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Report # 10-60 #44-44

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

- (a) Target(s) and Location: Strike Open Airfield, Mactan Island. Anti-Shipping Strike, Cebu Harbor, P.I.
- (b) Time over Target(s) 1420-1500 I -9 (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 1500', Cumulus, 10/10. Open. 2000', Cumulus, 7/10. Cebu Harbor.
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear beneath clouds. (e) Visibility 15 miles.
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used Unsight.
 Bombs Drpood per Run 2-2x500/ Spacing 2-2x100' Altitude of Bomb Release 1300' av.
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 0 Frob Dest: 0 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>Open Airfield.</u>		<u>2xTBM-1c VI-60</u>	<u>17x100' G.P.</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>See Below.</u>
<u>Shipping in Cebu Harbor.</u>		<u>2xTBM-1c VI-60</u>	<u>2x500' G.P.</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>" "</u>

(o) RESULTS.

1. The WF planes came in first and the flight leader seeing nothing ordered the WF to go to Surigao Field, Mindanao Island where again nothing was seen and the planes were ordered to return to base. Two of the VI planes dropped 17 x100# bombs on installations at Open field. One fuel dump and three medium sized buildings were blown up and set afire on the NW corner of the strip. One direct hit by a 100# bomb knocked out a small AA position on the NE corner of the field and five more were dropped along a taxiway at the North end of the field with unobserved results.

2. Two of the VI planes dropped two 500# bombs each on a 150' yard tanker scoring two direct hits and two near misses. The tanker exploded and sank almost immediately. One direct hit was registered on the stern of a 200'-225' small craft tender which was set afire and badly damaged, settling by the stern. A second bomb dropped among small craft near the tender, destroying or damaging about ten of the craft. Leaving this locality, the two VI planes then flew south along the East coast of Cebu strafing about 20 luggers between 60' and 120', and about 30-40 landing craft hauled up on the beaches. None were set afire although many tracers were seen to hit these small boats. No other visible results were observed and all planes joined up and returned to base.

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XII. TACTICAL AND MATERIAL DATA.

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1. There were no enemy aircraft seen in the air.
2. Before the VF Planes attacked Opon Airfield, Mactan Island, the flight leader ordered all planes to make only one pass and to bomb or strafe any targets seen. The cloud base was around 1500⁰ and these planes coming in were not afforded enough time to pick out targets and consequently did not drop any bombs. As the flight leader had ordered the VF planes to make only one pass they did not return and proceeded on another mission.

However, two of the VT planes remained over the field under the cloud base and made several bombing runs creating much damage. The leadership of this flight left something to be desired in that the flight leader did not give the fighters a chance to make a second pass over the field in order to pick out suitable targets.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA.

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1. All planes functioned in a normal manner.

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting Air Group Sixty (b) Based at or on U.S.S. Sumner, at sea. (c) Report # 10-60 145-44
 (d) Take Off: Date 23 October 1944 Time (LZT) 1230 I -9 (Zone); Lat. 32 Long. 32
 (e) Mission Strike Airfields and Shipping, Northern Negros (f) Time of return 1710 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.
FGF-3	VF-60	4	0	4	2x250/ G.P.	Inst. Nose.
TBM-1c	VT-60	4	0	4	(2) 4x500/ G.P. (2) 10x100/ G.P.	Inst. Nose. N/D Tail Inst. Nose.

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 Clear. Unlimited (k) Visibility 25-30 Miles.

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

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

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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 destroyed)
<u>F6F-3</u>	<u>VF-60</u>	<u>AA Fire</u>	<u>Apparently in gas tank and in belly.</u>	<u>Destroyed. Bu. #42047</u>

VII PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only)

(a) No.	(b) Squadron	(c) Name rank or Rate	(d) Cause	(e) Condition or Status
<u>1.</u>	<u>VF-60</u>	<u>Lt. (jg) Karl Holwig. A-7(n) USNR.</u>	<u>Plane caught fire and pilot jumped at about 300' altitude; chute streamed, but plane not returning.</u>	<u>Missing. Status not known.atives running to assist him in rice paddy, but no sign of life seen from the air.</u>

VIII RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANE(S) 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 30 50 20mm mm	(h) No of A/C returning
<u>F6F-3</u>	<u>XXXX</u>	<u>XXXX</u>	<u>4:40</u>	<u>325 GL.</u>	<u>270 GL.</u>	<u>5200</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>TB-1c</u>	<u>XXXX</u>	<u>XXXX</u>	<u>4:40</u>	<u>300 GL.</u>	<u>255 GL.</u>		<u>4</u>

IX ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT (List type, caliber, or type of shell on each line).

