

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 55276 CE 25636 CincPac R/S No.: 33874

Unit Reporting: VT-18

ACA Rpt. No.: 60

Other reference:

Based at: USS INTREPID

Take off Data: 19 Nov. 1944

Mission: Destroy A/C and installations at Neilson Field near Minila PI

Target Bombed: see comments

Bombs: No. dropped on target: see comments Planes: No.: 28 (25 attacking)

Type: see comments

Type: (a) 8 F6F-5
(b) 11 SB2C-3
(c) 9 TBM-1C

Fuzing: (a) -
(b) Inst. Nose, No Delay tail
(b,1) No nose, No delay tail

Loading:

Tactics: Type of bombing: (c) Inst.

(a) 8a/c 8x2400 .50 cal

(b) 10a/c 2x500# GP

(b,1) 2x100# GP

(c) 7a/c 4x500# GP

Dive and degree glide

Release Altitude:

3000' - 4000'

Comments:

Photos taken.

1. Group of 5 planes, 2x500# GP; 2x100# GP
2. A/C Dispersal area, 2x500#GP, 4x100#GP
3. Group of 3 "H" shaped bldgs., 6x500#GP, 6x100# GP - 2 hits
4. Group of unident. bldgs., - 4x500#GP, 4x100#GP
5. 5" AA Position, 2x500#GP, 2x100# GP
6. Buildings - 2x500#GP, 2x100# GP
7. 3 large buildings, 2x 24x500#GP
8. Hangars - 4x500# GP

VB - Note: All bombs were within the areas in which planes were dispersed. As the previous condition of these planes is unknown and as no fires were started, any estimate of damage is a guess. Our guess is 5-7 destroyed, probably destroyed or damaged.

(7) Largest buildings at Fort Stotsenburg, just west of Polo field. Buildings of permanent construction. One thought to be three-story, brick Administration building. At least three large buildings hit. Believe damage serious and substantial. Formation without VF cover, being trailed by enemy VF: accordingly, push-over was in formation, making for less accurate appraisal of damage.

(8) One VT could not make turn to release on Fort Bldgs., therefore, he dropped on remaining hangars, west of end of Clark Field runway. Observed one direct hit on one hangar which showed little damage from any previous strikes.

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JICPOA R/S No.: **58635 CE 25651**

CincPac R/S No.: **-0-**

Unit Reporting: **VMO-155**

ACA Rpt. No.: **100**
Other reference:

Based at: **Kwajalein Is.**

Take off Data: **10 Jan. 1945**

Mission: **Bomb DP guns and power station, Nauru Is., Gilbert Islands**

Target Bombed: **see comments**

Bombs: No. dropped on target: **see comments** Planes: No.: **20**

Type: (a) **1000# GP**
(b) **1000# SAP**

Type: ~~(mix)~~ **F4U-1D**

Fuzing: (a) **6 with daisy cutter fuses** Loading: **2x1000# GP 18a/c**
(b) **30 with .01 tail** **2x1000# SAP 2 a/c**

Tactics: Type of bombing: **(b) Nose Instan. Tail N-D**
Dive

Release Altitude: **2500'**

Comments: **Photos taken by an additional F4U-1D - photos and negatives delivered CO, MAG-31, Roi Is.**

- 1. DP buns, NW Buada Lagoon, 18x1000# GP - 2 possible hits**
- 2. DP guns, SW Buada - 16x1000# GP - 1 possible hit**
- 3. Power station, Triangle NE of western 250' on end of EW runway - 4x1000# SAP, 2x1000# GP - no hits**

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JICPOA R/S No.: 58635 CE 25651

CincPac R/S No.: -0-

Unit Reporting: VMO-155

ACA Rpt. No.: 101
Other reference:

Based at: Kwajalein Island

Take off Data: 11 Jan. 1945

Mission: Glide bomb bldgs and piers Jabor Town, Jaluit Atoll

Target Bombed: 1. Boat pier, 4x1000#AP; 4x1000# SAP - 1 hit
2. Buildings, 30x1000#SAP, several hits

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 38 Planes: No.: 19

Type: (a) 1000# SAP
(b) 1000# AP

Type: F4U-1D

Fuzing: (a) .01 tail only
(b) 7 sec. tail only

Loading:

17 a/c 2x1000# SAP
2 a/c 2x1000# AP

Tactics: Type of bombing:
Dive

Release Altitude: 1500'

Comments: Photos taken

Results of bombing on Jabor Twon is difficult to evaluate. Pilots chose targets at random while in their dives, four diving on the pier and the balance on buildings in various parts of the area. Several buildings were hit, one boat off one of the piers was hit, and pieces of concrete were flying as a result of one of the AP bombs explosions

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JICPOA R/S No.: 58454 CE 28651

CincPac R/S No.: 0869

Unit Reporting: VMB-423

ACA Rpt. No.: 168
Other reference:

Based at: Green island

Take off Data: 27 Dec. 1944

Mission: Daylight raid on Vunakanau, target #8

Target Bombed: 1. Vunakanau, target #8 - 14x1000#GP, 4x300#GP
2. Borpop, New Ireland - 3x1000# GP

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 21 Planes: No.: 8

Type: (a) 1000# GP, (b) 300#GP

Type: PBJ-1

Fuzing: (a) & (b) AN-M100A2

Loading:

Tactics: Type of bombing:

(a) 3 a/c 3x1000# GP
(b) 4 a/c 2x1000# GP
(c) 1 a/c 4x300# GP

Release Altitude: 9000-12000'

Comments: Photos taken

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Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: **58454 CE 25651** CincPac R/S No.: **0869**

Unit Reporting: **VMB-423** ACA Rpt. No.: **169**
Other reference:

Based at: **Green Island**

Take off Data: **29 Dec. 1944**

Mission: **D_{ay}light raid on Vunakanau, Target #4**

Target Bombed: **as assigned - 20x1000#GP, 4x500#GP**

Bombs: No. dropped on target: **24** Planes: No.: **9**

Type: **see loading** Type: **PBJ-1**

Fuzing: **AN-M-100A2 on all** Loading: **4 a/c 2x1000# GP**
4 a/c 3x1000# GP
1, 4x500# GP

Tactics: Type of bombing:

Release Altitude: **12,500' - 13000'**

Comments:

Photos taken

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Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: **58454 CE 25651** CincPac R/S No.: **0869**
Unit Reporting: **VMB-423** ACA Rpt. No.: **170**
Other reference:
Based at: **Green Island**
Take off Data: **30 Dec. 1944**
Mission: **Daylight raid on Numatanai, New Ireland**
Target Bombed: **Numatanai strip - 6x500# GP**
Bombs: No. dropped on target: **6** Planes: No.: **1**
Type: **500# GP** Type: **PBJ-1**
Fuzing: **AN-M-100A2** Loading: **6x500# GP**
Tactics: Type of bombing:
Release Altitude: **10,500'**
Comments:

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JICPOA R/S No.: **58454 - CE 25651** CincPac R/S No.: **0869**
Unit Reporting: **VMB-423** ACA Rpt. No.: **172**
Other reference:
Based at: **Green Island**
Take off Data: **24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, Dec. 1944**
Mission: **Night harassing, search for and attack enemy A/C**
Target Bombed: **see comments**
Bombs: No. dropped on target: **see comments** Planes: No.: **4**
Type **a/500# GP** Type: **PBJ-1**
 b/250#GP
Fuzing: **a/ Nose: AN-M-103, Inst.** Loading: **3 a/c 6x500#GP**
 b/ Tail: AN-M-100, .025 delay **1 a/c 4x250# GP**
Tactics: Type of bombing:
Release Altitude: **8000-12000'**

Comments: **No photos taken**

1. **Suplhur Creek plane park - 7x500# GP ; 1x250# GP**
 2. **Talili Bay area, 1x500# GP**
 3. **Toboi Wharf, 1x500# GP**
- Vunakanau strip - 5x500# GP, 3x250# GP**
Vunakanau gun positions, 4x500# GP

All results were generally unobserved.

No anti-aircraft fire was encountered during the week. One inaccurate searchlight was encountered from Rapapo on the night of the 24th, while one inaccurate searchlight was encountered from area south of Tobarra strip on the night of the 26th.

