

# 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-94-27  
 (d) Take off: Date 9 Aug. 1945 Time (LZT) 0950 (-9) (Zone); Lat. 38°-08'N Long. 144°-19'E  
 (e) Mission Strike vs. Matsushima Airfield, Honshu, Japan. (f) Time of Return 1405 (-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)		
F6F-5	VF-94	12	0	12	1 - 500 # G.P. 6 - 5" HVAR	Inst. Nose/.01 Tail Inst. Nose/.015 Base

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
			N				
			O				
			N				

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

(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	(c) No. ENGAG. OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
			(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 PERCENTS 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	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (c)	DAMAGE CLAIMED (d)
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER			
			N			
			O			
			N			
			E			



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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) Matsushima Airfield (b) Time Over Target(s) 1120 (-9) (Zone)

(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target 5000' Cumulus 4/10  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Hazy (e) Visibility 5  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBTSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type 12 Glide Bomb Sight Used MK 8  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run 1 Spacing - Altitude of Bomb Release 3000  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 7 Probably Destroyed 0 Damaged 6

(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 Matsushima 2 Barracks	150' x 25'	5 VF-94	5 - 500# G.P.	4	2 Barracks either destroyed or seriously damaged.
2					
3 Matsushima 2 Hangars	125' x 75'	6 VF-94	6 - 500# G.P.	2	Left burning, both probably destroyed.
4 Matsushima 2 Shops	30' x 30'	1 VF-94	1 - 500# G.P.	1	2 Shops Destroyed
5 Matsushima Dispersal A/C	13 planes	8 VF-94	72 - 5" HVAR 13000 Rds. 50 cal.	7 *	5 T/E Destroyed 2 S/E Destroyed 4 A/C Damaged 2 T/E Damaged
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.)

\* All planes destroyed burned or were seen to disintegrate by rocket hits.  
Aircraft damaged received 50 to 75 rounds of 50 caliber per aircraft.

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

This sweep, which had for its target Jimmaichi and Yamagata Airfields, endeavored to reach the area for about 45 minutes, however, due to low clouds, rain squalls and surrounding mountainous terrain, the flight was forced to seek targets of opportunity along the coast. Matsushima Airfield was elected to be the target. It had been well worked over by previous attacks and only a handful of good aircraft was left and those difficult to separate from the duds. A bombing run was made against the servicing installations on the north side of the field, which resulted in the destruction of two hangars, two barracks and two shops. The attack was made west to east from 10000 feet down to 2000 feet. Two planes were seriously hit in their dives and retired over the water with two escorts circling near them. The remainder of the flight made approximately four rocket and strafing runs each and succeeded in destroying seven aircraft and damaging six. All planes rendezvoused and returned to base safely.

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