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 of bombs and rockets dropped.

4		1500	Miyako	Nobara A/F, Boats, Barracks, Camp, A/A Gun	7	7 42	500 lb. GP 5" AR Rockets	Inst. .02	.01 D.B.
					8	79 62	100 lb. GP 5" AR Rockets	Inst. .02	.01 D.B.
1	30	0730	Miyako	Hirara A/F, Boats, A/A Gun, Warehouse, Dispersal Area	8	8 42	500 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets	Inst. .02	.025 D.B.
					6	60 48	100 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets	Inst. .02	.01 D.B.
3 TCAP		1100	Miyako	Dispersal Area Nobara A/F	4	4 24	500 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets	.02	.025 D.B.
4		1400	Miyako	Hirara A/F, Boats, Camp, Caves	8	8 47	500 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets	Inst. .02	.025 D.B.
					8	77 54	100 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets	Inst. .02	.01 D.B.
1	31	0515	Miyako	Sukuma A/F, Nobara A/F, Town	8	8 48	500 lb. GP 5" AR Rockets	Inst. .02	.025 D.B.
					8	67 59	100 lb. GP 5" AR Rockets	Inst. .02	.01 D.B.
2		0730	Miyako	Sukuma A/F, Barracks	4	4 24	500 lb. GP 5" AR Rockets	Inst. .02	.025 D.B.
			Ishigaki	Ishigaki A/F, Radio Range	4	4 18	500 lb. GP 5" AR Rockets	Inst. .02	.025 D.B.
4		1430	Miyako	Boats, Hirara A/F	4	4 24	500 lb. GP 5" AR Rockets	Inst. .02	.025 D.B.
5		1600	Miyako	Nobara A/F, Cantonment	8	7 40 48	500 lb. GP 100 lb. GP 5" AR Rockets	Inst. Inst. .02	.025 .01 D.B.
1	JUNE 1	0515	Miyako	Nobara A/F, Irabu Town, Hirara A/F, Hirara Town	8	8 48	500 lb. GP 5" AR Rockets	Inst. .02	.025 D.B.
					7	69 53	100 lb. GP 5" AR Rockets	Inst. .02	.01 D.B.



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						7 53	61 53 100 lb. GP 5" AR Rockets	Inst. .02	.01 D.B.
4 TCAP		1330	Miyako	Nobara A/F, Barracks	4	4 24	500 lb. GP 5" AR Rockets	Inst. .02	.025 D.B.
5		1600	Miyako, & Ishigaki	Cable Station, Cantonment, A/F Repair Center, Luggers	8	7 48	500 lb. GP 5" AR Rockets	Inst. .02	.025 D.B.
						5 40	50 40 100 lb. GP 5" AR Rockets	Inst. .02	.01 D.B.
2	2	0730	Miyako	Nobara A/F, Dispersal Area Camouflage Lean-to's	4	4 24	500 lb. GP 5" AR Rockets	Inst. .02	.025 D.B.
3		1030	Miyako	Hirara A/F, A/A Gun, Radar Station, Dispersal Area Barracks	8	8 48	500 lb. GP 5" AR Rockets	Inst. .02	.025 D.B.
						7 56	70 56 100 lb. GP 5" AR Rockets	Inst. .02	.01 D.B.
1	3	0500	Miyako	5 A/C, Trucks, A/A Guns	8		Strafing		
2		0630	Miyako	Hirara A/F, Buildings, Weather Station A/A Guns, Barracks, Boats	7	7 42	500 lb. GP 5" AR Rockets	Inst. .02	.025 D.B.
						8 64	80 64 100 lb. GP 5" AR Rockets	Inst. .02	.01 D.B.
3 TCAP		0930	Miyako	Hirara A/F	4	4	500 lb. GP	Inst.	.025
5		1600	Miyako	Barracks, Radio Station Hirara A/F, Town	4	4 7 44	500 lb. GP 100 lb. GP 5" AR Rockets	Inst. Inst. .02	.025 .01 D.B.
2	4	0830	Miyako	A/F Repair Cen. Hirara A/F	8	6 14 50 40	500 lb. GP 100 lb. GP 5" AR Rockets	Inst. Inst. .02	.025 .01 D.B.
1	6	0500	Miyako	Dispersal Area Nobara A/F, Boats	8	16	500 lb. GP	Inst.	.025

