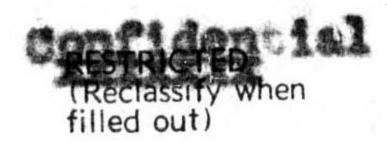
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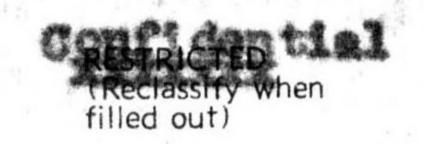
# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT



### I. GENERAL

TYPE  (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF	NUMBER	TACKING TARGET (e)	BOMBS AND TORPEDOES  CARRIED (PER PLANE)  (f)			FUZE, SETTING  (g)	
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III. O	THER U. S.	OR ALLIED		MPLOYED IN	THIS OPER	ATION. SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	
TBM-3	VC-90 VOC-2	3	USS STEAMED	BAY					
(a)	(b)	RAFT OBS	(d)	GAGED (By Ow LOCATION O	F	Listed in II  BOMBS, TORPE GUNS O	. \	1	(g) LAGE AND RKING
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			(ZONE)						-
			(ZONE)						
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V. EN		OYED OR DAM	ACIELL DI.			GUNS USED WHER			CLAIME
V. EN	(b) DESTR	SQUADRON	T	OR GUNNER	GUNS				
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V. EN (a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTR	1	T	OR GUNNER	GUNS				

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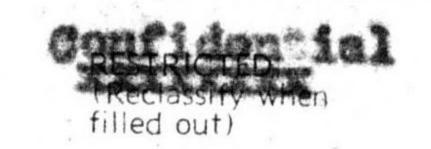


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(a) (b) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAL		IEMY A/C,	WHERE HI self-sealing	List armor, pment hit)	EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes dest						
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	(a)	(b) MILES	(c) MILES ETURN	D AMMUN (d) AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	A FOR PLAN  (f)  AV. FUEL  CONSUMED		JRNING TOTAL AMMU	NITION EXPE	NDED	(h) NO. OF PLAN RETURNING
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	IX. ENI	EMY ANTI	-AIRCR	AFT ENCO	UNTERED (	Check one blo		ch line).			
CALIBER						NONE MEAGER			MODERATE		INTENSE
A١		fused shells, 7	7								
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm  IGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm						X					
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SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT





(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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Target(s) and Location  Clouds Over Target						
Visibility of Target					Visibility	(MILES)
Bombing Tactics: Type	e	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE	E)	Bomb Sight Us	sed	(TYPE)
Bembs Dropped per Ru			(,,		of Bomb Rel	ease (FEET)
Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probal	bly Destroyed_	0	_ Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND EXPENDED EACH	AMMUNITION AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	
Installations Eshtioned above	600 x 400 yards	9 PM-2 VC-84	51 rockets, 52 7 motor; 50 cal.	Mr. 1 body.	All in	serious, destroyed or sun
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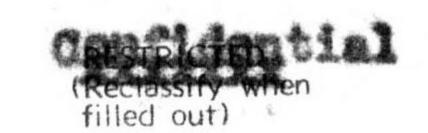
of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sheets if necessary).

Specific results could not be observed except that 6 large fires were started by the above attacks from rocket hits on buildings and cave entrances.

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(p) Were Photographs Taken? Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached By Staple. Gun camera film failed to show specific damage.





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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

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
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Enemy
"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

On 1 April 1945, Love Day, at 1128 I, 9 FM-2 took off from USS MAKIN ISLAND for Support operations over Okinawa Jima. They joined 7 TMM-3 of VC-90 and 5 TMM-3 of VC-2 to make up a support group. The group was given an area near Ginowan town for its target, containing buildings caves, trenches, tombs and pillboxes. VF followed VT in runs and experienced difficulty in getting on targets because of smake resulting from VT attacks. Rocket runs were made from 3500 feet with slant range 800 feet and strafing continued on down. 6 large fires were started by VF rocket and strafing hits on buildings and cave entrances. In addition the area was will covered. Flight landed aboard at 1836 I.

Pilots .

Lt. Robert C. Kent, division leader, Lt.(jg) R.B. Finka, Ensigns Henry Wardenga, Ensign Edsel C. Varney.

Lt. Earl R. Attobury, division leader, Lts(jg) Donald E. Skewis, Robert E. Hooks, Rex S. McDaniel, and Ensign Eric W. Kattwinkel.



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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.

Use additional sheets if necessary).

Performance of equipment was normal.

ARMAMENT

Guns, Gunsights
Turrets
Ammunition
Bombs, Torpedoes
Bomb Sights
Bomb Releases

COMMUNICATIONS

Radio, Radar Homing Devices Visual Signals Codes, Ciphers

RECOGNITION

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

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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