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SERIAL 087

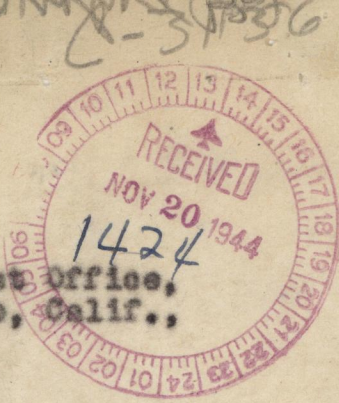
19 NOVEMBER 1944

ACA REPORTS OF CAG 60 AND VF 60, FORWARDING OF .

FORWARDS ACA REPORTS 39-44 THROUGH  
45-44 OF CAG 60 AND 58 AND 59-44 OF  
VF 60 COVERING STRIKES IN SUPPORT OF  
LANDINGS ON LEYTE . 19-23 OCTOBER 1944 .



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(10-gjh)  
Serial: 087

U. S. S. SUWANNEE  
(CVE-27)

c/o Fleet Post Office,  
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**C O N F I D E N T I A L**

19 NOV 1944

From: The Commanding Officer.  
To: The Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.  
Via: (1) ComTaskUnit 77.4.1 (CTG 77.4 and ComCarDiv-22).  
(2) ComTaskForce 77.  
(3) Com7thFleet.

Subject: Action Reports; Forwarding of.

Reference: (a) Com7thPhib Conf. ltr. FE25/A16-3(3) Serial 0212 of 17 February 1944.  
(b) CO U.S.S. SUWANNEE (CVE-27) Secret ltr. A16-3(3) Serial 008 of 6 November 1944.

Enclosure: (A) CO VF60 Aircraft Action Reports 58-44 and 59-44. [p.9]  
(B) CO Air Group 60 Aircraft Action Reports 39-44 through 45-44. [p.10]

1. In compliance with reference (a) the attached aircraft action reports are forwarded herewith.

2. The original action reports were destroyed by fire on 26 October 1944 and the attached reports have been reconstructed from notes and interrogation of pilots subsequent to that date.

W. D. JOHNSON.

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting Air Group (b) Based at or on U.S.S. Swallow (c) Report # 10-60 139-44  
Sixty at sea.  
 (d) Take Off: Date 19 October Time (LZT) 1220 I-9 (Zone); Lat. xxx Long. xxx  
1944  
 (e) Mission Targets of Opportunity, Leyte I. P.I. (f) Time of return 1610

II OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT

(a) Type	(b) Squadron	(c) Taking off	(d) Engaging Enemy A/C	(e) Attacking Target	(f) Bombs and Torpedoes Carried (per plane)	(g) Fuse Setting.
<u>TB-1c</u>	<u>VI-60</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1x2000 G.P.</u>	<u>Inst. Nose.</u>
<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1x500 G.P.</u>	<u>Inst. Nose. N/D Tail</u>
<u>F6F-3</u>	<u>VF-60</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</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)

Type	No. Observed	No engaging own A/C	Time Encount.	Location of Encounter	Bombs, torpedoes Carried, Guns ob.	Camouflage and Markings.

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) None.

(i) Did any part of Encounter(s) occur in clouds? NO If so describe clouds.

(j) Time of Day and Brilliance of Sun or Moon Day, Hazy, Scattered clouds.  
( ) 3-5 Miles.

V ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By own aircraft listed in II only)

Type	Destroyed or damaged by?	Pilot or Gunner	Guns Used	Where Hit	Damage Claimed
Enemy A/C	Type A/C	Squadron			



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VI LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, 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 BU No of planes des troyed)
NONE				

VII PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only)

(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 Loaded	(f) Av. Fuel Consumed	(g) Total Ammunition Expend			(h) No of A/C Returning
						30	50	20mm mm	
TH-1c	XXXX	XXXX	3:50	300 GL.	200 GL.	1300	1300		6
F6F-3	XXXX	XXXX	3:50	325 GL.	220 GL.		7500		5

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	X			
LIGHT-machine Gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	X			

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

**No enemy aircraft were seen in the air.**



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Report # 10-60 139-14

XI ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By own A/G listed in II only)

(a) Target(s) and Location Trucks in TA's 5251-5252-5363. Installations on San Pablo Airfields. Leyte Island. P.I.

(b) Time over Target(s) 1330-1515 I-9 (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target 2500', Cumulus, 2/10

(d) Visibility of Target None (e) Visibility 3-5 MI.

