

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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REPORT No. 21

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

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) KASHIMA - 37°42' N. 140° 58' E (b) Time Over Target(s) 1300 (Zulu)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 9 base 5500 ft.
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Haze and rain (later) (e) Visibility 6 mi. decreasing to
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY ODCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES) 1.5
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used MK 8
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run 1 - 2 Spacing 0 Altitude of Bomb Release 1500
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 0 Probably Destroyed 0 Damaged 0

(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 Railroad & marshaling yards		3 VB-94	5 x 500 lb 4 x HVARs	5	Severe damage
2 Warehouse (several)		7 VB-94	8 x 500 lb 7 x HVARs	8	1 destroyed, others serious.
3 Factory		1 VB-94	1 x 500 lb	1	Direct hit.
4 Large D/F Tower	700' high	3 VB-94	2 x 500 lb 9 x HVARs	0 3	Slight Slight
5 Warehouse & loading platform		1 VB-94	1 x 500 lb	1	Direct hit.
6 Administration building		1 VB-94	1 x 500 lb	1	damaging corner
7 Shops & or warehouses		2 VB-94	4 x 500 lb	2	severe damage
8 Engine Shops		2 VB-94	2 x 500 lb	2	hits, severe damage

(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.)

h(1). In addition to the severe damage done to the buildings and railroad track, rolling stock was as well, destroyed.

In conjunction with bombing runs: Those aircraft equipped with Rockets fired them at the above targets.

The towns of MINAMI - EBI and UMAZAKI were left with severe fires burning as the result of 20 mm and 30 cal strafing and R/P fire (8 R/P).

NARRATIVE

The primary target for this flight of 12 VB and 12 VBF was YONEZAWA Airfield in North Honshu, but weather in the interior part of Japan precluded any attempt at a successful attack against aircraft. Targets of opportunity were sought along the coast which was searched for eighty (80) miles south of SENDAI. The airfields scouted proved to be well destroyed. As the weather was gradually getting worse, it was decided to have the VB attack the railroad and marshalling yards at KASHIMA and the VBF attack an airfield about 1 mile south. Numerous warehouses and shops were attacked and hit both by bombs and rockets, a small factory to the northeast was hit and severely damaged, a D/F tower southeast of the railroad yards was attacked with questionable results. All targets were attacked with bombs, rockets and 20 mm strafing and severe damage was inflicted on the limited railroad facilities of the Japanese. There was no opposition of any type and Naval Aviation roamed the Jap coast in this area at will.

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