

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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## I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting 0725-24 (b) Based on or at USS INTRE (072-29) (c) Report No. 44-45  
 (d) Take off: Date 20 June 1945 Time (LZT) 1000(1) (Zone); Lat. 24° 09' N Long. 126° 50' E  
 (e) Mission Strike Air Facilities, Takigaki - TAAF Ryuku (f) Time of Return 1330(1) (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>F6F-5</u>	<u>VP-24</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1 - 500# G/P Mk 54 4 - 5" HVAR</u>	<u>Instant nose-.01 tail Base fuse only</u>
<u>TBF-3</u>	<u>VT-24</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10 - 100# G/P Mk 54 8 - 5" H.V. Rockets</u>	<u>Instant nose-.10 tail Base fuse only</u>

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<u>F6F-5</u>	<u>VP-40</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>USS SURABEE</u>				
<u>TBF-3</u>	<u>VT-40</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>USS SURABEE</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 \_\_\_\_\_  
(YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

Time of Day and Brilliance  
 (j) of Sun or Moon \_\_\_\_\_ (k) Visibility \_\_\_\_\_  
(NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (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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## XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Runway 11, Airfield, Hanoi Airfield (b) Time Over Target(s) 1310(I) (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target 500' (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Very and fair (e) Visibility 5 (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type V7-Dive Bomb Sight Used V7-Dive (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run V7-000 Spacing ... Altitude of Bomb Release 3000' (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None Damaged None

(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 Runway	100x100	4 V7-24	4 - 500' Bombs ✓	2	Destroyed
2 Ammo and Storage Area	100x50	4 V7-24	16 - Rockets Strafing		
3 Runway	100x100	4 V7-24	4 - 500' Bombs ✓	3	Destroyed
4 Weather Station	100x50	4 V7-24	6 - Rockets Strafing		
5 Buildings	100x50	4 V7-24	8 - Rockets		
6 Runway	100x100	4 V7-24	12 - 1000' Bombs ✓	20	Destroyed
7 Ammo and Storage Area	100x50	4 V7-24	12 - Rockets		
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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).

- V7-2** At least 4 or 5 rockets hit this little wooded area. Millions of smoke obscured observation of precise damage.
- V7-4-5** The weather station took 3 rocket hits and much strafing and the other buildings likewise, damage unobserved.
- V7-6** Same target as V7-2. Hits were several in the area with unknown resultant damage.

(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

This flight was made up of two groups from the SANTIEN and one from the SUWANTE. One division of WF, led by Lt(jg) L. MARIANI, was assigned to provide TMAP over Miyako Jima. The other division of SANTIEN fighters, led by Lt. J. E. CHANDONNET Jr., was directed to take the division of SANTIEN VT, led by Lt. R. S. CHASE, and proceed independently for an attack on Ishigaki Jima.

The SANTIEN planes approached Ishigaki airfield from the NW at 9000'. The WF division led off, pushing over into a 70° dive, releasing their bombs at 3000'. Visibility was poor with .5-.6 cover at 300'. Two bombs hit the S-I runway. The VT followed an instant later, releasing 40 - 100' bombs with tail fuses armed at 3000', which scored about 20 hits on the runway. Cloud cover aided retirement on the run, but obscured vision of the approach to some extent.

The WF and VT then joined up to make a rocket attack on the small wooded ammunition storage area at Miyara airfield. All rockets were fired into the area, many hits were seen, but smoke obscured vision of exact results. The run was made at 30° glide, firing at 1000 yards.

In the meantime, Lt(jg) L. MARIANI's division dive-bombed Miyara airfield, attacked a weather station, and barracks area with rockets, patrolling the area around Miyako until 1225.

All the planes returned to land aboard at 1330.

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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

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