

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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OPNAV-16-223  
Form AA-1  
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## I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VBF-94 (b) Based on or at USS LEXINGTON (c) Report No. VBF94 #5  
 (d) Take off: Date 21 June 1945 Time (LZT) 1455 Love (Zone); Lat. 18° 03' N. Long. 166° 07' E  
 (e) Mission Bombing, rocket, & strafing Wake Island (f) Time of Return 1730 Love (Zone)  
**AA Positions**

## 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)		
<b>F4U-4</b>	<b>VBF-94</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>1 x 50 GP 6 x 5" HVAR</b>	<b>.1 Instant</b>

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<b>F6F-5</b>	<b>VBF-94</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>USS LEXINGTON</b>	<b>F6F-5</b>	<b>VF-6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>USS HANCOCK</b>
<b>TBM-3E</b>	<b>VT-94</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>USS LEXINGTON</b>	<b>F4U-4</b>	<b>VBF-6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>USS HANCOCK</b>
<b>SB2C-3</b>	<b>VB-94</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>USS LEXINGTON</b>	<b>SB2C-3</b>	<b>VB-6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>USS HANCOCK</b>
<b>TBM-3E</b>	<b>VT-6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>USS HANCOCK</b>	<b>F6F-5</b>	<b>VF-50</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>USS COWPENS</b>
				<b>TBM-3E</b>	<b>VT-50</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>USS COWPENS</b>

## 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
			(ZONE)			
		<b>N NE</b>	(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Did Any Part of \_\_\_\_\_  
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, Describe Clouds \_\_\_\_\_ (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)  
 Time of Day and Brilliance \_\_\_\_\_  
 (j) of Sun or Moon \_\_\_\_\_ (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (k) Visibility \_\_\_\_\_ (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			
			<b>NONE</b>			



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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) **Wake Island AA Positions** (b) Time Over Target(s) **1555** (Zone) \_\_\_\_\_  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target **Cumulus: Tops 10000'; bottoms 3000'; cover .3 - .4**  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target **Clear** (e) Visibility **35**  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) **Gunsight and Seaman's Eye**

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type **Glide** Bomb Sight Used \_\_\_\_\_  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) **(TYPE)**

Bombs Dropped per Run **1** Spacing \_\_\_\_\_ Altitude of Bomb Release **4000'**  
(NUMBER) (FEET) **(FEET)**

**Rockets: In pairs; all 6 in one run.** **Rockets: 3500 to 2000'**

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <b>WA-2:12</b>	<b>AA position</b>	<b>3</b> <b>VBF-94</b>	<b>3 x 500 GP</b> <b>18 x 5" HVAR</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>See note "0"</b>
2 <b>WA-2:10</b>	<b>AA Position</b>	<b>2</b> <b>VBF-94</b>	<b>2 x 500 GP</b> <b>12 x 5" HVAR</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>See note "0"</b>
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.)

1. (g)(m) **Two unobserved bombs.**  
 (n) **Seven rocket hits in target area, but unable to determine damage due to lack of satisfactory vertical photos.**
2. (g)(n) **4-6 rocket hits in target area, but unable to determine extent of damage due to lack of satisfactory vertical photos**
3. **See annotated photos forwarded with CAG-94's report to ComAirPac.**

**No satisfactory verticals of WA-2: #10 and #12.**

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



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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

**No comment.**

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