

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK IS MADE)

REPORT No. CAG94-11

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Obihiro A/F Installations (b) Time Over Target(s) 1530 I (Z)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target 7/10 - 4500 tops - 3000 base
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Partially obscured (e) Visibility 10
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSDURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Dive/glide Bomb Sight Used Mk 8 - Seaman's Eye
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run 1 - 2 Spacing -- Altitude of Bomb Release 1800-2500
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 2 Probably Destroyed 9 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 Revettted/disposal	area of fld	2 VBF 3 VB-4 VT	.50 cal 14 x 500 GP	Yes 8	Prob. des. 1 a/c Dest. 2 A/C -
2 Warehouse area		12 VB 6 VT	12 x 500 GP 15 x 500 GP	11 12	Dest. at / 8 pro: least 7 bldgs.
3 Barracks N & S of field		6 VB 3 VT	3 x 500 & 20 mm 8 x 500 GP	3 8	Dest. both bldgs/fires.
4 Power station		1 VBF 2 VT	1 x 500 - 4 x HVAR 2 x 500 GP	5 2	Dest. by fire
5 Bridge NE of Town		1 VBF 1 VT			Destroyed
6 Lumber yard		1 VT			Set afire/ serious.
7 RR buildings/yard		2 VBF 1 VB-1 VT	1 x 500 8 x HVAR 3 x 500 GP	9 3	Set fires - serious damage.
8 Miscellaneous targets		4 VBF 5 VB-2 VT	14 x HVAR 10 x 500 GP	9 9	See below.

(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.)

- VBF destroyed two aircraft by fire. VT probably destroyed eight aircraft. VBF - one probably destroyed.
- Seven large buildings destroyed by VT and VB. One building exploded.
- Targets consisted of:
"U" shaped building west of railroad - seriously damaged.
Possible chemical plant - slight damage.
Other buildings set afire not identifiable.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

Strike Resume:

This strike was led by VB and consisted of 13 VB, 13 VT and 7 VBF. In addition there were 8 VT and 1 VF(P) from the SAN JACINTO. Reaching the Asahigawa Area above the overcast the strike orbited at 10,000 feet while 1 VT and 4 VBF descended to locate the target. At 3500 feet these planes broke through the overcast and found themselves in a valley surrounded by mountains with visibility about one mile. One run was made on a rail yard and a lumber mill in a small village and these five planes then climbed and rejoined the strike. As an alternate target, course was set for Obihiro airfield and nearby installations.

VBF Narrative:

Six S/E aircraft were spotted. Three were parked in the field and three were revetted. Bombing, rocket and strafing runs were made from varied directions - releases down to 1500 feet. Burned and destroyed two aircraft. One aircraft probably destroyed.

VB Narrative:

Dives were made on the warehouse area North of the airfield and nearby barracks area and were accompanied by liberal strafing with 20 mm.

VT Narrative:

Coordinated attacks were made on revtments, an army camp and a power plant. In a second run six buildings in the airfield area were set afire. These are estimated to be a mill, two warehouses and an unidentified concrete structure. When the attack was broken off many fires were burning brightly. Probably destroyed eight aircraft.

III. MATERIAL DATA.

VT:

A cowl flap pressure line broke on one plane. This was caused by the cowl flap actuating cylinder's supporting block breaking, allowing the cylinder to move and finally resulting in a broken line. This squadron has encountered this condition before. The fiber blades are replaced by an improvised plastic block, but close and frequent inspection is still necessary.

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