

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VF-94 (b) Based on or at USS LEXINGTON (c) Report No. VF-94-3
 (d) Take off: Date 20 June 1945 Time (LZT) 0955(-11) (Zone); Lat. 18-03 N Long. 156-21 W
 (e) Mission Bombing, rocket and strafing attack vs. Wake Island (f) Time of Return 1245(-11) (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
<u>P63-5</u>	<u>VF-94</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>2 ALM7A2 6 5° HVAR</u>	<u>ALM125A1; Mk 2 Starstor Mk 109 MOD.0 Inst; Mk 159 MOD. 0 - .015 Delay</u>
<u>P63-5P</u>	<u>VF-94</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>Photo plane & 1 escort carried 50 cal. only.</u>	

III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<u>SB2C-4B</u>	<u>VF-94</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>USS LEXINGTON</u>	<u>P4U-7</u>	<u>VF-6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>USS HAWCOCK</u>
<u>P4U-7</u>	<u>VF-94</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>SB2C-4B</u>	<u>VF-6</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>" "</u>
<u>T4U-1E</u>	<u>VF-94</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>T4U-1E</u>	<u>VF-6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>" "</u>
<u>P63-5</u>	<u>VF-6</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>" HAWCOCK</u>	<u>P63-5</u>	<u>VF-6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>" COMPASS</u>
				<u>T4U-1E</u>	<u>VF-6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>" "</u>

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE	(b) NO OBSERVED	(c) NO ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
<u>None</u>				(ZONE)		
				(ZONE)		
				(ZONE)		

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) _____
 Did Any Part of _____
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? If so, Describe Clouds _____ (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 Time of Day and Brilliance _____
 (j) of Sun or Moon _____ (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (k) Visibility _____ (MILES)

V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:			GUNS USED	(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER			
<u>None</u>						

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) See Japan Bulletin - 82-14
WA - 2 Area (b) Time Over Target(s) 1055(-11) (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target None
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Clear
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (e) Visibility 25 miles
(MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type 10 Dive Bomb Sight Used HS 8
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run Two Spacing 0 Altitude of Bomb Release 4000
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

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

(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 WA - 2 - 10	Heavy "AA" Emplacement	2 72-94	2 White Phosphorous Inc. 6 5"HTAR; 9 1/2 rd. 50cal.	0	None
2 WA - 2 - 12	Medium "AA" Emplacement	2 72-94	"	0	"
3 WA - 2 - 19	"	2 72-94	"	0	"
4 WA - 2 - 32	"	2 72-94	"	1 Rocket	"
5 WA - 2 - 35	"	2 72-94	"	0	"
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).

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes 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

VF rendezvoused with VT, VB and VBF and VT from COM US and took position on starboard bow of formation, 3000' above. Flight to the target was in a steady climb at ~~150~~¹⁵⁰ knots T.A.S. reaching 14,000' at Wake. VT and VBF respectively, approached pushover point from South at 14,000' ~~150~~¹⁵⁰ and 280 knots T.A.S. Pushing over at 9,000' a rocket and strafing attack was made, each section breaking away to its own target. Pull-outs were at 1,800' at 400 knots T.A.S. and retirement to the North. VT and VBF rendezvoused with VT and VB, approached the target from the West, VT led VB in from 9,000' while VBF went in ahead of VT. VT this run dropped the white phosphorous bombs and retired to the North. A rendezvous was effected and the group returned to base.

The white phosphorous bomb blanketed the target effectively but more time should elapse between the white phosphorous attack and the VB and VT attack, possibly 3 to 5 minutes.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.
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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

As noted on page 4, the white phosphorous bomb is effective in blanketing AA positions, especially under moderate wind conditions. On this attack the majority of drops were seen to mushroom over the AA positions after rising vertically in a thin column for some 30 to 40 feet.

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