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REPORT No. 43

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

1. Concealed artillery, so. Okinawa
2. Concealed troops, so. Okinawa
- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) 1. Concealed artillery, so. Okinawa (b) Time Over Target(s) 1230 (Zone) 1
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 1. 900 feet, alto cumulus, 6/10 2. 200 feet, alto cumulus, 9/10
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Partially obscured by clouds (e) Visibility 10
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Slide Bomb Sight Used Hk. 2
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
13 runs 1 bomb
Bombs Dropped per Run 1 run 3 bombs Spacing 0 Altitude of Bomb Release 3500
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None 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 Clump of trees	100 yds. sq.	4 TBM-3 VC-70	16 x 500 lb. G.P.	6	Unobserved
2 Same	Same	3 TBM-3 VC-99	12 x 500 lb. G.P.	4	Unobserved
3 Same	Same	1 VC-99 VC-70	Strafe 700 rounds 2 Hk. 6 smoke rockets		
4 Knoll and Ravine	600 x 200 yd	3 TBM-3 MCVU-2	36 x 100 lb. G.P.	All in Area	Undetermined
5 Same	Same	3 TBM-3 VC-99	8 NVG Rockets	All in Area	Undetermined
6	Note: Information on the ammunition expended by VC-99 and MCVU-2 based on information brought back by pilots of VC-70.			is an estimate only	
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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).

Impossible to determine effectiveness of attack because the artillery could not be seen through the dense foliage under which GABOU, Landing Force, 3rd Corps, had reported it. Ten direct hits on the area in which the emplacement was supposed to be.

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

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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
Fuzeing
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

Routine direct support mission from TU 32.1.1 controlled by CASOR, Landing Force, 3rd Corps. The flight was first assigned mission in area located by grid coordinates at 7369 H, which was cancelled before execution because of heavy cloud cover.

Eight (8) VT were then assigned a target located at 7467 NR, south of Tomigusuki village, described as a clump of trees just south and west of a pond at a highway intersection. As two points answered this description and it was a safe area, both targets were attacked after being marked by smoke rockets. The air coordinator strafed both areas. Four VC-70 TBM-3's and 3 VC-99 TBM-3's made four live runs apiece except for one pilot who hit the pickle twice by mistake. Several dry runs were made when clouds obscured the target. One plane from VC-99 did not make runs because radio trouble made it impossible to hear instructions. VC-70's planes rendezvoused in the vicinity of Haha Airfield and then returned to base, as they had expended all of their bombs on the first target.

Runs were made from north to south, push over from 5000 feet release 2500, pull out 2000, IAS 280/300 knots, 35°/40° angle, interval between planes 20/30 seconds.

Next target assigned the planes from VC-99 and MCVS-2 was a Ravine and kaoli in 7866 GHF near Sisushi village where troops were reported to be concealed. Any kind of attack was difficult because of the 9/10's cloud cover at 200/900 feet. Area as described was rocketed and bombed through holes in the clouds. Only two planes managed to get their rockets away, and only 3 planes got their 100 lb. G.P. bombs away. The air coordinator does not know the reason why. Target was marked by coordinator's remaining smoke rocket, and 300 rounds of .50 calibre were put into the target area.

One VC-99 plane returned to base because of radio trouble. The air coordinator and the remaining TBM's landed at Egtona Airfield to refuel and load up for a supply dropping mission.

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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

All equipment functioned satisfactorily.

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- Use of Cover, Deception
- Angles of Attack and Their Effectiveness
- Distance of Opening Fire
- Defense Tactics and Their Effectiveness

ENEMY AIRCRAFT

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- Disposition
- Altitudes
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- Escort Tactics
- Fighter Direction
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- Recognition, Aircraft

ATTACK

OWN TACTICS

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- Altitudes, Speeds
- Approach
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- Pull-Out
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- Strafing
- Retirement
- Defensive Tactics
- Use of Jamming

DEFENSE, ENEMY

- Evasive Tactics, Ships
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COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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