

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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REPORT NO. VBF85#35
(CVG85#32)

XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only)

(a) Target (s) and Location (s) 1465 Konoike Airfield (b) Time Over Target (s) 1430 I (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target 20,000 Cirrus .2

(d) Visibility of Target Hazy (e) Visibility 15-20 mi.

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Dive Bomb Sight Used Mk. 8

Bombs Dropped per Run 1 Spacing _____ Altitude of Bomb Release 5000
(x - undetermined number)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed X Probably Destroyed _____ Damaged X

(b) AIMING POINT	(d) 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
1. Revetment area North of field.	1000' diameter	11 VBF-85	10-260# Frag. 32-5" HVAR	All	Aircraft believed destroyed.
2. AA positions North of field.	30' dia.	2 VBF-85	8-5" HVAR	4-6	Positions silenced.

(o) RESULTS:

1. Twenty or more aircraft were believed to be in revetment area, which was thoroughly pulverized by strike group. Bombs and rockets mentioned are believed to have been hits though they could not be specifically identified.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Not by Unit reporting.

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

On this, his second four hour mission of the day over the heart of the Empire, Lieutenant Commander J. T. O'NEILL, Executive Officer of VBF-85, led the CVG-85 composite element of the strike group.

The previously assigned and briefed primary target was 1465 Kasumigaura. However photographs developed just before take-off and available to this element indicated some forty (40) aircraft were present at Konoike, a large part of which were concentrated in the revetment area. The strike accordingly diverted enroute to make what was considered a successful attack on Konoike.

In the face of moderate antiaircraft fire of all types, conventional dive bombing tactics were employed by the VBF-85 element with the results noted in XI, and without damage to the attacking aircraft.

Again barrage fire from heavy positions was noted.

XIII. MATERIAL DATA.

Some buffeting in dives occurred.

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