

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED
(Reclassify when filled out)

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No. 700-1/102

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Ishigaki airfield, Sakishima (b) Time Over Target(s) 1600 Item (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target 3000' - cumulus - .2
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target clear (e) Visibility 15
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type _____ Bomb Sight Used _____
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run _____ Spacing _____ Altitude of Bomb Release _____
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 6 Probably Destroyed _____ Damaged 5

| (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 Aircraft and revetments | | 12 700-1 | 50 x 5" H.E. Rockets | Undeter- mined | Undetermined |
| 2 Installations | | 12 700-1 | 22 x 5" H.E. Rockets | Undeter- mined | Undetermined |
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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).

Four rocket and strafing runs were made on Ishigaki airfield with neutralizing intent. Primary targets were aircraft near field and in revetments. A Betty, a Zeke, one other twin engine plane and three other single engine planes were destroyed. Five additional planes were damaged. Installations and equipment in the area were also attacked. One truck was destroyed. A shack and two AA emplacements were damaged.

(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

Twelve FM-2's took off from USS MARCUS ISLAND to rendezvous with 9 TB-3 and 4 FM-2 from USS PETROFF BAY and execute a neutralization strike on Ishigaki airfield on the island of the same name in the Sakishima group.

The attack was in support of the Okinawa operation. The flight was led by PETROFF BAY planes.

Over the target at 1600, four rocket and strafing runs were made at an angle from 50° to 60° with pushover at 6500' and recovery at approximately 1500'. Attempt was made to single out aircraft on and about the field and in revetments. A group of five single engine planes (though to be Tojos) north of the field were strafed and rocketed in two runs. Three being destroyed and burned. The other two were damaged. Credit for the damage is undetermined. Lt(jg) Lider flamed a Betty in a revetment north of the East-West runway. A single engine plane, believed to be a Zeke was flamed in a revetment south east of the NE-SW runway by Lt(jg) Skelly. A twin engine plane north of the field was destroyed by Lieut. O'Neill and Lt(jg) Mooney.

Single engine planes were damaged by Lieut. Poucel, Lt(jg) Wood and Lt(jg) McKeever. Fifty rockets were launched at aircraft and revetments in the area few of which were definitely observed. Approximately eight rockets hit into a group of planes, the condition of which was questionable. The balance of the rockets, twenty two in number were launched at various installations in the vicinity. Results observed were the destruction of a truck and damage to a shack and two AA emplacements. Eight or ten fires were burning when the flight retired.

Various types of anti-aircraft fire were experienced in moderate intensity. Several bursts of the parachute - streamer type were reported. Only minor damage was sustained. Lt(jg) Skelly received light hits in the elevators and rudder.

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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

No comment warranted.

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W.F. BRINGLE, Lt. Comdr., USN, **13 April 1945**
SIGNATURE **Commanding Officer,** RANK AND DUTY DATE