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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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REPORT No **AG-47,#97(VF-47,#93)**

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				
3				
4				
5				
6				
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10				
11				
12				
13				
14				

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	146	146	3-30	400	280-320		2,500			8

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

No AA observed at Yachimata.

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

SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes
TURN
DIVE
CEILING
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

No opportunity for comparison.

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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) Airfield in Tokyo Bay Area (b)Time Over Target(s) 0945-1045(I) (Zone)

(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c)Clouds Over Target CAVU

(BASE IN FEET,TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d)Visibility of Target Clear (e)Visibility 15to20

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

(MILES)

(f)Bombing Tactics.Type Dive Bomb Slight Used Mark 8

(LEVEL.GLIDE OR DIVE)

(TYPE)

Rocket

4

Bombs Dropped per Run 1 Spacing -- Altitude of Bomb Release 3,000-4,000

(NUMBER)

(FEET)

(FEET)

(g)Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground:Destroyed -- Probably Destroyed -- Damaged 16

(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)
Aircraft at Yachimata	S/E	7	4 Bombs;8roket's Strafing		One bomb reported to have landed near 2 S/E planes at NE cornare of field. 6 planes strafed.
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Aircraft at Miyakawa	S/E 1 Quad	7	3 Bombs 20 Rockets		3 Bombs hit near 4-engine plane in SE corner of field. Rocket results not observed. 10 planes strafed.
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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 niew or both, as appropriate,showing typ e 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 addi tional sheets if necessary)

(1) Six planes strafed at Yachimata.

(2) Ten planes were strafed at Miyakawa.The bomb hits close to the 4-engine pla nes(closely resembling a B-24 according to photos)may have also damaged this pl ane.Photo interpretation reports by both the BATAAN and TG 38.3 indicated that t his plane had been damaged.

(Note:Commander Task Force 38's airfield Status Report for 10 July 1945,based on photographs taken that day, indicated six nonoperational planes at Yachima ta and 19 at Miyakawa.

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

Selected photos attached to JicPoa copy of this ACA-1 report.

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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

ejection 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

The second BATAAN sweep of the day was also in conjunction with RANDOLPH planes. The first attack was on Yachinata Airfield made from northwest to southeast, with BATAAN planes concentrating on three aircraft at the northeast edges of the airfields and four on the east side. Possible damage to two of these parked aircraft from bomb drops could not be assessed. All six enemy planes were strafed. No AA was observed at this airfield.

After regaining altitudes BATAAN and RANDOLPH planes attacked Miyakawa airfield with VF-47 planes concentrating on parked aircraft at the southeastern corner of the field. Planes in revetments, just off the field at this corner were also strafed. Three bombs were dropped and 20 rockets were fired at aircraft in this area. Approximately 10 planes were believed damaged during this attack. A large four engine plane, closely resembling a B-24, was strafed. Bombs and rockets exploded close by, so that it is presumed to have been damaged. No planes burned.

Meager medium and light anti-aircraft fire was observed. No airborne enemy aircraft were encountered.

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XIII.MATERIAL DATA(Comment freely on oerformance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary)

ARMAMENT

Guns,Gunsights
Turrets
Ammunition
Bombs, Torpedes
Bomb Sights
Bomb Releases

COMMUNICARIONS

Radio, Radar
Homing Devices
Visual Sognals
Codes,Ciphers

COMMUNICATIONS

IFF
Signals
Procedures

PROTECTION

Armor;Points and Angles of Fire N
eeding Further Protection
Leal 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 DEV

ICES

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

Equipment performed satisfactorily.

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