

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK IS MADE)

REPORT No. CAG94-15

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) South Coast of Shikoku (b) Time Over Target(s) 1000 I (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target Solid overcast - from 1000 up - with rain
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Poor (e) Visibility 1 mile
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Shallow Dive Bomb Sight Used Seaman's eye
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run 1 Spacing -- Altitude of Bomb Release 2000
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 0 Probably Destroyed 0 Damaged 0

(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 Targets of opportunity at Okuuchi, Shikoku		8 VB-94	8 x 1000	8	See 1 below
2					
3 Targets of opportunity at Murato, Shikoku		4 VF-94	4 x 1000	4	See 2 below
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 - As targets of opportunity eight bombs were dropped on SW tip of Shikoku Island on the town of Okuuchi, and nearby irrigation installations. Damage slight.
- 2 - Dropped 4 x 2000 pound bombs on dock area and radio station at Murato Sake on Shikoku. Set fires at dock area and damaged or sank two small craft and a Sugar Dog.
- 3 - VF jettisoned bombs.

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

XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA:

Flight Resume:

Although the carrier was operating in a clear area, this flight ran into impossible flying conditions about 100 miles out. As shown in the squadron narratives a few planes dropped their bombs on targets of opportunity on the coast of Shikoku, others jettisoned their bombs. No planes were able to reach the targets at Kure Naval Base.

VF Narrative:

This six plane flight (VF) was unable to reach target due to zero ceiling conditions enroute and at target. Ordered to jettison bombs by target coordinator, an attempt was made to drop over enemy land installations. However, ceiling was so low that this was impossible and when bombs were dropped the flight was over water.

VB Narrative:

Approximately 100 miles out the weather closed to ϕ - ϕ . VB climbed thru a partial hole, going on instruments at 6500 feet and breaking thru at 11,000 feet and continued toward the target but were instructed not to proceed all the way in, since the target area was overcast. VB found an opening on the SW tip of Shikoku and glide-bombed a small town.

VT Narrative:

VT squadron flew to the coast of Shikoku under the low overcast. Being unable to get across the mountains, it was decided to attack targets of opportunity. Four planes got enough altitude to release. The remainder of the planes jettisoned their bombs. Strafed two Sugar Dogs and a radio station at Muroto Sake.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA:

No comments.

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