

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

**CONFIDENTIAL**

REPORT No. IT-60 152-44

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

| (a)<br>TYPE OWN A/C | (b)<br>SQUADRON | (c)<br>CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C,<br>TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE | (d)<br>WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor,<br>self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) | (e)<br>EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE,<br>(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) |
|---------------------|-----------------|---|--|---|
| 1                   |                 | <b>NONE</b>   |  |   |
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## VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

| (a)<br>NO. | (b)<br>SQUADRON | (c)<br>NAME, RANK OR RATING | (d)<br>CAUSE | (e)<br>CONDITION OR STATUS |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|            |                 | <b>NONE</b>                 |              |                            |
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## VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

| (a)<br>TYPE<br>A/C | (b)<br>MILES<br>OUT | (c)<br>MILES<br>RETURN | (d)<br>AV. HOURS<br>IN AIR | (e)<br>AV. FUEL<br>LOADED | (f)<br>AV. FUEL<br>CONSUMED | (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED |             |      |    | (h)<br>NO. OF PLANES<br>RETURNING |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|------|----|-----------------------------------|
|                    |                     |                        |                            |                           |                             | .30                           | .50         | 20MM | MM |                                   |
| <u>F6F-3</u>       | <u>2200</u>         | <u>2200</u>            | <u>2:00</u>                | <u>325 GL.</u>            | <u>200 GL.</u>              |                               | <u>2100</u> |      |    | <u>2</u>                          |
|                    |                     |                        |                            |                           |                             |                               |             |      |    |                                   |
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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  | <b>XI</b> |        |                   |         |
| MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm   |           |        | <b>Inaccurate</b> |         |
| LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm |           |        | <b>Inaccurate</b> |         |

## 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 seen in the air.**

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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) Halmshera Island. (b) Time Over Target(s) 0710-0745 I (Zone) 1-9  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target No clouds. Layer of Volcanic smoke and ash at 5000'.  
(BASE IN FEET. TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear below haze. (e) Visibility 30 Miles.  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used Quinsight  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run One. Spacing Zero Altitude of Bomb Release 1600' av.  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed ? Probably Destroyed ? Damaged ?

| (h) AIMING POINT                                   | (i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE | (j) NO. A/C ATTACKING<br>(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>Dispersal areas and Installations, Galala</u> |                           | <u>VF-60-3</u><br><u>VF-60</u>        | <u>8x500' G.P.</u>                                   | <u>3</u>                     | <u>See Below.</u>                                     |
| 2 <u>Ditto</u>                                     | <u>Miti.</u>              | <u>Ditto</u>                          | <u>No Bombs.</u>                                     |                              | <u>" "</u>  |
| 3  |                           |                                       | <u>8100 lbs. .50 Cal.</u>                            |                              |   |
| 4  |                           |                                       |  |                              |   |
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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. On approaching Galala airbase, one strafing run was made to pick out targets and on pulling out, the Japs opened up with the first AA fire encountered at Galala. Most of the bombs were then dropped on AA positions, one in the trees alongside/1 runway, one at the north end of the runway, one in an AA position in a bomb crater at the northwest end, and three in the trees at the northeast end. The other two were dropped in what appeared to be a supply dump in the trees near the dispersal area at the northwest end of #1 runway. One AA position appeared to be knocked out and two were probably damaged by near misses, the rest being wide. The results of the two bombs on the supply dump could not be assessed as there were no fires started. The dispersal areas around both runways were then thoroughly strafed, hitting a number of planes, none of which appeared to be operational.

2. At Miti two planes that looked operational were smoked, but not burned. Huts and buildings at the south end of the runway were strafed, but there were no visible results. Two steel storage tanks were strafed, but the bullets appeared to ricochet without doing any damage.

(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

REPORT PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

1. All aircraft on this mission functioned in a normal

mannor.

H.S. Richmond, LIEUT. USNR, AGIO, VF-60      H.C. Follbach, Lt. Cdr. USNR, CO, VF-60      21 Sept. 1944

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## I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VT-60 (b) Based on or at U.S.S. Sumner, at sea. (c) Report No. VT-60 /12-14  
 (d) Date of Action 16 Sept. 1944 (e) Take off: Time 1145 I (GCT); Lat. 22N Long. 122E  
 (f) Mission Main Bomb Camouflaged Boats in river near south of Iwo, Halmshora Island. (g) Time of Return 1630 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>TB-1c</u> | <u>VT-60</u> | <u>4</u>           | <u>0</u>                   | <u>4</u>                 | <u>4x350 Torped Depth Bombs.</u>            | <u>Inst. Nose. Hydro, 25°.</u> |
|              |              |                    |                            |                          |   |                                |
|              |              |                    |                            |                          |   |                                |

