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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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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) 125° Patrol craft 34-48N, 139-35E 181455Z to 181510Z  
Ship, Undetermined type 34-55N, 139-40E 181530Z (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target 1000 ft, strato cu, 10/10  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 8  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) ~~Bombing~~ Tactics: Type Level Bomb Sight Used APQ-5  
Rockets fired 2 and 2 25 and 25 200 and 200  
~~Bombing~~ per Run 4 Spacing 25 Altitude of Bomb Release 200  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

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

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	(l) <del>Bombs</del> <u>rockets</u> AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED WITH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HIT ON Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (Type, extent, etc.)
1 Patrol craft	125 feet	(j) 1 (k) VMB 612	2	None	None
2 Same as No. 1	125 feet	(j) 1 (k) VMB 612	2	None	None
3 Ship undetermined type		(j) 1 (k) VMB 612	4	2	Unobserved
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(o) RESULTS: For all hits claimed on ship targets and for land targets of special interest, a 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 number (or additional strike, if necessary).

Attacks No. 1 and No. 2 on target No. 1, patrol craft, no hits.  
Attack No. 3, on target No. 2, undetermined type ship, 2 hits. Visual contact was not made with target No. 2, hence no evaluation as to type, size nor location of hits.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? None 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.)

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**ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY**

**OWN AIRCRAFT**

- Disposition
- Altitudes
- Speeds
- Approach Tactics
- Use of Cover, Deception
- Angles of Attack and Their Effectiveness
- Distance of Opening Fire
- Defensive 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
- Defensive Tactics, Own
- Flexible Gunnery, Own
- Esprit Tactics
- Fighter Direction
- Use of Radar
- Night Fighting
- Recognition, Aircraft

PBJ was assigned night anti-shipping search of B sector (Iwo Jima to 27-00N, 142-20E, thence to 34-45N, 140-00E, search Sagami Nada, Suruga Wan and return to base via Miyake Jima, Hachijo Jima and the Bonin Islands searching each area).

Radar contact was made near entrance to Sagami Nada in Blind Bombing zone, at 34-48N, 139-35E, identified as 125' patrol craft on course of 280° speed undetermined. Two rocket attacks were made on this craft as follows: attack number 1—course of A/C 330°, speed 180 kts, altitude 200 feet, range 1800 yards, time 181455Z, 2 rockets fired, no hits. Attack number 2—course of A/C 060°, speed and altitude 180 kts, and 200 feet, range 1750 yards, time 181510Z, 2 rockets fired, no hits. During second attack meager, inaccurate A.. fire from Patrol Craft was observed.

After 2nd attack a larger indication was picked up at 34-55N, 139-40E, course of contact approximately 010°, speed undetermined. An attack was made on this second target as follows: course of A/C 130°, speed 180 kts, altitude 200', range 1780 yards, time 181530Z, 4 rockets fired, 2 hits observed. Damage unobserved. Visual contact was not established with this second target.

PBJ continued on patrol sighting one small fishing craft in Suruga Wan and running lights of unidentified aircraft. No other shipping contacts were made.

**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

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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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