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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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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 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	None			
2				
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4				
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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
		None		

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	150	150	4.5	400	350		2,975			12

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				*
LIGHT - Machine gun bullets, 65mm-132mm	*			

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

SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes
TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

No observations

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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) Yokosuka(298) Yachimata(2804) Airfield (b) Time Over Target(s) 1040-1225(Item)

(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target Unlimited

(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Clear(e) Visibility 20

(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.)

(MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics, Type DiveBomb Sight Used Gunsight M8

(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)

(TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run 2 Spacing Salvo Altitude of Bomb Release 5000-6000

(NUMBER)

(FEET)

(FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground:

Destroyed Observed Probably Destroyed Not observed Damaged Not observed

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, Slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
		(k) SQUADRON			
1 Yokosuka Revetments- W. side		8 VF-16	15*260# Frags	Not observed	Not observed
2 Yokosuka Revetments- S.E.		1 VF-16	2*260# Frags	Not observed	Not observed
3 Yokosuka Bldgs. S. side.		3 VF-16	6*260# Frags	Not observed	Not observed
4 Yachimata Revetments- S.E.		7 VF-16	14*5" HVAR	Not observed	Not observed
5 Yachimata Bldgs. A/C N. side Field		1 VF-16	2*5" HVAR	Not observed	Not observed
6 Yachimata Bldgs. S.W. Field		2 VF-16	4*5" HVAR	Not observed	Not observed
7 Yachimata Revetments- N.		2 VF-16	4*5" HVAR	Not observed	Not observed
8 Yachimata		12 VF-16	50cal-All Attacks	Not observed	Not observed
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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, For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sheets if necessary)

Good dispersal on Yokosuka and revetments on Yachimata together with high release point required by VT fusing made identification of aircraft and observation of results difficult.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No 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

ENEMY AIRCRAFT

Method of location, Distance
Disposition
Altitudes
Speeds
Approach Tactics
Use of Cover, Deception Angles, of

Attack

Distance of Opening Fire
Defensive Tactics

COMMENTS AND

RECOMMENDATION

Own Weaknesses
Enemy Weaknesses
Offensive Tactics, Own
Offensive Tactics, Enemy
Defensive Tactics, Own
Defensive Tactics, 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
Deflection of Targets
Fuzing
Strafing Tactics
Defensive Tactics
Use of Radar
Reconnaissance
Photography
Briefing

OPERATIONAL

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

Twelve VF from VF-16 with eight VF from VF-34 rendezvoused and proceeded to the target area, climbing to 17,000 feet. The flight passed south of the Chiba peninsula and approached Yokosuka from the southwest. The attack was made at 1135 (Item), letting down from 17,000 feet on a course of 085°. Intense heavy AA was encountered in the final approach, generally below and trailing. Release at 5,000-6,000 feet was required by the bomb fusing, and from the altitude to which an aiming point must be determined, it was difficult to discover the location of aircraft on the field. Generally, the pilots aimed their bombs for the revetted areas on the west side of the field. One pilot aimed at what appeared to be a revetment on the southeast perimeter of the field. Three pilots failing to locate any aircraft dropped on buildings south of the field. The attack was made with fragmentation bombs. The result of the attack was not observed.

Retirement was to the southeast across Tokyo Bay and Chiba peninsula, and rendezvous was off the east coast. Intense heavy AA became intense AW fire as altitude was lost in the attack, and both types followed the flight on retirement until out of range. Naval vessels at anchor and an island in Tokyo Bay east of the field contributed substantially to the volume of fire. AA was generally trailing or off on deflection but reasonably accurate in altitude.

After rendezvous the flight proceeded to Yachimata and received some heavy AA fire from Inubo Saki when within range. Course was immediately altered to the south. Final approach was on course 315° at 1225 (Item) at 14,000 feet. Attack was delayed momentarily looking for targets on the field and attack was made on a course of 150°. Moderate automatic weapons fire commenced when 10,000 feet altitude was reached and followed the flight until out of range. Seven planes fired rockets at revetments southeast of the field. One pilot believed he saw a twin-engine plane on the north side of the field and fired his rockets at it. Two pilots fired at revetments north of the field and two planes not seeing any aircraft fired at the buildings on the southwest end of the field. All planes strafed. Retirement was to the east and rendezvous was ten miles off the coast.

During final approach to Yachimata one pilot saw considerable black smoke which he believed was coming from Yokosuka Airfield.

The results of the attack on Yachimata were not observed.

No enemy aircraft were sighted in the air.

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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, Torpedes
Bomb Sights
Bomb Releases

COMMUNICATIONS

Radio, Radar
Homing Devices
Visual Signals
Codes, Ciphers

COMMUNICATIONS

IFF
Signals
Procedures

PROTECTION

Armor; Points and Angles of Fire
Need 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

No comments.

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