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Aircraft Action Report

Report # AG-60 848-44

VI LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OWN AIRCRAFT (of type and model only)  
 (a) Type Own A/C (b) Squadron (c) Cause: Type enemy A/C, Type Gun, or Operational Cause (d) Where Hit, Angle (e) Loss of armor, self-sealing tank, engine, or equipment hit (f) Loss of instruments, radio, or other equipment (g) Condition of aircraft after damage (h) Condition of engine after damage (i) Condition of landing gear after damage (j) Condition of other equipment after damage (k) Condition of other equipment after damage (l) Condition of other equipment after damage (m) Condition of other equipment after damage (n) Condition of other equipment after damage

NONE

VII PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in VI or VII)  
 (a) No (b) Squadron (c) Name, Rank or Rate (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	(h) 30mm	(i) 50mm	(j) 100mm	(k) Other	(l) No of A/C Returning
T28-1c	2000	2000	5:10	300 Gals.	290 Gals.	300	1500				3
F6F-3	2000	2000	5:10	325 Gals.	260 Gals.	300	2000				1

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

Caliber	None	Meager	Moderate	Intense
HEAVY-Time-fused shells, 75mm and over			Inaccurate	Accurate
MEDIUM-Impact-fused shells				Accurate
LIGHT-Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm -13.2mm				Accurate

X COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT  
 No enemy aircraft seen in the air.

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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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) USS Class CL and Patrol Class DP.  
Vietnam Sea. (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Over Target(s) 1030-1040 (Zone) -9
- (c) Clouds Over Target Unlimited  
 (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear  
 (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBTURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (e) Visibility 20-25 Miles.  
 (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type 1. Glide—VT Bombs.  
2. Level—VT Torpedo Bomb Sight Used 1. Ounsight  
3. Glide—VT Bomb. (TYPE) 2. Torpedo Director  
3. Ounsight
- Bombs Dropped per Run 1. Four Spacing 1. Train—50' Altitude of Bomb Release 1. 2800'  
 (NUMBER) (FEET) 200. Zero (FEET) 2. 275'  
200. Zero
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None. Probably Destroyed None. Damaged 3. 2500'.  
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	<u>USS Class CL.</u>	<u>2xTB-1c</u> <u>VT-60</u>	<u>8x500' G.P.</u>	<u>1.</u>	<u>See Below.</u>
2	<u>Ditto</u>	<u>1xTB-1c</u> <u>VT-60</u>	<u>1x1k. 13 Torpedo</u>	<u>1.</u>	<u>" "</u>
3	<u>Ditto</u>	<u>1xF6F-3</u> <u>VF-60</u>	<u>1x500' G.P.</u>	<u>0</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).

22. The cruiser and destroyer were located between Nabate and Panny Islands heading about 300 degrees true at a speed of about 15 Kts. When seen, the two ships began a violent zigzag course and just before they were attacked began to steam in tight circles. Fighter planes came in and strafed while the VT planes jockeyed for position. The first VT plane came in and dropped 4x500' bombs in train from an altitude of 2800' getting one direct hit just aft of the #3 stack, two short and one over, all very near misses. The second VT plane with bombs dropped in the same manner, but his hits were unobserved and due to the fact that this pilot has not yet returned, no information of his attack is available. The VT plane carrying the torpedo came in from the starboard side with a bow angle of 135 degrees, dropped at a range of 900 Yds from 275' and at a speed of 240 Kts. indicated. The torpedo maintained a straight course and was seen to hit and explode just aft of the #1 turret.

3. The one F6F-3 from this ship dropped his bomb at the cruiser realizing a very near miss about 40' from the starboard side just opposite the bridge. No visible results were observed. The cruiser immediately began to slow down as a result of the bomb and one torpedo hit and then another group of planes began to attack. Our planes retired without seeing any other visible results. After leaving the cruiser, all four planes strafed the destroyer which is known to have sunk about an hour later.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No. Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple. Delivered to Com Car Div 22.