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JICPOA R/S No.: **58453**

CincPac R/S No.: **0920**

Unit Reporting: **VPB-54**

ACA Rpt. No.: **#1**
Other reference:

Based at: **Poleliu Island, Palau**

Take off Data: **4 Nov. 1944**

Mission: **Area bombing Koror Island**

Target Bombed: **Koror Town**

Bombs: No. dropped on target: **20**

Planes: No.: **5**

Type: **500#GP**

Type: **PBY-5A**

Fuzing: **.01**

Loading: **4x500# GP**

Tactics: Type of bombing: **level**

Release Altitude: **10,000'**

Comments: **No photo coverage**

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Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: **58453**

CincPac R/S No.: **0920**

Unit Reporting: **VPB 54**

ACA Rpt. No.:
Other reference: **#2**

Based at: **Peleliu, Palau Islands**

Take off Data: **9 Nov. 1944**

Mission: **Area bombing Koror Town**

Target Bombed: **Koror Town**

Bombs: No. dropped on target: **20**

Planes: No.: **5**

Type: **500#GP**

Type: **PBY-5A**

Fuzing: **Inst.**

Loading: **4x500# GP**

Tactics: Type of bombing: **Level**

Release Altitude: **10,000'**

Comments: **No photo coverage**

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: **58453**

CincPac R/S No.: **0920**

Unit Reporting: **VPB-54**

ACA Rpt. No.: **#3**
Other reference:

Based at: **Peleliu, Palau Islands**

Take off Data: **11 Nov. 1944**

Mission: **Area bombing Koror Island**

Target Bombed: **1. Koror Town**
2. Arakobesan Island

Bombs: No. dropped on target: **11** Planes: No.: **3**

Type: **500# GP**

Type: **PBY-5A**

Fuzing: **Inst.**

Loading: **4x500# GP**

Tactics: Type of bombing: **Level and Glide**

Release Altitude: **5000-10,000'**

Comments: **No photo coverage**

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: **58453**

CincPac R/S No.: **0920**

Unit Reporting: **VPB-54**

ACA Rpt. No.: **#4**
Other reference:

Based at: **Peleliu, Island**

Take off Data: **18 Nov. 1944**

Mission: **Area Bombing Koror Island**

Target Bombed: **as assigned (town)**

Bombs: No. dropped on target: **11** Planes: No.: **3**

Type: **500# GP**

Type: **PBY-5A**

Fuzing: **Inst. tail and nose**

Loading: **4x500# GP**

Tactics: Type of bombing: **Level**

Release Altitude: **9000'**

Comments: **No photo coverage**

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: **58453** CincPac R/S No.: **0920**
Unit Reporting: **VPB-54** ACA Rpt. No.: **#5**
Based at: **Peleliu Island** Other reference:
Take off Data: **19 Nov. 1944**
Mission: **Area Bombing of Koror Island**
Target Bombed: **Area adjacent to Babelthaup strip - 4**
Bombs: No. dropped on target: **4** Planes: No.: **1**
Type: **500# Incend.** Type: **PBY-5A**
Fuzing: **21 sec.** Loading: **4x500# Incend.**
Tactics: Type of bombing: **Level**
Release Altitude: **8,600'**
Comments: **No photo coverage**

All bombs released properly and all four were seen to explode in the target area.

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JICPOA R/S No.: **58457**

CincPac R/S No.: **01096**

Unit Reporting: **VPB-151**

ACA Rpt. No.: **36**
Other reference:

Based at: **West Field, Tinian**

Take off Data: **16 Dec. 1944**

Mission: **Bombing Pagan Airstrip**

Target Bombed: **as assigned**

Bombs: No. dropped on target: **24** Planes: No.: **4**
.30 and .50 cal

Type: **500# GP**

Type: **PV#1**

Fuzing: **1/10 sec. delay**

Loading: **6x500# GP**

Tactics: Type of bombing: **Glide (MK 9)**

Release Altitude: **1500-1800'**

Comments: **Photos taken**

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Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: **58458**

CincPac R/S No.: **01095-A**

Unit Reporting: **VPB-151**

ACA Rpt. No.: **38**
Other reference:

Based at: **West Field, Tinian**

Take off Data: **18 Dec. 1944**

Mission: **Bombing of Woleai Airstrip**

Target Bombed: **Woleai Airstrip**

Bombs: No. dropped on target: **4**

Planes: No.: **xx 1**

Type: **500#GP**

Type: **PV-1**

Fuzing: **1/10 sec. delay**

Loading: **4x500# GP**

Tactics: Type of bombing: **Glide MK-9**

Release Altitude: **3500'**

Comments: **Photos taken, unsatisfactory development tho.**

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JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: **58458**

CincPac R/S No.:

01095-A

Unit Reporting: **VPB-151**

ACA Rpt. No.: **39**
Other reference:

Based at: **West Field, Tinian**

Take off Data: **20 Dec. 1944**

Mission: **Bombing of Pagan Airstrip**

Target Bombed: **as assigned**

Bombs: No. dropped on target: **24** Planes: No.: **4**

Type: **500# GP**

Type: **PV-1**

Fuzing: **1/10 sec. delay**

Loading: **6x500# GP**

Tactics: Type of bombing:

Glide - MK 8

Release Altitude:

2500-3000'

Comments:

Photos taken

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JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: **58458**

CincPac R/S No.: **01095-A**

Unit Reporting: **VPB-151**

ACA Rpt. No.: **40**
Other reference:

Based at: **West Field, Tinian**

Take off Data: **21 Dec. 1944**

Mission: **Bombing of gun emplacements Saliap Is.**

Target Bombed: **Gun emplacement W. end of Saliap Is., 12x250#GP - 3 hits**

Bombs: No. dropped on target: **12** Planes: No.: **2**

Type: **250#GP**

Type: **PV-1**

Fuzing: **1/10 Sec. delay**

Loading **6x250#GP**

Tactics: Type of bombing: **Glide - MK 9**

Release Altitude: **2700'**

Comments: **No photo coverage**

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JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: **58458**

CincPac R/S No.: **01095-A**

Unit Reporting: **IX VPB-151**

ACA Rpt. No.: **41**
Other reference:

Based at: **West Field, Tinian**

Take off Data: **22 Dec. 1944**

Mission: **Bombing of Pagan airstrip**

Target Bombed: **Pagan Airstrip -**

Bombs: No. dropped on target: **18** Planes: No.: **3**

Type: **500#GP**

Type: **6x500#GP**

Fuzing: **1/10 sec delay**

Loading:

Tactics: Type of bombing: **Glide MK 9**

Release Altitude: **2000-3000'**

Comments: **Photos taken**

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JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: **58458**

CincPac R/S No.: **01095-A**

Unit Reporting: **VPB-151**

ACA Rpt. No.: **42**
Other reference:

Based at: **West Field, Tinian**

Take off Data: **22 Dec. 1944**

Mission: **Bombing of gun emplacements on Paliou Is., in Woleai Is.**

Target Bombed: **Gun Emplacements, N. part of Paliou, 12x250#GP**

Bombs: No. dropped on target: **12** Planes: No.: **2**

Type: **250#GP**

Type: **PV-1**

Fuzing: **1/10 sec. delay**

Loading: **6x250# GP**

Tactics: Type of bombing: **Glide**

Release Altitude: **1800-2000'**

Comments: **Photos taken**

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JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: **58458** CincPad R/S No.: **01095-A**
Unit Reporting: **VPB-151** ACA Rpt. No.: **43**
Other reference:
Based at: **West Field, Tinian**
Take off Data: **20 Dec. 1944**
Mission: **Bombing of Woleai A/F and Gun emplacements**
Target Bombed: **1. Woleai A/F - 6x250# GP - 6 hits**
2. Gun emplacements, Saliap Is., 6x250# GP - no hits
Bombs: No. dropped on target: **12** Planes: No.: **2**
Type: **250# GP** Type: **PV-1**
Fuzing: **1/10 sec delay** Loading: **6x250# GP**
Tactics: Type of bombing: **Glide**
Release Altitude: **2000'**
Comments: **Photos taken**

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JICPOA R/S No.: 56812 CE RS: 24774 CincPac R/S No.: 34507

Unit Reporting: VC-68

ACA Rpt. No.: 1
Other reference:

Based at: USS FANSHAW BAY (CVE-70)

Take off Data: 18 Oct. 1944

Mission: King 2 support strike against Tacloban & Dalag A/F

Target Bombed: A/F and installations on Dulag, 40x100# - direct hits
on runways

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 40 Planes: No.: 4

Type: 100# Bombs

Type: TBM1c

Fuzing: Inst.

Loading: 10x100# bombs
2 VT - HE rockets

Tactics: Type of bombing: Dive

Release Altitude: 1500 from 7000' in 45° angle

Comments:

No photos taken

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56812 CE RS:24774 CincPac R/S No.: 34507

Unit Reporting: VC-68

ACA Rpt. No.: #2
Other reference:

Based at: USS FANSHAW BAY (CVE-70)

Take off Data: 18 Oct. 1944

Mission: Strike originally scheduled for Negros Is. but did not materialize due to bad weather. CSA directed VF to strafe A/F in Burauen area. VT bombed Santo Fe & Dulag A/F on Cebu

Target Bombed: (see comments)

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 15 - Planes: No.: 4
400 rds .50 ammo.

Type: 100# bombs

Type: (a) FM-2
(b) TBM-1C

Fuzing: Instan.

Loading:
(a) Full service ammo.
(b) 10x100# bombs
4 HE rockets

Tactics: Type of bombing:

Release Altitude: 1500-2000

Comments: No photos taken

Santo Fe A/F - 2x100# bombs - Runway hit
Wharf on Cebu - 2x100# bombs - Docks
Lahug A/F 9x100# bombs - Runway
Small oiler - 2x100# bombs - sunk
1 enemy A/C on ground, 400 rds .50 ammo.-

I was flying over the northwest coast of Cebu Island at 3500'. I sighted two small freighters and one small oiler (2000 ton) in Bogo Bay. I picked the oiler as my target and pushed over in about a 40' dive and released two 100# bombs. One of my bombs hit a little abaft of midships and the other one hit off the starboard bow about fifteen feet. The ship was sinking (ACI Note: This was confirmed by radioman and gunner) and I saw many survivors in the water. We left this area and went down the eastern coast of Cebu to the Cebu airfield. I dropped 4-100# bombs on the runway and two 100# bombs on some docks between the town of Cebu and the island of Opon.

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JICPOA R/S No.: 56812 CE RS:24774 CincPac R/S No.: 34507

Unit Reporting: VC-68

ACA Rpt. No.: #3
Other reference:

Based at: USS FANSHAW BAY (CVE-70)

Take off Data: 18 Oct. 1944

Mission: King #2 air coordinator for support strike against beaches
and trenches over Dulag area.

