

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VF-33 (b) Based on or at USS SANGAMON (CVE-26) (c) Report No. 75
 (d) Take off: Date 30 April 1945 Time (LZT) 2200(I) (Zone); Lat. 24°20'N Long. 127°06'E
 (e) Mission: Intruder ISHIGAKI JIMA Airfields (f) Time of Return 0220(I) (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
F6F-5N	VF-33	2	2	2	1 100 G.P. 4 A.R. 5" head	Tail AN M 100 A2 .1 Base IK 157

III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
TBM-3E	VT-33	1	USS SANGAMON				

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	(c) NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
Tony	2	2	2400 (ZONE)	Over MIYARA airfield	unobserved	unobserved
Val	1	1	2400 (ZONE)	ISHIGAKI JIMA do	do	do

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) Land on MIYARA AIRFIELD

Did Any Part of

(i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? No If so, Describe Clouds _____
(YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

Time of Day and Brilliance

(j) of Sun or Moon Night - Bright Moon (k) Visibility Night
(NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON, DAY, OVERCAST, ETC.) (MILES)

V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:				(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		
Tony	F6F-5N	VF-33	Ens. Robert GORDON USNR.	6 .50	Cockpit & left wing destroyed 6 level.	

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(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 Location(s) Airfield ISHIGAKI JIMA
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Over Target(s) 2300(I) (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target Strato Cumulus 300 feet solid
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Hazy
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (e) Visibility 3
(MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used MK 8 night reticle
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) Rockets and Slant range 1200 yds
Rockets Fired 6 Altitude of Bomb Release 3000 feet
(NUMBER) 1 Spacing 0 (FEET) Altitude of Bomb Release 3000 feet
(FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 1 S.E. 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 ISHIGAKI Airfield Area	5500 x 2000 ft.	2 VF VF-33	2 100 G.P. 8 A.R. strafed	2 8	Slight
2 MIYARA Airfield Area	5500 ft. 2000 ft.	2 VF VF-33	Strafed		Slight
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					

(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. Fires started in revetment area south of runway, location ISHIGAKI JIMA.
2. About five small fires started on wooded revetment area. Location ISHIGAKI JIMA.

At (2) as result of strafing on S/E aircraft left burning furiously at south east tip of east west runway by Lt(jg) RANKIN.

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

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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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The entire Island of ISHIGAKI had more lights than usual and at MIYARA Field many lights were seen among the trees and the taxiways. All were strafed continually. Back of MIYARA a large search light or beam light was pointed seaward blinking at planes over the airfield.

AN-APS A radar gear worked beautifully for Ensign GORDON, but Lt(jg) RANKIN was unable to pick up any Bogey on his set although visual contact.

Contact at low altitude such as this in hilly terrain made it hard to maintain indications on the scope due to interference and black outs.

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