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## AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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### CONFIDENTIAL

#### I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VBF-16 (b) Based on or at USS RANDOLPH(CV-15) (c) Report No. CAG-16-4-45 (d) Take off: Date 10 July 1945 Time (LZT) 0830(I) (Zone); Lat. 35°57'N Long. 142°40'E YACHIMATA A/F(2804) NARUTO(2784) (e)Mission MIYAKAWA A/F(2780) TOKYO area, desroy aircraft (f)Time of Return 1200(I) (Zone) II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIOALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT. NUMBER **BOMBS AND TORPEDOES** TYPE **SQUADRON** TAKING **ENGAGING ATTACKING FUZE, SETTING** CARRIED(PER PLANE) ENEMY A/C (d) (a) (a) TARGET (g) OFF (f) (c) (e) (a)2\*260 Frag(Leader-1)10 (b)2\*250 G.P.-2planes Pl.Nose-VT(50E1)Tail ND(10A2) Nose-Inst(100A2)Tail ND(100A2) F6F-5 VBF-16 10 12 None (c)2\*HVAR Nose-Inst.Tail-Inst. III.OTHER U.S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION TYPE | SQUADRON | NUMBER BASE TYPE SQUADRON NUMBER **BASE** F6F-5 VF-47 8 USS BATAAN(CVL-29) IV.ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED(By Own Aircraft listed in II Only.) (g) CAMOUFLAGE AND (c) NO. ENGAGING (e) LOCATION OF (f) BOMBS,TORPEDOES,CARRIED; TÌMF NO. ENCOUNTERED MARKING **OBSERVED** OWN A/C **ENCOUNTER GUNS OBSERVED** None (ZONE) (ZONE) (ZONE) (h)Apparent Enemy Mission(s) (i)Did Any Part of Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? If so, Describe Clouds\_ (YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET. TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER) (j)Time of Day and Brilliance of Sun or Moon\_ \_(k)visibility\_ (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON, DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (MILES) V.ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR(By Own Aircraft listed in II Only) (b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY: (c) WHERE HIT,ANGLE ENEMY A/C CLAIMED TYPE A/C SQUADRON PILOT OR GUNNER **GUNS USED** None

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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,equipument 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.
2				
3				
4				
5				
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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		
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WII.RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h)
TYPE	MILES	MILES	AV HOURS	AV FUEL	AV FUEL	30	50	20MM	MM	NO OF PLANES
A/C	OUT	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	30	50	2011111	141141	RETURNING
F6F-5	150	150	3.5	400	325	None	3,450	None	None	12
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
O, (LIBE)	110112	1 12/ (0/21)	110021011	111121102
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

Enemy not airborne

CEILINGS RANGE

PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

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### (OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

V7. 4. T. 7. G. V. G. N. F.					No <u>CAG-16-4-45</u>		
XI.ATTACK ON E		) YACHIMATA(28	DBJECTIVES(By Own Air 04)(3)NARUTO	craft liste	ed in II only).		
(a)Target(s) and L			,TOKYO area,aircraft(	b)Time Over	Target(s) <u>1020(I)</u> (Zone)		
(c)Clouds Over Tai		R SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AF	rea under attack) <b>None</b>				
(c) clouds over rul	901	(BASE	IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVE	R)			
(d)Visibility of Tar		Clea		_(e)Visibility			
(f)Bombing Tactics			l strafe	Bomb Slight			
Bombs Dropped	per Run	(LEVEL.GLIDE OR Spacing	<u>.</u> .	omb Release	e 3500		
(a)N		UMBER)	(FEET)	Augusta Turi	(FEET)		
	i) Aircraft Hil	(j)NO A/C ATTACKING	ed <u>Unknown</u> Probably Des	(m)	(n)		
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(k)SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT	NO HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE(None,Slight,serious, destroyed or sunk)		
YACHIMATA S and SW revetments		8	11*260 Frag 4*250 G.P.	11 4	Undetermined		
MIYAKAWA N and W revetments		8	- 14∗HVAR	16	Undetermined		
NARUTO Planes and mat		2	4*260 Frag	4	Undetermined		
e and location of hits. For tional sheets if necessary	r all targets give lo	ocation and effect of hits, I	s of special interest,draw diagram, top For all targets give location and effect				
YACHIMATA:	4 VT bom	lropped in han lbs exploded o	ver revetments on S	side of	field.		
MIYAKAWA:	Rocket bu	ursts in vicinity	ver revwtments on S vof revetments.2 di				
NARUTO:	damage unascertai ned.						
11/11/01/01	nown.	is directly ove	i the planes aimea t	at, CATCIII	or damage not k		
Note:	Split secr	nd interval ove	r target,together wit	h high r	elease point requ		
	ired for v	r-rusea bombs	s prohibits full dama	ge obser	vation.		
(p)Were Photograp	hs Taken?	No Photograph	s of Damage,Whon Taken,Sh	ould Be Att	ached By Staple.		

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ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY

OWN AIRCRAFT

Disposition

Altitudes

Speeds

Aprorch Tactics

Use of Cover, Deception

Angles of Attack and

Their Effectiveness

**ENEMY AIRCRAFT** 

Method of locationg, 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

Aprorch

Dive

Pull-out

Dive Angle

Strafing Retirement

Defensive Tactics

Use of Jamming

DEFENSE, ENEMY

Evasive Tacticcs, Ships

Concealment

Searchlights

Night Fighter Tacitics

Use of Jamming COMMENTS AND

RECOMMENDATIONS

Bombing Tactics Torpede Tactics

Effectiveness of Bimbs, Toerpedoes S

eiection of Targets

Fuzing

Strafing Tactics

Defenseive Tactics

Use of Radar

Reconnaissance Photography

Briefing

**OPERATIONAL** 

Navigation

Homing

Recognition, Ships

Communications

Flight Operations

Search and Tracking

Base Opretations

Maintenance

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

> This flight was launched at 0830(I) to blanket CHIBA peninsula and attack aircraft at YACHIMATA and MIYAKAWA.Fift y miles from base one plane had oxygen failure, and the tw 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 proseeded to Naruto and bombed planes o n the mat, then made a rocket attack on a small coastal to wn with unobserved result, as retired to sea.

> The remaining 8 F6Fs reconnoitered the peninsula, found n o enemy airborne, and poceeded to dive-bomb YACHIMATA airfield, approaching on a heading of 150°T, with final pushover at 11,000 feet.Bombs were released at 3500 feet.Retir ement was SE to rendezvous point over water.

> MIYAKAWA airfield was then attacked with HVAR, with dive s from 11,000 feet and pull-out at 2000 feet. All planes reti red to SE and returned to base without incident.

> YACHIMATA: Heavy, scattered bursts, inaccurat; Midium, AA:

meager,inaccurate;Light,intense,inaccurat

e.Ten medium guns E side of A/F.

MIYAKAWA: Light only - inrense and accurate. Medium, meager and inaccurate; Light, inten NARUTO:

se barrage fire.

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

mergency valve.

Three planes had oxygen failures, due to leakage at the e

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

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