

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No. **VC-84 #60**

XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only). **1- 0750 (K)**

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) **#See Below.** (b) Time Over Target(s) **2- 0810 (K)** Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target **3000, strato cumulus, .5**
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target **Partially obscured by clouds** (e) Visibility **8**
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

* (f) Bombing Tactics: Type **None dropped** Bomb Sight Used _____ (TYPE)

* **Rockets**
~~Bombs Dropped~~ per Run **6** **Slant range - 1500 feet** Altitude of Bomb Release _____ (FEET)
(NUMBER) (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 Area No. 1	800 x 200 yards	1 TM-3 VC-84	(6) HE Rockets Mk 1 body, Mk 7 motor.	All in area	Unknown
2		8 TM-3 VC-81	Unknown	"	"
3		8 TM-2 VC-81	"	"	"
4 Area No. 2	600 x 200 yards	1 TM-3 VC-84	Strafing	"	Unknown
5		8 TM-3 VC-81	Unknown	"	"
6		8 TM-2 VC-81	"	"	"
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).

Specific results were not observed.

- #1- Area 600 yards west of Airfield No. 3, Iwo Jima, containing gun emplacements on ridges.**
- 2- Sugar refinery area and adjacent area to northeast, Iwo Jima.**

* **Air Coordinator only.**

(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

On 27 February, 1945, D plus 8, at 0700 (K), Lt. Douglas K. English took off in a PBM-3 from USS MAKIN ISLAND to act as air coordinator for support operations at Iwo Jima. He arrived on station at 0750 and was immediately given a target and a support group of 8 PBM-3 and 8 FM-2 from VC-81. The target (210 Roger Sugar Uncle Victor on local grid) was about 600 yards west of Airfield No. 3 and had gun positions on ridges running along the area. Ceiling was 3000 with scattered and broken clouds. The Air Coordinator led the VF strafing on the target, firing 6 rockets into the area from slant range of 1500 feet. VT followed immediately with bombs and rockets into the area. At 0810 Lt. English led the same VF in a rocket and strafing attack on the sugar refinery area and the area northeast of it (201 King George Charlie on local grid). He joined in the strafing going down to 700 feet. Although specific damage could not be evaluated the targets were well covered with bombs, rockets and strafing all hitting the assigned areas. Lt. English developed radio trouble, his receiver going out. Accordingly he advised CSA and returned early to base, landing at 0956 (K).

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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

Tube went out in the radio receiver. Otherwise equipment performed in normal way.

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