

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No. **4**

XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) **Miyasaki & Miyasaki A/F** (b) Time Over Target(s) **0855 I** (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target **2,000', ceiling of cumulus 8/10**
(BASE IN FEET, FIFE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target **Clear - hole in clouds over target** (e) Visibility **10 miles**
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type **Dive and glide** Bomb Sight Used **M VIII**
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run **One run only** Spacing **60' (YEN'S)** Altitude of Bomb Release **4,500 = 5,000**
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed **None** Probably Destroyed **None** Damage **None**

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSION 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 <small>(Type, extent, service rendered, etc.)</small>
1 Center of city	400x400 yds.	17 312	23x500 GP's	23	Serious
2 50 boats off Kibana	15 - 20 ft.	3 322	3,500 rounds Cal. 50	?	Serious
3 City just N of A/F	400x500 yds.	17 323	32x500 GP's	32	Serious
4 A/F dispersal & service area	600x200 yds.	8 232	46x250 GP's ✓	46	Serious
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6					
7					
8					

(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.)

- The proximity fused bombs burst over the heart of the city. Huge columns of smoke were observed rising from target area.**
- These boats were off coast by Kibana just south of Miyasaki. Six sailboats and one motor boat were sunk, some others were damaged.**
- Part of town just N of A/F - 1 factory hit directly east end of target area, whole warehouse area well covered with bursts.**
- Dispersal and service area well covered - fire observed on service apron, whole area thick with dust and debris.**

(p) Were Photographs Taken? **Yes** Photographs of Damage When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple
(Not available)

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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

The leader of this joint mission was Major Feldmeier, CO of VMB 232. The flight rendezvoused at Point Roger and headed direct for the assigned target which was Kokubu A/F on Kyushu. A 10/10 cover of cumulus from 2,000' to 12,000' was encountered over target.

The mission leader took the flight north and east and made his decision to hit Miyasaki A/F and Miyasaki City when these targets appeared through a hole in the ceiling.

The two flights of VFB's peeled off to the right toward the south from 9,000 and 10,000 ft., the inside flight diving on target at an angle of 60° and at a speed of 300 knots and the outside flight gliding in at 35° and 320 knots. The VFB's followed in a 35° glide from 10,000' indicating 300 knots. All releases of bombs were made between 4,500 and 5,000 ft.

Three of the VF cover followed the TBH-3's down recovering south of target area after strafing boats off shore at Kibana. The strafing run on the boats was made at 30° and 400 knots.

The flight rallied 10 miles SE of target and returned to base.

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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

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