



# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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REPORT No. 120

## 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) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1				
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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

## 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	
	131	177	4.33	400	350		1,000			12
	135	160	4.2	300	285	100	150			9
	135	160	4.2	300	270			300		4

## 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

None airborne

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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) see III, Taka Harbor 21/21.5N 141/10E (b) Time Over Target(s) 1450(-0) (Zone)

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

(d) Visibility of Target all-out haze (e) Visibility 14-20 (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type level Bomb Sight Used VR-1 (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run VR-1 VR-11 Spacing                      Altitude of Bomb Release VR-1,000 (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed                      Probably Destroyed                      Damaged 4

(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 AA on top of hill		8 WF	4150000P -36 rts. 400 I .50 cal.		Destroyed
2 Top of N. end of (23) S/S into N. A/P		6 WF	2000.50 cal		1 plane damaged
3 AA near breakwater Taka Harbor	8,000	3 WF	1150000P 200.50 cal.		slight
4 Housing on breakwater, Taka		1 WF	1 I 5000P		Destroyed
5 Barracks area, near (23) into		2 WF	2150000P 200.50 cal.		"
6 AA center of Taka Harbor	7,000 GT	5 4-WF/1-WF	4150000P, 4150000P 2000.50 cal.	3	serious
7 AA near entrance Taka Harbor	7,000 GT	1 VF-30	4150000P	1	"
8 S-Taka Harbor	12,000 GT	4-WF	2000.50 cal.	1-2	"
9. VB near entrance	6,000	1-WF	415000P	1-2	"

(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. AA temporarily allowed to cover VR-1.
2. None of them landed, though well hit.
3. Results not observable.
4. Three hits observed on this ship; one on stern, one just aft of center, one well forward causing a large hole. Profuse smoke observed on retirement. There is controversy regarding this ship; two observers maintaining that she is grounded on a shoal and used as an "AA trap", others opining that she shows too much freeboard to make this a likely assumption. (Ref. CVG photo Intelligence Report No. 11 or 21 January 1945)
7. Housing.

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

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## XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA. (Narrative and comment. Describe action fully and comment freely, following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

### ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY

#### OWN AIRCRAFT

Disposition  
Altitudes  
Speeds  
Approach Tactics  
Use of Cover, Deception  
Angles of Attack and Their Effectiveness  
Distance of Opening Fire  
Defense Tactics and Their Effectiveness

#### ENEMY AIRCRAFT

Method of Locating, Distance  
Disposition  
Altitudes  
Speeds  
Approach Tactics  
Use of Cover, Deception  
Angles of Attack  
Distance of Opening Fire  
Defensive Tactics

#### COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Own Weaknesses  
Enemy Weaknesses  
Offensive Tactics, Own  
" " , Enemy  
Defensive Tactics, Own  
" " , Enemy  
Flexible Gunnery, Own  
Escort Tactics  
Fighter Direction  
Use of Radar  
Night Fighting  
Recognition, Aircraft

### ATTACK

#### OWN TACTICS

Method of Locating Target  
Approach to Target  
Altitudes, Speeds  
Approach  
Dive  
Pull-Out  
Dive Angle  
Strafing  
Retirement  
Defensive Tactics  
Use of Jamming

#### DEFENSE, ENEMY

Evasive Tactics, Ships  
Concealment  
Searchlights  
Night Fighter Tactics  
Use of Jamming

#### COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Bombing Tactics  
Torpedo Tactics  
Effectiveness of Bombs, Torpedoes  
Selection of Targets  
Fuzing  
Strafing Tactics  
Defensive Tactics  
Use of Radar  
Reconnaissance  
Photography  
Briefing

### OPERATIONAL

Navigation  
Homing  
Rendezvous  
Recognition, Ships  
Communications  
Flight Operations  
Search and Tracking  
Base Operations  
Maintenance

#### NARRATIVE:

**V8 & V7:** Took off at 1250. 4 bombers, 5 torpedo planes, and fighters. Rendezvoused with HAWK planes and proceeded to target. Upon completion of rendezvous, group proceeded to target on course 240, or biting twice for altitude. Arrived east southeast of target at 14,000 feet. High speed approach was started about 15 miles away from target. HAWK planes were to lead the attack, followed by LANTHORN planes. In the high-speed approach, LANTHORN planes had considerable difficulty in keeping from overrunning HAWK group. The radical changes of course made by LANTHORN planes resulted in all heavy AA being directed at HAWK group. HAWK planes effected their dive from the east. LANTHORN planes followed immediately after making an approach from the south. Dive was made from 11,000 feet and retirement to the west. Upon completion of rendezvous, LANTHORN bombers joined on LANTHORN torpedo planes to search for (Sub. sig) 7-20 of VT-20, who had been forced down off the east coast of Formosa on a previous strike, and had been seen last with all his crew in a raft. Search was made from 22 deg on north 121° 10' east to 23° 18' north and 122° 6' east. Search consisted of 9 planes 2 miles apart. Search was negative.

**V7:** Twelve fighters, including one photographic plane escorted the bombers and torpedo planes to Takao. While the other planes attacked shipping in Takao Harbor the fighters made a rocket and strafing attack on AA positions on Apo Hill which was successful insofar as holding down fire was concerned.

After the rendezvous east of Takao two divisions returned to make a run on aircraft and a barracks at Hsiao North while the third division accompanied the V8 and V7 planes in an unsuccessful search for a VT crew forced down off the east coast of Formosa on 4 January 1945. At Hsiao North one plane was damaged with .50 caliber and a barracks was hit with a bomb.

The photo plane and its escort did not participate in either attack. AA fire over Takao was meagre and inaccurate and in contrast was found to be intense and accurate in the vicinity of Tachien. At Hsiao Nakarata, heavy AA fire was found to be quite accurate.

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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

**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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