

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

(Reclassify when filled out)

CONFIDENTIAL

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VP-24 (b) Based on or at USS SAMPSON • At Sea (c) Report No. 51-45
 (d) Take off: Date 29 May 1945 Time (LZT) 0515 I (Zone); Lat. 24°-32' N Long. 126°-44' E
 (e) Mission Fighter Sweep - Ishigaki Jima (f) Time of Return 0345 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)		
<u>VF-5</u>	<u>VP-24</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1 x 500 lb. G.P. Mk 64 6 - 5" H.E. rockets</u>	<u>Inst. nose -.025 tail Base fuse only</u>

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<u>none</u>							

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
<u>none</u>			<u>(ZONE)</u>			
			<u>(ZONE)</u>			
			<u>(ZONE)</u>			

(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		
<u>none</u>					

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

CONFIDENTIAL

RESTRICTED
(Reclassify when
filled out)

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No. 51-45

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

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Ishigaki airfield and Iriomote Jint (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) Time Over Target(s) 0625 I (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 1000° 9/10 (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Easy (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (e) Visibility 10 miles (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Dive (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) Bomb Sight Used M: 8 gunsight (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run One (NUMBER) Spacing -- (FEET) Altitude of Bomb Release 2500° (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 E - W runway	Ishigaki	4 VF-24	4 bombs	3	Cratered
2 NE-SW runway	Ishigaki	4 VF-24	4 bombs	3	Cratered
3 Storage Bldgs.	Ishigaki	8 VF-24	36 rockets-Strafe	-	--
4 Warehouses & Barracks	Ishigaki	8 VF-24	12 rockets-Strafe	-	--
5 Coastal Bents	35° - 50°	4 VF-24	Straffed	-	--
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.)

VF 3-4-5 Although many definite hits were seen on all three targets, no specific damage was observed.

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

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

CONFIDENTIAL

RESTRICTED
(Reclassify when
filled out)

REPORT No. 51-45

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

This flight, led by Lieutenant R. B. ELLERY, opened their attack at Ishigaki airfield, approaching with division abreast at 10,000 from the northwest.

Each division began their dives simultaneously in 70° angles, Lieutenant ELLERY's division going after the E-W Runway as Lieut(jg) MARIANI aimed at the NE-SW strip. They released their bombs at 2500' and retired to the south over the water at high speed. Medium and light A/A was encountered on this attack, however none of the planes were hit.

Next, a rocket and strafing attack was made on the storage and shop buildings NE of Ishigaki field. Approach was made from 8000' in 50° dives, all but two of the planes firing rockets in salvo at 1000 yards slant range. Damage could not be observed, although several several hits were seen.

The flight proceeded to Iriomote Jima, scouted the island for targets, found four 35' coastal craft on the beach which were strafed and hit without observing the damage. Two planes fired their 12 remaining rockets at a storage building and warehouse without visible damage.

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

CONFIDENTIAL

RESTRICTED
(Reclassify when
filed out)

REPORT No. 51-45

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

REPORT PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

E.T. WELLS, Lt(jg) AGI Officer

SIGNATURE

RANK AND DUTY

P. H. CHAMBERLAIN, Jr. Lieut. U.S.N.
Acting

SIGNATURE

RANK AND DUTY

5 June 1945

DATE