

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

CONFIDENTIAL

REPORT No 63-45

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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) Yachimata(2804) A/F (b)Time Over Target(s) 0545-0630Item (Zone)

(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c)Clouds Over Target 500 Feet 9/10

(BASE IN FEET,TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d)Visibility of Target Hazy (e)Visibility 10-15

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

(MILES)

(f)Bombing Tactics.Type Dive Bomb Slight Used Gusaigt Ms

(LEVEL.GLIDE OR DIVE)

(TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run 1 Spacing _____ Altitude of Bomb Release 4000-6000

(NUMBER)

(FEET)

(FEET)

(g)Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground:Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None Damaged None

(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,des troyed or sunk)
Yachimata A/F Hangars		11 VF-16	11*260# 20R/P	In Area	not observed
Yachimata A/F Dispersal		4 VF-16	4*260# 2 R/P	In Area	" "
Naruto Locomotive		1 VF-16	1*260# 1*R/P	Near Miss	Stopped enveloped in steam
Naruto U/1 Bldgs.		1 VF-16	1*R/P	1	Burning

(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)

Target area covered with 9/10 overcast at 500'-2000' and 6000'-7000. Only hol e found was over Yachimata A/F.A/F and locomotive were also strafed.Five R/P wer e jettisoned due to malfunctioning.

(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

- 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

comment freely, following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

The flight proceeded to the target area with assigned targets, airfields in Tokyo Bay area. Entire area was covered with layers of thick overcast which prevented attack on assigned fields. After searching for opening a hole was found over Yachimata A/F and field was bombed and rocketed. Hangar and dispersal areas were taken as aiming points but results could not be observed because of poor visibility and pull outs into overcast. One pilot reported seeing fire in hangar area as he pulled out.

Two planes attacked a locomotive near Naruto which unfastened its cars sought refuge under a highway bridge. Near misses with one bomb and 1 R/P followed by strafing left it enveloped in steam.

One pilot fired 1 R/P into a large building in Naruto and left it burning.

Two pilots attempted a low strafing run on Miyakawa (2780) A/F but were driven off by intense accurate AW AA.

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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
- 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

No comments.

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