

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

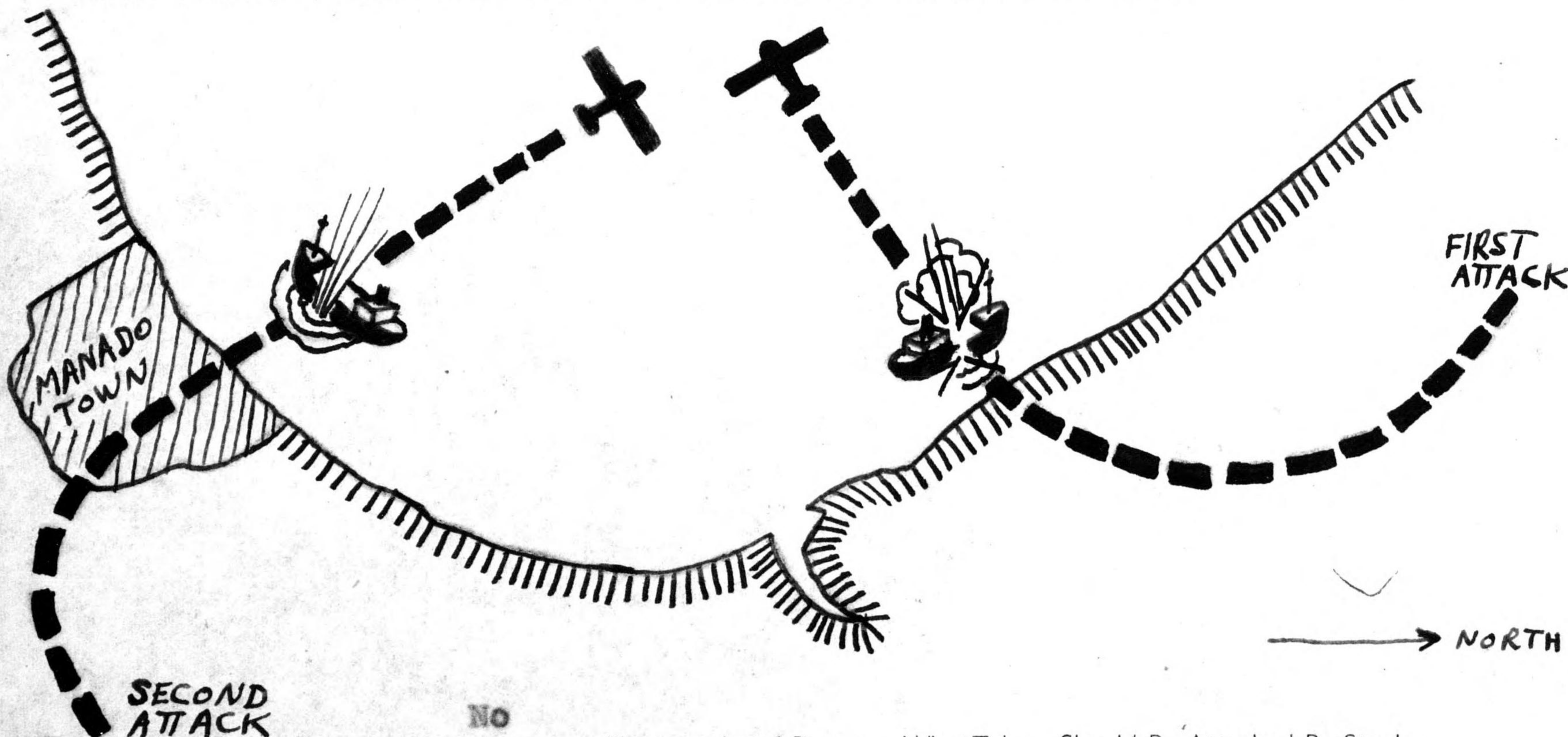
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XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only)

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Manado Bay, N. Celebes (b) Time Over Target (1) 0030 K
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) (2) 0115 K (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 10,000', alto-cumulus, 6/10
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear at 4 miles (e) Visibility 15 miles
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used None
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run (1) - 1 Spacing - Altitude of Bomb Release 100'
(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 Small tanker (Sugar Charlie)	500 to 1000 tons	1 VP34	1x500 lb GP Mk 43 1x23 lb parafrag	1 None	Sunk -
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4 (Several minor targets were also 5 attacked by this 6 aircraft, as described 7 in the narrative.)					
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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).



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

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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 *- bombing*
- 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

The Catalina, commanded by Lieutenant(jg) William L. Garrett, Jr., USNR, while searching the northern Celebes, entered Manado Bay, an area where numerous small and medium vessels had previously been sighted by aircraft of this squadron. There was a high 6/10 scattered cloud cover, and about a 5/8 moon 45° above the western horizon. The plane flew a short distance behind the shore-line, inspecting the north side of the bay while flying in an easterly direction.

A small vessel, resembling a Fox Tare Dog, was first sighted near the shore; the Cat circled and made a run toward the spot, but found only a number of miscellaneous small craft. One 500 pound bomb and a parafrag were unloaded on this aggregation, with unobserved results.

Continuing its search, the crew sighted a Sugar Charlie about 1/2 mile off the beach. A wide circle, passing over the shore-line, brought the plane in position for a run into the moon. The pilot pushed over in a glide from 1000 feet, distance 1-1/2 miles, and released one 500 pounder and one parafrag from 100 feet as the plane passed across the starboard beam of the target. The large bomb was a direct hit amidships; the ship blew up in one big explosion and sank immediately.

After this attack, some attention was paid to miscellaneous minor targets along the north side of the bay. Two 100 pound bombs were dropped in the center of a group of nested barges; two parafrags hit a barracks on Cape Pisok; and a two-masted schooner was strafed with 100 rounds of .50 caliber fire.

Returning to more serious business, the Cat approached the heavily-defended dock area at Manado Town, in the rear center of the bay, flying low over the coast. Several Sugar Charlies were seen at anchor just off the docks. The pilot flew inland, behind the town, and climbed to 1500 feet. Selecting a ship about 100 yards from the shore as target, the Cat pushed over in a steep glide, passed directly over the town, and released a 500 pound bomb and one parafrag from an altitude of 100 feet, speed 170 knots, passing over the port beam. The 500 pounder exploded under the keel of the ship, which was seen to disintegrate in a violent explosion and a cloud of debris. As the plane passed over the town during its attack, intense AA of medium caliber opened up from two positions, with shells passing close aboard on either side of the plane.

The plane then left the area and returned to base.

Squadron assessment: Two small tankers of the Sugar Charlie type sunk. (These were estimated by the crew at 500 to 1000 tons each.) Barracks, schooner, and several barges damaged - amount of damage unknown.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.
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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

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