

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED
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 VP-60 #45-44

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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

Buildings and Installations around road intersection at 667 N.

(a) Location of Target(s) Guam Island, Marianas Islands. (b) Time Over Target(s) 0813 K -10 GCT

(c) Weather and Clouds Over Target Ceiling Unlimited. Clear and Bright.

(d) Sun or Moon Sun 50 degrees. (e) Visibility 30 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>Buildings and Installations.</u>	<u>62508-3</u> <u>VP-60</u>	<u>625008 G.P.</u>	<u>2000' av. See Below.</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. 5 Bombs were dropped among the buildings getting 2 direct hits. One building was seen to blow up completely and two others were badly damaged. One bomb dropped prematurely and was not seen to explode. No other results were observed.

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

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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. There were no enemy aircraft seen in the air.
2. There was no enemy 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

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 operated in a normal manner with the exception of the bomb release mechanism on one plane. This mechanism was later checked on deck and worked perfectly.

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APPROVED BY:

H.E. Richmond, LIEUT. USNR, ACIO VT-60
SIGNATURE RANK AND DUTY

H.O. Feilbach, LT. Cdr. USNR, CO. VF-60 30 July, 1944.
SIGNATURE RANK AND DUTY DATE

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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

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

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

No enemy aircraft seen in the air.

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Parking Area, Groote Airfield. Sangre de Cristo Fields. 0945--Incendiaries
Guam I. Marianas Islands. 1015--Bombs (Zone) 10
 (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(b) Time Over Target(s) 2800', Cumulus, 3/10.

(c) Clouds Over Target 2800', Cumulus, 3/10.
 (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Clear
 (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.)

(e) Visibility 25 Miles.
 (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glides
 (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)

Bomb Sight Used Ik. 30 Mod. 4. Torp Dir. Ik. 8 Gunsight.
 (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run All
 (NUMBER)

Spacing 50' av. (500')
 (FEET)

Altitude of Bomb Release 2500' 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 (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>Parking Area.</u>		<u>7xTH-1c</u> <u>VT-60</u>	<u>3x2000# 24x500# G.P.</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>See Below.</u>
2 <u>Sangre de Cristo fields in</u> <u>Areas 364 & 349.</u>		<u>2xTH-1c</u> <u>VT-60</u>	<u>2x100# Incend. 6x25#</u>	<u>24</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. All bombs dropped in the parking area and exploded. One fire was observed in area 474 H, but the results of the rest were unobserved due to smoke, dust and debris in the air.

2. 4 or 5 fires were started in the grassy areas, but the results of these fires were not determined.

Note: The Air Coordinator called to say that the coverage obtained by this mission was excellent.

(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**

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Approach Tactics
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" " , Enemy
Defensive Tactics, Own
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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
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OPERATIONAL

Navigation
Homing
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Communications
Flight Operations
Search and Tracking
Base Operations
Maintenance

1. **No enemy aircraft were seen in the air.**
2. **No enemy anti aircraft fire was encountered.**

XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.
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Turrets
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Bomb Releases

COMMUNICATIONS

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RECOGNITION

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PROTECTION

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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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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VT-60 (b) Based on or at U.S.S. Suwannee, at (c) Report No. VT-60 #7-44
(d) Take off: Date 17 July, 1944 Time (LZT) 0835-10 (Zone); Lat. XXI Long. XXI
Bomb and Strafe Buildings and Installations, Agat Town.
(e) Mission Guam Island, Marianas Islands (f) Time of Return 1055 -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)		
BTM-1c	VT-60	4 5	0	4 5	12x100# Incendiary Clusters.	

III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
BM-10	VT-37	1	U.S.S. Sangamon.				

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
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(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) Time of Day and Brilliance of Sun or Moon Daylight, Clear and Bright. (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (k) Visibility 20 Miles. (MILES)

V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

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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).

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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

[illegible]

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 were observed in the air.