

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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REPORT No. VP-60 21-44

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Target Area 580, Sec. I, Marianas Islands. (b) Time Over Target(s) 1030 -10 (Zone)  
 (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)  
 (c) Clouds Over Target 5000', Thin Overcast. 8/10  
 (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)  
 (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 15 Miles.  
 (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)  
 (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used Gunsight  
 (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)  
 Bombs Dropped per Run One. Spacing 0 Altitude of Bomb Release 2200' 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>AA Guns, Area 580</u> <u>Sec. I.</u>		<u>42767-3</u> <u>VP-60</u>	<u>1300 lbs. .50 Cal.</u> <u>32000' G.P.</u>	<u>0</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. Two of the bombs hit and exploded about 150' from the gun posits. and one hit in the water. Results unobserved. The fourth bomb was dropped as a result of the failure of the bomb release button mechanism. The four planes then strafed thoroughly the pillboxes and gun positions in the areas assigned, although no apparent results occurred.

(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. There were no enemy aircraft nor anti-aircraft fire observed.



**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**

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 with the exception of the bomb release mechanism of one plane. The pilot had turned on the bomb rack switch and turned the arming switch to "fuse" when the bomb dropped, the master gun switch not yet having been turned on. Later examination disclosed that there was a short in the bomb release button on the stick.

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APPROVED BY:

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REPORT No. VF-60 22-44

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) San Fco. Target Area 348, J & E.  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)  
 (b) Time Over Target(s) 1545 -10 (Zone)  
 (c) Clouds Over Target 2000', Alto Cumulus, 6/10.  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)  
 (d) Visibility of Target Target obscured by clouds above 2000'  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.)  
 (e) Visibility 0-15 Miles.  
(MILES)  
 (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) Bomb Sight Used Gunlight  
(TYPE)  
 Bombs Dropped per Run One  
(NUMBER) Spacing One  
(FEET) Altitude of Bomb Release 2000' av.  
(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	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
		(k) SQUADRON			
1 <u>AA Gun Posits. Area 348, J &amp; E.</u>		<u>4x F6F-3</u> <u>VF-60</u>	<u>3600 lbs. .50 Cal.</u> <u>4x1000' G.P.</u>	<u>0</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. Due to the clouds, the target was obscured most of the time and the pilots had to act quickly whenever a hole appeared, thus precluding any good approaches. As the cloud base was at 2000', the pilots had to climb back up immediately after dropping their bombs and no results were observed. After dropping their bombs all four planes strafed buildings and installations in Areas 474 and 475, but no fires or other results were observed.

(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. There were no enemy aircraft seen in the air.

2. The AA fire was meagre to moderate, light and medium,  
but inaccurate.



**\*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**

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  
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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

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1. All aircraft functioned in a normal manner.

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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

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	
<u>F6F-3</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>5:00</u>	<u>400 GL.</u>	<u>280 GL.</u>		<u>3300</u>			<u>4</u>

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, 20mm-50mm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

X. 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 seen in the Air.