

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No. 18

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

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Target Areas 183 Q and W, Iwo Jima (b) Time Over Target(s) 1118 - 1125 (Zone) -10
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 7/10 at 5,000 feet
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 20 Miles
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bombing Bomb Sight Used Mark 8
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run Two 500# or Ten 100# Spacing Select Altitude of Bomb Release 1,500
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None Damaged None

(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 Area 183 Q	200 Yds. X	3	30 100# G.P.	30	Serious
	200 Yds.	VT-45	24 Mark 146 Rockets	24	Serious
2 Target Area 183 W	200 Yds. X	3	6 500# G.P.	6	Serious
	200 Yds.	VT-45	24 Mark 146 Rockets	24	Serious
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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).

Instructions from Commander Air Support Control Units were to hit target areas 183 Q and W with the entire bomb and rocket load of three planes each as it was believed that enemy artillery and mortar positions were located there. Three planes attacked each target area in a glide bombing and rocket attack launching rockets and dropping bombs from 1,500 feet. These planes all placed their rockets and bombs within the most likely concealment portion of the assigned target area. A photograph is attached of the explosion caused by Lieutenant Bertoglio's rockets in target area 183 Q at a point where track activity led into what appeared to be a camouflaged cover for some enemy installation. As this photograph demonstrates, whatever installation was there was undoubtedly destroyed. The bombs and rockets of the other planes effected similar results though no photographs were taken of them.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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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

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RANK AND DUTY

A.C.I. Officer

J. G. FIDGARY, Lieut., USNR,

RANK AND DUTY

Commanding Officer.

25 Feb. 1945.

DATE



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