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

(a) Target(s) and Location Burauen Town, Loyte Island, F.I.

(b) Time over Target(s) 1430-1510 I-9 (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target Very High Overcast.

(d) Visibility of Target Hazy and Smoky

(e) Visibility 4-5 Miles

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used Gunlight

Bombs Drpooed per Run 1-1 Spacing Select Altitude of Bomb Release 1200'

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 0 Prob Dest: 0 Damaged 0

(h) Aiming Point	(i) Dimensions or Tonnage	(j) A/C Attack (k) Squadron	(l) Bombs and .mmo expended each Aiming Point	(m) No of Hits on Aim Pt.	(n) Damage
Buildings in Burauen Town Reported to be Jap Administrative Headquarters for the Area.		<u>4xP6F-3</u>	<u>5100m.50 Cal</u>		<u>See Below</u>
		<u>VF-60</u>	<u>(1) 4x500# G.P.</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>" "</u>
		<u>3xP6F-10</u>	<u>(2) 20x100# G.P.</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>" "</u>
			<u>1300m.50 Cal.</u>		<u>" "</u>
			<u>650m.30 Cal.</u>		<u>" "</u>

(o) RESULTS.

1. All planes bombed and strafed buildings in the southwest sect on of Burauen Town which were reported to be the Jap headquarters for the area. The fighters strafed the area setting a few small fires with no other observed results. The VI planes dropped all of their bombs in the concentration of buildings completely destroying 5, and damaging four or five others. 4 large fires were started in the area one of which burned with large clouds of black smoke issuing from it. One large building, in the center of the area, was set afire and was later reported to be the main building of the Jap headquarters.

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TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA

1. There were no enemy aircraft seen in the air.
2. There was no enemy AA fire seen in the area.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA.

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1. All aircraft operated in a normal manner.

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting Air Group (b) Based at or on U.S.S. Sussanoo (c) Report # AG-60 #13-14  
sixty at sea,  
 (d) Take Off: Date 21 October Time (LZT) 1345 I -9 (Zone); Lat. xxxx Long. xxxx  
1944  
 (e) Mission; Strike Cebu and Opon Airfields, Cebu and Mactan (f) Time of return 1645 I -9  
Islands, Philippine Islands.

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>F6F-3</u>	<u>VF-60</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>None.</u>	
<u>TBM-1c</u>	<u>VF-60</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4x500# G.P.</u>	<u>Inst. Nose. N/D Tail.</u>

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

Type	Squadron	Number	Base	Type	Squadron	Number	Base
<u>F2</u>	<u>VF-26</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>U.S.S. Santee</u>	<u>F6F-345</u>	<u>VF-35</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>U.S.S. Chenango</u>
<u>TBM-1c</u>	<u>VF-26</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>TBM-1c</u>	<u>VF-35</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>"</u>

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.

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) None.

(l) 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, Clear Beneath Clouds. (k) Visibility 15 Miles.

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

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

None.

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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)

VII PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only)

(a) No.	(b) Squadron	(c) Name rank or Rate	(d) Cause	(e) Condition or Status

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			(h) No of A/C Returning
						30	50	20mm mm	
<u>F6F-3</u>	<u>XXXXXX</u>	<u>XXXXXX</u>	<u>3:00</u>	<u>400 GL.</u>	<u>195 GL.</u>		<u>2500</u>		<u>4</u>
<u>F6F-3c</u>	<u>XXXXXX</u>	<u>XXXXXX</u>	<u>3:00</u>	<u>300 GL.</u>	<u>190 GL.</u>				<u>6</u>

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

Caliber	None	Meager	Moderate	Intense
HEAVY-Time-fused shells, 75mm and over		<u>Inaccurate</u>		
MEDIUM-Impact-fused shells			<u>Inaccurate</u>	
LIGHT-machine Gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm				<u>Inaccurate</u>

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

No enemy aircraft were seen in the air.

