REPORT NOV F-60 #7-44

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

Due to a temposry shortege of That's these two F6F's had been ordered into the air to fly an Anti-Subsarine Patrol around this force, consequently they took off loaded with one 350% depth bomb each. After petrolling for about an hour they were relieved on station by two That's from another ship and were ordered to join up with a four plane Combat Air Tatrol which was orbitting above at 10000'. At apprecimately 1645 the CAP was vectored out after a bogoy on a course of 170, 40 miles at angels 11, buster, and told to "look around." A few moments later the CAF received another vector, this time on a course of 210. Flying at 12000' the bogey was sighted by a Sangamon pilot, five miles distant and about 1800* above, but no one could identify it except that from the markings it was definately Japanese. The leader of the Cangason planes reported the contact to his base and all planes gave chase, the two Suwannee pilots both dropping their bombs ismediately. About a half minute later the Jap pilot dropped his boob and started down in a shallow dive turning towards cloud cover. He was then attacked by two or three of the Sangamon planes and by both of cure and was smoking as he entered the clouds. Apparently the Jap rear egat surmer was killed on this first attack as he was never seen to fire his gun. A few seconds after entering the cloud the Jap was sighted again heading for another aloud, the fire apparently having gone cut as no smake nor flame was seen. Ens. Finley followed the Jap this time into the second cloud and on coming out the other side found himself bohind and a little below the Jap who was in a shallow nower glide towards the water. At his point the Jap dropped a sing tank from his storboard wing which just missed line. Finley's plane. Innediately the other five planes joined in the chase firing at the Jap when in a favorable position, and once again smoke was observed ecoding from him. Who. Finley them got on the Jop's tail and a little below firing in to the forward and of the fuselage which set him of fire the plane begoning enveloped in a sheet of flame almost immediately. The Jap pilot pulled his plane up into a stoop climb and jumped, the plane emploding soon thereafter. There was way little debris left and the pilot apparently drowned as he was not observed in the water.

Control of the same

plane, but on interrogation it soon becase obvious that the plane was a Judy. It was painted the usual mottled dark brown color with the characteristic red discs on both the wings and the fuselage. They described it as being a two-place, single in-line engine, low wing monoplane with folding landing goar.

the neighbor, the dap plane was carrying a bomb slung beneath the fueelage and a wing tank beneath the starpeardraids eported

The Judy appeared to be very fast se/he mas having a hard time

overtaking him although he was indicating 320 Ets.

The fact that the Jap was smoked two or three times, each time the smoke soon stopping, would indicate that this plane had some be sort of self-scaling gas tanks.

The Jap pliot suct have had good armor plating behind him as there was a great deal of fire directed into the fuscisge. No armount other than the rear seat gun was observed. Sheet 5 of 5

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

Auxiliary Plant Lights

FUEL SYSTEM

FLIGHT CLOTHING

MAINTENANCE

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

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Soth planes operated in a normal atmost with the exception of the radio in one. Upon being relieved from Anti-Subsarine matrol and in all further communications Ens. Finley had to communicate with the pilotof the other plane by hand signals as his radio was completely out.

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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	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

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

CALIBER	NONE ,	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over				1.0.000
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm				
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm			X	

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

TURNS DIVES CEILINGS

RANGE

PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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X	I. TARGETS, RESULTS OF ATTACK.				
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- Target ereas 202-3-4 contained a ravice in which was a Jap troop concentration and all four bombs from this division were dropped in the areas of greatest concentration in the Ravine. Jap troops were strafed, four buildings set fire and the rest of the area fairly well covered. In target areas 219 and 220, 4 small amme dumps were blown up by strafeing.
- 2. One bomb hit in the center of a concentration of 4 heavy AA guns putting them out of action. Another bomb blev up an unmarked automatic AA gun po-sition at area 643 R, and the third blev up a hangar at Gurguen Airfield. Tenian Is. The balance of the bombe did not hit targets actually simed at although several were near misses to these targets and can be assumed to have done some damage. Several gun positions, buildings, radio towers, sirfibld installations and other military targets were well covered by strafeing. Several buildings and cone fields were set aftre and three small esmunition dumps were blown up.

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COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS Own Weaknesses

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Defensive Tactics, Own
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Use of Radar
Night Fighting
Recognition, Aircraft

ATTACK OWN TACTICS

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Dive
Pull-Out

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OPERATIONAL

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Communications
Flight Operations
Search and Tracking
Base Operations
Maintenance

No enemy aircraft were seen.

ous to good canouflagking, the Jopanese have been able to conceal their AA positions very well and the only manner in which our pile can find these positions is by diving low and drawing their fire and thus locating the positions by mustle flam as the Japa apparently are using very little or no tracers at all.

Time.

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Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

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the usual occumination difficulties arose in some of the planes.

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPOR



I. GENERAL

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IRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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	1	(OMIT THIS SHEET IF I	NO ATTACK WAS MADE)		REPORT No VP-60 9-4
XI ATTACK ON FR	NEMY SHIPS OR	GROUND OBJECT	IVES (By Own Aircraft Listed	in II Only)	
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(g) Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed_	None	_ Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	NO. HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
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- (0) 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).
- i. On the first run, the torpedo plane from the Midnay scored a direct hit amidships and the ship sunk in from 3 to 4 minutes.
- 2. Seeing that the torpedo plane had sunk the AE the A fighters from this equadron looked for other targets. One pilot dropped at and hit a large building at the Airfield. One bomb hit the runnay and another dropped among some buildings at the field, results unobserved. All four fighters strafed military installations on and around the airfield.
- 3. The fourth plane dropped its book in Rota town, results unobserved. All four plane strafed Rota town setting fire to a few small buildings and one large building which appeared to be a warehouse.

(p) Were Photographs Taken?	Photographs of Damag	e, WhenTaken, Should B	e 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
Escott 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 There being no AA fire, these four planes were able to to pick their targets and take planty of time in their mass and got 100% results from their bombing runs. Name were began at 5000° and the pull cut at about an average of 2000°.

There were no enemy aircraft soon.