

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No. **VC-85 - 91**

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) **Yontan, Kadema, Machinato Airfields** (b) Time Over Target(s) **1620-1645 (1)** (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target **600 Stratus 7/10**
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target **Hazy and getting dark** (e) Visibility **4**
(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 (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 Kadema Airfield | | 4 FM-2 VC-85 | 24 x 5" HE Rockets 2000 x .50 cal | All in Area | 1 Damaged Aircraft Destroyed |
| 2 Yontan Airfield | | 8 FM-2 VC-85 | 45 x 5" HE Rockets 3000 x .50 cal | All in Area | 4 Trucks Destroyed |
| 3 Machinato Airfield | | 1 FM-2 VC-85 | 2 x 5" HE Rockets 100 x .50 cal | All in Area | Not Observed |
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(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).

Four (4) Camouflaged Military Trucks definitely destroyed by rocket hits and strafing.

(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

Led by Lieutenant Joseph A. KUSH, USNR, twelve FM-2s of VC-95 were catapulted from parent ship USS LUNGA POINT (CVE-94) at 1530 (I) on 29 March 1945 to strike assigned targets on Okinawa Shima.

Upon arriving on station, the flight was divided into two groups of 3 and 4 planes and assigned to Combat Air Patrol over the objective area. After patrolling until 1820 with negative results, the groups were ordered to strike targets of opportunity on Kadana, Yontan and Machinato Airfields. Making a low level, high speed run from north to south along the western side of Central Okinawa, they split up, 3 planes attacking targets around Yontan Field and 4 on Kadana Field. Four (4) trucks and an already damaged aircraft were destroyed. One pilot, having two rockets left, shot them at gun positions on Machinato Field.

The planes returned to base after dark, nine landing on parent ship, and three on adjacent carriers. All were low on fuel, two having about 25 gallons remaining.

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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

One FM-2 pilot reported his ZB receiver was weak and intermittent. Trouble was due to weak tube.

One FM-2 pilot reported failure of his outboard starboard gun. Pilot was unable to charge gun due to stickiness of one charging cable. The cable run was checked and pulleys oiled.

One rocket failed to launch. Investigation showed it to be faulty.

**FORWARDED: G. A. T. WASHBURN,
Captain, U. S. Navy,
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U.S.S. LUNGA POINT (CVE-94).**

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