# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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REPORT No. VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only). CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) (a) (b) (e)
EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE,
(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) TYPE OWN A/C SQUADRON 8 . 9 12 13 14 VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left). (b) (a) (c) (d) (e) NO SQUADRON NAME, RANK OR RATING CAUSE CONDITION OR STATUS MONE VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING (b) MILES OUT MILES RETURN AV. HOURS AV. FUEL LOADED (f) AV. FUEL CONSUMED TYPE (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED NO. OF PLANES IN AIR .30 20MM MM RETURNING P68-5 Livra 10min 330 1200 (sylvano rer vileno) IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line). CALIBER NONE MEAGER MODERATE INTENSE HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left). SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

TURNS DIVES CEILINGS RANGE PROTECTION ARMAMENT

airborne aircraft seen

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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Clouds Over Target  Clouds Over Target  Visibility of Target  CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.)  Bombing Tactics: Type  Bombs Dropped per Run  (NUMBER)  CLEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)  Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed  Altitude of Bomb Release  (I) NO A/C ATTACKING  AIMING POINT  AIMING POINT  CHOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)  (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)  (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.)  (BOMBS CLOUDS, ETC.)  Bomb Sight Used  (FEET)  Altitude of Bomb Release  (FEET)  Altitude of Bomb Release  (II) NO A/C ATTACKING  BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT AIMING POINT  EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT AIMING POINT EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT EXPENDED.	(TYPE)  (FEET)  Damaged
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AIMING POINT TONNAGE (IK) SQUADRON	

\_Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached By Staple. (p) Were Photographs Taken? You

<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,

#### 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

# 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

following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

A flighter emosp and photo recommissance mission of eight Hellests from Dighting Squadron FORTA-NINE left the USS SAN JACINTO for Oblhiro eirfield at 0405(I), 14 July 1945. The flight crossed the Japanese const at Brise Saki at an altitude of 8000 foot and followed a source of 0150 magnetic to the target area. Obibiro airfield was found to be completely socked in, and Obihiro Horth was taken under attack as an elternate target. Each division made three recket and strafing runs over the field while the other remained as top cover, with the recoveries averaging from 500 to 1000 feet. A number of pleases on the field and in the reveted cross vere taken under fire, but it was thought that they were mostly duds, and no fires or other damage were observed. The attack was then shifted to Obihire town, which was clear, northeast of the railway right of way. A railway atation was rocketed and strafed, but no demage was seen. At Ikeda, about ten miles to the east, two runs were made on the station area, and the station building was set on fire and a locomotive destroyed. No other suitable targets were available and as the overcast was steedily soving eastward observing the original tergets, retirement was made to the coast. A search for targets was made northeastword from Hiroo and at Shiranooks another locomotive was blown up. Beture to bese was made after four hours and ten minutes of flight, two hours and eight minutes of which were over the land area of Hokkaido. Hoderate light automatic meapons fire was seen at Obihiro and meagre medium automatic fire was encountered at Shirancoka. Eight or ten bursts of heavy flak were seen at Obihiro North, coudny from the SE section of the field. This firing was very accurate as to altitude, but ninety degrees in error in the predicted position of the planes. No anti-aircraft fire had been observed at this field until the final photo run was made, when the planes were of necessity low and slow. The photo plane obtained 100% coverage of Obibiro Worth airfield, and the artillery school and munitions storage eres to the southeast of that point. No airborne enemy aircraft were observed. The mission returned to base at 0615(I).

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

all aquipment performed normally.

#### ARMAMENT

Guns, Gunsights Turrets Ammunition Bombs, Torpedoes Bomb Sights Bomb Releases

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Radio, Radar Haming 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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