

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No. **4**

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) **Target areas 219 X and Y** (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Over Target(s) **0930 (K)** (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target **2000 ft. - cumulus - 1/10th.** (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target **Clear** (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (e) Visibility **20** (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type **Glide** (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) Bomb Sight Used **Mark 8** (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run **All** (NUMBER) Spacing **30** (FEET) Altitude of Bomb Release **1000-1500 ft.** (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 Target area 219 X and Y.	200 yds. by 400 yds.	8 VC-83	12-5"(HE) ARP 16-5"(HE) HVARP 34-100# GP Strafe- 3900 rds.		See below
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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).

Lt. M. S. WORLEY had a direct hit with a 100 lb. bomb on a small ammo dump which exploded. There were many hits on mortar positions with damage unobserved and seven fires in the area were started by the attack. The fires were still burning 30 minutes later.

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

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

4 VF and 4 VT from VC-83 and 4 VF from VC-88 on station at orbit point awaiting assignment of target. The flight was ordered to make a strafing, bombing and rocket attack against target area 219 S and X.

This attack was one of the best and most successful ever made by this squadron. The squadrons own VF and VT were working together and the Squadron Commander was acting as Air Coordinator at the time. The VF made seven or eight strafing and rocket runs and the VT made three bombing and three rocket runs with strafing on each run. Points of aim were 2 foot square holes (mortar positions), caves, gun emplacements, etc. VF made runs from 3000 ft. and pulled out as low as 300 ft. VT also made very low altitude bombing runs. Ensign W.O. GUNDLACH's plane was damaged by the explosion of his own bombs necessitating his landing on the airfield on the island for emergency repairs.

The only sour note of the whole attack was that again many of the HVARP failed to explode. (See VC-83, ACA-1 Report No. 40).

No enemy AA was encountered.

**VF: pilots: Lieut. R.S. BOOZER; Lieuts.(jg) F.M. KREBS,
R.W. SCHAEFER; Ensign F.P. McELROY.**

**VT pilots: Lieut. M.W. WORLEY; Lieuts.(jg) R.G. PERRY,
W.R. ANDREWS; Ensign W.O. GUNDLACH.**

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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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Squadron Commander

3/13/45

DATE