









# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No **VC-84 #150**

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) See below (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Over Target(s) See below I (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target None affecting attacks (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Clear (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (e) Visibility 30 (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used None (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run 7 all Spacing 7 - 5 Altitude of Bomb Release 1500 (NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

Rockets per run 2 Slant range 1000 - 800 feet

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 0 Probably Destroyed 0 Damaged 0

| (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 Beach area in no. 1 below         | 3200 x 1000 yards         | 6 TBM-3<br>VC-84                  | 48 rockets, usual, unknown quantity 50 & 50 cal.                        | All in area                 | Unknown                                               |
| 2 Mortar positions in area 2 below  | 1000 x 200 yards          | 6 TBM-3<br>VC-84                  | 9 550 lb Depth Bombs, nose fused, 30 100 lb. GP AN-M 30, ammo as above. | "                           | "                                                     |
| 3                                   |                           |                                   |                                                                         |                             |                                                       |
| 4 Defense positions in area 3 below | 1000 x 200 yards          | 5 FM-2<br>VC-84                   | 50 rockets and ammo as above                                            | "                           | "                                                     |
| 5 Tomb area in area no. 4 below     | 400 x 200 yards           | 7 TBM-3<br>VC-84                  | 70 100 lb GP as above 28 rockets and ammo as above.                     | "                           | "                                                     |
| 6 Buildings, Tombs in area 5 below  | "                         | "                                 | 28 rockets & ammo as above.                                             | "                           | "                                                     |
| 7 Caves, dugouts in area 6 below    | "                         | 4 FM-2<br>1 TBM-3<br>VC-84        | 10 100 lb GP as above 32 rockets & ammo as above                        | "                           | "                                                     |
| 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).

- Targets -
- 1- Southwest beach area Ie Shima (8132 to 8532 local grid) 0755.
  - 2- Mortar positions 1800 yards north of Ie Town (8734 Able through Easy local grid) 0815.
  - 3- Defense positions area west of Ie Shima airfield (8133 Jig to 8332 King) 0910.
  - 4- Tomb area 200 yards east Ie Town (8833 Xray Yoke) 1400.
  - 5- Buildings tombs in area northeast Ie Shima airfield (8334 Love Mike) 1415.
  - 6- Caves, dugouts in area northeast Ie Town (8833 Charlie 8834 William) 1600.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.  
Gun camera film didn't show damage results.



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

On 16 April 1945, L plus 15, the following support flights took off from USS MAKIN ISLAND and after joining with the balance of their support groups hit targets on Ie Shima in support of landings; 6 TBM-3, 4 FM-2 and 1 FM-2 Air Coordinator, 7 TBM-3, 4 FM-2 and 1 TBM-3 Air Coordinator. The first flight strafed and rocketed the landing beach area continuously for 7 minutes in advance of the landings and then moved back to bomb and strafe mortar positions north of Ie Town reportedly firing on the troops. It received a very well done from CASCU for its support work. The second flight hit defense positions west of the airfield with rockets and strafing; the third flight also hit potential defense installations east of Ie Town and northeast of the airfield; the last flight attacked caves and dugouts northeast of Ie Town. All these flights received a well done from CASCU. Air Coordinators joined in the attacks. Bombing runs were started at 5000 to 3500 feet with release at 2000 and 1500 and pullout at 1000. Slant range for rockets was 1000 feet.

### Pilots -

1st flight: Lt. Thomas R. Young, support group leader, Lt. Brice Holladay, Lt. David J. Conroy, Lt.(jg) Wilbur E. Ego, Lt.(jg) Harry E. Anderson, Ensign Leonard F. Wozniak.  
2nd flight: Lt.(jg) Donald E. Skewis, flight leader, Lt.(jg) James G. Babb, Lt.(jg) Rex S. McDaniel, Ensign Eric W. Kattwinkel, Lt. Robert O. Kent, Air Coordinator.  
3rd flight: Lt.(jg) Marvin L. Doliana, flight leader, Lt.(jg) William H. Bartles, Lt.(jg) Howard A. Hughes, Ensign Glenn A. Terry, Ensign Terence B. McManus, Ensign Deane A. Jelle.  
4th flight: Lt.(jg) Alfred E. Monahan, flight leader, Lt.(jg) Raymond B. Howard, Lt.(jg) Duane C. Miller, Ensign Richard D. Tietjen; Lt. Francis A. Holl, Air Coordinator.



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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

**Equipment performed normally.**

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