

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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

AA Positions in target areas 283 and 287. Other targets of opportunity on north end of Saipan Island. 2115-2235

(a) Location of Target(s) \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Time Over Target(s) \_\_\_\_\_ GCT  
 (c) Weather and Clouds Over Target Cumulus clouds, 3/10 Covered at 3000'  
 (d) Sun or Moon Sun, 50 Deg. Bright. (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	AA positions on cliff, target area 283.	1A276-3 VF-60	6x1000' G.P.	2000'
2	AA Positions, Target Area 287	"	6x1000' G.P.	1800'	6
3	AA Positions on cliff, Target Area 283.	1A276-3 VF-60	8x1000' S.A.P.	2000' av	5
4	AA Positions, Target Area 287	1A276-3 VF-60	6x1000' S.A.P.	2000' av.	5
5	Buildings, Target Area 287	1A276-3 VF-60	2x1000' S.A.P.	2100' av.	3
6	Strafe Targets of Opportunity.	1A276-3 VF-60			
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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).

- The TBM got two hits in the area butshort of gun positions, and four hits right in a among the guns.
- All six bombs dropped among guns which were silenced.
- Two direct hits in gun area; three bombs were wide; two bombs unobserved and one dropped off plane in a tight turn. Guns silenced.
- Two bombs hit in light AA positions; two bombs blew up some small buildings; one bomb hit in a wooded area, results unobserved.
- Two bombs hit in a built up area blowing up several small buildings.
- Buildings and all caliber AA positions in areas 287 and 283 were strafed. One revetted ceplane strafed and set afire at Flores Point ceplane base. Strafed oil dump and ammo dump in area 247 D setting oil on fire and blowing up small ammo stores.

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

**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

**1. No enemy aircraft were observed during this mission.**  
**2. There was intense, accurate, light anti-aircraft gunfire coming from all over these areas.**

**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

**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**
  - 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

Radio communications between planes and from planes to base were good, but the controller and other aircraft were continually breaking in on the middle of transmissions.

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting Air Group 60 (b) Based on or at U.S.S. Suwannee, At Sea, (c) Report No. 5-44  
 (d) Date of Action 24 June, 1944 (e) Take off: Time 0645 -10 (GCT); Lat. XXX Long. XXX  
 (f) Mission Photographic Mission over Guam I. Marianas Is. (g) Time of Return 1000 -10 (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. ATTACK- ING TARGET	(f) BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE)	(g) FUZE, SETTING
<u>TBM-1c</u>	<u>VT-60</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>None</u>	
<u>F6F-3</u>	<u>VF-60</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>None</u>	

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<u>TBM-1c</u>	<u>VT-37</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>U.S.S. Sangamon</u>				
<u>F6F-3</u>	<u>VF-37</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>U.S.S. Sangamon</u>				

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
<u>NONE</u>			<u>(GCT)</u>			
			<u>(GCT)</u>			
			<u>(GCT)</u>			
			<u>(GCT)</u>			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) NONE

(i) Weather and Clouds at Location of Encounter(s) NONE

(j) Sun or Moon Sun 45 Deg. Bright (k) Visibility 25 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		
<u>NONE</u>						

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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	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, REMARKS
1 F6F-3	VF-60	AA Fire	Hole in Prop. Hole in engine cowling. Hole in landing gear fairing.	Prop Change. Other holes easily repaired.
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5 F6F-3	VF-60	AA Fire	Belly Tank holed and set afire. Dropped.	No appreciable damage to plane.
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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
		NONE		

**VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA**

(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, PLANES RETURNING			
						NO. OF PLANES	.30	.50	20MM MM.
F6F-3	XXXX	XXXX	3:05	300 G1.	145 G1.				
F6F-3	XXXX	XXXX	3:05	400 G1.	215 G1.			3700	

**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.  
 (AA fire all calibers intense and accurate.)

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AG-60 5-44

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

Enemy Installations along the west shore of

(a) Location of Target(s) Guam I. Marianas Islands. (b) Time Over Target(s) 0800 -10 GCT

(c) Weather and Clouds Over Target 2000' cumulus 5/10 covered clear below cloud base

(d) Sun or Moon \_\_\_\_\_ (e) Visibility 25 Miles.

## XI. TARGETS, RESULTS OF ATTACK.

1	(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
		<b>See Below.</b>			
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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).

During the Photo runs made by the TBM, fighter escorts were strafing un positions firing at them. Although damage done by the fighters cannot be assessed, the pilots reported that "the Japs threw everything that they had into the air." The AA fire was from all calibers and was accurate and intense

(h) Were Photographs Taken? YES Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached. submitted  
To O.T.F. 52 at Saipan.

**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.)

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Disposition  
Altitudes  
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Approach Tactics  
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Defense Tactics and Their Effectiveness

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- COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**  
Own Weaknesses  
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Offensive Tactics, Own  
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Defensive Tactics, Own  
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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  
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Dive Angle  
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- DEFENSE, ENEMY**  
Evasive Tactics, Ships  
Concealment  
Searchlights  
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- COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**  
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Strafing Tactics  
Defensive Tactics  
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Photography  
Briefing

**OPERATIONAL**

- Navigation  
Homing  
Rendezvous  
Recognition, Ships  
Communications  
Flight Operations  
Search and Tracking  
Base Operations  
Maintenance

1. No enemy aircraft were seen by our pilots although one Jap fighter was shot down by the Langson planes.

2. The TBM made a total of ten runs over this area with a division of fighters as escort, the other fighters being used for high cover and attacking gun positions. All runs were made at 8300' at 120 Kts. No obliques were obtained due to the very heavy AA fire in progress all during these runs.

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- FLIGHT CLOTHING**
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  - Plane Servicing Equipment
  - Personnel Facilities

*All of our aircraft operated in a normal manner. Radio communications were generally good.*

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## VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA

(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, PLANES RETURNING				
						NO. OF PLANES	.30	.50	20MM	MM.
P-51	200	200	5:30	400 GL.	300 GL.	None				

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

- SPEED, CLIMB,  
at various altitudes
- TURN
- DIVE
- CEILING
- RANGE
- PROTECTION
- ARMAMENT

No enemy aircraft observed in the air.