AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

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TYPE	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		(F)			ZE, SETTING (g)	
145	TP-45		lo enemy irbarno ireraft.		All 8 plane				16, base	
			all 8 strefed		5" body H.I	. rocket			non-delay	
III. OT	HER U. S.		ATRCRAF		IN THIS OPER	ATION. SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE	
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	The second secon	BASE						
	V1-Z5	2	USS SAN	JACDEO						
IV. EN	IEMY AIRC	RAFT OBS	ERVED OR		Own Aircraft		•		(g)	
(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGIN OWN A/C	G TIME ENCOUNTER		ON OF JNTFR	BOMBS, TORPE GUNS O	DOES CARRIE	D;	CAMOUFLAGE A MARKING	MD
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plane			(Z	ONE)						
) Appare	ent Enemy M	Aission(s)_			w eirborne	aircraft				
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Did Ar Encour	y Part of hter(s) Occu	ur in Cloud	S? (YES OR N	If so, Descr	ibe Clouds	(BASE II	NAMES -		OF COVER)	
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only). (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) (d)
WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C,
TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE (b) (a) SQUADRON TYPE OWN A/C Repairable locally Penetrated left elovator Repairable locally 6 9 10 11 12 13

VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

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

CAUSE CONDITION OR STATUS

VIII.	RANGE,	FUEL, AN	D AMMUNI	TION DAT	A FOR PLAN	ES REIL) TOTAL AMMUN	VITION EXPEN	IDED	(h) NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
(a) TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	AV. HOURS IN AIR	AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
P6P-5	235	235	4.5	400	320		600 rds.			

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Ch	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
CALIBER	NONE	MILMOLIN		
AVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	X		32	
DIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	***			

