

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No. **VC-91 710**

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

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Dakashi Town, Okinawa. (b) Time Over Target(s) 0830-1 (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target Cumulus - 3300 ft - 7/10
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 10
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used _____
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run 10 Spacing 25-40 ft. -17 ft. Altitude of Bomb Release 1500-2000'
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- Rockets " " " 8 in pairs Slant Range 1000 yds. Angle 35°
(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 Bldgs in Dakashi TA 7774ST-7874PQ	-----	3 VC-91	30 - 100# G.P. 24 - ARs - 300 rds.50	All in area	Serious
2 Bldgs in Itoman, TA 7362.	-----	1 VC-91	6 - 100# G.P.	All in area	Undetermined
3 Dam at 7461 "A"	15'	1 VC-91	4 - 100# G.P.	1	Destroyed
4 Bldg in Ozato, TA 7861.	15 x 40'	1 VC-91	7 - ARs.	4	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).

Target #1. This was an extremely close support bombing, carefully directed and executed to avoid hitting U.S. troops who were just outside the Jap held town on east north and west. All bombs and rockets hit the target area, demolishing a large number of buildings (believed containing Jap troops) and receiving a "Very Well Done" from CASCU. Bombs were dropped on one run, 10 rockets on a second.

Target #2. This pilot, who was ordered out of the Dakashi attack because his radio was dead, dropped six bombs in Itoman Town, causing undetermined damage.

Target #3. On the same run, the pilot (of #2 above) dropped his last four bombs at a 15-foot dam, scoring one direct hit which demolished the dam and released its waters.

Target #4. A building 15x40', largest in Ozato Town, was hit by 4 rockets which blew out one side.

(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

VC-91 began its almost daily Support ~~work~~ work over Okinawa on 7 May with the launching from the MAKIN ISLAND at 0600 of four TBM-3's loaded with ten 100-pound GP bombs and eight rockets. They rendezvoused with planes from the SHAMROCK BAY and RUDYARD BAY, ~~which~~ which also had four VT each, with SHAMROCK as Flight Leader.

Ensign LUNDQUIST tell what happened after that:

"We arrived over the area at 0645 and at 0700 received word from CASCU that we would have to orbit until 0830, when a target would be ready. Two pilots stayed with the group while two (Lt(jg) McNeela Ensign Lundquist) flew to Kume Shima to check up on the damage done in a special strike the previous day. They reported to CASCU on their return that no work had been done on the bomb-cratered field, and that it still was non-operations.

"At 0830 we received a target, the town of Dakeshi, target area 7774ST and 7874 PQ, where Jap troops apparently were hidden in buildings and houses. It was a very carefully planned operation because our troops were so close to the target, just outside the town on the north, east and west. Each pilot had to "Wilco" the specific attack instructions; one MAKIN plane had no radio and was not permitted to join in the attack.

"Runs were made from north to south, across our lines, in column, pushing over from 3000 feet into a 35 degree dive and releasing bombs at 1500 to 2000 feet and firing rockets at 1000 yards slant range. Eight Marine F4U's from Yontan Field ~~preceded~~ preceded the VT in the first run; then took station over Shuri, ready to attack Jap AA positions if they opened fire. All bombs were dropped on ~~the~~ the first run, spaced from 25 to 40 feet, and all rockets on the second. All bombs and ~~the~~ rockets hit the target area, demolishing and damaging a number of buildings.

"A 'Well Done' was received from CASCU".

"The fourth VC-91 pilot (Ens. Griesinger) received permission to drop his bombs on the village of Itoman (TA 7362). He dropped six there causing damage X of undetermined extent of buildings; dropped four more, on the same run as he leveled out, on a 15-foot dam beyond the village, scoring one direct hit which destroyed it; and fired his seven rockets at a 15 x ~~40~~ 40 foot building ~~in~~ in Ozato (TA 7861), blowing out one side with four hits.

"The flight then returned home. No anti-aircraft fire was seen".

Pilots participating in the flight were:

- Lt.(jg) J. P. McNeela
- Ens. L. L. Lundquist
- Ens. S. E. Ulmer
- Ens. D. F. Griesinger

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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

None.

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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