

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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REPORT No. VF-60 37-44

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

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Supply and Troop Area. Guam I. Marianas Islands. (b) Time Over Target(s) 0725-0750 Z (Zone) -10
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target Unlimited
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 30 Miles.
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used Mk. 8, Mod. 5, Sunlight.
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run One Spacing 0 Altitude of Bomb Release 1750' 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>Supply and Troop Area 714, R-3-T.</u>	<u>Rivonac.</u>	<u>6xVF-3 VF-60</u>	<u>8600 lbs. .50 Cal. 6x500# M.P.</u>	<u>6</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. This whole area was thoroughly strafed for 30 minutes by all six planes and then the bombs were dropped, all landing in the assigned target area. 4 bombs exploded in section Sugar and one each in Roger and Tare. No visible results were observed.

- (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

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. **There was no enemy AA 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 on this mission performed in a satisfactory
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>2200</u>	<u>2200</u>	<u>3:00</u>	<u>250 GL.</u>	<u>180 GL.</u>		<u>6900</u>			<u>6</u>

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	<u>X</u>			
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	<u>X</u>			
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	<u>X</u>			

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.

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(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Artillery and Mortar Positions; Divouac Area.
Guam Island, Marianas Island. G. (b) Time Over Target(s) 1000 K Bombed
1015-1030 K Bombed (Zone)
K -10
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
(c) Clouds Over Target 2000', Cumulus, 5/10.
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
(d) Visibility of Target Clear Beneath Cloud Base. (e) Visibility 25 miles.
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used Mark 8, Mod. 5 Gunsight
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
Bombs Dropped per Run One Spacing 0 Altitude of Bomb Release 1900' 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>Artillery and Mortar Posits.</u> <u>Area 535 and 53A.</u>		<u>5xVF-60-3</u> <u>VF-60</u>	<u>5x500/ G.P.</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>See Below.</u>
2 <u>Divouac Area. Target Areas</u> <u>538 S-N-T and 539 U.</u>		<u>"</u> <u>"</u>	<u>6900 lbs. .50 Cal.</u>		<u>See Below.</u>
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1. All five bombs dropped were in the Target Area as assigned and the area was well covered. This operation was worked in close cooperation with ground parties through the air coordinator who used miniature practice bombs to indicate targets to the other pilots. The ground observers radioed that they believed the mission was successful as there was no mortar fire from this area after the completion of the attack.

2. All planes thoroughly strafed this area, however no fires nor other visible results were observed.

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1. There were no enemy aircraft seen in the air.
2. There was no enemy AA fire observed.
3. On this particular mission, the flight leader, who was also Air Coordinator, carried a bomb rack loaded with six miniature practice smoke bombs, with which he planned to drop on the target to outline it to other planes. This was done and it worked out very well in that the pilots following him in could see exactly where the bombs were to be placed. This system has a number of advantages, the most important of which are, (1) There is no waste of heavy bombs in the event that the coordinator should miss the target on his first pass. (2) By using miniature bombs, there is no danger of the coordinator dropping a high explosive bomb within our own lines on close support missions. (3) The smoke from the miniature bombs can be seen by all pilots whereas not all pilots can see tracers used to indicate a target. (4) There always seems to be some confusion when a target is located by radio or by having the Coordinator make passes or dry runs and the miniature bomb will definitely mark the spot to be bombed. (5) The ground or Air Liaison parties can watch where the miniature bombs hit and direct the Air Coordinator to the exact spot they wish to be bombed.

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ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

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Lights

FUEL SYSTEM

FLIGHT CLOTHING

MAINTENANCE

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment
Personnel Facilities

1. All planes on this mission performed satisfactorily in every respect.

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