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I. GENERAL

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TYPE	TAKING ENGAGING ATTACKING CARRIED (PI				ND TORPEDOES (PER PLANE) (f)		FUZE, SETTING (g)			
737-5	7F34	1			4x500 8x23	lb pe	Pak 43		Tall;4-5 Nose;ins	" delay
TYPE	THER U. S.	OR ALLIED NUMBER	AIRCRAFT	EMPLOYE BASE	D IN THIS	OPER. TYPE	ATION. SQUADRON	NUMBER	В	ASE
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IV FI	JEMAY AIRC	RAFT ORSE	RVED OR E	NGAGED (By Own A	rcraft	Listed in II	Only).		
(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGING	(d)		(e) ATION OF COUNTER		BOMBS, TORPED GUNS OF)	D; CAM	(g) OUFLAGE AND MARKING
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VI. LOS	S OR DAM	AGE, COMBAT OR OPERAT	FIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of th	ose listed in 11 only).
(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CA	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1				
2				
3				
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11				
12				
13				
14				
VII. PE	RSONNEL (CASUALTIES (in aircraft lis	sted in II only; identify with planes li	sted in VI by Nos. at left).
(a) (b) NO. SQUADRON		(c) IAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS

o. SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
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VIII RANGE FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a)	(b)	(c)	AV. HOURS	(e) AV. FUEL	AV. FUEL	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED		DED	(h)	
TYPE A/C	MILES	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
FBY-5	750	650	13.6	1450	1225		300	3		1
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IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	X			
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm				
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm				

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

SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



Bomb Sight Used.

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

(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)

(a)	Target(s) and Location	(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)	(b) Time Over Target(s)(Zone)
(c)	Clouds Over Target	(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENT	HS OF COVER)
		(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.	

Bombs Dropped per Run

(NUMBER)

Spacing

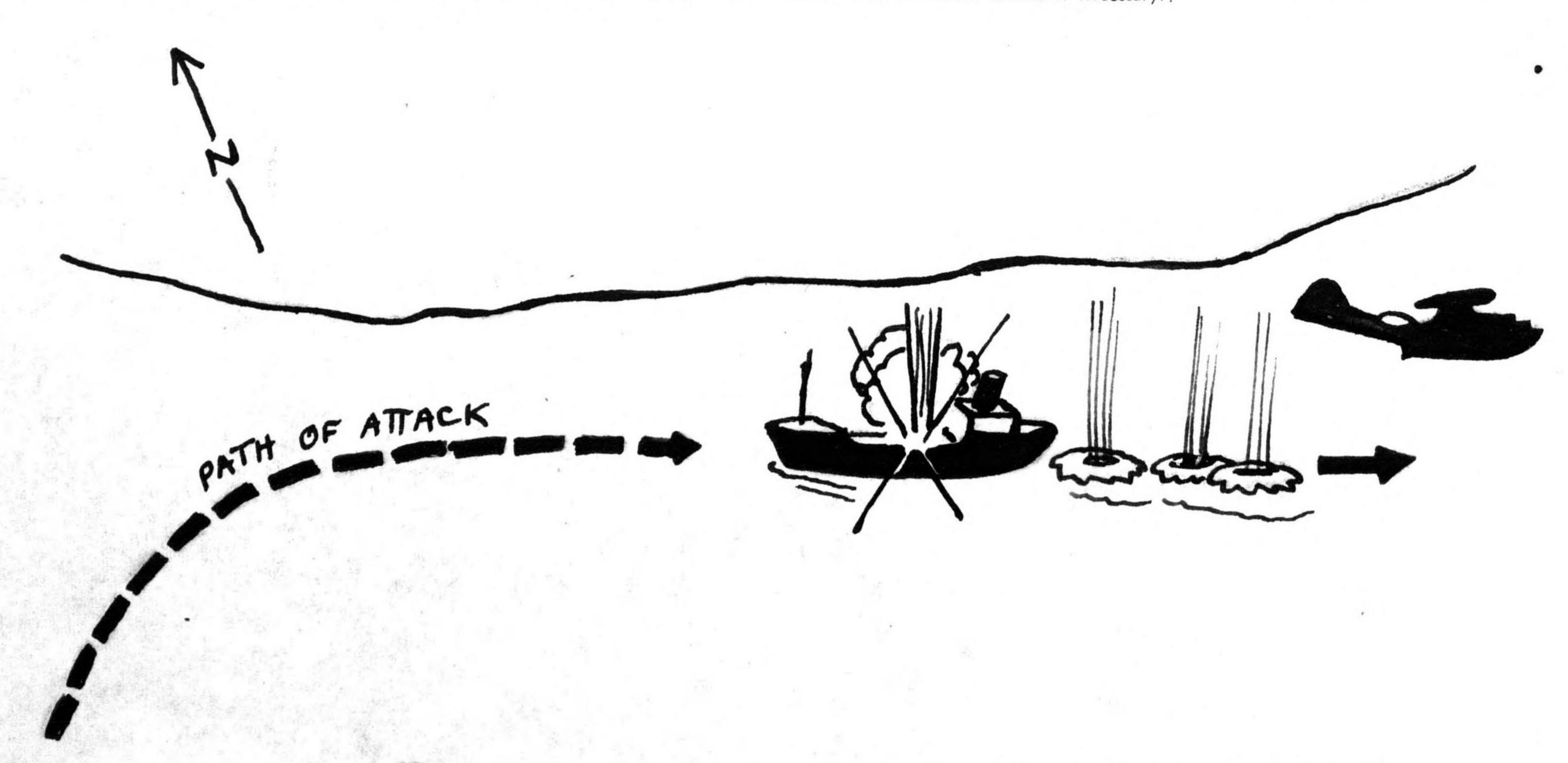
(FEET)