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

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1. There were no enemy aircraft seen in the air.
2. There was intense medium and light AA and moderate heavy AA from both the cruiser and the destroyer. There were no colored AA bursts seen as had been the case in attacks on other Jap surface units the previous day. Although all four of these planes made numerous strafing runs on the destroyer, none of them were hit by AA, but at least one plane was seen to crash and burn on striking the water.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA.

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1. All aircraft functioned in a normal manner with the exception of the guns in the F6F which jammed intermittently, necessitating frequent recharging. After intensive strafing, this plane ended up with two guns still firing.

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ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION BY SURFACE SHIPS

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Location of ship Philippines U.S.S. SUWANNEE (CVE-27)  
 Date 20 October 1944

- (a) REPEL ATTACK FIRST----Then collect data for this report!
- (b) Do not "gun deck" this report---if data cannot be estimated with reasonable accuracy enter dash in space for which no data is available.
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- 1. Surprise attack (yes or no) Yes
- 2. Method picking plane up (Radar, binoculars, naked eye) Radar; then eye  
 (If by Radar state type of set) SK

(a) Lookout(s) or special equipment detector operator(s):

_____	_____	_____
(name)	(rate)	(service No.)

made initial contact by \_\_\_\_\_  
 (sound) (radar) (SMSD) (MAD) (Sight)

- 3. Range plane was picked up (50 miles, 30 miles, 10 miles, less than 5 miles) lost at 15 miles.
- 4. Number of planes two
- 5. Type of plane (Fighter, scout, dive bomber) Fighter-bomber  
 Type of attack starboard beam, dive from low level
- 6. Speed & altitude (High & fast, intermediate and fast, low and fast, high and slow, intermediate and slow, low and slow) \_\_\_\_\_  
low and fast to bomb; low and fast on return to strafe.
- 7. Guns firing \_\_\_\_\_ Size 40MM Number 3  
 Method of control bridge Method spotting local and bridge
- 8. Ammunition expended 34 rounds
- 9. Percent service allowance expended less than one%
- 10. Approximate time tracking to first shot 10 secs.

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11. Approximate time of first hits. 3 secs.
12. Approximate time first shot to last shot 5
13. Approximate position angle open fire 200° relative
14. Approximate position cease fire 180° relative
15. Approximate bearing first shot 15° elevation
16. Approximate bearing last shot 15° elevation
17. Approximate range first shot 2800 yards
18. Approximate range last shot 3500 yards
19. Approximate altitude of bomb release \_\_\_\_\_ Type bomb \_\_\_\_\_
20. Approximate range torpedo release \_\_\_\_\_ Size of torpedo \_\_\_\_\_
21. Hits on ship \_\_\_\_\_ Was ship strafed \_\_\_\_\_ Size of torpedo \_\_\_\_\_
22. Number near bomb misses \_\_\_\_\_ Casualties from near misses \_\_\_\_\_
23. Planes shot down-sure \_\_\_\_\_ possible one damage \_\_\_\_\_  
By what size gun 40MM
24. Details of damage to target by gunfire if available smoking  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
25. Performance of ammunition (Excellent, good, bad, poor) \_\_\_\_\_  
excellent
26. Pattern sizes (Large, small excessive) large

**SKETCH**

- (a) Indicates direction of attack relative ship's head.
- (b) Show relative position of sun.
- (c) Indicate own maneuvers.

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## ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION BY SURFACE SHIPS

Location of ship off DINEGAT Island U.S.S. SUWANNEE (CVE-27)  
Philippines Date 25 October 1944

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- "Suicide dive" by "Zeke" fighter-bomber.

