# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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YPE OWN A/C	SQUADRON	TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroye
SB2C-4E	VB-12		Port tire rim, blist	ered Minor
11	11	A.A. Fire - 20 MM	Hole in starboard wi	ng Minor
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT		(c) MILES	AV. HOURS	AV. FUEL	AV FILE	(g)	TOTAL AMM	UNITION EXPEN	NDED	(h)
		RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO. OF PLANES RETURNING	
SB2C-4E	75	75	3.5	320	240					12	

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	SECTION AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY OF THE PART	X		
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm		X		

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

TURNS DIVES

CEILINGS

RANGE PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

No opportunity for comparison.

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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XI. ATTACK ON EN	EMY SHIPS OF	R GROUND OBJECT	TIVES (By Own	n Aircraft Listed	in II Only).	•
(a) Target(s) and Location	(S)Southwes	st side of M	t.Suribac	hiь) Time Ove	r Target(s).	0915 (Zone)
(c) Clouds Over Target	3,000 - ba	ase of broker	n cumulus	clouds.		
(d) Visibility of Target	Clear (CLEAR, HA	ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.	(e) V	'isibility	20 (MILES)
(f) Bombing Tactics: Type	Glide	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)		_ Bomb Sight Us	ed	MK 8
Bombs Dropped per Run	2 (NUMBE	Spacing_	Salvo (FEET)	Altitude o	of Bomb Rele	ease 2,000 (FEET)
(g) Number of Enemy Airc	raft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Prob	bably Destroyed_		_ Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO. A/C ATTACK!NG (k) SQUADRON	A BOWIDS AINT	(I) O AMMUNITION CH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 Area 131-S (SW side of		VB-12	18- 500	lb.G.P.Bor	nbs 18	Unobserved
2 Mt.Suribachi)						
3 Area 132-K (North side of		VB-12	1 - 500	lb.G.P.Bo	nb 1	Unobserved
4 Mt.Suribachi)						
5 Area 132-P (Easide Mt.Suribachi		VB-12	1 - 500	lb.G.P.Bor	nb 1	Unobserved.
6						
7						
8						

This was area bombing - no specified targets were assigned. Four bombs were jettisoned, which were hung up and would not release when over the target.

<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).

## 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

## DEFENSE, ENEMY

Use of Jamming

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

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.)

> This group, consisting of VB, VBF and VT planes, arrived on station at Point Willial (10 miles bearing 270 degrees from Mount Suribachi) at 0915(K), and orbited, awaiting orders to attack. The VB unit was assigned target area 131-S (southwest side of Mount Suribachi) and the attack was begun. Eleven planes participated in this attack, and all the bombs, except one, landed in the target area; this one landed in area 132-K (north side of Mount Suribachi). One VB plane joined the torpedo unit and dropped his bombs in area 132-P (east side of Mount Suribachi).

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.

Use additional sheets if necessary).

All material was satisfactory.

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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