

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57916 CE 25369

CincPac R/S No.: 35

Unit Reporting: AG-18

ACA Rpt. No.: CAG14
Other reference:

Based at: USS INTREPID

Take off Data: 12 Sept. 1944

Mission: Destroy A/C and installations, Tacloban Field, Leyte

Target Bombed: (see comments)

Bombs: No. dropped on target: see Planes: No.: 16

Type: (a) 250#GP comments
(b) 500#GP; AP Rockets (d)
(c) 100#GP; 100# GP (e)

Type: (a) SB2C-3 8
(b) TBM-1C 8

Fuzing (a) .I tail; Non-delay; (b) .1
Nose&Tail; (c) .Cl Tail; (d)&(e) Instan.
Tactics: Type of bombing:
Dive and Glide

Loading: (a) 2a/c 2x250#GP
8a/c 2x500#GP
6a/c 2x100#GP
(b) 4-5" AP Rkts.
12x100# GP

Release Altitude:
1000-2500'

Comments:

1. Tacloban A/F - 16x500#GP; 10x100#GP; 1x250# GP, all bombs landed on field
2. Tacloban Runway, 40x100# GP - 32 hits
3. Revetments - 16 rockets, 36x100# GP, 40 hits
4. Taxiway, Revetments - 15 rockets - 12 hits.

#4 - Two single engine, unidentified aircraft, parked on taxiway were hit by one bomb drop. One rocket shot hit and aircraft in revetment probably destroying it.

The original target was Bulan Field on Samar but just before take-off was changed to Tacloban Field on Leyte following receipt of a report from another group that Bulan offered nothing of interest.

Pilots had been briefed on all airfields on Leyte and Samar. The strike proceeded without delay.

Tacloban also proved disappointing. There was no air opposition. VB And VT cratered the strip. 2VB strafed buildings and barracks adjacent; VT's rockets appeared to be effective in revetment areas.

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Unit Reporting: AG-18

ACA Rpt. No.: 7-13

Other reference:

Based at: USS INTREPID

Take off Data: 12 Sept. 1944

Mission: Destroy A/C, A/C, facilities, San Pablo, Leyte, P.I.

Target Bombed: Bayug Field - 6 hits - 6x500#, 4x250c 2x100# GPs
San Pablo Field - 9 hits, 6x500#, 6x250# GPs

Buri Field - 9 hits, 6x500#, 6x250#, 2x100# GPs
San Pablo A/D, Bayug A/D, 12 rockets, 96 incendiaries
Bombs: No. dropped on target: 28 plus rockets and 19

Type: (a) 250# GP; Incendiaries Type: (a) SB2C-3 11
(b) 500# GP; Incendiaries (b) TBM-1C 8
(c) 100# GP; 5" AP Rkts.

Fuzing: (a) .1 tail; (b) .1 Nose & Tail Loading: (a) 8 - 2x250#GP
(c) .1 Tail; (Rkts and Incend. - Instant.) ~~xxx~~ 2 - 2x500#GP
Tactics: Type of bombing: 1 - 1x100#GP
Dive and level (b) 12#100# Incd.
Release Altitude: 1800' 4-5" AP Rkts

Comments:

San Pablo Field appeared to be nothing but a large green pasture with shallow revetments scattered about. There was no air opposition and no anti-aircraft fire.

VF strafed two Zekes on the strip at San Pablo. VB dropped bombs on San Pedro strip and also on Bayug and Buri, two nearby fields that proved equally unimpressive.

VT selected the rickety buildings around the air strips. Returning, 4VT fired rockets at a hundred-ton freighter near Guiuan, Samar. One rocket penetrated the stern, causing an explosion.

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JICPOA R/S No.: 57899

CincPac R/S No.: 36541

Unit Reporting: AG-18

ACA Rpt. No. CAG28
Other reference:

Based at: USS INTREPID

Take off Data: 21 Sept. 1944

Mission: To destroy enemy A/C and installations, Clark Field Area
Luzon, P.I.
Target Bombed: see comments

Bombs: No. dropped on target: see comments
Planes: No.: 33

Type: see comments

Type: (a) F6F-5 12
(b) SB2C-3 12
(c) TBM-1C 9

Fuzing: (1) Inst. nose, non del. tail

(2) same

(3) Inst. Nose, 025 tail

Tactics: Type of bombing: (4) Inst.

Dive and Glide

Release Altitude:

2500'

Loading:
(a) 12x2400 .50 cal.
(b) 4/ 2x100# GP (1)
1/ 1x1000# GP (2)
12/ 1x1000# GP (3)
(c) 4x500# GP (4)

Comments:

1. Cluster of bulds, between Clark N, and Clark S - 10x1000#GP, 9x1000#GP
13 hits
2. Clark N., Bldgs W end. 8x500# GP, 8 hits
3. S. side Clark N. 4 planes, 8x500# GP
4. Large Bldg., 4x500# GP
5. Between R/Ws Installations, 12x500 #GP

Note: As indicated in (c) and (d) above, visibility of target was poor, making damage assessment impossible. Subsequent strikes in same target area revealed serious damage had been inflicted on the target, but it was not ascertained by what strike. It was not possible to shoot damage assessment photographs due to obscurity of target.

