





# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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REPORT No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Pier and shipping - Takao & Toshima (b) Time Over Target(s) 1045(-9) (Zone) \_\_\_\_\_  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target 5,000 cumulus 3/10 (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

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

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type VI-dive Bomb Sight Used \_\_\_\_\_  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run all Spacing 60' Altitude of Bomb Release 3,000  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(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 DD alongside pier at Toshima		4 VF	4-500 /GP-18 rkt	1 bomb	serious
2 LL outside Toshima Harbor		2 VF	2-500/GP	1	"
3 Small craft 4 mi. S of Hyogo I.	50 tons.	4 VF	1000, 50 gal incendiary, 12-500GP, 27-1000GP		slight
4 DD center of Toshima Harbor		11 VF/5VF/1VF	1000GP, 5000GP, 2000GP, 2-1000GP		slight if any
5 DD, lower end of Toshima Harbor		3 VF-3D	1000GP, 1000GP, 2000GP, 4-500GP	1	slight
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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).

1. Exact damage not observed. A bomb also fell on pier-damage unknown.
2. Hits - left sinking.
3. No fire - still under way when left.
4. One possible hit observed out of the four dropped by the second VI plane to dive, but could have been near miss.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? \_\_\_\_\_ 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

### NARRATIVE

VB & VT: Took off at 0900, rendezvoused and proceeded to the target. By the time Hahak group had crossed Ryukyu Sho, Ginger and Bing groups had already made their attacks and retired. Climbed up to 15,000 feet west of Tachien Naval Base. Two assigned two destroyers anchored in Tachien Harbor. Made high speed approach from the northwest using windows, and dove to the south, retiring to the southeast. One lumber of this flight shot down during dive over the more northerly IS, and was seen to go right in. A barrage balloon was over this IS. Heavy AA was intense but falling far out on of formation. Light and medium AA intense on the destroyers around the harbor and on the breakwater. Rendezvoused group and returned to base.

W: The formation on this strike approached Tachien Harbor via the northern tip of Formosa because of the 90° sailing. Three miles from the tip a liferaft was sighted which upon close investigation turned out to be red and yellow and unoccupied. Off T. the planes circled to gain altitude, then proceeded to Tachien at 15,000 feet where they made a coordinated attack on shipping diving from northwest to southeast.

Two fighters dove on a large IS anchored at the entrance to the harbor obtaining a direct bomb hit on the port bow. Four fighters obtained a IS in the middle of the harbor with unobserved results. The other fighters went down on a IS alongside a wharf near the southern end of the harbor, covering one bomb hit. The results fired by one of the planes fell short exploding on the wharf.

In the pull-out Lt. (jg) H.B. COOPER, who had hit the IS received an AA hit in his engine. He was losing oil fast as he veered south over the water in the direction of the rescue submarine. Most of the other planes followed him out, one hit his jetlines his belly tank and made a good water landing approximately 12 miles south of Tachien. The VT planes dropped 4 liferafts to him as he came but he may not have seen them for he made no attempt to swim toward them. Lt. VANCE then dropped his raft, flew over him several times, gave him the join up signal and rescued the life raft. COOPER caught on and finally came to the raft, inflated it and climbed in. VANCE next hooked his canteen to his life jacket and tossed them both to COOPER, making an almost direct hit.

Three fighters circled COOPER until relieved by a division from the west and last strike. The submarine picked him up unhurt before the circling planes departed.

Lt. VANCE and the 2 other pilots who covered COOPER strafed some small boats off Ryukyu Island on the way home.

The photo division spent its time covering the area around Tachien and Tainan.

All planes except COOPER's returned safely.

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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

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