





# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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(Reclassify when  
filled out)

**CONFIDENTIAL** **VF**

REPORT No. 17

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

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Airfield ISHIGAKI JIMA (b) Time Over Target(s) 1300 (I) (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target Cumulo Stratus Ceiling 500 ft .9 cover with low ceiling 1500 ft  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Partially obscured by clouds (e) Visibility 15  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type dive Rocket & Bomb Sight Used MK 8 Illuminated  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)  
Rockets VF 4 Slant range VF-1500 yds  
Bombs Dropped per Run VF - 1 Spacing 0 Altitude of Bomb Release 4 1500; 4 3000  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None Damaged 2

| (h)<br>AIMING POINT         | (i)<br>DIMENSIONS OR<br>TONNAGE | (j) NO A/C ATTACKING<br>(k) SQUADRON | (l)<br>BOMBS AND AMMUNITION<br>EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT | (m)<br>NO. HITS On<br>Aiming Point | (n)<br>DAMAGE (None, slight,<br>serious, destroyed or sunk) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|
| 1 ISHIGAKI<br>Airfield area | 7000 ft<br>x 7000 ft            | 8 F6F-5E<br>VF-33                    | 7 500 G.P strafed<br>18 5" HVAR                            | 7<br>18                            | Serious   |
| 2 MIYARA<br>Air field area  | 7000 x<br>5000 ft.              | 8 F6F-5E<br>VF-33                    | strafed<br>6 5" HAVAR                                      | 4                                  | Slight  |
| 3 Large stone<br>building   | Unknown                         | 1 F6F-5E<br>VF-33                    | 1 500 G. P.  | 1                                  | Slight  |
| 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).

- Direct bomb hits - 4 on runways, 1 on administration building at N. W. corner of field, and 2 on revetment area - runways well potted couldn't see if any planes damaged in revetment area. Put 18 5" rockets in observed machine gun positions south of runway between runway and coast - at least 4 positions destroyed and others damaged. Also strafed same area - combination rocket and strafing attack.
- Gun position and revetment area East of MIYARA runway between runway and coast-2 rocket hits on machine gun position. Aircraft in revetments damaged by strafing 2 aircraft noticed damaged by our strafing.
- Direct hit on stone building with large smoke stack in town of SHIKA - no doubt damaged, but extent unobserved.

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

CTB-52.1.3 asked for negatives before prints made.

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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  
Defensive 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

This flight of eight VF and four VT attacked the airfields of ISHIGAKA JIMA and also furnished protection by way of diversionary attack on AA for one of the VF which was a photographic plane.

The protection given and the photographic mission was successful except for cloud cover interfering with pictures-photos runs were made on the two airfields, but were sent to CTU 52.1.3. on demand before prints had been made.

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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

One F6F-5E brought back four rockets because the electrical circuit for the R. P. was not properly wired.

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