Target Bombed: Beaches and trench areas north of Dulag - 5x100# bombs
8 HE rockets - hits on target

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 5 Planes: No.: 1

Type: 100# bombs - HE rockets

Type: TBM-1c

Fuzing: Instantaneous

Loading: 8 H.E. rockets
10x100# bombs

Tactics: Type of bombing:

Release Altitude: 2000'

Comments:

No photos taken

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Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56812 CE RS:24774 CincPac R/S No.: 34507

Unit Reporting: VC-68 ACA Rpt. No.: 4
Other reference:

Based at: USS FRNSHAW BAY (CVE-70)

Take off Data: 18 Oct 1944

Mission: CSA directed strike against shipping and dock installations at
Cebu and Mactan Is., and Lehag and Open A/F

Target Bombed:

Bombs: No. dropped on target:

Planes: No.: 8

Type:

Type: FM-2

Fuzing:

Loading:

Full service ammo.

Tactics: Type of bombing:

Release Altitude:

Comments:

8 VF (FM-2) conducted strafing runs against the targets listed above. There was no opposition. The two small vessels (60-70 ft. long) were left burning. The fuel oil dock on Mactan Island was also set on fire and was seen to emit great billowing clouds of black smoke as our planes retired

No photos taken.

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JICPOA R/S No.: 56812 CE RS: 24774 CincPac R/S No.: 34507

Unit Reporting: VC-68

ACA Rpt. No.: 5
Other reference:

Based at: USS FANSHAW BAY

Take off Data: 19 Oct. 1944

Mission: Special strike against A/F and A/C on enemy A/F on N.W.
and No. Negros. King II Operation

Target Bombed: (see comments)

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 28 Planes: No.: 6

Type: 100# bombs

Type: 4 - FM-2 (a)
2 - TBM-1c (b)

Fuzing: Instan.

Loading:

Tactics: Type of bombing:

(a) Full service ammo.
(b) 4-5" H.E. rockets
10x100# bombs.

Release Altitude:

Comments:

Alicante A/F and approximately 30 twin engine aircraft thereon, 18x100 lb bombs - Well hit

Bacoled, Talisy and Rezal A/F - 2320 rds .50 - A/F sprayed, no aircraft present

1 Fuel dump north of Bacoled - 10x100# bombs - set on fire, destroyed.

There was no opposition by enemy aircraft and only light A/A (12.7 & 20mm) on any fields hit.

The first two fields (Recoled and Talisy) were strafed by the fighters only. The VT's remained circling because there were no aircraft on the fields and no activity of any kind. Hangars were left burning on these fields.

The next field hit was Maloge. There were only two or three planes on the field but hangars and other buildings were undamaged. The fighters strafed and the VT's dropped 2-100# bombs and four rockets each on these buildings. Barracks which were just west of the field were also hit with bombs.

Alicante was the only field that appeared to be really operational. There were approximately 30 aircraft on the field. Most of the planes were twin engine bombers and only about 5 fighters. At least 20 of these planes were destroyed by strafing and bombing. Also a large fuel dump just east of the field was set on fire.

Attacks were made individually, starting at about 5000 feet, release at 2000 feet and pull out at 1500 feet. No evasive maneuvers were used because of light A/A opposition.

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JICPOA R/S No.: 56812 CE RS: 24774 CincPac R/S No.: 34507

Unit Reporting: VC-68

ACA Rpt. No.: 6
Other reference:

Based at: USS FANSHAW BAY (CVE-70)

Take off Data: 19 Oct. 1944

Mission: Support attack mission against enemy A/A and gun emplacement
trenches and armored vehicles on beaches, King II Operation

Target Bombed: Gun, trench installations, Catman Hill - well hit in
target area. - 5 armored vehicles on hi-way NW of Tacloban-
destroyed

Bombs: No. dropped on target: Planes: No.: 11

40 conturies 75% of .50 ammo

Type: 24-5" HE rockets
25% of .50 ammo.

Fuzing: Inst., non-delay

Type: (a) 6 FM-2
(b) 5 TBM-1C

Loading:

(a) Full service ammo.
(b) 3 with 10x100# GP
and 8-5" HE rockets
2 with 4x500# GP

Tactics: Type of bombing:

Release Altitude: 2000'

Comments:

No photos taken

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JICPOA R/S No.: 56812 CE RS:24774 CincPac R/S No.: 34507

Unit Reporting: VC-68

ACA Rpt. No.: 7
Other reference:

Based at: USS FANSHAW BAY (CVE-700)

Take off Data: 20 Oct. 1944

Mission: Direct Support Mission - King II Operation

Target Bombed: Enemy truck - 150 rds .50 ammo, 2x5" HE rockets- Strafing
hits, near miss rockets;- 3 gun emplacements, 4x100#,hit.

Supply dump 6x100# bombs - in area
Bombs: No. dropped on target: 10 Planes: No.: 1

Type: 100# GP - 5" HE rockets

Type: TBM-1C

Fuzing: Instan.

Loading: 8-5" H.E.
rockets
10x100# GP bombs.

Tactics: Type of bombing:

Release Altitude: 1000-1500'

Comments:

No photos

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Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56812 CE RS 24774 CincPac R/S No.: 34507

Unit Reporting: VC-68

ACA Rpt. No.: 8
Other reference:

Based at: USS FANSHAW BAY (CVE-70)

Take off Data: 20 Oct. 1944

Mission: Direct Support Mission - King II Operation

Target Bombed: 20mm gun emplacements - 9x500#GP, 40x100# GP, 8 HE Rockets
hits in area.

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 49
Trench positions -.50 cal & 8 HE rockets
Planes: No. 13

Type: 500# GP
100# GP

Type: (a) 8 FM-2
(b) 5 TBMLc

Fuzing: ~~INSTANTANEOUS~~. non-delay

Loading:

(a) Full service ammo.
(b) 3a/c 3x500# GP
2a/c 10x100# GP and
4 H.E. rockets

Tactics: Type of bombing:

Release Altitude: 2000'

Comments: No photos taken

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56812 CE RS: 24774 CincPac R/S No.: 34507

Unit Reporting: VC-68

ACA Rpt. No.: 10
Other reference:

Based at: USS FANSHAW BAY (CVE-70)

Take off Data: 21 Oct. 1944

Mission: Direct Support Mission, King II Operation

Target Bombed: (see comments)

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 12

Planes: No.: 8

Type: 500# GP

100# GP

Fuzing: Instan.

Type: 6 FM-2 (a)

2 TBM1c (b)

Loading:

(a) Full service ammo.

(b) 4-500# GP

10x100# GP

Tactics: Type of bombing:

Release Altitude: 2000' - 2500'

Comments: No photos taken

1. Fuel dump set afire, resulting in large explosion- 2000 rds .50
2. Direct hits on gun emplacements, fires started in ammo dump. 3000 rds.50
3. Targets had been attacked in same area previously. The two dumps burned with small explosions indicative of small arms ammo dump, still burning upon departure, 2x500# GP, 3x100# GP - 3 hits.
4. Group of four small structures 100 yards below, burned, seemed to have some trucks or cars in it. Probably were small storehouses as fire burned out quickly. - 1x500# GP, 3x100# GP
5. 2 camouflaged lightly constructed buildings south and in between two ammo dumps. Totally demolished with no noticeable fires, evidently previously abandoned. 1x500# GP; 2x100# GP

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56812 CE RS:24774 CincPac R/S No.: 34507

Unit Reporting: VC-68

ACA Rpt. No.: 22

Other reference:

Based at: USS FANSHAW BAY (CVE-70)

Take off Data: 25 Oct. 1944

Mission: Attack Enemy Fleet

Target Bombed: 6 Cruisers and 4 BBs - 2 bombs, Near miss.

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 2 Planes: No.:1

Type: 500# SAP

Type: TBM-1c

Fuzing: Instan.

Loading: 4x500# SAP

Tactics: Type of bombing:

Release Altitude:1800'

Comments: No photos taken

During this time two cruisers were closing in on one of our carriers on the port quarter. I started making runs on the second cruiser. I made 3 runs and started a fourth but it was not completed.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56812 CE RS:24774 CincPac R/S No.: 34507

Unit Reporting: VC-68

ACA Rpt. No.: 23
Other reference:

Based at: USS FANSHAW BAY (CVE-70)

Take off Data: 25 Oct. 1944

Mission: Torpedo attack against the Japanese fleet

Target Bombed:

Bombs: No. dropped on target:

Planes: No.: 2 1 (Made two hops)

Type:

Type: TBM-1c

Fuzing: Instan. nose

Loading:

Tactics: Type of bombing:

1st Hop - 2 Depth Charges

2nd Hop - 1 Torpedo (High

speed, ring tail

depth setting 18'

Release Altitude: Depth Chg. 2000'

Torpedo 500'

Comments:

No photos taken

The hop was intended to be an anti-sub hop but the Japanese fleet circled and was attacking our forces so I joined up with 7 TBM's and circled squall looking for enemy, we finally spotted 3 CA's and 1 BB. The fighters with us immediately started strafing. The first section of 4 TBM's took the first CA in line and the last 4 took the second CA.released charges at about 2000' indicated....radioman observed 2 near misses off the port bow of second cruiser. There were no direct hits on any of the ships that I could observe. I made a few strafing runs on BB firing both forward guns and as I pulled out my turret gunner strafed.

The AA on the first attack was fairly light and inaccurate.

I took off from CVE 77 at about 0930 with five torpedo planes to attempt a coordinated attack on main disposition of Japanese fleet. We joined up then with Lt. Van Bran of VC-65 leading 5 torpedo planes with torpedoes and 6 with 500-lb bombs, there were also a few fighters.observed 3 torpedo planes from my flight going in on run on BB. I observed no hits.

