

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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## I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VT-49 (b) Based on or at U.S.S. SAN JACINTO (c) Report No. 7  
 (d) Take off: Date 21 May 1945 Time (LZT) 1231(-9) (Zone); Lat. 26-28 N Long 129-20 E  
 (e) Mission Crater Runways, Tokuno A/F, Anani Gunto. (f) Time of Return 1543(-9) (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)		
TRN-3	VT-49	8	0	8	4-500# G.P.	.10 Nose .01 Tail

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
F6F-5	VF-49	8	USS SAN JACINTO	F6F-5	VF-82	12	USS BENNINGTON.
F6F-5	VF-30	8	USS BELLEAU WOOD	SB2C	VB-82	12	USS BENNINGTON.
TRN-3	VT-30	8	USS BELLEAU WOOD	TRN-3	VT-82	12	USS BENNINGTON.

## 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
S/A	6	0	(-9) 1430 (ZONE)	Tokuno Airstrip	fuze on ground.	(Some of these planes were covered by shrubbery.)
S/A	3	0	(-9) 1430 (ZONE)	"	Possibly operational	(

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) \_\_\_\_\_

(i) Did Any Part of Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, Describe Clouds \_\_\_\_\_ (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(j) Time of Day and Brilliance 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			
None						



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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) **Tokuno Airfield, Anami Gunto** (b) Time Over Target(s) **1430(-9)** (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target **Overcast at 6,000 ft. Broken 4,000.**  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target **Partially cloudy, generally clear.** (e) Visibility **8 Miles.**  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type **Glide** Bomb Sight Used **2-None**  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run **All** Spacing **75-150 ft.** Altitude of Bomb Release **1600 to 2500.**  
(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	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
		(k) SQUADRON			
1 N to S along run way (No. 1/2).	1000 ft X 200 ft.	3 VT-49	12-500# G.P.	All on target	Crater runway.
2 N to S along run way (So. 1/2).	1000 ft X 200 ft.	3 VT-49	12-500# G.P.	All on target	Crater runway.
3 NE to SW across 1/2 South 1/2.	600 ft X 100 ft.	1 VT-49	4-500# G.P.	All on target	Blasted across run way & taxiway.
5 NE to SW across 1/2 No. 1/2.	1000 ft X 100 ft.	1 VT-49	4-500# G.P.	All in area	No observed damage.
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(o) **Pictures taken by combat airmen.** 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).

Enclosure (A) shows old craters (filled with water and marked (1)). New hits appear darker (2) and several damaged single engine planes are visible along parking strips.

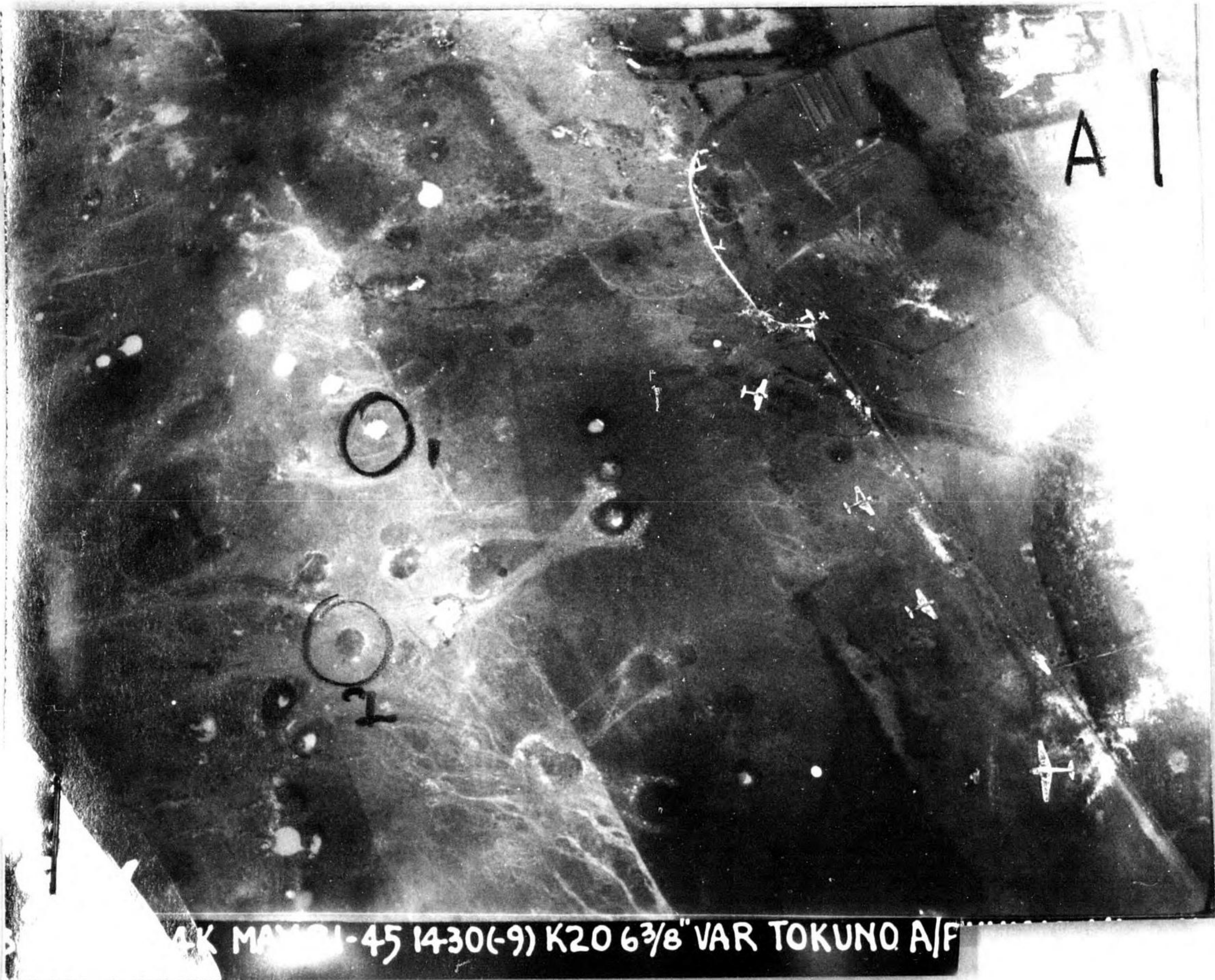
Enclosure (B) shows a close-up of the taxi strips and diamond-shaped revetments. Also evident are damaged aircraft and partially camouflaged planes. These are covered partly by shrubbery, and might be designed to indicate damage which does not exist. Taxiways liberally cratered.

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

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Enclosure (B)



Enclosure (A)



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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**

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

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