

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VOC-1 (b) Based on or at USS MARCUS ISLAND (c) Report No. VOC-1/109
 (d) Take off: Date 28 April 1945 Time (LZT) 1617 I (Zone); Lat. 25-07 N Long. 128-25 E
 (e) Mission Target Combat Air Patrol (f) Time of Return 1909 I (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)		
FM-2	VOC-1	4	4			

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE

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
Val	4	4	1730 I (ZONE)	40 Mi. North Aguni Shima	Large Bomb	green
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) attack on U.S. ships
 Did Any Part of _____
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? No (YES OR NO) If so, Describe Clouds _____ (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 Time of Day and Brilliance _____
 (j) of Sun or Moon Day (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (k) Visibility 15 (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:				(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		
Val	FM-2	VOC-1	Lt(jg) R.V.B. Yentzer USNR	4 x 50	Wing roots & engine	Destroyed
Val	FM-2	VOC-1	Lt(jg) Walter A. Foley, USNR	4 x 50	Belly tank & fuselage	Destroyed
Val	FM-2	VOC-1	Lt(jg) Yentzer Lt(jg) Foley	4 x 50	Engine & fuselage	Destroyed
Val	FM-2	VOC-1	Lt. F.S. Schaffler USNR			
			Lt(jg) T.H. Manus USNR	4 x 50	Port wing root & engine	Destroyed

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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) _____ (b) Time Over Target(s) _____ (Zone) _____
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target _____
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target _____ (e) Visibility _____
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type _____ Bomb Sight Used _____
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run _____ Spacing _____ Altitude of Bomb Release _____
(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	(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					
2					
3					
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).

(p) Were Photographs Taken? _____ 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

During the invasion of Okinawa a division of 4 FM-2s led by Lt. Schauffler stationed on combat air patrol forty miles north of Aguni Shima sighted three Vals in V formation proceeding south at an altitude of 17000. From a 3000' altitude advantage Lt. Schauffler maneuvered into an attack from out of the sun. Apparently they were not seen until the attack was begun, at which time the leader Val made a series of zooms and the wing planes broke off to right and left in dives.

Lt(jg) Yentzer dove at the plane which had broken to the right, following him down to 10,000 and despite full throttle, early speed and altitude advantage having difficulty in catching him. He fired some long range bursts into the left wing, flames starting from underneath and over the wing root. At 10000' the Val tried to pull up and Yentzer scored hits into his engine, rolled over to the right and saw the Val break apart and fall into the water.

As Yentzer began his dive the lead Val attempted to follow him down. Lt(jg) Foley jumped him and flew up his tail, flaming his belly tank and pouring rounds into his fuselage. The plane turned and skidded violently and then exploded. The pilot attempted to bail out. He was hit by bullets as he climbed out of the cockpit and was seen to be on fire. The chute opened but the pilot hung limp during descent.

Yentzer and Foley were circling the descending chute at 5000' when they sighted a lone Val. He saw them at the same time, turning violently to the left and into them. They made a section run, getting a full deflection shot and hitting into the engine. The Val split "S" ed and Yentzer pulled up over him. Foley cut back and noting that he was already smoking gave him another burst. Yentzer again joined in as the Val slipped in his direction. Both Foley and Yentzer followed and fired until the plane hit the water. A violent explosion followed impact.

Schaufffler and McManus diving through the formation, selected the plane breaking to the left. Each got in three good bursts, hitting into the wing roots and engine. The plane smoked heavily and went in, credit for its destruction being evenly distributed. Prior to its demise the Val jettisoned a long thin bomb with a large round fin. It had a rocket like appearance with head or body estimated at approximately five feet in length. A violent explosion occurred as it hit the water.

Schaufffler and McManus pursued the Val from 20000 down to the water, observing many of their bullets bounce off the fuselage in the vicinity of the pilot and gunners sections.

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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 comment.

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