

II Own Aircraft Officially Covered By This Report:

	F. Bombs & Torpedoes per plane	G. Fuse Setting
5 TBH-3	10 AN-M50 100 G.P. Bombs	(S) AN-M103A1 Instantaneous Nose AN-M100A2 .01 Delay Tail
	3 HVAR Rockets	(S) No Nose Fuse. Mk-123 - 2 Hour Delay Tail
		Mk-149 Instantaneous Nose Mk-159 .015 Delay Tail
1 TBH-3	10 AN-M50 100 G.P. Bombs	AN-M103A1 Instantaneous Nose AN-M100A2 .01 Delay Tail
	4 HVAR Rockets	Mk-149 Instantaneous Nose Mk-159 .015 Delay Tail
7 PH-2	6 HVAR Rockets	Mk-149 Instantaneous Nose Mk-159 .015 Delay Tail
1 PH-2	5 HVAR Rockets	Mk-149 Instantaneous Nose Mk-159 .015 Delay Tail

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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).

- Hirara, Nobara, and Sakama Airfields**
on Hirara Shima
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) _____ (b) Time Over Target(s) **1630-1720 I** (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target **2/10 Cumulus at 3,000 feet.**
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target **Clear**
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.)
- (e) Visibility **20**
(MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type **glide**
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) Bomb Sight Used **None**
(TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run **10**
(NUMBER) Spacing **40 (Approx)**
(FEET) Altitude of Bomb Release **2000**
(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	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
		(k) SQUADRON			
1 Hirara Runways	XX	2 VC-8 ¹⁰	20 100# G.P. Bombs ✓	15	Serious
2 Nobara Runways	XX	2 VC-8 ¹⁰	16 100# G.P. Bombs ✓	12	Serious
3 Sakama Runway	XX	2 VC-8 ¹⁰	20 100# G.P. Bombs	20	Serious
4 Hirara A.A. Positions	XX	10 VC-8	10,000 Hds. .50 Cal. 58 HVAR Rockets	Many Unknown	Serious
5 Hirara Revetments	XX	4 VC-8	38 HVAR Rockets 1600 Hds. .50 Cal.	Unknown Many	Unknown
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(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).

On this flight the U.S.S. **HOHENSTA BAY (CVE-74)** was ordered to launch six (6) VF with five (5) of their ten (10) centuries fused two (2) hour delay. Two (2) of these were to bomb each of the three (3) fields named above in company with other planes from the Task Unit.

1. Fifteen (15) of the twenty (20) centuries landed on the intersection of the three (3) Hirara runways.

2. At Nobara five (5) bombs hit the easternmost runway and seven (7) hit the westernmost. Both runways run Northeast and Southwest and are unconnected except by taxi strips.

3. Twenty (20) bombs landed on the Sakama runway.

4. Several A.A. positions opened up when the bombers attacked the Hirara runways. These were immediately taken under fire by the eight (8) VF and two (2) VT covered by this report. Four (4) different revetted medium positions were silenced by rocket and H.G. fire.

5. Several Hirara revetments contained aircraft. Most of these appeared to be completely wrecked, but just to be sure one (1) division of VT covered them with H.G. and rocket fire. No results were observed.

(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.
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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

No material difficulty.

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