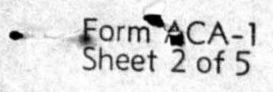
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(a) Unit Re	porting	VP34	(b)	Based on o	or atSo	nara.	1, N.G.	(c) Report No	27
(d) Date of	Action	4 Feb.	1944 (e)	Take off:	Time0	700	_(GCT); L	at100 3'	7 8 Long	1500 401
(f) Mission	S	earch a	nd attac)K				(g) Time (of Return20	00 (GCT)
II. OW	N AIRCRA	FT OFFICIA	LLY COVER	ED BY THI	S REPORT					
(a) TYPE	(b) SQUADRON	NO. OF SORTIES	(d) NO. ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	(e) NO. ATTACK- ING TARGET		BOMBS A	(f) ND TORPEDOES (PER PLANE)	5	FUZE, S	SETTING
PBY-5	7234	1		1			P Mk. 4 GP Mk 4	344	Ta11; 4	-5"delay
III. OT	HER U. S.	OR ALLIED NUMBER	AIRCRAFT		IN THIS					
	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE		TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BA	SE
(i) Weather	and Clouds	s at Location	(GCT) (GCT) (GCT) (GCT)	r(s)	,				oility	DUFLAGE AND MARKING
V. ENE	MY AIRCRA	AFT DESTRO	OYED OR DA	MAGED IN	AIR (By O	wn Aire	craft Listed	in II Only)	•	
TYPE ENEMY A/C		SQUADRON	GED BY:	OR GUNNER		GUNS U			(c) HIT, ANGLE	DAMAGE CLAIMED



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TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CA	USE WHERE HIT, ANGLE	extent of Loss or Damage REMARKS
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft liste (b) SQUADRON NAME, RANK OR RATING		ALIAI LIEC (in aircraft list	1 ' 11 1 '1	
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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA

(a) TYPE A/C	MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	AV. HOURS	(e) AV. FUEL	AV FLIFI	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED, PLANES RETURNING				
7/0	001	RETURN	IN AIR	AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	NO. OF PLANES	.30	.50	20MM	MM
PBI-5	850	550	13	1450	1050		1500	700		

IX. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT



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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

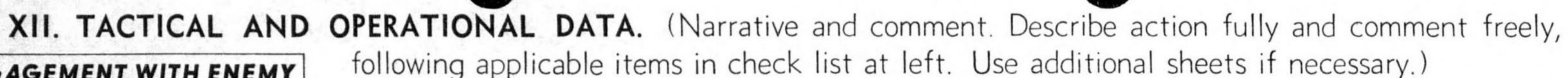


X. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only),

(a) Location of larget(s)	(b) Time Over	larget (s)	GCI
(c) Weather and Clouds Over Target Weather good; no	louds		
(d) Sun or Moon	(e) Visibilit	y_20-30	miles
XI. TARGETS, RESULTS OF ATTACK.			
DESCRIPTION OF TARGET (List All Ships in Group, Whether or Not Individually Attacked) (b) A/C ATTACKING (c) SQUADRON	(d) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH TARGET	(e) ALTITUDE OF RELEASE	(f) HITS
2-3000 ton freighter-transport PBY-5 (AMST Class: Fox Tare Charlie) VP34	2x500 lb GP Mk 43 2x1000 lb GP Mk 4	50 9	None
2	700x.50 cal MG 1500 x.30 cal MG	500'-	50% 75%
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In view of the fact that there were four unsuccessful bombing runs and 15 strafing runs on this target, it is not believed that a diagram would be helpful.

⁽g) RESULTS: (FOR SHIP TARGETS 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, WITH DIAGRAMS OR CHARTS WHERE DESIRABLE. DESCRIBE TARGETS FULLY IN (a), AND IN REPORTING DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION, IDENTIFY BY NUMBERS 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
Release
Pull-Out
Dive Angle
Strafing
Retirement
Defensive Tactics

DEFENSE, ENEMY

Evasive Tactics, Ships Concealment Anti-aircraft Searchlights Night Fighter Tactics

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 patrol of the New Hanover-New Ireland area on a bright moonlit night, the Catalina (PPC: Lieutenant (Jg) N. G. Gordon, USNR) came upon a medium-sized freighter-transport of the Fox Tare Charlie group aground on a reef about one mile off the north shore of Cape Matanalem, New Hanover. It appeared abandoned but in fairly good condition. Four bombing runs were made in a glide from 500 to 50 feet, releasing one bomb each time. The first bomb hit aft of amidships but failed to explode; the others overshot. The pilot then made 15 strafing runs, expending 700 rounds from the waist .50's and 1500 rounds from the bow .30's. Several small fires were started but quickly burned out. No other results were observed.

Squadron assessment: 2-3000 ton beached freighter-transport damaged by strafing.

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

SIGNATURE

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

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