

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No 2

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Yakabi Shima, Kerama Retto (b) Time Over Target(s) 0827(I) (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target Base 2500 feet, cumulus, 8/10 cover Moderately hazy over target

(d) Visibility of Target Sun partially obscured by clouds (e) Visibility 8-10 miles

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Use Mark VIII
RR - 4 (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run 10 Spacing 100 Altitude of Bomb Release 1200

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 0 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 Power House	60 X 150ft.	4 VT-33	40 X 100 G.P. 32 HVAR	8 16	Slight
2 Houses	300 yds. Sq.	4 VT-33	150 .30 cal 830 .50 cal	75 115	Slight
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4					
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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. Aiming point situated on southeast coast of Yakabi Shima, Kerama Retto. Power house and about 20-30 shacks are nestled on sort of a ledge at base of hill or mountain. The bomb and R.P. hits were on the power house as it was the aiming point for G.P. and R.P.
2. Houses or shacks referred to in description of Target No. 1 were strafed in bomb and rocket runs and also in strafing runs. Main effect of hits was to start fires.

(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

Lieut. KAGEY lead flight of 4 TBM's which took off at 0552(I) as part of support group at Kerama Retto. Arrived at designated orbit point at 0630(I) as per schedule. All 4 planes orbited until 0827(I) before being called on for a strike.

Because of the low ceiling, planes were handicapped in glide bombing attacks.

It appeared that those pilots who kept opening up on the air to request permission to attack a target they had seen were getting the missions while the pilots who merely reported targets observed and otherwise maintained radio discipline were left to orbit during whole period on station.

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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

Apparently the outboard starboard R.P. launcher in one plane was loaded with a faulty HVAR as the radome of the AN/APS-4 was smashed as was the antenna inside the radome. This is the first time this has happened to a plane of this squadron and the launcher is in proper condition. Consideration was given to discontinuance of loading this outboard launcher, but since it had never happened before and in view of the satisfactory check of the launcher, it was decided that the fault was in the rocket.

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