

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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RESTRICTED
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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No. **AG-47, #53**
(VF-47, #50)

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) **Tokuno Airfield, Nansai Shoto** (b) Time Over Target(s) **0800(-9)** (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target **Ceiling unlimited**
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target **Clear** (e) Visibility _____ (MILES)
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type **Dive (60°)** Bomb Sight Used **5 - 10**
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run **1** Spacing **--** Altitude of Bomb Release **2500 - 3500**
(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 Tokuno Strip and revetments		4 VF-47	4 - 500 lb. Bombs	3	Craters in Strip. One revetment hit.
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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).

Objective of this combination strike and Target CAP was to destroy aircraft or aircraft facilities and to further crater the air strip in order to keep it inoperational if possible. No operational aircraft were observed, so all bombs were dropped on the southeastern end of the air-strip. One damaged a revetment, two cratered the airfield, and one hung up and dropped harmlessly.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? **No.** 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

Lt. Richard I. WILSON, USNR, led this four plane target combat air patrol over Tokuno. Principal objective of the flight was interception of Japanese aircraft flying toward Task Force Fifty-Eight or the Okinawa theater of operations. But the division was also ordered to drop 500 lb. G.P. bombs on the Tokuno airstrip and to destroy any aircraft observed there.

The flight approached Tokuno from the Southeast. The ceiling en route was 2,000 feet, visibility five miles. On sighting the target, Lt. WILSON took his flight to 8,000. The ceiling over the target was unlimited. The four planes made a bombing and strafing run from east to west. Lt. WILSON's bomb hit a revetment and two other bombs cratered the airfield. One bomb hung up and dropped too late to do any damage on the airfield.

Lt. WILSON led the division on two more strafing runs on aircraft in revetments but reported that none appeared operational. He observed that some of the craters, made previously in the runway, had been filled in. The division also strafed several barracks-like buildings 1½ miles north-east of the airfield with no visible results. The division patrolled the area until relieved by four other F6Fs.

There was no AA at Tokuno.

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Use additional sheets if necessary).**ARMAMENT**Guns, Gunsights
Turrets
Ammunition
Bombs, Torpedoes
Bomb Sights
Bomb Releases**No comment.****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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