The group commander led this strike of 12 VF, 12 VB and 9VT, the first carrier attack on Luzon since it fell to the Japs in 1942.

The fighter sweep that was to have preceded this attack had not arrived. Nevertheless, Commander ELLIS gave the word to attack. It was obvious from absence of airborne opposition and anti-aircraft that complete surprise had been achieved.

VF maintained high cover for the formation throughout. The few enemy planes observed made no attempt to close.

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CincPac R/S No.: **36541**

Unit Reporting: **AG-18**

ACA Rpt. No.: **CAG 29**
Other reference:

Based at: **USS INTREPID**

Take off Data: **21 Sept. 1944**

Mission: **Strike 2B - D/6 Day to Destroy shipping in and near
Subic Bay, Luzon, P.I.**

Target Bombed: **see comments**

Bombs: No. dropped on target: **see comments** Planes: No.: **23**

Type: (a) **1000# SAP**
(b) **1 MK 13 Torpedo Mod 2A**
Fuzing: (a) **.025 Tail**

Type: (a) **15 SB2C-3**
(b) **8 TBM-1c**
Loading:
(a) **1x1000# SAP**
(b) **1 Torpedo**

Tactics: Type of bombing:
Dive and Glide
Release Altitude:
2500' VB

Comments:

1. **2 FB Ships - 3x1000# SAP - 1 hit**
1 FA ship - 4x1000# SAP - 1 hit
2. **2 DE ships - 5x1000# SAP - no hits**
1 SA ship - 2x1000# SAP - 1 hit
3. **Freighter 6-7000 T., 2 torpedoes - 2 hits**
4. **Tanker 7500 T., 1 torpedo - 1 hit**
5. **Freighter, 6-7000 T., 1 torpedo, 1 hit**
6. **Freighter, 4-5000 T., 1 torpedo, 1 hit**
7. **Freighter, 4-5000 T., 1 torpedo, 1 hit**

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JICPOA R/S No.: 57899

CincPac R/S No.: 36541

Unit Reporting: AG-18

ACA Rpt. No.: CAG 30
Other reference:

Based at: USS INTREPID

Take off Data: 21 Sept. 1944

Strike 2C - D/S - Destroy A/C and installations

Mission: Clark Field, Area, P.I.

Target Bombed: See comments

Bombs: No. dropped on target: see comments
Planes: No.: 20

Type: (a) 1000# GP
(b) 500# GP

Type: (a) 12 SB2C-3
(b) 8 TBM-1C

Fuzing: (a) Inst. Nose, .025 Tail
(b) 10 Tail, .025 Nose

Loading:
(a) 1x1000# GP
(b) 4x500# GP,

Tactics: Type of bombing: Dive and glide

Release Altitude:

VB 2400'

VT 3000'

Comments:

1. "L" shaped bldg, NW of SW end of Clark Field, 3x1000# GP - 1 hit
2. 6 tin roofed bldgs NW of Ft. Stotsenburg, 6x1000# GP, 5 hits
3. 3 barracks NW of Clark Field, 2x1000# GP, 1 hit
4. Hangar NW side Clark Field, 1x1000# - 1 hit
5. Whse, Hangars, 27x500# GP, unobserved

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CincPac R/S No.: 38541

Unit Reporting: AG-18

ACA Rpt. No.: CAG 31
Other reference:

Based at: USS INTREPID

Take off Data: 21 Sept. 1944

Mission: To destroy Convoy near Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I.

Target Bombed: see comments

Bombs: No. dropped on target: see comments Planes: No.: 22

Type: (a) 1000# SAP
(b) 2000# GP

Type: (a) 14 SB2C-3
(b) 8 TBM-1C

Fuzing: (a) .025 tail (b) Inst.

Loading:

(a) 1000# SAP
(b) 2000# GP

Tactics: Type of bombing:
Dive and glide

Release Altitude:
VB 1900' - VT 2500'

Comments: No photos taken

1. FTB - 7000 T., and FTC - many hits
2. Fox Baker 7x1000# SAP - 1 hit
3. S.C. - 4x1000# SAP
4. S.C., 3x1000# SAP
5. 2 FU - 3500/6000 - 6x2000 GP - 1 hit
6. 1 FTC, 2000/4500 - 2x2000# GP

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JICPOA R/S No.: 57899

CincPac R/S No.: 38541

Unit Reporting: AG-18

ACA Rpt. No.: 32
Other reference:

Based at: USS INTREPID

Take off Data: 22 Sept. 1944

Mission: Destroy A/C and Installations, Clark Field Area, Luzon, P.I.

