

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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CONFIDENTIAL

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No. 33

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Trenches, caves, N. part of Okinawa (b) Time Over Target(s) 11:30 - 9 (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target 2500 Cumulus 5/10 (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 20 miles at surface (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Slide Bomb Sight Used Mark 8 (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run Salvo Spacing _____ (FEET) Altitude of Bomb Release _____ (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		4 (VF)	18-5" HBR		
Caves	30 ft. dia.	VF-93	1500-50 cal.	6-5" HBR	Moderate
2		4 (VF)	1500-50 cal.		
Gun emplacement	30 ft. dia.	VF-93	4-5" HBR	2-5" HBR	Serious
3	300 x 100	8	20-100#OP; 8-500#OP	7-100#	
Fortified trenches	foot	VF-93	34-5" HBR; 2000-50 cal	3-500#	Serious
4				12-5" HBR	
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).

- Foliage covered personnel or storage caves in cliff. Particular damage unobserved but Air Coordinator advised damaged.
- Probably a coastal defense gun located at northern tip of island. So camouflaged that extent of damage not determined.
- Trenches were located on top of hill, were apparently newly constructed, and partially covered and camouflaged.

(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

Upon reporting to Commander Support Air, the flight was directed to work under the Air Coordinator, who designated targets effectively by use of smoke rockets.

Targets were primarily troop shelters and storage caves and the fighters were asked to strike the first chosen objectives alone. Runs were generally from 6000 to 500 feet, at 40° angle, and 300 knots speed.

On the trenches runs were made at convenience as no anti-aircraft was received. The planes emptied their loads in "daisy chain" order. The objective area was well covered with hits and seriously damaged.

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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

Pilots participating in this flight were:

V. H. SKINNER	Lt. ut.	A1	USNR
J. E. SHUBARER	Lt. (Jr)	A1	USNR
V. R. GANTHROP	Ens.	A1	USNR
J. J. OLIVER	Lieut.	A1	USNR
R. R. FRIEDRICH	Lieut.	A1	USNR
V. L. SIEWERT	Ens.	A1	USNR
R. C. SULLIVAN	Lt. (Jr)	A1	USNR
R. R. PARSONS	Ens.	A1	USNR

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