







# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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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

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Lt.(jg) E. E. Younglove made a similar attack except that his bombs were 500#, and he dropped them in salvo. One of Lt.(jg) Younglove's bombs hit a gun emplacement destroying it and damage was believed caused to nearby emplacements although smoke and dust obscured the target.

The following pilots returned early and did not actually take part in the strike:

- Ens. L. L. Lundquist
- Ens. W. F. Hancock
- Ens. S. E. Ulmer

A third group was launched at 1530-I, one TBM pilot, Lt.(jg) D. K. Butler, returned immediately to base because of engine trouble. Lt. R. F. Richards acted as air coordinator and carried no bombs. The two TBM planes carried ten 100# bombs and eight rockets each, and only two of the twelve fighters had six rockets apiece. They joined up immediately with eight TBM's and one FM from U.S.S. MAKIN ISLAND (CVE93), the latter sharing air coordinator duties with Lt. Richards.

The group was sent to target area 7169 "N" with instructions to knock out three gun emplacements near the Naha Airfield. Attacking in a "round-robin" formation, the strafing FM's preceded the TBM's, who expended all of their rockets and bombs in two sweeps. No direct hits were observed, but several near misses presumably caused some damage to the installations. The bombs were dropped at 2000 feet, with a spacing of 100 feet, while the rockets were fired at a slant range of 1500 yards at a dive angle of 50°. The fighters strafed, but the damage inflicted to the gun emplacements is believed negligible.

The pilots participating in the third strike are:

- TBM: Lt. R. F. Richards, Air Coordinator  
Lt.(jg) J. P. McNeela  
Ens. L. L. Lundquist

- FM: Lt. W. E. Ryan Lt. W. F. Jordan  
Lt.(jg) J. C. Habbersett Lt.(jg) T. Wolchan  
Lt.(jg) J. T. Sippel Ens. J. M. Metzger  
Ens. P. W. Smith Ens. M. J. Hoff  
Lt.(jg) R. L. Gaither  
Ens. H. E. Bates  
Ens. D. L. Campbell

None.

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