Target Bombed: see comments

Bombs: No. dropped on target: see comments
Planes: No.: 21

Type: (a) 500# SAP
(b) 500# GP

Type: (a) 12 SB2C-3
(b) 9 TBM-1C

Fuzing: (a) .025 tail fuze
(b) Inst.

Loading:
(a) 2x500# SAP
(b) 4x500# GP

Tactics: Type of bombing: Dive and Glide

Release Altitude: VEX 7'

Comments: Photos taken

1. A/C on ground
2. Clark Field, group of hangars - 20x500# SAP, 9 hits
3. Personnel Bldgs, W. Angeles, 6 bldgs., 4x500# GP - 4 hits
4. Ft. Stotsenburg, Supply bldg., 8x500# GP, 8 hits
5. Personnel Area, Clark, 4x500# GP, 4 hits
6. Near RR, NW Dau Town, 4x500# GP - 4 hits
7. Dispersal Wooded area - 4 Bettys, 7x500# GP, 7 hits.

....VB picked on a group of four hangars, diving from 12,000 feet at 60 to 80 degrees angles, releasing at 3000 feet. VT confirmed the destruction of these hangars.

...One VT returned to base because of engine trouble; the remainder dropped on barracks and supply building at W Angeles Field, Dau Twon and Camp Stotsenburg, with devastating effectiveness.

Since there was no air opposition on the area, VF strafed at leisure hitting many planes that burned readily, working over many others repeatedly, without success.

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Unit Reporting: **AG-18** ACA Rpt. No.: **CAG 33**
Based at: **USS INTREPID** Other reference:
Take off Data: **22 Sept. 1944**
Mission: **Destroy shipping near San Fernando Pt., N. Central Luzon PI**
Target Bombed: **see comments**
Bombs: No. dropped on target: **see comments** Planes: No.: **19**
Type: (a) **500# SAP** Type: (a) **12 SB2C-3**
(b) **2000# GP** (b) **7 TBM-1C**
Fuzing: (a) **.025 tail** (b) **Inst.** Loading:
(a) **2x500# SAP**
(b) **1x2000# GP**
Tactics: Type of bombing: **Dive and Glide**
Release Altitude: **VB 1000'**
VT 2500'

Comments:

1. **6 PETERS,**
2. **3 Sugar Charlies - 600 T each**
3. **Fox Tare Dog or Fox Tare Charlie 1000 to 1500 T.**
- 4 **1 FB ship - 14x500# SAP - 2 hits**
5. **1 SB ship 10x500# SAP**
6. **1 SD Ship - 300 rds 20mm**
7. **1 FA, 1FB in harbor, 6000 T, 6x2000# GP 1 hit**
8. **2 large oil storage tanks, 1x2000# GP 1 hit**

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JICPOA R/S No.: 56522 CE RS 25086 CincPac R/S No.: 33318

Unit Reporting: VT-44

ACA Rpt. No.: 14
Other reference:

Based at: USS LANGLEY

Take off Data: 6 Nov. 1944

Mission: Area bombing of shipping in inner basin, Manila Harbor,
Luzon, P.I.

Target Bombed: (see comments)

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 16 Planes: No.: 4

Type: 500# AN-M 64

Type: TBM-1C

Fuzing: 4 sec. delay

Loading: 4x500#

Tactics: Type of bombing: Glide - no bombsight used

Release Altitude: 3500'

Comments:- (Are these planes not equipped for selective arming?)
Photos were taken

Target Data:

Main dock area inner basin - 4x500# -
Large AK, dock area - 4x500#
Inner basin shipping - 4x500#
Inner basin shipping - 4x500#

..Visibility was obscured by haze and a .9 cloud cover at 4000 ft. Also with many planes simultaneously dropping similar bombs on the same small target area, assessment of individual drops is impossible. The photographs attached indicate severe damage to shipping and installations in the harbor area.

The planes from the USS LANGLEY joined up with the ESSEX group, then with the rest of the strike, and climbed to 11000 feet on the way to the target. Because of intense AA fire, the target coordinator gave instructions that no one was to do masthead bombing. Instead he ordered area bombing on enemy shipping in the inner basin of Manila Harbor.

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JICPOA R/S No.: 56522 CE RS 25086 CincPac R/S No.: 33318

Unit Reporting: VT-44

ACA Rpt. No.: 16
Other reference:

Based at: USS LANGLEY

Take off Data: 13 Nov. 1944

Mission: To bomb the docks and shipping in and around the docks in
Manila Bay, Luzon, P.I.

Target Bombed: Pier No. 7 1x2000#; Pier #5, 1x2000#; 2 med. AK moored
side by side in harbor 2x2000#; Pier #3 2x2000#

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 6 Planes: No.: 9 (7 attacking)

Type: 2000# AN-M66

Type: TBM-1C

Fuzing: .025 sec delay (AN-M102-A2) Loading: 1x2000#

Tactics: Type of bombing: Glide - no bombsight used

Release Altitude: 2500'-3200'

Comments:- Photos were taken.

