

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VC-93 (b) Based on USS PETROF BAY CVE-80 (c) Report No. 82
 (d) Take off: Date 18 May 1945 Time (LST) 1515 -9 (Zone) Lat. 25°12'N Long. 128°06'E
 (e) Mission Direct Support Strike on Okinawa (f) Time of Return 1845 -9(Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE)	FUZE, SETTING
		TAKING OFF	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	ATTACKING TARGET		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
TBM-3	VC-93	4	0	4	8-5"HEP; 4-500#GP	Inst. nose & .025 sec. delay tail; Base-Selective

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
TBM-3	VC-99	3	USS HOGGATT BAY CVE-75
TBM-3	OV80-7	3	USS SANTSU CVE-29

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURNS	(d) AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	(f) AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMO EXPENDED			(h) NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
						.30	.50	20MM	
TBM-3	70	70	3.5	330	230		1600		4

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED.

GALIBER	NONE	WEAKER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY - Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	X			
MEDIUM - Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	X			
Light - Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm			X	

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XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES.

(a) Target and Location. Troops, Command Post, Okinawa. (b) Time Over Target 1700-9(Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target. None

(d) Visibility of Target. Clear

(e) Visibility. 20 miles at surface.

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type. Glide

Bomb Sight Used. Mark 8

Bombs Dropped per Run. 1 Spacing -- Altitude of Bomb Release. 1500 feet.

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) & (k) NO. A/C ATTACKING SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING PT.	(m) NO. HITS ON AIMING PT.	(n) DAMAGE
1. Troop Con- centration	300 yds. sq.	4 VC-93	32x5" H.E. Rockets 16x500# G.P. Bombs	32 MBR	Severe

(o) RESULTS.

1. Personnel were said concentrated near small buildings reported to be command posts and small supply dumps, just east of Shuri town. The area was pattern bombed and left severely damaged with four buildings completely destroyed.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No.

XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

Upon location of target area by description the group leader, who was the VC-93 flight leader, directed formation of a daisy chain for the attack. This had been found most successful by this squadron because it enabled greater target selection and accuracy. Runs were made from north to south, 4,500 to 1,000 feet, 35 degree angle and 250 knots.

Pilots participating in this flight were:

Lt(jg) B. H. Bean, (A1) USNR
Ensign L. W. Jeffreys, (A1) USNR

Lt(jg) R. M. Reid, (A1), USNR
Et(jg) J. F. Tuttle, (A1), USNR

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