

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

Fleet Air Wing SEVENTEEN

(a) Unit Reporting VP 33 (b) Based on or at Samarai, New Guinea (c) Report No. Twenty-five
 (d) Date of Action 13-14 March 1944 (e) Take off: Time 0600 (GCT); Lat. 10-37S Long. 150-40E
 (f) Mission Search and Attack (g) Time of Return 2015 (GCT)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

(a) TYPE	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NO. OF SORTIES	(d) NO. ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	(e) NO. ATTACKING TARGET	(f) BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE)	(g) FUZE, SETTING
PBY-5	VP 33	2	none	2	2 x 500# G.P. bombs 2 x 1000# G.P. bombs	nose 4-5 second delay nose 4-5 second delay
					30 x 23# fragmentation bombs	instantaneous

III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (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
			(GCT)			
			(GCT)			
			(GCT)			
			(GCT)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) _____

(i) Weather and Clouds at Location of Encounter(s) _____

(j) Sun or Moon _____ (k) Visibility _____

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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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

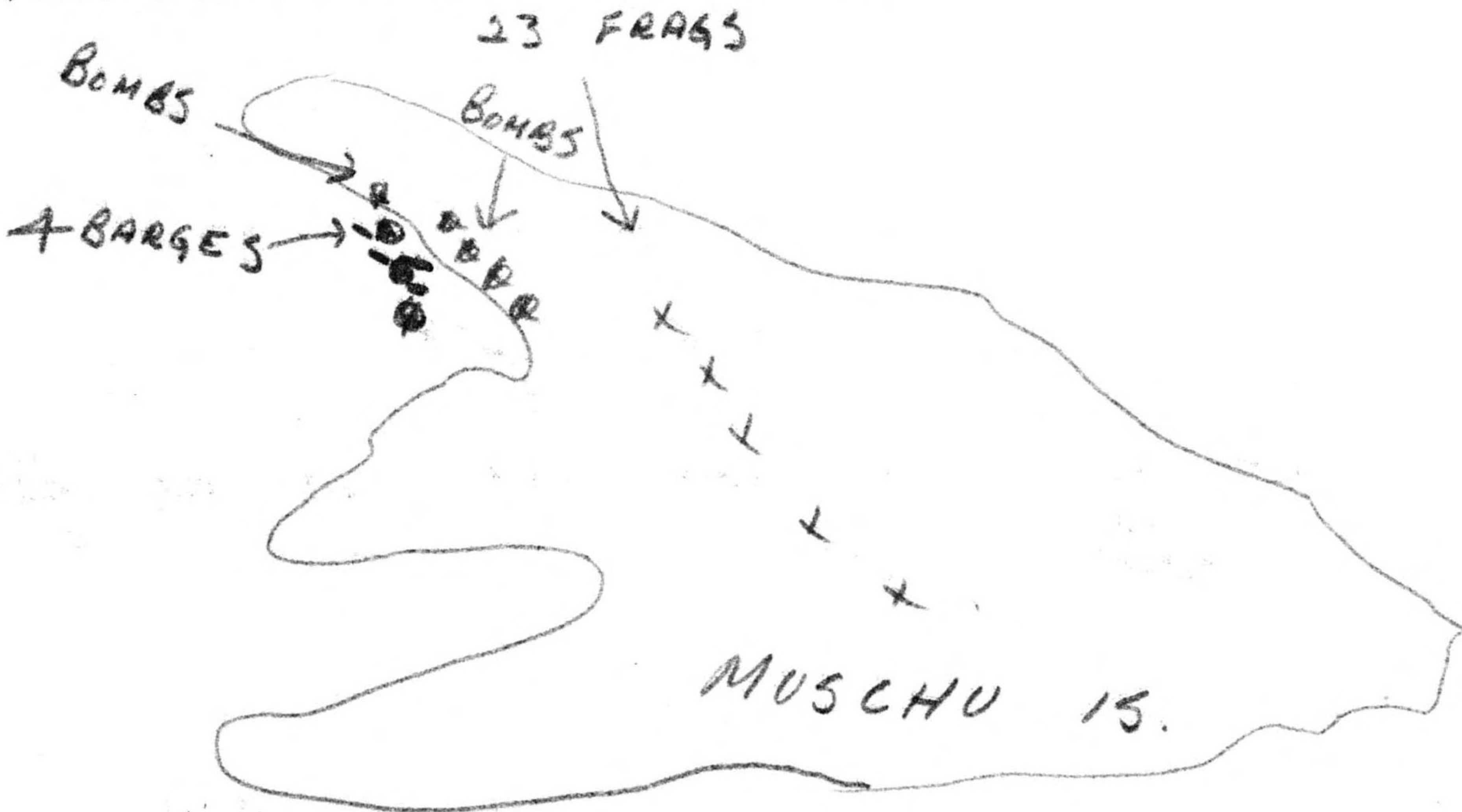
X. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only),

(a) Location of Target(s) MUSCHU ISLAND, NEW GUINEA (b) Time Over Target(s) 1400 and 1735 GCT
 (c) Weather and Clouds Over Target Clear, no clouds
 (d) Sun or Moon Full moon (e) Visibility Good

XI. TARGETS, RESULTS OF ATTACK.

	(a) 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
	1	4 barges	PBY-5 VP 33	2 x 500# G.P. bombs 2 x 1000# G.P. bombs	100' 100'
2	Land installations	PBY-5 VP 33	29 x 23# fragmentations fragmentations	1000'	unobserved
3	Small motor vessel (Off Sepik R.)	PBY-5 VP 33	strafed - 100 rds	100'	riddled
4	Land installations	PBY-5 VP 33	2 x 500# G.P. bombs 2 x 1000# G.P. bombs	200' 200'	unobserved unobserved
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6					
7					
8					

(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).



(h) Were Photographs Taken? Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached.

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filled out)**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
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

The first plane over the target island dropped its bombs at 200' on the northwest part of the island. Results were unobserved, the drop being made at 1430 GGT. The purpose of releasing the bombs was primarily to lighten the plane so a longer search could be made for a lost plane 200 miles northwest, and also as a nuisance raid on the enemy. At 1200 GGT this plane strafed a small motor boat in the vicinity of the Sepik River. The boat was riddled and the squadron assessment is that this boat was destroyed.

The second plane dropped its bombs at 100' altitude on four barges in the northwest bay of Muschu Island, all exploded among the barges, and geysers of water 250' high were thrown up. The water is quite shallow at the location of the barges. This attack was made at 1735. Squadron assessment: all barges destroyed. This plane also dropped 29 frags in a southeasterly direction across the island, the results being unobserved.

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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

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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14 March 1944

DATE

Radars used in navigation and communications were satisfactorily conducted on 04. IFF was turned off at the time of the attack.