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USS Tangier 5-25-44-6M

ROUTING SLIP
AIRCRAFT, SEVENTH FLEET

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Subject: Aircraft Action Report

OFFICER	ROUTING	SYMBOL	INITIAL
00 Commodore			
01 Chief Staff Officer			
05 Flag Secretary			
06 Administrative Asst.	1	B	P
11 Operations Officer			
12 Assistant Operations			
15 Flag Lieutenant			
20 Communications Officer			
21 Radar Officer			
22 Assistant Comm. Officer			
25 Information Officer	2	A	W
40 Supply Officer			
50 Material Officer			
51 Aircraft Eng. Off.			
52 Aircraft Struct. Off.			
55 Aerological Officer			
60 Personnel Officer			
61 Legal Officer			
65 Photographic Officer			
75 Medical Officer			
90 Gunnery Officer			
91 Training Officer			
Chief Yeoman			

- A — Action.
- B — Information.
- C — For Recommendation.
- D — Prepare Draft Reply.
- E — Retain Copy.
- F — Consult Ch. Staff Off.
- K — Distribute (As necessary)
- L — File.
- M — Make Changes to references, publications, etc.
- T — Make Tickler.

REMARKS

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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

(a) Location of Target(s) 1. 00 33 S., 133 08 E.
2. 00 22 S., 132 13 E. (b) Time Over Target(s) 1. 1300
2. 1530 GCT.

(c) Weather and Clouds Over Target Clear

(d) Sun or Moon night - Full moon overhead (e) Visibility 20 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 Single barge, 35'-40' long, course 270°, speed 8-10 knots.		1 x 30# parafrag. bomb 300-400 rds.		Unobserved
2		.50 cal. amm. 50 rds. .30 cal. amm.		
3 150' jetty on south shore of MIDDLE IS. 2 Or 3 barges tied to jetty		4 x 500# G.P.	600'	None on jetty, near miss hit warehouse
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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).

1. Beach where barge touched heavily strafed.
2. Nearest bomb exploded 40' from jetty, causing possible damage. One bomb destroyed a 30' x 20' one story warehouse near the jetty.

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

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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

1. Lt.(jg) McPike was on a night anti-shipping mission along the north coast of the VOGELKOP PENINSULA when at 2300 King he observed a small barge headed west about 30 yards offshore, at 133 06 East. The plane was at 600 feet, and by the time Lt. (jg) McPike could get low enough for a strafing run the barge had cut through an opening in the reef and had hidden under the heavy foliage fringing the shore. Eight strafing runs were made past the spot where the barge lay, the waist fifties and bow thirties firing at it. Results of this fire on the barge and personnel could not be observed.

2. At 0120 King Lt. (jg) McPike observed the jetty and barges at MIDDLEBURG ISLAND. Approaching from the west at 1000 feet altitude, he glided down to 500 feet and, sighting by eye, released his bombs in train. Three bombs landed over, the nearest exploding about 40 feet from the jetty. Finding that one of his four heavy bombs had failed to release, Lt. (jg) McPike returned for a similar run. The bomb missed the jetty but struck and destroyed a building, probably a small warehouse, just inshore from the jetty.

3. No anti-aircraft fire was encountered during either run.

4. The crew of the plane/was as follows:

Patrol Plane Commander
1st Pilot
2nd Pilot
Plane Captain
2nd Mechanic
1st Radioman
2nd Radioman
Bombardier
Gunner
Gunner

Lt. (jg) E. McPIKE, A-4(N), USNR.
Lt. (jg) E. R. STELL, A-4(N), USNR.
Ens. A. E. ROONEY, A-4(N), USNR.
CANADA, E. W., AM1c(CA), USN.
LANDON, W. D., AM1c(CA), USN.
RYSON, K. H., AM1c(CA), USN.
CHIVERL, T. J. AM2c(CA), USN.
ROBERTS, J. S., AM1c(T)(CA), USN.
VALENTINE, C. C. AM1c(CA), USN.
O'CONNOR, J. P., AM1c(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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