

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
- 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

No enemy aircraft nor anti-aircraft fire was observed.

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 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

All aircraft seemed to function in a normal manner.

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VT-60 (b) Based on or at USS SUWANNEE, At Sea (c) Report No. 3-44
 (d) Date of Action 22 April 1944 (e) Take off: Time 1946-1955 (GCT); Lat. XX Long. XX
Support Air Mission. Glide Bombing. Area behind Beach Blue 3 in Target Area
 (f) Mission 355, Soleo Is. Aitape Hbr., Aitape, New Guinea (g) Time of Return 2205-2216 (GCT)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

(a) TYPE	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NO. OF SORTIES	(d) NO. ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	(e) NO. ATTACKING TARGET	(f) BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE)	(g) FUZE, SETTING
VTB	VT-60	8	0	8	4 x 500# G.P.	Inst. Nose. .01 sec delay tail.

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
VTB	VT-35	7	USS CHENANGO				
VTB	VT-26	8	USS SANTEE				

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (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			(GCT)			
			(GCT)			
			(GCT)			
			(GCT)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) None
 (i) Weather and Clouds at Location of Encounter(s) Clear, Ceiling unlimited.
 (j) Sun or Moon Sun 15 degrees over Horizon (k) Visibility 20 Miles

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

(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:				(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		
NONE						

ENCLOSURE (C)

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

Area behind Beach Blue 3 in Target Area 355, Seleo Is.

(a) Location of Target(s) Aitape, Hbr. Aitape, New Guinea (b) Time Over Target(s) 2045-2050 OCT

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

(d) Sun or Moon Sun 15 degrees over horizon. (e) Visibility 20 miles

XI. TARGETS, RESULTS OF ATTACK.

	(a) DESCRIPTION OF TARGET (List All Ships in Group, Whether or Not Individually Attacked)	(b) A/C ATTACKING (c) SQUADRON	(d) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH TARGET	(e) ALTITUDE OF RELEASE	(f) HITS
	1	Enemy installations in Target Area 355, Seleo Island	6 VTB VT-60	24 x 500# G.P.	AV 2000'
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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).

All bombs dropped from six planes dropped directly into Target Area 355, however, due to smoke, dust, and being a wooded area, the results were unobserved. The two other planes dropped their bombs on the wrong target, two of them going into the harbor. Results unobserved.

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

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HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Auxiliary Plant
Lights

FUEL SYSTEM

FLIGHT CLOTHING

MAINTENANCE

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment
Personnel Facilities

All aircraft performed in a normal manner.

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VF-60 (b) Based on or at USS SUWANNEE, At Sea (c) Report No. B-44
 (d) Date of Action 21 April 1944 (e) Take off: Time 1929-1954 (GCT); Lat. XX Long. XX
Strike. Strafe Targets of opportunity in the Blue Beach and Tadj
 (f) Mission Airdromes Areas of Aitape, New Guinea. (g) Time of Return 2144-2200 (CT)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

(a) TYPE	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NO. OF SORTIES	(d) NO. ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	(e) NO. ATTACK- ING TARGET	(f) BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE)	(g) FUZE, SETTING
<u>F6F-3</u>	<u>VF-60</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>None</u>	

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<u>FM-2</u>	<u>VC-7</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>USS MANILA BAY</u>				

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

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<u>N O N E</u>			(GCT)			
			(GCT)			
			(GCT)			
			(GCT)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) None
 (i) Weather and Clouds at Location of Encounter(s) 2/10 Scattered Cumulus at 1000'. 9/10 covered, Cumulus at 9000'
 (j) Sun or Moon Morning Twilight (k) Visibility 15-20 Miles.

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

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X. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only)
Targets of opportunity in the Blue Beach and Tadjil Airdrome

(a) Location of Target(s) Areas of Aitape, New Guinea (b) Time Over Target(s) 2020-2050 GCT
2/10 Scattered Cumulus at 1000'. 9/10 covered Cumulus at 9000'.
 (c) Weather and Clouds Over Target _____
 (d) Sun or Moon Morning Twilight (e) Visibility 15-20 Miles

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	(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, Airfield, and other</u>				
2	<u>Military Installations</u>	<u>16 F6F-3</u> <u>VF-60</u>	<u>Av. 1000 rds. Cal.</u> <u>50 each plane.</u>		
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Seeing no signs of life or enemy activity the pilots strafed buildings, beaches, and the airfield. The results of this mission could not be determined from the air as the whole area seemed to be in a state of desolation as a result of previous frequent bombings by the Allied Army Air Force.

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