

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VC-33 (b) Based on or at USS SARGENT BAY (CVE-33) (c) Report No. 125
 (d) Take off: Date 7 June 1945 Time (LZT) 1028 (I) (Zone); Lat. 24°-34' N. Long 125°-36' E.
 (e) Mission Neutralisation of Miyara and Hagiura Airfields on Ishigaki, Sakishima Gunto. (f) Time of Return 1348 (I) (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
FM-2	VC-33	1	0	1	Full ammo only	Hose plug - .02 base Inst. - .025 tail Hose plug - .02 base
FM-2	VC-33	7	0	7	8 - 5" (HS) AR 4 - 500 lb. GP	
TBM-3	VC-33	4	0	4	8 - 5" (HS) AR	

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
NONE							

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

(a) TYPE	(b) NO OBSERVED	(c) NO ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
			(ZONE)	<i>None</i>		
			(ZONE)			
			(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 TENTHS 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) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:			(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER		
			NONE		

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

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	(c) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1 FM-2	VC-33	Engine out out	--	Ditched in ocean. Bu.No.75028
2 TBM-3	VC-33	Port gun mount broke loose.	--	Large hole shot in leading edge port wing
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) NO.	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
		NONE		

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	(d) AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	(f) AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h) NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
						.30	.50	20MM	MM	
FM-2	128	119	3.2	245	123					7
TBM-3	128	119	3.4	325	200	500		6200		6

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

PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Miyama Airfield (b) Time Over Target(s) 1200 (1) (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target None
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 15
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used Mk. 8 gunsight or none.
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run 3 planes - 1/2 Spacing 70 - 100 Altitude of Bomb Release Slant range 1000-1500 yds.
1 plane - All (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 Revetments west of strip.		5 FM; 3 TBM VC-83	4 - 500 lb. GP 19 - 5"(HE) AR	All in Area	Slight
2 Oil drums in trenches.		1 FM; 1 TBM VC-83	2 - 5"(HE) AR	Don't know	Not observed
3 Truck at edge of road.		4 FM; 2 TBM VC-83	6 - 5"(HE) AR	Strafing	Serious
4 Camouflaged area	75 ft. sq.	5 FM; 4 TBM VC-83	4 - 500 lb. GP 25 - 5"(HE) AR	All	Not observed
5 Underground storage area		1 TBM VC-83	1 - 500 lb. GP	None	None
6 Revetments east of strip.		3 FM; 1 TBM VC-83	4 - 500 lb. GP 12 - 5"(HE) AR	All	Not observed
7 Northwest end of runway.		1 TBM VC-83	2 - 500 lb. GP	2	Slight
8 Fishing boat	40 ft. long	1 FM VC-83	Strafing	Strafing	Serious

(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).

- A number of aircraft were hit but closer examination showed all to have been previously damaged and non-operational. Some possible gun positions in this area were strafed and damaged but no damage could be observed.
- The oil drums, a long line of them, were hidden in trenches. The strafing and rockets appeared to be hitting all around them but no fire started and no damage could be observed.
- The truck was partly hidden by trees. It was well strafed and rockets hit all around it. A fire started nearby but did not spread to the truck.
- The camouflage was fairly obvious but at the same time effectively hid what was beneath it. The bombs and rockets hit right in the area but aside from a little smoke, no damage could be observed.
- There were two visible entrances to what appeared to be an underground storage area, but there was no direct hit and no damage could be observed.
- Several aircraft on the ground were hit but these were inoperational and did not burn. The area was well bombed and rocketed but the extent of the damage could not be determined.
- The northwest end of the runway appeared to be in a little better shape than the rest of it, so one plane put two 500 lb. bombs in there to create additional craters.
- The fishing boat was beached at Tarawa and had been reported by the previous flight. It was thoroughly strafed and made worthless for future use without considerable repair.

All bombs were fuzed with delay.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary).

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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