

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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## I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VB-94 (b) Based on or at VBS LEXINGTON (c) Report No. VB-94-25  
 (d) Take off: Date 25 July 1945 Time (LZT) 0415 (-9) (Zone); Lat. 31°-17'N Long. 135°-05'E  
 (e) Mission Drop over OI Airfield, Hondo (f) Time of Return 0915 (-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)		
<u>B-5</u>	<u>VB-94</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6 - 5" MVAR 2 - 500# G.P.</u>	<u>Incl. Nose/.015 Base Incl. Nose/.01 Tail</u>
<u>B-5</u>	<u>VB-94</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>B-5</u>	<u>VB-94</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>-</u>

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE

## 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)			
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) \_\_\_\_\_

(i) Did Any Part of Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? - If so, Describe Clouds \_\_\_\_\_  
(YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(j) Time of Day and Brilliance 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:			GUNS USED	(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER			

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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				
2				
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12				
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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

### 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	
<b>VB-5</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16</b>

### IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	<b>X</b>			
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm			<b>X</b>	
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm		<b>X</b>		

### X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

- SPEED, CLIMB,  
at various altitudes

URNS

DIVES

CEILINGS

RANGE

PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

**None encountered.**

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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) **01 Airfield, Hondo** (b) Time Over Target(s) **0610 (-9)** (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) **0725 (-9)**

(c) Clouds Over Target **None** (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target **Clear** (e) Visibility **30**  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type **12 (0114a) Bombs & Rockets** Bomb Sight Used **R: 6**  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run **1** Spacing **-** Altitude of Bomb Release **3000**  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed **27** Probably Destroyed **11** Damaged **3**

(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 <b>01 Airfield, Hangar # 1</b>	<b>150' x 100'</b>	<b>4</b> <b>VR-94</b>	<b>4 - 500# G.P.</b> <b>4 - 5" HVAR</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Destroyed</b>
2 <b>01 Airfield, Hangar # 5</b>	<b>150' x 100'</b>	<b>4</b> <b>VR-94</b>	<b>4 - 500# G.P.</b> <b>4 - 5" HVAR</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Destroyed</b>
3 <b>01 Airfield, Hangar # 6</b>	<b>150' x 100'</b>	<b>4</b> <b>VR-94</b>	<b>4 - 500# G.P.</b> <b>6 - 5" HVAR</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Destroyed</b>
4 <b>Dispersed A/C E. Side Field</b>	<b>8 - S/E</b> <b>6 - S/E</b>	<b>8</b> <b>VR-94</b>	<b>2 - 5" HVAR</b> <b>4000 Rds. 50 cal.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2 - S/E Destroyed</b> <b>3 - S/E Probably Des.</b>
5 <b>Dispersed A/C SW Corner Field</b>	<b>10 - S/E</b> <b>10 - S/E</b>	<b>12</b> <b>VR-94</b>	<b>12 - 5" HVAR</b> <b>6000 Rds. 50 cal.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4 - S/E Destroyed</b> <b>3 - S/E Probably Des.</b>
6 <b>Dispersed A/C S Side Field</b>	<b>10 - S/E</b>	<b>12</b> <b>VR-94</b>	<b>12 - 5" HVAR</b> <b>4000 Rds. 50 cal.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5 - S/E Destroyed</b> <b>3 - S/E Probably Des.</b>
7 <b>Revetted A/C SW Corner Field</b>	<b>4 - S/E</b> <b>11 - S/E</b>	<b>12</b> <b>VR-94</b>	<b>24 - 5" HVAR</b> <b>6000 Rds. 50 cal.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7 - S/E Destroyed</b> <b>1 - S/E Damaged</b>
8 <b>Dispersed A/C W. Side Field</b>	<b>5 - S/E</b>	<b>4</b> <b>VR-94</b>	<b>4 - 5" HVAR</b> <b>2000 Rds. 50 cal.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2 - S/E Destroyed</b> <b>2 - S/E Probably Des.</b>

(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).

**Possible A/C**    **150' x 75'**    **VR-94**    **6 - 5" HVAR**    **4**    **Damaged slightly**

• Only 3 A/C (1 - S/E & 2 - S/E) were observed to burn. Two S/E were seen to smoke. Other destroyed assessments are based upon the average number of 50 caliber observed to penetrate vital section (cockpit to engine) of each A/C, (100 to 150 rds). Each A/C was subjected to approximately 500 rds. 50 cal. No rockets were seen to hit A/C.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? **Yes** Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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## XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA. (Narrative and comment. Describe action fully and comment freely, following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

### ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY

#### OWN AIRCRAFT

- Disposition
- Altitudes
- Speeds
- Approach Tactics
- Use of Cover, Deception
- Angles of Attack and Their Effectiveness
- Distance of Opening Fire
- Defense Tactics and Their Effectiveness

#### ENEMY AIRCRAFT

- Method of Locating, Distance
- Disposition
- Altitudes
- Speeds
- Approach Tactics
- Use of Cover, Deception
- Angles of Attack
- Distance of Opening Fire
- Defensive Tactics

#### COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Own Weaknesses
- Enemy Weaknesses
- Offensive Tactics, Own
- " " , Enemy
- Defensive Tactics, Own
- " " , Enemy
- Flexible Gunnery, Own
- Escort Tactics
- Fighter Direction
- Use of Radar
- Night Fighting
- Recognition, Aircraft

### ATTACK

#### OWN TACTICS

- Method of Locating Target
- Approach to Target
- Altitudes, Speeds
- Approach
- Dive
- Pull-Out
- Dive Angle
- Strafing
- Retirement
- Defensive Tactics
- Use of Jamming

#### DEFENSE, ENEMY

- Evasive Tactics, Ships
- Concealment
- Searchlights
- Night Fighter Tactics
- Use of Jamming

#### COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Bombing Tactics
- Torpedo Tactics
- Effectiveness of Bombs, Torpedoes
- Selection of Targets
- Fuzing
- Strafing Tactics
- Defensive Tactics
- Use of Radar
- Reconnaissance
- Photography
- Briefing

### OPERATIONAL

- Navigation
- Homing
- Rendezvous
- Recognition, Ships
- Communications
- Flight Operations
- Search and Tracking
- Base Operations
- Maintenance

**This 12 plane fighter sweep, on a virgin target as far as the Navy was concerned, had been able to plan its attack well due to excellent photo coverage and reconnaissance by VF photo planes two days previous.**

**Upon arriving at Oi Airfield, the photo division broke off, and made a vertical run on the field, then proceeded to Fuji, Tenryu, Yaisai and Hamamatsu for photo reconnaissance.**

**The sweep made a division attack with bombs against the hangar installations, #1 dropping on hangar # 1 with one hit scored, # 2 scoring 2 hits on hangar # 6 and # 3 observing 3 hits on hangar # 5. Average attack began at 8500 with release being made at 3000. At this point each division retired to its assigned area for responsibility (east side; south east corner; and south west corner) to strafe and rocket dispersed and revetted aircraft. Two divisions remained as cover however, while one division went in on its area. The east side of the field appeared to have dunnies or dais, hence, after this first run, the division assigned this area was assigned to the south side of the field. Hence during the last two runs, each division making from six to seven runs in all, the three divisions had more or less faced together at the southern end of the field and were giving all targets in this large area a thorough going over. As indicated elsewhere in this report, the sweep was over the field for one hour and 15 minutes, and from all accounts and available photographs, turned in a good account of themselves.**

**The sweep departed Oi at 0725 and proceeded to Hamamatsu where rendezvous was effected with the photo division and course was set for base.**

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