I circled force for about 30 minutes looking for any friendly planes with ...left. Finding none I started south and observed two CA's and one DD. One CA was apparently on fire and dead in the water. The DD was circling her. About 3 miles east of these two ships was another CA circling in water. Apparently she was waiting for damaged CA. I circled this CA for about 10 minutes.

I then heard two fighters that were going to strafe this CA. I called them and told them I would go in too. They immediately started a strafing run from bow to stern. These runs attracted heavy AA from CA. I approached ship from about 60° bearing on port side. I started my run

from about 6000' distance about 3 miles.

There was no AA fire observed by me so I ran straight in. I leveled off at 500' and held that altitude until I was about 1500 yards from ship. I had about 250 kts. I dropped at 1500 yds .and broke off in to a steep climbing turn to port

The gunners spotted me then and opened up with AA and after turrets. Their fire was ineffective. The ship observed torpedo wake and swung hard to starboard. The torpedo struck about 30' from the stern on the port side.

The ship slowed down immediately and kept turning to starboard. It appeared that she was out of control trailing oil badly. I circled for about 15 minutes and then left for base. I intended to pick up another torpedo and return to crippled CA. However catapult was shot up, prohibiting take off.

....The CA's main batteries stopped firing immediately after torpedo struck.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56812 CE RS:24774 CincPac R/S No.: 34507

Unit Reporting: VC 68

ACA Rpt. No.: 29
Other reference:

Based at: USS FANSHAW BAY (CVE-70)

Take off Data: 25 Oct. 1944

Mission: Strike on Jap fleet

Target Bombed: CA - 4x500# SAP - Hit on bridge

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 4

Planes: No.: 1

Type: 500# SAP

Type: TBM-1c

Fuzing: 0.1 sec. delay

Loading:

4x500# SAP

Tactics: Type of bombing: ?

Release Altitude: ?

Comments: No photos taken

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56812 CE RS 24774 CincPac R/S No.: 34507
Unit Reporting: VC-68 ACA Rpt. No.: 30
Based at: USS FANSHAW BAY (CVE-70) Other reference:
Take off Data: 25 Oct. 1944
Mission: Strike against Jap fleet
Target Bombed: CA 4x500# SAP - destroyed or sunk
Bombs: No. dropped on targets: 4 Planes: No.: 1
Type: 500# SAP Type: TBM 1c
Fuzing: 0.1 sec. delay Loading: 4x500# SAP
1 torpedo later
Tactics: Type of bombing:
Release Altitude:
Comments:
No photos taken

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56812 CE RS:24774 CincPac R/S No.: 34507

Unit Reporting: VC-68

ACA Rpt. No.: 32
Other reference:

Based at: USS FANSHAW BAY (CVE-70)

Take off Data: 25 Oct. 1944

Mission: Attack against enemy fleet units

Target Bombed: Two enemy BB and numerous vessels who were screening
4x500# SAP - 2 hits 1 near miss

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 4 Planes: No.: 1

Type: 500# SAP

Type: TBM1c

Fuzing: .1 sec delay

Loading: 4x500# SAP

Tactics: Type of bombing:

Release Altitude: 3000'

Comments: No photos taken

My dive was made from starboard quarter to port bow. The first bomb landed very close, if not right against the starboard hull in line with the bridge. The other two were direct hits just forward of the bridge and aft of #2-14" turret. Heavy black smoke came up practically blotting out the bridge and super structure from view. No other results of damage were immediately discernable.

No photos were taken.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56812 CE RS 24774 CincPac R/S No.: 34507
Unit Reporting: VCC68 ACA Rpt. No.: 34
Other reference:
Based at: USS FANSHAW BAY (CVE-70)
Take off Data: 25 Oct. 1944
Mission: Attack enemy surface vessel
Target Bombed: Mogemi BB - 4x250# GP - 500 rds. 50 ammo. - 2 hits
Bombs: No. dropped on target: 4 Planes: No.: 1
Type: 250# GP Type: TBM1c
Fuzing: Instan. nose 4-8 sec delay tail loading: 4x250# GP
Tactics: Type of bombing:
Release Altitude: 3500-4000'

Comments:

Unfortunately I was unable to acquire A.P1 bombs from the Army Ordnance at Tacloban, as I believe that they would have sunk the CA considering its condition. I had no rockets either. There was not too much AA, although that which was present was accurate, particularly on my retirement.

Enemy CA had been previously damaged and took no evasive action during my attack. She was making a maximum of 7 knots and put up a light AA barrage; apparently the guns were damaged or personnel were busily engaged saving the vessel. Only five or six guns were firing on the starboard side abaft the stack.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56812 CE RS:24774 CincPac R/S No.: 34507

Unit Reporting: VC-68 ACA Rpt. No.: 35
Other reference:

Based at: USS FANSHAW BAY (CVE-70)

Take off Data: 25 Oct. 1944

Mission: Counter Attack against Japanese Fleet

Target Bombed:

Bombs: No. dropped on target: Planes: No.: ~~21~~ 7

Type: Type: TBM1c

Fuzing: none given Loading: 4 - 4x500# SAP
2 - 1 Torpedo
1 4x250# GP

Tactics: Type of bombing:

Release Altitude: 1500 to 3500'

Comments: No photos taken

Some bombs, i.e. those available at Tachoban Field were poor choice for heavy surface targets. Others provided by parent vessels (500# SAP .1 sec. delay fusing) were good but a higher percentage of torp does would have been better, especially as weather was ideally suited for VT attack. (Clouds - equally areas.)

If VF (FM-2) is to carry armament other than guns only, then give them rockets instead of max. load of 2x250# bombs. An electrical or greatly improved mechanical bomb release instead of utilizing the drop tank release lanyard must be designed if serious thought is given to carrying bombs in the present FM-2 installation. It is ridiculous to expect hits or even near misses when to release his bomb a pilot must use two hands on a drop tank lanyard, then fish-tail his plane to work bomb loose and at the same time diving 60-70° at 360-400 knots indicated, theoretically maintaining a good bombing point of aim.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56812 CE RS:24774 CincPac R/S No.: 34507
Unit Reporting: VC-68 ACA Rpt. No.: 36
Other reference:
Based at: USS FANSHAW BAY (CVE-70)
Take off Data: 25 Oct. 1944
Mission: Strike against enemy fleet
Target Bombed: Stacks of DD - 3x500# SAP - 3 hits
Bombs: No. dropped on target: 3 Planes: No.: 1
Type: 500# SAP Type: TBM1c
Fuzing: 1/100 Loading: 4x500# SAP
Tactics: Type of bombing: Dive
Release Altitude: 3000'

Comments:

No photos taken

Coming into the clear above the clouds I saw two BB's entering a rain squall followed by a DD leader and four DD's. I started my attack on the DD's. Before I was in range they started firing heavy AA in front of me. I started my dive at the DD leader and then both the medium and light AA opened up. At about 4000' a 20mm shell hit my port wing and cut the main spar half into. I set the bombs in train at 60 feet and 200 knots and released at 3000'. My gunner observed the hits and one bomb would not release. The damage was reported by another flier who said he saw it sink later.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56812 CE RS 24774 CincPac R/S No.: 34507
Unit Reporting: VC-68 ACA Rpt. No.: 39
Other reference:
Based at: USS FANSHAW (CVE-70)
Take off Data: 26 Oct. 1944
Mission: Attack units of Japanese fleet
Target Bombed: 1 CL (Natori) - 4x500# SAP - 1 hit; 1 near miss
Bombs: No. dropped on target: 4 Planes: No.: 1
Type: 500# SAP Type: TBM1C
Fuzing: .01 Delay Loading: 4x500# SAP
Tactics: Type of bombing: Dive
Release Altitude: 1300'
Comments: No photos taken

I made my final push over at 7000'. I believe now that in so doing I made a mistake. I showed my "hand" too soon. Apparently I was the only plane going in at that time, and heavy anti-aircraft fire, coming from both fore and aft on the CL, was concentrated on me.

I made my attack from the targets starboard quarter toward the port bow, dropping my 4-500# SAP bombs, (.01 delay), in train from 1300' using 60' spacing at 300 knots, making my pull out at 800'.

After my pull out I observed my bombs throwing up columns of water, two on the starboard side and one on the port side of the target, and I also observed black smoke coming from the area abaft the stacks. (ACI Note: This hit by the third bomb in this train is confirmed by the gunner, N.F. Reynolds, AOM3c).

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56912 CE RS: 24855 CincPac R/S No.: 53

Unit Reporting: VPB-151

ACA Rpt. No.: 30
Other reference:

Based at: North Field, Tinian

Take off Data: 10 Nov. 1944

Mission: Bombing & Reconnaissance Yap Isl.

Target Bombed: Gun emplacements

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 4 Planes: No.: 1

Type: 500# GP (a)
2 Frag (b)

Type: PV-1

Fuzing: N-AN-103

Loading: 4x500# GP
2 AN-M-41

Tactics: Type of bombing: ^{AN-M110A1}Glide (Mk 9)

Release Altitude: 3000'

Comments: Photos taken - development unsatisfactory tho.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56671 CE RS: 25066 CincPac R/S No.: 35692
Unit Reporting: VPB-151 ACA Rpt. No.: 21
Other reference:
Based at: North Field, Tinian
Take off Data: 19, 21 Oct 1944
Mission: (1&2) Bombing missions Yap Is.
Target Bombed: Gun emplacements
Bombs: No. dropped on target: Planes: No.: 1 each mission
Type: Type: PV01
Fuzing: N-AN-10-3 Loading: 5-100 MK AN 30
each mission
Tactics: Type of bombing: Glide
Release Altitude: 1200'
1500'
Comments:

Photos taken - unsatisfactory

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56671 CE RS:25066 CincPac R/S No.: 35692

Unit Reporting: VPB-151

ACA Rpt. No.: 20
Other reference:

Based at: North Field, Tinian

Take off Data: 17 Oct. 1944

Mission: Bombing mission Pagan Is.

