

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VF-94 (b) Based on or at USS LEXINGTON (c) Report No. VF-94-2
 (d) Take off: Date 13 Aug. 1945 Time (LZT) 0420 (-9) (Zone); Lat 35-23 N Long. 143-02 E
 (e) Mission Strike vs. Utsonomiya & Utsonomiya So., Honshu (f) Time of Return 0850 (-9) (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)		
F6F-5	VF-94	7	0	7	1 x 500 GP (6 planes) 6 - 5" HVAR	Inst. Nose/.01 Inst. Nose/.015 Base
F6F-5	VF-94	3	0	0	None	
F6F-5P	VF-94	1	0	0	None	

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
			N				
			O				
			N				

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

(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	(c) No. ENGAG. OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
			(ZONE)	N		
			(ZONE)	O		
			(ZONE)	N		
			(ZONE)	E		

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) ---
 Did Any Part of
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? --- If so, Describe Clouds ---
(YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTS OF COVER)
 Time of Day and Brilliance
 (j) of Sun or Moon --- (k) Visibility ---
(NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (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	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (c)	DAMAGE CLAIMED (d)
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER			
			N			
			O			
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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK IS 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) Kanemaru Airfield
Utsonomiya Airfield (b) Time Over Target(s) 0600 (-9)
0630 (-9) (Zone)
 (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
 (c) Clouds Over Target 1) Kanemaru-3000 stratus cumulus 3/10; 2) Utsonomiya 3000-3/10
 (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 (d) Visibility of Target Partially obscured by clouds (e) Visibility 20
 (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
 (f) Bombing Tactics: Type 6 glide Bomb Sight Used Mk 8
 (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
 Bombs Dropped per Run 1 Spacing -- Altitude of Bomb Release 2000
 (NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
 (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 4 Probably Destroyed 1 Damaged 9

(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 Factory 5 miles W of Kanemaru	5 bldgs. 300x400	6 VF-94	6 x 500 GP	3	One bldg dngd. seriously; one bl
2 Kanemaru	12 a/c	7 VF-94	24 x HVAR 500 rds. .50 cal.	Unobs. *	1A/C dcs/dmg. slt.
3 Utsonomiya	13 A/C	7 VF-94	18 x HVAR 5000 rds. .50 cal.	2 *	1A/C prob dcs 4A/C dng. All S/E
4					1 T/E-2 S/E
5					dcs.; 5 S/E dngd.
6					
7					
8					

(7) 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.)

* A/C destroyed either burned or disintegrated vitally. A/C damaged received 50 to 75 rds./plane.

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA:

This strike consisting of seven VF and a photo division of four VF (1 VFP and 3 escort) entered the target area from the North at Kanemaru, due to low broken clouds at their target of Utsonomiya. A large factory five miles Southwest of Kanemaru (not identified) was picked as the target for the bombs and two hits were scored in one of the five buildings and one hit in a second. Although no fires were started, one building appeared heavily damaged. Then flight proceeded to Kanemaru airfield where division rocket and strafing runs were made on camouflaged and reveted aircraft on the Southwest side of the field. Turning South, the flight attacked the airfield of Utsonomiya, concentrating on 15 camouflaged aircraft dispersed about 2 miles South of the field. Division rocket and strafing runs were made followed by high speed, low level individual attacks initiated from 5000'. At both airfields, it was noted that AA fire did not commence until the planes had pressed their attack home.

The photo division broke off from the two attacking divisions upon entering the coastline of Honshu. Photo coverage was made of airfields at Masuno, Kanemaru, Utsonomiya and Utsonomiya South from 12,000'. Coverage was incomplete due to broken and scattered clouds over the targets.

Planes rendezvoused South of Utsonomiya and returned to base.

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