

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No. 10

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

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Ishigaki Airfield and vicinity - Miyako Field (b) Time Over Target(s) 0940-0940 (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 4/10 covered at 4000 ft. (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Good (e) Visibility 8/10 (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used --- (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run Average - 3 Spacing 20-40 Altitude of Bomb Release 2500 (NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 2 Probably Destroyed 4 Damaged ---

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING		(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
		(k) SQUADRON				
1 Plane shelter, # of airfield	---	5VF	VC-97	34-100# bombs 25-R.P.'s	See below	See narrative
2 Revetments and aircraft	---	2VF	VC-97	10-100# bombs 2-R.P.'s	See below	See narrative
3 Shika town	---	1VF 2VF	VC-97	6-R.P.'s 1200 rds 50, 500 rds 30 Cal.	See below	See narrative
4				2 napalm.		
5 Ishigaki town	---	4VF	VC-97	1000 rds 50 cal 2 Napalm	See below	See narrative
6 Miyako Field	---	1VF 1VF	VC-97	1-100# 2-R.P.'s 520-500cal. 350-300cal.	See below	See narrative
7 Launches	30 ft. long	1VF	VC-97	150 rds 50 cal.	See below	unobserved
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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).

With the exception of "6", all the above were "Area Attacks". The individual targets within the area are too numerous to set out in detail. See narrative for overall picture of results of this mission.

One comment that should be made concerns the effectiveness of NAPALM. One NAPALM was carried by each of the 4 VF's participating in this mission and excellent results were obtained in each case. Large fires were started in both Shika and Ishigaki. In each case where it was dropped, large fires resulted.

(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.)

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

Lt. Comdr. M. T. WHITTIER, USNR, led this flight of six Avengers and four fighters against Ishigaki airfield and vicinity. Forty-nine 100 lb. G.P. bombs, four Napalm and thirty-six 5 inch H.E. rockets were expended into targets. No enemy air opposition was encountered. Two enemy planes (unidentified) were destroyed and four probably destroyed. Revetments and AA positions were hit by bombs and rockets. The Napalm was effective, large fires having been started in Ishigaki Town and Shika Town. Included among the buildings set afire was one believed to house Japanese aircraft. Three small launches off Ishigaki Town were strafed, also.

Intense AA was encountered throughout the mission, and one plane (TBM BuNo. 68767) was reported shot down over the airfield. The pilot, Lieut. Vernon L. TENO, 121397, (A1), USNR, and aircrewman, LOYD, W.R., 342 23 51, ANH3c(T) (CA), and TUGGLE, S. (n), Jr., 617 47 22, ADM1c(T) (CA) were reported as missing in action. The plane flamed on landing. A parachute was reported seen on the ground just after the plane crashed, but was not observed later.

In addition to Lieut. TENO'S plane, the Avenger flown by Lt. (jg) E. D. ANDREWS, USNR, was struck by AA fire, the left wing being severely damaged. The left wing of the Wildcat flown by Lt. (jg) E. J. CHUBB, likewise, was damaged, the outboard end of the flap and wing section above being destroyed.

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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

No Comments.

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W. H. BRADEN Jr. Lieut., USNR, AGI Off.

**M. T. WHITTIER, Lt. Comdr., USNR,
Commanding Officer.**

15 April 1945.

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ISHIGAKI 1-15-45 MIYARA AIR STRIP VIEW LOOKING WEST



ISHIGAKI

4-15-45

(OVER)

NOTE: VIEW SHOWING TOWN OF ISHIBAKI & ISHIBAKI AIRSTRIP.
SMALL CLOUD OF SMOKE TO RIGHT OF PICTURE MARKS
SQUADRON TBM SHOT DOWN IN AREA