

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED
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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No. VF-60 157-44

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Philippine Islands (b) Time Over Target(s) 1545-1645 I (Zone) -9
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target Very High Overcast.
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Heavy in spots. Generally good visibility. (e) Visibility 20 MI. av.
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type None. Bomb Sight Used _____
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run None. Spacing _____ Altitude of Bomb Release _____
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None. Probably Destroyed None. Damaged None.

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) 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 (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 Shipping at Surigao Town, Mindanao I.		<u>VF-60-3</u> <u>VF-60</u>	<u>2000 rds. .50 Cal.</u>		<u>See Below.</u>
2 Shipping along east Coast Cebu I.		<u>VF-60-3</u> <u>VF-60</u>	<u>7600 rds. .50 cal.</u>		<u>" "</u>
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(o) RESULTS: (For all hits claimed on ship targets and for land targets of special interest, draw diagram, top or side view or both, as appropriate, showing type and location of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sheets if necessary).

1. 12 Planes were flying G.A.P. over the beaches at Leyte Island and these two divisions were detached to go on anti-shipping strikes. One division flew as far south as Surigao town on the northern tip of Mindanao Island at which point they strafed 2 SC's and a 30' motor launch all of which were soaked, but did not catch fire. No other visible results were observed.

2. The second division proceeded to Cebu Island and worked down its East Coast. In an unnamed bay north east of Cebu city a number of SC's and 30's were strafed with no visible results. In the same bay 5 PT boats were strafed, setting fire to one, exploded another which in turn caused the one next to it to explode also. The other two were left smoking, but not burning. In Cebu harbor, a number of SC's, 30's, luggers and barges were strafed and soaked, but none caught fire. South of Cebu harbor, about 25 more 30's and luggers were strafed and two were left burning. There were no other visible results. On starting back to base, a Tony was sighted and shot down. The pilots then proceeded back to their base.

NO.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? _____ Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA. (Narrative and comment. Describe action fully and comment freely, following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY

OWN AIRCRAFT

- Disposition
- Altitudes
- Speeds
- Approach Tactics
- Use of Cover, Deception
- Angles of Attack and Their Effectiveness
- Distance of Opening Fire
- Defense Tactics and Their Effectiveness

ENEMY AIRCRAFT

- Method of Locating, Distance
- Disposition
- Altitudes
- Speeds
- Approach Tactics
- Use of Cover, Deception
- Angles of Attack
- Distance of Opening Fire
- Defensive Tactics

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Own Weaknesses
- Enemy Weaknesses
- Offensive Tactics, Own
- " " , Enemy
- Defensive Tactics, Own
- " " , Enemy
- Flexible Gunnery, Own
- Escort Tactics
- Fighter Direction
- Use of Radar
- Night Fighting
- Recognition, Aircraft

ATTACK

OWN TACTICS

- Method of Locating Target
- Approach to Target
- Altitudes, Speeds
- Approach
- Dive
- Pull-Out
- Dive Angle
- Strafing
- Retirement
- Defensive Tactics
- Use of Jamming

DEFENSE, ENEMY

- Evasive Tactics, Ships
- Concealment
- Searchlights
- Night Fighter Tactics
- Use of Jamming

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Bombing Tactics
- Torpedo Tactics
- Effectiveness of Bombs, Torpedoes
- Selection of Targets
- Fuzing
- Strafing Tactics
- Defensive Tactics
- Use of Radar
- Reconnaissance
- Photography
- Briefing

OPERATIONAL

- Navigation
- Homing
- Rendezvous
- Recognition, Ships
- Communications
- Flight Operations
- Search and Tracking
- Base Operations
- Maintenance

1. There were no other aircraft seen in the air.
2. There was no AA fire observed.

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did not explode. The pilot was observed lying face up in the water, but he showed no sign of life.

Comments:

1. It should be noted that the Jap pilot executed a split-S from an altitude of 500' as one of his evasive maneuvers.
2. It can be reasonably assumed that this particular Tony had good armor as tracers were seen to enter the fuselage both in the engine and cockpit.
3. Although this plane could turn very sharp, the fatal burst was fired at him from one of our planes that was able to turn inside the Tony in a steep left climbing turn.

XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary).

