## AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

I. GENERAL

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TYPE	SQUADRON	TAKING	ENGAGING A	ATTACKING	BOMBS AND TORK		FUZE, SET	TING
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IV. EN	IEMY AIRC	RAFT OBS	ERVED OR EN	IGAGED (By Ow	n Aircraft Listed	in II Only).		5
(a) TYPE	T	NO. ENGAGIN OWN A/C		LOCATION O	BOMBS,	TORPEDOES CARRIED; JNS OBSERVED	CAMOU	(g) FLAGE AND RKING
	OBSERVED	OWN A/C	ENCOUNTERED	36-02 N			None	•
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Tojo	2	1	1620 K (ZONE	140-40 B				
Oscar	,	1	1630 K	36-05 N				
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(h) Appare	nt Enemy N	Aission(s)	Intere	eption.				
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(j) of Sun	or Moon		(NIGHT, BRIGH	T MOON: DAY, OVER				ILES)
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	(b) DESTR	SOUADRON		OR GUNNER	GUNS USED	WHERE HIT		CLAIMED
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	(b) SQUADRON		NAME, RAN	K OR RATING		CO	d) USE			(e)	
	VIII. F	ANGE, FI	UEL, AN	CONTRATING  NOTIONAL TO THE PROPERTY OF THE PR	ITION DAT	A FOR PLAN	USE  VES RETURN	VING		ONDITION OR	NO OF PLA
	(b) SQUADRON		NAME, RAN	K OR RATING	ITION DAT	A FOR PLAN	USE  VES RETURN	VING		ONDITION OR	STATUS

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Che	ck one block on e	each line).		
CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
	-		x	
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over			X	
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm			X	
LICHT - Machine oun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm				

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

While making a pass at a ZEKE one F6F-5 was jumped by an OSCAR which fastened itself to his tail. The Hellcat started a moderately steep climbing turn but was losing ground; he then did a loose "split S" recovering close to the deck with the OSCAR still on his tail. The F6F-5 was gradually pulling away in a high-speed climb with a slight turn to the left when another friendly fighter gave him assistance.

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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XI. ATTACK ON E	NEMY SHIPS OF	GROUND OBJECT	VES (By Own Aircraft Listed	in II Only)	•
a) Target(s) and Location	on(s) Buildi	PSONCLUDE ALE IN AREST	NDER ATTACK (b) Time Ove	er Target(s)	1610 K (Zone)
c) Clouds Over Target_	None	(BASE IN FEET.	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
d) Visibility of Target	Clear, HA	ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	Visibility	15 (MILES)
Rocket  f) Bombing Tactics: Typ	e Glide	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight U	sed_MK_2	3 Gun sight
Bumbs Dropped per Ri g) Number of Enemy Ai	- 1. S		Altitude  (FEET)  Probably Destroyed		lease 1200 yd.  Slant range  Damaged 0
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT	(m)	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
Building		4 F6F-5(P)	24 HVAR	24	Serious
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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. This building is presumed to have been shops connected with the NAS at KASUMIGAURA. The photo division was the last to expend its rockets against the target; so much smoke was issuing from the structure that accurate assessment of damage cannot be made. Upon retirement this building and several others hit by the elements of the strike mission, were seen to be be burning fiercely.

\* Photographs of damage were secured. The negative and numerous prints were required by INTERPRON 2 at Guam and have left the ship.

Reference to this mission may be had by consulting:

CV-15-4B 16 Beb. 1945 1615(-10) K17 152.2mm 6500' #13 &14. KASUMIGAURA A/F HONSHU (Restricted)

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

(See above)

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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

#### ATTACK

#### OWN TACTICS

Night Fighting

Recognition, Aircraft

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

Primary duties of this flight were to secure photographs of the target area and provide cover for the SB2C(s to and from target. During the course of this strike Ensign C. O. McDANIEL engaged and shot down a ZEKE which had gotten on the tail of another F6F. He attacked from 4 o'clock high above, passing astern and below the ZEKE, his point of aim on the cockpit. The engagement took place at about 6000'. One ZEKE, OSCAR and TOJO were also fired upon at extreme range by this division, but the enemy chose to retire rather than attempt combat.

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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

CAMOUFLAGE AND

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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