

UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
THIRD FLEET

OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

Task Force 38.

(A) Date 12 October.
 (B) Total Sorties 1342 plus 10 search.
 (C) CAP Sorties 246.
 (D) ASP Sorties 106.
 (E) Bombs dropped 536 tons plus 15 torpedoes and 768 rockets.
 (F) Own aircraft lost in combat Total 43 - 17 VF, 2 VFP, 2 VFN, 1 VFB, 14 VB,
 7 VT.
 (G) Own aircraft lost operationally . Total 5 - 3 VF, 1 VFN, 1 VT.
 (H) Pilots and crew lost in combat .. Total 31 pilots - 15 VF, 2 VFN, 8 VB, 6 VT.
Total 21 crew - 9 VB, 12 VT.
 (J) Ships sunk 2 large AK, 5 medium AK, 9 small AK, 5 small
 coastal AK, 1 small escort, 14 small craft.
 (K) Ships probably sunk 1 large AK (exploded), 3 medium AK, 3 small
 AK, 1 AO, 1 AM, 5 small coastal AK, 2 small
 escorts, 2 small craft.
 (L) Ships damaged 1 large AP, 2 large AK, 8 medium AK, 17 small
 AK, 11 small coastal AK, 32 small craft.
 (M) Enemy aircraft shot down in air . Total 208 - 84 ZEKE, 28 OSCAR, 33 TOJO, 10 NICK,
 9 TONY, 5 HAMP, 2 JACK, 1 IRVING,
 9 VF, 3 BETTY, 2 KATES, 1 JUDY,
 1 VAL, 1 LILY, 1 HELEN, 1 SALLY at
 target; 1 BETTY, 1 NELL at Miyako
 Jima; 4 BETTY, 2 FRAN, 1 JILL, 1
 KATE, 7 T/E near Force.
 (N) Enemy aircraft probably shot down. 12 ZEKE, 4 OSCAR, 3 TOJO, 1 TONY, 2 BETTY,
 1 KATE at target.
 (O) Enemy aircraft damaged in air ... 14 ZEKE, 5 OSCAR, 3 TOJO, 4 NICK, 1 TONY, 1
 HAMP, 4 VF at target.
 (P) Enemy aircraft destroyed on ground. Total 123 - 2 BETTY, 2 TE, 1 U/I at Taien;
 1 U/I at Shinchiku; 1 BETTY at Matsuyama;
 2 SALLY, 1 LILY at Karenko; 12 VF at Kobi;
 10 T/E, 2 S/E at Taichu; 8 trainers at Eiko;
 2 ZEKE, 1 JILL at Chomosui; 8 JAKE, 4 PETE,
 4 MAVIS at Toko.
 (Above destruction confirmed by photos).
 8 VF at Heito; 7 VF, 3 T/E at Reigaryo; 8 S/E
 at Koshun; 2 T/E, 1 S/E at Kato, 18 T/E, 2 S/E
 at Kagi; 2 TOPSY at Okayama; 11 U/I unlocated.
 (Q) Enemy aircraft probably destroyed. 3 T/E at Matsuyama; 10 VF at Kobi; 20 trainers
 at Eiko.
 (R) Enemy aircraft damaged on ground. 7 F/P at Tansui; 2 T/E at Matsuyama; 1 S/E at
 Einansho; 2 EMILY at Anping; 2 ZEKES at
 Chomosui; 1 S/E at Taichu; 1 OSCAR at Hosan;
 1 VP at Bako; 3 HAMP, 1 SALLY, 1 TOPSY at
 Ishigaki Jima

- (U) Ground targets destroyed Hangar, warehouse, freight cars and fuel dump at Tansin; 2 bridges at Karenko; 3 warehouses at Takao; 2 hangars at Okayama; 3 hangars, 5 barracks at Einansho; 2 locomotives, 2 tank cars at Eiko; 3 hangars at Kagi; 1 hangar, 1 large building, 8 small buildings at Toyohara; 2 large and 1 small hangars, 5 buildings at Taichu; administration building, 2 warehouses at Pescadores.
- (V) Ground targets damaged Power plant east of harbor and 7 warehouses, shipyard, drydocks, fuel tanks west of harbor at Kiirun; aluminum plant, nickel plant, 2 factories, warehouse, power plant, railroad station, barracks, and airfield installations at Karenko; radio station at Tansui; 8 hangars, 4 buildings, shops and 3 factories at Matsuyama; warehouses, 2 trains at Taihoku; hangar at Taien; radio/radar station at Garambi; 2 buildings, several locomotives and freight cars at Eiko; 6 buildings at Toyohara; several buildings at Taichu; several buildings, fuel dump at Kagi. (above damaged assessed from photos).
- Buildings and warehouses at Toshien; 2 hangars, several workshops at Einansho; several hangars and alcohol plant at Reigaryo; sugar refinery at Shoko; warehouses, railroad yards, docks, aluminum plant at Takao; fuel dump at Kato; hangars at Okayama and Toko; 2 hangars and assembly plant at Heito.

