

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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## I. GENERAL

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(a) Unit Reporting VT-33 (b) Based on or at U.S.S. SANGAMON (c) Report No. 6A  
 (d) Take off: Date 29 March 1945 Time (LZT) 0645(I) (Zone); Lat. 25°27'N Long. 127°36'E  
 (e) Mission Propaganda and Rocket Targets of Opportunity Time of Return 0945(I) (Zone)

## II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
<b>TBM-3E</b>	<b>VT-33</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7 HVAR 10 M 26 Flare Cases</b>	<b>Base Mk. 157 .02 sec. M-111 15 secs.</b>

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<b>None</b>							

## IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	(c) NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
<b>None</b>			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Did Any Part of \_\_\_\_\_  
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, Describe Clouds \_\_\_\_\_  
(YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)  
 Time of Day and Brilliance \_\_\_\_\_  
 (j) of Sun or Moon \_\_\_\_\_ (k) Visibility \_\_\_\_\_  
(NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (MILES)

## V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:				(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		
<b>None</b>						



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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) **Barracks and gun positions eastern tip of South Okinawa** (b) Time Over Target(s) **0815(I)** (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target **1200 base, strato-cumulus and cumulus, 9/10**  
(BASE IN FEET; TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target **Clear** (e) Visibility **6-8**  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type **Low level** Bomb Sight Used **Mk. VIII**  
**Rockets fired** (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) **Rocket** (TYPE)  
**2** Dropped per Run **0** Spacing **0** Altitude of Release **S/R 500 yds.**  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (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)
<b>1 5 Towns</b>	<b>- - -</b>	<b>1 VT-33</b>	<b>2 propaganda flare cases</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>2 Gun positions</b>	<b>40 X 40 ft.</b>	<b>1 VT-33</b>	<b>2 HVAR</b>	<b>Unobserved</b>	
<b>3 Barracks Bldg.</b>	<b>30 X 200 ft.</b>	<b>1 VT-33</b>	<b>5 HVAR</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Slight</b>
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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).

- Five towns in southern 1/3 of Okinawa. Two flare cases of Series No. 526 propaganda leaflets were dropped on each of four of the towns. Two cases did not release. Cases were seen breaking open and appeared to float toward earth well placed.**
- Gun positions on eastern tip of Southern Okinawa. Hits were not observed, but on pulling out of shallow glide after launch, it was observed that positions contained dummy guns.**
- Barracks building, L shaped, on eastern tip of Southern Okinawa. Two R.P. hits blew off roof of one wing. Building had been damaged previously.**

**Gun Camera Only**

(p) Were Photographs Taken?                      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

**Lieut. H. S. YOUNG, Jr., U.S.N.R., of Merion, Pennsylvania, took this scheduled propaganda leaflets hop on Love minus three day. Ten M26 flare cases, each containing leaflets were loaded. Two were to be dropped on each of five towns, but two of the ten failed to release.**

**Procedure was to start 30° dive 2½ miles from the town, level off at 4500 ft. altitude, speed 220 knots. After three seconds level flight, cases were released. Drops were made down wind.**

**After dropping leaflets, Lieut. YOUNG requested and was granted permission to strafe and rocket target of opportunity on other parts of Southern Okinawa. In addition to resulting slight damage done by attacks after pamphlet drops, Lieut. YOUNG further familiarized himself with respect to future targets for subsequent support group flights, on one of which he acted as flight leader.**

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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

**Two flare cases did not release. Pilot was unaware of this fact so did not use emergency manual release. Release switches and circuits were checked after plane's return and they were functioning properly.**

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A.C.I. Officer VT-33 RANK AND DUTY Commanding Officer VT-33 RANK AND DUTY DATE  
Commanding CVEG-33