Target Bombed: Bldgs area 1500' N. of Pagan

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 2 Planes: No.: 1

Type:

Type: PV-1

Fuzing: AN-M101AZ - 4 sec.delay

Loading:
2 A-NM 64

Tactics: Type of bombing: Glide (Mk 9)

Release Altitude: 2000'

Comments:

No photos taken

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56671 CE RS: 25066 CincPac R/S No.: 35692

Unit Reporting: PatBomRon 151 ACA Rpt. No.: 18
Other reference:

Based at: North Field, Tinian

Take off Data: 11,15,17, Oct. 1944

Mission: All strikes against Yap Island

Target Bombed:

Bombs: No. dropped on target:

Planes: No.: 1 each mission

Type:

Type: PV-1

Fuzing: N AN-103

Loading:

5 MK AN-30 On each
mission

Tactics: Type of bombing: Glide (Mk 9)

Release Altitude: 700'
1000'
1500'

Comments:

Photos taken on all flights,, unsatisfactory
prints.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56671 CE RS:25066 CincPac R/S No.: 35692

Unit Reporting ~~XXX~~ VPB-151

ACA Rpt. No.: 18
Other reference:

Based at: North Field, Tinian

Take off Data: 27, 29 Sept, 9 Oct., 1944

Mission: Bombing and reconnaissance mission Yap Island
GUN EMPLACEMENTS - NW side of strip; atop hill S. of Yap
Target Bombed: Town, - 5 hits on all - Hill So, hit twice

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 10 Planes: No.: 3

Type: 5 MK AN 30 on each mission Type: PV-1

Fuzing: N AN-10 3 on first ~~xxx~~ all missions Loading:
5 MK AN 30 on each mission

Tactics: Type of bombing: Glide

Release Altitude: 3000'
2500'
1000'

Comments:

No photos taken

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56671 CE RS: 25066 CincPac R/S No.: 35692

Unit Reporting: VB-151

ACA Rpt. No.: 17
Other reference:

Based at: North Field, Tinien

Take off Data: 20, 21, 23 Sept, 1944

Mission: Bombing attack on Yap Is, supply area

Target Bombed: 1. Supply area - 4x100#GP - 11 hits, 4 incd, 300 rds, .30 cal
2. Supply area - 6x100#GP - 250 rds, .30 cal, 200 rds, .50 cal
3. Living quarters S. end of Gagiltomil Air strip, 6x100#

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 16 Planes: No.: 3

Type: 100# GP- Frags, Incd.

Type: PV-1

Fuzing: N-AN-103; AN-M110A1
N AN-103; N AN-103

Loading:
4-MK AN30
3-AN-M-41
4-AN-M-50A1
6-MK AN-30
6-MK AN-30

Tactics: Type of bombing: Glide

Release Altitude: (1) 2000'
(2) 2000'
(3) 2500'

Comments:

First Strike:

On plane attack on possible supply area west of the Northeast end of Yap Island. Plane approached from the west at 6000', glide 25°, speed 300 knots, releasing at 2000'. The eleven bombs were strung out through the desired area. There was no AA fire; the plane's guns strafed during the attack. The reconnaissance of the island of Yap was negative.

Second Strike:

On plane attack on possible supply area east of Yap strip. Approach from the west at 8000', glide 20°, speed 310 knots, release at 2000', all bombs dropping in area to the east of the northwest end of Yap airstrip. Plane fired all guns during run and encountered no AA. Reconnaissance of the island was negative.

Third Strike:

One plane attack on living quarters located off of the south end of the Gagil-Tomil airstrip. Approach from the northeast from 5000', angle 25°, speed 280 knots, release at 2500 ~~xxx2500~~. Bombs were strung across the southern end of the runway and to the west of the desired area, at this point no AA was encountered but as the plane continued over the remainder of the island AA fire came from just south of Yap Town, thought to be located on top of hill; as flight continued more AA was encountered from both sides of the Yap strip. Reconnaissance of the island was otherwise negative.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 58210 CERS:25402 CincPac R/S No.: 1187

Unit Reporting: VMBF-331

ACA Rpt. No.: 197
Other reference:

Based at: Majuro Atoll

Take off Data: 8 Jan. 1945

Mission: Dive bomb Building and Bivouac Area, Mille Is., Mille Atoll

Target Bombed: Bldg. and Bivouac Area - 14x1000# Demo, 27x500#GP -
37 hits.

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 41 Planes: No.: 14

Type: {a} 1000# Demo.
{b} 500# GP

Type: F4U-1D

Fuzing: {a} .01 delay nose and tail
{b} .1 delay tail only

Loading:

1a/c 1x1000# Demo
2x500# GP

Tactics: Type of bombing: Dive
(AN-MK 8, Mod.6)
Release Altitude: 3300'

~~1a/c~~

1 did photo work

Comments: Photos taken.

Forty (40) of the expended bombs hit the target island and thirty-
seven (37) struck the target area.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56743 CE RS:24765 CincPac R/S No.: 36456

Unit Reporting: VMF-222

ACA Rpt. No.: 26
Other reference:

Based at: Green Island

Take off Data: 1-8 Dec. 1944

Mission: Rabaul Patrols

Target Bombed: (See comments)

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 48 Planes: No.: 72 (60 attacking)

Type: (a) 1000# GP MK 12
(b) 500# GP MK 13

Type: FG-1A

Fuzing: Inst. on both a and B.

Loading: 1x1000# GP
1x500# GP

Tactics: Type of bombing: Level, glide and
Dive (Mk, Mod. 6 gunsight)
Release Altitude: 1500-4000'

Comments: No photos taken.

TARGET DATA:

Possible underground storage, S. of Bitalobe - 3 hits - 4x1000# GP and strafing
Kabakaul - no hits - 2x1000# GP dropped
Possible supply area near road intersection Vunamami - 1 hit, 1x1000# GP
Group of huts at Vunavarr - 1 hit, 1x1000# GP and strafing
2-3 warehouse type bldgs at Toma Pltn. - no hits, 1x1000# GP and strafing
Matupi Causeway - no hits - 1x1000# GP and strafing
Bridge over Matanatava River - 6x1000# and strafing - no hits
Tobera Strip - 2x1000# GP - 2 hits
300' hulk NW Simpson Harbor - 2x1000# GP - 2 hits
Rabaul Town - 1x1000# GP - 1 hit
Truck on Tunnel Hill Road Wharfe N. of Toboi in Simpson Harbor, 1x1000# GP, No Hit
Underground storage, vicinity Boiler Road - 4x1000# GP - 4 hits in area
8 huts, Mieke Is. - 2 destroyed
Group huts, Utuan Is. - destroyed several
Cape St. George - 2x500# GP - 2 hits
Tavilo Pltn, Crossroads, 1x1000# GP 2 hits
Kurakakaul Supply area - 1x1000# GP 1 hit.
Tawau Point AA Positions - 1x500# GP - 1 hit
M/G Positions - 1x1000# GP 1 hit
Auto position SE of Keravat - 2x1000# GP - no hits
Praed Point - 1x1000# GP - 1 hit
Vunakanau Revetments 1x1000# GP - no hits
Grest of Tunnel hill road ~~1x1000# GP~~ 2x500# GP - 2 hits
Cape Metlik - 1x1000# GP 1 hit
Gredner Island, 1x1000# GP - 1 hit

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: **59338**

CincPac R/S No.: **179**

Unit Reporting: **VMSB-245**

ACA Rpt. No.: **179**
Other reference:

Based at: **Majuro Atoll**

Take off Data: **15 Jan. 1945**

Mission: **Dive bomb light A/A gun and A/W positions, Mille Island,
Mille, Atoll**

Target Bombed: **1. A/A and A/W positions, B-8 on ConAirPwd, P.I.R. 32
13x500# Dem. , 26x250# GP - no hits**

Bombs: No. dropped on target: **39** Planes: No.: **13**

Type: **500# Dem. (a)
250# GP (b)**

Type: **SBD-6**

Fuzing: **(a) .01 sec. (b) .1 sec.**

Loading: **1x500# Dem.
2x250# GP**

Tactics: Type of bombing: **Dive**

Release Altitude: **2300'**

Comments: **Photos taken by VMBF-331**

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: **59219**

CincPac R/S No.:

Unit Reporting: **VMO-155**

ACA Rpt. No.: **101**
Other reference:

Based at:

Take off Data:

Mission:

Target Bombed:

Bombs: No. dropped on target:

Planes: No.:

Type:

Type:

Fuzing:

Loading:

Tactics: Type of bombing:

Release Altitude:

Comments:

**CORRECTION TO SUBJECT
REPORT...**

It is believed that the four AP bombs may have been duds however it is possible that these bombs may have exploded and not been observed due to considerably less explosive agent contained in this type bomb. It is known that the bombs were overage which is the only other possible explanation if the bombs did drop dud. The two planes carrying AP bombs had the arming wires when they returned to the field.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: **59072**

CincPac R/S No.: **01284**

Unit Reporting: **VD-5**

ACA Rpt. No.: **6**
Other reference:

Based at: **Guam**

Take off Data: **18 Dec. 1944**

Mission: **Photo reconnaissance Truk Island, and Woleai Islands
Puluwat, Namonuito**

Target Bombed:

Bombs: No. dropped on target:

Planes: No.: **6**

Type:

Type: **PB4Y-1P**

Fuzing: ~~xxxxxxxx~~ **Inst.**

Loading:

Tactics: Type of bombing: **Level**

- (a) **3a/c 2x500# GP**
- (b) **1a/c 3x500# GP**
- (c) **2a/c 5x100# GP**
- (d) **1a/c None**

Release Altitude: **20,000'**

Comments: **No photos of damage**

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 58829

CincPac R/S No.: 01384

Unit Reporting: VMF-114

ACA Rpt. No.: 3-45
Other reference:

Based at: PELELIU

Take off Data: 3 Jan. 1945

Mission: Bombing of Babelthuap Island

Target Bombed: see comments

Bombs: No. dropped on target: see comments
Planes: No.: 8

Type: see comments

Type: FG-1

Fuzing: (a) .1 sec. nose and .1 sec tail
 (b) 2 hour delay nose plug
Tactics: Type of bombing: Glide
 Loading:
 (a) 4a/c 1x500#GP
 (b) 4a/c 1x500#GP
Release Altitude: 1800'

Comments: No photos taken

1. Ngatpange N oil dump section, 2x1x500# - 2 hits
2. Mizuho Village - 2x1x500# - 2 hits
3. Radio station, Ngatpang, 2x1x500# GP - 2 hits
4. Pier on N. side of Gamliangel Bay - 2x1x500# - 2 hits

The oil dump, Mizuho Village and Radio Station targets will require photographic evaluation.

