

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No. **VC-84 #41**

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- 1250 & 1334 K**
2- 1300 & 1315 K (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target **2500, strato cumulus, .6**
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target **Partially obscured by clouds** (e) Visibility **15**
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type _____ Bomb Sight Used _____
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- * **Rockets**
Bombs Dropped per Run **2** Slant range **1000 feet** Spacing _____ Altitude of Bomb Release _____
(NUMBER) (FEET) (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 Area No. 1	200 x 200 yards	1 FM-2	(4) HE Rockets Mk 1 body, Mk 7 motor.	4	unknown
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7		8 TBM-3	number bombs, rockets	unknown	unknown
		VC-83	unknown	unknown	unknown
2 Area No. 2		8 FM-2	number rockets	unknown	"
		VC-81	unknown	unknown	"
5		1 FM-2	(2) Rockets, as above	2	"
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6		8 FM-2	number rockets	unknown	"
		VC (USS SUWANNE)	unknown	unknown	"
7		8 POF	number rockets	"	"
		VF (USS SAN JACINTO)	unknown	"	"
8		8 TBM-3	number bombs, rockets	"	"
		VT (USS SAN JACINTO)	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).

Five rocket hits were made on artillery positions in area no. 2. Damage could not be evaluated in either area but direct bomb and rocket hits were made on positions in both areas.

- # 1- Area 200 yards east of Miraiwa Bay, Iwo Jima, mortars.
2- Area 800 yards west of Airfield No. 3, Iwo Jima, artillery positions.

* Air Coordinator only.

(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 21 February 1946, D plus 2, Lt. George Shaw-Corthorn took off at 1231 (K) in an FM-2 from USS MAKIN ISLAND to act as Air Coordinator for Iwo Jima support operations. At 1250 he took 6 FM-2 of VC based on USS SUMANBER to a mortar area (216 George on local grid) 200 yards east of Hiraiwa Bay. He made 2 strafing runs down to 500 feet and was then told to take the same group to an area (216 Roger Sugar on local grid) to attack artillery positions. Rocket and strafing runs were made and 5 hits scored on the positions. Lt. Shaw-Corthorn fired 2 rockets from 1500 foot slant range. At 1315 he led an attack on the same area with 8 VF and 8 VT of VF and VT both based on USS SAN JACINTO. Lt. Shaw-Corthorn strafed with the attacking group which scored at least 1 direct bomb hit on a cave. At 1334 he returned to his first target area with 8 TBM-3 of VC-85 and 8 FM-2 of VC-81. In this attack he fired 4 rockets from same slant range as before and strafed. One 500 lb. GP blew a wide hole in a cave. At 1701 (K) the AirCoordinator landed aboard.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary).

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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SIGNATURE

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DATE