





# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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REPORT No. CAG-94-1

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

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	(c) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1		None		
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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	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
		None		

## VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	(d) AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	(f) AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h) NO. OF PLANES RETURNING	
						.30	.50	20MM	MM		
F4U-4	200	200	4	387	267			2170			9
F6F-5	<del>180</del> 200	<del>175</del> 200	4	400	300			200			4

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

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY—Time-fused shells, 75mm and over			X	
MEDIUM—Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm			X	
LIGHT—Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	X			

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

- SPEED, CLIMB,  
at various altitudes
- URNS
- 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) Aircraft Utsonomiya Airfield (b) Time Over Target(s) 0555 I (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 Slight Industrial Haze (e) Visibility 30  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used Gunsight  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run 1 Spacing \_\_\_\_\_ Altitude of Bomb Release 5000  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 0 Probably Destroyed 0 Damaged 0

(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 Aircraft SW corner of field		4 VBF-94	4 x 500 and 50 caliber ammo.	2	See below
2 Aircraft SE corner of field		2 VBF-94	2 x 500 and 50 caliber ammo.	1	
3 Aircraft NW corner of field		3 VBF-94	2 x 500 and 50 caliber ammo.	1	
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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.)

- Two (2) unobserved.
- One (1) unobserved.
- One (1) unobserved and one (1) expended in a bridge due to failure to release while in dive. Result unobserved.

These 500# VT fused bombs seemed to burst and cover area below but due to high altitude of release and dispersion effect of this fuse any observation of damage assessment is practically impossible.

The photo plane was scheduled to make a primary coverage run over three airfields. No damage showed in these photos and they are not attached.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes 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.)

VBF Narrative

VBF-94 approached target by navigation to coast 10 miles NW of Sukegawa. Flights then headed SW to 8 miles SE of target taking evasive action of 30°-40° turns and loss of altitude of 500'.

Target was then circled to starboard at 13500' and run was made from N-S on aircraft and SE and SW end of target area. Fifty degree dive was made from 10,000 feet releasing at 5000'. One division, unable to hold in dive because of being too close to target for existing altitude, released on N end of strip. A few pilots strafed down to 4000' while most pulled out at 4000'.

Retirement with sufficient jinking was made to rendezvous point 10 miles S of field. Flight then climbed to 14000' and returned to coast 4-5 miles N of Mito.

VF Narrative

Escorted to area by VBF and broke off 5 miles E of Utsonomiya. At 15000 feet made photo run from N to S over Utsonomiya observing at the time 3 bomb hits of VBF attacking planes. These bombs exploded over hangar area E of field and were well spaced. After photo run turned W and then N to make photo runs over Mibu and Utsonomiya South airfields. After completion circled area clockwise outside of heavy AA range, rendezvousing with VBF 10 miles S of Utsonomiya.



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

VBF Comments

Majority of pilots felt a strafing run should also have been made to insure destruction of aircraft finally observed during pull out of bombing run. There was no AA over target itself and no aircraft interception.

Pilots felt due to lack of information as to specific location of aircraft and inability to visually locate from altitude of pushover bombs should have been dropped on hangars where some aircraft probably located. This comment would not apply after photos were obtained showing exact location of aircraft.

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