

James K New 3/26/86

OPNAV-16-223
Form ACA-1
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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED
(Reclassify when filled out)

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VF-1 (b) Based on or at U.S.S. BENNINGTON (CV-20) (c) Report No. 9-45
 (d) Take off: Date 14 July 1945 Time (LZT) 0400 Item (Zone); Lat 42°-45'N Long 144°-10'E
Strike against Kushiro Area, Hokkaido, Japan,
 (e) Mission Lat. 42°-40'N; Long. 144°-25'E. (f) Time of Return 0832 Item (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)		
F6F-5	VF-1	8		8	6-HVAR (5") 5" head and motor.	Mk 149, Inst.

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
None							

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
			(ZONE)	None		
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) _____
 Did Any Part of _____
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? _____ If so, Describe Clouds _____
(YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 Time of Day and Brilliance _____
 (j) of Sun or Moon _____ (k) Visibility _____
(NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (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		
			None		

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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) **Kushiro, Hokkaido, Japan**
Lat. 42°-58'N; Long. 144°-25'E (b) Time Over Target(s) **0620-0625** **Item**
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target **2500; Stratus; 10/10**
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target **Partially obscured by clouds.** (e) Visibility **20**
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) ~~Bombs~~ **Rocket** Tactics: Type **Dive - 50°** ~~Bomb~~ **Gun** Sight Used **Mark VIII (fixed)**
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

~~Bombs~~ **Rockets** Dropped per Run **4 - 6** Spacing **- - - - -** Altitude of Bomb Release **3,500-2,000**
(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 Ship	Fox Tare Dog 150-200 ft.	6 VF-1	20-HVAR (5") 1762 rds..50 cal.MG	7	left burning
2 Train	14 cars	8 VF-1	10-HVAR (5") 3326 rds..50 cal.MG	3	locomotive sieved - one car left burning
3 5 fishing vessels	35' - 50' length	8 VF-1	2-HVAR (5") 2326 rds..50 cal.MG		one left burning
4 Warehouses	200' x 50'	4 VF-1	12-HVAR (5") 1748 rds..50 cal.MG	3	roof holed 1 bldg. 2 bldgs.left smoking
5 Train	6 cars	4 VF-1	4-HVAR (5") 2178 rds..50 cal.MG		wall sieved
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. Ship 10 miles N.W. of Kushiro.
2. Train near and headed to Hamanaka.
3. Fishing vessels 10 miles W. of Akkoshi Wan.
4. Train 3 miles south of Shitakara.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? _____ 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. Use additional sheets if necessary).

ARMAMENT

- Guns, Gunsights
- Turrets
- Ammunition
- Bombs, Torpedoes
- Bomb Sights
- Bomb Releases

None

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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