

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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 VF-60 #46-44

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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

Lolobata and Hatetabako airdromes, Wasile bay storage and barracks areas.

(a) Location of Target(s) Malshora Island. (b) Time Over Target(s) 0620-0720 I-9 GCT.

(c) Weather and Clouds Over Target Misty at 2000'. Ceiling unlimited

(d) Sun or Moon Sun low and Bright. (e) Visibility 30 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>Lolobata and Hatetabako Airdromes.</u>	<u>92767-3</u> <u>VF-60</u>	<u>11750 lbs. .50 cal.</u>		
2 <u>Wasile Bay Stores area.</u>				
3 <u>Shipping in harbor.</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).

1. The primary mission of this sweep being aircraft, the fields were attacked first, one division at Lolobata and the other division at Hatetabako. No aircraft were observed in operational condition as all planes turned to other targets. Some AA positions were strafed, but due to the intensity of the AA fire, the results were not accurately observed. It is thought, however, that one or two out of six or seven heavy AA positions were put out of action.

2. Storage areas and barracks areas in the immediate vicinity were thoroughly strafed and one large fire was observed in the supply dump at Lolobata Point.

3. Many small surface craft, fishing boats, landing craft, and cargo ships were attacked. One Fox Tare Dog about 1500 tons was attacked and a fire was observed in the superstructure aft as well as oil issuing from the hull. Two Sugar Dogs, about 125-175 tons each, were thoroughly strafed and set afire. One was reported to have been sunk while trying to make George Bay. The superstructure of a sugar chiller was set afire, but AA fire drove the planes away before the damage could be fully assessed.

(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

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

1. No enemy aircraft were observed in the air.
2. The leader of this flight reported later that the heavy AA bursts were apparently limited in range to altitudes between 7000' and 4000' feet as no large bursts were observed at any altitude above or below these figures. At lower altitudes all planes encountered intense light and medium AA. Both airfields were badly bomb pocked and apparently no attempt had been made to repair the runways since the last bombing by the Army. No operational aircraft were seen on either of the two airstrips.
3. The AA fire in the whole area was of all calibers, intense, but inaccurate.

XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary).

1.. All aircraft on this mission functioned in a normal manner.

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

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15 September, 1944

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VF-60 (b) Based on or at U.S.S. Sumner, at sea (c) Report No. VF-60 #47-44
 (d) Date of Action 14 Sept. 1944 (e) Take off: Time 0515 I (GCT); Lat. XXX Long. XXX
 (f) Mission Fighter Sweep, Lolohata Airbase, Makahara Island. (g) Time of Return 0825 I (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>10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10</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>(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) ceiling Unlimited, Clear
 (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		
<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
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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
		N O N E		

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.
147-3	1000	1000	3:10	325 Gals.	230 Gals.	10		12000		

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

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

No enemy aircraft were observed in the air.

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

Lalobata and Hatetabako Airbases, Naselle bay Storage Areas.

(a) Location of Target(s) Nalabara Island. (b) Time Over Target(s) 0615-0655 Z -9

(c) Weather and Clouds Over Target Billowing Unlimitedly Clear.

(d) Sun or Moon Sun, Low and Bright. (e) Visibility 30 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>Naselle Bay Area.</u>	<u>10-768-3</u> <u>VF-60</u>	<u>12900 lbs. 50 Cal.</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).

1. The whole Naselle bay area was thoroughly strafed with emphasis on AA positions, buildings and surface craft. Specifically, one apparent 20 mm. position was knocked and the five Japs in the crew were killed in a low level strafing attack. One Sugar Charley, estimated to be about 400 tons, was thoroughly strafed, but no results were observed. A number of smaller craft, chiefly landing craft and fishing boats, were strafed, but none were set afire. Three trucks were well worked over, but again there were no visible results.

(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

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

1. No enemy aircraft were observed in the air.
2. The AA fire was of all calibers, moderate, but inaccurate.
3. The AA was easy to silence by firing into the positions.

The Japs would fire till fired at and would then quit until the planes had passed and then would open up again. A number of times the Japs would fire a curtain barrage in the path of the attacking aircraft, but this procedure was ineffective as no planes were hit.

XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.
 Use additional sheets if necessary).

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- Turrets
- Ammunition
- Bombs, Torpedoes
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COMMUNICATIONS

- Radio, Radar
- Homing Devices
- Visual Signals
- Codes, Ciphers

RECOGNITION

- IFF
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- Battle Lights
- Procedures

PROTECTION

- Armor; Points and Angles
 of Fire Needing Further
 Protection
- Leak Proofing

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INSTRUMENTS

- Flight
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OXYGEN SYSTEM

**CAMOUFLAGE AND
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STRUCTURE

- Airframe
- Control Surfaces
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- 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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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VF-60 (b) Based on or at U.S.S. Sangamon, at sea. (c) Report No. VF-60 / 12-44
 (d) Take off: Date 16 September, 1944 Time (LZT) 0845 (Zone); Lat. 23N Long. 124E
Fighter Escort For Jumbo Mission. 1305
 (e) Mission Walle Bay, Malabara Island. (f) Time of Return 1335 I-9 (Zone)
1655

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>F4U-3</u>	<u>VF-60</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>1x500/G.P. (two planes)</u>	<u>Inst Nose. .01 Tail</u>

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<u>F4U-3</u>	<u>?</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Unknown.</u>				
<u>F4U-3</u>	<u>VF-37</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>U.S.S. Sangamon.</u>				
<u>F4U-3</u>	<u>?</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Unknown.</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
<u>NONE</u>			<u>(ZONE)</u>			
			<u>(ZONE)</u>			
			<u>(ZONE)</u>			

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

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		
<u>NONE</u>					