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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) W & N Coast Negros. (b) Time Over Target(s) Various (Zone) Item
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target Varied - .5 - .8 at various times from 1-1-000'.
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Varied - mostly hazy. (e) Visibility 10-15
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type - Bomb Sight Used -
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run - Spacing - Altitude of Bomb Release -
(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 (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 Huts and radio station - E. tip Inampulagan Island. | | 7 PC-1A VMF-222 | ? 50 cal. | Many | Destroyed one - serious damage others. |
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| 3 Possibly serviceable 3.50' barge at a dock near Isocod, Negros. | | 2 PC-1A VMF-222 | ? 50 cal. | Many | Seriously damaged. |
| 4 | | | | | |
| 5 Four (4) small sail- boats - W. Coast, Negros. | | 2 PC-1A VMF-222 | ? 50 cal. | Many | Serious. |
| 6 Two (2) canoes - W. Coast - Negros. | | 2 PC-1A VMF-222 | ? 50 cal. | Many | Serious. |
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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 50' x 50' building was fired and the reported radio station was riddled and smoked slightly. The entire area, east tip of the island, (reported to have twenty-five (25) Japs), was thoroughly strafed.
- (2) All sailboats had from 2-3 occupants - many attempted to jump out, but were shot out instead.
- (3) Two (2) occupants each - thoroughly strafed. Estimate at least ten (10) Japs killed from the strafing of the sailboats and canoes.

(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
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

We were scheduled to provide six (6) four (4) plane flights for an continuous CAP over the Iloilo area of Panay. Availability necessitated reducing all but the first two (2) to two (2) planes each. The first two flights maintained a routine cover from 0735-1130, and on being relieved on station were directed by the Fighter Director ashore to strafe the east tip of Inampulugan Island. The third flight requested, and was granted permission by the Fighter Director, to go sailboat hunting along the west and north coasts of Negros - which areas was previously reported to be free off friendly Filipinos.

Flights:

- 01 - 4 a/c;
- 02 - 4 a/c; 1 returned early before reaching station - hydraulic trouble.
- 03 - 2 a/c; landed at Tuburan, Cebu, because of shortage of fuel due to accidental loss of belly tank.
- 04 - 2 a/c; caught in storm, 1 plane, made it back to base, other ditched next to PT in Ormoc Bay and was rescued immediately.
- 05 - 2 a/c; planes separated in storm but both made it to Tacloban - one landed with but 8 gallons of gas.
- 06 - Cancelled account of weather.

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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

PILOTS

REMARKS

1st Flight:

GRABAM
HARFORD
OBRINGER
MILTON (?)

Strafed Inampulugan Island.
Strafed Inampulugan Island.
Strafed Inampulugan Island.
Strafed Inampulugan Island.

2nd Flight:

HOWARD
WARD
THOMPSON, P.L., Jr.
?

Returned early - hydraulics.
Strafed Inampulugan Island.
Strafed Inampulugan Island.
Strafed Inampulugan Island.

3rd Flight:

MOONEY
THOMPSON

Sailboat hunting, landed at Tuburan.
Sailboat hunting, landed at Tuburan.

4th Flight:

LARGER
MILLER

Ditched plane - Ormoc Bay.
Bada base - pancaked 20 gal.

5th Flight:

OBRINGER
SWEET

Landed Tacloban - 8 gal. fuel.
Landed Tacloban.

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