

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED  
(Reclassify when  
filled out)

## I. GENERAL

CONFIDENTIAL

(a) Unit Reporting VF-12 (b) Based on or at USS Randolph (CV-15) (c) Report No. VF-12-32  
 (d) Take off: Date 22 April 1945 Time (LZT) 1427 (I) (Zone); Lat. 26 - 40N Long. 129 - 59E  
 (e) Mission Target CAP, OKINAWA JIMA, HANSEI SHOTO (f) Time of Return 1809(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)		
<b>F6F-5</b>	<b>VF-12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<b>None</b>							

## 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
<b>NATE</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1610(I)</b> (ZONE)	<b>27-07N</b> <b>127-50E</b>	<b>500# bomb(?) External</b>	<b>Olive drab</b>
<b>NATE</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1605(I)</b> (ZONE)	<b>27-00N</b> <b>128-18E</b>	<b>500# bomb(?) External</b>	<b>Olive drab</b>
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) Bombing attack vs OKINAWA, TF 51 or TF 58  
 Did Any Part of  
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? No 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 Late afternoon - very hazy (k) Visibility 5  
(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	GUNS USED		
<b>NATE</b>	<b>F6F-5</b>	<b>VF-12</b>	<b>Lt. (jg) J.M. FRANKS, USNR</b>	<b>6x.50</b>	<b>C'pit, 5:30, above</b>	<b>Destroyed</b>
<b>NATE</b>	"	"	<b>Lt. (jg) R.D. GATLIN, USNR</b>	<b>6x.50</b>	<b>C'pit, 4, level</b>	<b>Destroyed</b>
<b>NATE</b>	"	"	<b>Lt. (jg) R.D. GATLIN, USNR</b>	<b>6x.50</b>	<b>C'pit, 7, level</b>	<b>Destroyed</b>
<b>NATE</b>	"	"	<b>Ens. W.L. SMART, USNR</b>	<b>6x.50</b>	<b>Fus., Eng., 3, level</b>	<b>Destroyed</b>
<b>NATE</b>	"	"	<b>Ens. T.J. NORTHGUTT, USNR</b>	<b>6x.50</b>	<b>Fus., 5, level</b>	<b>Prob. Dest.</b>
<b>NATE</b>	"	"	<b>Ens. E.H. BALL, USNR</b>	<b>6x.50</b>	<b>Fus., 4, above</b>	<b>Prob. Dest.</b>
<b>NATE</b>	"	"	<b>Ens. W.L. SMART, USNR</b>	<b>6x.50</b>	<b>Fus., 6, level</b>	<b>Damaged</b>





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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

**No comments**

**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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