

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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## I. GENERAL

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(a) Unit Reporting VF-9B (b) Based on or at USS SHANDEK BAY (CV38) (c) Report No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (d) Take off: Date 1/12/45 Time (LZT) 1900 Z (Zone); Lat. 17° 34' N. Long. 119° 14' E.  
 (e) Mission Direct support, San Fabian beach-head, Luzon (f) Time of Return 1830 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>SB-3</u>	<u>VF-9B</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>7</u>	<u>3 planes 1000 lb. G.P. bombs. 4 planes 1000 lb. G.P. bombs 8 Mk. 1, mod. 1 R.P.</u>	<u>Instantaneous nose fuz: 500-.01 sec. delay; 100-sec. delay.</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
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Did Any Part of \_\_\_\_\_  
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (k) Visibility \_\_\_\_\_  
(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		



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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) (1) Trucks along Namung-Nagallian Road (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Over Target(s) 1630-1730 I (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target (2) Troops along road n.e. of Anagbagan, 1000, cumulus, overcast (2) None (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target (1) Partially obscured by clouds. (e) Visibility (1) 3-5 (2) 15 (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Slide Bomb Sight Used None (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run 500x 2 Spacing 60-70 Altitude of Bomb Release 2000-2500 (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 Trucks along Namung-Nagallian Road.	1-2 tons	1 VC-9B	30x100 lb. G.P. 16 F.P., 2000x.50 cal.	Rockets - 6 trucks - serious 6 trucks - slight	
2 Troops alongside of road n.e. of Anagbagan.	Area 1000x 300 yds.	1 VC-9B	12x500 lb. G.P. 10x100 lb. G.P. 5 F.P.	All with in area.	Undetermined
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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).

- 6 trucks burning, others hit in strafing attacks.
- Results not ascertainable from air.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? None of value 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

On 12 January at 1600 7 F4U's reported to CCA San Fabian for direct support missions. The group was divided into 2 units. The first was directed to destroy a convoy of enemy trucks moving into the hills to the east via the Huang-Naguilian road. The second unit was ordered to assist our troops advancing on Anagagan.

The first unit consisting of 3 F4U's loaded with 10x100 lb. g.p. bombs and 5 r.p., located 7 trucks 3/4 miles east of Naguilian, 3 just outside of Naguilian, and 2 trucks 1/2 mile to the west of the town. The rest of the convoy had reached the hills to the east of Naguilian and was obscured by low-lying clouds. The first 7 trucks sighted were attacked with bombs, rockets and .50 caliber ammo. All were hit with rockets or m.g. bullets; no bomb hits were observed. 6 of the 7 trucks were left burning. The other 5 trucks to the east were repeatedly strafed and seriously damaged.

The other 4 planes of the group armed principally with 500 lb. g.p. bombs were instructed to bomb a heavily wooded area along a road immediately n.e. of Anagagan in which Jap troops were positioned to resist the eastward advance of our troops. 3 1/2 tons of bombs were dropped in an area 1000x200 yards. All attacks were single-plane glide bombing runs, glide angle 40-45°, release altitude 2000-2500 feet. The area was well covered and the planes departed with a "well done" from the ground.

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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

**No comment.**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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

**RECOGNITION**

- IFF
- Signals
- Battle Lights
- Procedures

**PROTECTION**

- Aarmor; 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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