF 4 HVAR 4x100 GP VT 4x100 GP | 4&4 4 | Unobserved Unobserved |
| 4 Three small houses | 100 ft x 100 feet | 1 TBM VT-33 | 6 100 GP dropped in train | 6 | Unobserved |
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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).

- These gun positions and range finder station were located about 1/2 mile east of the town of KOURI. The gun positions were about 15 feet in diameter and appeared to be empty. The area about this target was hit but damage unobserved to any extent.
- Several direct hits with rockets observed on these caves located in central part of east coast of IE SHIMA, resulting serious damage.
- Air coordinator designated this area on Eastern end of IE SHIMA as possible location of ammo dumps and gun positions. No damage observed though the area designated was hit by both rockets and bombs.
- On beach, eastern tip of IE SHIMA these small buildings assigned by Air Coordinator. All bombs hit but damage unobserved as only one plane hit this target and only one run by it was made.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? None 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

The flight leader felt that this flight which was ordered on very short notice accomplished very little and was a waste of time and ordnance, especially since the fighter squadron was maintaining a very heavy target and local combat air patrol schedule and all planes and pilots available were required to keep up this latter schedule.

The support group or at least the VF spent most of their time orbiting the area and when attacks were made the targets assigned were so general and uncertain as to installation in that area that the pilots were unable to find a definite target to hit.

The flight leader realizes that in support missions of this type the targets necessarily must be general and uncertain, but feels only squadrons not heavily engaged in maintaining schedule such as target combat air patrol should be used for these missions.

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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

**Ensign HAYES, pilot of one of the TBM planes, attempted to re-
lease his ten bombs in train but only six released. The remaining four
released on the next run but the emergency release was used so as to be
sure they dropped on this run. On returning to base, the circuit was
carefully checked and no part of the mechanism failed to function
properly.**

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