

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

CONFIDENTIAL
REPORT No. 107

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

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Barges in area 8361
RR tracks or skidway in area 8360 (b) Time Over Target(s) 1630 (1) (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 4000 ft. - cumulus - 8/10ths.
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Slight haze (e) Visibility 15
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used Mk. 8 gunsight
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run 2 planes - 2-1-1 Spacing 30 - 200 Altitude of Bomb Release 800 - 1000 yds.
1 plane - 2-8 (NUMBER) (FEET) 800 - 1000 ft.
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None Damaged None

(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 RR track or skidway		4 TBM-3 VC-83	4 - 500 lb. GP 8 - 100 lb. GP		
2		4 TBM-3 VC-83	8 - 5" (HE) AR 16 - 5" (HE) AR	8	Serious
3 Barges	125 ft. long	4 TBM-3 VC-83	8 - 5" (HE) MVAR	8	Serious
Small islet	300 by	4 TBM-3	4 - 500 lb. GP		
O - Shina	400 yds.	VC-83	12 - 100 lb. GP	All	Serious
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).

- The skidway had apparently been attacked before but after this attack it was clearly no longer operational. There were several direct hits on the skidway, 2 on the Y in the tracks, and one string of bombs bracketed the whole thing.
- There were 8 rocket hits on the barges as a result of which one was set afire. Both barges were partially submerged but did not sink. They were apparently resting on the bottom in shallow water.
- Several fires were started in the small village on the Island. These were apparently small houses burning.

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

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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

12 VT, 4 each from VC-83, VC-90, and VC-97, launched as direct aircraft support in aid of the ground troops on Okinawa.

The first target assigned to the group was a small railroad spur or skidway leading to a small pier. The target consisted of two rails laid on a bed of coral. The target was not totally destroyed but it was seriously damaged and repairs would require considerable time and effort.

The next targets were two partially submerged barges located in a small cove nearby. Both barges obviously had been attacked before but neither had been destroyed. One was set afire and both were caused additional damage. After the attack neither barge was operational. They were partially submerged, half filled with water, and apparently resting on the bottom in shallow water. One barge was lying partly on its side.

Some of the pilots observed some camouflaged boat pens not far from the barges but were unable to determine whether they were empty or contained boats. They were strafed and a small fire was started in one of them, but it was not possible to see what was burning.

All remaining armament was expended on the little village on the tiny island of O-Shima. Several fires were started but there was no other apparent damage.

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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

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