AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

1. GENERAL

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|) Mission | Strike : | Issuel A/E | , Kyusku, | Japen | | (f) Time of | Return | (Zor |
| II. OW | N AIRCRA | FT OFFICE | ALLY COVE | RED BY THIS R | EPORT. | | | • |
| TYPE | SQUADRON | TAKING OFF | NUMBER ENGAGING ENEMY A/C | ATTACKING TARGET | BOMBS AND T | 75. | FUZE, SETTING | |
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| III. OT | THER U. S. | OR ALLIED | AIRCRAFT | EMPLOYED IN | THIS OPERATIO | DN. | | |
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| IV. EN | IEMY AIRC | RAFT OBSE | RVED OR E | NGAGED (By Ov | vn Aircraft Liste | Only P | | |
| (a) TYPE | (b) | NO. ENGAGING | (d) | (e) | | (f) S, TORPEDOES CARRIED GUNS OBSERVED | ; CAMOUFI | g) LAGE AND RKING |
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| Did Any | nt Enemy No Part of | | | | | | | |
| | | | (YES OR NO) | If so, Describe C | Clouds | (BASE IN FEET, TYPE | AND TENTHS OF COVE | R) |
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| (a) PE OWN A/C | (b) SQUADRON | CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAL | | | WHERE HI self-sealing | EXTENT OF LOSS O (Give Bureau serial number of | | R DAMAGE, of planes destroyed | |
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| VII. P (b) SQUADRO | | | TIES (in air | rcraft liste | | | | | |
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| (b) SQUADRO | | NAME, RAN | (c) NK OR RATING | | | CAUSE | | (e) | |
| (b) SQUADRO | | NAME, RAN | (c) NK OR RATING | | | NES RETURNING | | (e) ONDITION OR | |

| (a) TYPE A/C | (b) MILES OUT | (c) (d) MILES AV. HOURS RETURN IN AIR | (d) | (e) AV. FUEL LOADED | AV. FUEL — CONSUMED | (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED | | | | NO. OF PLANES |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----|------|----|---------------|
| | | | | | | .30 | .50 | 20MM | MM | RETURNING |
| 988-3 | 175 | 100 | 4Hrs. 145 | 300 | 208 | | | | | 6 |
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| IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Ch | eck one block on | each line). | COLLEGE CHAPTER COLLEGE | THE PROPERTY AND |
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| CALIBER | NONE | MEAGER | MODERATE | INTENSE |
| HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over | | | | |
| MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm | | Y | | |
| LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm | | * | | , |

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes TURNS DIVES CEILINGS RANGE PROTECTION ARMAMENT

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| | The state of the s | REPOUND OBJECT | VESTER Own Aircraft Liste | d in 11 Only | REPORT No. |
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| (a) Target(s) and Location | (FOR SH | PS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA | UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time O | ver Target (s | (Zone) |
| (c) Clouds Over Target | ione et Ima | 2/10 of | TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER) | plore en | d Mynamict |
| (d) Visibility of Target | Glost (CLEAR, HA | ZY. PARTIALLY OBSCURED | (0) | Visibility | 20 Miles |
| (f) Bombing Tactics: Typ | - | (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIME) | D1 C: 1 1 | Jsed | (MILES) |
| Bombs Dropped per Ru | in (NUMBE | Spacing | Altitude | of Bomb Re | elease 3000 - 6000 |
| (g) Number of Enemy Air | | | | | Damaged |
| (h) AIMING POINT | DIMENSIONS OR | (i) NO. A/C ATTACKING | BOMBS AND AMMUNITION | NO. HITS On | (n) |
| Ammi - Hongors | TONNAGE | (k) SQUADRON | EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT | Aiming Point | 1 |
| pouth side of | MAN FE. | - VI-45 | | 50 | destroyed. |
| field. James - 20 S/S | 800 Pt. by | 1 | | | |
| and 12 T/E plenes et Mi part of Sield. | 3000 Ft. | 72-45 | 12 | 6 00 7 | Sectoup |
| Mittagalana A/F - bangar on E side | 250 Pt. by 200 Pt. | 72-45 | | 2 02 3 | Sectors burned. |
| Siyesoki A/F - group of storego bligs. 1/2 sile I. of field. | 300 Pt. by 500 Pt. | | | | |
| o) RESULTS: (For all hits claime of hits. For all targets give l | d on ship targets and | for land targets of special in | nterest, draw diagram, top or side view rs above. Use additional sheets if neces | or both, as appr | opriate, showing type and location |
| | 100 Pt. 300 Pt. | | above. Use additional sheets it neces | sary). | Sarious, one bles |
| some of which of sizele marked 's dropped their be photographs 's plane shows that and probably des effective and the | | | | | |

(p) Were Photographs Taken?_____Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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II. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES. (COM'D.)

