

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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### I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VBF-12 (b) Based on or at CV-15, USS RANDOLPH (c) Report No. 1  
 (d) Take off: Date 16 Feb. '45 Time (LZT) 0850(K) (Zone); Lat. 33-25N Long. 142-35E  
 (e) Mission Sweep 1B Target Priority - (a) a/c in air (b) a/c on ground (c) a/c facilities Time of Return 1000(K) (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)		
<u>F6F-5</u>	<u>VBF-12</u>	<u>2 15</u>	<u>4 to 6</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>GHVAR Rockets per plane</u>	<u>AN-M-149 Noze Inst.</u> <u>AN-M-159 Base .02</u> <u>Delay</u>
						<u>.015</u>

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<u>Elements of T.F. 38</u>							
<u>Specifically identical fighter sweep from USS YORKTOWN</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>Zeke</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>Between</u> <u>(ZONE)</u>	<u>A/F 85</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>Usual</u>
<u>Oscar</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0800 &amp;</u> <u>0915(X)</u> <u>(ZONE)</u>	<u>Mawatari</u> <u>36-25N</u> <u>140-38E</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>Usual</u>
<u>Irving</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>(ZONE)</u>		<u>None</u>	<u>Usual</u>

#### Interception

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Did Any Part of \_\_\_\_\_  
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? No If so, Describe Clouds \_\_\_\_\_  
 (YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)  
 Time of Day and Brilliance Day, Dull - Haze (k) Visibility 15  
 (j) of Sun or Moon \_\_\_\_\_ (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	(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER			
<u>Zeke</u>	<u>F6F-5</u>	<u>VBF-12</u>	<u>Lt. (jg) R.K. GREEN USNR</u>	<u>6x.50</u>	<u>Root tank 6 level</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>
<u>Oscar</u>	"	"	<u>Ens. L.L. COLIN USNR</u>	<u>4x.50</u>	<u>Cockpit 8 below</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>
<u>Irving</u>	"	"	<u>Lt. (jg) D.A. CARMICHAEL, Jr.</u>	<u>6x.50</u>	<u>Wingroot 7 below</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>
<u>Zeke</u>	"	"	<u>" USNR</u>	<u>6x.50</u>	<u>Eng. Wing 12 above</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>
<u>Oscar</u>	"	"	<u>Lt. (jg) R.K. GREEN</u>	<u>4x.50</u>	<u>Fuselage 6 Level</u>	<u>Damaged</u>







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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Mawatari A/P, No. 85 (b) Time Over Target(s) 0845(K) (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

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

(d) Visibility of Target Hazy to clear (e) Visibility Unlimited  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide 50° Bomb Sight Used MK 23  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run Rockets - 6 - HVAR Spacing All Altitude of Bomb Release 500 yd. slant range  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 2 Probably Destroyed ? Damaged ?

(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 Hangars		6 VBF-12	24 Rockets	?	Serious
2 Hangars		4 VBF-12	16 Rockets	?	"
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).

- Group of hangars and misc. bldgs. observed on South side of A/P. Hangars approximately 300' x 100'. Two hangars were left burning.
- One hangar on East side of A/P left burning.

NOTE: Approximately 15 twin engine planes, and 20 single engine planes were observed on this A/P. These planes were strafed and approx. 20 rockets aimed at them. Lack of time forced immediate withdrawal and results were not observed. Burned wrecks were observed by flights later in the day, number not ascertainable. However, no probably destroyed nor damaged planes are listed under (9).

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple. Photos no good.







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**XIII. MATERIAL DATA.** (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.  
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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

VF-12 and VBF-12 are the first squadrons to use operationally the MK 23 gunsight. Pilots with former experience in combat areas show a tendency to use it as if it were the old MK 8 gunsight. They state that the MK 23 is perfect for shots from 6 or 12 o'clock approximately level but that for deflection shots, it is impossible to track fast enough. Pilots with no previous combat experience are using the new sight as it was intended to be used. There is insufficient experience as yet on which to base any conclusion.

The new Z suits worn by pilots of VBF-12 and VF-12 are proving to be of great value. Their effectiveness in reducing blackout due to excessive 'Gs' is unquestionable and they give increased ability to maneuver in high speed turns.

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