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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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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) Troop Concentration, Southern Okinawa (b) Time Over Target(s) 1750 (1) (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 3/10 Cumulus - 2000 Feet
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility Unlimited
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used AN-MKE Mod. 6
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run One Spacing 0 Altitude of Bomb Release 1200
(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) ¹ Troop concentration at 7459 ² Uncle Victor Queen (Air Support Chart No. 53 Okinawa)		<u>9</u> <u>VMP-113</u>	<u>9 - 1000# GP</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>Serious</u>
(2) ³ Ridge running 7358 Able 7458 ⁴ Roger and machine gun emplacements at 7458 Peter Queen (Air Support Chart 57 Okinawa)		<u>SAME</u>	<u>72 - AR 5" HE Head, Inst.-RD 6050 - rounds - .50 Cal.</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>Serious</u> <u>Serious</u>
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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).

One hundred percent hits in target areas were credited by observation planes for both bombs and rockets. Maggie control commended the flight, crediting them with quote very good unquote results on the bombing run and quote excellent unquote results on both rocket and strafing runs.

(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

(16 June, 1945) Capt. Robert DAILLY, Jr. of VMF-113 led a combined ground support strike of VMF-113 and VMF-314 planes against targets on southern Okinawa.

VMF-113 contributed nine planes, each armed with one 1,000 pound GP bomb and eight 5 inch rockets.

The flight, airborne at 1705 Item, contacted Handymen who passed them to Magpie control for target assignment and instructions.

Two targets were assigned. The bombs were to be placed on a troop concentration at 7459 Uncle Victor Queen (Air Support Chart No. 53 Okinawa) and rockets and .50 caliber expended against troops along the ridge running 7358 Able 7458 Eger and machine gun emplacement at 7458 Peter Queen (Air Support Chart No. 57 Okinawa).

Three runs were made in almost identical manner. The planes approached along the west coast from North to South at 5000 feet, made 180° turns east into the various targets and made 45° runs, releasing at 1200 feet and pulling out at 800 feet. Planes did not pull up immediately but retired at 800 feet, finally turning to the right and pulling around to rendezvous over Point Fox. The strafing run varied in that it was lower (200 feet altitude). All runs were executed at high speed, over 300 knots indicated.

One hundred percent hits in target areas were credited by observation planes for both bombs and rockets. Magpie control commended the flight, crediting them with quite very good unquote results on the bombing run and quite excellent unquote results on both rocket and strafing runs.

No anti-aircraft fire was observed.

The flight returned to base, landing safely at 1940 Item.

The following VMF-113 pilots participated:
 Capt. Robert Dailly, Jr. - Division leader
 2nd Lt. S.G. MARLAI - Wingman
 2nd Lt. E.J. MURRO - Section leader
 1st Lt. Kirkland FLINN, Jr. - Wingman
 1st Lt. D.F. POLINOW WORTH - Division leader
 2nd Lt. A.J. BRIGHT - Wingman
 2nd Lt. C.H. JONES - Section leader
 2nd Lt. F.S. VAUGHN - Wingman
 2nd Lt. F.B. SMITH - Section leader

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.
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All material and equipment operated in a satisfactory manner.

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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16 June 1945
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