

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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filled out)REPORT No. 10-60 15-44

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

ATTACK**OWN TACTICS**

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

DEFENSE, ENEMY

Evasive Tactics, Ships
Concealment
Searchlights
Night Fighter Tactics
Use of Jamming

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

1. No enemy aircraft were seen in the air nor was any AA fire observed.

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ARMAMENT

Guns, Gunsights
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 DECEPTION DEVICES

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

1. All aircraft functioned in a normal manner. The only comment made was by the air observer who stated that there was too much traffic on the SAD frequency and he had difficulty in contacting the Support Aircraft Commander a number of times. It appears that the spotting planes from the battleships and cruisers were using the same frequency thus overtaxing it.

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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 (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
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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
		NONE		

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(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				(h) NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
						.30	.50	20MM	MM	
P-51-D	XXX	XXX	4:35	400 GL.	250 GL.		4600			8
T-6A-1c	XXX	XXX	4:35	300 GL.	210 GL.	100	500			1

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, 20mm-50mm	X			
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	X			

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

SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes

TURN
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

No enemy aircraft were seen in the air.

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

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Bivouac Area, Area 311 Y. Buildings and Installations Area 131 X-3-T-Y. Guan I. Marianas Islands. (b) Time Over Target(s) 1510-1530. (Zone) -10
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 3000', Cumulus, 3/10.
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 25 Miles.
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide. Bomb Sight Used Mark 8 Gunsight
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run Four Spacing Salvo Altitude of Bomb Release 2200'
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None. Probably Destroyed None. Damaged None.

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 <u>Bivouac Area. TA 311 Y.</u>		<u>8x76F-3 VF-60</u>	<u>No Bombs, 4600 Rds., .50cal.</u>		<u>See Below.</u>
2 <u>Radio, Radar and Installations, Area 131.</u>		<u>1x76M-1c VF-60</u>	<u>" " 500x.50 Cal.</u>		<u>See Below</u>
3			<u>100 Rds. x .30 cal.</u>		
4 <u>Bridge, Area 144 B.</u>		<u>1x76M-1c VF-60</u>	<u>4x350# Depth Bombs.</u>		<u>See Below.</u>
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(o) RESULTS: (For all hits claimed on ship targets and for land targets of special interest, 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, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sheets if necessary).

1. All buildings and huts in this area were thoroughly strafed, but no fires resulted and no visible results were observed.
2. In this area 4 buildings were set afire by strafing and a probable fuel dump was set afire as evidenced by large clouds of black smoke.
3. All four bombs were dropped in salvo at a bridge in Target Area 144 B, but no hits were realized. No results were observed.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No. Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting Air Group 60 (b) Based on or at U.S.S. Swannick, at sea. (c) Report No. AG-60 #27-44
(d) Take off: Date 21 July, 1944 Time (LZT) 0915 -10 (Zone); Lat. XXX Long. XXX
Glide Bomb and Strafe possible enemy artillery positions in target area 351, I and J.
(e) Mission Guam I. Marianas Islands. (f) Time of Return 1225 -10 (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
F6F-3	VF-60	6	0	5	1x500# G.P.	Inst. Nose and Tail.
TH-1c	VT-60	1	0	1	12x100# G.P.	" "

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
F6F-3	VF-37	5	U.S.S. Sangamon	F6F-3	VF-35	8	U.S.S. Chenango
TM-1c	VT-37	3	" "	TM-1c	VT-35	3	" "

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (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
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) None.
Did Any Part of
(i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? NO If so, Describe Clouds _____
(YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
Time of Day and Brilliance
(j) of Sun or Moon Day, Bright and Clear under clouds. (k) Visibility 20 Miles.
(NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON: DAY, OVERCAST: ETC.) (MILES)

V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Possible Artillery positions in Area 350, I and J.
Guam I. Marianas Islands. (b) Time Over Target(s) 1115-1205 (Zone) -10
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target 2500', Cumulus, 7/10.
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Clear beneath cloud base. (e) Visibility 20 Miles.
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used TBM Mark 8 Gunsight
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
TBM-12 P6F-1 TBM-25' P6F-0
(NUMBER) (FEET)

Bombs Dropped per Run P6F-1 Spacing P6F-0 Altitude of Bomb Release 2000' av.
(NUMBER) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None. Probably Destroyed None. Damaged None.

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED. EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 <u>Area 350 I and J</u>		<u>5xP6F-3</u> <u>VF-60</u> <u>1xTBM-1e</u>	<u>1x500/ G.P.</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>See Below.</u>
2 <u>" " " 351, Q & R.</u>		<u>VF-60</u>	<u>12x100/ G.P. 450 Rds.</u> <u>.50 Cal. & 70 rds.30.</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>" "</u>
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1. No actual gun positions could be located so the pilots were instructed to drop their bombs where the guns would be most likely located and all five bombs were dropped in the target area with unobserved results. One bomb was jettisoned before reaching the target area as it was defective.

2. The pilot of the TBM saw some smoke in area 350 I and dropped his bombs there, all of which exploded in the area. The TBM later strafed Areas 350 I, 351 Q & R, and 366 Q, but no enemy activity was observed and the results cannot be determined.

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