

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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## I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VF-94 (b) Based on or at USS LEXINGTON (c) Report No. VF-94-28  
 (d) Take off: Date 10 Aug. 1945 Time (LZT) 1330 (-9) (Zone); Lat. 38-26 N Long. 144-00 E  
 (e) Mission Strike vs. Mamurogawa Airfield, Honshu (f) Time of Return 1755(-9) (Zone)

## II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

| TYPE<br>(a) | SQUADRON<br>(b) | NUMBER               |                              |                            | BOMBS AND TORPEDOES<br>CARRIED (PER PLANE)<br>(f) | FUZE, SETTING<br>(g)                        |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|
|             |                 | TAKING<br>OFF<br>(c) | ENGAGING<br>ENEMY A/C<br>(d) | ATTACKING<br>TARGET<br>(e) |   |   |
| F6F-5       | VF-94           | 10                   | 0                            | 10                         | 1 x 500 GP<br>6 - 5" HVAR                         | Inst. Nose/.01 Tail<br>Inst. Nose/.015 Base |
|             |                 |                      |                              |                            |   |   |
|             |                 |                      |                              |                            |   |   |

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

| TYPE  | SQUADRON | NUMBER | BASE            | TYPE | SQUADRON | NUMBER | BASE |
|-------|----------|--------|-----------------|------|----------|--------|------|
| F6F-5 | VC-      | --     | USSSAF JACINTO  |      |          |        |      |
| TBM   | VC-      | --     | USS SAN JACINTO |      |          |        |      |
| TBM   | VT-94    | 11     | USS LEXINGTON   |      |          |        |      |

## IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

| (a)<br>TYPE | (b)<br>NO.<br>OBSERVED | (c)<br>No. ENGAG.<br>OWN A/C | (d)<br>TIME<br>ENCOUNTERED | (e)<br>LOCATION OF<br>ENCOUNTER | (f)<br>BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED;<br>GUNS OBSERVED | (g)<br>CAMOUFLAGE AND<br>MARKING |
|-------------|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
|             |                        |                              |                            | N                               |   |                                  |
|             |                        |                              | (ZONE)                     | O                               |   |                                  |
|             |                        |                              |                            | N                               |   |                                  |
|             |                        |                              | (ZONE)                     | E                               |   |                                  |
|             |                        |                              | (ZONE)                     |                                 |   |                                  |

(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 PERCENTS OF COVER)  
 Time of Day and Brilliance   --    
 (j) of Sun or Moon   --   (k) Visibility   --    
(NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (MILES)

## V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

| (a)<br>TYPE<br>ENEMY A/C | (b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY: |          |                 | GUNS USED | (c)<br>WHERE HIT, ANGLE | (d)<br>DAMAGE<br>CLAIMED |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
|                          | TYPE A/C                     | SQUADRON | PILOT OR GUNNER |           |                         |                          |
|                          |                              |          | N               |           |                         |                          |
|                          |                              |          | O               |           |                         |                          |
|                          |                              |          | N               |           |                         |                          |
|                          |                              |          | E               |           |                         |                          |
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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK IS MADE)

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

Mamuro Cawa Airfield;

(-9)

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Jimmachi A/F & Yamagata A/F (b) Time Over Target(s) 1515-1630 (Zone)

(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target Cumulus 3000 5/10  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target clear (e) Visibility 20  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBTSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

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

Bombs Dropped per Run 1 Spacing -- Altitude of Bomb Release 1200  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 10 Probably Destroyed 4 Damaged 2

