

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED
(Reclassify when filled out)
CONFIDENTIAL

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting CVTG-33 (b) Based on or at V. J. S. BANGOR (c) Report No. CVTG 33-12
VF 33-42
VT 33-30
(d) Take off: Date 21 April 1945 Time (LZT) 1535(I) (Zone); Lat. 24-23 N Long. 124-36 E
(e) Mission Strike on airfields (f) Time of Return 1835(I) (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
<u>VB-22</u>	<u>VT-33</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>12-5" Head 2x6, 1-7, 1-10</u> <u>2x500 SAP</u> <u>1x100 G.P.</u>	<u>Trail AN M101A2 .1 sec.</u> <u>Head M1. IX Inst.</u> <u>Trail AN M100A2 .1sec.</u>
<u>VB-22</u>	<u>VT-33</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1x500 SAP</u> <u>1x100 G.P.</u> <u>6 AN-5" Head</u>	<u>Trail AN M101A2 .1 sec.</u> <u>Trail AN M100A2</u> <u>Tr. 157 .02 sec.</u>

III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<u>B-24-D</u>							

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	(c) NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
<u>B-24-D</u>				(ZONE)		
				(ZONE)		
				(ZONE)		

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) _____
Did Any Part of _____
(i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? _____ If so, Describe Clouds _____
(YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
Time of Day and Brilliance _____
(j) of Sun or Moon _____ (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (k) Visibility _____ (MILES)

V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:				(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		
<u>B-24-D</u>						

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

CONFIDENTIAL
RESTRICTED
(Reclassify when filled out)

REPORT No. 0720-12
42
VT 730

VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	(c) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				

VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) NO	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	(d) AV HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV FUEL LOADED	(f) AV FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h) NO OF PLANES RETURNING
						30	50	20MM	MM	
	80	90	3 1/3	330	250	370	3025	=	=	4
	80	90	3 1/3	300	260	=	4320	=	=	4

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

- SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes
 - TURNING
 - DIVES
 - CEILINGS
 - RANGE
 - PROTECTION
 - ARMAMENT

[Handwritten text]

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

CONFIDENTIAL
RESTRICTED
(Reclassification
filled out)

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No. VT 142
VT 130

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Hobara Airfield, Miyako Jib Time Over Target(s) 1625(I) (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target 3000, cumulus, 4/10
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

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

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type VT: Dive, VF: Dive Bomb Sight Used Mt. VIII
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run 1 VT: Dropped 1200 Spacing 22 Altitude of Bomb Release 3/2 Rockets 1200 yds.
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
in train VF: 1500, VT: 2500

(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		(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS ON AIMING POINT	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
		(k) SQUADRON				
1 Revetted concrete structure	100' x 100'	4	VF-33	7x500, 12x100 G.P., 18 AR	1 & 2 unobserved	Slight
2 " "	" "	4	VF-33	4x500 SAP; 2x100 G.P., 6 AR	2	None
3 Underground hanger	50' across	4	VF-33	17xAR	16	Serious
4 " "	" 50' across	2	VF-33	1x500, 2x100 G.P.	0	None
5 Sugar mill	- - - -	1	VF-33	2x100 G.P.	1	Slight
6 Barracks	300'x75'	4	VF-33	1x100 Strafed	Unobserved	
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).

1 & 2 Described in CVMO report #11. One hit by 500 lb. SAP was only appreciable damage to this concrete, dirt covered, revetted structure near Hobara Airfield. This may be a command post or power plant. Other hits by 100 lb. G.P. and rockets bounce off. Planes strafed in each run.

3 & 4 South of Hobara Airfield, entrances into side of hill from well traveled road. May be type of storage other than hanger. Only hits were with AR but large fires were started and left burning furiously.

5 Sugar mill situated east of two preceding targets. Was more or less a target of opportunity upon pulling out of attack on underground hanger. One 100 lb. hit did slight damage.

6 Barracks located N.E. of Sukano airfield. 1x100 G.P. hit and strafed. No fire or damage observed.

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

REPORT No.

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

This strike very similar to preceding days. Coordinated attack with many planes in dive simultaneously is still infinitely better than the "tail chase" seen practiced by many groups.

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

CONFIDENTIAL
RESTRICTED
Reclassification
filled out)

REPORT No. 72 476
VT 730

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

- 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

Pilots have difficulty getting accuracy with 3.25" AB with 5" heads after being accustomed to the FVAR.

REPORT PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

A. V. SWANSON, LT., (A), USNR,

SIGNATURE RANK AND DUTY

O. S. SWANSON, LT(jg), (A), USNR,

A.O.I.O., VP-33.

F. D. GILBERTSON, LTJG, U.S. NAVY,

SIGNATURE RANK AND DUTY

Commander (VP-33).

21 April 1945.

DATE