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(CRFima)/

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TORPEDO SQUADRON FORTY-NINE

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From:
To :
Via :

The Commanding Officer.
Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet.
(1) Commander Carrier Air Group FORTY-NINE.
(2) Commanding Officer, U.S.S. SAN JACINTO.
(3) Commander Carrier Division FIVE and
Commander Task Group FIFTY-EIGHT FORTY ONE.
(4) Commander Task Force FIFTY-EIGHT.
(5) Commander FIFTH Fleet.
(6) Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Subject: Aircraft Action Reports-period 8 May through 27 May 1945.

References: (a) ComInCh Serial 7152 of 29 October 1943.
(b) PacFlt Conf. Ltr. ICL-45 of 1 January 1945.
(c) CTG 58.1 OpPlan 2-45, Annex HON-2, para. 6400.
(d) CTG 38.1 despatch 300848 of May 1945.

Enclosures

- (A) Aircraft Action Report No. 1, VT-49 strike on Isumi Airfield, Kyushu, Japan.
- (B) Aircraft Action Report No. 2, VT-49 strike on Sasaki Airfield, Kyushu, Japan.
- (C) Aircraft Action Report No. 3, VT-49 strike on Tachiarai Airfield, Kyushu, Japan.
- (D) Aircraft Action Report, No. 4, VT-49 strike on Koshi Harbor, Shikoku, Japan.
- (E) Aircraft Action Report No. 5, VT-49 strike on Tokuno Airfield, Amami Gunto.
- (F) Aircraft Action Report No. 6 VT-49 strike on Nan Airfield, Kakai Jima, Amami Gunto.
- (G) Aircraft Action Report No. 7 VT-49 strike on Tokuno Airfield, Amami Gunto.
- (H) Aircraft Action Report No. 8 VT-49 strike on Shitoko Airfield, Kakai Jima.

1. In accordance with references (a) (b) (c) and (d), Enclosures (A) through (H) are forwarded herewith.

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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Form ACA-1
Sheet 1 of 5

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VT-49 (b) Based on or at U.S.S. SAN JACINTO (c) Report No. 1
 (d) Take off: Date 13 May 1945 Time (LZT) 0622(-9) (Zone); Lat. 29-58 N Long. 132-43 E
 (e) Mission Bombing Irumi airfield, Kyushu (f) Time of Return 1030(-9) (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)		
TBM-3	VT-49	8	0	8	12-100 ^{lb} GP's	.025 Nose & Tail

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
P6F-5	VT-49	6	U.S.S. SAN JACINTO	12-P6F-5, 6-SB2C, 6-TBM-3 from Air Group			
P6F-5	VT-30	8	U.S.S. BELLEAU WOOD	EIGHTY-TWO U.S.S. BENNINGTON, Same flight			
TBM-3	VT-30	8	U.S.S. BELLEAU WOOD	from U.S.S. HORNET-Air Group SEVENTEEN.			

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
Enemy(?)	One	None	0730 (ZONE)	S.W. Coast of Kyushu	Not observed.	Not observed.
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

Distant view. Plane low on coast, ours at 12,000 feet.

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) _____
 Did Any Part of _____
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? _____ If so, Describe Clouds _____ (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 (j) Time of Day and Brilliance _____ (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.)
 of Sun or Moon _____ (k) Visibility _____ (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:			GUNS USED	(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER			
None						

Enclosure (A)

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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) Izumi Airfield
32-05 N & 130-20 E (b) Time Over Target(s) 0820(-9) (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target No cover.
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Slight haze below 10,000 feet. (e) Visibility 8-10 miles.
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type 011de Bomb Sight Used Mark VIII & None
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run All Spacing 3-50 3-0 Altitude of Bomb Release 2,700 to 4,500
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None Damaged None observed

(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 Plane parking area-S.W. corner	2,000 ft 2,000 ft	Three VT-49	36 100# G.P. and 100 rounds.	All in area	Unobserved
2 Izumi replacement shop.					
X Bldgs directly S.W. of field.	1,000 ft 200 ft	Three VT-49	36 100# G.P.	All in area	Slight to serious.
X 3. Dispersal area West of field	2,000 ft 500 ft	Two VT-49	24 100# G.P.	All in area	Unobserved.
4 SD in cove 8 miles W. of	50 ton	One VT-49	50 rounds .30 calibre	Don't know	Only as shown in photograph.
7 Izumi					
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.

(2) No fires, but big bursts and considerable smoke and dust confirmed.

(4) Photo (Enclosure "A") shows SD burning. It may have been hit before, but it had stopped in its tracks by the time the picture was taken.



(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes Photo

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SAN JAC 31K MAY 13-45 0820(-9) K20 6 3/8" ALT VAR IZUMI A/F KYUSHU CONF

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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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