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2		0630	Miyako	Hirara, Dispersal Area Nobara A/F	7	8	14 14 28 53	500 lb. GP 350 lb. DC 100 lb. GP 5" AR Rockets	Inst. Inst. Inst. .02	.025  .01 D.B.
3 TCAP		0930	Miyako	Hirara A/F,	4		8	500 lb. GP	Inst.	.025
5		1600	Miyako	Dispersal Area	8	8	16 13 3 32 16	500 lb. GP 500 lb. GP 350 lb. DC 100 lb. GP 5" AR Rockets	Inst. Inst. Inst. Inst. .02	.025 .025  .01 D.B.
3	9	1030	Miyako	Nobara A/F, Dispersal Area	8		8 48	500 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets	.02	.025 D.B.
						8	80 57	100 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets	Inst. .02	.01 D.B.
4 TCAP		1330	Miyako	So. Miyako Is, Fishing Boat, 2 Buildings	4		4 24	500 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets	.02	.025 D.B.
1	10	0500	Ishigaki	Warehouses, A/A, Ishigaki A/F, Towns	8		8 48	500 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets	.02	.025 D.B.
						8	80 52	100 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets	Inst. .02	.01 D.B.
3		1000	Miyako Ishigaki	Nobara A/F Ishigaki A/F Miyara A/F	8		8 48	500 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets	.02	.025 D.B.
						4	40 26	100 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets	Inst. .02	.01 D.B.
4 TCAP		1300	Miyako	Nobara A/F Dispersal Area	4		4 24	500 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets	.02	.025 D.B.
5		1600	Ishigaki	Ishigaki A/F, Dispersal Area		4	40 26	100 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets	Inst. .02	.01 D.B.
1	11	0500	Miyako	Dispersal Area Hirara A/F, A/A, Village, Bldgs., Boats	8		8 48	500 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets	.02	.025 D.B.
						8	79 56	100 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets	Inst. .02	.01 D.B.



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3 TCAP		0930	Miyako	Storehouses Nobara A/F	4	4 24	500 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets	.02	.025 D.B.
5		1430	Miyako	Storehouses, Nobara A/F, Buildings	4	4 6 6 48 41	500 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets 100 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets	.02 Inst. .02	.025 D.B. .01 D.B.
6		1630	Miyako	Stores Bldgs., Nobara A/F Barracks	8	8 47	500 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets	.02	.025 D.B.
2	12	0800	Miyako	Stores Bldgs., Nobara A/F, Dispersal Area	8	8 48 8 67 57	500 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets 100 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets	Inst. .02	.01 D.B.
5		1400	Miyako	Control Tower Nobara A/F Barracks, A/A Gun	8	8 47 8 80 50	100 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets 100 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets	.02 Inst. .02	.025 D.B. .01 D.B.
6		1600	Miyako	Sukuma A/F Barracks, A/C	8	8 48 2 19 16	500 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets 100 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets	.02 Inst. .02	.025 D.B. .01 D.B.
1	13	0500	Miyako	Storehouses Nobara A/F	8	8 8 39	500 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets 5" AR Rockets	.02 .02	.025 D.B. D.B.
2		0800	Miyako	Storehouses, A/A	4	4 6 17	500 lb. GP 5" HVAR Rockets 5" AR Rockets	.02 .02	.025 D.B. D.B.
3		1000	Iriomote Ishigaki	Amphib. Train- ing Center, Ishigaki A/F, Tower	8	8 48 8 76	500 lb. GP 5" AR Rockets 100 lb. GP	.02 Inst.	.025 D.B. .01

