

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED
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CONFIDENTIAL

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK IS MADE)

REPORT No. 20

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

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Shipping - Factory (see below) (b) Time Over Target(s) 0630
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) (Zulu)
- (c) Clouds Over Target .9 base at 6000 - status
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Hazy (e) Visibility 4 - 5 miles
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide bombing Bomb Sight Used MK-8
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run 1 Spacing 0 Altitude of Bomb Release 2000'
(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		12 VB			
4 SUGAR DOGS			15 x 500 lb	4	Destroyed and burning.
2 2 SUGAR CHARLIE LOVES		6 VB	6 x 500 lb	2	Destroyed and burning.
3		3 VB			
Factory			3 x 500 lb	3	burning, severe
4					
5					
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.)

XI (a) The shipping was located at:
OBACHI - 38° - 31' N. 141° - 28' E; SHIZUKAWA - 38° - 41' N; 141° - 26' E.
KESENNUME 38° - 54' N; 141° - 34' E (Factory located here as well).

h(1) Numerous SUGAR DOGS were attacked at the various localities.

Pilots observed hits by VBF on a SCS and warehouses set afire by their strafing.

Small craft and targets of opportunity were strafed along the coast.

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NARRATIVE.

12 VB in company with 10 VBF, after rendezvous, proceeded to the target which was aircraft at MAMURAGAWA and OBANAZAWA airfields. Due to extreme low visibility and cloud cover over the interior portions of Northern HONSHU, the flight sought out suitable targets of opportunity along the coast. Shipping was located in the many narrow bays north from KIUKASNAN SAKI to KASENENNUME where several SUGAR DOGS, SUGAR CHARLIE SUGARS, and SUGAR CHARLIE LOVES were worked over. One factory presented itself as a target to three of the VB and it was left burning and thoroughly battered. FOUR (4) SUGAR DOGS were definitely destroyed and (2) larger merchantmen (SCL's) were left burning severely. In addition to the bombing numerous other small ships and shore installations were saturated by 20 mm strafing. The flight returned to the ship, landing aboard at 0950, convinced that a stinging blow was felt by the Japanese along that section of the coast.

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