

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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## I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting OVRO-33 (b) Based on or at U.S.S. SANGAMON (c) Report No. OVRO-33 #27  
(VT-33 #62)  
(VT-33 #45)  
126°33'W  
 (d) Take off: Date 3 May 1945 Time (LZT) 0540(I) (Zone); Lat. 24°14'N Long. 126°33'W  
 (e) Mission Strike on Airfields, Miyako (f) Time of Return 0850(I) (Zone)

## II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			ATTACKING TARGET (e)	BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)				
<del>76F-5B</del>	<del>VT-33</del>	<del>8</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>8</del>	<del>2 X 100 G.P.</del>	<del>Nose AN M-103 A1 .2 sec.</del>	
					<del>4 AR-5" head</del>	<del>Tail AN M 100 A2 .1 sec.</del>	
						<del>MK. 157 .02 sec.</del>	
<del>TBM-3B</del>	<del>VT-33</del>	<del>6</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>6</del>	<del>2 X 500 G.P.</del>	<del>Nose AN-M 219 .1 sec.</del>	
					<del>4 X 100 G.P.</del>	<del>Tail AN-M 101 A2 .1 sec.</del>	
					<del>7 AR-5" head</del>	<del>Tail AN-M 100 A2 .1 sec.</del>	
						<del>MK. 157 .02 sec.</del>	

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<del>N-o-n-o</del>							

## 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
<del>N-o-n-o</del>						
			(ZONE)			
			(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 \_\_\_\_\_ (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (k) Visibility \_\_\_\_\_ (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		
<del>N-o-n-o</del>						

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## 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>TBM-3E</b>	<b>VT-33</b>	<b>Debris thrown up by own RP hit.</b>	<b>Forward panel pilot's cockpit, 12 o'clock below.</b>	<b>Replace panel</b>
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4 <b>TBM-3E</b>	<b>VT-33</b>	<b>7.7 mm.</b>	<b>Clock in tunnel and turret. 12 o'clock below.</b>	<b>Replace clock, skin patch.</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>VT-33</b>	<b>FRENCH, Sam (n). ARN2c</b>	<b>Light AA</b>	<b>Minor skin puncture right shoulder tip. Condition excellent.</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>T6J-5E</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>3 1/6</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>250</b>	-	<b>1350</b>	-	-	<b>6</b>
<b>TBM-3E</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>3 1/6</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>575</b>	-	-	<b>6</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>			
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	<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

- TURNING
- DIVES
- CEILINGS
- RANGE
- PROTECTION
- ARMAMENT

**N-O-N-E**

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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) Airfields, Miyako Jima (b) Time Over Target(s) 0630(1) (Zone) \_\_\_\_\_  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target Stratus, 3500 ft. solid with scuds below at 1500 ft.  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target None (e) Visibility 1 to 2  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Slide Bomb Sight Used NR. VIII  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run VF-2 Spacing 0 Altitude of Bomb Release 2000 to 8000  
(NUMBER) (FEET) Rockets S/R 500 to 1500 yds.

(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 <u>Hirara runways &amp; revetments</u>		<u>1</u> <u>VF-33</u>	<u>2 X 100 G.P.</u> <u>4 X AR Strafing</u>	<u>2</u> <u>4</u>	<u>Unobserved</u>
2 " "		<u>3</u> <u>VF-33</u>	<u>6 X 500, 12 X 100 G.P.</u> <u>20 AR</u>	<u>18</u> <u>20</u>	<u>Slight</u>
3 <u>Nobara runways &amp; revetments</u>		<u>3</u> <u>VF-33</u>	<u>6 X 100 G.P.</u> <u>12 X AR Strafing</u>	<u>6</u> <u>12</u>	<u>Serious</u>
4 " "		<u>3</u> <u>VF-33</u>	<u>6 X 500, 12 X 100 G.P.</u> <u>20 AR</u>	<u>18</u> <u>20</u>	<u>Slight</u>
5 <u>Military camp</u>		<u>2</u> <u>VF-33</u>	<u>4 X 100 G.P.</u> <u>8 X AR</u>	<u>4</u> <u>8</u>	<u>Slight</u>
6 <u>Ikena Shima N.W. Coast</u>		<u>2</u> <u>VF-33</u>	<u>4 X 100 G.P.</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Unobserved</u>
7 <u>Yorabu Shima General</u>		<u>2</u> <u>VF-33</u>	<u>8 X AR</u>	<u>Unobserved</u>	
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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).

- The northerly airfield on Miyako. Runways cratered but due to low ceiling extent of damage to revetments unobserved.
- All bombs in area of East-West Runway and rockets hit in revetment and hangar installation south of west end of East-West Runway. VF bomb hit in revetment caused explosion followed by large cloud of black smoke that arose like a funnel. Probably destroyed fuel dump.
- Two VF in their dive on Nobara Airfield popped out of the clouds short to find themselves over an army camp about 1 1/2 miles east of Nobara so dropped on it. Rockets and bombs hit the camp area. Results unobserved.
- Rather than jettison load in water when required to leave target, two VF let go in these two general areas as they passed over them.
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(p) Were Photographs Taken? No 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

**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

**Forward panel of TBM was hit by rocks and mud, which appar-  
ently was thrown up by plane's own rocket hit. When hit, plane  
was at 350 ft. altitude.**

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