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5		1600	Ishigaki	Factory, Large Bldg. Ishigaki A/F	8	16	500 lb. GP	GP		.025
						8	54	100 lb. GP	Inst.	.01
1	14	0500	Miyako	Nobara A/F Lugger, Barges Radio Station	8	16	500 lb. GP	GP		.025
						8	8	500 lb. SAP		.025
						31	100 lb. GP	GP	Inst.	.01
						6	260 lb. Fr	Fr		.025
3		0930	Ishigaki	Ishigaki Town Ishigaki A/F	8	16	500 lb. GP	GP		.025
						8	22	500 lb. SAP		.025
						9	100 lb. GP	GP	Inst.	.01
5 TCAP		1430	Ishigaki	Motor Pool	8	5	500 lb. GP	GP		.025
			Iriomote	Bldgs., Fishing Boats		11	500 lb. SAP	SAP		.025
1	16	0515	Amami	Fuel Dumps, Koniya Town		8	86	100 lb. GP	GP	Inst. N.D.
						44	5" HVAR Rockets		Inst.	
			Kikai	Town and A/F	16	16	260 lb. FR	FR	VT	N.D.
						96	5" HVAR Rockets		Inst.	

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SECTION (A) - AIR OPERATIONS (3) Own losses and rescue operations.

AIRCRAFT

DATE 1945	TIME OF LAUNCH	TYPE AIR- CRAFT	CIRCUMSTANCES - PLACE AND CAUSE OF PLANE LOSE	No. PILOTS LOST	No. AIR CREW LOST	No. PILOTS SAVED	No. AIR CREW SAVED
FEB. 26	1200	TBM-3	Oil pressure gone - Made water land- ing near ship			1	2
MARCH							
1	0900	TBM-3	Crashed in sea after take-off			1	2
6	1200	F6F-5	Crashed in sea after take-off and burned	1			
19	0845	TBM-3	Barrier crash - Jettisoned				
21	0900	F6F-5	Wheels-first landing - Jettisoned				
28	1500	F6F-5	Wheels-first landing - Jettisoned				
APRIL							
1	0800	F6F-5	Wheels-first landing - Jettisoned				
2	1200	TBM-3	Fuselage buckled on landing - Jettisoned				
4	1200	F6F-5	Crashed behind enemy lines, south Okinawa, Possibly due A/A	1			
11	0615	F6F-5	Barrier crash - Tail hook missed				
15	0930	F6F-5	Wheels-first landing - Jettisoned				
23	1030	F6F-5P	Hydraulic line hit by A/A - Brakes failed to hold - Taxied into catwalk				
25	0530	TBM-3	Hit by A/A over Miyako - Crashed and burned on water	1	2		
27	1300	TBM-3	Hit by A/A over Ishigaki - Crashed and exploded on Island(enemy held)	1	2		
MAY							
2	1230	F6F-5	Power failed - Water landed 11 miles from ship			1	
11	0930	F6F-5	Hook failed to catch - Plane turned over - Jettisoned				
11	0930	F6F-5	Hook broke after catching edge of drain - Plane turned over - Jettisoned				
		F6F-5	Damaged by plane which turned over - Jettisoned				
		TBM-3	Damaged by plane which turned over - Jettisoned				
24	0730	TBM-3	Hung-up bomb exploded after plane landed - Plane burned on deck	1	1		1
		F6F-5	Damaged by bomb explosion - Jettisoned				
		F6F-5	Damaged by bomb explosion - Jettisoned				



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28	0515	F6F-5	Hit by A/A over Miyako (enemy held) pilot parachuted to Miyako - plane crashed.	1			
31	1600	TBM-3	Hit by A/A over Miyako - ditched plane off N.E. Miyako.		2	1	
	1600	TBM-3	Part of elevator and stabilizer knocked off by hatch cover - crashed barrier - jettisoned				

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RESCUE OPERATIONS

26 February 1945 Picked up by escorting destroyer.

1 March 1945 Picked up by escorting destroyer.

6 March 1945 Destroyer and planes circled area of crash but no trace of pilot seen.

4 April 1945 Planes flew low over position of crash but no trace of pilot seen.

25 April 1945 Planes circled over area but no trace of survivors seen.

27 April 1945 Pilot of accompanying planes saw no trace of survivors.

2 May 1945 Planes circled position of raft until destroyer picked up pilot.

24 May 1945 Pilot killed instantly; crewmen escaped from burning plane before aid could reach them and were then removed from vicinity of plane.

28 May 1945 Pilot at first seen on ground near parachute but neither was visible to pilots flying over spot five minutes later.

31 May 1945 Pilot bailed out after warning crewmen to do likewise; plane crashed in water and no trace of crewmen seen thereafter, though planes circled area for fifty minutes. Pilot spread dyemarker and recovered 1-man raft dropped by an accompanying plane. A dumbo PBM was led on arrival to the downed pilot and effected his rescue.

