

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VC-93 (b) Based on USS PETROF BAY CVE-80 (c) Report No. 58
 (d) Take off: Date 23 April 1945 Time (LZT) 0730 -9 (Z one) Lat. 25°20'N. Long. 128°10'E.
 (e) Mission Direct Support Strike on Okinawa (f) Time of Return 1115 -9 (None)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOS CARRIED (PER PLANE)	FUZZ, SETTING
		TAKING OFF	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	ATTACKING TARGET		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
TBM-3	VC-93	4	0	4	10-100#GP; 8-5"HEX	Inst. nose and tail; Base
TBM-3	VC-93	4	0	4	4-500#GP; 8-5"HEX	Base; Inst. nose and .01 sec. delay tail

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

Many other Naval aircraft over target area.

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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	(c) 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

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

(a) TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	(d) AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	(f) AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h) NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
						.30	.50	20MM	MM	
<u>TB-3</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>3.5</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>225</u>					<u>8</u>

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

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

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

- SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes
- URNS
- DIVES
- CEILINGS
- RANGE
- PROTECTION
- ARMAMENT

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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) Artillery and warehouses, Ousukun (b) Time Over Target(s) 0910 - 9 (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target 3000 Strato-cumulus 4/10
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Smoky and hazy (e) Visibility 4 at surface
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBTSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

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

Bombs Dropped per Run 1 Spacing _____ Altitude of Bomb Release 1100-1000
(NUMBER) (FEET) (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	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
		(k) SQUADRON			
1 <u>Artillery positions</u>	<u>50 x 300 yards</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>20-100#GP; 4x 5"HER</u>	<u>18-100#</u>	<u>Believed destroyed</u>
2 <u>4 warehouses</u>	<u>50 x 200 yards</u>	<u>VC-93</u>	<u>12-500#GP; 4x 5"HER; 11-500#</u>	<u>15-100#</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>
3		<u>8</u>	<u>20-100#GP; 4-500#PG</u>	<u>3-500#</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>
4		<u>VC-93</u>	<u>15-5"HER</u>	<u>12-5"HER</u>	
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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).

1. Artillery positions scattered along ridge N. W. of Ousukun were pattern bombed and, with other aircraft (see item III), are believe to have been destroyed. Troops moved up immediately following bombardment. Haze and terrain prevented accurate observation.
2. Warehouses left burning fiercely.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

Following rendezvous with units of other squadrons at base and near target, the flight received instructions to pattern bomb a particular narrow ridge. Artillery positions were hidden by terrain and vegetation. The S. E. slope of the ridge was covered by working from the N. E. Troops moved into areas first bombed while attacks were being made in the SW portion of the target. Runs were made from NE to SW, 3000 to 800 feet, at 25° glide and 210 knots speed.

The flight was directed to a group of warehouses after saturating the artillery area. All remaining armament was expended in one run. All four warehouses received hits and were burning to destruction when flight departed.

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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

Pilots participating in this strike were as follows:

W. H. SKINNER	Lieut.	A1	USNR
J. H. WELLS	Ens.	A1	USNR
W. H. GAVINNETT	Ens.	A1	USNR
J. J. OLIVER	Lieut.	A1	USNR
E. H. BRAN	Lt. (Jg)	A1	USNR
W. J. O'HEREN	Ens.	A1	USNR
E. C. ATLEWORTH	Ens.	A1	USNR
J. H. SHEARER	Lt. (Jg)	A1	USNR

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