

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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REPORT No. _____

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

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) 40-50 luggers in cove, Cape (b) Time Over Target(s) 1030 E (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target Belinas & Santiago Is., Lamon 200-2000 cumulus 6/10
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Partially obscured by clouds (e) Visibility Unlimited
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Slide Bomb Sight Used None
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run 12500 lb. Spacing 60-70 Altitude of Bomb Release 2500
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed _____ Probably Destroyed _____ Damaged _____
Rockets - 2 each run, slant range 1200 yds. glide angle 40-45°.

(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 15-20 luggers	5-10 ft hull length 110-120 ft. beam 21-30 ft.	6 70-75	12x500 lb. G.P. 70x100 lb. G.P. 22 R.P.	10 hits on 6 ships.	4 damaged, 2 sunk.
2	10-15 ft hull length 60-80 ft. beam 18-25 ft.				
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5					
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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).

The first of the photographs attached hereto shows most of the luggers before the attacks were made; the second photograph shows some of the damage inflicted prior to completion of the attacks. The luggers hit were numbers 6 and 11, which were destroyed, and numbers 5, 12, 14 and 15, which were seen burning from bomb or rocket hits.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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
- Defensive 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
- Pull-Out
- Dive Angle
- Strafing
- Retirement
- Defensive Tactics
- Use of Jamming

DEFENSE, ENEMY

- 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

At 0800 I on 9 January a flight of 6 KRM-3's from VC-94, led by Lieutenant J. Wendell GEORGE, USNR, Reported to CBA Lingayan to provide direct support for the beach-head and was ordered to orbit over Cape Bolinas. While orbiting Lt. GEORGE sighted numerous small craft in coves along the shores of Cape Bolinas and the southwestern end of Santiago Island. Investigation by Lt. GEORGE and his wingman revealed that the craft consisted of 45-50 Japanese luggers. Most of the luggers were of the type "G" landing craft variation with hull lengths from 60-85 feet; there were some of the sea trunk types with hull lengths up to 120 feet. All were well camouflaged with shrubbery.

Lt. GEORGE reported the sighting to CBA Lingayan and obtained permission to attack. He selected as targets 15-20 luggers located along the eastern half of Cape Bolinas, the rest of the luggers being partially obscured by clouds at that time. A total of 18 individual glide bombing attacks were made against these targets, 3 of the planes carrying 4x500 lb. G.P. bombs dropping 1 bomb on each run and 3 planes carrying 10x100 lb. G.P. bombs dropping sticks of 5. The planes loaded with 100 lb. bombs also carried 6 r.p. which were fired in 11 rocket runs.

6 of the luggers attacked were hit by bombs or rockets. 2 hits each were scored by Lt. GEORGE, Lt(jg) Phillip D. BUEHR, USNR, Ensign Lawrence D. ARNETT, USNR, Ensign Robert F. MASON, USNR, and Ensign Robert H. AHLF, USNR. 2 luggers were sunk, 1 by a rocket fired by Ensign MASON, the other by a 500 lb. bomb dropped by Ensign AHLF. The remaining 4 were burning when the attacks were completed and one of the damaged luggers was observed to be burning 6 hours later.

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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

No comment.

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RANK AND DUTY

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Commanding Officer.

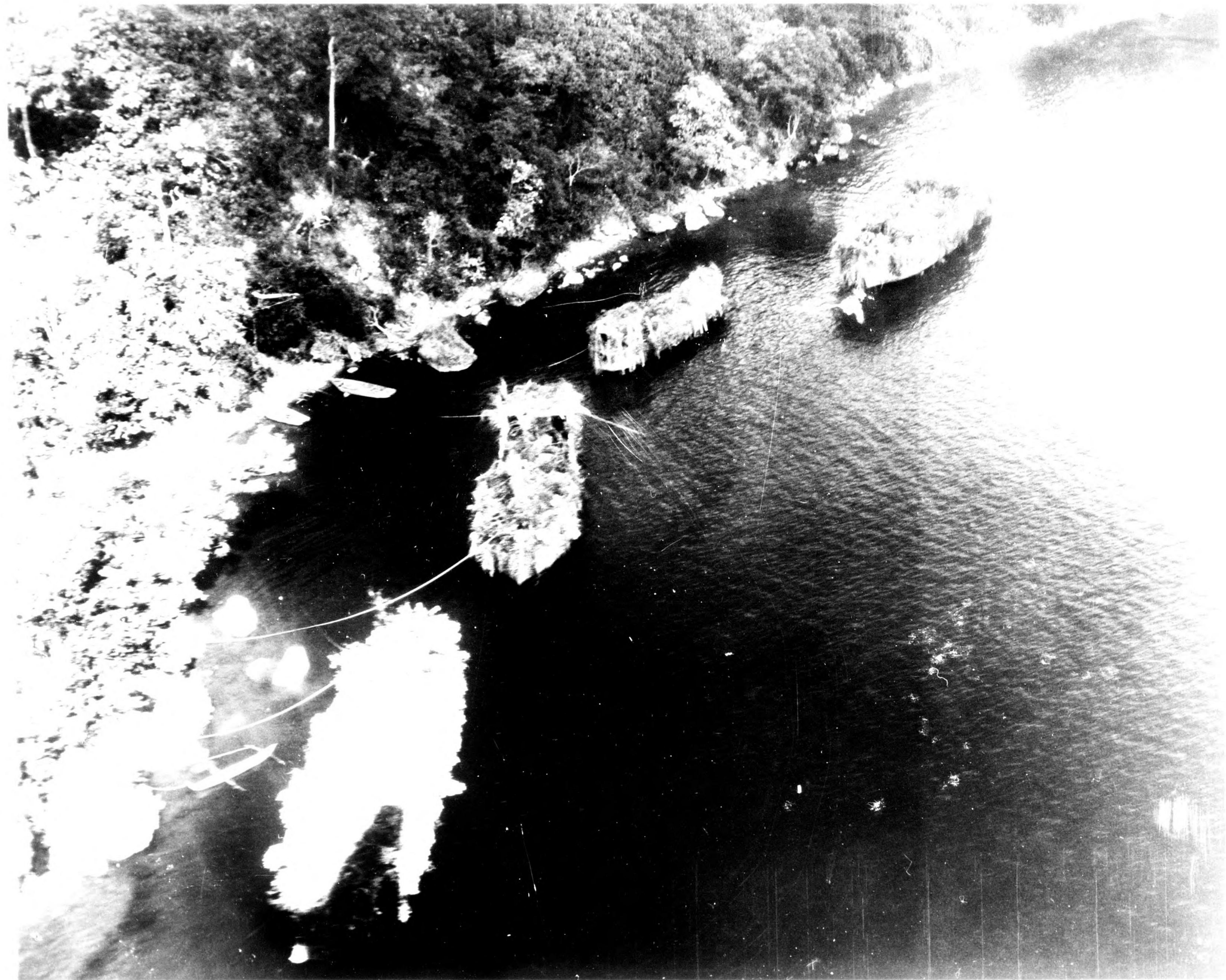
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1/22/45

DATE







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NO. *CVE 84* DATE *1-9-45*

UNIT *U.S.S. Shamrock Bay*

MADE FOR.....

SUBJECT *Jap. Luggers between*

SANTIAGO Island and

CAPE BOLINAO (west of

LINGAYEN)