AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

I. GENERAL

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TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)		ATTACKING TARGET (e)			(PER PLANE)		FUZE, SET	THNG
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TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE		TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASI	
None										
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IV. EN	NEMY AIRC	RAFT OBSE	RVED OR EN	GAGED (By Own A	Aircraft I	isted in 11	Only).		
(a) TYPE	(b).	NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d)		(e) TION OF OUNTER	1	BOMBS, TORPED GUNS OF		CAMOL	(g) IFLAGE AND ARKING
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only). CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C,
TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) (e)
EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE,
(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) (a) (b) SQUADRON TYPE OWN A/C F6F-5 WF-12 Unknown Believed to have crashed to ground . 9 10 12 13 14 VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in-aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left). (a) (b) (d) SQUADRON NAME, RANK OR RATING CONDITION OR STATUS CAUSE NO WF-12 SANDLER, N.W. Lt. USNR Believed to have drashed Missing to ground. VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING AV. FUEL CONSUMED (h) NO. OF PLANES RETURNING MILES RETURN (e) AV. FUEL (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED AV. HOURS (b) (a) TYPE MILES LOADED 20MM .30 MM OUT F6F-5 160 150 400gal. 350gal 12,300 IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line). CALIBER MEAGER NONE MODERATE INTENSE HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over

GHT - Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	X	
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X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm

None

DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

TURNS

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



		(BASE IN FEET	10/10 COVER		
Visibility of Target_	MAZJ (CLEAR, HA	ZY. PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)) Visibility	10 (MILES)
Bombing Tactics: Ty	pe Gli	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight	Used_MX_2	3 Gun Sight
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	(NOMBE	R)			
Number of Enemy A	ircraft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroye	ed	Damaged 3
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk
		VF-12	14 HVAR	14	Slight
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- of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sheets if necessary).

 - 2. Hangar, HOKODA Airfield. Observed to smoke.
 - 3. Radar Station, ISO SAKI (East of MAWATARI Airfield). Buildings left burning.

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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

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

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

Adverse weather conditions hampered planned operations for this sweep. Cloud cover was 10/10 throughout the mission, lowering to 3000-foot base at MAWATARI Airfield.

No airborne aircraft were observed, and few were found

on the ground.

Lt. N. W. SANDLER, USNR, failed to return to base. As is mentioned above, no enemy planes were seen in the air: nor was any anti-aircraft encountered. The following is the statement of Ensign J. M. FINLEY, USNR, concerning the events he saw (he had followed Lt. SANDLER in a diving attack on HYAKURIGAHARA Airfield): "I had just pulled up out of my dive and the first thing I saw was an F6F tumbling like a belly tank toward the ground. It did not have any part of the tail on it, and the tail appeared to be about 150 feet behind, above, and to the left of the rest of the plane as I saw it. After turning to avoid the pieces of empennage I looked over the trailing edge of my starboard wing and saw a plane burning in a spot where Lt. SANDLER would have had to hit. I did not actually see the plane crash, nor did T see anybody bail out." Lt. SANDLER would have had time to have pulled out after his dive and to have attained an altitude just above Ensign FINLEY after his dive. All evidence indicates that The tail assembly was torn from Lt. SANDLER's plane during or immediately after the pull-out. His dive angle was observed not to have been excessive.

Upon the sweep's rendezvous and return to base the weather had become extremely hazardous. The ceiling had dropped to about 300 feet with 10/10 cover and visibility of half a mile. All other aircraft returned aboard safely. Subsequent scheduled operations were cancelled.

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failure of Lt. SANDLER'S HELLCAT.

XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary).

see preceding page for known data concerning the

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

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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