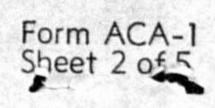
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in 11 only).							
(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, REMARKS			
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (CONDITION OR STATUS

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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA

TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	AV. HOURS	(e) AV. FUEL	AV FUEL	(g) TOTAL	AMMUNITION	N EXPENDED,	PLANES RETURNIN	NG
A/C	001	RETURN	IN AIR	AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	NO. OF PLANES	.30	.50	20MM	MM
PBY-5	1000	500	14	1450	1125	1	150	600		
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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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X. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND (1) 040 47 S, (2) 030 30 S, (a) Location of Target(s) (3) 030 56 S,	OBJECTIVES (By 144° 33' E 144° 33' E 144° 50' E	Own Aircraft Listed in II Only),  (b) Time Over	Target(s)	1430 1530 —GCT.
(c) Weather and Clouds Over Target S Weather (d) Sun or Moon 3/4 moon	er good; sca	ttered cumulus at a (e) Visibilit		les
XI. TARGETS, RESULTS OF ATTACK.	(b) A/C ATTACKING	(d) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION	(e) ALTITUDE OF	(f) HITS
DESCRIPTION OF TARGET (List All Ships in Group, Whether or Not Individually Attacked)	(c) SQUADRON	EXPENDED, EACH TARGET	RELEASE	
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100-200 ton lugger  500 ton tanker (JMST class:	do	600×50 cal. MG	1000-50	80%
Sugar Charlie)	do	150x.30 cal. MG		
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<sup>(</sup>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).

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.)

which is described individually below.

### 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

## Attack #1

At about 2330 L the plane approached Hansa Bay, flew inside Liang Island, and proceeded to the Awar air-strip on the north side of the bay. At an altitude of 2000 feet, just above scattered clouds, the pilot made two passes along the east side of the strip, dropping 20 frags and 2 clusters of incendiaries. Explosions were observed but exact results could not be determined. During the attack four searchlights north of the strip were turned on but did not succeed in catching the plane in their beams, and machine gun fire was observed from several positions around the target area.

The Catalina, commanded by Lieutenant V. V. Utgoff, USN,

was patrolling the northwest coast of New Guinea, on a bright

moonlit night with good visibility and a layer of scaptered

night three attacks were made on separate targets, each of

cumulus clouds at about 2000 feet. During the course of the

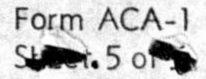
## Attack #2

The plane proceeded on its patrol, and at 0130 L a lugger-type craft with a small deckhouse aft was sighted in a cove on Blup Blup Island (03° 30' S, 144° 33' E). There were low hills protecting the vessel on three sides and it was extremely difficult to get in position for a strafing or bombing attack. The pilot finally dove sharply from the seaward side and dropped one 500 pound bomb in a banking turn from an altitude of 75 feet. It was a direct hit, and the lugger sank immediately. No opposition was encountered.

## Attack #3

At 0230 L the aircraft had returned to the vicinity of Hansa Bay, and ten miles to the north in position 03° 56' S, 144° 50' E, sighted a small tanker of the Sugar Charlie class proceeding slowly toward Hansa Bay. Two strafing runs were made on the port and starboard beams, commencing fire at 1000 feet and descending to 50 feet, using the four fixed .50's in the bow and the bow turret .30's. On the second run the ship returned the fire with one machine gun. At the conclusion of this attack the ship had stopped dead in the water and her after hold was afire, with the fire rapidly spreading. The Catalina then left the scene and returned to base.

Squadron assessment: Awar strip bombed with unobserved results; 1 lugger sunk; 1 small tanker destroyed.



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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