

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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## I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting CAG-94 (b) Based on or at USS LEXINGTON (c) Report No. CAG94-16  
 (d) Take off: Date 28 July 1945 Time (LZT) 0745 I (Zone); Lat. 31-47 N Long. 135-05 E  
 (e) Mission Destroy Naval shipping (f) Time of Return 1230 I (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)		
F4U-4	VBF-94	8	0	8	1 x 1000 GP	Mk 243/.24
SB2C-4	VB-94	10	0	4	1 x 1000 GP	Inst/.24
				4	1 x 1000 GP	.01/.24
TBM-3E	VT-94	13	0	12	4 x 500 GP	.025/.025

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
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## 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
	N		(ZONE)			
	O		(ZONE)			
	N		(ZONE)			
	E		(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 TENTS 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			
	N					
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## 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 TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1 F4U-4	VBF-94	20-40 mm	Accessory section	#81226
2 SB2C-4	VB-94	Probably AA	Unknown	#20946
3 TBM-3E	VT-94	AA - Heavy/Medium	Engine/Fuel line	#86163
4			Caught a fire	
5 TBM-3E	VT-94	Medium AA	Engine/Oil system	#86126
6 TBM-3E	VT-94	Medium AA	Port wing -	Wing change
7			Main strut	
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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
1	VBF-94	Ens. H.G. BELL	Water landing	Uninjured and rescued by Dumbo aircraft
2	VB-94	Lt. Joseph G. COSTIGAN	Unknown	Missing in action
2	"	Warren E. COLLINS, ARM3c	"	" " "
3	VT-94	Ens. N.E. SIMS	AA set plane a fire	Missing in action
3	VT-94	Clarence M. GRAY ARM3c	" " " "	" " "
3	VT-94	Oliver L. HORN AMM3c	" " " "	" " "
6	VT-94	Lt(jg) Orrin K. LARSON	Ditched - AA Fire	Rescued by Dumbo A/C
6	VT-94	John J. Young ARM2c	" " " "	" " " "
6	VT-94	David W. Gay, AMM3c	" " " "	" " " "

## 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	
F4U-4	195	195	4.8	385	300		600			7
SB2C-4	195	195	4.8	436	365			195		9
TBM-3E	195	195	4.8	435	355		990			11

## 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  
PROTECTION  
ARMAMENT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK IS MADE)

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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) Attack shipping/Kure Harbor (b) Time Over Target(s) 0945 I (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target None  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility Unlimited  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide / VB Dive Bomb Sight Used Mk 8 - Seamans Eye  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run 1 Spacing VT/25 Altitude of Bomb Release 2000-3000  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

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

(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 BB Ise	700 feet	2 VBF 7 VB	2 x 1000 GP 7 x 1000 GP	1 3	Serious Serious
2 CL - Oyodo	550 feet	2 VBF 1 VT	2 x 1000 GP 4 x 500 GP	0 1	None Slight
3 CA Aoba	600 feet	12 VT	44 x 500 GP	7	Serious Set afire
4 2 Sugar Dogs	--	1 VB	1 x 1000 GP	1	Both destroyed
5 Kure City		1 VBF	1 x 1000 GP	0	Unobserved
6 AK - Hiroshima Wan		1 VBF	1 x 1000 GP	0	Unobserved
7 Fox Tare D-9		1 VBF	1 x 1000 GP	0	Unobserved
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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.)

1 - The VBF squadron verified 3 hits or destructive near misses alongside this BB by the VB squadron.

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

XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

Strike Resume:

This strike led by VB and covered by VBF effected normal rendezvous and proceeded to target area. Approach was made from the east and attack was led by the VB diving on the Ise in a well executed, damaging bombing run. One VBF, one VB and two VT were shot down or forced to make water landings. The VBF pilot and the crew of one VT were rescued by Dumbo aircraft.

VBF Narrative:

One division of VBF dived on the Ise, with the number two man observing one hit by Lieut. Comdr. WALL. The other division, unable to get on the target, dropped bombs on the industrial area and small shipping.

VB Narrative:

Attack was delayed by circling target until Air Group SIX had completed its attack. The Ise was attacked, hit or damaged by at least three bombs, and left burning.

VT Narrative:

Pushed over at 14,000 feet in 40-45 degree dive at 310 knots. Recovered at 2000 feet and proceeded to rendezvous point. RCM jammers were used set at 195-225 mc. Window was thrown out on signal when AA was encountered.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA:

No comments

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