I. GENERAL

(a) Unit R	eporting	BF-94	(b)	Based on o	rat_US	S LEXI	ngrai (ci	7-16)	(c) Report No.	7-94 26
	off: Date	BF-94							39 N Long.	
(e) Mission	1	umamatsu.			-8				f Return 1700	
11. 0	WN AIRCR	AFT OFFICE	ALLY COVE	RED BY T	HIS REP	ORT.				
TYPE	SQUADRON	Maria Cara	NUMBER		1		AND TORREDOE	c	T	
(a)	(b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)	BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)			FUZE, SETTING (g)		
F4U-4	VBF-94	7	0	7	1 x 500// GP 6 x 5" HVAR			Inst/.01 Inst/.015		
F6F-5	VP-94	1	0	1	None	j				
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III. C	THER U. S.	OR ALLIED	AIRCRAFT	EMPLOYE	D IN TH	IIS OPER	ATION			
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE		TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BA	ASE
			N							
			0							
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IV F	NEMY AIRC	RAFT ORSE	RVED OR EN	IGAGED (Ry Own	Aircraft	Listed in II	Only)		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)		(e)		(f)		(g)
TYPE	OBSERVED	NO ENGAGING	ENCOUNTERED	LOCA	COUNTER	N OF BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; TER GUNS OBSERVED			; CAMO	OUFLAGE AND MARKING
			(ZONE)							
				0						
			(ZONE)							
			(ZONE))						
(b) Appare	ent Framy M	Aission(s)								
Did An	v Part of		(YES OR NO)	f so, Desci	ribe Clou	ıds				
Time o	f Day and Br	illiance	(123 011 110)				(BASE IN	PEET, TYPE A	ND TENTHS OF CO	VER)
(j) of Sun	or Moon	*****	(NIGHT, BRIGHT	MOON; DAY,	, OVERCAST	; ETC.)		(\mathbf{k}) Visib		MILES)
V. EN	IEMY AIRCI	RAFT DESTR	OYED OR DA	AMAGED	IN AIR	By Own	Aircraft List	ed in II O	nlv).	
(a) TYPE		YED OR DAMAG			* :				(c)	(d)
ENEMY A/C	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT	OR GUNNER		GUNS I	USED	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	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)		
1 P4U-4 2 P4U-4 3	VBF-94 VBF-94	7.7 or 13.2 121 20 MI	Unknown Aft of fuselage through	81000		
4 [7],1]	VBF-94	7.7 or 13.2 101	Hit in oil system	81119		
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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	NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	CONDITION OR STATUS
1 2 4	VBP-94 VBP-94 VBP-94	It. (jg) Thomas Brott It. T.A. Sinclair Ens. H.F. Donnelly, Jr.	Energy AA Energy AA Energy AA	Masing in action. Nounded - rescued. Rescued.
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(8)				

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) TYPE A/C	MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	AV. HOURS IN AIR	AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL -	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				NO. OF PLANES
						.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
FLUL	230	230	4.75	335	285		650%			4
F6F-5	230	230	4.75	100	230		300			1

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				
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

CEILINGS

RANGE

PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

*Does not include report of SINCLAIR, BRETT, or DOMNELLY.

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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:) Clouds Over Target_	1500 Cum		T. TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
I) Visibility of Target		O COCK ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	Visibility	5 miles
) Bombing Tactics: Typ	e Clide	(LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight U	sed	(TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Ru	In(NUMBE	Spacing	(FEET) Altitude	of Bomb Re	lease (FEET)
) Number of Enemy Air	rcraft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed	0	Damaged
(h) * AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	NO. HITS On Aiming Point	
Radio Station		2	6 x 5" HVAR	2	Serious.
Radio Station		2	6 x 5" HVAR	2	
Factory Bldg.		4	24 x 5" HVAR	16	Serious.
RR Terminal		2	.50 cal.	Many	Started fire.
Eldge. along RR		2	2 x 500% GP		Unobserved.
			nterest, draw diagram, top or side view o		

3. 2 miles west of Tenryu River SE of field.

2 miles west of Homenatsu.

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(a) It. Sinclair's and Ens. Dennelly's bombs unobserved.
(b) 2 bombs jettisoned in sea.
(c) 6 rockets never fired (Brett).
1 bomb never fired (Brett).

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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

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

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

7 VBF, accompanied by 1 F6F-5, made landfall at Tenryu River at 1800' then headed BW on to target, crossing over Hamamatsu town and down on to airfield at tree top height, making a SE to NW run.

In the first run, Lt.(jg) Brett's A/C was seen to pull up sharply into clouds, which were very thick. No communication was established with him and his plane was next seen by Bns. Bayer plummeting straight down in front of his A/C. Ens. Anderson believed he saw a parachute with an object resembling the body of a man off to his right as he pulled out of his run. It is believed Bns. Donnelly pulled up with Lt.(jg) Brett. (A later report will be forthcoming after Bns. Donnelly returns to the ship.)

Attacks in first run were at hangar concentrations, A/C, and a radio station 4-5 miles west of field.

Rendezvous was then effected south of Tenryu River at sea. Flight then retraced path of first run and repeated tactics of initial attack in east to west run. In this run Ens. Donnelly reported being hit in his oil system. He headed toward the sea and was soon accompanied by It. Sinclair's section which had just finished attack on second radio station. As It. Sinclair's section proceeded over Hamana Ko toward Ens. Donnelly, It. Sinclair's A/C was hit in the radio by 20 MM from a battery located at RR bridge, Hamana Ko.

Ens. Nensewitz was circling Ens. Donnelly when he received the weeping signal from Lt. Sinclair. Lt. Taylor's division followed Lt. Sinclair to the area of the rescue sub where Lt. Sinclair ditched his plane and was subsequently picked up by the submarine. Ens. Nensewitz orbitted Ens. Donnelly who made a hard landing, but successfully got out of the A/C and proceeded to attract attention by firing tracer bullets and by putting out dye marker. Two F6F-5's on SUBCAP relieved Ens. Nensewitz who returned to base while the submarine effected rescue of Ens. Donnelly.

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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

COMMUNICATIONS

Radio, Radar Homing Devices Visual Signals Codes, Ciphers

RECOGNITION

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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