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Slide Bomb Sight Used Gunsight  
 Bombs Dropped per Run 3-2000 Spacing select Altitude of Bomb Release 2200' av.  
3-2500'

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed  Prob Dest:  Damaged

(h) Aiming Point	(i) Dimensions or Tonnage	(j) A/C Attack (k) Squadron	(l) Bombs and ammo expended each Aiming Point	(m) No of Hits on Aim Pt.	(n) Damage
Trucks		<u>5xP6P-3</u> <u>VF-60</u>	<u>7500 rds. .50</u>		<u>See Below</u>
Installations, Airfields.	<u>San Pablo</u>	<u>6xP6P-1c</u> <u>VF-60</u>	<u>30x1000 G.P.</u> <u>12x500 G.P.</u>		<u>See Below</u>

(o) RESULTS.

1. Approximately 20 Trucks were located along roads in the areas stated above and 12 were destroyed by burning. The remainder were all thoroughly strafed and although they did not burn they were badly damaged. 3 or 4 armored cars were seen and strafed but they did not burn and the damage to them could not be assessed from the air. There was no activity in or near the trucks during the time the attacks were being made.

2. All of the VF planes bombed and strafed targets of opportunity on and around the San Pablo Airframes, concentrating mainly on the buildings. A visible total of six buildings were destroyed by bombing and many others were badly damaged by both bombing and strafing. A number of revetments were destroyed, but the damage, if any, to the contents was not observed. There were no fires started and no AA or any other enemy activity was observed at any time.

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

Report No. AG-60  
#39-44

1. There were no enemy aircraft observed either in the air or on the ground.
2. There was no AA Fire observed.



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XIII. Material Data

Report No. AG-60 #39-44

1. All aircraft functioned in a normal manner.



AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting Air Group sixty (b) Based at or on U.S.S. Sumner at sea. (c) Report # AG-60 #40-44  
 (d) Take Off: Date 19 October 1944 Time (LZT) 1220 I-9 (Zone); Lat. 32N Long. 158W  
 (e) Mission Aircraft and shipping sweep, Fanay Is. P.I. (f) Time of return 1720 I-9

II OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT

(a) Type	(b) Squadron	(c) Taking off	(d) Engaging Enemy A/C	(e) Attacking Target	(f) Bombs and Torpedoes Carried (per plane)	(g) Fuse Setting.
F6F-3	VF-60	4	0	4	None.	
TBM-1cP	VT-60	1	0	0	None.	

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

Type	Squadron	Number	Base	Type	Squadron	Number	Base
TBM-1c	VT-35	2	U.S.S. Chenango	By own aircraft listed in II only)			
F6F-3-5	VF-35	1	"	Location of bombs, torpedoes, and markings.			
FM-2	VF-26	4	U.S.S. Santee	Carried, same as above			
TBM-1c	VT-26	2	"				

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) None.

(i) Did any part of Encounter(s) occur in clouds? NO If so describe clouds.  
 (j) Time of Day and Brilliance of Sun or Moon Day, slight haze. (k) Visibility 20 miles.

V ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR ( By own aircraft listed in II only)

Type	Destroyed or damaged by?	Pilot or Gunner	Guns Used	Where Hit	Damage Claimed
Enemy A/C	Type A/C	Squadron			
<u>NONE.</u>					



AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting Air Group Sixty (b) Based at or on U.S.S. Swamsee at sea. (c) Report # AG-60 #60-44  
 (d) Take Off: Date 19 October 1944 Time (LZT) 1220 I-9 (Zone); Lat. 1222 Long. 13222  
 (e) Mission Aircraft and shipping sweep, Panny Is. P.I. (f) Time of return 1720 I-9

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F6F-3	VF-60	4	0	4	None.	
TBM-1cP	VF-60	1	0	0	None.	

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

Type	Squadron	Number	Base	Type	Squadron	Number	Base
F4U-7	VF-37	4	U.S.S. Sangamon	F4U-7	7	10	Unknown
TBM-1c	VF-37	3	"	TBM-1c	7	6	"

IV ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By own aircraft listed in II only)

Type	No. Observed	No engaging own A/C	Time Encount.	Location of Encounter	Bombs, torpedoes Carried, Guns ob.	Camouflage and markings.
NONE						

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F6F-3	VF-60	Light IA	Windshield	Replaced windshield.

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						30	50	20mm mm	
F6F-3	2000	2000	5:00	400 Gals.	250 Gals.		2900		4
TB3-1c	2000	2000	5:00	300 Gals.	220 Gals.	100	400		1

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LIGHT-machine Gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm		Accurate		

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