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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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AG-47, #120
(VF-47, #111)
(VF-47, #61)
REPORT No.

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Factory in vicinity of Atsugi (b) Time Over Target(s) 0820-0840 (-9)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 7000, Strato - Cumulus, 9/10
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Obscured by clouds (e) Visibility 15-20 above clouds
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) 2-5 below clouds
(MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used MK 8 Reflector
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) VF-1 VF-Only 1 bomb
Bombs Dropped per Run VF-4 Spacing 100 on ground Altitude of Bomb Release 9,000
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed - Probably Destroyed - Damaged 1

(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 Factory vicinity Hachioji Or Atsugi	-	4 VF-47	4-1000 lb. bombs	Not Observed	Pilots could not observe results
2 Factory above	-	2 VF-47	28 x 500 lb. bombs	Not Observed	except that fires were started
3 Obitsu Dock Area	-	1 SubCap VF-47	4 HVARs	Not Observed	Rockets in Damage not assessable. Dock Area.
4 1 S/E Aircraft at Nii Jima	-	2 VF-47	4 HVAR-Strafing	Hit by	Planes hit but Strafing did not burn.
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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)(2) Assigned target was closed in, making an effective coordinated attack impossible. Consequently the ESSEX leader ordered the strike group to drop their bombs on an unidentified factory in the vicinity of Hachioji^{OP} Atsugi. The location of the factory could not be determined accurately. Damage could not be assessed but big fires were started.

(3)(4) Before returning to base one subcap pilot strafed and rocketed the Obitsu dock area with unobserved results. The two pilots of the other subcap strafed and rocketed a plane on Nii Jima. The plane was hit but did not burn.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

Photos were taken of targets
Feet 496, the Tokyo Shibaura Electronic Co.

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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

This strike had been ordered to bomb the Tokyo Shibaura Electric Co. (Target 496). There was much uncertainty as to whether strikes would go out or not as the United Nations were awaiting Japan's answer regarding surrender terms. At 0100 the strikes for the day were called off. Pilots scheduled for CAP manned the ready-room at 0315 and it was soon announced that the day's strikes were again planned.

The BATTAN's planes took off at 0555 and rendezvoused with the ESSKI and MONTENSI Groups. The strike group flew south of Tokyo and turned northward over Sagami Bay, passing east of Mt. Fuji. The Yokohama-Kawasaki area, where the assigned target was located, was closed in with a ceiling which appeared low enough to prevent an effective coordinated attack on the pin point target. Consequently the ESSKI leader ordered all planes to bomb a factory believed to be located near Machieji or Atsugi. The clouds obscuring the target made it impossible for pilots to identify the target definitely. Bomb hits in the area started big fires, according to pilots of the Torpedo Squadron.

Meanwhile the VF photo division flew over the assigned target (496). Photos were taken through breaks in the clouds during attacks by other groups, but conditions were generally unsatisfactory for damage assessment photos. AA in this area was neither heavy and moderate medium.

No airborne enemy aircraft were encountered. Return to base was without incident.

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The four VF-47 fighters flying subcap from 0555 to 0945 orbited their lifeguards and then attacked targets of opportunity en-route to base. Two of the subcap VF carried 4 HVAR's.

Lieut. Stanley NEAR, USNR, strafed and rocketed the dock area at Obitsu on the East Coast of the Chiba peninsula. Lieut. Marion MARKS, USNR, and Lt. (jg) Glen AVERY, USNR, strafed one single engine plane on the airfield at Rii Jima, South of Tokyo. It did not burn.

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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

- 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

Equipment performed satisfactorily.

**O. TOVROV,
Lt., USNR.**

**H. R. MAZZA, Lt. Cdr. USNR,
CO - VT-47.**

**D. M. STETSON,
Lt., USNR.**

**A. H. GLANCY, Jr., Lt. Cdr., USN,
CAG - 47.**

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