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- (a) Target(s) and Location Installations on Cebu Airfield, Cebu Island, and Open Airfield, Mactan Island, P.I.
- (b) Time over Target(s) 1500-1530 I -9 (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 2000', Cumulus, 5/10
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear beneath clouds. (e) Visibility 15 Miles.
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Slide Bomb Sight Used Cansight  
 Bombs Drpooed per Run 11-2 Spacing Select Altitude of Bomb Release 2200' av.
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 2 Prob Dest: 5 Damaged 0

(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
<u>7 Aircraft Cebu Field.</u>		<u>4xVF-3</u>	<u>No Bombs.</u>		
<u>Runway and Installations on Open Field, Mactan Island.</u>		<u>VF-60</u> <u>6xVF-10</u> <u>VF-60</u>	<u>2500 rds. .50 cal.</u> <u>12x500# G.F.</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>See Below</u> <u>" "</u>

(o) RESULTS.

1. The four VF planes surprised 7 Zekes warming up on a taxiway on Cebu Airdrome and attacked them immediately. After the first pass, two were burning and three others were no longer running. All seven planes were thoroughly strafed and it is believed that all seven were destroyed or badly damaged, however, VF planes from other bases completed the job leaving all seven burning before retiring from the area.

2. The six VF planes concentrated their attention to the runway and revetted areas adjacent thereto, dropping 12x500# bombs along the runway itself. Two bombs destroyed two small buildings along one edge of the runway and four dropped and exploded in the revetted areas at the south end of the runway. The damage in the revetted areas could not be assessed because of extensive camouflaging of the revetments.

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

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1. There were no enemy aircraft seen in the air.
2. Although the AA was meagre to intense of all calibers, it was inaccurate, at least none of the planes from this ship were hit.

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XIII. OPERATIONAL DATA.

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1. All planes Operated in a normal manner.
2. One plane returned with two bombs and a second plane returned without dropping any due to the fact that they were not given enough time over the target. The first plane dropped two bombs on his first run and was forced to pull out of his second run because of other friendly planes getting in his way. The same situation applied to the second plane and when the pilot asked permission to make a third run he was told to join up and return to base.



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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting Air Group (b) Based at or on U.S.S. Sumner, at sea. (c) Report # AG-60 #44-44  
 (d) Take Off: Date 22 October 1944 Time (LZT) 1230 I -9 (Zone); Lat. XXX Long. XXX  
 (e) Mission Strike Lahug Airfield, Cebu I, and Opan Airfield, Mactan I, Philippine Islands. (f) Time of return 1625 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.
<u>F6F-3</u>	<u>VF-60</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2x250/ G.P.</u>	<u>Inst. Nose</u>
<u>TB-1c</u>	<u>VI-60</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>(2) 4x500/ G.P.</u>	<u>" "</u>
					<u>(2) 1000/ G.P.</u>	<u>" "</u>

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<u>TB-1c</u>	<u>VI-37</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>U.S.S. Sangamon</u>	<u>F6F-3A5</u>	<u>VI-35</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>" "</u>

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(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, Clear Beneath Clouds. (k) Visibility 15 Miles.

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

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

None.

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(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)
<u>TB-1c</u>	<u>VI-60</u>	<u>Light AA</u>	<u>Small holes in port wing,</u>	<u>Easily patched.</u>
<u>TB-1c</u>	<u>VI-60</u>	<u>Light &amp; mod. AA</u>	<u>probably 7.7 &amp; .50 cal.</u>	<u>Stbd. horizontal stabilizer "</u>

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(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	
<u>F6F-3</u>	<u>XXXX</u>	<u>XXXX</u>	<u>3:55</u>	<u>325 GL.</u>	<u>240 GL.</u>				<u>4</u>
<u>TB-1c</u>	<u>XXXX</u>	<u>XXXX</u>	<u>3:55</u>	<u>300 GL.</u>	<u>220 GL.</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>930</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	<u>X</u>			
MEDIUM-Impact-fused shells				<u>Accurate</u>
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X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

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