

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VT-33 (b) Based on or at U.S.S. SANGAMON (c) Report No. 4
 (d) Take off: Date 28 March 1945 Time (LZT) 0743(I) (~~XXXX~~); Lat. 25°35'N Long. 127°22'E
 (e) Mission Attack gun positions (f) Time of Return 1143 Item ~~(XXXX)~~

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)		
TBM-3E	VT-33	4	0	4	10 X 100 G.P. 8 HVAR	Tail .1 sec. AN M 100A2 Nose Inst. AN M103A1 Nose Inst. Mk. 149 Base .02 sec. Mk. 157

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
TBM	VC-84	4	U.S.S. MAKIN ISLAND	TBM		4	Support Carrier Unit
TBM	VC-85	4	U.S.S. LUNGA POINT	FM-2		7	51.1.2
FM-2	VC-91	8	U.S.S. 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
N-o-n-e			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) _____
 Did Any Part of _____
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? _____ If so, Describe Clouds _____
(YES OR NO) (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:				(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		
N-o-n-e						

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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) Naha Airfield, Okinawa (b) Time Over Target(s) 1015(I) ~~XXXX~~
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target No clouds, target clear
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

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

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

Bombs Dropped per Run 3 and 6, 1 and 4 Spacing 22 Altitude of Bomb Release 1200
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

Rockets 4 Rockets S/R 1000 yds.

(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 AA Position (Med. and Heavy)	100 X 30ft.	3 VT-33	23 X 100 G.P. 11 HVAR S/R	8 10	Serious
2 Bridge	20 X 60 ft.	3 VT-33	6 HVAR S/R 50 & .30 cal. Unobserved	4	Slight
3 Two luggers	100 feet	1 VT-33	4 HVAR S/R	0	Slight
4 Mavis seaplane		1 VT-33	7 X 100 G.P.	1	Slight
5 Sugar Mill	60 X 70 ft.	1 VT-33	6 X 100 G.P.	2	Slight
6 Gun Position	30 feet diameter	1 VT-33	4 X 100 G.P. 4 HVAR S/R	1	Slight
7 Position of some sort in group of trees		1 VT-33	4 HVAR S/R Unobserved	not a target	Slight
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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.)

- These AA positions, in three separate areas within 500 yards of Naha Airfield, Okinawa, each contained two or three firing medium to heavy guns. They are very difficult to see in order to hit from the air. One position near north tip of the airfield was firing three guns and after hits, it fired only one. It was hit again and in the afternoon, no fire came from that position. The actual extent of damage to these guns cannot be accurately observed from the air. They can be located for accurate bombing only when they fire.
- A concrete bridge near southeast coast of Okinawa was a target of opportunity and hits caused dust clouds which obscured assessment of damage.
- These luggers were moored in Naha Harbor, Okinawa, and appeared to have been previously hit. R.P. were launched from a poor position. No hits.
- Mavis was moored on eastern beach of Senega Shima, off the coast of Okinawa, just across from Naha Airfield. It is believed that this plane had been hit before and further damaged was done to it.
- Sugar mill was a one stacker, 60 X 70 feet, southeast of the island tip of Naha Harbor, Okinawa. Two rockets hit but damage unobserved.
- "Appeared" to be a gun position. Two runs were made and on second run it was observed that the position was empty.
- This position was a point designated by CASCU and on the run nothing was observed there as being a target, only a clump of trees.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No 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.
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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

**Fixed guns of one TBM stopped firing because of link jam.
To remedy this the links were filed and now work satisfactorily.**

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RANK AND DUTY

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SIGNATURE RANK AND DUTY DATE
Commanding Officer VT-33
Commanding CVEG-33