

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED  
(Reclassify when filled out)

## I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VC-88 (b) Based on or at USS SAGINAW BAY (c) Report No. 104  
 (d) Take off: Date 3 April 1945 Time (LZT) 0500(I) (Zone); Lat. 25-54N Long. 128-22 E  
 (e) Mission TCAP and Anti-boat strike @ Okinawa (f) Time of Return 0915(I) (Zone)

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

| TYPE<br>(a) | SQUADRON<br>(b) | NUMBER            |                           |                         | BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE)<br>(f) | FUZE, SETTING<br>(g) |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--|----------------------|
|             |                 | TAKING OFF<br>(c) | ENGAGING ENEMY A/C<br>(d) | ATTACKING TARGET<br>(e) |  |                      |
| FM-2        | VC-88           | 4                 | 0                         | 2                       |  |                      |
|             |                 |                   |                           |                         |  |                      |
|             |                 |                   |                           |                         |  |                      |

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

| TYPE | SQUADRON | NUMBER | BASE | TYPE | SQUADRON | NUMBER | BASE |
|------|----------|--------|------|------|----------|--------|------|
|      |          |        | NONE |      |          |        |      |
|      |          |        |      |      |          |        |      |

## 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 |
|----------|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|
|          |                  |                          | (ZONE)               | NONE                      |   |                            |
|          |                  |                          | (ZONE)               |                           |   |                            |
|          |                  |                          | (ZONE)               |                           |   |                            |

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Did Any Part of \_\_\_\_\_  
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, Describe Clouds \_\_\_\_\_ (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)  
(YES OR NO)  
 Time of Day and Brilliance \_\_\_\_\_  
 (j) of Sun or Moon \_\_\_\_\_ (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (k) Visibility \_\_\_\_\_ (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: |          |                 | GUNS USED | (c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE | (d) DAMAGE CLAIMED |
|--------------------|------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------|----------------------|--------------------|
|                    | TYPE A/C                     | SQUADRON | PILOT OR GUNNER |           |                      |                    |
|                    |                              |          | NONE            |           |                      |                    |
|                    |                              |          |                 |           |                      |                    |
|                    |                              |          |                 |           |                      |                    |
|                    |                              |          |                 |           |                      |                    |
|                    |                              |          |                 |           |                      |                    |
|                    |                              |          |                 |           |                      |                    |
|                    |                              |          |                 |           |                      |                    |
|                    |                              |          |                 |           |                      |                    |
|                    |                              |          |                 |           |                      |                    |

CONFIDENTIAL







# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED  
(Reclassify when filled out)

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No. **104**

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) **Boats and boathouses - N. Okinawa** (b) Time Over Target(s) **0830-0850(I)** Zone

(c) Clouds Over Target **Clear**  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target **Clear** (e) Visibility **15**  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

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

Bombs Dropped per Run \_\_\_\_\_ Spacing \_\_\_\_\_ Altitude of Bomb Release \_\_\_\_\_  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Probably Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_

| (h)<br>AIMING POINT | (i)<br>DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE | (j) NO A/C ATTACKING<br>(k) SQUADRON | (l)<br>BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT | (m)<br>NO HITS On Aiming Point | (n)<br>DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk) |
|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|
| 1                   |                              | 1 FM-2                               |  |                                |  |
| 2                   | Lugger<br>50-75 feet         | VC-88                                | 250 rds .50 cal  | Strafed                        | Slight   |
| 3                   | Boathouse<br>120-60          | 2 FM-2<br>VC-88                      | 550 rds .50 cal  | Strafed                        | None observed  |
| 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).

#1 A lugger, drawn up close to steep cliff, was strafed by 1 FM-2. Hits were registered but no smoking resulted from them. In target area 0928.

#2 A large boathouse 120 x 60, with dirt covered roof, was strafed but no damage was observed. In target area 0826.

CONFIDENTIAL

(p) Were Photographs Taken? **NO** Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.







# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED  
(Reclassify when  
filled out)

REPORT No. 104

**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

No comment.

## CONFIDENTIAL

APPROVED BY:

REPORT PREPARED BY:

H. D. SCHWAB, Lt. USNR, ACIO

SIGNATURE

RANK AND DUTY

E. L. KEMPF, Lt. USNR, Commanding

SIGNATURE

RANK AND DUTY

16 April 1945

DATE