

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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REPORT No. VT-60  
7-44

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

Buildings and Installations in Agat Town.

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Guam I., Marianas Islands. (b) Time Over Target(s) 1015-1030 (Zone) 10  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target Clear under very high overcast.  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

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

(e) Visibility 20 Miles.  
(MILES)

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

Bomb Sight Used Mk. 30 Mod. 4 Torp. Dir.  
(TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run Twelve Spacing Salvo Altitude of Bomb Release 1100' av.  
(NUMBER) (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>Agat Town.</u>		<u>5XTM-1a</u> <u>VT-60-a 37</u>	<u>57 x 100# Incend.</u> <u>Clusters.</u>	<u>57</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. As far as could be determined most of these bombs hit within the town itself and about twelve small fires were started. One small explosion occurred near a building, but other results, if any, were unobserved. The town was then thoroughly strafed with no observed results. Three bombs failed to release.

(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  
and there was no 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

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- Asan Town, and Target Area 558, sec. D & E.  
(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Guam I. Marianas Islands. (b) Time Over Target (s) 1600 -10 (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)  
(c) Clouds Over Target 2000', Cumulus, 3/10  
(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 Mk. 8 Gunsight.  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)  
Bombs Dropped per Run Six Spacing Salvo Altitude of Bomb Release 1200' av.  
(NUMBER) (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>Asan Town.</u>		<u>4XTBM-1c</u> <u>VT-60 &amp; 37</u>	<u>24x100# Incend.Cl.</u>	<u>24?</u>	<u>See Below.</u>
2 <u>Buildings &amp; Installations</u> <u>Area 558, D &amp; E.</u>		<u>" "</u>	<u>24x100# Incend.Cl.</u>	<u>24?</u>	<u>" "</u>
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1. As far as could be determined all bombs dropped in the areas assigned leaving many small fires. There was one large fire in Asan Town apparently a large fuel dump set afire in Area 560, between sections H. and O. just west of Asan town.

2/ In this area three fires were observed. After the bombs were dropped all planes thoroughly strafed the areas assigned with no visible results 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 planes observed in the air  
nor was any AA fire seen in the area.



**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**

Armor, Points and Angles  
of Fire Needing Further  
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Parachutes  
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**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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## I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VT-60 (b) Based on or at U.S.S. Sumner, at sea. (c) Report No. VT-60 17-44

(d) Take off: Date 21. July. 1944 Time (LZT) 1015-10 (Zone); Lat. 3700N Long. 1700E

(e) Mission Glide Bomb Suspected artillery positions in Target Areas 501-5-8-  
Jann I. Marianas Islands. (f) Time of Return 1530-10 (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)		
TM-1c	VT-60	1	0	1	12x1000 G.P.	Inst. Hoss.

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE

## 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? YES (YES OR NO) If so, Describe Clouds BASE IN FEET. TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER

### Time of Day and Brilliance

(j) of Sun or Moon Day, Bright and Clear (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (k) Visibility 25 Miles. (MILES)

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

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