ARMAMENT

- Guns, Gunsights
- Turrets
- Ammunition
- Bombs, Torpedoes
- Bomb Sights
- Bomb Releases

COMMUNICATIONS

- Radio, Radar
- Homing Devices
- Visual Signals
- Codes, Ciphers

RECOGNITION

- IFF
- Signals
- Battle Lights
- Procedures

PROTECTION

- Armor, Points and Angles of Fire Needing Further Protection
- Leak Proofing

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

- Parachutes
- Life Belts, Life Rafts
- Safety Belts
- Emergency Kits
- Rations, First Aid

NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT

- Compasses
- Driftsights
- Octants
- Automatic Pilots
- Charts
- Field Lighting

INSTRUMENTS

- Flight
- Power Plant

OXYGEN SYSTEM

CAMOUFLAGE AND DECEPTION DEVICES

STRUCTURE

- Airframe
- Control Surfaces
- Control System
- Dive Flaps
- Landing Gear
- Heating System
- Flight Characteristics At Various Loadings

POWER PLANT

- Engines
- Engine Accessories
- Propellers
- Lubricating System
- Starters
- Exhaust Dampers

HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

- Auxiliary Plant
- Lights

FUEL SYSTEM

FLIGHT CLOTHING

MAINTENANCE

BASE FACILITIES

- Plane Servicing Equipment
- Personnel Facilities

1. All aircraft operated in a normal manner.

REPORT PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

H.E. Richmond, LIEUT. USNR, AC/O, VF-60

H.O. Feilbach, LT. Cdr. USNR, CO, VF-60 19 October, 1944

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VF-60 (b) Based on or at U.S.S. Intrepid, at sea. (c) Report No. VF-60 100-44
 (d) Take off: Date 24 October, 1944 Time (LZT) 0505 I -9 (Zone); Lat. xxx Long. xxx
 (e) Mission Combat Air Patrol, Leyte I., Philippine Islands. (f) Time of Return 1015 I (Zone) -9

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
<u>F6F-3</u>	<u>VF-60</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>None.</u>	

III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE

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, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
<u>1 Lily</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0850-0855</u> <u>I -9 (ZONE)</u>	<u>Over Leyte I/</u>	<u>None.</u>	<u>Painted, brownish</u> <u>green color. Red</u> <u>romelles on wings</u> <u>and fuselage.</u>
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) Bombing attack on transports in Leyte Gulf.
 Did Any Part of
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? No. If so, Describe Clouds _____ (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 Time of Day and Brilliance
 (j) of Sun or Moon Very bright sunlight. (k) Visibility 15 miles. (MILES)

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

(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:			(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED	
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER			
<u>2 Lily</u>	<u>F6F-3</u>	<u>VF-60</u>	<u>Ens. Ralph Kalal. USNR</u>	<u>6x.50 Cal.</u>	<u>28'hd. engine, 5 O'clock</u> <u>level.</u>	<u>Destroyed.</u>
<u>2 Lily</u>	<u>F6F-3</u>	<u>VF-60</u>	<u>Lt. (j.g.) Royce A.</u> <u>Singleton. USNR.</u>	<u>Ditto.</u>	<u>4 o'clock above. Fuselage</u> <u>6 o'clock level</u>	<u>Ditto</u> <u>Ditto</u>
<u>1 Lily</u>	<u>F6F-3</u>	<u>VF-60</u>	<u>Lt. (j.g.) Edgar Paul</u> <u>Barber. USNR.</u>	<u>Ditto</u>	<u>Port engine and wing</u> <u>on fire. 7 O'clock level</u>	<u>Ditto</u>
<u>1 Lily</u>	<u>F6F-3</u>	<u>VF-60</u>	<u>Ens. Roy G. Garner.</u> <u>USNR.</u>	<u>Ditto.</u>	<u>28'hd. engine caught</u> <u>fire. Plane blew up.</u> <u>6 o'clock level.</u>	<u>Ditto</u>
<u>1 Lily</u>	<u>F6F-3</u>	<u>VF-60</u>	<u>Plane hit by all four</u> <u>pilots.</u>	<u>Ditto</u>	<u>All angles. Blew up.</u>	<u>Ditto</u>

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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) SQUADRON	(c) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1		NONE		
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) NO.	(b) SQUADRON	(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. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	(f) AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h) NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
						.30	.50	20MM	MM	
767-3	NONE	NONE	5:10	225 G1.	290 G1.	Records lost as a result of Jap bomb hit.				4

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

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	X			
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	X			
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	X			

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

- SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes
- TURNS
- DIVES
- CEILINGS
- RANGE
- PROTECTION
- ARMAMENT

The Jap planes kept in formation until one or two of them had been shot down. The only evasive action used was to nose down a bit until all were indicating about 285 Kts. No return fire was observed from the Lilys.

XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA. (Narrative and comment. Describe action fully and comment freely, following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY

OWN AIRCRAFT

- Disposition
- Altitudes
- Speeds
- Approach Tactics
- Use of Cover, Deception
- Angles of Attack and Their Effectiveness
- Distance of Opening Fire
- Defense Tactics and Their Effectiveness

ENEMY AIRCRAFT

- Method of Locating, Distance
- Disposition
- Altitudes
- Speeds
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- Use of Cover, Deception
- Angles of Attack
- Distance of Opening Fire
- Defensive Tactics

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Own Weaknesses
- Enemy Weaknesses
- Offensive Tactics, Own
- " " " Enemy
- Defensive Tactics, Own
- " " " Enemy
- Flexible Gunnery, Own
- Escort Tactics
- Fighter Direction
- Use of Radar
- Night Fighting
- Recognition, Aircraft

ATTACK

OWN TACTICS

- Method of Locating Target
- Approach to Target
- Altitudes, Speeds
- Approach
- Dive
- Pull-Out
- Dive Angle
- Strafing
- Retirement
- Defensive Tactics
- Use of Jamming

DEFENSE, ENEMY

- Evasive Tactics, Ships
- Concealment
- Searchlights
- Night Fighter Tactics
- Use of Jamming

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Bombing Tactics
- Torpedo Tactics
- Effectiveness of Bombs, Torpedoes
- Selection of Targets
- Fuzing
- Strafing Tactics
- Defensive Tactics
- Use of Radar
- Reconnaissance
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- Briefing

OPERATIONAL

- Navigation
- Homing
- Rendezvous
- Recognition, Ships
- Communications
- Flight Operations
- Search and Tracking
- Base Operations
- Maintenance

When first sighted, the Jap planes were approaching the transport area of the beachhead from the Northwest, about 8 or 10 miles west of San Juanico strait over Leyte Island. They were flying in an S plane "V" formation and when caught were doing about 250 Kts. indicated. The four W split up and each picked a plane, two being shot down on the first pass. The Japs did not use any evasive action other than to nose down a bit and gain a little more speed. By the time Leyte Gulf was reached there were only two left. One was chased through AA fire from our own ship and shore batteries and finally shot down by Snc. Garner, the other being shot down by AA fire from below.

XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary).

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 - Turrets
 - Ammunition
 - Bombs, Torpedoes
 - Bomb Sights
 - Bomb Releases
- COMMUNICATIONS**
 - Radio, Radar
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 - Codes, Ciphers
- RECOGNITION**
 - IFF
 - Signals
 - Battle Lights
 - Procedures
- PROTECTION**
 - Armor; Points and Angles of Fire Needing Further Protection
 - Leak Proofing
- EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT**
 - Parachutes
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 - Field Lighting
- INSTRUMENTS**
 - Flight
 - Power Plant
- OXYGEN SYSTEM**
- CAMOUFLAGE AND DECEPTION DEVICES**
- STRUCTURE**
 - Airframe
 - Control Surfaces
 - Control System
 - Dive Flaps
 - Landing Gear
 - Heating System
 - Flight Characteristics At Various Loadings
- POWER PLANT**
 - Engines
 - Engine Accessories
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 - Lubricating System
 - Starters
 - Exhaust Dampers
- HYDRAULIC SYSTEM**
- ELECTRICAL SYSTEM**
 - Auxiliary Plant
 - Lights
- FUEL SYSTEM**
- FLIGHT CLOTHING**
- MAINTENANCE**
- BASE FACILITIES**
 - Plane Servicing Equipment
 - Personnel Facilities

1. All planes functioned in a normal manner.
2. None of our planes were hit by return fire from the Jap planes, if any, or by our own AA fire from below.

