

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No. **VC-84 #117**

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) 1- 1230 I
2- 1500 I
3- 1730 I (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target 1500, cumulus, .8 - .9
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Obscured by clouds except below (e) Visibility 15
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type _____ Bomb Sight Used _____
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Rockets
Bombs Dropped per Run 2 Spacing _____ Slant range
Altitude of Bomb Release 1000 - 800
(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)
1 Areas containing buildings	200 x 200 yards each	3 FM-2 VC-84	13 rockets, Mk 1 body, Mk. 7 motor; 600 rds. 30 cal.	All in area	Serious
2 Area in no. 2 below	5000 x 1000 yards		45 rockets as above 6850 rds. 50 cal.	"	unknown
3 Airfield area in no. 3 below	2000 x 1500 yards		810 rds. 50 cal. 950 rds 30 cal.	"	unknown
4					
5					
6					
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).

Fires were started in areas 1 and 2.

- 1- Barracks and warehouse areas, Ishade, Okinawa Jima. (5779 William 8778 George, local grid).
- 2- Area from 200 yards inland of Kadana, Okinawa Jima, to 5000 yards south, no specific targets, area attack in support of UDT.
- 3- Naha Airfield strafing targets of opportunity.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.
Gun camera film didn't show damage results.

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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

For convenience, 3 support flights of 3 FM-2, 3 FM-3 and 4 FM-3, which took off from USS MAKIN ISLAND on 29 March 1945, L-3, at different hours to join other support missions at Okinawa, are grouped together. The first attacked barracks and warehouse areas at Ishade (8778 William 8778 George local grid) with rockets and strafing, starting fires. Rockets were released at slant range of 1000 to 800 feet. The second of these support flights worked over an area 200 yards inland of Kadana for 5000 yards to the south strafing and rocketing in support of UDT operations. Trenches, tanks, and towns were hit and many fires started in the round robin attack. The third flight, consisting of FM-3 was directed to strafe Naha Airfield. No specific results were observed. All three flights were severely handicapped by a 1500 foot ceiling with .8 cover.

Pilots -

1
Lts.(jg) Milton R. King, flight leader,
Kenneth B. Pinks, Ensign Noel C. Varney

2
Lt. George Shum-Gorthorn, flight leader
Lt.(jg) Raymond B. Soward, Ensign
Richard D. Tietjen and Bernard Hobson
Lts.(jg) Robert O. Hooks, division leader
Alfred R. Monahan, Ensigns John R. Stroffel,
John D.H. Hubbeling Jr.

3
Lts. Douglas K. English, flight leader
Richard I. Halsey, Ensigns Deane A. Jalle,
Leonard F. Wozniak

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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

Performance of equipment was normal.

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