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(a) Unit Re	eporting	VC-85	(b)	Based on or	at	SAIRE	FT BAY (C	VE-83)	(c) Rep	ort No	15
(d) Take of	ff: Date	D April	1945	Time (LZ	T)11	19 (I)	(Zone); L	_at 25	20' 11.	Long.	0-03' E
(e) Mission	Direct	aircraft	support	of ground	troo	ps on (Milnews.	(f) Time o	f Retur	1349 ()	(Zone
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	SQUADRON	TAKING	NUMBER	ATTACKING			AND TORPEDOE	:S		FUZE, SETTI	ING
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ENEMY A/C	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	. PILO	OR GUNNER		GUNS	USED	WHERE	HIT, ANG	SLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
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(a)	(b)	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor,	EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)	1

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

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	AV. FUEL	(g) TOTAL AMMU	INITION EXPEN	NDED	NO. OF PLANES
TYPE A/C	MILES	RETURN	AV. HOURS	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
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IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

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and the second second	CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
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	gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm				

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

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CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
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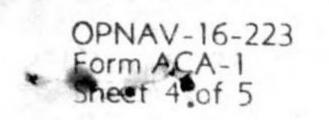


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	XI. ATTACK ON EN	EMY SHIPS OR	GROUND OBJECT	IVES By Own Aircraft Li	isted in II Only).
(a)	Target(s) and Location	(s) 2 Amm	mition storage	IVES (By Own Aircraft Li	Over Target(s	1245 (I) (Zono)
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(c)	Clouds Over Target	1200		mulus - 8/10ths		
(d)	Visibility of Target			BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	e) Visibility	(MILES)
(f)	Bombing Tactics: Type		(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sigh	11 0360	8 gwasight
	Bombs Dropped per Run	(NUMBER	Spacing	(FEET)	slant rang ude of Bomb Rel	
(g)	Number of Enemy Airci	raft Hit on Gro	und: Destroyed	Probably Destroy	yed	Damaged
	(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POI	NT Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1	Camouflaged bldg.		4 FM-2 VC-83	TO TO THE STATE OF	Marry	Sorious
2	Possible ammo dump.		4 FM-2 VC-33	Strafe		Not observed
	Julia Aminara San Al.		and the second second	24 - 5"(HE) AR		
3	Area 7862	200 yds. s	4 FE-2 7C-83	Strafe	All	Slight
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3 4 5	Aroa 7862	200 yds. s	• 13-2 • 70-83	Strafe	All	Slight
3 4 5	Area 7862	200 yds. s		Strafe	All	Slight
3 4 5	Area 7562	200 yds. s	• 13-2 • 76-83		All	Slight

- (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).
 - One 10-wheel truck was set aftre by straffing and was probably destroyed. Also, a pile of stores slong the side of the road were strafed and set aftre. One small building about 15 ft. square was hit with two rockets but the extent of the damage could not be determined.
 - Large building thought to contain possible amno dump smoking but did not burn or explode.
 - Several fires started, source undetermined. Large building rescabling barn, 3. amoking.



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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

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 Homina Rendezvous Recognition, Ships Communications Flight Operations Search and Tracking Base Operations Maintenance

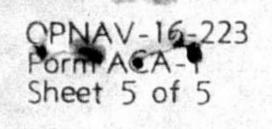
8 VF from VC-83 and 7 VT from VC-93 launched as one group to furnish direct aircraft support of Army's big push against the Japs on southern Okinawa.

After remaining on station for some time without being assigned to a target, 4 VF were detached from the group and directed to locate and attack a camouflaged building and some concealed vehicles in area 7861. Low clouds obscured the area and made it very difficult to locate the vehicles. Several were spotted by pilots as they were pulling out but they could not be located on subsequent runs. One very large 10wheel truck was strafed and set afire and a small well camouflaged building was strafed and rocketed. At least two rockets hit, but the building did not burn.

The other 4 VF and the 7 VT were directed to attack a possible ammunition dump in area 8166. Here again low clouds hampered the attack, particularly since only one run was to be made. No ammunition dump could be observed but one large building which may have contained ammunition was left smoking. It did not burn or explode.

The 4 VF were then directed to expend all remaining armament on targets of opportunity in area 7862. So little time was left for the attack that no target could be found. All armament was expended in the area with unobserved results except that several fires were started and a large building resembling a barn was left smoking.

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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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