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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No **1**

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) **CHIRAN HLG, Kyushu**
Boats, MIYAGAHANA (b) Time Over Target(s) **1505 I** (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target **None**
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target **Clear** (e) Visibility **15**
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type **DIVE** Bomb Sight Used _____
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run **ONE** Spacing _____ Altitude of Bomb Release **5,000'**
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed **unobserved** Probably Destroyed **unobserved** Damaged **unobserved**

(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 SW Dispersal Area	300x500 yds.	16 VNF 323	16x500 VT	16	unobserved
2 N edge of field	500x100 yds.	10 VNF 312	10x500 VT	10	unobserved
3 Runway Intersection	100x100 yds.	3 VNF 312	3x500 6-8 min. delay	3	unobserved
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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.)

The target, SW dispersal area of Chiran HLG, was well covered by the proximity fused bombs. Results were unobserved. The three 6-8 hour delay fused bombs fall in the runway intersection with unobserved results.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? **Yes** Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple
Photos unavailable.

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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

Forty-one planes (3 had returned to base due to mechanical difficulties, and 1 spare returned and four were dummy escort) made their landfall just east of Bono-misaki on southern Kyushu at 17,000 to 20,000 ft. The two flights of attack planes flew 010° to IP 6 miles SW of target lowering to 11,000 and 10,000 ft. respectively where attack flight split. The first flight of 16 planes peeled off to the right to W of target in 60° dive on SW dispersal area at 300 knots and dropped at 5,000 ft on course 145°. The second flight of 13 planes proceeded slightly further north and 10 of these made a similar run on N edge of field on course 115°. Three of these planes separated from the rest of the second flight NW of field and on similar run on heading 130° dropped their delay fused bombs on runway intersection. All retirement was to the SE lowering to 1500'-1000' and curving S & W to rally point over Kuro Shima. The 12 escort planes covered attack flights at 20,000' to 15,000' altitude. Just before attack planes reached IP four of escort followed photo plane over target at 22,000 ft. climbing very abruptly. After the bombing attack the remaining 8 escort planes attacked the target in strafing attack from W-E aiming at SW dispersal area. These planes pushed over at 15,000' on 60°-80° dive at 400 knots and pulled out at 1200'-1500'. Their retirement was on the deck to W and S to rally point. Two of these planes strafed locomotive and three passenger cars on railroad just north of Ibuzuki on retirement flight. Engine stopped. No further damage was observed.

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

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

Aarmor; 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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