

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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REPORT No. 12-45

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

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Hirara & Nobara Airfields - Hirara Jib (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) Time Over Target(s) 0315(3) (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 5000' Overcast (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (e) Visibility 20 (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type VF - Dive VT - Glide Bomb Sight Used VT-Round VT-III 8 Gunsight
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run VF-1 VT-2-2-2 Spacing 100' Altitude of Bomb Release 3000'
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed One Damaged None

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 Nobara N-S Runway		4 VT-24	8 - 500# Bombs ✓ 8 - 100# Bombs ✓		
2 Nobara E-W Runway		4 VT-24	8 - 500# Bombs ✓ 8 - 100# Bombs ✓		
3 Nobara Dispersal Area		4 VT-24	8 - 100# Bombs ✓ 24 - 5" Rockets ✓		
4 Nobara Dispersal Area		4 VT-24	8 - 100# Bombs ✓ 24 - 5" Rockets ✓		
5 Barracks		8 VF-24	6 - 500# Bombs ✓ 24 - 5" Rockets ✓		
6 Hirara NE-SW Runway		2 VF-24	2 - 500# Bombs ✓		
7 Hirara Dispersal Area		8 VF-24	8 - Strafing 24 - 5" Rockets ✓		
8 A/A Positions		8 VF-24	8 - Strafing		

(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).

- VT 1-2** Numerous bomb hits were scored on both runways and they were well cratered.
- VT 3-4** Many hits were scored in those dispersal areas located in wooded sections, one between the airstrips on Nobara and the other just south of the west end of the E-W runway. Damage was unobserved.
- VF 5** Bombs and rockets were fired into a semi-wooded area where six barracks buildings and several miscellaneous structures were dispersed. Many hits were scored and two fires started, but precise damage is unknown.
- VF 6** Two bombs left craters in the runway.
- VF 7** Covered revetments and planes in the dispersal area south of Hirara airfield were attacked with fired guns and rockets. One BETHY burned. Other damage unobserved.
- VF 8** Two separate A/A batteries, one south, the other west of Hirara field were strafed and silenced.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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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

While VT made its bombing runs on Nobara VF strafed the A/A positions at Mirasa silencing them at least temporarily. VT runs were commenced at 6500' and releases made at 3000'. VF pushed over at 11000' in 60° dives and released at 3000'. All rockets were fired at 40°-45° angles and at a slant range of 1000-1500 yards.

Meagre A/A of all calibers was encountered but none of our planes were damaged.

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