Altitude of Bomb Release

(FEET)

AIMING POHT	TONNAGE	(k) SQUADRON	EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	Aiming Point	serious, destroyed or sunk)
Small tanker (Sugar Charlie	500-)1000 tons	1 VP-34	4x500 lb GP Mk 43	1	Sunk
2 Small tanker (Sugar Charlie		do	1x23 lb parafrag 3x23 lb parafrag 150x.50 cal so	None	Slight
3 Smell tanker (Sugar Cherlie	60		-2x23 lb parafrags	Hone Solo	Slight Slight
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6		• •			
7					
8					1

(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?

_Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY OWN AIRCRAFT

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

OWN TACTICS

Method of Locating Target
Approach to Target
Altitudes, Speeds
Approach
Dive
Pull-Out
Dive Angle
Strafing
Retirement
Defensive Tactics

DEFENSE, ENEMY

Use of Jamming

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

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.)

The Catalina, commanded by Lieutenant Norman L. Paxton, USNR, was searching the Ambon area, flying just beneath an 800 foot overcast, when the co-pilot sighted a ship about 1/4 mile off shore, in position 03° 45° S, 128° 11° E. Upon close investigation three small tankers of the Sugar Charlie type were seen, proceeding at slow speed toward the entrance to Ambon Bay.

A run on one vessel was commenced at one mile, pushing over in a shallow glide from 400 feet altitude and dropping four 500 pound bombs from 150 feet, spaced at 30 feet on the intervalometer. The first bomb hit amidships; there was a large explosion followed by fires, and the ship sank in about 10 minutes. A parafrag was also dropped, with no results seen.

Seven low-altitude runs were then launched against the remaining two tankers, during which a total of 5 parafrags and 300 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition was expended. Several parafrags were near misses, and the strafing was considered 20 to 30 per cent accurate.

At the conclusion of these attacks, the plane proceeded on patrol, observing as it left the area that the first ship attacked and sunk had left an oil film on the water approximately a mile long.

No AA fire was received at any time.

Squadron assessment: One Sugar Charlie sunk; two slightly damaged. The crew state all three ships were large for their type.

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Use additional sheets if necessary).

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.

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

FUEL SYSTEM

Lights

FLIGHT CLOTHING

MAINTENANCE

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities.

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