

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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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) 00° 42' S - 134° 00' E. (15 miles N.W. MANOKWARI) (b) Time Over Target(s) 1510 GCT.
- (c) Weather and Clouds Over Target Clear
- (d) Sun or Moon Night - two-thirds moon (e) Visibility 15 miles

XI. TARGETS, RESULTS OF ATTACK.

(a) DESCRIPTION OF TARGET (List All Ships in Group, Whether or Not Individually Attacked)	(b) A/C ATTACKING	(d) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH TARGET	(e) ALTITUDE OF RELEASE	(f) HITS
	(c) SQUADRON			
1 3000 ton AK with 2 masts, 2 large hatches covering 2/3 deck space. * No superstructure visible.		All bombs	150'	None
2 PC type escort vessel, both AK and escort on course 125° speed 8 knots				
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- (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.

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 target, a 3000 ton AK, was picked up by radar at 0105 King 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles away. It was 15 miles northwest of and headed for MANDKWARI. The pilot immediately began an approach. The waist watch sighted the ship and its escort, one PC type vessel, at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles. A glide bombing run was then started at 500 feet altitude from down moon. The bombs were released by the bombardier in the bow. He sighted by eye. Intervalometer was used with an actual spacing of 55 feet. A bow to stern run was made, the bombs falling long, the nearest exploding 200 feet over. No anti-aircraft fire was ever encountered.

The crew of the plane was as follows:

PFC	Lt. (jg) R. John, A-V(N), USNR.
1st Pilot	Lt. (jg) N. V. Henry, A-V(N), USNR.
2nd Pilot	Ens. L. G. Alvey, A-V(N), USNR.
3rd Pilot	Ens. J. F. P. Hornback, A-V(N), USNR.
Plane Captain	Rockwell, E. H., AMMlc, (CA), USN.
2nd Mechanic	Yuhas, J. P., AMMlc, (CA), USN.
1st Radioman	ByBee, G. M., AMMlc, (CA), V-6, USNR.
2nd Radioman	Ryan, R. D., ARM2c, (CA), USN.
Gunner	Pierce, G. W., ARM2c, USN.
Gunner	McHenry E., AMM2c, (CA), V-6, USNR.
Bombardier	Wilhelm, J. F., AOMlc, (CA), USN.

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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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