





# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No. **7C-34 #97**

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

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) See below (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Over Target(s) See below (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target None affecting except target 3, 2500 strato cumulus, .8  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear except target 3 obscured by above (e) Visibility 20  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type All glide except target 3 level Bomb Sight Used none  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run All Spacing \_\_\_\_\_ Altitude of Bomb Release 3000 to 1800  
(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	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
		(k) SQUADRON			
1 Target 1	100 x 200 yards	1 TBM-3	10 x 100 lb G.P. AN-M30 rocket Mk 1 body, Mk 1 motor.	10	Unknown
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2 Target 2, barge	40' x 8'	1 TBM-3	strafing rounds unknown	Unknown	Barge holed
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3 Target 3	400 x 200 yards	1 TBM-3	10 x 100 lb G.P. AN-M30	10	Several small buildings destroyed
		VC-34		8 rockets as above	
4 Target 4	buildings in 200 x 200 yd. area	1 TBM-3	10 x 100 lb. G.P. AN-M30.	0	Serious
		VC-34		8 rockets as above	
6 Target 5	Caves 100 x 100 yd. area	1 TBM-3	10 x 100 lb G.P. as above	10	Unknown
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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).

Specific results were not seen except as to fires destruction of buildings in target 3, holing of barge in target 2, and rocket hits on buildings target 4.

### Targets all in Kerama Retto:

- 1- Tokashiki Shima, west beach reported revetments, 3868 Peter Queen on local grid. Time 0925 I.
- 2- Yakabi Shima, barge on southeast beach, 2771 Uncle 3. Time 0930 I.
- 3- Tokashiki Shima, northern edge Tokashiki Town, 3969 Obao 4069 King Love on local grid. Time 1115 I.
- 4- Kuba Shima, area of buildings 200 yards west of northwest beach, 2666 How on local grid. Time 1500 I.
- 5- Tokashiki Shima, cave area about 250 yards southeast of Tokashiki Town, 3867 Item 1 on local grid. Time 1745 I.

- (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  
Release  
Pull-Out  
Dive Angle  
Strafing  
Retirement  
Defensive Tactics

**DEFENSE, ENEMY**

Evasive Tactics, Ships  
Concealment  
Anti-aircraft  
Searchlights  
Night Fighter Tactics

**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

For convenience Air Observer flights for 26 March 1945 from USS MAKIN ISLAND in connection with L-6 landings on Kerama Retto have been placed in one report. CASCU assigned a target to each Air Observer's pilot in the course of each flight. The observation planes carried 10 x 100 lb. G.P. and 8 rockets. Targets were possible defense positions Tokashiki Shima, 3863 Peter Queen on local grid, a barge on the beach at Yakabi Shima, 2771 Uncle S, local grid, Tokashiki town, 3969 Obse 4069 King Love, local grid, a village on Kuba Shima, 2886 How on local grid and a cave area on Tokashiki Shima, 3967 Itan on local grid. Bombing runs were in most cases started at 3500 with release at 2000 and pullout at 1500. Slant range for rockets varied from 1000 to 500 feet. Buildings were destroyed and fires started in the town areas and the barge was holed. Otherwise no specific results were observed. The first 2 pilots airborne had difficulty in getting in touch with CASCU but thereafter communications were good.

**Pilot**

Lt. Brice Holladay  
Lt. Francis A. Noll  
Ensign Glenn A. Terry  
Ensign Terence B. Hoffman

**Observer**

1st Lt. Richard Brann PA AUS.  
2nd Lt. LeRoy Walters PA AUS.  
1st Lt. Mervin Ledowitz PA Res.  
1st Lt. Richard Brann PA AUS.

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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

**Equipment functioned in normal manner.**

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