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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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VBF-85#47

REPORT No. VF-85#44A

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

(a) Target (s) and Location (s) 2621 Miho A/F 2626 Yonago A/F (b) Time Over Target (s) 1315 I (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target 3 cirrus 12,000

(d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 20

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

Bombs Dropped per Run 1 Spacing _____ Altitude of Bomb Release 4500

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 4 Probably Destroyed ? Damaged Undetermined number

(b) AIMING POINT	(d) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	(d) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE
1 Hangar area 2621 Miho	500' dia.	8 VBF-85	8-260# Frag 2-5" HVAR	All in area	See (o)
2 Aircraft Miho		8 VBF-85	4-5" HVAR plus ammo.	4?	"
3 Aircraft Yonago		8 VBF-85	11-5" HVAR plus ammo.	5?	"
4 FTC	2000T	2 VBF-85	4-5" HVAR plus ammo.	4?	Smoking
5 SD and 4 luggers	500T	8 VBF-85	6-5" HVAR plus ammo.	3?	"
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7					
8					

(o) RESULTS:

1. Undetermined number of planes damaged.
2. One plane destroyed, undetermined number damaged.
3. Three planes destroyed, undetermined number damaged.

Note: Number of rounds of ammunition out of total expended at each target not determined.

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XII.

This Task Group fighter sweep was led by Lt. Comdr. J. T. O'Neill, Executive Officer of VBF-85.

Airfields in the vicinity of Osaka were originally assigned as targets. Reports of the weather closing in in that area caused the sweep to divert at the last minute to the Miho area, which was reached by proceeding over the overcast across Honshu where the northern side of the island was found to be clear.

Conventional dive bombing attack was made at Miho initiating dives at 12,000. The hangar area was well covered with VT fused fragmentation bombs. Damage is assumed to an undetermined number of aircraft.

This attack was followed by a strafing and rocket attack on Yonago in which more aircraft were destroyed or damaged. The last planes in the dive on this field observed an Oscar at about 1000 feet apparently preparing to land. They were not able to get on him for more than quick full deflection shots which caused him to smoke from the engine. He was not observed after that.

The sweep then attacked shipping north of Miho with results noted in XI.

XIII. None.

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