

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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REPORT No. VF-60 25-44

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

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Guam Is. Marianas Islands. (b) Time Over Target(s) 1615 1720 -10 (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 2000', Cumulus, 6/10
(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 Gunsight
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run One. Spacing 0 Altitude of Bomb Release 2000' 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>Area 381, E and J.</u> <u>Gun Positions.</u> | | <u>10x76F-3</u> <u>VF-60</u> | <u>1050 lbs. .50 cal.</u> <u>10x500' G.P.</u> | <u>1</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. There was one very near miss observed on a gun position, but the results of the other nine bombs were unobserved due to trees, undergrowth, dust, debris and smoke. All bombs, however, were dropped in the target area assigned. After the bombs had been dropped, all planes made strafing runs on the area, but again the results were unobserved.

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

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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

1. No enemy aircraft were seen in the air.
2. There was no AA fire observed.

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

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

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 aircraft functioned in a normal manner.

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APPROVED BY:

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H.O. Follbach, Lt. Cdr. USNR, CO, VF-60
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21 July, 1944
DATE

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VP-60 (b) Based on or at U.S.S. Sumner, at sea. (c) Report No. VP-60 126-44

(d) Take off: Date 22 July, 1944 Time (LZT) 0830 -10 (Zone); Lat. 20N Long. 155E
Glide Bomb and Strafe enemy troop positions in areas from 533 N to 561 T.

(e) Mission Guam Island, Marianas Islands. (f) Time of Return 1130 -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) | | |
| Y6F-3 | YF-60 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 1x500lb G.P. | Inst. Nose and Tail |
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III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

| TYPE | SQUADRON | NUMBER | BASE | TYPE | SQUADRON | NUMBER | BASE |
|--------|----------|--------|-----------------|------|----------|--------|------|
| F4U-3 | VF-37 | 4 | U.S.S. Sangamon | | | | |
| TBM-1c | VT-35 | 4 | U.S.S. Chamango | | | | |
| F4U-3 | VF-34 | 4 | " " | | | | |

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 |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| NONE | | | (ZONE) | | | |
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(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, Clear under cloud base. (k) Visibility 15 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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- (c) Clouds Over Target 2000', Cumulus, 7/10.
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| 1 <u>General Area</u> | | <u>4xVF-3</u> <u>VF-60</u> | <u>600 Hds. 50 Cal.</u> <u>3x500# G.P. Bombs.</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>See Below.</u> |
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1. These planes made three hits within the enemy positions, however, other than a few small fires, the results could not be determined. The whole area was strafed by all planes and again the results could not be accurately ascertained due to smoke, dust and debris in the air.

2. The fourth plane on this mission developed an oil leak ^{the pilot} and could not see through his windshield well enough to risk dropping his bomb near our troops, therefore it was dropped on a sunken ship in Talofoto Bay on the east coast of Guam.

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

2. There was one burst of heavy AA fire near these planes,
but none sustained any damage.

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1. One of the planes on this mission developed an oil leak which covered his windshield with too much oil to risk dropping his bomb, so the pilot had to drop on another target. The oil leak was not serious and the plane remained in the air till the mission was completed by the other planes.

2. All other planes functioned in a normal manner.

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