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.

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

REPORT PREPARED BY:

All aircraft seemed to function in a normal manner.

APPROVED BY:

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Re	eporting	VT-60	(b)	Based on o	r at	ss su	NANNEE,	At Sea	c) Report N	No	-44
(d) Date of	Action 2	2 April	1944	Take off:	Time 19	46-19	55 _{(GCT) · 1}	at XX	Lor	10	ZX.
Support (f) Mission	Air Mi 355, S	ssion.	Glide B s. Altap	ombing. e Hbr.,	Area	pe, N	nd Beac	d Blue	of Return	arget A	GCT)
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IX. 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.

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

CONFRESTRICTED (Reclassify when filled out)

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

Area behind Beach Blue 3 in (a) Location of Target(s) Altape, Hor.	Target Area 3: Altape, New Gr	55, Seleo Is.	. 6	5-2056C
c) Weather and Clouds Over Target	ar, Ceiling Uni	Limited.		
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XI. TARGETS, RESULTS OF ATTACK.	o i - 1 - 1 - 1 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2	eg*		
(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	ALTITUDE OF RELEASE	(f) HITS
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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? Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached.

⁽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).

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COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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OPERATIONAL

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ARMAMENT

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FLIGHT CLOTHING

MAINTENANCE

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

REPORT PREPARED BY:

All aircraft performed in a normal manner.

APPROVED BY:

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

I. GENERAL

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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only). CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C,
TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE (b) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, REMARKS TYPE OWN A/C SQUADRON WHERE HIT, ANGLE 1 2 3 0 4 N 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left). (a) (b) (d) CAUSE NO. SQUADRON NAME, RANK OR RATING CONDITION OR STATUS 0 VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA AV. HOURS IN AIR AV. FUEL CONSUMED (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED, PLANES RETURNING NO. OF PLANES .50 20MM MM. F6F-3 XX XX 2:11 250 gal 140 gal 16 16000

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

TURNS

CEILINGS

RANGE PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

No enemy aircraft seen.

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

	X. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUP Targets of opportunity is	n the Blue Be	ach and Tadji Air	drome							
(a)	Location of Target(s) Areas of Altape, New Guinea (b) Time Over Target(s) 2020-2050										
(c)	2/10 Scattered Cumulus at 1000'. 9/10 covered Cumulus at 9000'.) Weather and Clouds Over Target										
(d)	d) Sun or Moon (e) Visibility 15-20 Miles										
	XI. TARGETS, RESULTS OF ATTACK.										
	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	ALTITUDE OF RELEASE	(f) HITS						
1	Buildings, Airfield, and of										
2	Military Installations	16 F6F-3 VF-60	Av. 1000 rds. Cs	1.	1						
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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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