

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting TC-94 (b) Based on or at USS BANGOR BAT (OT-39) (c) Report No. 2
 (d) Take off: Date 1/8/45 Time (LZT) 0840 Z (Zone); Lat. 14° 00' N. Long. 119° 26' W.
 (e) Mission OP over convoy (f) Time of Return 1030 Z (Zone)

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>TC-2</u>	<u>TC-94</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>None</u>	<u>-</u>

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE

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>F4U</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0908</u> <u>1</u> (ZONE)	<u>14° 23' N.</u> <u>119° 27' W.</u>		<u>Standard brown</u> <u>with red discs</u>
<u>Bally</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1020</u> <u>1</u> (ZONE)	<u>14° 35' N.</u> <u>119° 26' W.</u>	<u>None. Tail - one 20 mm.</u> <u>Forward - two 7.7</u> <u>None - 20 or 37 mm.</u>	<u>same as above</u>
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) Attack on convoy
 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, bright sun
 (j) of Sun or Moon _____ (k) Visibility 8 (haze)
(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		
<u>F4U</u>	<u>TC-2</u>	<u>TC-94</u>	<u>1st Lt. Carl J. MINNIE</u>	<u>1 .50 cal.</u>	<u>Port wing & engine -</u> <u>7 O'clock level</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>
<u>Bally</u>	<u>TC-2</u>	<u>TC-94</u>	<u>Sgt. Joseph L. McFARLANE</u> <u>Sgt. John H. FURBY</u>	<u>4 .50 cal.</u>	<u>Cockpit, starboard &</u> <u>port wing roots -</u> <u>5 O'clock level</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>

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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
- 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

While engaged in combat air patrol off the west coast of Luzon Island, P.I. on the morning of 8 January 1945 over a north-bound convoy of transports proceeding to Lingayen Gulf, Lt(jg) Carl J. NIKMAN's division of four F4U's sighted a B-24 over the after end of the convoy. The division immediately gave chase and intercepted the B-24 at 4 miles 3 o'clock from the convoy at a range of about 1000 feet, deflection 30°, altitude 1000 feet. Lt(jg) NIKMAN opened fire. Hits were observed at the port wing root and in the port engine. The B-24 went into a shallow dive and at 500 feet the port wing between the nacelle and fuselage exploded. The plane crashed in flames in the water.

The division returned to station and 30 minutes later was given a vector bearing 5 o'clock from the convoy, angle 3. 20 miles out a Lilly was sighted approaching the convoy. Upon sighting the OGP, the Lilly turned in a wing-over, dove to 50 feet above the water and fled to the east. It was overtaken by the OGP after a chase of about 20 miles. Each of the four pilots in the OGP made several runs on the Lilly, principally medium high side, varying from no deflection to 30° from the stern. During the last run by the second section, composed of Ensigns Joseph L. MATIGER and John H. FERRY, USNR, the enemy plane burst into flame and crashed and disintegrated on a small island. No survivors were observed.

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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
- Lights

FUEL SYSTEM

FLIGHT CLOTHING

MAINTENANCE

BASE FACILITIES

- Plane Servicing Equipment
- Personnel Facilities

No comment

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ACI OFFICER

Commanding Officer.