The pier at Gamliangel Bay, of stone, cement and fill was definitely breached and rendered unservicable, by the the .1 sec. delay bomb

Each section leader carried a .1 delay bomb and his wingman, a 2 hour delayed bomb. Releases were made sufficiently high to allow for certain arming (above 1500'). Long interval was used in order to prevent detonation of the 2 hour bomb by the first explosion.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 58828

CincPac R/S No.: 01383

Unit Reporting: VMF-114

ACA Rpt. No.: 4-45
Other reference:

Based at: Peleliu

Take off Data: 4 Jan. 1945

Mission: Bombing power plant section west of Ngatpang Village

Target Bombed: Bldg area near power plant, 8x1x500# - 8 hits

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 8 Planes: No.: 8

Type: 500#GP

Type: FG-1

Fuzing: Inst. Nose,
Non delay tail

Loading: 1x500# GP

Tactics: Type of bombing:

Dive

Release Altitude: 1200'

Comments: No photos taken

This dive bombing attack was hampered by a very intense barrage of enemy AA fire, most of which came from positions approximately 800 yards west of the target area. During the dives, and upon retirement two planes were hit by medium and light AA. Heavy AA came close in. Major Conger's left wing hole indicated explosive type of 40 mm fire or larger. After making a strafing run on Ngatpang village to the east, all eight planes returned home. Several fires were started but in view of AA activity the exact damage could not be estimated.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 58818

CincPac R/S No.: 01517

Unit Reporting: VMF-122

ACA Rpt. No.: 3
Other reference:

Based at: Peleliu

Take off Data: 9 Jan. 1945

Mission: Bomb storage tank and freighter - Malakal

Target Bombed:

Bombs: No. dropped on target:

Planes: No.: 8

Type: a/500# GP
b/1000# SAP

Type: F4U-1D

Fuzing: a/ .1 Nose, .1 Tail
b/ 4-5 sec delay tail

Loading:
4a/c - 2x500# GP
4a/c - 2x1000#SAP

Tactics: Type of bombing:
Steep glide and dive

Release Altitude:

Comments: 1125' - 1325'

Major Reinburg's Division equipped with the 1000 pound ASPs struck the first target. Although six of the eight bombs released are reported to have struck the target, there were no immediately visible results. Mjr. Reinburg noted a twin concussion about five seconds after his release but unable to see anything he attributed this to the A/A. The initial reaction was that all of the bombs were duds.....It is now believed that with the 4-5 second delay fusing the bombs penetrated the ground to such an extent that no sizable explosion would be visible. This is corroborated by the reports of a subsequent flight to the effect that several small craters of freshly turned earth are apparent at the target area. The extent of the damage.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 58210

CincPac R/S No.: 1187

Unit Reporting: VNBF-331

ACA Rpt. No.: 197

Other reference:

Based at: Majuro Atoll

Take off Data: 8 Jan 1945

Mission: Dive-bomb bldg and bivouac area, Mille I., Mille Atoll

Target Bombed: Building & bivouac Area, 14-1000# Demo, 27-500# GP, 37
(undetermined damage) hits

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 41 Planes: No.: 14

Type: 1000# Demo ; 500# GP

Type: 13- F4U-1D

1- F47-1D (also photo

Fuzing: 1000# Demo: .01 delay nose & Tail

500#GP: .1 delay tail only

Loading:

1- 1000# Demo

2- 500# GP

Tactics: Type of bombing: Dive

Release Altitude: 3300'

Comments: Photos taken. Due to pilot error the target area was not covered on the photo run.

Forty (40) of the expended bombs hit the target island and thirty-seven (37) struck the target area.

Inasmuch as none of the squadrons planes are as yet equipped for selective arming of bombs all 1000# Demo bombs were armed electrically both nose and tail and all 500# GP bombs with the exception of the one hung bomb were armed electrically tail only before being released.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56854 CE RS: 24823 CincPac R/S No.: 0241

Unit Reporting: UMB-423

ACA Rpt. No.: 165
Other reference:

Based at: Green Island

Take off Data: 17-23 Dec. 1944

Mission: Low level bombing and strafing raids over New Ireland

Target Bombed: Borpop, New Ireland - 16x500#GP - 6x260 Frag. Clust.
Namatanai, N.I. - 36x120 Parafrags

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 58 Planes: No. 5

(a) 500# GP
Type: (b) Frag Clusters

Type: PBJ-1

Fuzing: (a) AN-M-116
(b) AN-M-110A1

Loading:

Tactics: Type of bombing:

11/17/44 3a/c 6x500# GP
1a/c 4x500# GP
1a/c 12x260 Frag. Clust.

Release Altitude: 100 and
10,000'

Comments:

120 Fuze 0 2a/c 12x120 Parafrags
120 Fz 11/23/44 2a/c 6x120 Parafrags
AN-M-110A1 1a/c 6x260 Frag Clust.

No photos taken

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56348 CE RS: 24349 CincPac R/S No.: 56348

Unit Reporting: VMF-217

ACA Rpt. No.: 15

Other reference:

Based at: Orote Field, Guam, Mi

Take off Data: 1 Dec. 1944

Mission: Reconnaissance and Bombing of Pagan Isl.

Target Bombed: Bombs were released over area adjacent to A/F - 4 fires
started.

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 4 Planes: No.: 4

Type: 100# GP

Type: F4U-1

Fuzing: Instan. nose

Loading: 1x100# GP

Tactics: Type of bombing:

Release Altitude: 500'

Comments: No photos taken

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56348 CE RS 24349 CincPac R/S No.: 56348

Unit Reporting: VMF-217 ACA Rpt. No.: 16
Other reference:

Based at: Orote Field, Guam, M.I.

Take off Data: 5 Dec. 1944

Mission: Bombing of North Taxi-way, Pagan Is.

Target Bombed: Pagan A/F ^{hits-} / 15 for all planes -25x1000#GP

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 25 Planes: No.: 19

Type: 1000# GP

Type: (a) 13 F4U-1
(b) 6 F4U-1D

Fuzing: (a) 0.1 sec. delay tail

Loading:

Tactics: Type of bombing: (b) Nose 0.1 - Tail 0.1 delay

(a) 1x1000# GP
(b) 2x1000# GP

Release Altitude: 3000'

Comments: No photos taken

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56348 CE RS:24348 CincPac R/S No.: 56348

Unit Reporting: VMF-217

ACA Rpt. No.: 17
Other reference:

Based at: Orote Field, Guam, M.I.

Take off Data: 5 Dec. 1944

Mission: Bombing of Rota Is. Marianas Is.

Target Bombed: Teteto village gun position, 7 hits,

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 15 Planes: No.: 15

Type: 100# GP

Type: F4U-1

Fuzing: Instan nose fuze

Loading: 1x100# GP

Tactics: Type of bombing:

Release Altitude: 4000'

Comments: No photos taken

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: **59026 CE 25777** CincPac R/S No.: **1691**

Unit Reporting: **VMSB-245** ACA Rpt. No.: **178**
Other reference:

Based at: **Majuro Atoll**

Take off Data: **11 Jan. 1945**

Mission: **Dive bomb C.D. gun, Pigeeyatto Is., Maloelap Atoll**

Target Bombed:

Bombs: No. dropped on target: Planes: No.: **12**

Type: (a) **500#GP** Type: **SBD-6**
(b) **250#GP**

Fuzing: (a) **Nose .01 Sec, Tail .01 sec** Loading: **1x500#GP**
(b) **Tail .1 sec.** **2x250# GP**

Tactics: Type of bombing: **Dive.**

Release Altitude: **3000'**

Comments: **Photos taken VMBF 331**

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: **58661** CincPac R/S No.: **1410**
Unit Reporting **VMTB-232** ACA Rpt. No.: **15**
Other reference:
Based at: **Falalop Is., Ulithi Atoll**
Take off Data: **22 Dec. 1944**
Mission: **Bomb bridge between Yap and Gagil-Tonil Is.**
Target Bombed: **Bridge - 26x500# GP - 2 hits**
Bombs: No. dropped on target: **26** Planes: No.: **9**
Type: {a} 500# GP Type: {a} 1 TBF-1G
{b} 500# GP {b} TBM-1C 8
Fuzing: (a)&(b) - .025 tail, .1 nose Loading:
Tactics: Type of bombing: **Glide** (a) 4x500# GP
(b) 4x500# GP
Release Altitude: **6800'**
Comments: **No photos taken**

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56267 CE RS24282 CincPac R/S No.: 36160

Unit Reporting: VMF-114

ACA Rpt. No.: 35-44
Other reference:

Based at: Peleliu

Take off Data: 20 Dec. 1944

Mission: Bombing Strike at Babelthuap Is., (Palau)

Target Bombed: Radio Station Bldg. - 2x1000# GP

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 2 Planes: No.: 2

Type: 1000# GP

Type: FG-1

Fuzing: Nose plug. 4-5 sec. delay
tail

Loading: 1x1000# GP

Tactics: Type of bombing: Level

Release Altitude: 30 (?)

