

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

No enemy aircraft nor anti-aircraft fire was observed.

ATTACK

OWN TACTICS

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

DEFENSE, ENEMY

- Evasive Tactics, Ships
- Concealment
- Anti-aircraft
- Searchlights
- Night Fighter Tactics

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

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- 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
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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

All aircraft seemed to function properly. The fact that one crewman did not understand his equipment thoroughly made it necessary that his pilot return to the ship without dropping any bombs. However, this man was new, being his first bombing hop, and he and the other new men will be checked out thoroughly on the equipment in their aircraft to prevent a repeat of this situation.

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VC-60 (b) Based on or at USS SUWANNEE, AtSea Report No. 7-44
Attack. Targets of opportunity on Privilege (eniwetok) Is.
 (d) Date of Action Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Island. (e) Take off Time 0105 - 0114 (GCT); Lat. XX Long. XX
18 February 1944 (g) Time of Return 0530-0540 (GCT)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

(a) TYPE	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NO. OF SORTIES	(d) NO. ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	(e) NO. ATTACKING TARGET	(f) BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE)	(g) FUZE, SETTING
TBF-1	VC-60	2	0	2	4x350# Torpex Depth Bombs	Inst. Nose. Hydrostatic Tail.
TBM-1c	"	4	0	4	" " " "	" " "

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
N							
O							
N							

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (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
N			(GCT)			
O			(GCT)			
N			(GCT)			
E			(GCT)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) NONE

(i) Weather and Clouds at Location of Encounter(s) 3/10 Scattered 2000 Ft. High Overcast

(j) Sun or Moon _____ (k) Visibility 15 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		
N					
O					
N					
E					

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

Targets of opportunity on Privilege (eniwetok) Is.

(a) Location of Target(s) Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. (b) Time Over Target(s) 0440-0500 GCT

(c) Weather and Clouds Over Target 3/10 Scattered 2000 Ft. High Overcast

(d) Sun or Moon _____ (e) Visibility 15 Miles

XI. TARGETS, RESULTS OF ATTACK.

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	1	Target Areas 526-527	TBM-1c VC-60	4x350# Torpex D.B.	2000
2	Target Area 507	TBM-1c VC-60	" " "	1500	2 " "
3	Target Areas 502 & 527	TBF-1 VC-60	" " "	1800	4 " "
	Target Areas 524 & 526	TBF-1 VC-60	" " "	2000	4 " "
5	Target Areas 500 & 526	TBM-1c VC-60	" " "	2300	4 " "
	6	Target Areas 501-9-12-26	TBM-1c VC-60	" " "	1800Av.4
7					
8					

(g) **RESULTS:** (FOR SHIP TARGETS 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, WITH DIAGRAMS OR CHARTS WHERE DESIRABLE. DESCRIBE TARGETS FULLY IN (a), AND IN REPORTING DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION, IDENTIFY BY NUMBERS AT LEFT. USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY).

1. One hit in area 527 probably in buried stores. Three Hits in buildings in area 526.
2. Two bombs observed in area 507, one in water and one did not explode.
3. Two hits in area 502 and two in area 507. Results unobserved.
4. Two hits among buildings in area 524. Two hits in buildings in area 526 started a fire.
5. Two hits in area 500, results unobserved. Two hits among buildings in area 526.
6. One direct hit on pillbox in area 501, presumably knocking it out. One hit started a fire in the buried stores in area 526. One hit in area 509, results unobserved and one hit was near a pillbox in area 512.

(h) Were Photographs Taken? NO Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached.

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VC-60 (b) Based on or at USS SUWANNEE, At Sea (c) Report No. 8-44
 (d) Date of Action 18 Feb. 1944 (e) Take off: Time 1850-1853 (GCT); Lat. X Long. X
Attack. Gun Positions in Target Areas 500-501, Privilege (Eniwetok) Is.
 (f) Mission Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. (g) Time of Return 2220-2225 (GCT)

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SBD-5	VC-60	3	0	3	1x500# G.P. Bomb	.01 Sec. Delay Nose & Tail. Inst. Nose.
					2x100# G.P. Bomb	

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
SBD-5	VC-37	2	USS SANGAMON				

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N			(GCT)			
O			(GCT)			
N			(GCT)			
E			(GCT)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) NONE

(i) Weather and Clouds at Location of Encounter(s) 7/10 Covered 2000 Ft. Scattered Cumulus to
 5500 Ft. (j) Sun or Moon Av. Sunlight (k) Visibility 15 Miles

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	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		
N						
O						
N						
E						

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	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, REMARKS
1				
2				
3				
4		N O N E		
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12				
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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
		N O N E		

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA

(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, PLANES RETURNING				
						NO. OF PLANES	.30	.50	20MM	MM.
SBD-5	x	x	2:30	250 gl.	182 gl.	None				

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

- SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes
- TURN
- DIVE
- CEILING
- RANGE
- PROTECTION
- ARMAMENT

No enemy aircraft encountered.

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Gun positions in target areas 500-501, Privilege (Eniwetok) Is.

- (a) Location of Target(s) Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islnds. (b) Time Over Target(s) 2115 GCT.
 (c) Weather and Clouds Over Target 7/10 Covered 200 Ft. Scattered Cumulus to 550 Ft.
 (d) Sun or Moon Av. Sunlight (e) Visibility 15 Miles

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	1	Gun Position Area 500	3x SBD-5 VC-60	3x500 G.P.	Av. 1500
2			4x100# G.P.	"	4
3					
4					
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- All bombs dropped hit in or near the pillbox positions in area 500. 2x100# bombs failed to drop, one on each of two planes.

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