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USS Tangier 5-25-44-6M

ROUTING SLIP
AIRCRAFT, SEVENTH FLEET

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OFFICER	ROUTING	SYMBOL	INITIAL
00 Commodore			
01 Chief Staff Officer			
05 Flag Secretary	1	B	P
06 Administrative Asst.			2
11 Operations Officer			
12 Assistant Operations			
15 Flag Lieutenant			
20 Communications Officer			
21 Radar Officer			
22 Assistant Comm. Officer			
25 Information Officer	2	A	W
40 Supply Officer			
50 Material Officer			
51 Aircraft Eng. Off.			
52 Aircraft Struct. Off.			
55 Aerological Officer			
60 Personnel Officer			
61 Legal Officer			
65 Photographic Officer			
75 Medical Officer			
90 Gunnery Officer			
91 Training Officer			
Chief Yeoman			

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- B — Information.
- C — For Recommendation.
- D — Prepare Draft Reply.
- E — Retain Copy.
- F — Consult Ch. Staff Off.
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- L — File.
- M — Make Changes to references, publications, etc.
- T — Make Tickler.

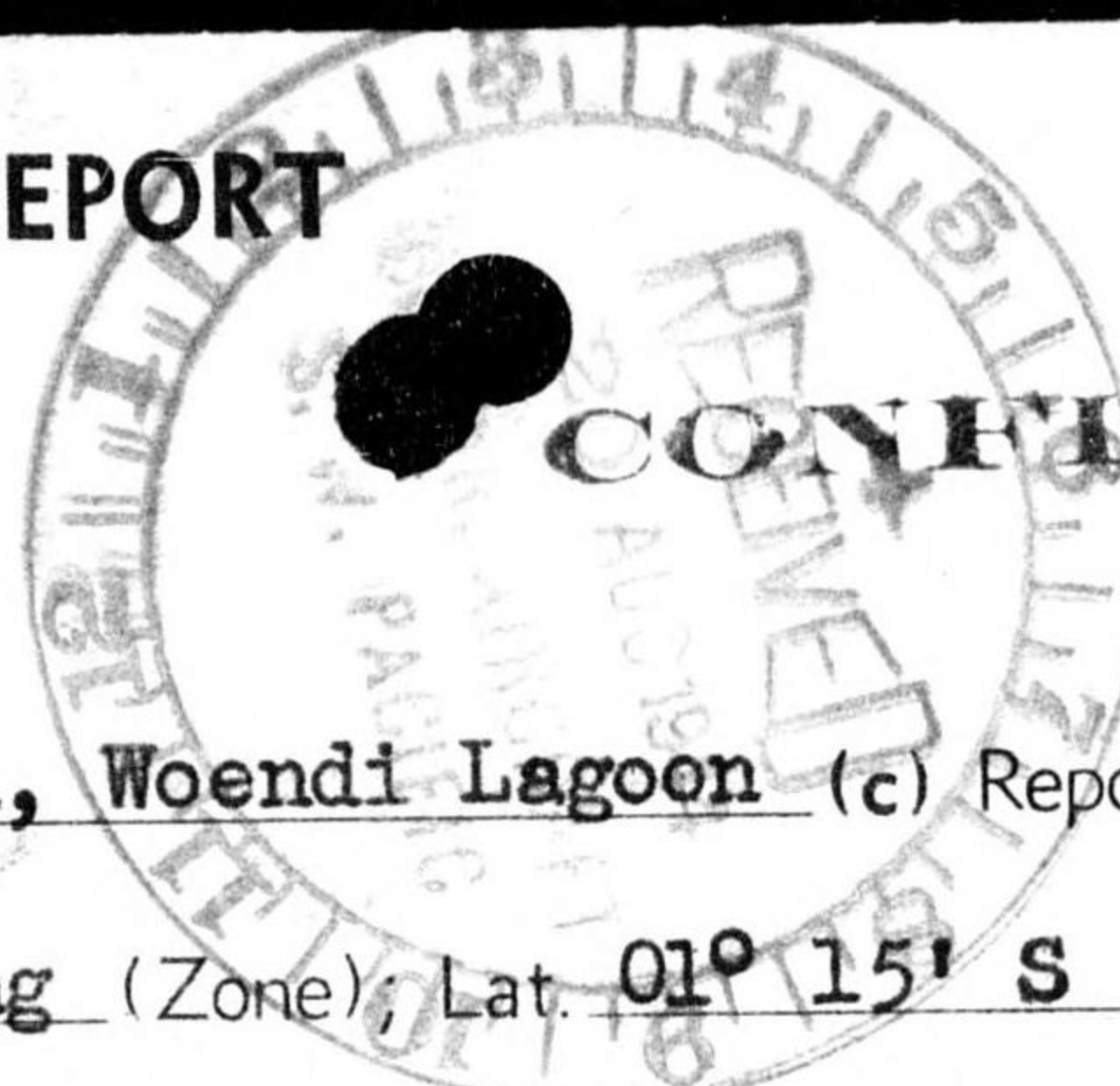
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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VP34 (b) Based on or at USS ORCA, Woendi Lagoon (c) Report No. 39
 (d) Take off: Date 30 July 1944 Time (LZT) 1830 King (Zone); Lat. 01° 15' S Long. 136° 25' E
 (e) Mission Search and attack. (f) Time of Return 0800 K (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

(a) TYPE	(b) SQUADRON	NUMBER			(f) BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE)	(g) FUZE, SETTING
		(c) TAKING OFF	(d) ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	(e) ATTACKING TARGET		
PBY-5	VP34	1	-	1	4 x 500 lb. GP, Mk. 43	Tail; 4-5" delay

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 _____ (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 Time of Day and Brilliance _____
 (j) of Sun or Moon _____ (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (k) Visibility _____ (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		

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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).

