

**AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT**

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**I. GENERAL.**

(a) Unit Reporting: VC-93 (b) Based on or at: USS PETROF BAY, CVE-80. (c) Report No. 83  
 (d) Take off: Date. 23 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	TAKING OFF	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	ATTACKING TARGET	BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE)	FUZE, SETTING
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
TBM-3	VC-93	4	0	4	3x5" H.E. Rockets 10x100# G.P. Bombs	10 sec. delay Inst. nose. no tail.

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
TBM-3	VC-9	2	USS MATOMA BAY, CVE-62

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

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
TYPE A/C	MILES OUT	MILES RETURN	AV HOURS IN AIR	AV FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	TOTAL AMMO EXPENDED	No. OF PLANES RETURNING
TBM-3	70	70	3.75	330	225	500	4

**IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED.**

Heavy - Moderate  
 Medium - Intense  
 Light - Moderate

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XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES.

(a) Target and Location. Caves, trenches, Okinawa (b) Time over Target. 0715-9(Zone)  
 (c) Clouds Over Target 3,000 ft. Cumulus 3/10  
 (d) Visibility of Target Clear with some mist (e) 10 miles at surface  
 (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used Mark 8  
 Bombs dropped per run 2 bombs Spacing -- Altitude of Bomb Release 2500  
 2 Rockets 1500 ft. slant range

(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
Caves, etc. on ridge	200x600yds.	4 VC-93	32x5" H.E. Rockets 40x100# G.P. Bombs	30 36	Serious

(e) RESULTS.

1. Four large and many small caves, as well as slit trenches were located in a ridge about one mile east of Naha field. Four caves and about 100 yards of trenches received direct hits, others were nearly missed.

XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

Location of the target was made from description by Commander Support Air. Nine runs were executed from north to south, averaging from 4,000 to 1,000 (bombs) and 1,000 (rockets) feet, at 40 degree glides and 270 knots maximum speed.

Pilots participating in this flight were:

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 Ensign J. B. Whittenore, (A1) USNR

Lt(jg) Eatherly Foster, III, (A1) USNR  
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