





# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

**SECRET**

REPORT No. **13**

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) **Main quay, one SB, one FIC and six other ships, Takao Harbor**  
**Warehouses - Toshien Harbor** (b) Time Over Target(s) **1532** (Zone) **9**

(c) Clouds Over Target **3/10 at 9000 Feet** (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target **Clear** (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (e) Visibility **20 Miles** (MILES)

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

Bombs Dropped per Run **Four** (NUMBER) Spacing **25 Ft. and Select** (FEET) Altitude of Bomb Release **3500 to 5000 Ft.** (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 Sugar Baker, Takao Harbor	About 2500 Tons	1 VT-45	4	1	Direct Hit Serious
2 Fox Tare Charlie	About 4000 Tons	1 VT-45	4	1	Direct Hit Serious
3 Storage Bldg. at base of main quay	100 Feet X 50 Feet	1 VT-45	2	1	Destroyed
4 Takao					
5 Warehouse area West side	1000 Feet X 500 Feet	1 VT-45	4	4	Serious Fire Started
6 Toshien Harbor					
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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).

A) A previously undamaged Sugar Baker was anchored in middle of Takao inner harbor about 1500 yards inside the entrance. Several small AK were at anchor nearby, some of which had been damaged previously. Lieutenant W. J. Van Hoven made a glide bombing run on this Sugar Baker from the Northeast dropping his four 500# G.P. bombs select. The first three hit the water before reaching the ship and the fourth hit it squarely amidships. A large explosion and much smoke resulted. (Confirmed by several photographs, one of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".)

B) A previously undamaged Fox Tare Charlie at anchor in Takao Harbor about 1000 yards inside entrance was directly hit about 20 feet aft of amidships by a 500# G.P. bomb dropped by Ensign J. L. Mason. Smoke was seen pouring from area hit after the attack. (Confirmed by photo.)

C) Seeing that the few ships in harbor were already hit or under attack, Ensign J. H. Laughlin dropped three 500# G.P. bombs on the storage buildings at base of main quay at Takao. At least one bomb hit one of these buildings squarely and started a large fire. This hit is confirmed by photograph.

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

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- D) Lieutenant (j.g.) G. P. Robinson dropped his four bombs on the warehouse area on the spit of land which forms the western boundary of Toshien Harbor. All four bombs hit the concentration of buildings and a large fire was started. It is not known how many buildings were destroyed as the fire was still growing as the planes left the area and a great deal of smoke was coming from the fire.



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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

## 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

The one TBM-1c one this strike was equipped with one auxiliary wing gas tank, holding 57 gallons of gas. This extra fuel has been found necessary to enable the TBM-1c to fly with the TBM-3 planes at their best speed and climb. The suction system on this tank worked satisfactory on this strike, although it has not always done so on previous strikes.

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SIGNATURE **A.C.I. Officer** RANK AND DUTY

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DATE



- 1) Explosion of Lieut. Van Hoven's fourth bomb on Sugar Baker.
- 2) Fox Tare Charlie on fire after hit by bomb dropped by Ensign Mason.
- 3) Burning storage building hit by bomb dropped by Ensign Laughlin.

EXHIBIT 9A