

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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## I. GENERAL

**SECRET**

(a) Unit Reporting **VP-49** (b) Based on or at **USS SAN JACINTO** (c) Report No. **ACA-1-2**  
 (d) Take off: Date **13 May 1946** Time (LZT) **0508 (1)** (Zone); Lat **29° 55'** Long **132° 41'**  
**Kyushu).**  
 (e) Mission **Fighter Sweep, Kanoya & Chiran airfields** (f) Time of Return **0830 (1)** (Zone)

## II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

| TYPE<br>(a)  | SQUADRON<br>(b) | NUMBER               |                              |                            | BOMBS AND TORPEDOES<br>CARRIED (PER PLANE)<br>(f)  | FUZE, SETTING<br>(g)                      |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--|---|
|              |                 | TAKING<br>OFF<br>(c) | ENGAGING<br>ENEMY A/C<br>(d) | ATTACKING<br>TARGET<br>(e) |  |   |
| <b>P6F-5</b> | <b>VP-49</b>    | <b>16</b>            | <b>None</b>                  | <b>14</b>                  | <b>8 planes carried 8 HE, 5 inch rockets. 8 planes carried 2 200# Fragmentation bombs.</b> | <b>MX.146 non-delay<br/>Instantaneous</b> |

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

| TYPE         | SQUADRON     | NUMBER    | BASE                    | TYPE | SQUADRON | NUMBER | BASE |
|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------------------------|------|----------|--------|------|
| <b>P6F-5</b> | <b>VP-30</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>USS BELLEAU WOOD</b> |      |          |        |      |

## IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

| (a)<br>TYPE | (b)<br>NO. OBSERVED | (c)<br>NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C | (d)<br>TIME ENCOUNTERED | (e)<br>LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER | (f)<br>BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED | (g)<br>CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING |
|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| <b>NONE</b> | <b>X</b>            | <b>X</b>                    | <b>X (ZONE)</b>         | <b>X</b>                     | <b>X</b>                                       | <b>X</b>                      |

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) **X**  
 Did Any Part of  
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? **X** If so, Describe Clouds **X** (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)  
 Time of Day and Brilliance  
 (j) of Sun or Moon **X** (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (k) Visibility **X** (MILES)

## V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

| (a)<br>TYPE<br>ENEMY A/C | (b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY: |          |                 | GUNS USED | (c)<br>WHERE HIT, ANGLE | (d)<br>DAMAGE CLAIMED |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
|                          | TYPE A/C                     | SQUADRON | PILOT OR GUNNER |           |                         |                       |
| <b>NONE</b>              | <b>X</b>                     | <b>X</b> | <b>X</b>        | <b>X</b>  | <b>X</b>                | <b>X</b>              |



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## VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

| (a)<br>TYPE OWN A/C | (b)<br>SQUADRON | (c)<br>CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C,<br>TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE | (d)<br>WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor,<br>self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) | (e)<br>EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE,<br>(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)   |
|---------------------|-----------------|---|--|---|
| 1 <b>F6F-5</b>      | <b>VF-49</b>    | <b>Enemy medium a/w.</b>  | <b>Fabric of left wing<br/>elevator.</b>                                   | <b>Lt(jg) WILLBOURN's plane had the fabric torn from the left elevator. The tear extended from the leading edge to the trailing edge of the elevator and was about a foot square. No damage was done to controls and plane was operated without difficulty.</b> |
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| 14                  |                 |   |  |   |

## VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

| (a)<br>NO. | (b)<br>SQUADRON | (c)<br>NAME, RANK OR RATING | (d)<br>CAUSE | (e)<br>CONDITION OR STATUS |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| <b>X</b>   | <b>None</b>     | <b>X</b>                    | <b>X</b>     | <b>X</b>                   |
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## VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

| (a)<br>TYPE<br>A/C | (b)<br>MILES<br>OUT | (c)<br>MILES<br>RETURN | (d)<br>AV. HOURS<br>IN AIR | (e)<br>AV. FUEL<br>LOADED | (f)<br>AV. FUEL<br>CONSUMED | (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED         |     |      |    | (h)<br>NO. OF PLANES<br>RETURNING |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|------|----|-----------------------------------|
|                    |                     |                        |                            |                           |                             | .30                                   | .50 | 20MM | MM |                                   |
| <b>F6F-5</b>       | <b>130</b>          | <b>130</b>             | <b>3.24</b>                | <b>400</b>                | <b>200</b>                  |                                       |     |      |    | <b>16</b>                         |
|                    |                     |                        |                            |                           |                             | <b>600 rounds (average per plane)</b> |     |      |    |                                   |

## IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

| CALIBER                                   | NONE     | MEAGER   | MODERATE | INTENSE |
|---|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over  |          |          |          |         |
| MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm   |          |          | <b>X</b> |         |
| LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm | <b>X</b> | <b>X</b> |          |         |

## X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB,  
at various altitudes

- TURN
- DIVES
- CEILINGS
- RANGE
- PROTECTION
- ARMAMENT



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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) Chiran airfield (b) Time Over Target(s) 0505(1) (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target Ceiling and visibility unlimited  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 10  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Dive Bomb Sight Used MK 8 Illuminated gun sight.  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run 2 Spacing X Altitude of Bomb Release 2500  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None Damaged None

| (h)<br>AIMING POINT | (i)<br>DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE | (j) NO. A/C ATTACKING<br>(k) SQUADRON | (l)<br>BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT | (m)<br>NO. HITS On Aiming Point | (n)<br>DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk) |
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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).

(p) Were Photographs Taken? NO 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

**All equipment functioned satisfactorily.**

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