

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

- (a) Unit Reporting VC-93 (b) Based on USS PETROF BAY CVE-80 (c) Report No. 78
 (d) Take off: Date 18 May 1945 Time (LST) 0730 -9(Zone) Lat. 25°12'N Long. 122°08'E.
 (e) Mission Direct Support Strike on Okinawa (f) Time of Return 1145 -9(Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE)	FUZE, SETTING
		TAKING OFF	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	ATTACKING TARGET		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
TBM-3	VC-93	4	0	4	8-5"HER; 3-500#GP	Inst. nose & .01 sec. delay tail; selective base

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
TBM-3	VC-97	4	USS WHIPLEY BAY CVE-85
TBM-3	VC-2	4	USS PANSLOW BAY CVE-70

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

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	TOTAL AMMO EXPENDED		(h)	
TYPE A/C	MILES OUT	MILES RETURN	AV. HOURS IN AIR	AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	NM	NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
TBM-3	70	70	4.25	330	230			500		4

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED.

MEDIUM CALIBER - - - - - MODERATE

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XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES.

- (a) Target and Location Defense line on Okinawa (b) Time Over Target 1015 -9 (Zone)
 (c) Clouds Over Target None
 (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 20 miles at surface
 (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used Mark 8
 Bombs Dropped per Run 1 Spacing - Altitude of Bomb Release 2000 ft. HER-1000yds

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS or TONNAGE	(j) & (k) NO. A/C ATTACKING SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING PT.	(m) NO. KITS ON AIMING PT.	(n) DAMAGE
1. Various mili- tary installations	600x200 yds	4 VC-93	29-5"HER 12-500#; 500-50 cal.	29-5"HER 12-500#	Slight to area

(o) RESULTS

1. Installations included small artillery, supply dumps, caves, slit trenches, and small piles of fuel containers. Specific objects hit were destroyed but the entire area was too large for this strike to demolish. Two caves, one revetment, and two fortified buildings were utterly destroyed by direct hits. Area was just E. of Haha field on the edge of Kaganisui town.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No.

XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

The VC-93 planes, after the join up and cruise to target, worked along on the general target area designated by Commander Support Air. Runs were made from N. to S., 5000 to 1500 feet, at 35°, and 250 knots.

XIII. MATERIAL DATA.

Pilots participating were:

B. H. BERN	Lt. (jg)	AI	USNR
R. C. AYLSWORTH	Ens.	AI	USNR
W. J. O'BRIEN	Ens.	AI	USNR
L. W. JEFFREYS	Ens.	AI	USNR

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