| (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 Mamurogawa Aircraft | 3 S/E                     | 5<br>VF-94                         | 5 x 500 GP; 20 HVAR<br>1500 .50 cal.  | GP-N.O.<br>3*                | 3 S/E<br>Destroyed                                    |
| 2 Jimmachi Aircraft   | 3 T/E<br>2 S/E            | 10<br>VF-94                        | 1 x 500 GP<br>20 HVAR; 500 rds. .50 cal                                     | 0<br>2*                      | 1 S/E dest.; 2<br>T/E des; 1 T/E                      |
| 3 Yamagata Aircraft   | 8 S/E                     | 4<br>VF-94                         | 2 x 500 GP<br>18 HVAR; 1500 rds. .50 cal                                    | N.O.<br>"                    | 4 S/E des. / prob. des.<br>3 S/E prob. des.           |
| 4 Yamagata Hangar     | 150x100                   | 2<br>VF-94                         | 2 x 500 GP<br>1000 rds. .50 cal.  | 1                            | Destroyed / 1 S/E des.                                |
| 5                     |                           |                                    |   |                              |   |
| 6                     |                           |                                    | *All destroyed aircraft were burned -- other probably destroyed or damaged. |                              |   |
| 7                     |                           |                                    | Aircraft received 100 to 150 rds. .50 cal. hits.                            |                              |   |
| 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.)

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## VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

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| (a)<br>TYPE OWN A/C | (b)<br>SQUADRON | (c)<br>CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C<br>TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE | (d)<br>WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor,<br>self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) | (e)<br>(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) |
|---------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| 1                   |                 | N  |  |  |
| 2                   |                 | O  |  |  |
| 3                   |                 | N  |  |  |
| 4                   |                 | E  |  |  |
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## VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

| (a)<br>NO. | (b)<br>SQUADRON | (c)<br>NAME, RANK OR RATING | (d)<br>CAUSE | (e)<br>CONDITION OR STATUS |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|            |                 | N                           |              |                            |
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|            |                 | E                           |              |                            |
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## VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

| (a)<br>TYPE<br>A/C | (b)<br>MILES<br>OUT | (c)<br>MILES<br>RETURN | (d)<br>AV. HOURS<br>IN AIR | (e)<br>AV. FUEL<br>LOADED | (f)<br>AV. FUEL<br>CONSUMED | (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED |       |      |    | (h)<br>NO. OF PLANES<br>RETURNING |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|------|----|-----------------------------------|
|                    |                     |                        |                            |                           |                             | .30                           | .50   | 20MM | MM |                                   |
| F6F-5              | 180                 | 180                    | 4.4                        | 400                       | 350                         |                               | 12000 |      |    | 10                                |
|                    |                     |                        |                            |                           |                             |                               |       |      |    |                                   |
|                    |                     |                        |                            |                           |                             |                               |       |      |    |                                   |

## IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

| CALIBER                                 | NONE | MEAGER | MODERATE | INTENSE |
|---|------|--------|----------|---------|
| HEAVY—Time-fused shells, 75mm and over  | X    |        |          |         |
| MEDIUM—Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm   | X    |        |          |         |
| LIGHT—Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm |      | X      |          |         |

## X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

- SPEED, CLIMB,  
at various altitudes
- TURNS
- DIVES
- CEILINGS
- RANGE

None encountered

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

VF escorted VT to Manurogawa airfield, the assigned target and also the assigned target for the SAN JACINTO which were to strike first and act as target coordinator. However, the SAN JACINTO planes arrived late and the LEXINGTON planes made their first attack which netted three aircraft destroyed for VF. Before the field could be fully reconnoitered, the SAN JACINTO planes arrived and the LEXINGTON planes switched to one of three airfields South of Manurogawa. Accordingly, the strike investigated the field of Obanzawa but found no targets. The next field southward was Jimmaichi which had proven a profitable target the day previous. While most planes were duds on this field, VF added three more aircraft destroyed and one probable by strafing and rocket attacks. One pilot made a run on what he thought was a Baka, dispersed two miles off the field and concealed close to a wooded area. The plane did not burn and no further information could be developed. One division of fighters broke off at this field and made a profitable attack on a fourth field at Yamagata, a training base. Here, four biplane trainers were destroyed, three probably destroyed and one damaged. In addition, a direct hit was made on a hangar with a 500# bomb and was completely demolished. Time being short, the flight was forced to terminate its attack, rendezvous, and return to base.

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