



# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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REPORT No. **VF-12-15**

## 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, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1 <b>F6P-5</b>	<b>VF-12</b>	<b>Medium AA fire</b>	<b>Fuselage, near tail</b>	<b>Total loss; Bu.No. 72295</b>
2 <b>F6P-5</b>	<b>VF-12</b>	<b>Heavy AA (prob. 120mm)</b>	<b>Stb. Horiz. stabilizer</b>	<b>Replaced</b>
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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
1	<b>VF-12</b>	<b>Ens. Jay M. FINLEY, USNR</b>	<b>Enemy AA fire; shot down</b>	<b>Recovered by DUMBO-condition good-returned to squadron</b>

## 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	
<b>F6P-5</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>400 gls.</b>	<b>300 gls.</b>		<b>9,570</b>			<b>14</b>
<b>F6P-5P</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>400 gls.</b>	<b>300 gls.</b>					<b>2</b>

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

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

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

SPEED, CLIMB,  
at various altitudes

TURNS  
DIVES  
CEILINGS  
RANGE  
PROTECTION  
ARMAMENT

**None encountered.**

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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) **Ship: Sugar 2 stacks, HAZE KO, ANAMI O'SHIMA, NANSEI SHOTO** (b) Time Over Target(s) **1450 (I)** (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target **2700' Base; Alto-Stratus; 10/10 Cover**  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target **Hazy** (e) Visibility **Varied from 2-6 mi.**  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) ~~Bombing~~ **Rocket** Tactics: Type **Glide** Bomb Sight Used **MK 23 gunsight**  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

~~Bombs~~ **Rockets** Dropped per Run **2** Spacing **0** Altitude of Bomb Release **700' Slat Range**  
(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) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 <b>Stern</b>	<b>5000 T</b>	<b>3</b> <b>VF-12</b>	<b>6 Rockets</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Slight</b>
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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).

**This ship was already damaged and beached. The interior was badly burned out, only the aft portion appearing to be undamaged. Smoke emerged from the stern area hit but no fire was observed. A FOX TARE CHARLIE was found beached and completely gutted in an adjoining cove to the south in HAZE KO, but was passed over as a target.**

**Photographs do not show damage inflicted.**

(p) Were Photographs Taken? **Yes** 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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**NO COMMENTS**

**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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