Comments:- No photos taken

This was a masthead bombing run, Lt. Johnson attacking from due north and Major Bastian from the south side on account of the rise in terrain from the other approaches. Dropping from 30 feet altitude, one bomb skipped to detonate beyond damaging radius of the cement structure, the other, going directly thru the south wall of the building but causing only slight damage as detonation did not take place.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56268 CE RS 24283 CincPac R/S No.: 36159

Unit Reporting: VMTB-232

ACA Rpt. No.: 15

Other reference:

Based at: FALALOP IS., ULITHI ATOLL

Take off Data: 22 Dec. 1944

Mission: Bomb bridge between Yap and Gagil-Tomil Is.

Target Bombed: Bridge 26x500# GP - (2 hits 30' east end of bridge. Hits
in road leading NW from bridge

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 26 Planes: No.: 9

Type: 500# GP

Type: TBF-1C

Fuzing: .025 Tail - .1 nose

Loading: 4x500# GP

Tactics: Type of bombing: Glide

Release Altitude: 6800'

Comments:-

No photos taken.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56755 CE RS24436 CincPac R/S No.: 56755

Unit Reporting: VMF-113

ACA Rpt. No.: 65
Other reference:

Based at: Engebi Is., Eniwetok Atoll

Take off Data: 27 Dec. 1944

"Mission:" Dive bomb Ponape Island

Target Bombed:(1)Langar Island (2) Targets of opp. Langar Is. *

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 23 Planes: No.: 12

Type: 500# GP

Type: F4U-1D

Fuzing: Nose .1 - Tail .025

Loading: 2x500#GP

Tactics: Type of bombing: Dive

Release Altitude: 2500'

Comments:-

*1. Langar Island: Visibility was poor and of the 23 bombs released, only 22 bombs were seen to explode. Of these only 6 bombs hit the island with no damage

* 2. Four planes strafed various targets of opportunity on and around Langar Island. Several buildings were hit and several boats (small) were strafed with no damage being observed.

No photos taken

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56754 CE RS24435 CincPac R/S No.: 56754
Unit Reporting: VMBF-231 ACA Rpt. No.: 205
Other reference:
Based at: Majuro Atoll
Take off Data: 29 Dec. 1944
Mission: Dive-bomb A-6 and D-1, Taroa Is., Maloelap
Target Bombed: (See under comments)
Bombs: No. dropped on target: 60 Planes: No.: 20 (1 photo plane)
Type: (a) 1000# Demolition Type: F4U-1D
(b) 500# GP
Fuzing: (a) Demo. .01 sec nose and tail Loading: 1x1000# Demo.
(b) .1 sec Tail only 2x500# GP
Tactics: Type of bombing: Dive (AN-Mk8)
Release Altitude: 3000'

Comments:-

Target Data: Block house, A-6 as shown on ComShoreBased AirForce, MarG11
Area Target Analysis No.20. (12x1000# Dem. 24x500# GP)
Magazine, D-1 as shown on Com ShreoBased Air Force MarG11
Area Target Analysis No. 20 / (8x1000# Dem., 16x500#GP)

Of the 36 bombs dropped on target A-6, blockhouse north of the north of the northeast turning circle, 21 landed within the target area, of these, 3 bombs landed 20 to 30 feet west of the target, 3 landed 50 feet northeast of the target, 6 fell 75 to 150 feet south of the target, 6 landed 125 to 175 feet southwest of the target, and 3 landed 200 feet northwest of the target. Of the bombs falling outside of this target area 3 landed in the water 250 to 300 feet northeast of the target, 6 landed 300 feet southeast of the target, 3 landed 225 feet west of the target and 3 landed on the turning circle 450 feet southeast of the target.

Of the 24 bombs dropped on target D-1, magazine east of southwest turning circle, 9 fell in the target area. Of these 3 landed 25 to 50 feet southwest of the target, 3 landed 75 feet west of the target and 3 175 feet northeast of the target. Of these bombs landing outside this target area 6 landed 275 to 350 feet southwest of the target, 3 landed 350 feet west of the target, 3 landed 600 feet northwest of the target and 2 landed 250 feet north of the target.

Photos were taken - Photo and negatives delivered to AirBaseCom, Majuro Atoll.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 56547 CE RS 244215 CincPac R/S No.: 56547

Unit Reporting: VMF-224

ACA Rpt. No.: 121
Other reference:

Based at: Dyess Field, Roi Island

Take off Data: 26 Dec. 1944

Mission: Dive bomb blockhouse, C3 on Taroa Isl, Maloelap Atoll

Target Bombed:

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 40 Planes: No.: 20 (18 attacking)

Type: 500# GP

Type: 7 F4U-1A and (a)
11 F4U-1D (b)

Fuzing: Nose None, Tail .01 sec delay Loading:

Tactics: Type of bombing: Dive (Mk8)

(a) 1x500# GP
(b) 3x500# GP

Release Altitude: 3000'

Comments:- Photos taken

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57482

CincPac R/S No.: 0891

Unit Reporting: VMF-114

ACA Rpt. No.: 37-44
Other reference:

Based at: Peleliu

Take off Data: 27 Dec. 1944

Mission: Bombing

Target Bombed: Radar Station - 4x1x500# Bombs - 4 Napalm Bombs

7 hits, - destroyed
Bombs: No. dropped on target: 8 Planes: No.: 8

Type: 500#GP
Napalm filled bombs

Type: FG-1

Fuzing: Inst. Fuze, nondelay tail

Loading: 4x1x500#GP
4x1x Napalm filled
belly tank

Tactics: Type of bombing: Glide and dive

Release Altitude: Bombs - 1500'
Napalm 900'

Comments:

Photos taken

Capt. Porter's division bombed the gray building reported to house the radar installation atop Makeruru Mt., Babelthuap Island. Runs were made individually in a general east to west direction in order to retire out over the west coast of the island. From 5000' three pilots dove at almost 60° to release at about 800 ft. above the target (785 Ft. above sea level). The fourth glided in at about 50° in order to get a better position. The Napalm bombers glided with full flaps to 150 ft. above the target and got good accuracy as a result. The chief hazard was light AA from a hitherto unknown position on the eastern slope of Erusumu Mt. (TX699-082). On the return trip, light and heavy AA was active at Ngatpag Village from the section of gutted houses, recently bombed.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57824

CincPac R/S No.: 945

Unit Reporting: VMF-224

ACA Rpt. No.: 115
Other reference:

Based at Dyess Field, Roi Is.

Take off Data: 24 Nov. 1944

Mission: 1. Dive bomb A/W on Taroa Is., Maloelap Atoll
2. Low level attack on magazine, C-3

Target Bombed: 1. A/W's area below elbow pier - 9x2000, 2x500# GPs, 4 hits
2. Magazine, 4x1000#GP - no hits

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 15 Planes: No.: 20

Type: (a) 2000# GP
(b) 1000# GP
(c) 500# GP

Type: ~~xxx~~
F4U-1D

Fuzing: (a) Tail non delay; (b) Tail

Loading:

Tactics: 4-5 sec delay; (c) .01 sec delay nose
Type of bombing: Dive and low level and tail
Release Altitude: 3500'

9a/c 1x2000# GP
4a/c 1x1000# GP
2a/c 1x500# GP

Comments: Photos taken

...The mission for today was to dive bomb the A/A areas on Taroa Island, Maloelap Atoll in conjunction with a low level attack by one division on the magazine C-3. Five bomb release abortives on this strike. (See sheet 5). Nine 2000 lb. GP's, four 1000 lb. GP's and two 500 lb. GP's were used against these targets.

.....Releases from 3000', pullouts over the lagoon to the west with angles of dives from 60° to 70°. The third division made their low level attack from east to west. One bomb impact was observed twenty feet south of the magazine, two unobserved and the fourth bomb explosion was observed in the lagoon. Damage to A/A areas was undetermined. The magazine C-3 was not hit by rendezvous was northwest of Ollot Island, Maloelap Atoll at 8000'.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57170 CE RS 25000 CincPac R/S No.: 0340

Unit Reporting: VMF-217

ACA Rpt. No.: 19
Other reference:

Based at: Orote Field, Guam, M.I.

Take off Data: 9 Dec. 1944

Mission: Bombing of Pagan Isl., Marianas Islands.

Target Bombed: Pagan A/F - 25 1000# GP's

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 25 Planes: No.: 19

Type: 1000# G.P.

