

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No. 140

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Miyama Airfield, Ishirahbi (b) Time Over Target(s) 1040 (1) (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target None
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 20
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used Mk. 8 gunsight or none.
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run All Spacing 100-300 Altitude of Bomb Release Slant range 1200-2000 yds. 2000-3000 ft.
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None Damaged Two

(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 Western half of south. 2/3 runway	100 X 1000 yds.	2 TBM-3 VC-33	8 - 500 lb. GP	8	Slight
2 Area southeast of runway along road.		2 TBM-3 VC-33	15 - 5"(HE) AR	All	Not observed
3 T/S Aircraft		1 TBM-3 VC-33	8 - 5"(HE) AR Strafe	Strafing	Slight
4 Revetments SW of runway		1 TBM-3 VC-33	7 - 5"(HE) AR Strafe	Strafing	Not observed
5 Area SE of runway along bench road.		1 TBM-3 VC-33	4 - 500 lb. GP	All	Not observed
6 S/S Aircraft		1 TBM-3 VC-33	Strafing 8 - 5"(HE) AR	Strafing	Not observed
7 S/S Aircraft		1 TBM-3 VC-33	8 - 5"(HE) AR	None	Not observed
8 Revetments NE of runway		1 TBM-3 VC-33	4 - 500 lb. GP 8 - 5"(HE) AR	All	Slight

(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).

1. Delay fusing used. Eight craters put in southwestern part of runway which had just been repaired and rolled.
2. The rockets hit in the area aimed at but no damage could be observed.
3. The aircraft seemed to be operational but did not burn although hit by strafing. The rockets missed.
4. No damage was observed except that some of the rockets missed the revetments and hit the runway causing slight damage.
5. The bombs hit in the dispersal area but the extent of the damage could not be observed. Delay fusing was used.
6. The aircraft appeared to be operational but although hit by strafing did not burn. No damage could be observed from rockets.
7. The rockets missed and no damage was observed.
8. The bombs and rockets hit in the dispersal area aimed at, but no damage was observed except that two rockets hit a small building in the area and caused it to smoke for awhile. Delay fusing was used.

(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

Six VT from VC-33 and three VF from VC-99 launched as part of the third strike group of the day designed to keep the airfields of Sakishima Gunto neutralized. This part of the group was assigned to Miyara Airfield as its target.

Upon arrival at the target most of the runways was found to be inoperational but the western half of the southern two-thirds of the strip had been freshly repaired and rolled so as to be operational. Accordingly two of the planes were directed to put their bombs on that part of the runway and they succeeded in putting eight craters in the repaired part of the runway. Three planes strafed and rocketed what appeared to be operational aircraft in revetments. Two of these were damaged by strafing but did not burn. The remaining bombs and rockets were expended on dispersal areas and possible AA gun positions which had previously been reported, without observed results.

In order to confuse possible radar controlled AA, the planes dropped window cut to 23.2 inches but no AA was encountered. The window was dropped at five second intervals beginning 2 - 3 minutes before the final glide and continuing until the bombs were dropped.

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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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