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I. GENERAL

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(a) Unit Reporting: VF-6 (b) Based on: USS HANCOCK (c) REPORT VBF-6 #60  
VBF-6 #48  
(d) Take off: Date 14 July 1945 Time(s): 0400(I)  
Lat. 41° 23' N. Long. 143° 47' E.  
(e) Mission: Sweep Baker over Eastern Hokkaido (f) Time of Return: 0830(I)  
Plain.

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE	SQUAD	NUMBER		TAKING OFF	ENEMY A/C	ATTACKING TARGET	BOMBS, ROCKETS & TORPEDOES Carried (per plane) size & type	FUZE DELAYS, TORPEDO SETTINGS
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
F6F-5	VF-6	8	None	7			4 Planes - 6 HVAR's	
F4U-4	VBF-6	4	None	4			4 Planes - 4 HVAR's	W/149 Inst. Nose

III. OTHER U.S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED ON THIS MISSION.

TYPE	SQUAD	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUAD	NUMBER	BASE
			NONE				

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	(c) NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPS, CARRIED OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGING & MARKING
Oscar	1	None	0530(I)	Over Eastern Hokkaido	None observed	Not observed

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s)

Did Any Part of

(i) Encounter(s) Occur in Cloud? Time of Day and Brilliance

If so, Describe Clouds

(j) Of Sun or Moon

(k) Visibility

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:	(c)	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
ENEMY A/C	TYPE A/C SQUAD PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED	WHERE HIT, ANGLE
		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) SQUAD	(c) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C TYPE GUN, OR OPERA- TIONAL CAUSE.	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE. (Give Bu.Ser. No. of plane destroyed)
			NONE	

## VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) NO.	(b) SQUAD	(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. HRS. IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOAD	(f) AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h) No. of Planes Returning
						.30	.50	20 MM	MM	
F6F-5	169	170	4 1/2	400	290		5330			8
FLU-4	169	170	4 1/2	383	270		4050			4

## IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line)

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY	X			
MEDIUM	X			
LIGHT	X			

## COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

No enemy aircraft encountered.

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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) Kenebetsu, Shibetsu #1 & 2 A/F, Chashikotsu  
 (b) Time Over Target(s) 0545(I) (c) Clouds Over Target: Scattered, 5000'  
 Scattered, 2000' and overcast.  
 (d) Visibility of Target: Clear to foggy (e) Visibility: 8 to 10  
 Miles  
 (f) Bombing Tactics-Type VB Bomb Sight Used: VB VBF  
 VT VT VT  
 Rocket VBF  
 Bombs Deopped per run per plane Spacing VT  
 VBF VF VT VB VB

Altitude of Bomb Release:

VBF VF VT VB

(g) No. of Enemy A/C hit on Ground: Destroyed 1 Prob. Destroyed None  
 Damaged None

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS or TONNAGE	(j) No. A/C Attacking (k) SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS, UNITATION, FUSE USED, EACH AIMING POINT & FUSE USED	No. Hits on Aiming Point	DAMAGE
1. Locomotive, East of Kenebetsu A/F		1 VF-6	2 HVAR's	None	Serious
2. Revetments, S.E. & N.E. Kenebetsu #1		5 VF-6	6 .50 Cal. M/G	Undet.	Undetermined
3. Four gasoline trucks - Shibetsu #1		1 VF-6	8 HVAR's	Undet.	Undetermined
4. Buildings S.E. side of field, Shibetsu #1		1 VF-6	.50 Cal. M/G	Undet.	Undetermined
5. Barracks, Shibetsu #2		1 VF-6	6 .50 Cal. M/G	Undet.	Undetermined
6. Revetments, Covered. Nishiharabetsu		2 VF-6	3 - HVAR's	Undet.	Undetermined
7. Vehicles, Shibetsu #2		1 VF-6	2 - HVAR's	Undet.	Undetermined
8. Misc. Buildings town of Chashikotsu		4 VF-6	4 - HVAR's	Undet.	Undetermined
9. Oscar (Silver Colored) Shibetsu #2		1 VF-6	2 - HVAR's	Undet.	Undetermined
10. Revetments, Shibetsu #2		1 VF-6	50 Cal. AMMO.	Undet.	live started at sawmill
11. Hangar, Shibetsu #2		2 VF-6	6 - .50 Cal. M/G	Undet.	Destroyed
12. Freight yard, Shibetsu #1 & 2		4 VBF-6	6 - .50 Cal. M/G	Undet.	Undetermined
13. Locomotive, Freight Yard		1 VBF-6	Strafing	2	Serious, Burning
14. Train, Shibetsu and Kenebetsu		2 VBF-6	4 Rockets	2	Moderate
			Strafing	9 Rockets	Yes Moderate
			Strafing	Yes	Moderate

(c) RESULTS

15. Locomotive, Bekkai

2 VBF-6  
 4 VBF-6

Strafing

Yes Destroyed

16. Small boat, Bekkai

Strafing

Yes Serious, Burning

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## XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES.

