

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VC-84 (b) Based on or at USS MAKIN ISLAND, at sea (c) Report No. VC-84 #146
 (d) Take off: Date 14 April 1945 Time (LZT) 1- 0746 I (Zone); Lat. 25° 21'N Long. 127° 26'E
2- 0925 I
3- 1527 I
 (e) Mission Support, L plus 13, Okinawa Jins. (f) Time of Return 1- 1144 I (Zone)
2- 1332 I
3- 1835 I

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)		
F2H-3	VC-84	12	0	12	(10) 100 lb GP AN-M 30	Nose - instantaneous Tail - .025 sec. delay
					(8) rockets, Mk 1 body, Mk 7 motor.	Nose - none Race - instantaneous

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
F2H-3	VC-1	12	USS PANSHAW BAY	F4U-2	VC-90	17	USS STEAMER BAY
	VC-85	4	USS LUNGA POINT				

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only). **None**

(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 _____ (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). **None**

(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)

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) See below (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Over Target(s) 1- 0930 I
2- 1200 I (Zone)
3- 1700 I
4- 1730 I

(c) Clouds Over Target None affecting attacks (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 30 (MILES)
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used None
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run 4 planes all Spacing _____ Altitude of Bomb Release 1500
8 planes 5 (NUMBER) (FEET)

Rockets per run 8 planes 2, 4 planes all Slant range 1200 - 1000 feet
(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 Replacements, trenches, caves installations throughout area	7000 x 1000 yards	4 TBM-3 VC-84	(40) 100 lb GP AN-M 30 (32) rockets, Mk 1 body, Mk 7 motor, Unknown no. rds. 30 or 30 cal.	All in area	Unknown
4 Artillery & other defense positions in area 2 below	1000 x 200 yards	4 TBM-3 VC-84	Same as above	All in area	Unknown
6 Camouflaged tombs in area 3 below	200 x 200 yards	4 TBM-3 VC-84	(20) 100 lb GP AN-M 30 ammo as above	All in area	Unknown
8 Trenches in area 4 below	200 x 100 yards	4 TBM-3 VC-84	(20) 100 lb GP as above (3) rockets as above ammo as above	All	Unknown

(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.

While specific results of the attacks could not be observed, many fires were started and the assigned areas were well covered.

Targets -

- 1- Area on southern side Ie Shima (9032 8932 8832 8732 8632 8532 8432 local grid).
- 2- Camouflaged artillery and other defense positions among tombs and caves through area southwest of Ie Town (8532 8632 both King Love Mike Han Oboe on local grid).
- 3- Camouflaged tombs southwest of Ie Town (8632 Han local grid).
- 4- Trenches northwest of Ie Town (8633 William local grid).

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No 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

On 14 April 1945, L plus 13, 3 support flights of 4 TBM-3 each took off from USS MAKIN ISLAND at 0746 I, 0926 I and 1527 I for Okinawa. Each rendezvoused with the balance of its support group and went to Ie Shima. The first group was directed to keep the whole southern shore area under constant attack in support of UDT operations. Bombing rocket and strafing runs were made and caves, emplacements, trenches and buildings were hit. Fires were started but other specific results were not observed. The second of the flights bombed rocketed and strafed camouflaged artillery and other positions among Tombs and caves through an area southwest of Ie Town (8532 and 8032 both King Love Mike Mm Choo local grid). No specific results were observed but the area was well covered. The third group hit an area of camouflaged Tombs southwest of Ie Town (8632 Han local grid) with bombs and an area of trenches northwest of Ie Town (8633 William local grid) with bombs rockets and strafing. Direct hits were made on both target areas although specific results could not be observed. Bombing runs started at 4000 feet, release at 1500, pullout at 1000. Rocket slant range was 1200 - 1000 feet in runs from 4000 feet. The flights returned to base at 1144 I, 1332 I, and 1635 I.

Pilots -

1.
Lt. Richard I. Halsey, flight leader
Lts.(jg) Marvin L. Doliana, William H. Bartles,
Ensign Glenn "A" Terry.
2.
Lt. David J. Conroy, support group leader,
Lts.(jg) Harry D. Anders, Donald E. Glasgow,
Ensign Terence B. McManus
3.
Lt. Francis A. Noll, support group leader,
Lt. Erice Molladay, Ensign Wesley E. Richards
and Leonard F. Wozniak

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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

Equipment performed normally.

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