

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

I. GENERAL

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(a) Unit Reporting VC-13 (b) Based on or at USS ANZIO (c) Report No. 16
 (d) Take off: Date 6 April 1945 Time (LZT) 0935 (I) (Zone); Lat. 25°17' N Long. 128°08' E
 (e) Mission Direct Support - Okinawa (f) Time of Return 1340(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)		
TM-2	VC-13	5		5	6 RP(Mk.1 Body-Mk.7 Motor)	Inst.

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
TBM		5	USS NATOMA BAY				

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
			(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 _____ (k) Visibility _____
(NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (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		

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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).

(I)

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Trucks, Buildings - Okinawa (b) Time Over Target(s) 1100-1230 (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target 3000' Overcast
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Partially obscured by smoke (e) Visibility 5
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

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

Bombs Dropped per Run _____ Spacing _____ Altitude of Bomb Release _____
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

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

(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 Trucks		4 VC-13	18 RP	2	Serious
2 Warehouse		1 VC-13	4 RP		None
3 Barracks		2 VC-13	4 RP	2	Slight
4 Gun Position		1 VC-13	2 RP		None
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. One truck exploded and burned. Another was set on fire.
3. Building was pierced by two rockets and hit by .50 caliber shot.

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

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filled out)**CONFIDENTIAL**REPORT No. 16**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

Targets of opportunity to the south and east of Maha airfield were assigned this group. It concentrated on four or five trucks parked in TA 7267 H and 7367 W, one of which blew up and burned fiercely after being hit by a rocket. Another was left burning and the rest were presumably damaged by heavy strafing.

At TA 7366 G a barracks-like group of connected, rectangular buildings was attacked with rockets and machine guns. Hits were scored, but their effect could not be gauged.

Also taken under fire without visible results were a long gray structure resembling a warehouse at TA 7267 M, and gun positions at TA 7268 K. There was no sign of enemy activity throughout the attacks.

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Use additional sheets if necessary).**No operational difficulties or materiel failures.****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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