

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

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(a) Unit Reporting VC-91 (b) Based on or at USS MAKIN ISLAND (CVE93) (c) Report No. VC-91 #50
 (d) Take off: Date 7 May 1945 Time (LZT) 1130-I (Zone); Lat. 25° 18' N. Long. 128° 01' E.
 (e) Mission Ground Support over Okinawa (f) Time of Return 1330/1530-I (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
TBM-3	VC-91	3	0	3	10 - 100# G.P. AN-M-30 9 - ARs MK1/MK7	Inst Nose AN-M-103A1 .025 Tail AN-M-100A2 .02 base MK 157.
TBM-3	VC-91	1	0	1	Same except 7 ARs.	

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
TBM-3	VC-94	4	USS SHAMROCK BAY				
TBM-3	VC-96	4	USS RUDYARD BAY				

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

(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	(c) NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
None			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) _____

(i) Did Any Part of Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? (YES OR NO) _____ If so, Describe Clouds _____ (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(j) Time of Day and Brilliance 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) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:			GUNS USED	(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER			
None						

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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) Supply Depot, Iwa, Okinawa (b) Time Over Target(s) 1230-I (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target Cumulus - 3000 4/10 - - - 5000 10/10
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 10
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

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

Bombs Dropped per Run 5 to 10 Spacing Manual(50') Slant Range 1000/700 yds. Altitude of Bomb Release 1000
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 0 Probably Destroyed 0 Damaged 0

(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 Caves atop ridge, TA 7456PQ-7556PQ	----	2 VC-91	20 - 100# G.P.s 2 - 5" ARs.	On ridge, In caves	Undetermined
2 Village, 7458 PU	----	1 VC-91	8 - 5" ARs.	All in area	Serious
3 5 huts (Supply Depot), 7964 RS	10 x 10'	1 VC-91	10 - 100# G.P.s 8 - ARs -325 rds.50	5 ARs.	Destroyed
4 Iwa Town, 7864 TY	----	1 VC-91	10 - 100# G.P.s 8 - 5" ARs.	All in area	Undetermined
5			150 - rds. .30 cal. 330 - rds. .50 cal.		
5 Ibaru, 7557 PQ	----	2 VC-91	5 - ARs. 1105 - rds. .50 cal.	5 ARs Majority 4 houses	8 fires (1&2 houses blasted)
7			250 - rds. .30 cal.		
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(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).

Target #1. Caves atop a ridge believed possible Jap troop hideouts, were targets. All bombs hit ~~X~~ the area, but exact results were obscured by smoke & dust. Two rockets, however, were seen to land in mouth of one cave; occupants would have been discommoded.

Target #2. Two fires, each of at least two houses, were seen after rocket attack.

Target #3. Five huts 10'x10', believed a possible Jap supply depot, were destroyed by bomb hits.

Target #4. Several buildings were blasted by bomb and rocket hits; number not determined.

Target #5. Eight fires (of one and two houses each) were left by strafing; four other houses were blasted by rockets.

(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

None.

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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