

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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REPORT No. VF-94-20

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		N		
2		O		
3		N		
4		E		
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6				
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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	195	195	4.7	400	340		6000			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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(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) Sakata Harbor, Honshu (b) Time Over Target(s) 1000(-9) (Zulu)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target 6000' cumulus 9/10
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Hazy (e) Visibility 20
(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 3000
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

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

(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 F.T.B. (2) at dock - Sakata	5000 G.T.	4 VF-94	3 x 500 GP 24 - 5" HVAR	0 7	Slight damage to each ship
2 Bridge at Sakata	4000x35	4 VF-94	4 x 500 GP 24 - 5" HVAR	1 0	Serious damage
3 Warehouse dock area - Sakata	100x100	1 VF-94	1 x 500 GP	1	Probably Destroyed
4					
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.)

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA:

These two VF four plane divisions escorted ten VT-94 to target which was Tsuruoka airfield on the West Coast of Japan. One division flew as high cover and the other as low cover. The enemy island was crossed at a base altitude of 10,000'. The assigned target appeared to be an abandoned training base with no aircraft present. Seeking a target of opportunity, the town of Sakata ten miles to the North along the coast had been singled out by the BENNINGTON group from which the target coordinator had been assigned. The LEXINGTON planes proceeded there and used as targets two FTB's tied up to the dock in the harbor and a large bridge just outside the city. One VF division attacked the ships with VT close behind while the second VF division dropped on the bridge. Rocket hits were scored amidship at the waterline on each of the ships while the bridge received a 500# bomb hit at the south end. The bridge was seriously damaged, however, the ships appeared to sustain only minor damage. VT and VT rendezvoused and returned to base.

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