Comment: Very intense and accurate AA at Kiirun and Takao.

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(A) Date	13 October 1944.
(B) Total sorties	1006 plus 2 search.
(C) CAP sorties	242.
(D) ASP sorties	109.
(E) Bombs dropped	373 tons; 679 rockets; 4 torpedoes.
(F) Own aircraft lost in combat	<u>TOTAL 9</u> - 3 VF, 5 VB, 1 VT.
(G) Own aircraft lost operationally	<u>TOTAL 2</u> - 1 VF, 1 VT.
(H) Pilots and crew lost in combat	<u>TOTAL 8 pilots</u> - 3 VF (including HORNET A.G.C.), 4 VB, 1 VT. <u>6 crew</u> - 4 VB, 2 VT.
(I) Pilots and crew lost operationally ...	1 VF pilot.
(J) Ships sunk	1 SC (on patrol near Sabtang).
(K) Ships probably sunk	1 DE.
(L) Ships damaged	1 medium AK, 3 small AK, 2 small coastal AK, 1 PT, 8 luggers.
(M) Enemy aircraft shot down in air	<u>TOTAL 36</u> - 3 EMILY, 1 T/E by BAT; 5 TOJO, 1 BETTY, 1 DINAH, 1 JAKE, 1 TOPSY, 2 S/E at target; 14 BETTY, 2 JUDY, 5 S/E near Force.
(N) Enemy aircraft probably shot down	1 ZEKKE at target; 1 T/E by BAT.
(P) Enemy aircraft destroyed on ground ...	<u>TOTAL 128</u> - 6 VF at Basco; 11 S/E, 8 T/E, 1 TESS at Heito and Heito North; 1 four-engine, 4 T/E, 7 S/E, 4 trainers, at Okayama; 3 MAVIS at Toko; 20 U/I at Kagi; 12 U/I at Taien; 2 trainers, 1 TOPSY at Koko; 1 U/I, 1 F/P at Tansui; 4 S/E, 2 T/E at Rinansho; 10 S/E at Taito.
(Q) Enemy aircraft probably destroyed on ground	4 PRTE, 1 MAVIS at Toko; 11 S/E, 1 T/E at Heito; 8 VF at Okayama, 2 S/E at Kagi.
(R) Enemy aircraft damaged on ground	6 S/E biplanes at Basco; 43 S/E, 1 BETTY at Okayama; 1 BETTY, 4 S/E at Heito; 10 biplane trainers at Koko; 5 S/E at Taito; 5 S/E at Rinansho; 1 F/P at Toko; 7 U/I at Matsuyama; 3 U/I at Miyako Jima.
(S) Enemy aircraft destroyed by ships ¹ AA (day)	<u>TOTAL 12</u> - 8 T/E, 4 U/I.
(T) Enemy aircraft destroyed by ships ¹ AA (night)	<u>TOTAL 13</u> - 7 FRANCES, 6 BETTY (at dusk 13th).

- (U) Ground targets destroyed Several large buildings at each of two sugar mills at Kisan; many buildings at aluminum and nickel plants at Karenko; 1 section of 1 penstock at Jitsugetsutan power plant No. 1; 4 hangars, 8 large shops, 2 large barracks at Shinchiku; 5 hangars at Einansho - all confirmed by photos.
- Oil storage tank and many buildings at Ansan Naval Base; 1 large, 3 medium hangars, 4 buildings at Kagi; 1 fuel dump and several trucks at Ishigaki airfield.
- (V) Ground targets damaged 2 large shops at Shinchiku; 6 hangars at Einansho - all confirmed by photos. Chemical and power plants at Kiirun; hangars and many buildings at Okayama airfield and assembly plant; many buildings at Toshien; assembly plant and hangars at Heito; hangars at Tainan; hangar and fuel dump at Toko seaplane base; buildings and ammo dump at Reigaryo; sugar mill near and several buildings at Jitsugetsutan power plants; 2 hangars, 8 buildings, 1 bridge at Kagi; 1 locomotive.

