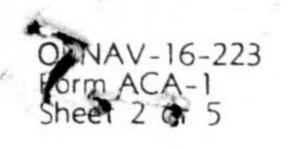
I. GENERAL

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(a) Unit Re	porting	VBI	7-94 (b)	Based on or	at	U	SS LEALN	GION (c) Report No	22
(d) Take of	ff: Date	18 July	1945	_Time (LZ7	r) 1120 I	tem	(Zone); L	at. 34°	Bl' N Long.	142° 25' E
(e) Mission		Hyakuriga	hara A/C				(f) Time of	Return 1530	Item(Zone)
II. OV	VN AIRCRA	AFT OFFIC	IALLY COV	ERED BY TI	HIS REPOR	Т.				
TYPE	SQUADRON		NUMBER			POMPS AT	ND TORPEDOES			
(a)	(b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)	1		(PER PLANE)		FUZE, S	
							Nose:	AN MIO	BAl Inst.	
F4U-4	VBF-94	7	0	7	1 x 50	O GP		AN MIO		lay
					4 x 5"	HVAR		MK 149		-7
F6F-5	VF-94	3	0	0	None		13,11,	MK 159	.015 d	elay
F6F-5P	VF-94	i	Ŏ	0	None					
III. O	THER U. S.	OR ALLIE	AIRCRAFT	EMPLOYED	O IN THIS	OPERA	TION.			
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE	II	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BAS	SE
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			O							
	1		IV F							
IV. EN	NEMY AIRC	RAFT OBSI	ERVED OR E	NGAGED (By Own Air	craft L	isted in 11	Only).		
(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGING	G TIME ENCOUNTERE	LOCA.	(e) TION OF DUNTER	В	OMBS, TORPED GUNS OB	OES CARRIED;	CAMO	(g) UFLAGE AND
	OBSERVED	OWN A/C	ENCOUNTERE	N	JUNIER		GUINS OB	SERVED		ARKING
			(ZON	(E)						
					N					
			(ZON	(E)	F.	-				
			(ZON	(E)						
(h) Appare		lission(s)	Spine Strap							
(i) Encoun	Part of ter(s) Occu	ir in Clouds	(YES OR NO)	_If so, Descr	ibe Clouds		ren pue			
(j) of Sun	Day and Br	illiance	(YES OR NO)				(BASE IN	FEET, TYPE A	ND TENTHS OF COV	/ER)
(j) of Sun	or Moon		(NIGHT, BRIG	HT MOON: DAY,	OVERCAST; ET	rc.)		$_{-}(\mathbf{k})$ Visib	ility	(ILES)
V. EN	EMY AIRCH	RAFT DEST	ROYED OR I	DAMAGED I	N AIR (By	Own A	ircraft List	ed in II O	ıly).	
(a) TYPE	(b) DESTRO	YED OR DAMA	GED BY:						(c)	(d) DAMAGE
TYPE ENEMY A/C	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILO	T OR GUNNER		GUNS US	SED	WHERE	HIT, ANGLE	DAMAGE CLAIMED
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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	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 F4U-4	VBF-94	.50 cal.	Tail - 4 o'clock.	
2 F4U-4	VBF-94	Rocket blast	Ripped fabric	
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4				
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6				
7				
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11				
12				
13				
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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
		N		
-		0		
-		N		
-		E		
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a)	(b)	(c) MILES	AV. HOURS	(e) AV FUEL	AV. FUEL	(g) TOTAL AMMU	UNITION EXPEN	NDED	NO. OF PLANES
TYPE A/C	MILES	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
F4U-4	125	125	4	380	260		2700			7
F6F-5	125	125	4	400	300		agency-display			4

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

None

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XI. A	TTACK	ON	ENEMY	SHIPS	OR	GROUND	OBJECTIVES	(By	Own	Aircraft	Listed	in	11	Only).
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(a)	Target(s) and Location	(S) Hyakuri	igahara A/C & h	angars (b) Time Ove	er Target(s	1245 Item (Zone)					
(c)	Clouds Over Target None (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)										
(d)	(d) Visibility of Target(e) Visibility(e) Visibility(MILES)										
(f)	Bombing Tactics: Type	Glide	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight Us	sedM	K 8					
	Bombs Dropped per Rur	NUMBER	Spacing	• Altitude	of Bomb Re	lease 4000 (FEET)					
(g)	Number of Enemy Airc	craft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed_	3	Damaged4					
	(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)					
1	2 A/C - revetment side of field	t	1	2 x 5" HVAR	2	Slight damage					
2			2	1 x 500 GP	Many	2 A/C (2 S/E). Serious damage					
3	Hangars	Large	1	4 x 5" HVAR 4 4 x 5" HVAR	2 .	1 A/C hangar. Slight damage					
4	A/C - revetment 3 A/C - revetment and dispersal	ts	1	.50 cal. 4 x 5" HVAR - .50 cal.	Many 2 Many	Serious damage					
5	2 A/C - dispersa outside revetmen		2	4 x 5" HVAR 2 x 500 GP,50 cal.	2	1 A/C (S/E) Seriou 1 A/C (S/E) Slight					
6	Dispersal Area		3	3 x 500 GP 4 x 5" HVAR		Not observed					
7											
8		•									

- 1. 1500 yards north of hangar area.
- 3. 500 yards ENE of hangar area.
- 4. 750 feet north of hangar. 2 rockets unobserved. Probably damaged 2 more A/C. close by.
- 5. 1500 yards northeast of hangar area. (2 George)
- 6. 1500 yards east of hangar apron.
 - 4 rockets jettisoned at Hokoda A/F (flap trouble).
 - 2 rockets returned to base.

⁽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).

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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

ATTACK

OWN TACTICS

Use of Radar

Night Fighting

Recognition, Aircraft

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

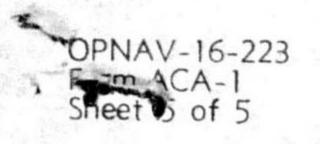
Navigation
Homing
Rendezvous
Recognition, Ships
Communications
Flight Operations
Search and Tracking
Base Operations
Maintenance

NARRATIVE

VBF flight accompanied by 1 F6F-5P and 3 F6F-5 escort proceeded to target area by navigation to Japan coast 5 miles south of Hokoda, thence on a course of 300° to south of target where bombing, rocket, and strafing runs were made from SE to NW on targets on NW side of field; from SW to NE on targets on NE side of field; and from N to S on targets on south side of field. Bombing runs were from 10000' in 45° dive, releasing at 3000'. Rendezvous was made at 6000' 12 miles east of target. The flight returned to make a rocket run from 8000' in a 45° dive with release point at 2000'. Rendezvous after sufficient jinking was then effected 12 miles NW of target. Flight then returned to make several strafing runs and retired to effect final rendezvous at sea. Three A/C became lost on this rendezvous and joined up with some F6F-5's in a strafing attack against Kitaura. The other group, after picking up the photo team which made coverage of Hyakurigahara and Hokoda A/F's at 15000' returned direct to base.

COMMENT

None.



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

No comment.

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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