

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

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(a) Unit Reporting VF-33 (b) Based on or at USS SANGAMON (c) Report No. VF- # 14
 (d) Take off: Date 8 April 1945 Time (LZT) 1012 (I) (Zone); Lat. 24-48 N Long. 127-09 E
 (e) Mission Intruder Airfields MIYAKO JIMA (f) Time of Return 1330 (I) (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) | | |
| F6F-5E | VF-33 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 1 500 G.P. AN M64 4 5" HVAR | AN-103 & AN-101 MK 157 .02 delay |
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III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

| TYPE | SQUADRON | NUMBER | BASE | TYPE | SQUADRON | NUMBER | BASE |
|------|----------|--------|------|------|----------|--------|------|
| None | | | | | | | |
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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 |
|-------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| None | | | (ZONE) | | | |
| | | | (ZONE) | | | |
| | | | (ZONE) | | | |

(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)
 Time of Day and Brilliance
 (j) of Sun or Moon - (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (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 | | | | | | |
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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) Airfields MIYAKO JIMA (b) Time Over Target(s) 1100 (I)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target Unrestricted unlimited
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 20
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Dive Bomb Sight Used MK 8 Illuminated
Rockets fired 2-2; 2-4 (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Run 1 Spacing 0 Slant Ranges 1500 yds
(NUMBER) (FEET) Altitude of Bomb Release 2-3500 2- 2000
(FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 1 Probably Destroyed 0 Damaged 2

| (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 HIRARA Airfield and area | 7000 x 7000 ft. | 4 F6F-5E VF-33 | 2 x 500 GP bombs strafed | 2 | Serious |
| 2 NOBARA Airfield & area. | 7000 x 5000 ft. | 4 F6F-5E VF-33 | 2 x 500 GP bombs 8 x "5 HVAR | 2 6 | Serious |
| 3 SUKAMA Airfield Area | 5000 ft x 400 ft | 2 F6F-5E VF-33 | Strafed 4 x "5 HVAR | 4 | Serious |
| 4 Gun position in cave | 10 x 20ft. | 1 F6F-5E VF-33 | strafed | hit | Destroyed |
| 5 Break Water & observation shack | 1000 ft x 200 ft. | 1 F6F-5 VF-33 | Strafed 4 x "5 HAVAR | 2 | Slight |
| 6 | | | | | |
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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).

- Two direct bomb hits on runways, small fires started in adjacent building. Two aircraft damaged by shrapnel from bomb and strafing.
- One direct bomb and 4 rocket hits on eastern runway; 1 bomb hit and 2 rocket hits on underground hangars - no fire noticed, gasoline storage tanks set afire by strafing just south of two runways. AA position S. W. of west runway damaged by strafing.
- Small fires started in suspicious area north of air field - gasoline truck destroyed in same area.
- Heavy gun in cave west side of ridge 2½ miles N. E. of NOBARA field destroyed. Pilot saw large flash from gun, strafed the cave and the entire cave exploded.
- No fires or severe damage observed. Area mouth of small cove south coast of island.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? gun camera 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. Use additional sheets if necessary).

ARMAMENT

- Guns, Gunsights
- Turrets
- Ammunition
- Bombs, Torpedoes
- Bomb Sights
- Bomb Releases

NONE

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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