





# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

**CONFIDENTIAL**

REPORT No. **VF-94-7**

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

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Fox Tare Dog - 80' Patrol Vessel (b) Time Over Target(s) 1645 (-9) (Zone)  
FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK  
at 39°-5'N; 141°-50'E
- (c) Clouds Over Target Clear  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Hazy (e) Visibility 10  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type 4 Glide Bomb Sight Used Strafing  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run Strafing Spacing - Altitude of Bomb Release -  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed - Probably Destroyed - Damaged -

| (h)<br>AIMING POINT    | (i)<br>DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE | (j) NO. A/C ATTACKING<br>(k) SQUADRON | (l)<br>BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT | (m)<br>NO. HITS On Aiming Point | (n)<br>DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk) |
|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|
| 1<br>Fox Tare Dog      | 200'<br>1200 G.T.            | 4<br>VF-94                            | 2800 Rds. 50 cal.<br>700 Rds. 20 mm.                    | 2200 rds<br>500 rds.            | Seriously damaged.                                       |
| 2<br>80' Patrol Vessel | 80'                          | 4<br>VF-94                            | 1000 Rds. 50 cal.<br>300 Rds. 20 mm.                    | 800 rds.<br>200 rds.            | Probably sunk.   |
| 3                      |                              |                                       |   |                                 |  |
| 4                      |                              |                                       |   |                                 |  |
| 5                      |                              |                                       |   |                                 |  |
| 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).

3 Strafing runs by sections made from 6000' to 500' on port beam, hits ranging from waterline amidships to topside amidships.

1 Strafing run by section made from 4000' to 500' on starboard beam from waterline amidships to topside amidships.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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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 2 VF and 2 VF(N) comprising CAP for Bombardment Group Able (3 BBs - 2 CLs - 9 DDs) bombarding the Imperial Steel Co. At Kamaiski, reported on station at 1600 and 30 minutes later was ordered by the group to attack two small vessels in a cove some 20 miles SW. Upon reaching the cove the CAP sighted a Fox Tare Dog underway on a southerly course and an 80' patrol craft at anchor. Three strafing runs by section were made against the port beam from 6000' to 500'. Twenty millimeter hits by the VF(N) planes started fires and moderate explosions amidships. The CAP then made one strafing run against the patrol craft attacking the starboard beam from 4000' to 500'. A fire was started amidships and the vessel began to settle by the stern. A fourth run was then made against the Fox Tare Dog from the same side and altitude. The division then departed for their Bombardment Group station, observing the smaller patrol craft well down by the stern and smoking heavily, while the Fox Tare Dog was dead in the water and smoking considerably.

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