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DAMAGE TO LAND TARGETS

STRIKE No.	DATE 1945	LOCATION	TARGETS	EXTENT OF DAMAGE
	APRIL			
2	1	Okinawa	1 Barracks	Damaged seriously
2	2	Okinawa	2 Bridges	Damaged slightly
3	3	Okinawa	4 Barracks	Destroyed
2	4	Okinawa	4 Trucks	Damaged
1	4	Okinawa	5 Tanks A/A Gun	1 Destroyed, 4 Damaged Destroyed
1	6	Okinawa	3 Trucks	Damaged
1	7	Okinawa	11 Barracks	Destroyed
3	7	Okinawa	Village	Destroyed
			13 Fuel Storehouses	Destroyed
2	8	Miyako	3 Villages Radio Station 1 Barracks	Destroyed Damaged Destroyed
1	8	Miyako	Truck	Destroyed
3	8	Ishigaki	A/A Position	Destroyed
1	10	Ishigaki	2 Fuel Storehouses 3 A/F Buildings	Destroyed Damaged
2	15	Okinawa	3 Radio station buildings	Destroyed
4	16	Okinawa	Kakazu village	Damaged
5	17	Okinawa	Flat concrete structure	Damaged
3	18	Ishigaki	2 A/F Buildings	Destroyed
4	18	Ishigaki	A/A Position	Destroyed
1	24	Miyako	A/A Gun	Destroyed
5	25	Miyako	Fuel or ammunition dump	Destroyed
1	25	Miyako	A/A Gun	Destroyed
2	27	Ishigaki	1 Barracks	Probably destroyed
	MAY			
2	3	Ishigaki	1 Barracks	Destroyed
1	3	Ishigaki	4 Boat yard buildings	Destroyed
3	5	Okinawa	Village	Destroyed
4	6	Miyako	Water front buildings	Damaged
3 & 5	6	Miyako	Matsubara Town	75 % Destroyed
2	11	Miyako	2 A/F Buildings	Destroyed
5	11	Okinawa	2 Large buildings	Damaged seriously
1	13	Okinawa	1 Large building	Destroyed
3	13	Okinawa	Group small buildings	Damaged
4	14	Miyako	1 Large building	Damaged
2	14	Miyako	3 A/F Buildings	Destroyed
1	15	Ishigaki	A/F Administration building	Damaged seriously

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2	16	Okinawa	Small building Concrete warehouse	Destroyed Destroyed
3	16	Okinawa	Mortar and M/G position	Destroyed
5	28	Miyako	11 Barracks	3 Destroyed, 8 Damaged
1	28	Miyako	A/A Gun	Destroyed
2	30	Ikema Miyako	Warehouse 4 Barracks	Damaged Destroyed
4	30	Miyako	2 A/F Buildings	Destroyed
2	31	Miyako	Public building Several buildings 1 Barracks	Damaged Destroyed Damaged
6	JUNE 1	Miyako Ishigaki	A/F Repair center 7 Barracks Cable station	Seriously damaged Destroyed Destroyed
3	2	Miyako	1 Barracks	Damaged
2	3	Miyako	1 Barracks Weather station A/A Position	Destroyed Destroyed Damaged
2	4	Miyako	A/F Repair center	Destroyed
6	6	Miyako	1 A/F Building	Destroyed
2	6	Miyako	Hirara Town	Large part destroyed
5	9	Kuruma	Small buildings	Destroyed
3	9	Miyako	Gasoline storehouse	Destroyed
1	10	Ishigaki	Ammunition dump	Destroyed
6	11	Miyako	1 Barracks	Damaged
4 & 5	12	Miyako	2 Barracks	Destroyed
2	12	Miyako	3 Storehouses	Damaged
2	13	Miyako	4 Storehouses	3 Damaged, 1 Destroyed
5	13	Ishigaki	2 Fuel storehouses	Destroyed
1	14	Tarama	Radio station	Destroyed
5	14	Ishigaki	Motor pool	Damaged
1	16	Anami Kikai	Town 2 Fuel dumps Several bldgs.	Damaged Destroyed Destroyed