

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(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) Gun emplacements in Southeastern ^{Citrus} (b) Time Over Target(s) 1040 (Item) (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 2000' Cumulus (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Partially obscured by clouds (e) Visibility 15 (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glides Bomb Sight Used None
- Bombs Dropped per Run 2-4-4 Spacing 150' Altitude of Bomb Release 3000'
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None Damaged None

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(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 D/P Gun Emplacements	50 yds square	5 VT-24	6 - 100' G.P. bombs 2 - 5" H.E. Rockets	2	Slight damage
2 do	do	5 VT-24	20 - 100' G.P. bombs 12 - 5" H.E. Rockets	Unknown	
3 Artillery Emplacement and Camp area	200 yds sq.	5 VT-24	24 - 100' G.P. bombs 22 - 5" H.E. Rockets	42	Serious damage
4			Strafing including .50 cal. w/g.		
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6					
7					
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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).

- Of the 6 bombs and 2 rockets expended at this aiming point, 2 hits were scored resulting in fires observed by both the pilots and aircrewman.
- These emplacements were located in a wooded area. Fires were observed in the general area after expending the bombs and rockets, but damage to the guns could not be observed because of smoke and cloud cover.
- All but 4 of the bombs and rockets struck in the camp area. 2 Rockets were observed by 2 pilots and 2 aircrewman to hit a gun emplacement. Large fires in the barracks area were observed by all pilots and aircrewman who participated.

(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

This flight was a direct support mission, carried out under the direction of a Commander Air Support Control Unit, in conjunction with the joint landing on the southern part of Okinawa. Three separate targets were assigned by CASCU for attack by this flight, with results as shown on previous page.

Bomb runs were started at an altitude of approximately 6000' and releases were made at about 3000'. Rockets were released at angles ranging from 25° to 40° and at about 1500 - 2000 yards slant range.

No enemy aircraft or A/A was encountered.

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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

Four rockets failed to release. This was probably due to contact trouble. Upon return to the ship, the launchers were tested and found ok. They functioned properly on the following day.

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SIGNATURE **Commanding** RANK AND DUTY DATE