(1) **Sailing vessel: 03-30 S, 128-06 E** (1) **0200 K**
 (a) Target(s) and Location(s) (2) **AP: 03-32 S, 128-06 E** (b) Time Over Target(s) (2) **0250 K** (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target None
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target 1 Mile Clear
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (e) Visibility 10 Miles
(MILES)

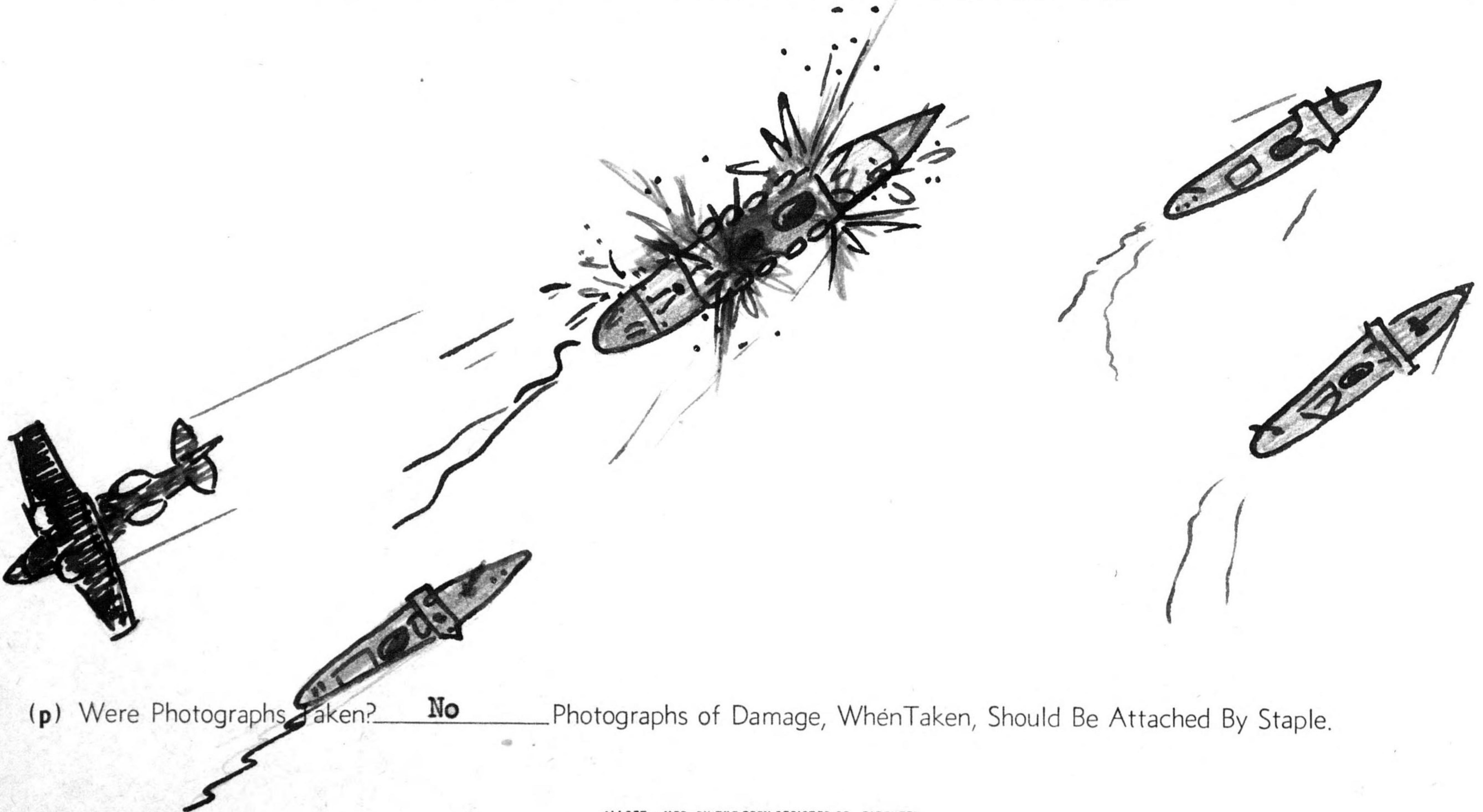
(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Glide Bomb Sight Used None
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run 4 Spacing 40 feet Altitude of Bomb Release 200 feet
(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 Three-masted schooner	75 feet	1	200 x .30 cal.	25%	Serious
		VP34	300 x .50 cal.	25%	
2 Tare Baker Two Stacks	4-6000	1	4 x 500 lb GP Mk 43	4	Sunk
		VP34			
3					
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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. (Cont'd)

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varying degree. It has been officially credited with the following results:

- 3 destroyers and 1 escort vessel damaged by 500 or 1000 pound bombs.
- 1 destroyer damaged by heavy strafing.
- 70,000 tons of merchant shipping sunk or destroyed.
- 50 to 75 barges destroyed or damaged.

The above actions have been described in Patrol Squadron THIRTY FOUR Action Reports #1 - 37.

On 17 July 1944 the squadron resumed Black Cat search-and-attack missions operating from a tender in the Biak area. During the intervening time, the squadron, in addition to conducting day searches, engaged in air-sea rescue operations in the New Guinea-New Ireland-New Britain-Admiralties area, rescuing a total of 77 individuals in open-sea landings, the great majority of these landings having been made in enemy territory, including Kavieng Harbor, Hansa Bay and Alexishafen. In addition numerous special missions were performed. In the course of these operations PBY's of this squadron were the first allied aircraft to land at Kavieng, the Admiralties (Los Negros Island), Hansa Bay, and Lake Sentani (Hollandia).

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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

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