Comment: Miyako Jima has three airfields suitable for medium bombers. There are at least four more operational airfields in Toyohara-Taichu area than previously reported. CANBIERRA torpedoed during dusk attack by 12-14 FRANCES.

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(A)	14 October 1944.
(B) Total sorties.....	297
(C) CAP sorties.....	283
(D) ASP sorties.....	156
(E) Bombs dropped.....	66 tons and 196 rockets.
(F) Own aircraft lost in combat.....	Total 10 - 8 VF, 2 VB (including 1 VB to own AA).
(G) Own aircraft lost operationally.....	Total 8 - 5 VF, 1 VFN, 2 VB.
(H) Pilots and crew lost in combat.....	Total 9 pilots - 8 VF, 1 VB. 1 crewman.
(I) Pilots and crew lost operationally..	1 VFN pilot.
(L) Ships damaged.....	2 small coastal AK, 1 lugger.
(M) Enemy aircraft shot down in air.....	Total 87 - 4 ZEKE, 1 TOJO, 1 TONY, 3 OSCAR, 1 JUDY, 1 FRANCIS at target; 17 FRANCIS, 4 BETTY, 5 JILL, 24 JUDY, 1 KATE, 3 ZEKE, 2 NICK, 1 OSCAR, 1 TONY, 1 HAMP, 13 VF, 4 VB near Force.
(N) Enemy aircraft probably shot down...	1 ZEKE, 1 TONY at target; 5 TONY near Force.
(O) Enemy aircraft damaged in air.....	4 ZEKE, 1 TONY at target.
(P) Enemy aircraft destroyed on ground..	Total 55 - 3 ZEKE, 2 BETTY, 2 TOJO, 1 TOPSY, 1 TESS, 1 SALLY, 10 S/E, 4 T/E, 3 U/I, 3 trainers at Taichu-Toyohara area; 2 T/E at Taien; 1 TOJO at Shinchiku; 1 S/E, 6 trainers at Koryu; 3 T/E, 1 S/E at Tainan; 1 VF at Koshun; 2 S/E at Okayama; 3 S/E at Reigaryo; 2 T/E, 2 JILL; 1 S/E at Aparri.
(Q) Enemy aircraft probably destroyed on ground.....	15 T/E, 3 U/I at Taichu-Toyohara area; 2 T/E at Taien; 1 JUDY at Aparri.
(R) Enemy aircraft damaged on ground....	2 TOJO, 1 BETTY, 10 S/E at Taichu-Toyohara area; 5 S/E at Taien; 5 T/E at Shinchiku.
(T) Enemy aircraft destroyed by ships' AA (night).....	Total 21 - 10 FRANCIS, 9 JILL, 2 JUDY.
(U) Ground targets destroyed.....	11 buildings, 3 oil dumps at Taichu-Toyohara area fields; 1 hangar at Shinchiku; several small buildings at Koryu airfield - (destroyed or damaged) - hangars and aircraft assembly buildings at Okayama; hangars at Meite and Reigaryo.

(v) Ground targets damaged..... 12 buildings at fields in Taichu-Toyohara area; 2 sugar mills near Toyohara; barracks, large building easternmost buildings of aircraft assembly plant at Shinchiku airfield; 6-7 large industrial buildings, possible oxygen plant, 2 buildings of fuel plant, buildings and transformers of transformer station at Shinchiku; hangars and shops at Taien; radio station, railroad yard at Tansui.

Comment: Incomplete photo coverage at hand at time of reporting prevents accurate assessment of aircraft destroyed on ground during three days of strikes on Formosa. However, early coverage showed a very large number of aircraft present - a large percentage of them trainers. Available coverage well substantiates pilot claims. Airfield 3 miles north of Koryu; with many revtments, appears to be training field with many old biplanes present. Aircraft observed in grain field west of Meigaryo. Damage to own ships - HOUSTON torpedoed; RENO received superficial damage when JILL crashed on port quarter; HANCOCK received superficial damage from 250 pound bomb which went through forward port 20 mm. gun platform and exploded in water. At Aparri the field consists of square cleared sodded or asphalt area. Camalaniugan appeared uncompleted but potentially better than Aparri.