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U. S. S. SUWANNEE

CVE27/A16-3(1)  
(10-grs)  
Serial: 019

c/o Fleet Post Office,  
San Francisco, Calif.,

12 MAR 1944

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From: The Commanding Officer.  
To: The Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.  
Commander Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.  
Commander Central Pacific Force.

Subject: Action report - correction to.

Reference: (a) CO U.S.S. Suwannee confidential ltr. CVE27/  
A16-3(1)(10-grs) Serial: 015 of 3/3/44.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of CO U.S.S. Suwannee confidential ltr.  
CVE27/A16-3(1)(10-grs) Serial: 018 of 3/10/44.

1. It is requested that reference (a) less the en-  
closures be cancelled and destroyed by burning and enclosure  
(A) be substituted therefor.

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From: The Commanding Officer.  
To: The Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.  
Via: (1) Commander Task Group 51.18.  
(2) Commander Task Group 51.11.

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Subject: Action Reports.

Reference: (a) Pacific Fleet Confidential Letter 20L-44.

- Enclosure:
- (A) Compron 60 Aircraft Action Report 5-44.
  - (B) Compron 60 Aircraft Action Report 6-44.
  - (C) Compron 60 Aircraft Action Report 7-44.
  - (D) Compron 60 Aircraft Action Report 8-44.
  - (E) Compron 60 Aircraft Action Report 9-44.
  - (F) Compron 60 Aircraft Action Report 10-44.
  - (G) Compron 60 Aircraft Action Report 11-44.
  - (H) Compron 60 Aircraft Action Report 12-44.
  - (I) Compron 60 Aircraft Action Report 13-44.
  - (J) Compron 60 Aircraft Action Report 14-44.
  - (K) Compron 60 Aircraft Action Report 15-44.
  - (L) ComFightRon 60 Aircraft Action Report 1-44.
  - (M) ComFightRon 60 Aircraft Action Report 2-44.

1. This vessel took part in the DOWNSIDE operation as a unit of Task Group 51.18. Operations in connection with air support of the attack force and routine Combat Air Patrols and Anti-Submarine Patrols were conducted.

2. Forwarded herewith as enclosures are action reports of attached aircraft units. Other than these aircraft actions this vessel had no action with the enemy.

W. D. JOHNSON.

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6 March 1944

MEMORANDUM

From: Officer-in-Charge, Operational Information Section.  
 To : Commander Air Force, Pacific Fleet. *ctf*  
 Via : (1) Head, Plans Division. *W*  
 (2) Chief of Staff. *V*  
 Subject: VC-60 Action Report on Strikes on Eniwetok Atoll,  
 17-22 February 1944.  
 Reference: (a) VC-60 ACA-1 Reports 5-15, 17-22 February 1944,  
 Route Slip No. 03333.

1. In the six days of operations <sup>Combat</sup> from the U.S.S. SUWANNEE, TBF planes of VC-60 flew a total of 35 sorties and SBD-5 planes flew a total of 18 sorties. No enemy aircraft were encountered. There were no losses, either operational or from enemy action.

2. Equipment functioned satisfactorily with the exception of difficulties experienced with the Mk. 50 Mod 3 wing bomb rack on the SBD-5s. On all strikes, at least one plane returned to the ship with at least one 100 pound bomb which failed to release. In all cases when the electrical release did not function, the manual releases were used, but still in some cases the bomb did not release. When later tested on deck, both with and without bombs, the racks worked properly suggesting that there is some force keeping the bomb from releasing when the aircraft is in a nose down position. The squadron ordnance officer suggests that a wing nut be used to allow the sway braces a greater freedom of action. In the present locking system vibrations seem to loosen the nuts holding the sway braces which in turn allows the bomb to swing loosely and thereby foul the release mechanism.

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G. W. PEPPER,  
Lt. Cmdr. USNR.

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