





# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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REPORT No. 18

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Shipping ONAGAWA WAN 38° 27' N 171° 27' E (b) Time Over Target(s) 1550 - 1620  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target Clear (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 15 miles  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Dive bombing Bomb Sight Used MK 8  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run 2 Spacing 0 Altitude of Bomb Release 2500  
(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) |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---|
| 1 Unidentified Warship           | ?                         | 13 VB<br>VB-94                     | 26 x 500 lb GP<br>36 x HVARs                         | 3                            | In addition there were 13 close aboard        |
| 2                                |                           |                                    |  |                              |   |
| 3 Moored barges or Landing craft |                           | 3 VB<br>VB-94                      | 12 x HVARs   | 3                            | Hits close aboard; no results obtained.       |
| 4 Several SUGAR DOGS             |                           | 3 VB<br>VB-94                      | 2 x 500<br>20 mm strafing                            |                              |   |
| 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.)

h(1). This ship appears to be larger and bulkier than DE or DD, photos attached. Two direct hits were scored by bombs on the stern which at the completion of the attack was under water. 1 R/P hit at the waterline. Fires were started on the beach by bomb shrapnel.

h(2). Results of hits not assessable.

h(3). Severe damage claimed from strafing and bomb blast. 20 mm strafing seen to hit several of these small craft.

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NARRATIVE

VB rendezvoused with VF and VT and proceeded to the target area. The flight of bombers made one dive bombing run and 2 rocket/strafing runs. VB observed VF's direct hit on a DE which exploded, broke in half and was left half sunk and burning. This explosion caused fires on shore as well. The object of VB's attack was a large vessel moored close to shore. It appeared to the pilots to be a large destroyer and remains as yet unidentified. Two direct bomb and one direct rocket hits were scored while 13 near misses struck close aboard, leaving the ship seriously damaged and well down by the stern. The group was over the target from 1550 to 1620. After rendezvous the flight returned to the ship, landing aboard at 1800.

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