REPORT PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

H. E. Richard, Lieut. USNR, AGIC, VF-60 F. O. Fallbach, Lt. Cdr. USNR, CO, VF-60 2 November, 1944
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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VF-60 (b) Based on or at U.S.S. Swannee, at sea. (c) Report No. VF-60 #61-44
 (d) Take off: Date 24 October, 1944 Time (LZT) 1000 I-9 (Zone); Lat. III Long. III
 (e) Mission Combat Air Patrol over Leyte I., Philippine Is. (f) Time of Return 1340 I (Zone) -9

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
<u>F6F-3</u>	<u>VF-60</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>None.</u>	

III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE

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, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
<u>Zebra</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1230 & 1230</u> <u>I-9 (ZONE)</u>	<u>Over Leyte</u> <u>Is. P.I.</u>	<u>None.</u>	<u>Greenish brown color</u> <u>Red balls on wings</u> <u>and fuselage.</u>
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) Snooper or patrol.
 Did Any Part of
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? No. If so, Describe Clouds _____
(YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 Time of Day and Brilliance
 (j) of Sun or Moon Day, Clear and Bright. (k) Visibility 30 Miles.
(NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (MILES)

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

(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:			GUNS USED	(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER			
<u>Zebra</u>	<u>F6F-3</u>	<u>VF-60</u>	<u>1A. Edwin A. Fischer.</u> <u>USNR.</u>	<u>6x.50 Cal.</u>	<u>6 o'clock, level. Hit in</u> <u>fuselage and engine and</u> <u>caught fire.</u>	<u>Destroyed.</u>
<u>Zebra</u>	<u>F6F-3</u>	<u>VF-60</u>	<u>Mrs. Billie L. McManamin.</u> <u>USNR.</u>	<u>Ditto</u>	<u>4:30 o'clock above.</u> <u>5 o'clock level. Tail</u> <u>and St'bd. wing root.</u> <u>Went down burning.</u>	<u>Destroyed.</u>

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(a) NO.	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
		NONE		

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(a) TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	(d) AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	(f) AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h) NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
						.30	.50	20MM	MM	
<u>T62-3</u>	<u>222</u>	<u>222</u>	<u>3:40</u>	<u>325 GL.</u>	<u>240 GL.</u>	<u>Records lost as result of Jap bomb hit on ship.</u>				<u>4</u>

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

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	NONE			
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LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm				

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

- SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes
- URNS
- DIVES
- CEILINGS
- RANGE
- PROTECTION
- ARMAMENT

Both planes were apparently surprised as neither one was seen to increase speed or to utilize any evasive action whatsoever.

XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA. (Narrative and comment. Describe action fully and comment freely, following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY

OWN AIRCRAFT

- Disposition
- Altitudes
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- Use of Cover, Deception
- Angles of Attack and Their Effectiveness
- Distance of Opening Fire
- Defense Tactics and Their Effectiveness

ENEMY AIRCRAFT

- Method of Locating, Distance
- Disposition
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- Use of Cover, Deception
- Angles of Attack
- Distance of Opening Fire
- Defensive Tactics

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Own Weaknesses
- Enemy Weaknesses
- Offensive Tactics, Own
" " , Enemy
- Defensive Tactics, Own
" " , Enemy
- Flexible Gunnery, Own
- Escort Tactics
- Fighter Direction
- Use of Radar
- Night Fighting
- Recognition, Aircraft

ATTACK

OWN TACTICS

- Method of Locating Target
- Approach to Target
- Altitudes, Speeds
- Approach
- Dive
- Pull-Out
- Dive Angle
- Strafing
- Retirement
- Defensive Tactics
- Use of Jamming

DEFENSE, ENEMY

- Evasive Tactics, Ships
- Concealment
- Searchlights
- Night Fighter Tactics
- Use of Jamming

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Bombing Tactics
- Torpedo Tactics
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- Defensive Tactics
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OPERATIONAL

- Navigation
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- Flight Operations
- Search and Tracking
- Base Operations
- Maintenance

This Combat Air Patrol was flying over Leyte Island at 17000' on a course of about 000 when a plane was spotted at 18000' at 11 o'clock, about two miles away on a course of about 090. The flight leader cut to the left to get a closer look and spotted the red balls on the wings and fuselage. A level run was made from directly astern at about 200 Kts. and one burst was fired into it. Immediately the plane caught fire in the engine and cockpit, slowly rolled over on its back and dove straight down, exploding on impact.

While the Combat air patrol was orbiting over Ft. Mike on Leyte Island, a plane was observed at 2 o'clock below at an altitude of about 9 or 10000'. The leader of the second section went down for a closer look, recognized it as a Jap and began a high side run from 30 degrees on the starboard quarter. The first burst knocked off part of the tail and following on through, a second burst set fire to the starboard wing root and almost immediately the whole plane was enveloped in flames. The plane continued on down out of control and was seen to explode on hitting the ground.