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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

**VMF 511**

REPORT No. **26**

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

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) **Ishigaki Airfield** (b) Time Over Target(s) **1355-1450(I)** Zone  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target **Cumulus, 4,000 - 7000 feet 3/10**  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target **clear** (e) Visibility **Unlimited**  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type **Dive bombing** Bomb Sight Used **MK 8 Gunsight**  
(LEVEL, SLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run **1** Spacing \_\_\_\_\_ Altitude of Bomb Release **2,000**  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed **NONE** Probably Destroyed **NONE** Damaged **NONE**

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(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 <b>E-W runway Ishigaki</b>		<b>6</b> <b>VMF 511</b>	<b>6 x 500 lb</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>craters</b>
2 <b>Shop area 8949 MRX</b>		<b>6</b> <b>VMF 511</b>	<b>1 x 500 lb</b> <b>26 x 5" MVAR</b>	<b>several</b>	<b>damaged by fires</b>
3 <b>AA positions 8747</b>		<b>2</b> <b>VMF 511</b>	<b>6 x 5" MVAR</b>		<b>unobserved</b>
4					
5					
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).

(p) Were Photographs Taken? **YES** 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

At 1225 eight fighters and one F6F photo plane plus eight Torpedo bomber planes of VMTB-233, took off from the U.S.S. BLOCK ISLAND to join planes of MCVG-2, from the U.S.S. GILBERT ISLANDS in a strike on Ishigaki Airfield. Our fighters carried 1 x 500 lb bomb plus 4 x 5" HVAR. The photo plane was armed with machine guns only.

The strike arrived at the target at 1355. The E-W runway at Ishigaki and the repair shop area outlying the field were the ~~primary~~ principal targets. Six bombs were released on a dive bombing attack on this runway and five hits were scored in areas 8647E, 8747AB. ~~Five~~ ~~hits~~ One 500 lb bomb was dropped on the repair shop area, along with 26 rockets. The attack resulted in seriously damaging these shops. Several fires were reported in this area.

(8949 RMX)

AA fire was moderate and accurate from medium and light weapons. Six rockets were fired at an emplacement at 8747L with no results observed. Captain Paul Fuss received 20 MM hits on his forward radio mast and also in his windshield which cracked but did not shatter. His engine also developed trouble while coming out of a dive and he was forced to return to the ship, escorted by his wingman, 1stLt, J.S. BOSTWICK. Both landed safely aboard at 1445.

The remaining fighters covered the VT's during their attack and then strafed a radar station in the north end of Ishigaki.

Photo coverage was made of Miyara and Ishigaki fields and also a cable station on the west side of the Island.

Planes returned at 1555 (I).



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**XIII. MATERIAL DATA.** (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary).

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**ALL EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL FUNCTIONED SATISFACTORILY**

- 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

REPORT PREPARED BY:

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**E. J. DUNN, JR., 1stLt, USMC, Intelligence Officer**      **J. L. SEDRES, Captain, USMC, Commanding**      **8 June, 1945**  
SIGNATURE      RANK AND DUTY      SIGNATURE      RANK AND DUTY      DATE