

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VT-94 (b) Based on or at USS LEXINGTON (c) Report No. VT-94-2
 (d) Take off: Date 20 June 1945 Time (LZT) 0715 (-11) (Zone); Lat 18-03N Long. 166-30E
 (e) Mission Bombing, rocket and strafing attack vs. Wake Island (f) Time of Return 1015 (-11) (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>P6Z-5</u>	<u>VT-94</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>1 - 260# FRAG 1 - ALM-7A2 6 - 5" HVAR</u>	<u>VT-50R1; AN-M 100 A2(Z D) AN-M126A1; Mk 4 Burner Mk 149 MOD. 0 Inst; Mk 159 MOD. 0 -.015 Delay</u>
<u>P6Z-5P</u>	<u>VT-94</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>Photo plane and 1 escort carried only 50 cal. ammo.</u>	

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<u>P4L-4</u>	<u>VT-94</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>USS LEXINGTON</u>	<u>P6Z-5</u>	<u>VT-6</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>USS SANDOCK</u>
<u>T4L-3E</u>	<u>VT-94</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>P4L-3E</u>	<u>VT-6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>" "</u>
<u>P6Z-5</u>	<u>VT-50</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>" COMBATS</u>	<u>P4L-4</u>	<u>VT-6</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>" "</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>None</u>	<u>None</u>	(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) _____
 Did Any Part of _____
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? None If so, Describe Clouds _____ (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:			GUNS USED	(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER			
<u>None</u>						

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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) see J1000 Bulletin 21-11
VA-2 Area (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Over Target(s) 0840(-11) (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target None (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Clear (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (e) Visibility 25 (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type 10 Glide - 10 Glide Bomb Sight Used Mk -8 Mk 8
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run (1) 260# FRAG Spacing - Altitude of Bomb Release 1000'
(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 VA - 2 - 10	See VF-94 # 1	2 VF-94	1 - 260# FRAG; 12-RVAR 1 - W.P. Bomb 940 rls 50cal.	0	None
2 VA - 2 - 35		2 VF-94	2 - 260# FRAG; 12-RVAR 1 - W.P. Bomb 940 rls 50cal.	1 RVAR	None
3 VA - 2 - 12		2 VF-94	Same as 2	2 RVAR 1 FRAG	Slight
4 VA - 2 - 19		2 VF-94	Same as 2	2 RVAR	None
5 VA - 2 - 32		2 VF-94	Same as 2	0	None
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).

VA-2-12

Two pilots assigned to target report port gun emplacement left burning for 10 to 12 minutes. No photo evidence of damage.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple. Forwarded.

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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

Targets were assigned through operation orders. VF rendezvoused with VF and VBF and provided cover for VF off starboard bow and 4000' above. VBF made first attack at target area, followed closely by VF. Both VBF and VF joined up with VF and made second attack, VBF first then VF and VF.

On first run, VF made approach from the West across Wilkes Island at 14,000'. Pushed over at 250 knots T.A.S. on a course South 66 North and normal to target area. Each section broke away to their assigned targets. All planes dropped their FRASS on this run at 4000' and 400 knots T.A.S., pulled out at 2500 and retired to the North jinking irregularly. The second attack was made in the same manner and white phosphorus bombs and all rockets were dropped. In both runs, planes strafed heavily.

After second run, VF rendezvoused with VBF and VF and proceeded to base.

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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

All pilots endeavored to observe the effect of the 250# M48 with VT fuse. However, in only one instance, was a pilot in a position to do so. He described the effect as concentrated and wide dispersion about the target (medium AA gun emplacement). As no personnel were seen in the area at the time no observations were possible concerning the effectiveness vs. personnel.

The white phosphorous bombs were observed but due to almost a no wind condition at this particular time, the smoke poured vertically upward in a thin column.

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