

I. GENERAL

- (a) Unit Reporting VC-93 (b) Based on USS PETROF BAY CVE-60 (c) Report No. 59
 (d) Take off: Date 23 April 1945 Time (LST) 1330 -9 (Zone); Lat. 25°20'N. Long. 128°10'E.
 (e) Mission Direct Support Strike on Okinawa (f) Time of Return 1700 -9 (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE)	FUZE, SETTING
		TAKING OFF	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	ATTACKING TARGET		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
M-2	VC-93	4	0	4	6-5 th HER	Base

III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

Many other Naval aircraft over target area.

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RESTRICTED
(Reclassify when filled out)

(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) Concentrated Defense Area, Okinawa (b) Time Over Target(s) 1430 -9 (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target 2000 Cumulus 4/10
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Hazy and smoky (e) Visibility 4 at surface
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type _____ Bomb Sight Used _____
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run _____ Spacing _____ Altitude of Bomb Release _____
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed _____ Probably Destroyed _____ Damaged _____

(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 3 supply bldgs.	Small	2 VC-93	8-5"HER; 800-50 cal.	3-5"HER	Exploded
2 Military truck	3 tons	2 VC-93	200-50 cal.		Burnt
3 Gun positions	200 yds. dia	4 VC-93	16-5"HER; 3800-50 cal	14-5"HER	Seriously damaged
4					
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).

1, 2, 3. This entire area, on the outskirts of Gishushi town, was honey combed by trenches and caves, and contained many vehicles, gun positions, stores of supplies etc. The damage given above is that known caused by the 4 VF of VC-93. The flight (composition given in Item III) is believed to have destroyed everything of value at the place.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

The 12 VF and 8 VF aircraft composing this flight were directed to saturate a concentrated defense area with all armament. Over the target the VF and VF separated and took turns making several runs while the others orbited, observing the damage and selecting targets. The VF executed their runs from 2000 to 50 feet, at 25° glide and 230 knots.

The resultant obliteration of the objective area was complimented by the Commander Support Air, following the Air Coordinator's report to him.

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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

Pilots participating in this strike were:

R. E. FRIEDRICH	Lieut.	A1	USNR
G. F. DENNETT	Lieut.	A1	USNR
R. C. SULLIVAN	Lt. (jg)	A1	USNR
R. R. PARSONS	Ens.	A1	USNR

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