

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No. **CTRS 33-45**

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Ishigaki & Miyara airfield, Ishigaki Jima (b) Time Over Target(s) 0645 Z (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target 500' 2/10
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target 2000' Clear (e) Visibility 25-30
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type VF - glide VF - dive Bomb Sight Used VF - Mk 3 gunsight
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)

Bombs Dropped per Run VF - all Spacing -- Altitude of Bomb Release VF - 3500'
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed none Probably Destroyed none 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 VF 12-11 runway	Ishigaki	3 VF-24	30 - 100# bombs ✓	•	--
2 VF 1-11 runway	Ishigaki	1 VF-24	10 - 100# bombs ✓	•	--
3 VF Dispersal areas & runways	Miyara	4 VF-24	40 - 100# bombs ✓	•	--
4 VF Shops and installations	Ishigaki	8 VF-24	48 H.E. rockets ✓	•	--
5 VF Runway	Miyara	5 VF-24	5 bombs ✓	4	Cratered
6 VF 2-11 runway	Ishigaki	4 VF-24	3 bombs ✓	2	Cratered
7 VF Storage bldgs.	Ishigaki	8 VF-24	16 rockets - strafed ✓	•	--
8 VF Barracks bldgs.	Ishigaki	8 VF-24	8 rockets strafe ✓	•	--
VF 9. 3 luggers	Ogama Jima	8 VF-24	2 rockets - strafe	•	Damage unknown

(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).

- VF - 1 Runway cratered from about 15 hits.
- VF - 2 Runway cratered from about 3 hits.
- VF - 3 About 15 hits cratered the runway with the balance in the dispersal area on the east side of the strip with unknown results.
- VF - 4) Most number of hits unknown but many in the area and a few fires started.
- VF - 7)
- VF - 8 Hits were seen with several rockets and strafing - one good fire was started and burning fiercely as the division retired.
- VF - 9 These 2 - 70' luggers were caught at Ogama on the beach. Hits were seen but damage is unknown.

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

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

This was a combined strike of 3 VF and 3 VT each from the SANTIAGO and the BLACK ISLAND with the strike leader being a member of the latter group. The weather was good for bombing with 10/10 cover at 15000 and 2/10 at 500'. The attack opened with the SANTIAGO fighters strafing the A/A at Ishigaki in support of the torpedo planes bombing runs. One division of VF dropped bombs on the runway as well, coming in from the north at 10000', pitching over into a 60° dive, releasing at 3500'. The other division supported the VT with their guns and bombs in a similar attack at Miyara airfield.

The SANTIAGO VT thus split into two divisions, one division concentrating on the runways at Ishigaki airfield where 40 - 100' bombs were dropped scoring about 50% hits. The other VT attacked the runway and dispersal area to the east of the strip at Miyara where 40 - 100' bombs were dropped. Approximately 15 cratered the runway, with unestimated damage being caused by the balances in the dispersal area.

The division of fighters attacking Ishigaki then made a rocket and strafing run on the large barracks at the edge of Ishigaki town. The approach was made in 60° dives at high speed, firing at 1000 yard slant range.

All 3 VT and the 3 VF from the SANTIAGO then combined for a rocket and strafing attack on the shops and installations located to the east of Ishigaki airfield. The exact number of direct hits were unobserved but many hits were scored in the area and a few small fires started. Runs were made from north to south at 300', firing at 1000 yards slant range.

The fighters then proceeded to scout Iriomote Jima and the surrounding island, looking for targets or any unusual activity. They succeeded in locating two luggers at the waters edge on Obama Jima, attacking without waiting to observe results, although one lugger was smoking as the flight returned to base.

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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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