

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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AG-60 123-44

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

(a) Location of Target(s) Troop Concentrations and Rivouac Areas.
Guan Island, Marianas Islands. (b) Time Over Target(s) 5VF-1445 KJ
7VF-1500 KJ-10
4VF-1500 KJ GCT

(c) Weather and Clouds Over Target 2000', Cumulus, 1/10

(d) Sun or Moon Sun High and Bright. (e) Visibility 30 Miles.

XI. TARGETS, RESULTS OF ATTACK.

(a) DESCRIPTION OF TARGET (List All Ships in Group, Whether or Not Individually Attacked)	(b) A/C ATTACKING	(d) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH TARGET	(e) ALTITUDE OF RELEASE	(f) HITS
	(c) SQUADRON			
1 Bug-In Troops. Areas 451 K and 450 O and T.	5xVF-3 VF-60	2100 Rds. 50 Cal. 5x350/ Depth Bombs.	2000' av.	3 See Bal
2 Troop Concentrations South of Mamong River. Areas 320 & 321. 304-5	7xVF-3 VF-60	4200 Rds. 50 Cal. 7x200/ G.P.	1600' av.	7 " "
3 Rivouac Area 490 V-W-X.	4xVF-1c VF-60	12x350/ Depth Bombs.	2000' av.	12 " "
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(g) RESULTS: (FOR SHIP TARGETS 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, WITH DIAGRAMS OR CHARTS WHERE DESIRABLE. DESCRIBE TARGETS FULLY IN (a), AND IN REPORTING DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION, IDENTIFY BY NUMBERS AT LEFT. USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY).

1. One each of these bombs dropped in area 451 P, 450 O, and 450 X. No results observed. One bomb hung up and was later jettisoned and the other was a dud.
2. Three bombs hit in area 304 G and four in area 305 I. No results observed. Eleven fighters then strafed four tanks in Area 336 between W and X, and all planes thoroughly strafed Jap installations in areas 305 and 321. No visible results were observed.
3. Twelve bombs were dropped in the area assigned, but aside from one small fire started, no visible results were observed. One plane dropped four duds.

(h) Were Photographs Taken? NO. Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached.

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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
Release
Pull-Out
Dive Angle
Strafing
Retirement
Defensive Tactics

DEFENSE, ENEMY

Evasive Tactics, Ships
Concealment
Anti-aircraft
Searchlights
Night Fighter Tactics

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. There were no enemy aircraft seen in the air.

2. No enemy AA fire was observed.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.
Use additional sheets if necessary).**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

Aarmor; 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 planes functioned in a normal manner with the exception of the arming mechanism in one TBM. It was found that the arming mechanism was incorrectly adjusted and the defect was remedied before the plane left the deck. On the next hop the arming mechanism operated perfectly.

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27 July, 1944

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting Air Group Sixty (b) Based on or at U.S.S. Sumner, at sea. (c) Report No. AG-60 # 24-44
(d) Date of Action 29 July, 1944 (e) Take off: Time 0525-0545 (GCT) Lat. XXXX Long. XXXX
Glide Bomb Jap Troop Concentrations in Southeast Corner Area 496, Grote Peninsula
(f) Mission Guan Island, Marianas (g) Time of Return 0825-0850 (GCT)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

(a) TYPE	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NO. OF SORTIES	(d) NO. ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	(e) NO. ATTACK- ING TARGET	(f) BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE)	(g) FUZE, SETTING
<u>F6F-3</u>	<u>VF-60</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>1x1000# G.P.</u>	<u>Inst. Nose and Tail</u>
<u>TH-1c</u>	<u>VT-60</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>12x100# G.P.</u>	<u>" "</u>

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<u>F6F-3</u>	<u>VF-37</u>	<u>6 (?)</u>	<u>U.S.S. Sangamon</u>				
<u>F6F-3</u>	<u>VF-35</u>	<u>9 (?)</u>	<u>U.S.S. Chenango</u>				

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (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
<u>NONE</u>			<u>(GCT)</u>			
			<u>(GCT)</u>			
			<u>(GCT)</u>			
			<u>(GCT)</u>			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) None.(i) Weather and Clouds at Location of Encounter(s) 2000', Cumulus, 2/10. Clear(j) Sun or Moon Sun 20 degrees, bright. (k) Visibility 25 Miles.

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

(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:				(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		
<u>NONE</u>						

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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	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, REMARKS
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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

(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, PLANES RETURNING				
						NO. OF PLANES	.30	.50	20MM	MM.
F6F-3	XXXX	XXXX	3:05	250 GL.	160 GL.	19				
TB-1c	XXXX	XXXX	3:05	300 GL.	150 GL.	2				

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

SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes

TURNS

DIVES

CEILINGS

RANGE

PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

No enemy aircraft were seen in the air.

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

Enemy Troops in Area 496, Orote Peninsula.

- (a) Location of Target(s) Guam Island, Marianas Islands. (b) Time Over Target(s) 0650 K - 20
(c) Weather and Clouds Over Target 2000', Cumulus, 2/10
(d) Sun or Moon Sun 20 Degrees, bright. (e) Visibility 25 Miles.

XI. TARGETS, RESULTS OF ATTACK.

(a) DESCRIPTION OF TARGET (List All Ships in Group, Whether or Not Individually Attacked)	(b) A/C ATTACKING	(d) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH TARGET	(e) ALTITUDE OF RELEASE	(f) HITS
	(c) SQUADRON			
1 <u>Enemy troops in Area 496.</u>	<u>19xF6F-3</u>	<u>19x1000/ G.P.</u>	<u>2000' av.</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>Orote Peninsula, Guam.</u>	<u>VF-60</u>			
2 <u>Enemy positions in area 472 A-B-</u>	<u>2xTBM-1c</u>	<u>24x100/ G.P.</u>	<u>1400' av.</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>F and G, Orote Peninsula, Guam.</u>	<u>VI-60</u>			
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- (g) RESULTS: (FOR SHIP TARGETS 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, WITH DIAGRAMS OR CHARTS WHERE DESIRABLE. DESCRIBE TARGETS FULLY IN (a), AND IN REPORTING DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION, IDENTIFY BY NUMBERS AT LEFT. USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY).

1. 18 of the bombs dropped by these fighters exploded in the Southeast corner of area 496 as directed. One landed in Area 472 A, just on the dividing line between the two areas. The actual results were not observed.

2. All 24 bombs were dropped on area 472, A-B-F-G as assigned by the coordinator getting very good coverage. No results were observed.

3. This mission was in support of ground troops and was aimed at a concentration of Jap troops among the trees on the tip of the peninsula, and although the Japs could not be seen from the air the Commander of Support Aircraft radioed that the area was very well covered and that the mission was very well done.

- (h) Were Photographs Taken? No. Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached.

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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
 Release
 Pull-Out
 Dive Angle
 Strafing
 Retirement
 Defensive Tactics

DEFENSE, ENEMY

Evasive Tactics, Ships
 Concealment
 Anti-aircraft
 Searchlights
 Night Fighter Tactics

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.**

2. **There was no enemy AA Fire seen. in the air.**

XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.

Use additional sheets if necessary).

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

Aarmor; 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 planes functioned in a normal manner.

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29 July, 1944.

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	(c) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, REMARKS
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(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, PLANES RETURNING				
						NO. OF PLANES	.30	.50	20MM	MM
B-24-3	XXXX	XXXX	2:50	250 GL.	180 GL.	6		2750		
T-28-10	XXXX	XXXX	2:50	300 GL.	190 GL.	2				

SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes

TURNS

DIVES

CEILINGS

RANGE

PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

No Enemy aircraft seen in the air.