

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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REPORT No

CVEG-33#2
(VF-33#10)
(VT-33#12)

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

Two 45 ft. boats at Nananzu Beach

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Okinawa (b) Time Over Target(s) 0715(I) (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target 6000 ft., stratus, solid at base

(d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility Unlimited

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used Mk. VIII gunsight

1 VT-5 on 1, 3 on 1, 1 on 2

Bombs Dropped per Run VF-1 Spacing 100 Altitude of Bomb Release 1500

Rockets VF-2 VT-6 on 1, 2 on 1. S/R of rockets VT-1000 yds. VF-500yd

(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	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed, or sunk)
		(k) SQUADRON			
1 Small boat	45 ft.	1 VT-33	8 x 100 G.P. bombs	0	Serious
→ #1 "	"	1 VF-33	1 x 100 G.P. 2 HVAR	0	"
↘ #2 "	45 ft.	1 VT-33	2 x 100 G.P. 8 HVAR	0	Serious
4 " "	"	1 VF-33	1 x 100 G.P. 4 HVAR	0	Serious
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).

- This small boat was alongside the beach at Kaganzu on western side of North Okinawa. No direct hits but several near misses and .50 cal. hits from strafing left the boat in seriously damaged and sinking condition.
- This boat was near Target #1 and was camouflaged on topside with yellow grass or foliage. No direct rocket or bomb hits but near misses and .50 cal. hits from strafing seriously damaged the boat. A small fire was started but it went out. The boat was left in sinking condition. Both planes strafed on every run.

(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

The flight was scheduled by dispatch during the night preceding takeoff and 2 Vt and 4 VF were requested for the mission, direct support. The propaganda mission (1 VT plane) was scheduled for takeoff at the same time. Only 2 VT planes were available and, due to increase of CAP sorties on short notice, only 1VF plane was available. The propaganda plane did not participate in the attacks.

The 2 attacking planes were assigned the 2 small boats as targets. CASCU had no other targets available. No direct support was conducted.

Although there were no direct hits the effects of near misses and strafing appeared to have damaged both boats seriously enough to leave them sinking and of no further use.

The propaganda plane carried 8 MK. 26 flare cases filled with leaflets. Usually 10 are carried, but only 8 of the designated series were aboard. Six unoccupied towns on Southern Okinawa were the targets and 1 case was dropped on each of 4 towns and 2 on each of 2 towns. The cases appeared to open up at about 1000 ft. altitude instead of 500 ft., the desired bursting altitude. After the drops the propaganda plane was directed to return to base and it landed considerably prior to return of the 2 support planes.

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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

On the VT support plane, the illuminating bulb in MK. VIII gunsight (with tilted reflector) vibrated out of the socket and as a result the sight was of no use. This bulb may not be reinserted in flight. To prevent this happening again the ordnancemen have been instructed to check before each flight to make sure the bulb is firmly in the clamp and socket.

An-APS/4 radar gave good performance. Was of definite aid in navigation and has good map characteristics.

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