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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Re										ort No	
d) Take of	f: Date	S March,	1945 Support	_Time (LZ	T) 075	7 (I)	_(Zone); La	at.	15 · 1	Long.	7°-23' E
e) Mission	Islands	of Keres	an Estto.				(	f) Time of	of Retur	n_1142 (	(Zone)
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TYPE	SQUADRON	TAKING	NUMBER	ATTACKING		BOMBS A	ND TORPEDOES	,		FUZE, SETTI	NG
(a)	(b)	OFF (c)	ENEMY A/C	TARGET (e)	als.		(f)		Aller	(g)	
FM-2	77	5	0	5	0 -	5"(BE) 100 lb.	AR	•	Tose		dolay ba
784.3	VC-63	3	0	3 .	10 -	- M N	HVAR			plug025	dolay ba
III. O	THER U. S.	OR ALLIE	D AIRCRAFT	Γ EMPLOYE	DINT	HIS OPER	ATION.		•	,	
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE		TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE	
711-2	70-96	4		MOD BAY			700-2	8		PANSHAW	
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IV. EN	IEMY AIRC	CRAFT OBS	ERVED OR I	ENGAGED (	(By Own	Aircraft	Listed in 11	<del></del>		(g	)
TYPE	OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGIN	IG TIME		ATION OF		BOMBS, TORPET GUNS OF	OES CARRIE	D;	CAMOUFL	AGE AND
		None	(20	NE)							
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(h) Appare	nt Enemy A	dission(s)									
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	f Day and B		(YES OR NO	)			(BASE IN	FEET, TYPE	AND TEN	THS OF COVER	)
(j) of Sun			(NIGHT, BRI	GHT MOON; DAY	Y, OVERCA	ST; ETC.)		( <b>k</b> ) Vis	sibility_	(MILE	ES)
			TROYED OR	DAMAGED	IN AIR	R (By Own	Aircraft Lis	ted in II	Only).		1 (4)
TYPE ENEMY A/C	-	SQUADRON	7	OT OR GUNNER	<u> </u>	GUNS	USED	WHER	(c) E HIT, Al	NGLE	DAMAGE CLAIMED
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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	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	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			
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)-	(f)	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				NO. OF PLANES
TYPE A/C	MILES	RETURN	AV. HOURS IN AIR	LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
711-2	GA	56	3.7	180	140		3900			5
TBM	64	56	3.8	325	200	800	1300			

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

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	X X	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	Z			
LIGHT Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	*			

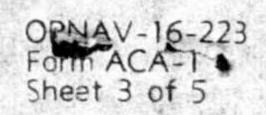
X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

TURNS DIVES CEILINGS

RANGE PROTECTION

ARMAMENT



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XI.	ATTACI	KON	ENEMY	SHIPS	OR GRO	UND OBJECT	VES (By	Own	Aircraft	Listed i	n II	Only).
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(a)	Target(s) and Location	n(s) Area 33	68 on Tokoshik	UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Ove	er Target(s)	1025(I) (Zone)
(c)	Clouds Over Target	3000 feet	(BASE IN FEET	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
( <b>d</b> )	Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HA	Y ODSCUTOD DY	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	Visibility	(MILES)
( <b>f</b> )	Bombing Tactics: Type	011	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight Us	sed Mark	TYPE)
	Bombs Dropped per Ru	n 1/2 (NUMBER	Spacing_	Altitude (FEET)	of Bomb Rela	ease 1500 (FEET)
(g)	Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed_	None	Damaged None
	(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	NO HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight serious, destroyed or sunk)
1	Supplies along Road		5 FM-2; 3 TBM VC-83	12 - 5" (HE) HWAR 30 - 5" (HE) AR	Many	Destroyed
2				20 - 100 lb. GP		
3				Strafe		
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<sup>(</sup>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).

<sup>1.</sup> Supplies were piled along the side of a road for a distance of 1000 yds. There were many direct hits by rockets, 1001b. bombs, Mapalm bombs and strafing. As a result of the attack the entire line of supplies was completely destroyed by fire and explosion.

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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
", Enemy
Flexible Gunnery, Own
Escort Tactics
Fighter Direction
Use of Radar
Night Fighting

Recognition, Aircraft

# ATTACK

Method of Locating Target
Approach to Target
Altitudes, Speeds
Approach
Dive
Pull-Out
Dive Angle
Strafing
Retirement
Defensive Tactics

# DEFENSE, ENEMY

Use of Jamming

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

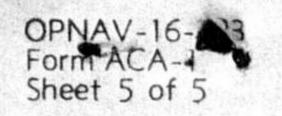
Navigation
Homing
Rendezvous
Recognition, Ships
Communications
Flight Operations
Search and Tracking
Base Operations
Maintenance

4 VF and 3 VT from VC-83 were launched as part of a direct support group of 24 VF and 14 VT to support the invasion of the islands of Kerama Retto. The Squadron Commander in a VF was also launched to direct the group as Air Coordinator.

The entire group was kept orbiting for an hour and a half awaiting assignment of a target. Finally CASCU advised that there was a concentration of enemy personnel and supplies located on Tokashiki Shima in target area 3868. The area was thickly wooded and no enemy personnel could be observed. However, the Air Coordinator spotted a long line of supplies piled along the side of a road running through the woods. Since the remaining time on station was short the entire flight was directed to expend all armament on the supplies. An excellent attack was made with numerous hits by napalm, 100 th. GP, rockets, and strafing. As a result of the attack the entire line of supplies was completely destroyed and a number of fires were started.

VF Pilots: Lt. Comdr. B.V. GATES; Lieut. L.F. CABEL; Lieuts. (jg)
W.E. FLANKEY, W.H. BURNETT; Ensign J.J. HEAGHER, Jr.

VT Pilots: Liout. (jg) H. BOTHAN; Ensigns R.L. BLAKE, J. D. PROVOST.



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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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