





# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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## VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

| (a)<br>TYPE OWN A/C | (b)<br>SQUADRON | (c)<br>CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C,<br>TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE | (d)<br>WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor,<br>self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) | (e)<br>EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE,<br>(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) |
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| 12                  |                 |   |  |   |
| 13                  |                 |   |  |   |
| 14                  |                 |   |  |   |

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

| (a)<br>NO | (b)<br>SQUADRON | (c)<br>NAME, RANK OR RATING | (d)<br>CAUSE | (e)<br>CONDITION OR STATUS |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
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## VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

| (a)<br>TYPE<br>A/C | (b)<br>MILES<br>OUT | (c)<br>MILES<br>RETURN | (d)<br>AV. HOURS<br>IN AIR | (e)<br>AV. FUEL<br>LOADED | (f)<br>AV. FUEL<br>CONSUMED | (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED |             |      |    | (h)<br>NO. OF PLANES<br>RETURNING |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|------|----|-----------------------------------|
|                    |                     |                        |                            |                           |                             | .30                           | .50         | 20MM | MM |                                   |
| <b>F4U-2</b>       | <b>75</b>           | <b>79</b>              | <b>3</b>                   | <b>185</b>                | <b>119</b>                  |                               | <b>4000</b> |      |    | <b>8</b>                          |
|                    |                     |                        |                            |                           |                             |                               |             |      |    |                                   |
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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  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |                                     |         |
| MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |                                     |         |
| LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm |                                     |        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |

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

- SPEED, CLIMB,  
at various altitudes

TURNS

DIVES

CEILINGS

RANGE

PROTECTION

ARMAMENT



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

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Runways, Airfields at Nobara  
Buildings & Boats, Ikema Inlet (b) Time Over Target(s) 1430-1530 (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target Base at 1500' cumulo stratus 5/16  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Poor- mostly obscured by clouds (e) Visibility 6  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Rocket  
R.P.'s 45° Dive Bomb Sight Used Mk 8 gunsight  
Slant Range (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run 2 Spacing \_\_\_\_\_ (NUMBER) (FEET) Altitude of Bomb Release 4500 (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Probably Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_

| (h) AIMING POINT                         | (i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE       | (j) NO A/C ATTACKING<br>(k) SQUADRON | (l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT | (m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point | (n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)  |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--|
| <u>1 N/S and E/W Runways, Nobara</u>     | <u>4500' X 175'</u>             | <u>8 VC-71</u>                       | <u>17 R.P.'s (Ammo?)</u>                             | <u>15</u>                    | <u>Moderate damage to runways</u>                      |
| <u>Bldgs. &amp; Boats in Ikema Inlet</u> | <u>Bldgs - med. Boats - 50'</u> | <u>8 VC-71</u>                       | <u>13 R.P.'s (Ammo?)</u>                             | <u>Unobserved</u>            | <u>At least several hits on both bldgs. and boats.</u> |
| 3  |                                 |                                      |  |                              |  |
| 4  |                                 |                                      |  |                              |  |
| 5  |                                 |                                      |  |                              |  |
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| 7  |                                 |                                      |  |                              |  |
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(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)

(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

The flight under the leadership of the squadron commander of VC-71 attacked first at Webara Airfield. Visibility of the target was very poor but the formation made a run on the N/S runway of the field from N to S delivering approximately 15 of 17 rockets fired by the planes of VC-71 to the target. In a second run AA emplacements and dispersal areas were heavily strafed with extent of damage unobserved. The first attack was commenced at about 7000' with dive angles of the fighters about 45°, and rockets fired at slant range of 3500 feet. Strafing attacks were executed at about 1500 feet altitude. No AA was encountered at this target.

Following its rendezvous to the SE of Miyako the flight proceeded North to Ikema Inlet and hit buildings, and small boats in the vicinity with 15 rockets and a large amount of .50 calibre ammunition. Buildings on the east side of the inlet were probably damaged and the five or six small boats present appeared to have been either beached or sunk as a result of this and earlier strikes in the day. Again, light, inaccurate AA fire was encountered over Ikema, this time moderate in intensity.

Following rendezvous to the east of Miyako the flight concluded its strikes on the island and returned to base. No difficulties with aircraft or equipment were reported. However it was suggested in view of the very temporary and easily repairable damage which R.P.'s and G.P.'s set with instantaneous fuses can cause to runways, that bombs with longer delay settings anywhere up to several hours could more effectively keep such targets non-repairable and non-operational.



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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**

- Aarmor; 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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