

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK IS MADE)

CONFIDENTIAL

REPORT No. 22

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

JAP International Aircraft Plant, HIRATSUKA, HONSHU, Japan

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Unidentified factory at SUKA (b) Time Over Target(s) 0830 I
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target .8 at 2500 - 4000 ft.
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Thick haze (e) Visibility 2 - 4 miles
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBTURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Dive Bomb Sight Used MK-8
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run 1 Spacing 0 Altitude of Bomb Release 2500
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 0 Probably Destroyed 0 Damaged 0

(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 Unidentified industrial plant	--	8 VB-94	7 x 1000 lb	7	Left burning
2 International Aircraft Plant	--	3 VB-94	3 x 1000 lb	3	Serious damage
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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.)

XI(a) The primary target was the SHIBAURA ELECTRONICS #1 plant at KAWASAKI, Tokyo area.

h.1(a) This plant is just southeast of the Japanese International Aircraft plant at SUBA in the HIRATSUKA ARSENAL AREA.

h.1(b) One bomber failed to release his bomb while in the dive.

h.2 Hits were in eastern building of the assembly area, where fires burned furiously.

NARRATIVE

At 0617 rendezvous was completed and all groups proceeded to target. The weather grew worse and visibility became very limited. Considerable difficulty was experienced in locating the primary target SHIBAURA ELECTRONICS No. 1, KAWASAKI, Tokyo area. After orbiting for 45 minutes, some distance west of Tokyo, VB was detached from the main striking force as some were getting alarmingly low on fuel. Permission was granted to strike the secondary target, the INTERNATIONAL AIRCRAFT FACTORY at HIRATSUKA, or any target of opportunity, if the secondary target could not be found. The squadron let down from 16000 ft, dropping astern of two other groups of VB. The area was overcast and at the first opening in the overcast an attack was delivered on an unidentified industry at SUGA. Seven (7) hits were scored on that plant which burned furiously. Three (3) aircraft seeing the plant in flames dove to the northwest and scored 3 hits on the eastern assembly building of the International Aircraft factory. The flight had now spent 75 minutes in the target area and at 0909 it departed SUGA and returned to the ship, landing aboard at 1020.

Weather at the target was extremely poor and it was very difficult to distinguish objects on the ground through the haze.

COMMENT

1. Meager light and medium anti-aircraft fire was observed by two pilots, this fire came from the beach, it was accurate.

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