

**AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT**

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REPORT No. 6

**XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).**

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Artillery emplacements SW Kaniku village. (b) Time Over Target(s) 0715-0840 (Zone (I))  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target Base 3000 feet, top 12,000 feet, cover 10/10/.  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear beneath overcast (e) Visibility 10 miles  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used None  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)  
 Bombs Dropped per Run 1-500# G.P. Altitude of Bomb Release 1500 feet  
100# G.P. varied (NUMBER) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None Damaged None

(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 Artillery, 400 yds, SW Kaniku		4 VT-40	4-500# G.P. Bombs 18-5" H.E. Rockets	4-500# 18 rockets	CASCU report on target in area
2					
3 Artillery, 400 yds, SW Kaniku		4 VT-40	35-100# G.P. Bombs 32-5" H.E. Rockets	All in Area	CASCU report on target.
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					

(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).

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.







**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

**No comments.**

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**XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only)**

Southern Okinawa. (I)

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Trucks and forward positions (b) Time Over Target(s) 1235-1425 (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target Base 2500 feet, top 4000 feet, cover 9/10.  
 (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

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

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used None  
 (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run 5 to 10 100# G.P. Spacing 50 feet Altitude of Bomb Release 2000  
 (NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None Damaged None

(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 Trucks (3)		1 VF-40	Strafed		well hit, damage not observed.
2 Jap positions on ridge 2000 yds. E. of Machinato		4 VF-40	4-500# G.P. Bombs	All hit	Unobserved
3 Camouflaged buildings		4 VT-40	18-5" H.E. Rockets	Tracers hit	No damage observed.
4 Jap positions on ridge 2000 yds. E. of Machinato		4 VT-40	31-5" H.E. Rockets	all hit	Unobserved
5			40-100# G.P. Bombs	in area	
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6-5" H.E. rockets hung and were jettisoned later.

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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**

- Disposition
- 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**

**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

VF-40

- Lieut. R.E. JOHNS, Jr.
- Lt(jg) J.E. BENSON
- Lt(jg) A.A. LEE
- Lt(jg) D.M. UGLOW

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- Lieut. W.B. TRACY
- Ensign R.A. ADRIAN
- Ensign G.O. THORNE
- Ensign R.T. BURNS

Flight took off at 1200(I), Lieut. Johns leading, and reported on station at 1235(I). A flash red condition temporarily immobilized mission and flight was orbited for an hour before receiving an assignment.

First assignment was to search for a reported A/A position of 6 guns between Takanyata and Karara. The position was located, but repeated low zooms by Lieut. Johns (ordered by CASCUC) revealed the reported guns to be dummies made of logs.

In the course of the search for the A/A, Lt(jg) Uglow spotted three trucks in a camouflaged dugout in the side of a hill a half mile south of Takanyata. He led a strafing attack by VF in which he hit well all three trucks; but before the rest of the VF distinguished the target the flight was ordered to its main assignment, the attack on Jap front lines along a wooded ridge 2000 yards East of the Machinato airfield.

The entire flight made shallow glide bombing attacks on the indicated position, dropping all bombs, launching all rockets and strafing. Although fox-holes and connecting trenches were visible in a few open spots the extent of the damage could not be determined. CASCUC reported flight to have hit on target.



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