

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VC-53 (b) Based on or at USS Sargent Bay (CVE-53) (c) Report No. 124
 (d) Take off: Date 7 June 1945 Time (LZT) 1259 (1) (Zone); Lat. 24°05'N Long. 126°20'E
 (e) Mission Neutralization of Miyaru and Hagina Airfields on Ishigaki, Sakishima Ganto (f) Time of Return 1622 (1) (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)		
<u>FN-2</u>	<u>VC-53</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6 - 50 (HE)AR</u> <u>10 - 100 lb. G.P.</u>	<u>Rose plug - .02 base Inst.</u>
<u>FN-3</u>	<u>VC-53</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8 - 50 (HE)AR</u>	<u>Rose plug - .02 base</u>

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
			<u>NONE</u>				

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
		<u>NONE</u>	(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) _____
 Did Any Part of _____
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? _____ If so, Describe Clouds _____ (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 (YES OR NO)
 Time of Day and Brilliance _____
 (j) of Sun or Moon _____ (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (k) Visibility _____ (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:			GUNS USED	(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER			
			<u>NONE</u>			

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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) Ishigaki - targets of opportunity (b) Time Over Target(s) 1357 (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 Light Haze (e) Visibility 20
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used HE 5 gunsight or none
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run 4 planes - all Spacing 40 - 150 ft. Slant range 1000 - 2000 yds.
2 planes - 2 (NUMBER) (FEET) Altitude of Bomb Release 1500-2000 ft.
(FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed none Probably Destroyed none Damaged 3

(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 Dispersal area Miyara airfield		8 FM, 3 F4U VC-53	24 - 100 lb. GP 40 - 5" (HS) AR	all	slight
2 Stock pile at road junction		1 FM, 3 F4U VC-53	25 - 100 lb. GP 16 - 5" (HS) AR	don't know	slight
3 North edge of town of Shiraha		3 FM, 5 F4U VC-53	11 - 100 lb. GP 38 - 5" (HS) AR	all	serious
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. What looked to be camouflaged areas, but may have merely been clumps of trees in dispersal area east and northwest of runway were bombed, rocketed, and strafed without observed results except that a fire was started in one place. One T/B aircraft which may have been operational was hit with a rocket. There was a small explosion but no fire. Two other aircraft which looked to be operational were strafed and possibly hit with rocket but did not burn. One non-operational aircraft was further damaged by strafing.

2. What looked like a camouflaged pile of stores near a road junction was bombed and rocketed and strafed heavily. A small fire was started and burned a long time.

3. The thinly wooded area at the north side of the town, thought to contain AA positions was bombed, rocketed, and strafed. Six fires were started, probably small houses and one large fire which was still burning when the planes left.

(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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