- 2. Six or seven 100/ G.P. bombs were dropped directly on the area where these planes were located and it is believed that severe demage was done to a number of them although none was directly hit or burned.
- 3. Unsign Sharp sew a row of hongars at Mittagehors all but one of which was burning. He dropped eleven (11) bombs on that one in a string (25 ft. specing). Several hits were secred on the hanger and it was burning as the plane retired.
- 4. & 5. Lieutement Riley dropped eight (8) of his bombs on a group of storage buildings 1/2 mile north of Hiyamaki Airfield with unobserved results. He continued on to Hiyamaki A/F and dropped three (3) more on a group of small workshops or service buildings at NE edge of Funney.

 All three (3) bombs fell on the buildings and one of these was seen to explode. Smoke from this building made it impossible to determine whether the other buildings were also burning.

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

Lieutemente Coborne, Rieck and Billey, Lieutements (j.g.) Robinson, and Meson, and Ensigns there and Miskell participated in this

strike consisted of these VI-45 plance and nine (9) VI-45 and fighters, torpule bushers and dive bushers from the FRANKLIN, USS HARCOCK and USS BETAAN. The flight proceeded directly et of Nyusin, Japan climbing to 18,000 feet on the way in. after reaching the Lynchus coust the cargon equipment in We called the flight leader, stated his predicement and requi that his wingman Ensign Sharp, be authorized to accompany him back to base for protection. This request was granted and Resign therp joined him. Then two fighters were sent down to escert these two THE's. The rest of the flight proceeded on to Isuni Airfield at 18,000 feet. As the remaining six terpedo planes apprecached Isami they let down to 15,000 feet and pushed over from that altitude. Five of the planes took as their aiming point the hanger area at the south west side of the field and dropped at an everage altitude of 4,500 feet. There were a few fires in the area when they began their attack and there was herdly a hanger unhit as they retired from the target. This eres is shown in the three attached photographs. Photograph "A" was taken by Robert J. Altchison, ANCe, redicmen in Lieutement (j.g.) Laughlin's plane through the book boy window with an F-S comore. This picture the two hangers in the circle marked "I" underegal. Photographs ago and ago mure taken by a VP-45 photo plane immediately after the VY-45 pleases had attacked and shows these same two hangars, marked "g", hits. Undoubtedly much of the other destruction apparent these photographs was caused by VI-45 planes as the najority of their bombs dropped into the hangur eres, but the damage to those two hangurs ticularly segregable because of the timing of the photographs.

One of the VY-45 planes dropped its books on enery planes sitting in the open exceed the north east portion of the field. There were approximately 20 single engine planes and 12 teda engine planes in this and 6 our 7 of the bombe dropped exploded in close presimity to four single engine planes, probably destroying them, and within 50 to 100 foot of four other single engine and 2 tein engine planes. These latter were probably denessed.

After Lieutement Riley and Basign Sherp left the formation because carygon trouble near the cast coast of Kyushu they decided to seek werthabile terret to bomb. They flow down the coast a short sem Nittegnhern Airfield with a row of hengars He observed that one large ride of field. not burning so be made a glide bombing attack on it. Of the 11 bombs which dropped two and possibly three were seen to hit this It cought fire and was burning brightly as lineign sharp retired.

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MII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA (CONT'D.)

Lieutement Riley saw a group of what appeared to be military storage buildings about 1/2 mile north of Hiyamaki Field. He drepped eight (8) bombs on them in a good run but did not observe the results. He drepped three (3) more bombs on a group of medium size shop buildings on the N.E. edge of Hiyamaki Airfield. One of these was observed to blow up. The twelfth bomb in both planes hung up even though the energency manual release was used, but these bombs were successfully jettisoned later. After completing these bombing attacks the two This's returned to base with their accompanying fighters.

PROPAGAMDA LEAFTIERS

Twenty-eight (28) bundles of propaganda leaflet Serial No. 2016 were dropped over the central portion of Kyushu from the town of Kiyasaki on the cast coast to the town of Isumi on the west coast. Each bundle contained 750 sheets and, therefore, a total of 21,000 sheets were dropped.

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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

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

REPORT PREPARED BY:

The failure of Lieutement Miley's coygen system was to freewing of some part of the meten. the temperature was not recorded all pilets mes wery cold at 15,000 feet over Nyushu. sen system in Lieutement Riley's plane failed little over 100 miles from the force of set. After Lieutement Killey had been down at the oxygon system and found that operating properly. It appeared in perfect condition on

APPROVED BY:



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