

VMF-113

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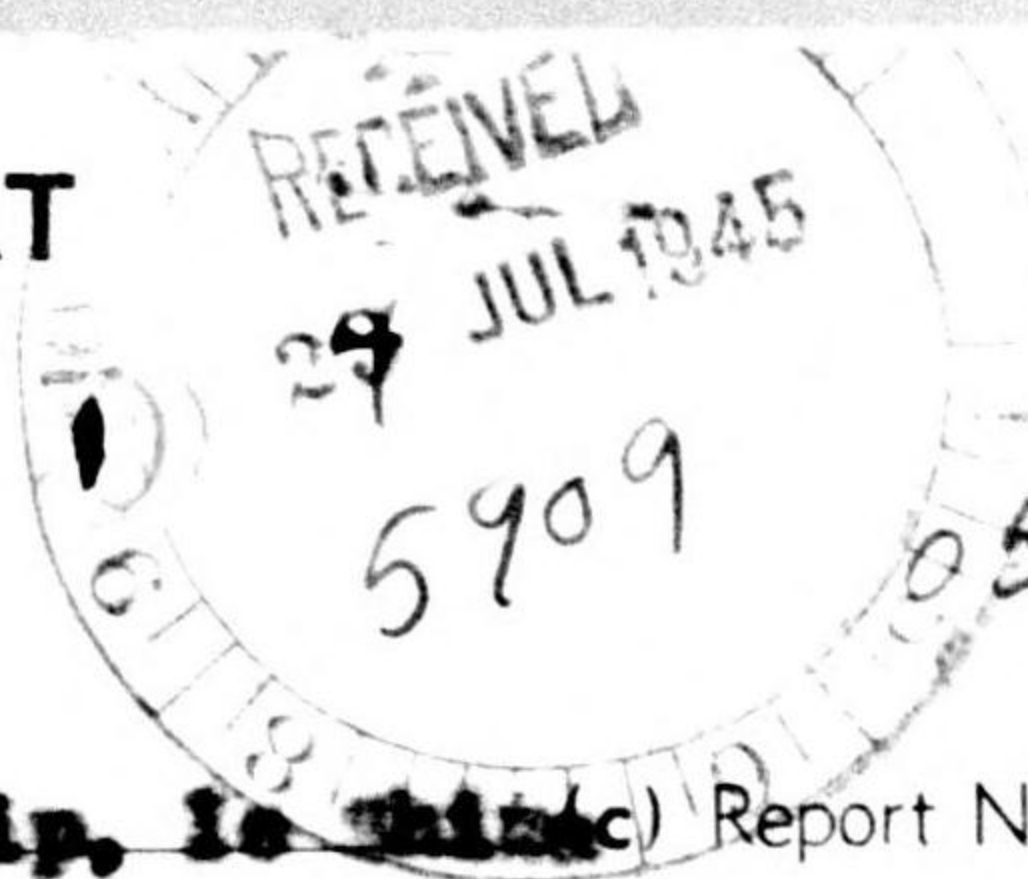
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Report #96

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT



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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VMS-113 (b) Based on or at Charlie Airstrip, Ie Shima (c) Report No. 96
 (d) Take off: Date 9 July, 1945 Time (LZT) 0900 (1) (Zone); Lat. 26° 43' N Long 127° 47' E
 (e) Mission Dive-bombing Mission to Iokubu Airfield, Kynamu (f) Time of Return 1330 (1) (Zone)
~~Due to bad weather, flight was forced to turn back and attack Kikai Shima, as alternate target.~~

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)		
<u>F4U-10</u>	<u>VMS-113</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>2 500 G.P. none inst; fuse .025sec Delay</u>	
<u>FG-10</u>	<u>VMS-113</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2 500 G.P. none inst; fuse .025sec Delay</u>	

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<u>F4U-10</u>	<u>VMS-334</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>Ie Shima</u>				
<u>F4U-10</u>	<u>VMS-422</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Ie Shima</u>				
<u>Fg-10</u>	<u>VMS-422</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Ie Shima</u>				

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
<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None (ZONE)</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) None
 Did Any Part of
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? No If so, Describe Clouds _____ (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 Time of Day and Brilliance
 (j) of Sun or Moon 1215, Day (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON, DAY, OVERCAST, ETC.) (k) Visibility 15 (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				
<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>

