





# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED  
(Reclassify when filled out)

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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REPORT No. VF-94-9

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) I - Lighthouse at 34-00N; 136-15E - Radar Station at 33-50N-136-10E  
II - Reservation at 34-15N; 136-40E (b) Time Over Target(s) I - 0930(-9) (Zone)  
II - 1610(-9)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALE IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target I - 500' - 10/10 II - 1500 - 6/10  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target I - Hazy II - Partially Obscured (e) Visibility I - 2 II - 15 mi.  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type I - 4 Glide(Rockets) II - 4 Glide(Rockets) Bomb Sight Used Mk 8  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run - Spacing - Altitude of Bomb Release I - 500 (Rockets)  
(NUMBER) (FEET) II - 2000 (Rockets)

(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 <u>I - Lighthouse at 34-00N; 136-15E</u>	<u>50' x 50'</u>	<u>4</u> <u>VF-94</u>	<u>16 HVAR</u> <u>1600 Rds. 50 cal.</u>	<u>10</u> <u>1000</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>
2 <u>I - Radar Station</u>	<u>50' x 50'</u>	<u>4</u> <u>VF-94</u>	<u>1600 Rds. 50 cal.</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>Slight damage</u>
3 <u>I - Sumps at 34-20N; 136-00E</u>	<u>40'</u>	<u>2</u> <u>VF-94</u>	<u>1000 Rds. 50 cal.</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>Slight damage</u>
4 <u>II - "H" Shaped Buildings (5)</u>	<u>250' x 75'</u>	<u>2</u> <u>VF-94</u>	<u>200 Rds. 20 mm.</u> <u>2500 Rds. 50 cal.</u>	<u>150</u> <u>1800</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>
5			<u>6 - HVAR</u>	<u>6</u>	
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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).

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No 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  
Release  
Pull-Out  
Dive Angle  
Strafing  
Retirement  
Defensive Tactics**DEFENSE, ENEMY**Evasive Tactics, Ships  
Concealment  
Anti-aircraft  
Searchlights  
Night Fighter Tactics**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  
MaintenanceSUB-CAP # 2

I. Four VF on Sub-Cap at Irate Saki Light (H-13) were returning to base along coast in search of targets of opportunity when at Hikiato a lighthouse was observed and a rocket and strafing attack executed. All planes were beneath the overcast at 500' and fired all rockets. The lighthouse burst into flames and was totally destroyed. About ten miles further south along the coast a strafing attack was made on a radar station and slight damage inflicted. The second section at about this position also made a strafing run on two sampans with no visible results noted. The division then proceeded to base.

SUB-CAP # 5

II. This VF division on Sub-Cap at Irate Saki Light (H-13) was first engaged in an air-sea rescue mission and then on an attack on a small reservation along the coast line in the vicinity of their station.

Three VBF Corsairs attacking Hamao Airfield were shot down by AA and two of the pilots succeeded in bailing out five to seven miles off shore. One section (Lt.(jg) Fitzgerald and Ensign Brown) of the Sub-Cap proceeded to the downed pilots position and after one hour of directing and brilliant work on the part of Brown, both pilots were picked up by the sub. The remaining section of the Sub-Cap covered the sub enroute to the rescue. The division was relieved at this time and while enroute to base Lt. Herr and Ensign Banks observed a reservation of unknown character and made two rocket and strafing attacks from 8000 feet. Their efforts resulted in leaving five fair sized "H" shaped buildings in flames. This section then joined up with the other two planes and proceeded to base.

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