

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting OV30 33 (b) Based on or at U.S.S. SARGANTON (c) Report No. OV30 33-19
VF 33-37
VF 93-61
(d) Take off: Date 27 April 1945. Time (LZT) 0430(1) (Zone); Lat. 24-39 N. Long. 126-10 E.
(e) Mission Intruder Airfields, Ishigaki and Miyako (f) Time of Return 0750(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)		
BM-3B	VF-33	4	0	4	2 x 500 G.P.	None AN-M219 Inst. Tail 100-AN-M100A2 .1
					4 x 100 G.P. MAR 5 th Head (3 FT)	Tail 500 AN-M101A2 .1 No: 157 base
B6F-5H	VF-33	4	0	4	2 x 100 G.P.	Tail AN-M100A2 . 01

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
B-24-D							

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
Unidentified 1	1	0	0505 (ZONE)	5 mi. East of Northern tip Miyako.	Unobserved	Unobserved

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) Unknown
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 Night dark - no moon. (k) Visibility 4
(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:				(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		
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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Airfields Ichigaki & Miyako (b) Time Over Target(s) 2gt. 1-0530(1)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) * 2-0500(1) (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target Ceiling and visibility unlimited on arrival - both targets became solid about 3500 feet before left.
(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 Rocket and Glide Bomb Sight Used Mk. 8; VF - Night reticule.
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
Rockets fired salvo Slant range
 Bombs Dropped per Run VF 2; VF 2-1, 2-0 Spacing: VF60 Altitude of Bomb Release 2500, 1 VF 1200
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None Damaged 3

(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 Ichigaki Field Area	5500 x 600 feet	2 F6F-5B VF-33	2 x 100 G.P. Strafed	2	slight
2 do	"	1 TBM-3B VF-33	2x500 G.P. 4x100 G.P. 7xAR	All hits	slight
3 Miyara Field Area	5500 x 600 feet	2 F6F-5B VF-33	2x100 G.P. Strafed	2	slight
4 do	"	1 TBM-3B VF-33	2x500 G.P. 4x100 G.P. 7xAR	All hits	slight
5 Miyara Field Area	5500 x 600 feet	1 F6F-5B VF-33	2x100 G.P. Strafed	2	Unobserved
6 do	"	1 TBM-3B VF-33	1x100 G.P.	0	None
7 Miyara Field Area	5500 x 600 feet	2 F6F-5B VF-33	2x100 G.P. Strafed	2	Unobserved
8 do	"	2 TBM-3B VF-33	4x500 G.P. 4x100 G.P. 6xAR	All hits	slight
9 Military Instl. Area of Katsuki Bay	50x50 feet	1 TBM-3B	3x100 G.P.	0	None

(CORRECTIONS: If hits based 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).

- 1 & 3 - Location Ichigaki Jima: VF strafed 3 A/B aircraft that appeared in good condition on SE tip of runway at Miyara. Hits on runway and revetments, unable to observe full extent of damage.
- 5 & 7 - Location Miyako Jima. No specific results observed at "5". Fires started in revetment area at "7".
- 9 - Miyako Jima SE of Katerki Bay - no damage.

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

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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

- 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

One ECM while in dive felt concussion followed by fumes of gasoline. Gasoline in center main thereafter diminished fast. On landing it was discovered that the center main fuel tank had been punctured by a bomb fragment, 3 inches long, 1 inch wide and 3/8 inches thick. The tank leaked after the puncture but not fast. About 60 gallons were in the tank at time of hit and two climbs to 5000 feet were made before switching tanks.

On the run, two 100 lb. G.P. bombs were dropped. Release was at 1200 feet and pull out at 500 feet. Fragment appeared to enter from below and 12 o'clock angle and lodged in the tank.

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