

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting **VF-33** (b) Based on or at **USS SANGAMON** (c) Report No. **4**
 (d) Take off: Date **31 March 45** Time (LZT) **1135 (I)** (Zone); Lat. **25-18 N** Long. **127-31 E**
 (e) Mission **Support - South Eastern OKINAWA SHIMA** (f) Time of Return **1535 (I)** (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
F6F-5B	VF-33	12	None	12	2 - 100lb bombs AN-MK30 6 - 5" HVAR	AN 103A; Inst. AN 100 A2, .10 Del.

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
TBM	VC 91	9	USS SAVO ISLAND				

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
None			(ZONE)			
			(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)
 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						

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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	(c) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1 NONE				
2				
3				
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) NO.	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
NONE				

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

(a) TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	(d) AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	(f) AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h) NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
						.30	.50	20MM	MM	
F6F-5B	80	50	4	325	255	-	7098 Rds.	-	-	12

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	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			

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

- SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes
- TURNS
- DIVES
- CEILINGS
- RANGE
- PROTECTION
- ARMAMENT

None

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Military Installations S. E. Tip OKINAWA (b) Time Over Target(s) 1300-1445 (I)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target Base 200 feet stratus, 700 clouds, cover .3.
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Clear except for intermittent clouds (e) Visibility 20
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Shallow dive to steep glide. Bomb Sight Used MK 8 Illuminated Gun
Rockets fired 10-2; 2-1 (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) 0 slant range 1500 yds (TYPE) sight
Bombs Dropped per Run 1 (NUMBER) Spacing 0 (FEET) Altitude of Bomb Release 1500 (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 (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 Barracks and surrounding Bldgs.	400 feet by 200 ft.	12 F6F-5 VF-33	16-5" HAVAR 8-100lb GP Bomb Strafed	9 RP 3 Bomb	Serious
2 Under ground installations	15 Ft, by 30 Ft, each	12 F6F-5 VF-33	36-5" HVAR. 8-100 GP Bombs Strafed	10 RP 2 Bomb	Unobserved
3 Three gun positions	40 feet dia.	12 F6F-5 VF-33	18-5" HVAR 2-100 16 GP Bombs	8 RP 1 Bomb	Slight
4 Suspicious looking terrain	Various Dia.	12 F6F-5 VF-33	8-5" HAVAR 4-100 lb G.P. Bombs	7 RP 2 Bomb	None
5 Roads & adjacent Buildings	Various Dia.	12 F6F-5 VF-33	Strafed		Slight
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).

Due to the type of support mission these planes participated in, it was impossible for them to be briefed on the specific locality in which they operated. Thus, being unfamiliar with the minute details of the terrain they were called on to hit, it was hard to pin point any target when told by CASCU to hit a camouflaged ammunition dump in a certain Grid Area. This explains the general nature of the aiming points given above.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Gun Camera 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.
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.

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