

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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REPORT No. VF-91-22

VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	(c) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1		N		
2		O		
3		N		
4		E		
5				
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11				
12				
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) NO.	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
		N		
		O		
		N		
		E		

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	(d) AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	(f) AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h) NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
						.30	.50	20MM	MM	
F6F-5	165	165	5.1	400	345	-	13700	-	-	8

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY—Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	X			
MEDIUM—Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	X			
LIGHT—Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	X			

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

- SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes
- TURNS
- DIVES
- CEILINGS
- RANGE

None encountered.

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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) Jimmaichi Airfield Yamagata Airfield (b) Time Over Target(s) 0650 - 0800
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) (c) Clouds Over Target 3500 Cumulus 3/10
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
(d) Visibility of Target Haze (e) Visibility 14
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
(f) Bombing Tactics: Type 8 Glide Bomb Sight Used MK 8
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Run 1 Spacing - Altitude of Bomb Release 2000
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 14 Probably Destroyed - Damaged 17

(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 Jimmaichi Airfield	19 Planes	8 VF-94	2 - 500 #G.P. 7200 Rds. 50 cal.	0	11 T/E Destroyed 8 T/E Damaged
2 Yamagata Airfield	12 Planes	6 VF-94	6500 Rds. 50 cal. 8 - 5" HVAR	2	3 S/E Destroyed 9 S/E Damaged
3 Hangar at Jimmaichi	100'x 50'	5 VF-94	5 - 500 # G.P.	Not Observed	
4 Building at Jimmaichi	50'x 50'	1 VF-94	1 - 500 # G.P. 6 - 5" HVAR	0	Slight damage
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.)

* All planes destroyed were either burned or seen to disintegrate from rocket hits. Damaged aircraft received from 50 to 75 rounds 50 caliber per A/C damaged.

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

This strike, assigned airfields at Jimmaichi and Yamagata as targets, attacked Jimmaichi first, VF making a bombing run from north to south. Pushing over at 9000 feet, bombs were released at 3000 feet against hangar installations. VF then made five division strafing and rocket runs from east to west and north to south against dispersed aircraft about the field. The majority of all runs were made from 5000 feet down to the deck. Eleven twin engine aircraft burned while eight, although well strafed, failed to catch fire. VB and one section of VF remained at Jimmaichi while six VF proceeded south to Yamagata and conducted strafing runs against aircraft burning three trainers and damaging nine, all being single engine bi-planes. Rendezvous was then effected at Jimmaichi and course set for base.

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