1. Surprise attack (yes or no) No--"bogies" on screen
2. Method picking plane up (Radar, binoculars, naked eye) Radar  
(If by Radar state type of set) SK air-search
  - (a) Lookout(s) or special equipment detector operator(s):
 

(name)	(rate)	(service No.)

 made initial contact by (sound) (radar) (SMSD) (MAD) (Sight)
3. Range plane was picked up (50 miles, 30 miles, 10 miles, less than 5 miles) 30
4. Number of planes three--one on SUWANNEE, one on SANTEE, one at SANGAMON
5. Type of plane (Fighter, scout, divebomber) fighter-bomber  
Type of attack suicide-dive
6. Speed & altitude (High & fast, intermediate and fast, low and fast, high and slow, intermediate and slow, low and slow) high and fast down at 45°
7. Guns firing all Size 5-in.; 40 & 20 mm Number 1 5-in.; 22 40mm; 21 20mm  
Method of control bridge Method spotting sight and tracer  
5-inch: 3 rounds special AA; 40mm: 4, 105 rounds
8. Ammunition expended 20mm: 5600 rounds.
9. Percent service allowance expended 5-inch: 1%; 40mm: 9%; 20mm: 5½%
10. Approximate time tracking to first shot 30 secs.

ENCLOSURE (B)

11. Approximate time of first hits. 40 secs.
  12. Approximate time first shot to last shot one minute (two different planes)
  13. Approximate position angle open fire 80° (first plane)
  14. Approximate position cease fire 30° (second plane)
  15. Approximate bearing first shot 180° relative
  16. Approximate bearing last shot -----
  17. Approximate range first shot 5000 yards
  18. Approximate range last shot 50 feet
  19. Approximate altitude of bomb release Zero Type bomb instantaneous
  20. Approximate range torpedo release ----- Size of torpedo -----
  21. Hits on ship one Was ship strafed no Size of torpedo -----
  22. Number near bomb misses ----- Casualties from near misses -----
  23. Suicide dive  
Planes shot down-sure none possible none damage yes, but irrelevant
- By what size gun 40 and 20 mm.
24. Details of damage to target by gunfire if available -----  
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  25. Performance of ammunition (Excellent, good, bad, poor) excellent
  26. Pattern sizes (Large, small excessive) large

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ENCLOSURE (B)



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## ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION BY SURFACE SHIPS

Location of ship 09° 37' N; 126° 52.9' E U.S.S. SUWANNEE (CVE-27)  
Date October 26 1944

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"Zeke" suicide attack on SUWANNEE

1. Surprise attack (yes or no) No
2. Method picking plane up (Radar, binoculars, naked eye) Radar  
(If by Radar state type of set) SK air-search
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(name)	(rate)	(service No.)
made initial contact by		
(sound)	(radar)	(SMSD) (MAD) (Sight)
3. Range plane was picked up (50 miles, 30 miles, 10 miles, less than 5 miles) 30 miles
4. Number of planes three seen
5. Type of plane (Fighter, scout, divebomber) "Zeke" fighter-bomber  
Type of attack 45° dive
6. Speed & altitude (High & fast, intermediate and fast, low and fast, high and slow, intermediate and slow, low and slow) High and fast down at 45°  
5-inch.
7. Guns firing All Size 40 & 20mm Number 1 5-inch; 22 40mm; 6 20mm  
Method of control bridge Method spotting local, sight and tracer  
5-inch: 3 rounds AA special; 40mm: 4500 rounds;
8. Ammunition expended 20mm: 1560 rounds
9. Percent service allowance expended 5-inch; 2%; 40mm: 9%; 20mm: 1½%
10. Approximate time tracking to first shot 2 secs.

ENCLOSURE (B)

11. Approximate time of first hits. immediate
12. Approximate time first shot to last shot 1½ minutes
13. Approximate position angle open fire port beam 230° relative
14. Approximate position cease fire starboard beam 090° relative
15. Approximate bearing first shot 80° elevation
16. Approximate bearing last shot 20° elevation
17. Approximate range first shot 3500 yards
18. Approximate range last shot 1st target 50 feet; 2nd target 3500 feet
19. Approximate altitude of bomb release 15 ft. Type bomb 250kg; 100kg
20. Approximate range torpedo release \_\_\_\_\_ Size of torpedo \_\_\_\_\_
21. Hits on ship two Was ship strafed yes Size of torpedo \_\_\_\_\_
22. Number near bomb misses \_\_\_\_\_ Casualties from near misses \_\_\_\_\_  
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