

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VF-94 (b) Based on or at USS LEXINGTON (c) Report No. VF-94-31
 (d) Take off: Date 13 Aug. 1945 Time (LZT) 1145 (-9) (Zone); Lat. 35°-01'N Long. 142°-16'E
 (e) Mission Strike vs. Utsonomiya Airfield, Honshu, Japan (f) Time of Return 1705 (-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)		
F6F-5	VF-94	4	0	4	1 - 500# G.P. 6 - 5" HVAR	Inst. Nose/.01 Delay Inst. Nose/.015 Base
F6F-5	VF-94	1	0	1	None	

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
F4U-4	VBF-94	6	USS LEXINGTON				

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

(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	(c) No. ENGAG. OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
			(ZONE)	N		
			(ZONE)	O		
			(ZONE)	N		
			(ZONE)	E		

(j) 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 PERCENTS OF COVER)
 Time of Day and Brilliance -
 (k) of Sun or Moon - (l) 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		
			N			
			O			
			N			
			E			

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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 GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1 F6F-5	VF-94	20 mm.	Port wing center	
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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	190	190	5.3	400	325	-	-	-	-	5

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

None encountered.

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

(b) Target(s) and Location(s) Jimmaichi Airfield, Koriyama Airfield, Yamagata Airfield [c] Time Over Target(s) 1330 - 1430 (-)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

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

(d) Visibility of Target Hazy - partially obscured by clouds (e) Visibility 20
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBTSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type 4 Glide (Bombs & Rockets) Bomb Sight Used Mk 8
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run 1 Spacing - Altitude of Bomb Release 1500
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 4 Probably Destroyed 5 Damaged 10

(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)
Jammaichi Airfield	8 planes	5	3 - 500# G.P.	2	3 S/E Destroyed
		VF-94	18 - 5" HVAR	2	1 T/E Destroyed
			4000 Rds. 50 cal.	*	3 S/E Damaged 1 T/E Damaged
Koriyama Airfield	9 planes	3	2 - 5" HVAR	*	5 S/E Probably Destroyed
		VF-94	3500 Rds. 50 cal.		3 S/E Damaged

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.)

* Aircraft destroyed at # 1 by 2 rocket hits and one bomb hit. Aircraft probably destroyed received 100 to 125 rounds of 50 caliber, while those damaged received 50 to 75 rounds of 50 caliber per plane damaged.

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

This fighter strike made landfall at Timoro, Honshu, but were unable to reach their intended target of Utsonomiya Airfield due to rain squalls. Proceeding north around the weather, the flight elected as its target of opportunity, the airfield of Jimmaichi. Although this field had been heavily attacked on the 9th and 10th of August, the strike succeeded in destroying several planes (VF destroyed 4 A/C and damaged 4 A/C) by bombing and rocket attacks. The flight then proceeded south to Yamagata Airfield but found this facility stripped of aircraft. At this position, a section of VF were forced to return to base because of low fuel. Proceeding further south, the air base of Koriyama was attacked and after several strafing runs, VF netted 5 planes probably destroyed and 4 damaged. It was noted that of the approximately 60 aircraft on this field, by far the majority were duds which made it extremely difficult to pick out a vital target. The flight rendezvoused south of the field and returned to base.

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