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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	(c) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1	None	None	None	None
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				

VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) NO	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
None	None	None	None	None

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

(a) TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	(d) AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	(f) AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h) NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
						30	.50	20MM	MM	
F4U-1D	400	400	4.1	395	353	0	4390	0	0	13
F0-1D	400	400	4.1	395	282	0	1010	0	0	3

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	0			
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	0	X		
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm				

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

- SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes
- TURNING
- DIVES
- CEILINGS
- RANGE
- PROTECTION
- ARMAMENT

No enemy aircraft were encountered.

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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) Kling Ship, Area 0 (b) Time Over Target(s) 1215 (1) (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN ZONE UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target None (IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 15 (MILES)
(CLEAR, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Dive Bomb Sight Used AS MK 8 Mod. 6
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run 2 Spacing 0 Altitude of Bomb Release 3000 - 2500
(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) Antiaircraft area southeast of the field.		16 VF-113	30 500 G.P. 5400 rounds .50 Cal.	30	Undetermined
2) Radio Station northern Area 0 Shina		1 VF-113	1 500 G.P.	1	Undetermined
3					
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.)

The results of the bombing were undetermined, but the dispersion at the target area was very good.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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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

(9 June, 1945) Sixteen (16) Fighters-bombers of this squadron, in conjunction with sixteen (16) Fighter-bombers of VMF-422 and sixteen (16) escort fighters of VMF-314, took off at 0910 Item on a bombing mission to Kokuba Airfield in Southern Kyushu. Rendezvous was over Izena Shima at 0930 Item, and the mission was on course at 0940 Item. The weather enroute was .5 cumulus, bases at 1000 feet and tops at 20,000 feet. Fifty miles south of Kyushu a solid front extending east and west, and from 300 feet to far above 20,000 feet was encountered. The front could not be flown under due to intense precipitation and the strike turned back.

At Amami O Shima, the strike split, VMF-422 and VMF-314 hitting Amami O Shima while this squadron continued to Kikai Shima. Major Bamlo's flight of eight (8) approached on a course at 270° at 10,000 feet about one-half mile south of Man Airfield. The attack, at 1215 Item, was in a 60° dive entered from steep diving left turn. The target was the Anti-aircraft area southeast of the field. The bomb release altitude was from 3000 feet to 2500 feet with retirement at 1000 feet to the west.

Captain Herlihy's flight of eight (8) approaching from the north at 9000 feet observed all bombs hitting the target area with very good dispersion. This flight also noted that the meager fire from automatic weapons was withheld until the planes commenced their retirement.

Captain Herlihy's flight swung to the left to approach the target as in Major Bamlo's approach. The attack was identical in execution. All bombs but two (2) hit the target area. One (1) bomb hung and fell into the water.

The other bomb was jettisoned over the northern Amami O Shima radio stations and was observed to hit fifty (50) feet from the northern most of the two. All eight (8) planes strafed both radio stations.

Rendezvous after the attack with VMF-422 and VMF-314 was five (5) miles southwest of Amami O Shima. Return to base was uneventful with landing at 1330 Item.

The following VMF-113 pilots participated:

Maj. G.E. BAMLO - Division leader
1st Lt. H.E. FAUSETT - Wingman
2nd Lt. J.W. SMITH - Section leader
2nd Lt. H.W. HARRIS - Wingman
Capt. G.E. HERLIHY - Division leader
1st Lt. S.O. NIBARD - Wingman
1st Lt. A.D. ANTON - Section leader
2nd Lt. J.L. SCOTT - Wingman
1st Lt. J.B. JOHNSON - Division leader
1st Lt. J.R. BARR - Wingman
1st Lt. A.C. FRAZER - Section leader
2nd Lt. E.E. SANDT - Wingman
1st Lt. D.F. HOLLINGSWORTH - Division leader
2nd Lt. A.J. BRIGHT - Wingman
2nd Lt. C.H. JONES - Section leader
2nd Lt. F.S. VAUGHN - Wingman

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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

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Major, USN
RANK AND DUTY

9 July, 1945.
DATE