

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL.

- (a) Unit Reporting. VC-93 (b) Based on USS P. TROP BAY, CVE-80 (c) Report No. 88  
 (d) Take off: Date 24 May 1945 Time (LST) 0600-9 (Zone) Lat. 25°12'N Long. 128°08'E  
 (e) Mission: Direct Support Strike on Okinawa (f) Time of Return: 0945-9 (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE)	FUZE SETTING
		TAKING OFF	ENGAGING ENEMY A.C.	ATTACKING TARGET		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
TBM-3	VC-93	4	0	4	8x5" H.E. Rockets 10x100 <sup>1/2</sup> G.P. Bombs	4 Inst. & 4 delay base fuse. Inst. nose; no tailfuse

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
TBM-3	VC-99	4	USS HOGGATT BAY, CVE-75
TBM-3	VC-91	4	USS MAKIN ISLAND, CVE-93

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

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)		(h)	
TYPE	MILES	MILES	AV. HOURS	AV. FUEL	AV. FUEL	TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED		NO. PLANES	
A/C	OUT	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	MM	
TBM-3	70	70	3.75	330	200		500	MM	4

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED.

Heavy None  
 Medium None  
 Light None

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XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES.

(a) Target and Location. Trenches & Supply Dumps, Okinawa. (b) Time over Target. 0900-9 (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target. 5,000 ft. Niabo-stratus, 10/10

(d) Visibility of Target. Obscured by ground fog and mist. (e) Visibility. 1 mile at surface

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type. Glide Bomb Sight Used Mark 8

Bombs Dropped per Run. Salvo Spacing --- Altitude of Bomb Release. 1500 feet.

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) & (k) NO. A.C. ATTACKING SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING PT.	(m) NO. HITS ON AIMING PT.	(n) DAMAGE
1. Trenches & Supplies	150x600yds.	4 VC-93	30x5" H.E. Rockets 40x100# G.P. Bombs		Unobserved

(g) Results.

1. Trenches and supply dumps on cliff top and side about 6 miles south of Naha. The ground fog and mist prevented detailed observation, even at flight under 100 feet.

XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

Target area identified by description and terrain. Bombed a pasture-like area between two roads. All armament was expended on two runs in saturation or pattern type attack. Runs were executed from east to west, from 4500 to 1000 feet, 40 degrees and 230 knots for bombing, and 20 degrees, 225 knots for rockets.

The following pilots participated in this strike.

Lt(jc) B. H. Bean, (A1) USNR      Ensign W. J. O'Heren, (A1) USNR  
Ensign R. C. Aylsworth, (A1) USNR      Ensign L. W. Jeffreys, (A1) USNR

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