

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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## I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting **VC-83** (b) Based on or a **USS SARGENT BAY (CVE-83)** (c) Report No. **26**  
 (d) Take off: Date **27 February, 1945** Time (LZT) **1628 (K)** (Zone); Lat **24°-25'N** Long **140°-46'E**  
 (e) Mission **Aircraft strike in support of invasion of Iwo Jima** (f) Time of Return **1830 (K)** (Zone)

## II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

| TYPE<br>(a)  | SQUADRON<br>(b) | NUMBER               |                              |                            | BOMBS AND TORPEDOES<br>CARRIED (PER PLANE)<br>(f) | FUZE, SETTING<br>(g) |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
|              |                 | TAKING<br>OFF<br>(c) | ENGAGING<br>ENEMY A/C<br>(d) | ATTACKING<br>TARGET<br>(e) |                                                   |                      |
| <b>F4U-2</b> | <b>VC-83</b>    | <b>4</b>             | <b>0</b>                     | <b>4</b>                   | <b>None</b>                                       |                      |
|              |                 |                      |                              |                            |                                                   |                      |
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## III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

| TYPE         | SQUADRON | NUMBER   | BASE                   | TYPE | SQUADRON | NUMBER | BASE |
|--------------|----------|----------|------------------------|------|----------|--------|------|
| <b>F4U-2</b> |          | <b>4</b> | <b>USS STEAMER BAY</b> |      |          |        |      |
| <b>TBM</b>   |          | <b>4</b> | <b>USS STEAMER BAY</b> |      |          |        |      |

## IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

| (a)<br>TYPE | (b)<br>NO<br>OBSERVED | (c)<br>NO. ENGAGING<br>OWN A/C | (d)<br>TIME<br>ENCOUNTERED | (e)<br>LOCATION OF<br>ENCOUNTER | (f)<br>BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED;<br>GUNS OBSERVED | (g)<br>CAMOUFLAGE AND<br>MARKING |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|             |                       | <b>None</b>                    | (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)<br>TYPE<br>ENEMY A/C | (b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY: |          |                 |           | (c)<br>WHERE HIT, ANGLE | (d)<br>DAMAGE<br>CLAIMED |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
|                          | TYPE A/C                     | SQUADRON | PILOT OR GUNNER | GUNS USED |                         |                          |
|                          |                              |          | <b>None</b>     |           |                         |                          |
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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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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) **(1). Target areas 235 Q. R. W. & X.**  
**(2). Target areas 202 P. & U.** (b) Time Over Target(s) **1710 (K)** (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target **2000 ft. -strato-cumulus- 3/10ths.**  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target **Easy** (e) Visibility **20**  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Bomb Sight Used \_\_\_\_\_  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run \_\_\_\_\_ Spacing \_\_\_\_\_ Altitude of Bomb Release \_\_\_\_\_  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed **None** Probably Destroyed **None** Damaged **None**

| (h)<br>AIMING POINT                | (i)<br>DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE | (j) NO A/C ATTACKING<br>(k) SQUADRON | (l)<br>BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT | (m)<br>NO HITS On Aiming Point | (n)<br>DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk) |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Target areas<br>235 Q. R. W. & X | 200 yds. by<br>800 yds.      | 4<br>VC-83                           | )Strafe-2700 rds.                                      |                                |                                                          |
| 2 Target areas<br>202 P & U        | 200 yds. by<br>400 yds.      | 4<br>VC-83                           |                                                        |                                |                                                          |
| 3                                  |                              |                                      |                                                        |                                |                                                          |
| 4                                  |                              |                                      |                                                        |                                |                                                          |
| 5                                  |                              |                                      |                                                        |                                |                                                          |
| 6                                  |                              |                                      |                                                        |                                |                                                          |
| 7                                  |                              |                                      |                                                        |                                |                                                          |
| 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. No specific targets could be observed prior to attack but much fire was poured into slit trenches with unobserved results. Also two huts probably used as personnel shelters were set on fire.

2. No specific targets could be observed and extent of damage could not be determined. Ground troops reported good results in area.

(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. 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

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**3/2/45**  
DATE