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

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

No encounter enemy airborne aircraft

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



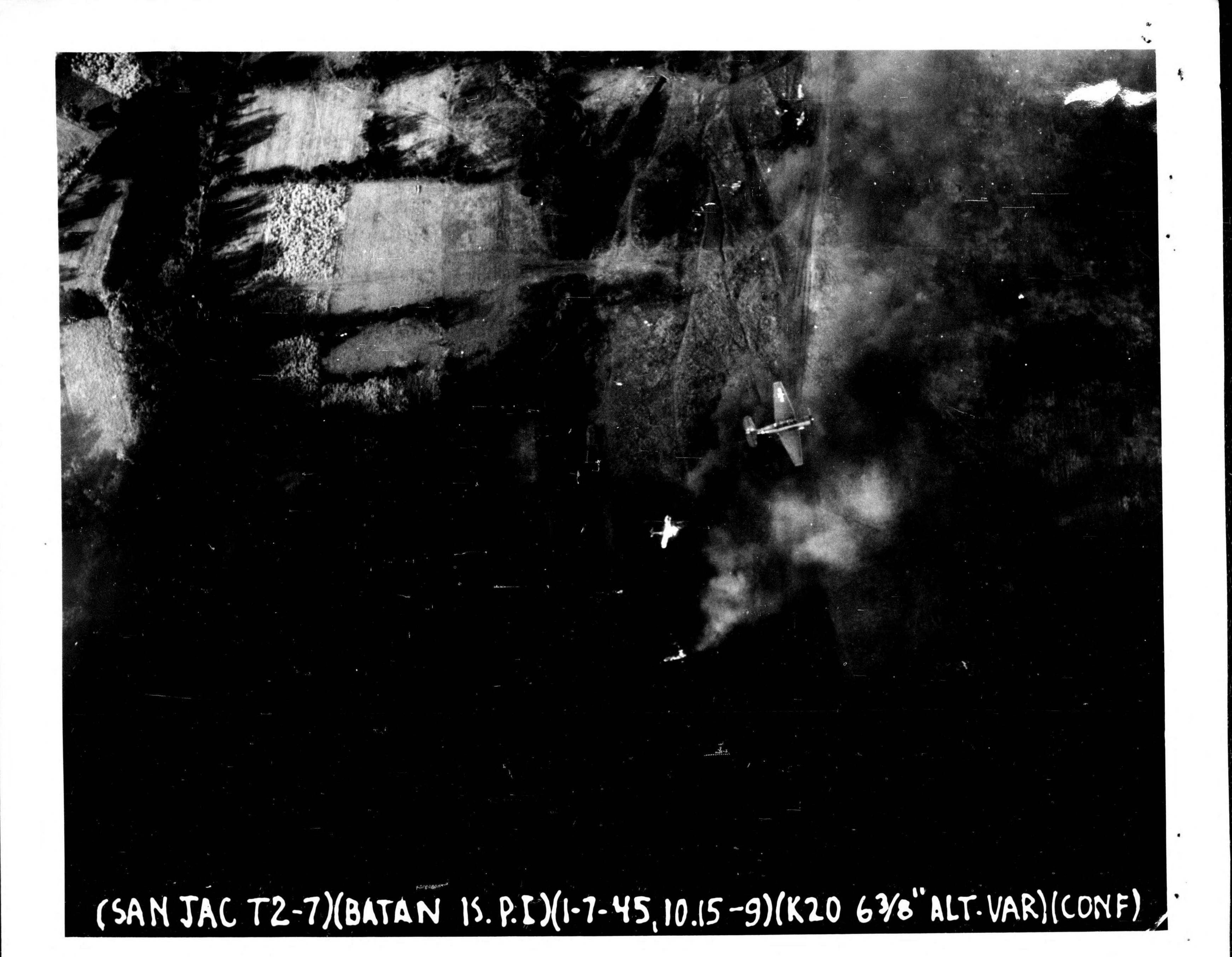
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XI. AT	TACK ON	ENEMY	SHIPS O	R GROUND	OBJECTIVES	(By	Own	Aircraft	Listed	in l	II Only	1).
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(a)	Target(s) and Location	(S) DAGO A	PS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA U	JNDER ATTACK)	(b) Time Ove	r Target(s).	0900 (I)	(Zone)
(c)	Clouds Over Target	3500* bese	(BASE IN FEET.	5/10ths	OF COVER)			
(d)	Visibility of Target	Cloud (CLEAR, HA	ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	(e) \	'isibility	10 (MILES)	
(f)	Bombing Tactics: Type		(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	E	Bomb Sight Us	ed	(TYPE)	
	Bombs Dropped per Rui	n(NUMBER	Spacing	(FEET)	Altitude o	of Bomb Rele	ease(F	EET)
(g)	Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	2 Probab	ly Destroyed_	XX	_ Damaged	XX
	(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND A/ EXPENDED, EACH	MMUNITION AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (No serious, destroy	one, slight, ed or sunk)
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2								
3								
4								
5								
6								
7								
8								

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

⁽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).



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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

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

DEFENSE, ENEMY

Defensive Tactics

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

Eight (8) P6F-5's of VF-45 were launched from their parent carrier at 0700, 7 January 1945, accompanying six (6) TEM's of VT-45, their combined mission being to destroy aircraft and aircraft facilities at Batan Island, North of Luzon, P.I.

Island, where the eight Hellcats made four strafing runs over the field, burning two enemy planes parked southeast of the field, one (a single engine biplane) in a revetment, and a Zeke just east of the revetment (See attached photograph). Four of the F6F's which had six rockets apiece, fired them at a hanger and a repair-shop type of building on the south side of the strip, but the pilots were unable to observe whether the buildings were hit.

After the TBM's had dropped their bomb loads, the flight returned to bese, after patrolling the islands of Itbeyet, Bahayan, Calayan and Camiguin.

.50 cal. loading (two incendiary, one tracer, two armor piercing)

each plane carried 6 5" body H.E. Rockets base fuse, Mark 146,

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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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