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## AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT



## I. GENERAL

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(e) Mission	Intru	der Air	field I	SHIGAKI	&c M1	YAKO J	IMA	(f) Time o	f Retu	Irn_0040	(I)(Zone)
II. OV	VN AIRCRA	FT OFFICI	ALLY COVI	ERED BY TH	HIS REF	PORT.					
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)	BOMBS AND TORPEDOES  CARRIED (PER PLANE)  (f)		FUZE, SETTING  (g)				
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).							
(a) TYPE OWN A/C	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, SQUADRON 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			
None							
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3							
4							
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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
	None			

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

(a) TYPE	(b)	(c) MILES	AV. HOURS	(e) AV FUEL	AV. FUEL	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				NO. OF PLANES
A/C	MILES	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
F6F-5N	160	160	4 1/6	325	270	F	3200rds	times.	***	2
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IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	X			
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	X			
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	X			

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

No basis for comparison.

TURNS DIVES CEILINGS RANGE PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

:) Clouds Over Target	No clouds	(BASE IN FEET,	17.			2100 (I) (Zone)
				(e) Vi	sibility1	1111 1 100 100 100
Rocket &	chiro	Y, PARTIALLY OBSCURED		Bomb Sight Use	ed_WK 8	Night reticle
Rocket &  6) Bombing Tactics: Type  Rockets Fired  Bombs Dropped per Ru	2004		(FEET)	Slant Altitude o	Kange of Bomb Rele	ease 2500 (FEET)
g) Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Gro	und: Destroyed_No		1)	None  No HITS On	Damaged None  DAMAGE (None, slight,
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	EXPENDED, EACH	AMMUNITION A AIMING POINT	Aiming Point	1
Runway ISHIGAKI Field	4475 x 300 ft	2 F6F-5N 2 F6F-5N	1 500 G. 4 A. R. 1 500 G.	strafe	1 4	Unobserved
Runway MIYAKA Field	5000 ft 300 ft.	VF-33	2 A. R.	strafe	2	Unobserved
Runways HIRARA Field	General	VF-33	strafe	d		Unobserved
4 Runways NOBARA Field	General.	2 F6F-5N VF-33	straf	ed	2	Unobserved
5 Runways SUKAMA Field	General	2 F6F-5N VF-33	strafed		~	Unobserved
6						
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- 1 & 2. ISHIGAKI JIMA targets necessarily of general nature results impossible to observe.
- 3,4,5. MIYAKO JIMA general targets no damage observed.

<sup>(</sup>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).

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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

Two night fighters had arrived at ISHIGAKI JIMA on intruder mission and separated, one covering ISHIGAKI Airfield and the other LIVAI Field at 2245 (I) Ensign DELANEY covering ISHIGAKI Field noticed a plane circling the field at about 2000 feet flashing a large white light. Apparently trying to get the lights turned on at the field in order to land. After DELANEY checked with the other night fighter he approached the plane from underneath in order to avoid any fire from a possible rear seat or turret gun, closing to 150 feet he was able to identify the plane as a Nick and saw the light being flashed from the rear part of cockpit. DELANEY then dropped back to about 200 feet and from a position 6 o'clock level opened fire. The first burst went under the plane but the second hit the wing roots and the plane burst into flames, turned over on its back and crashed into the ground just south of ISHIGAKI Field. On contact with ground the plane exploded and a large fire covered the area spreading a good deal and was still burning when pilots departed.

Though the Jap acted as if he didn't know he was under attack, and he must have known of the presence of the 2 VF(N) in the area as they had just finished bombing and strafing the same field.

The other VF(N) pilot saw the whole engagement.

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None



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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**

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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