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RESTRICTED (Reclassify when filled out)

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Re	eporting	GVEG-24	(b)	Based on o	rat_	IS SAIT!		te s	les	(c) Rep	port No.	III 41-4
(d) Take o	ff: Date	3 June :	1945	Time (LZ	T) 16	500 I	(Zon	e); l	_at.230-5	8• N	Long.12	6°-35• 1
e) Mission	Attac	k Air Fa	cilities,	Miyako .	Jima_				(f) Time	of Retu	rn_1830	I (Zone
II. O\	VN AIRCRA	AFT OFFICE	ALLY COVE	RED BY T	HIS RE	PORT.						
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)				FUZE, SETTING (g)		
TBM-3	WY-24	8		8	10 -	10 - 100/ G.P. bombs				Instant nose		
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P6P- 5	W-24	8		8		00 lb.		ill:	64 A	· Carl	nose0	A SAME TO SAME
111. 0	THER U. S.	OR ALLIED	AIRCRAFT	EMPLOYE	D IN TI	HIS OPER	RATION	1.				
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE		TYPE	SQUAD	DRON	NUMBER	i	BASE	
TRE-3 PAU		8 4	USS GIDAL USS GIDAL		Charles Add			18				
IV. EN	VEMY AIRC	CRAFT OBSE	RVED OR EN	NGAGED (By Own	Aircraft	Listed i	in II	Only)			
(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d)		(e) TION OF OUNTER		-	(1		D;	CAMOUFL	g) LAGE AND RKING
none			(ZONE	2)								
			(ZONE	G)								
			(ZONE	2)								
h) Appare	nt Enemy M	lission(s)										
Did Any i) Encoun	Part of ter(s) Occu	ir in Clouds?	(YES OR NO)	If so, Desci	ribe Clou	uds	(BA	SE IN	FFFT TVDF	AND TEN	THS OF COVER	
Time of of Sun	Day and Bri	illiance						J	_(k) Visi		INS OF COVER	
		AFT DESTR	OYED OR D			, vale	Aircraf	+ l ic			(MIL	ES)
(a) TYPE		YED OR DAMAG			2		Allelai	(LI3	teu iii ii c	(c)	·	(d) DAMAGE
ENEMY A/C	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT	OR GUNNER		GUNS	USED	1.0	WHERE	HIT, AN	GLE	CLAIMED
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

(a)
TYPE OWN A/C
SQUADRON

(b)
TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE

(c)
WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)

(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)

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

(a) NO.	(b) SQUADRON	NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
	none			
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

		(b) (c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				NO. OF PLANES
TYPE A/C	MILES OUT	RETURN	AV. HOURS IN AIR	LOADED	AV. FUEL. CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
9934_3	OT	97	9.4	335	150	400	1000			8
P6P-5	97	97	2 7 30	325	190		12400			8

IX ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (CITE	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over		X		
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm		X		
IGHT — 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

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CONFIDENCE

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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

(a) Target(s) and Locati	ion(s) lobores of	PS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA	UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Ove	er Target(s)	(Zone
(c) Clouds Over Target_	25001	(BASE IN FEET	T. TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)	•	
(d) Visibility of Target_	Slight hose (CLEAR, HA	ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	/isibility	(MILES)
(f) Bombing Tactics: Ty		(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)		sed n	(TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per R	un VI - ONG	Spacing_	- Altitude	of Bomb Rel	ease 4000 (FEET)
(g) Number of Enemy A	ircraft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed_	nono	Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	NO. HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
T B-W runney	Dobara	VI-24	40 - 100# G.P. bombs	20	Cretered
2 The runner	Dobere	V2-24	40 - 100/ G.P. bombs	35	Gratored
3 T Motor Roll		8 72-24	64 rockets	-	Serious
4 F Motor Rolld		W-24	24 rockets - strefe	-	Serious
5 Parameter	Nobara	TIP-24	4 bombs	4	Cratered
6 N-S PROMOY Bluerescores	Mobara	TD-24	4 bombs	4	Cratered
P Storago area		WF-24			
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- WP 3) This is a group of approximately fifteen buildings located about 500 yards west of a hirara town. Numerous hits were scored in the area and two large gasokine fires WP 4) started. Numerous truck revetments surround the area many of which are occupied. The exact number of trucks hit and destroyed is unknown.
- VF 7 This area is located on the west coast of the northern part of Miyako. It consists of caves and small revetted buildings, dispersed in a line along the base of an escarpment for a half mile. Large fires were started all through the area. Whatever is started there burned very easily.

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

ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY OWN AIRCRAFT

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

Méthod 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

ATTACK

OWN TACTICS

Night Fighting

Recognition, Aircraft

Method of Locating Target
Approach to Target
Altitudes, Speeds
Approach
Dive
Pull-Out
Dive Angle
Strafing
Retirement
Defensive Tactics
Use of Jamming

DEFENSE, ENEMY

Evasivé 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 flight, led by Lieutenant P. N. CHARBONNET, Air Group Commander, approached the target from the west at 9000. Weather condition were favorable and visibility good.

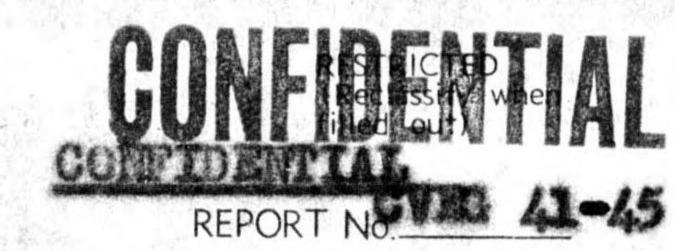
Each division of VF teamed up with a division of torpode planes, one group attacking the N-S runways, the other the N-N runway at Nobara airfield. The fighters led off, pushing over into a 70° dive releasing their bombs at 4000°, followed by the VF glide bombing attacks. Approximately 50% of the hundred pounders found their marks.

Next, the figitht went after an active motor poel revealed in recent photographs. The WF went in straffing and firing their rockets at 1000 yards slant range, followed by the WT in similar 30° glides. Excellent results were obtained here. At least two or three of the buildings burned and several gusoline fires blazed up fiercely. The conflagration was still burning more than an hour later.

The fighters then went on patrol, searching for additional targets. A straffing attack on a storage cave area was made, starting several additional fires before the flight reformed and returned to base.

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

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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