

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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CONFIDENTIAL
VF 20

REPORT No. _____

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

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) MIYAKO Airfield & Area (b) Time Over Target(s) 1015(I) (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target Overcast 4000 feet quilt 7500 ft cumulus 9/10 cover
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Hazy (e) Visibility 12
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- Rocket and
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used MK 8 illuminated
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Rockets fired _____ Slant range 1200 yds
Bombs Dropped per Run 1 Spacing 0 Altitude of Bomb Release 2300 ft
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 1 Probably Destroyed 0 Damaged 0

(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 E - W Runway HIRARA Airfield	5000 ft x 150 ft.	2 F6F-5E VF-33	2 x 500 G.P. bombs	2	Serious
2 Revetment with T.E. planes	60 x 60 ft.	1 F6F-5E VF-33	1 500 G.P. bomb	1	destroyed plane
3 Oil storage tank	50 ft. dia.	1 F6F-5E VF-33	1 500 G. P. bomb	1	destroyed.
4 Camouflaged ridge area	Unknown	2 F6F-5E VF-33	8 HVAR strafed	8 in area	serious
5 Probably radar station	50 x 50 ft.	3 F6F-5E VF-33	strafed	hit	slight
6 Barracks area	200 x 300 ft.	3 F6F-5E VF-33	strafed	hit	None.
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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).

- Two direct bomb hits. One west tip and other at intersection with other runways - left large holes.
- Direct hit on TE Aircraft in revetment south and right side of SE - NW runway HIRARA Airfield. Plane appeared in good condition - started good sized fire - destroyed.
- This target was in same area as # 4 and pilot did not know what it was as it was camouflaged with green netting. Direct hit obtained with bomb and started a huge fire with black smoke - was still burning when flight left the area.
- The entire ridge just east of NOBARA Field was discovered to be covered with various installations camouflaged with green netting and foliage by one pilot flying at 100 feet altitude over it. Two planes returned to strafe and fire 8 rockets in entire area starting two fires and strafing radar mattress.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? yes 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

One division and one F6F-5P attacked MIYAKO Airfield. The division of F6F-5E's gave protection to the photo plane as he covered HIRARA and NOBARA Airfield. After the photographs were taken the F6F-5P joined the Division to strafe the surrounding Area.

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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 had its left main gasoline tank punctured by a 12.7 or 13 mm AA projectile. The projectile did not lodge in the cell but passed completely through, passing out through the fuel gauge transmitter. The self sealing element did not cover the latter part, though it worked in the entrance hole, and the gasoline was lost.

Another F6F-5E with a large flak hole in his starboard wing was forced to drop his A/N-APS-4 gear in order to maintain level flight. The Radar gear was dropped enroute back to the carrier and was seen to break into and sink.

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