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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

VFP(CVS)-511

REPORT No. 20

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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) Ishigaki Airfield, Ishigaki Shima. (b) Time Over Target(s) 0855-1010 (17) (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target Obscured by Clouds- Cumulus, 1,000-10,000 ft. 9/10
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Obscured by Clouds (e) Visibility 20 (above clouds)
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Dive bombing Bomb Sight Used Mk. 8 Gnsight
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run 1 Spacing _____ Altitude of Bomb Release 2500
(NUMBER) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None Damaged None

(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)
<u>E-W Runway, Ishigaki</u>		<u>8</u> <u>VFP(CVS)-511</u>	<u>8 x 500 lb. G.P.</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Damaged by craters</u>
<u>AA-Airfield Area</u>		<u>8</u> <u>samo</u>	<u>56 x 5" HVAR</u>		<u>Slight damage</u>
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).

THE ABOVE TARGETS WERE OBSCURED BY THE OVERLYING CUMULUS COVER WHICH MOVED CONTINUALLY FROM THE SOUTH TO THE NORTH OVER THE TARGET DURING THE ATTACK.

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

NEGATIVES DELIVERED TO CFU PHOTO INTERPRETER, CFU 22.1.3

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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.)**CONFIDENTIAL****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

These fighters were led by Lt Col J.F. REEVE, USAF, Air Group Commander, F4U-7, and were accompanied by 8 F4U's of F4U-7. They were joined by eight fighters and eight target bombers of F4U-7, based on the USS CORBETT BLAINE.

The strike group arrived over the target and found enemies based at 500 feet and extending to 20,000 feet. Cover was 9/10 and cleared the field. The fighters attacked the 1-7 runway at midnight, releasing 6 x 500 bombs. All bombs were believed to be direct hits. Air hits were observed on this runway and the remaining two probably hit here also. All positions in the field area were attacked with rockets. Fifty-six (56) rockets were expended with some damage observed in these targets.

All ordnance was expended at either Hiron field or Ipana field, one mile southeast of Hiron. At Ipana the fighters strafed dispersed areas and left them smoking. One operational plane was observed in this area and was strafed.

The planes returned aboard the carrier at 1130(1).

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary).

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ALL SYSTEMS AND MATERIALS FUNCTIONED SATISFACTORILY.

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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