

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VT-49 (b) Based on or at USS SAN JACINTO (c) Report No. 26
 (d) Take off: Date 30 July 1945 Time (LZT) 0738(-9) (Zone); Lat. 33-23 N Long. 137-57 E
 (e) Mission Bomb Minato, Kakogawa or Himeji A/F, Honshu (f) Time of Return 1220(-9) (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)		
TBM-3	VT-49	9	0	9	12-100# G.P.	Inst. Nose Non-delay tail.

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
F6F-5	VF-49	6	USS SAN JACINTO				
F6F-5P	VF-49	2	USS SAN JACINTO				

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
None airborne			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			
			(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 TENTHS 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:				(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		
None observed.						

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS 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) Himeji A/F, Kobe Area, Honshu (b) Time Over Target(s) 0940(-9) (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target Scattered cumulus 2,500' to 7,000'
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Partially obscured by clouds (e) Visibility 15-20
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used 1-No
(LEVEL, CLIMB OR DIVE) (TYPE)
8-Mark VIII
Bombs Dropped per Run 1-6; 7-12 Spacing 100-150 feet Altitude of Bomb Release 3,500-3,000
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 1 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 Across North Revetted Dispersal	3,000' X 1,000'	2 VT-49	24-100# GP'S	All in area.	Smoke from one revetment noted.
² Apron & hangar dispersal area		4 VT-49	48-100# GP'S	All in area.	One hangar damaged.
³ Shop and repair area.		1 VT-49	6-100# GP'S	All in area.	1 fire observed in unid. bldg.
⁴ South revetted dispersal area	1500' X 1500'	2 VT-49	12-100# GP'S	—	Not observed.
⁵ Airframe plant bldgs Kakogawa town		1 VT-49	12-100# GP'S	8 or 9	Roof damage and fire.
⁶ Fox Uncle, 500 yds off Kishima in Harima Nada	5000 tons	1 VT-49	150 rounds .50 cal. strafing.	Many	Serious.
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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).

- Exhibit A is a K20 shot of the north dispersal area, showing smoke from a plane burning in a revetment--The only damage picture that was obtained.
- Exhibit C shows a before and D an after picture of the probably airframe plant on which Lieut. Livingston dropped after his bombs failed to release over the airfield.
- Exhibit B shows Ensign Coffey's plane and the Fox Uncle which he strafed, just before his run, on the way to the rendezvous area. The anchored ship smoked heavily and later was further damaged by fire in a later sweep.

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

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EXHIBIT "A"



EXHIBIT "B"



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Exhibit C

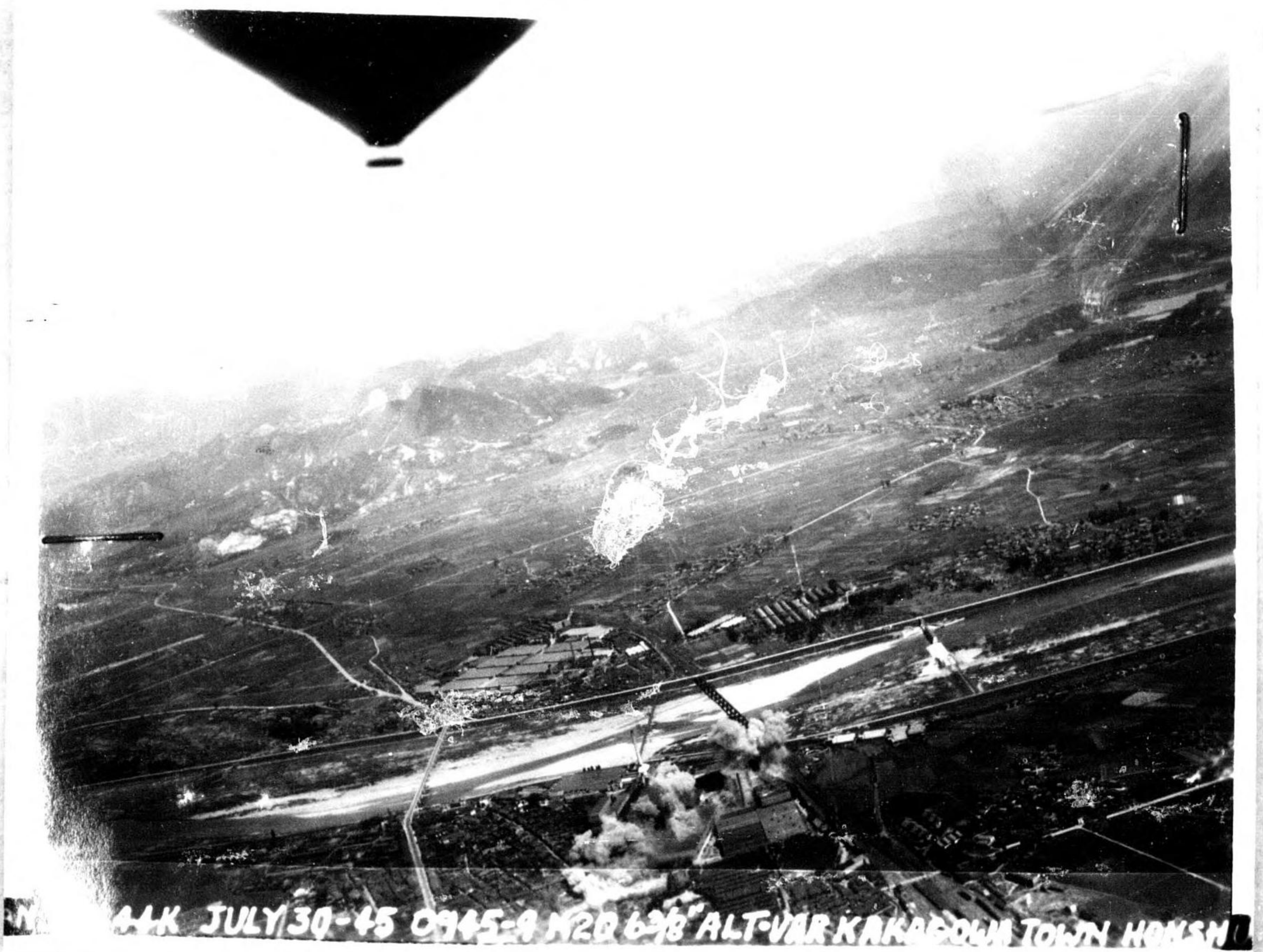


Exhibit D

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.
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ARMAMENT

- Guns, Gunsights
- Turrets
- Ammunition
- Bombs, Torpedoes
- Bomb Sights
- Bomb Releases

COMMUNICATIONS

- Radio, Radar
- Homing Devices
- Visual Signals
- Codes, Ciphers

None

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

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