

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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AG-60 #25-44

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

Road Intersection Area 620, Sec. W-S-I. Strafe 516 L and 493 A.

- (a) Location of Target(s) Guam Island, Marianas Islands. (b) Time Over Target(s) VF-1145-1235 K  
VF-1225-1235 K  
 (c) Weather and Clouds Over Target 1500', Cumulus, 8/10, Clear below Clouds. VT-1240-1245 K  
-10 Zone.  
 (d) Sun or Moon Sun, High and Bright above Cloud Base. (e) Visibility 15 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>Area 516 L, and 493 A, Strafeing</u>	<u>6xP6F-3</u>	<u>2750 Bds. .50 Cal.</u>	<u>1500' av.</u>	<u>See Below</u>
<u>by Fighters, Bombed Roads 620,</u>	<u>VF-60</u>	<u>6x500/ G.P.</u>		
2 <u>Level and Glide Bombed Roads at</u>	<u>2xTH-1c</u>			
<u>Area 620, W-S-I.</u>	<u>VT-60</u>	<u>24x100/ G.P.</u>	<u>600' av.</u>	<u>24 " "</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. Area 516 L was strafed hitting a few small buildings, but no fires nor other visible damage was observed. A large storage area was sighted beneath the trees in area 493 A and all fighters strafed it thoroughly. The loose stores were set afire and after about 10 minutes an explosion occurred and a large fire resulted, sending large clouds of black smoke into the air. This fire was still burning 2 1/2 hours later and was apparently an oil dump. After strafing this area the fighters dropped their bombs on three road intersections in area 620 getting 1 direct hit on an intersection, the other 5 bombs hitting from 25' to 50' away from the intersections, but on the roads.

2. One TH made a low level run dropping all 12 bombs select getting twelve hits on a road. The other TH made 3 runs dropping 4 bombs on each run, 4 hitting an intersection and the other 8 on a road near the intersection.

Bldgs  
Roads Bombs

- (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. No enemy aircraft were seen in the air.
2. There was no enemy AA fire observed.
3. On this mission, all planes were allowed to go down low to pick their targets which resulted in getting numerous hits on targets which otherwise could not have been seen from a greater altitude. A number of times in the past, the pilots had been given targets which could not be seen from higher up and many bombs were wasted because they did not have a clear picture of the area to be bombed.



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## I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting Air Group Sixty. (b) Based on or at U.S.S. Swansee, at sea. (c) Report No. AG-60 226-44  
 (d) Date of Action 29 July, 1944 (e) Take off: Time 1220 K -10 (GCT); Lat. XXXX Long. XXXX  
Glide Bomb and Strafe Supply Areas at 538, R-S-T and 491, R-W, and 492, L-H.  
 (f) Mission Guam Island, Marianas Islands (g) Time of Return 1535 K -10 (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>P62-3</u>	<u>VF-60</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1x500/ G.P.</u>	<u>4-5 sec. Delay Tail.</u>
<u>TR-1a</u>	<u>VF-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>NONE</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>			
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(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) None.

(i) Weather and Clouds at Location of Encounter (s) 1500', Cumulus, 6/10, Clear Beneath cloud Base.

(j) Sun or Moon Sun High and Bright above Clouds. (k) Visibility 20 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>						



(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
F6F-3	XXXX	XXXX	3:15	250 GL.	205 GL.	6		1250		
TEB-1a	XXXX	XXXX	3:15	300 GL.	169 GL.	2		1000		

TURNS  
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 RANGE  
 PROTECTION  
 ARMAMENT

No enemy aircraft seen in the air.



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

Supply Areas at 538, B-S-T, 491, B-W, and 492, I and M.

- (a) Location of Target(s) Guam Island, Marianas Islands. (b) Time Over Target(s) VF-1415 6-10  
VT-1420 8-10
- (c) Weather and Clouds Over Target 1500', Cumulus, 6/10. Clear beneath cloud base.
- (d) Sun or Moon Sun, High and Bright above clouds. (e) Visibility 20 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 Supply area. Target Area 538, B-S-T.	6XF6F-3 VF-60	1250 Rds. .50 Cal. 6x500 G.P. Bombs.	900' av.	See Below.
2 Supply Areas. Target areas 492 and 491.	2xTBW-1c VT-60	1000 Rds. .50 Cal. 2x1000 G.P. Bombs.	500' av.	" " "
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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. This area was well covered by the bombs which knocked down 3 or 4 small buildings, although there were no direct hits. No fires resulted and no other visible results were observed. Two of the planes then strafed the area, but again there were no observed results.

2. A large passenger bus was blown up by a direct hit from one plane. 18 bombs were dropped among the loose stores in this area and the greater part of the supply dump was completely destroyed. No fires were started, but the pilots and crews of these two planes stated that the supplies were strewn over a wide area as a result of the bombing. After the bombs were dropped, both planes strafed the whole area, but again no fires were started.

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



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 CONFIDENTIAL  
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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  
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 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 AA Fire observed.



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**XIII. MATERIAL DATA.** (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.  
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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 planes operated in a normal manner.

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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (FOR LOSS NOTED IN V. 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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(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
P6F-3	XXXX	XXXX	2:25	250 GL.	155 GL.	6		5900		
TBL-10	XXXX	XXXX	2:25	300 GL.	150 GL.	2				

SPEED, CLIMB,  
at various altitudes

TURNS

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CEILINGS

RANGE

PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

No enemy aircraft were seen in the air.