

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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

Targets of opportunity in the Burlesque-Camouflage

- (a) Location of Target(s) (Roi & Manur Is.) areas, Kwagalein Atoll. (b) Time Over Target(s) 2145 GCT.
 (c) Weather and Clouds Over Target Cumulo Nimbus, 7/10 Covered, 4500 Ft.
 (d) Sun or Moon Average Sunlight (e) Visibility 10-15 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	Targets of opportunity, i.e., Bldg's., Barracks, dumps, supply areas, etc.	5xTBM-1e	20x350# Torpex	Av. Between 2000 & 3000
2	VC-60		Loaded Depth Bombs.		
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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).

Due to smoke and debris, it was difficult to observe the exact results of all hits, however all bombs were observed to drop into the target areas. The flight crew of one plane observed all four of his plane's bombs hit a two story building which blew up and was left burning. These four bombs were dropped in salvo

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

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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

No enemy aircraft nor anti-aircraft fire was observed.

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

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

Radio reception and transmission was good in all planes.

**Three of these planes seemed to load up with the
resulting detonation while on the catapult. Outside of
this all planes seemed to function satisfactorily in all
other respects.**

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VC-60 (b) Based on or at USS SUWANNEE, At Sea (c) Report No. 3.44
 (d) Date of Action 1 February 1944 (e) Take off: Time 0200 (GCT); Lat. XX Long. XX
 (f) Mission Strike, South Beach, Abraham Is. Kwajalein Atoll and (g) Time of Return 0420 (GCT)
Target areas 857-858, Camouflage (Namar) Is. Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands.

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
TBM-1c	VC-60	6	0	6	1x2000# G.P.	.01 Sec. Delay Nose & Tail.
SBD-5	VC-60	7	0	7	1 x 500 G.P.	" " " "
					2 x 100# G.P.	Inst. Nose.

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
TBM -1c	VC-35	1	USS CHENANGO				
SBD-5	VC-35	2	USS CHENANGO				
TBM-1c	VC-37	1	USS SANGAMON				

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
	N O N E		(GCT)			
			(GCT)			
			(GCT)			
			(GCT)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) NONE

(i) Weather and Clouds at Location of Encounter(s) Cloud Base 1500 Ft. 5/10 Covered.

(j) Sun or Moon Sun High and Bright (k) Visibility 15-20 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		
N O N E						

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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	SBD-5	VC-60	Mid-Air Collision	Total Loss
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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
1	VC-60	Byron W. Strong, Lieut. USN.	Mid-Air Collision	Missing
1	"	Phillip S. Barton, ARM2c	" "	"
2	"	William T. Sackrider, Ins. A-V(N), USNR	" "	"
2	"	Thomas K. Simpson, ARM3c	" "	Rescued by Destr

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
TBM-1c	x	x	2Hr. 20Min	3000	150 gal.				
SBD-5	x	x	" "	2500	115 gal.				

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

- SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes
- URNS
- DIVES
- CEILINGS
- RANGE
- PROTECTION
- ARMAMENT

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**X. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only),
 South Beach, Abraham Is. Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands.**

(a) Location of Target(s) Tar. Area 857-858 Camouflage (Namur) Is. (b) Time Over Target(s) 0330 GCT.
 (c) Weather and Clouds Over Target Cloud Base 1500 Ft. 5/10 Covered.
 (d) Sun or Moon Sun High & Bright. (e) Visibility 15-20 Miles

XI. TARGETS, RESULTS OF ATTACK.

(a) DESCRIPTION OF TARGET (List All Ships in Group, Whether or Not Individually Attacked)	(b) A/C ATTACKING	(d) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH TARGET	(e) ALTITUDE OF RELEASE	(f) HITS
	(c) SQUADRON			
1 South Beach, Abraham Is.	4xFBM-1e VC-60	4x2000# G.P.	av. 1800	2 Hits, 1 in water unobs.
2 " " " "	5xSBD-5 VC-60	5x500# G.P. 7x100# G.P.	"	See*Below
3 Target Areas 857-858, Camouflage Is.	2xFBM-1e VC-60	2x2000# G.P.	av. 2000 Ft.	2 Hits
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* **1x500# Bomb in Water**
3x100# Bombs failed to release and were brought back to the ship.
1x500# and 2x100# Bombs dropped in salvo from one plane were seen to hit and blow up an ammunition dump on Abraham Island.

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

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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- OWN AIRCRAFT**
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- Method of Locating, Distance
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- 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

No enemy aircraft nor anti-aircraft fire was observed.

ATTACK

- OWN TACTICS**
- Method of Locating Target
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- Dive
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- 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 planes seemed to function satisfactorily with the exception that the radio went out in one TBM.

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VC-60 (b) Based on or at U.S.S. Swanee (c) Report No. 4-44

(d) Date of Action 1 February, 1944 (e) Take off: Time 2200 (GCT); Lat. XX Long. XX

(f) Mission Join strike group from U.S.S. Sangamon (g) Time of Return 0040 2/1 (GCT)

Target area 851 Camouflage (Mamur) Is. and North Beach of Burlesque (Kol) Is. Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands.

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
TBM-1c	VC-60	1	0	1	4x500# G.P.	.01 Sec Delay Nose and Tail
SBD-5	VC-60	1	0	1	1x500# G.P.	" " "
					2x100# G.P.	Inst. Nose

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
TBM-1c	VC-37	6	U.S.S. Sangamon				
SBD-5	VC-37	7	U.S.S. Sangamon				

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) Overcast, Cloud Base 3500 Ft. Smoke & Rain

Equalls (j) Sun or Moon _____ (k) Visibility 0-10 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		
NONE					

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(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
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NONE

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.
TBM-10	X	X	2:40	300g1	150 g1	1	-	200	-	-
SBD-5	X	X	2:40	250g1	125 g1					

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

- SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes
- TURNS
- DIVES
- CEILINGS
- RANGE
- PROTECTION
- ARMAMENT

None

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

Target Area 851 Camouflage (Manur) Is. and the north beach of Burlesque (Noi)

(a) Location of Target(s) Is. Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands (b) Time Over Target(s) 2150 GCT

(c) Weather and Clouds Over Target Overcast, Cloud Base 3500 Ft. Smoke & Rain Squalls.

(d) Sun or Moon _____ (e) Visibility 0-10 Miles

XI. TARGETS, RESULTS OF ATTACK.

(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>Power house on Camouflage Is.</u>	<u>TBM-1c</u> <u>VC-60</u>	<u>3x500# G.P.</u>	<u>1300 Ft</u>	<u>See Below*</u>
2 <u>North Beach, Burlesque Is.</u>	<u>SBD-5</u> <u>VC-60</u>	<u>1x500# & 2x100# G.P.</u>	<u>2000ft.</u>	<u>3</u>
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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).

3x500# bombs dropped in salvo by the TBM all dropped within thirty (30) feet of the building. The fourth bomb did not release due to faulty bomb release mechanism and the pilot did not use the manual release as he thought that all four of his bombs had dropped.

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