





# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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REPORT No. 11-15

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Ishigaki & Miyara Airfields (b) Time Over Target(s) 0750(1) (Zone) Ishigaki Jan  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target 2500' 2  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

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

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type VT-Dive VT-Dive Bomb Sight Used VT-Dive VT-Alt. Sightsight  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run VT-111 VT-200 Spacing - - - Altitude of Bomb Release VT-4000' VT-3500'  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None Damaged None

(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 VT-24	40 - 100# Bombs ✓	10	Destroyed
2 SE-W Runway	Ishigaki	4 VT-24	40 - 100# Bombs ✓	10	Destroyed
3 Bridge	100' Long	2 VT-24	16 - Rockets		
4 Amphibious Tank Pans		4 VT-24	32 - Rockets		
5 Dispersal Area	Miyara	2 VT-24	16 - Rockets ✓		
6 A/A Positions	Ishigaki	8 VT-24	8 - 500# Bombs ✓ Strafed		
7 Amphibious Tank Pans		4 VT-24	16 - Rockets		
8 4 Trucks 2 Wagons		8 VT-24	16 - Rockets Strafed	Many	Destroyed

(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).

- VT-3. Bridge over river between Ishigaki airfield and Miyara town. Pilots believe they scored two hits on the uniastructure, but damage is unknown.
- VT-4. Located at south edge of Miyara town. Hits in the area with unknown damage.
- VT-5. West side of Miyara airfield with unknown damage.
- VT-6. Adjacent to Ishigaki airfield. Silenced during VT attack. At least 4 good direct hits were seen, but extent of damage was not seen.
- VT-7. Several rocket hits were seen to hit target with unobserved results.
- VT-8. On a road near Ishigaki town. Some rockets made direct hits, and they literally cut the vehicles to pieces with strafing attacks. All burned and were destroyed.

(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

This was a combined strike composed of planes from the USS SARDIS and the USS GILBERT ISLANDS. Lt. P. H. CHAMBERLAIN Jr., USN, of VF-24, was strike leader.

It was good bombing weather with .2 cloud cover at 2500' over the target. One 4 plane VF division lead off the attack from 10000', releasing from 3500' in 70° dives, dropping 4 bombs on A/A positions north and west of Ishigaki airfield, scoring good hits in preparation for the VT bombing runs. They saw hits and the positions were alloused. At the same time, the other 4 plane VF division made similar runs on A/A positions at the edge of Ishigaki town. Hits were scored in the area and the positions alloused.

One division of VT attacked the E-W runway at Ishigaki, letting down from 7000' and releasing at 4000'. Of the 40 bombs released at this target, about 10 cratered the runway. The other VT division attacked the main strip from the same altitude, scoring approximately the same number of hits with a like number of bombs. Some of the bombs released by both divisions were long and landed in the town south of the field where they started fires. They were dropped with the delay tail fuse armed.

A VF division then made rocket runs on the amphibious tank pens located on the south side of Miyara town, firing in 15° glides at 1000 yards short range, and scoring 50% hits with unknown resultant damage. One VT division followed with a rocket attack on the same target. Hits were scored in the area and on some branch covered camouflaged buildings scattered among the runways leading down to the water. One section of the other VT division attacked a bridge near Miyara town, while the other section rocketed and strafed the revetments and dispersal areas on the west side of Miyara airfield. Rockets were fired by VT in 40° dives and at an altitude of 3500'.

Both VF divisions then went after the 4 trucks and 2 wagons. At least 4 direct rocket hits and many strafing hits were seen on the trucks. The trucks and wagons were destroyed. The VF then flew to Iriomote, could find no targets, and then returned to base.

The TBM piloted by Ensign David R. PETERSON, received a .50 cal. A/A hit in the starboard elevator. It caused no appreciable damage.

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**XIII. MATERIAL DATA.** (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.  
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**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

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