### (o) Results:

1. The locomotive was at a station north of Kenebitsu pulling freight cars. It steamed violently when the boiler was hit with .50 Cal. bullets.
2. No visible damage from rocket or .50 Cal. fire.
3. No visible damage.
4. No visible damage.
5. No visible damage.
6. No visible damage.
7. No visible damage.
8. ~~No visible damage.~~ *Fires started at sawmill (See photo)*
9. This Oscar burst into flames when it was hit and it was left burning.
10. No visible damage.
11. Hangar at Shibetsu #2 A/F left burning after rocket and .50 Cal. hits.
12. The freight yards between Shibetsu #1 A/F and Shibetsu #2 A/F's were rocketted and strafed. 2 rocket hits and .50 Cal. hits were scored. Moderate damage resulted.
13. Moderate damage inflicted by strafing on freight locomotive and train at above yards.
14. Moderate damage inflicted by strafing on train underway between Shibetsu and Kenebitsu A/F's.
15. Strafing exploded a locomotive four miles west of Bekkai.
16. A small boat was strafed and was left burning seriously.

(P) Were Photographs Taken: Yes





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## XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

### VF-6 NARRATIVE:

Lieutenant Commander R.W. SCHUMANN, Jr., USN, the Commanding Officer of VF-6, led eight F6F-5's of VF-6 and eight F4U-4's of VBF-6 on Sweep Baker over airfields in the Eastern Hokkaido Plain. The flight took off at 0400(I) from the deck of the USS HANCOCK and proceeded to their targets about 170 miles from launching position (41-00 N. - 143-27 E.).

When they arrived at the target area they found a solid overcast at 5,000 feet and large patches of scattered fog along the coast and covering Nemuro Peninsula.

One single engine plane was sighted in the air as the flight was proceeding to its first target. It ducked into a cloud immediately after it was sighted and no chase was made.

They swept over the Plain to Kenebetsu Airfield, and finding no aircraft in the air selected targets on the field. Four of the F6's attacked revetments from a 5,000 foot pusher point, on the SW and NE corners of the field, two of them firing four HVAR's each and one strafing. No damage was noted.

Lt.(jg) Daniel W. Lamb sighted an silver colored Oscar on the corner of one runway. He dove down from 5,000 feet and opened up with his 6 .50 Cal. wing guns. The Oscar burst into flames and was left burning. (See attached photo).

East of the field a locomotive was sighted at a station attached to a number of freight cars. Ensign Ray A. Killian fired .50 Cal. shells at it from a low altitude. The locomotive steamed violently as it was hit.

The nearby Nishiharaetsu Airfield was the second target for the sweep. Two F6's attacked a miscellaneous building and revetments firing one-third of their total load of rockets. No damage was observed on either aiming point.

At Shibetsu #2, two rockets were fired at vehicles on the runway. From a high altitude they were believed to be aircraft. They scurried across the field as the planes dove down at them. No damage was observed from the two rockets which were fired.

The town of Pon Chashikotsu was raked by .50 Cal. fire by all four planes in the attacking group. The four planes swept from north to south over the town, selecting miscellaneous buildings for their machine gun fire. ~~No damage~~

### VBF-6 NARRATIVE:

The flight took off from the carrier at 0400 with four F4U-4's in company with eight F6F-5's. There was a ceiling of around 1,000 feet. The flight proceeded to the target area on the east side of Hokkaido. It entered the area in the vicinity of Kushiro town and flew inland to Kenebetsu airfield. It could get about 4,500 feet with scattered lower clouds. The flight discovered that there was three airfields at Kenebetsu, one rectangular field, one single strip plus hangars and revetment area, and one grass fighter strip. The planes made rocket and strafing runs on the hangars and revetments. Only one plane was found and destroyed by the Hellcats. The Sweep then went on to Shibetsu one and two, strafing and rocketing the fields and adjacent freight yards. The Corsairs then escorted the photo division around the whole area while they mapped fields and towns. During this period, Lt.(jg) L. Cle and Ens. Milleson shot up a train between Kenebetsu and Kushiro and shot another one up in the yards by Shibetsu #1. Lt. Hobbs and Lt.(jg) Arrigoni blew another engine up about ten miles east of Kenebetsu. The group went back to Kenebetsu and strafed the hangars again starting a large oil fire in one which is presumed destroyed, strafed small craft near Bekkai, and returned to base. The trip home was the worse part of the Sweep as the ceiling around base was 50 to 75 feet with three solid layers of overcast up to ten thousand feet. All planes returned safely. No AA fire was encountered.



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XIII. MATERIAL DATA.

No Comment.

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