

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

(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) Hyakurigahara A/C & hangars (b) Time Over Target(s) 1245 Item (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 25
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used MK 8
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run 1 Spacing Altitude of Bomb Release 4000
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed Probably Destroyed 3 Damaged 4

(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 2 A/C - revetment side of field		1	2 x 5" HVAR .50 cal.	2 Many	Slight damage 2 A/C (2 S/E).
2 Hangars	Large	2	1 x 500 GP 4 x 5" HVAR	1 4	Serious damage 1 A/C hangar.
3 A/C - revetment		1	4 x 5" HVAR .50 cal.	2 Many	Slight damage 1 T/E A/C.
4 3 A/C - revetments and dispersal		1	4 x 5" HVAR .50 cal.	2 Many	Serious damage 1 T/E A/C.
5 2 A/C - dispersal area outside revetments		2	4 x 5" HVAR 2 x 500 GP, .50 cal.	2	1 A/C (S/E) Serious 1 A/C (S/E) Slight
6 Dispersal Area		3	3 x 500 GP 4 x 5" HVAR		Not observed
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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).

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.

(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

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.
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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 comment.

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