Caliber	Type	Intensity
<u>HEAVY-Time-fused shells, 75mm and over</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>Intense</u>
<u>MEDIUM-Impact-fused shells</u>		
<u>LIGHT-machine Gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm</u>	<u>Inaccurate</u>	<u>Accurate</u>

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

No enemy aircraft seen in the air.

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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 Strike Fabrica, Carolina, Alicante, and Bacolod Airfield Shipping in Bacolod Harbor, Negros Island, P.I.

(b) Time over Target(s) 1415-1530 I-7 (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target ceiling Unlimited.

(d) Visibility of Target Clear and Bright. (e) Visibility 25-30 MI.

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Slide Bomb Sight Used Gunsight

Bombs Dropped per Run 2-2x1000 Spacing select Altitude of Bomb Release 1100' av.

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed 4 Prob Dest: 6 Damaged 24

(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>5x100'-150' luggers in Bacolod Harbor.</u>		<u>4xVF-60</u>	<u>15x100' G.P.</u>		<u>See Below</u>
<u>Installations and aircraft on Northern Negros Airfields.</u>		<u>4xVF-60-3</u>	<u>3x500' G.P.</u>		<u>" "</u>
		<u>VF-60</u>	<u>8x250' G.P.</u>		<u>" "</u>
			<u>5200x .50 cal.</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>" "</u>

(c) RESULTS.

1. The four VF planes attacked the five luggers in the bay to the west of Bacolod Town dropping 15x100' and 3x500' bombs. No direct hits were observed, but one was left burning, one was sunk, and one was left settling by a number of near misses. All five were eventually sunk, the other two being hit by other planes which came along later on another strike. 5x100' and 5x500' bombs were saved for other targets, but the planes were ordered to return to base before a suitable target was located.

2. The VF planes struck Fabrica airfield first and three planes were destroyed by fire and about ten others destroyed or damaged. Moving on to Carolina Airfield one Tony was destroyed and six others were strafed with no visible results. At Alicante, two planes were seen and strafed, but no results were observed. At Bacolod six planes were strafed and were finally destroyed by fighters from one of the other bases. Nothing was seen at Rizal or Silay Airbases so all four VF returned to Alicante for bombing targets. All bombs were dropped on what appeared to be warehouses and storage areas, two large and one small warehouses being totally destroyed and two more large buildings damaged.

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

1. There were no enemy aircraft seen in the air.
2. There were no tracers seen in the AA fire.
3. The pilot mentioned in item VII was hit by medium or light AA fire over Alicante Field and his plane crashed on land a short distance from the water about a mile directly North of Alicante. The pilot jumped from an altitude of about 250'-300' and his chute was seen to stream but not open fully and he landed in a rice paddy. No sign of life was noted at that point, however a group of apparently natives were hurrying to the spot to rescue him if possible.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA

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1. All planes on this hop functioned in a normal manner.

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VF-60 (b) Based at or on U.S.S. Surnames, (c) Report # VF-60 150-44
at sea.
 (d) Take Off: Date 21 October 1944 Time (LZT) 1430 I-9 (Zone); Lat. 3331 Long. 122
 (e) Mission Combat Air Patrol (f) Time of return 1810 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) Fuze setting
<u>F6F-3</u>	<u>VF-60</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>None</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, Guns ob. Carried	Camouflage and Marks.
<u>Zeke</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1748 I-9</u>	<u>10°-35' N 125°-42' E</u>	<u>None.</u>	<u>Brownish Green Red balls on wings.</u>

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) Patrol

(i) Did any part of
Encounter(s) occur in clouds? No I describe clouds

(j) Time of Day and Brilliance
of Sun or Moon Day, Hazy

(k) Visibility 5 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
<u>Zeke</u>	<u>F6F-3</u>	<u>VF-60</u>	<u>Lt.(JG) Kenneth H. Montgomery A-V(n) USN.</u>	<u>6x.50 cal.</u>	<u>Fuselage & left wing root. 6 o'clock level.</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>

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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 No. No of plane 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 Load	(f) Av Fuel Consumed	(g) Total Ammunition Expended			(h) No of A/C Returning	
						30	50	20mm	mm	
F6F-3	xxxx	xxxx	3:40	325 GL.	200 GL.		600			4

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

Caliber	None	Meager	Moderate	Intense
HEAVY-Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
MEDIUM-Impact-fused shells	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
LIGHT-Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

X COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT

1. At 2550 R.P.M. and 54" Manifold Pressure, indicating 250 Kts. the F6F closed fairly quickly on the Zeke and when the Jap dove for cloud cover, the F6F closed very fast. The Jap used no other evasive action other than diving for cloud cover.