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I. GEN	VERAL							CO	NE		
(a) Unit Re	porting	VC-83	(b)	Based on o	r at USS	SARGER	T DAY (C	VE-83)	(c) Repo	rt No	82
(d) Take of	ff: Date 7	April 19)45	_Time (LZ	T) 073	65 (I)	_(Zone);.L	at. 250_	47° N.	Long.	28°-39° E.
(e) Mission	Direct a	iroraft	support o	f ground	troop	on Ok	danne.	(f) Time	of Return	1205	(I) (Zone)
II. OV	VN AIRCRA	AFT OFFIC	CIALLY COV	ERED BY T	THIS RE	PORT.	line in the second				
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)			AND TORPEDOE D (PER PLANE) (f)			FUZE, SE	
71-2	VC-83	5	0		6 -	5"(HE)	AR		1		.02 base
TBL-3	VC-83	2	0	2	10 -	100 lb.					
III. O	THER U. S.	OR ALLIE	D AIRCRAFT	Γ EMPLOYE	DINT	HIS OPER	ATION.				
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE		TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BAS	E
TBM	VC-92	4	USS TULA	GI							
(h) Appare Did Any (i) Encoun	y Part of ter(s) Occu	ur in Cloud	(ZO) (ZO) (ZO) (ZO)	NE)	cribe Clo		BOMBS, TORPE GUNS O	FEET, TYPE			'ER)
(j) of Sun			(NIGHT, BRIC	DAMAGED			Aircraft Lis	(k) Vis		(N	(ILES)
TYPE ENEMY A/C		SQUADRON	1	OT OR GUNNER		GUNS	HCED	WHFR	(c) E HIT, ANG	l F	(d) DAMAGE
LIVE TO TO		SQUADRON	MOI	I OK GUININEK		GUINS	USED				CLAIMED
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REPORT No. VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	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		
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3				
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7	Andrew Line Co.			
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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
		NOME		
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	AV. FUEL	AV. FUEL	(g)	TOTAL AMM	UNITION EXPENDED		NO. OF PLANES
TYPE A/C	OUT	MILES MILES		LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50 .	20MM	MM	NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
F11-2	64	67	3.9	245	165					8
TEM	64	67	4.5	325	260					2

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

IN. ELIENTI MILLION IN THE STATE OF THE STAT				
CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	X			
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	2			
LIGHT — Machine aun 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

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	XI. ATTACK ON E	NEMY SHIPS OR	GROUND OBJECT	IVES (By Own Airc			
(a)							0945 (I) (Zone)
(c)	Clouds Over Target	80	00 ft strat	TYPE AND TENTHS OF C			
(d)	Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HAZ	Y PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDE ETC.)	(e) Visibili	ty	(MILES)
(•	Bombing Tactics: Typ	e	Glide (LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bom	b Sight Used	Mk.	8 gunsight
	Bombs Dropped per Ru	I plane - I plane - (NUMBER	Spacing	30 - 50 (FEET)	Altitude of Bon	nb Rele	1000 yds. 2000 rt.
(g)	Number of Enemy Air	rcraft Hit on Grou	und: Destroyed	Probably [Destroyed	mo	Damaged Tone
	(h) AIMING POINT	1 DIMENSIONS OR F	(i) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMU EXPENDED EACH AIMI	NITION NO H NG POINT Almino	ITS On	DAMAGE None slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1	Barracks in 7974 U.	200 X 50 ft.	1 FM-2 VC-83	5 - 5°(HE) A Strafe		2	Destroyed
2	Area 7577 Y.	200 yde.sq.	8 Cm (3 (3	36 - 5"(HE) A 20 - 100 lb.	GP A	1.2	Probably serious
3							
4							
5							
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- 1. Three barracks in "U" shape hit hard by recket, bombing and strafing attack. Three rockets right in building. The buildings burned (there was an enormous blaze) and were probably totally destroyed.
- 2. The area, which contained many caves, was reported to contain hidden artillery equipment and other enemy equipment. There were many direct hits on the caves and dug-outs. Many of the caves received direct rocket and bomb hits and were completely destroyed.

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

⁽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).

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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

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

OWN TACTICS

Night Fighting

Recognition, Aircraft

Method of Locating Target
Approach to Target
Altitudes, Speeds
Approach
Dive
Pull-Out
Dive Angle
Strafing
Retirement
Defensive Tactics

DEFENSE, ENEMY

Use of Jamming

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

One VF launched at 0527 as Air Coordinator to coordinate air strikes over III Phib. Corps area on Okinawa. Attacks were made on several small boats and one small house was burned. Three large barracks buildings were set aftre and probably destroyed. The Air Coordinator put 4 of his rockets right into the building.

At 0735 this squadron launched another direct support group of 4 VF and 2 VT, working under the same Air Coordinator. This group made rocket, bombing and strafing attacks against area 7877 Y. This area was a ridge containing many caves and dugouts reported to conceal enemy gun positions. The ridge was plastered with bomb and rocket hits and many caves were destroyed.

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VT: Liout. (jg) D. O. HANCOCK; Ensign J. D. PROVOST.

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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

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