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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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REPORT No CAG-16-4-45

## 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 F6F-5	VBF-16	AA	Port Elevator-Small hole	Skin peeled slightly No operational loss.
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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	3.5	400	325	None	3,450	None	None	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

Enemy not airborne

(p)Were Photographs Taken?      No      Photographs of Damage,Whon 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

Selection 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

This flight was launched at 0830(I) to blanket CHIBA peninsula and attack aircraft at YACHIMATA and MIYAKAWA. Fifty miles from base one plane had oxygen failure, and the two o-plan section returned. Landfall was made at 1005(I) near CHOJA at 20,000 feet. At the same time, two additional planes had oxygen failure, and dropped to 10000 feet. these two planes proceeded to Naruto and bombed planes on the mat, then made a rocket attack on a small coastal town with unobserved result, as retired to sea.

The remaining 8 F6Fs reconnoitered the peninsula, found no enemy airborne, and proceeded to dive-bomb YACHIMATA airfield, approaching on a heading of 150°T, with final push-over at 11,000 feet. Bombs were released at 3500 feet. Retirement was SE to rendezvous point over water.

MIYAKAWA airfield was then attacked with HVAR, with dives from 11,000 feet and pull-out at 2000 feet. All planes retired to SE and returned to base without incident.

AA: YACHIMATA: Heavy, scattered bursts, inaccurate; Medium, meager, inaccurate; Light, intense, inaccurate. Ten medium guns E side of A/F.  
MIYAKAWA: Light only - intense and accurate.  
NARUTO: Medium, meager and inaccurate; Light, intense barrage fire.

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## XIII.MATERIAL DATA

(Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary)

Three planes had oxygen failures, due to leakage at the emergency valve.

### 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

Airframe: 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

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