

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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CONFIDENTIAL

REPORT No. 13-60 153-44

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 (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1		NONE		
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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 FOR PLANES RETURNING

(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				(h) NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
						.30	.50	20MM	MM	
F6F-3	222	222	2:05	300 GL.	110 GL.					9
F6F-3	222	222	2:05	325 GL.	120 GL.	1000				

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

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

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

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

No enemy aircraft were observed in the air.

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

- Slide Bomb and Strafe Target Areas 354 & 355.
 (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Marital Island, Halanhera Group (b) Time Over Target(s) 0900-0910 I-2 (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 1700', Cumulus, 6/10.
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear through holes in clouds. (e) Visibility 30 Miles.
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Slide Bomb Sight Used Consign.
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
 Bombs Dropped per Run VT- 1-3-4 Spacing VT-normal. Altitude of Bomb Release av. 1200'
(NUMBER) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None. Probably Destroyed None. Damaged None.

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 <u>Group of small Buildings, in area</u>	<u>354 & 355</u>	<u>4 F4U-1c</u> <u>VT-60</u>	<u>2x500' G.P.</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>See Below.</u>
2 <u>Ditto</u>		<u>2 F4U-3</u> <u>VT-60</u>	<u>2x500' G.P.</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>"D "</u>
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(o) 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).

1. One VT pilot dropped all four bombs in salvo and scored four hits on a line between the two assigned target areas. Two other planes made only one run each and dropped two bombs each all of which were wide of the aiming point, but in the area. The fourth pilot made only one run dropping one bomb which was not observed. A second run was not made.

2. 5 hits were observed directly in the target area, two were wide and the eighth was not seen. The whole area was very well covered by the bombing and most of the installations were destroyed. The damage cannot be assessed as the pilots stated that there was not much to be seen in the area. After the bombing, the fighters strafed the whole area, but there was no activity noted and there were no visible results.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? NO. Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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

1. All aircraft functioned in a normal manner.

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17 Sept, 1944

DATE

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting Air Group 60 (b) Based on or at U.S.S. Sumner, at sea. (c) Report No. AG-60 134-44
 (d) Take off: Date 21 September, 1944 Time (LZT) 1430 I -9 (Zone): Lat. XXX Long. XXX
Slide bomb and strafe enemy concentrations at Goroa, Malle Bay, and at Goroa, Koro Bay.
 (e) Mission Balmuera Island. (f) Time of Return 1740 I -9 (Zone) 1805 I -9

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
<u>F6F-3</u>	<u>VF-60</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2x250 G.P.</u>	<u>Inst. None.</u>
<u>TB-1c</u>	<u>VT-60</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>None.</u>	

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<u>F7F-2</u>	<u>VF-26</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>U.S.S. Santee.</u>				
<u>TB-1c</u>	<u>VT-35</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>U.S.S. Chamango</u>				
<u>TB-1c</u>	<u>VT-65</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>U.S.S. Midway</u>				

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (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
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) None.
 Did Any Part of _____
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? No If so, Describe Clouds _____
(YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 Time of Day and Brilliance Day, Clear and Bright.
 (j) of Sun or Moon _____ (k) Visibility 30 Miles.
(NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (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		

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Malabara Island, Goceon, Masile Bay, Goceon, Kasea Bay (b) Time Over Target(s) 1530-1715 (Zone) 1-9
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target No clouds, Clear and Bright.
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Clear beneath clouds. (e) Visibility 30 Miles.
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used Gunsight.
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run One Spacing Zero Altitude of Bomb Release 1500' av.
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None. Probably Destroyed None. Damaged None.

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 Installations at Goceon and Seobain, Masile Bay.		4xVF-3 VF-60	No Bombs.)		See Below.
2 Ditto at Goceon, Kasea Bay.		Ditto	8x250' G.P.)	1100 lbs. .50 Cal. 7	" "
3 Escort For Dumbo.		2xVF-3 VF-60		ammo.	" "
4 Photo Mission.		2xTBM-1c VF-60	No Bombs.		" "
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(o) 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).

1. All four VF made strafing runs on buildings, apparently barracks, and gun positions at Seobain, just East of Goceon, but no visible results were observed.

2. All four VF dropped their bombs around the Kasea Bay Airbase. One landed in a group of huts to the west of the West runway; two hit in the concentration of buildings at Goceon, blowing up a few small huts; two bombs exploded in Kasea town, but no results were observed; one hit in a dispersal area near the west runway, but again there were no visible results; one hit and blew up most of a large long rectangular building on the west side of the west runway. The eighth bomb was unobserved. No fires were started and no other visible results were observed. The whole area was strafed, but there were no visible results.

3. Just after dropping bombs, a plane from the Chenango was seen to crash in the water so one section of Senneca WF left to lead the Dumbo PBX to the scene. All four VF from this ship remained in the area to protect the rescue plane while it landed. Guns from the beach began firing at the Dumbo and all four Senneca WF made strafing runs on the guns which were apparently knocked out as they were not seen to fire again. The Dumbo picked up the survivors in the water and the VF returned to base.

4. While the VF planes were strafing and bombing these areas, the TBM flew over at 8300' taking photographs. Good coverage of the area was obtained and the TBM was not molested during the flight.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes. Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple. Photographs were delivered to C.I.U. 77.1 in the Langdon.

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 seen in the air.

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
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 - Ammunition
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 - Radio, Radar
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 - Flight
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- 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

1. With the exception of radio difficulties in one WP, all aircraft operated in a normal manner.

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VF-60 (b) Based on or at U.S.S. Swamoc, at sea (c) Report No. VF-60 #46-44
 (d) Date of Action 15 September, 1944 (e) Take off: Time 0515 I -0200 (GCT); Lat. 22X Long. 122X
 (f) Mission Fighter Sweep, Lolobeta Airbase, Halmahera Island. (g) Time of Return 0900 I -0200 (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
<u>F6F-3</u>	<u>VF-60</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>None.</u>	

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<u>NONE</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) Misty at 2000'. Ceiling Unlimited
 (j) Sun or Moon Sun, low and bright (k) Visibility 30 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>						