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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT



I. GEN	NERAL								VF	
(a) Unit Re	porting V	F-33	(b)	Based on or	at_USS S	ANGAMON	(c	:) Report No	18	
(d) Take of	ff: Date 1	0 April	1945 (1	time (LZ7	0300 (I) (Zone); L	at. 24° 1	2'N Long. 1	.26° 36' E	
(e) Mission	Night :	Intrude	r Over A	irfield	ls	(f) Time of	Return 0740	(I)Zone)	
II. OV	VN AIRCRA	AFT OFFICI	ALLY COVI	ERED BY TH	HIS REPORT.					
TYPE	SQUADRON	TAKING	NUMBER ENGAGING	ATTACKING		S AND TORPEDOES		FUZE, SETTING		
(a)	(b)	OFF (c)	ENEMY A/C	TARGET (e)	CARR	IED (PER PLANE) (f)		(g)		
F6F-5N	VF-33	4	0	4	1 500 G.P 4 HVAR	. bomb	B	ose AN M ail AN M ase MK 15	103 A 2 7 A 2 7 Se	
. III. O'	THER U. S.	OR ALLIED	AIRCRAFT	EMPLOYED	IN THIS OPE	RATION				
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	=	
None										
IV. EN	NEMY AIRC	RAFT OBSE	RVED OR E	NGAGED (E	By Own Aircraft	Listed in II	Only).			
(a) TYPE	(b)	NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d)	LOCA	(e) TION OF DUNTER	BOMBS, TORPED GUNS OB		CAMOU	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING	
None			(ZON	E)						
			(ZON	E)						
*			(ZON	E7)		3				
(h) Apparer Did Any	Part of		(YES OR NO)	. If so, Descr	ibe Clouds	(PACE IN	FEET, TYPE AN	ID TENTHS OF COVE	ER)	
j) of Sun	Day and Bror Moon	illiance			OVERCAST; ETC.)		_(k) Visibi	(M)	LES)	
Time of Sun (a)	Day and Bror Moon	illiance	ROYED OR E		OVERCAST; ETC.) N AIR (By Own		_(k) Visibi	ly).		
Time of Sun of S	Day and Bror Moon	RAFT DESTR	ROYED OR D		N AIR (By Own		_(k) Visibi	(M)	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED	
Time of Sun of S	Day and Bron Moon — EMY AIRCH (b) DESTRO	RAFT DESTR	ROYED OR D	DAMAGED I	N AIR (By Own	n Aircraft List	_(k) Visibi	ly).	(d)	
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(j) of Sun (a)	Day and Bron Moon — EMY AIRCH (b) DESTRO	RAFT DESTR	ROYED OR D	DAMAGED I	N AIR (By Own	n Aircraft List	_(k) Visibi	ly). c) IIT, ANGLE	DAMAGE CLAIMED	

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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

NONE

N

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

(a) (b) (c) (c) (d) (e) (CAUSE CONDITION OR STATUS

None

None

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

TYPE	(b) MILES	(c) MILES	AV. HOURS	(e) AV. FUEL	AV. FUEL	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h)
A/C	OUT	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
F6F-5N	128	128	42	325	275	440	560 rds	600 .	↔ .	2
F6F-5N	65	65	4호	325	280	Shinb.	none			2

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

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

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

SPEE	D, CLIA	ИB,
at	various	altitudes

None

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

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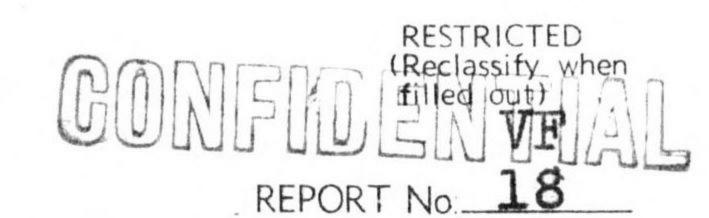
N/O	ttmaga 50	oft anilt of	VES (By Own Aircraft Listed.) (b) Time Over NOT 10,000 ft 10/1(TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)	cover	thunder head
Clouds Over Target	OUT GDD Y	(BASE IN FEET.	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
Visitive of Torgot Ob	scured by	y cloud	BY CLOUDS. ETC.)	isibility	(MILES)
Rocket &	(CLEAR, HAZ	Y, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	MKV	III
Bombing Tactics: Type_	glide	(LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight Us Slant Rang	ge = 200	OO Tas
	0		O Altitude o	of Bomb Rele	ease 5000 (FEET)
Bombs Dropped per Run_	(NUMBER	Spacing	(FEET)		
) Number of Enemy Aircr	oft Hit on Gra	aund Destroyed	OProbably Destroyed_	0	_ Damaged
Number of Enemy Aircr	all fill dir Oic	Julia. Destroyes			(n)
(h)	DIMENSIONS OR	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT	NO HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight,
AIMING POINT	TONNAGE	(k) SQUADRON 2 F6F-5N	2 500 G. P. bombs		
ISHIGAKI	-	VF-3			Unobserved
Airfield areas	a di gi	1 F6F-5N	1 500 G.P. bomb		Unobserved
THEORY		VF-33	4 5" HVAR		UIIODSCI VOC
MIYAKO Airfield areas					
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In both targets areas 1 and 2 weather so bad and cloud cover so thick that specific fields could not be picket out except by estimation from Island shown on radar scope.

⁽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

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

These four VF(N) Intruders separated into two groups two planes covering MIYAKA JIMA and two ISHIGAKI JIMA.
The weather was so bad at both places that only once at
ISHIGAKI JIMA was land ever observed, that being when one
pilot saw his 500 lb G. P. dropped by radar hit in the runway vicinity at ISHIGAKI Airfield.

However, at both places the A/N-APS-6A radar was used very successfully, using the 25 mile range in locating Island and the modification with 5 mile range to pick out coast line to obtain area of airfield to attack. One pilot at MIYAKA had his radar go on the bum just as he arrived at the target so was unable to attack it. This pilot carried no rockets and dropped his 500 lb bomb in the water before returning.

The weather was very bad being similar at both places. However, this condition was only encountered over the islands as good weather was encountered from 1 to 2 miles off land. Over the target flying was done through terribly rough air and storms.

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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

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 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

REPORT PREPARED BY:

NONE

A/N-APS-6A Radar excellent. Whole flight would have been useless without it. Additional modification of 5 mile range used very effectively.

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