

## AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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REPORT No. VF-60 17-44

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Orote Airfield, Guan I. Marianas Is. (b) Time Over Target(s) 1230 -10 (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)(c) Clouds Over Target 2000', Cumulo-Nimbus, 6/10  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)(d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 20 Miles.  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bombing Bomb Sight Used Gunlight  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)Bombs Dropped per Run One Spacing XXX Altitude of Bomb Release 1800' av.  
(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>Orote Airfield.</u>		<u>11xVF-3</u> <u>VF-60</u>	<u>11x1000' S.A.P.</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>See Below.</u>
2 <u>Gun Posits. Area</u>	<u>366 H.</u>	<u>3xVF-3</u> <u>VF-60</u>	<u>1200 Rds. .50 Cal.</u>		<u>" "</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. Of 11 bombs dropped, 10 exploded on the runway and the other exploded just off the north west corner of the runway. Due to the good coverage of these bombs the runway was left unserviceable.

2. Three planes made a strafing run on a 4 gun AA emplacement, results unobserved. The guns were estimated to be about 3 inch in diameter. A warehouse in Piti town was strafed, but the results were unobserved.

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

**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.
2. The AA fire was meagre and inaccurate. There were no tracers observed, but some of the pilots did see a few puffs of what appeared to be white smoke which was identified by them as AA bursts.
3. This flight was requested to make an aerial reconnaissance of Orote peninsula and of a general area inland that included Mt. Ibaobao. No serviceable aircraft were seen at Orote airfield, but due to the lack of radiocommunication with the Naval gunfire control, this area was not covered in detail. The ceiling was low over the inland area, making it difficult to sight targets from a fast moving plane. It would seem therefore, that photographic coverage would have been more desirable than reconnaissance by fighters.

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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. It is the opinion of the pilots of this squadron that in bombing an airfield of this nature, which apparently has a coral strip, the 1000# G.P. bomb would be more effective than the 1000# S.A.P. bomb in that it would create a much larger crater, the theory here being that the S.A.P. bomb penetrates too far into the ground and with its lighter explosive charge does not do as much damage as the G.P. bomb would do nearer to the surface.

No!

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- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Island I. Marianas Islands. (b) Time Over Target(s) 1715 -10 (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 1000', Cumulo Nimbus, 7/10.  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Partially obscured by clouds. (e) Visibility 0-15 Miles.  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used Camsight  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run One Spacing 200' Altitude of Bomb Release 2000' av.  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None Damaged None.

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1 <u>Targets of Opportunity</u>		<u>VF-60-3</u> <u>VF-60</u>	<u>2000' G.P.</u>	<u>3</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. The pilots on this flight were unable to locate the target according to the directions they had received so they bombed targets of opportunity as they appeared. Three bombs were seen to land among installations in target area 500, sections D and I, and five bombs along beach installations in target area 581. The other two bombs were jettisoned, one because it began coming apart and the other because the pilot did not drop on his first run and there was no time for a second. The results of all bomb hits were unobserved.

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

## ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY

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Recognition, Aircraft	

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

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

- Bombing Tactics
- Torpedo Tactics
- Effectiveness of Bombs, Torpedoes
- Selection of Targets
- Fuzing
- Strafing Tactics
- Defensive Tactics
- Use of Radar
- Reconnaissance
- Photography
- Briefing

- Navigation
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## FLIGHT CLOTHING

## MAINTENANCE

## BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment  
Personnel Facilities

1. All aircraft functioned in a normal manner.

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