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

| TYPE | SQUADRON | NUMBER | BASE | TYPE | SQUADRON | NUMBER | BASE |
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## 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 |
|----------|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|
|          |                  |                          | (GCT)                |                           |   |                            |
|          |                  |                          | (GCT)                |                           |   |                            |
|          |                  |                          | (GCT)                |                           |   |                            |
|          |                  |                          | (GCT)                |                           |   |                            |

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) None.  
 (i) Weather and Clouds at Location of Encounter(s) 1/10 Coverd at 4000'. Ceiling Unlimited.  
 (j) Sun or Moon sun, high 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 |                      |                    |
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## X. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only)

- (a) Location of Target(s) Scepoo Town, Hainan Island. (b) Time Over Target(s) 1355 L-9 GCT  
 (c) Weather and Clouds Over Target 1/10 Covered at 4000'. Ceiling Unlimited.  
 (d) Sun or Moon Sun, High and Bright. (e) Visibility 30 Miles.

## XI. TARGETS, RESULTS OF ATTACK.

| (a)<br>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<br><u>Scepoo Town.</u>   | <u>4xVB-16<br/>VI-60</u> | <u>11x350# Depth Bombs.</u>                    | <u>1600' av.</u>        | <u>8</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. On returning from anti submarine patrol, these four planes were instructed to proceed to Scepoo bay and destroy some camouflaged boats lying in the bay or in the adjacent river. No boats were found and the pilots were directed to bomb the town. 8 hits were made in the center of the town and three missed. The other five bombs were not dropped, two because of release mechanism failure. The 8 hits completely leveled a number of small buildings or dwellings. No other activity was noted.

(h) Were Photographs Taken? \_\_\_\_\_ 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. There were no enemy aircraft observed in the air.

2. There was no AA fire observed.



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

**ARMAMENT**

- Guns, Gunsights
- Turrets
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- Bombs, Torpedoes
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- 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
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- 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 with the exception of the bomb release mechanism on one which was found later to be incorrectly adjusted.

REPORT PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

H.A. Schmidt, LIUT, USNR, ACIO, V7-60      W.C. Vincent, Lt. Cdr. USNR, CO, V7-60      16 September, 1944

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**I. GENERAL**

(a) Unit Reporting VT-60 (b) Based on or at U.S.S. Swallow, at sea. (c) Report No. VT-60 #13-14  
 (d) Take off: Date 18 Sept. 1944 Time (LZT) 0650 I -9 (Zone); Lat. XXXX Long. XXXX  
Support Air. Glide Bomb Army Forward and Installations.  
 (e) Mission Morotai Is. Malahara Group. (f) Time of Return 0755 I -9 (Zone)

**II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.**

| TYPE<br>(a)   | SQUADRON<br>(b) | NUMBER               |                              |                            | BOMBS AND TORPEDOES<br>CARRIED (PER PLANE)<br>(f) | FUZE, SETTING<br>(g)   |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|
|               |                 | TAKING<br>OFF<br>(c) | ENGAGING<br>ENEMY A/C<br>(d) | ATTACKING<br>TARGET<br>(e) |   |  |
| <u>TBM-1c</u> | <u>VT-60</u>    | <u>4</u>             | <u>0</u>                     | <u>4</u>                   | <u>4x500f G.P.</u>                                | <u>2x.1 Nose &amp; Non Delay TL.</u><br><u>2x.1 Nose &amp; .50 Tail.</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-35</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>U.S.S. Chango</u>  |      |          |        |      |
| <u>TBM-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)<br>TYPE | (b)<br>NO.<br>OBSERVED | (c)<br>NO. ENGAGING<br>OWN A/C | (d)<br>TIME<br>ENCOUNTERED | (e)<br>LOCATION OF<br>ENCOUNTER | (f)<br>BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED;<br>GUNS OBSERVED | (g)<br>CAMOUFLAGE AND<br>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  
 (j) of Sun or Moon sun low, clear and bright. (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)<br>TYPE<br>ENEMY A/C | (b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY: |          |                 |           | (c)<br>WHERE HIT, ANGLE | (d)<br>DAMAGE<br>CLAIMED |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
|                          | TYPE A/C                     | SQUADRON | PILOT OR GUNNER | GUNS USED |                         |                          |
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