Type: (a) 13 F4U-1
(b) 6 F4U-1D

Fuzing: AN-M102A2 0.1 sec. delay
nose

Loading:
(a) 1x1000# GP
(b) 2x1000#GP

Tactics: Type of bombing: Dive

Release Altitude: 3000' - approach from 10,000' - pullouts
at 2000'

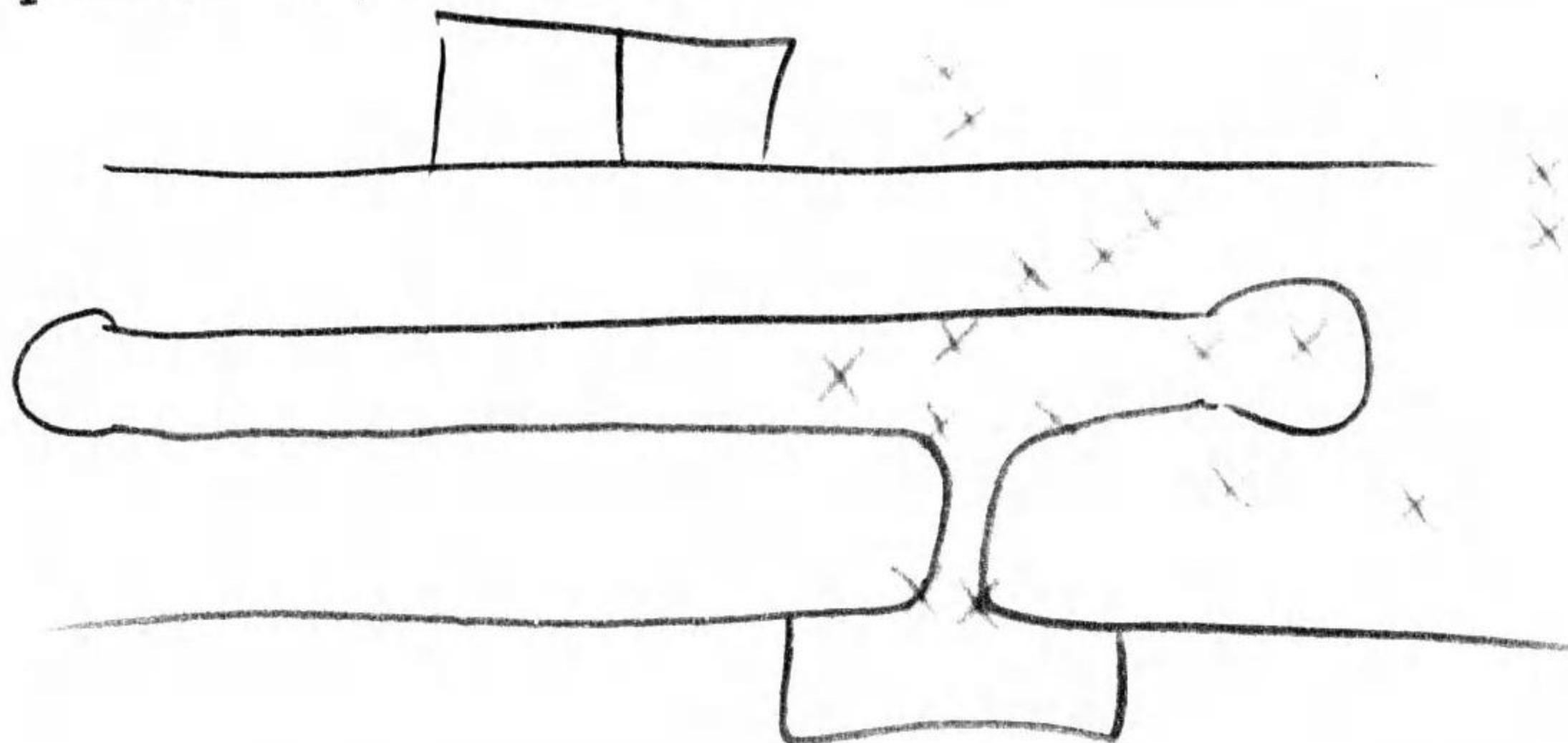
Comments:-

No photos were taken

Three bombs exploded on the north taxi-way; six exploded on the runway; two exploded in the revetment area; five bomb explosions were unobserved; and seven bombs exploded in the area adjacent to the target. Two bombs were brought back to the base when they failed to release. One plane failed to take off because of a flat tire.

A meager amount of inaccurate automatic anti-aircraft fire was encountered at (106.4-509.9) but no other enemy activity was observed. A 20 mm. gun was observed in an emplacement at (105.7-510-5). Pilots also observed what may be an underground shelter at (110-508).

The altitude of approach was 10,000 feet; release was 3,000 feet and the pullout 2,000 feet.



TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57170 CE RS 25000 CincPac R/S No.: 0340

Unit Reporting: VMF-217

ACA Rpt. No.: 20
Other reference:

Based at: Orote Field, Guam, M.I.

Take off Data: 11 Dec. 1944

Mission: Bombing of Pagan Is., Marianas Is.

Target Bombed: Pagan A/F - 18x1000# GP - 328 rds of 50 cal.

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 18 Planes: No.: 14

Type: 1000# GP

Type: {a} 10 F4U-1
 {b} 4 F4U-1D

Fuzing: AN-M102A2 0.1 sec. delay
 tail

Loading: 1x1000# GP

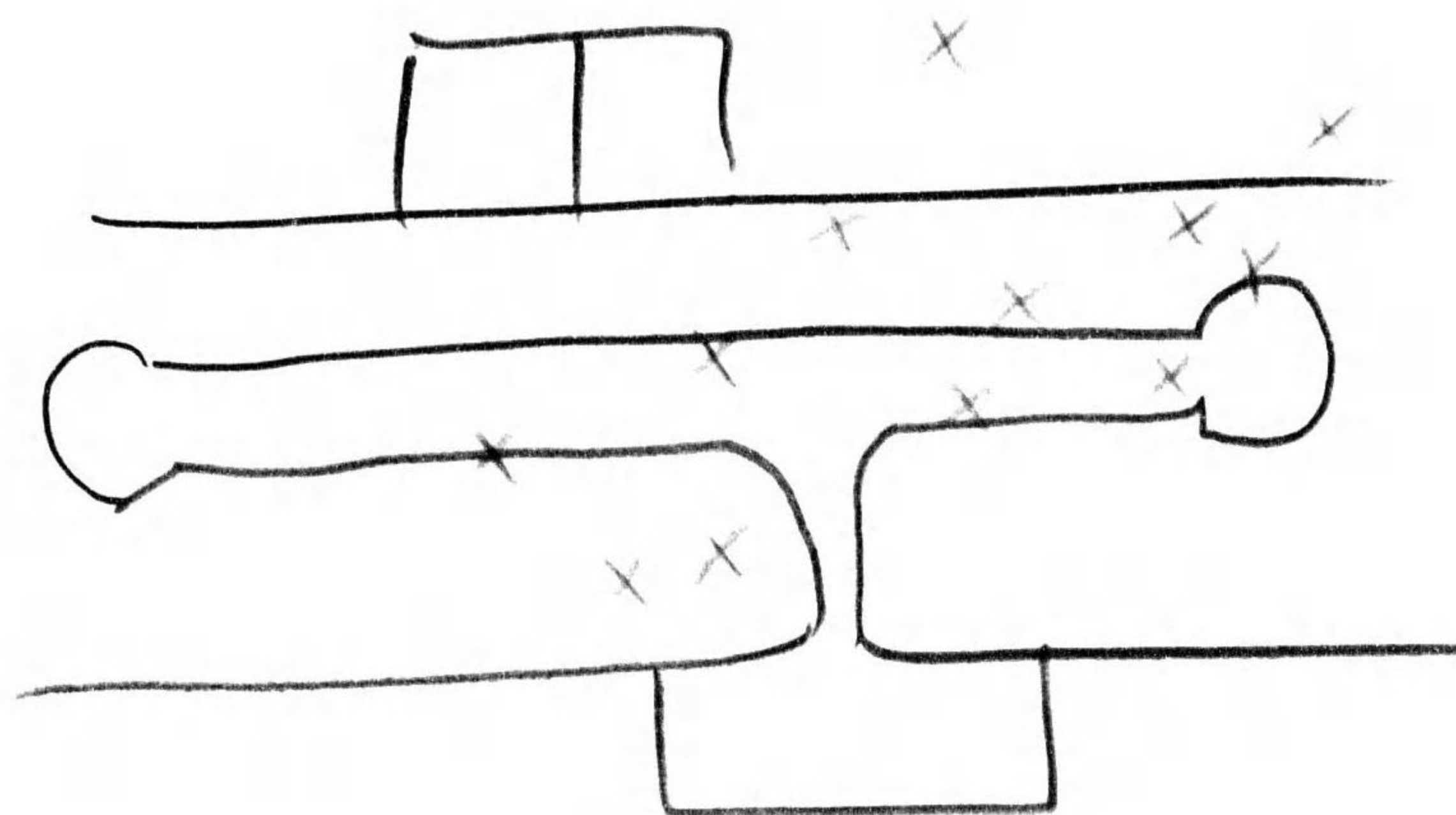
Tactics: Type of bombing: Dive

Release Altitude: ?

Comments:- No photos taken

Four bombs exploded on the north taxi-way; four exploded on the runway; two exploded on the south taxi-way; two exploded in the revetment area and three bombs hits were unobserved. Three bombs had to be jettisoned over the sea when they failed to release over the target area.

Meager and inaccurate anti-aircraft fire was received from a 40 mm position at (106.4-511-9). No other enemy activity was observed.



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TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 58103

CincPac R/S No.: 1080

Unit Reporting: VMSB-245

ACA Rpt. No.: 162
Other reference:

Based at: Majuro Atoll

Take off Data: 27 Dec. 1944

Mission: Dive bomb Bivouac Area, Mille Isl., Atoll

Target Bombed: 1. Bivouac Area - 12x500# GP - 8 hits
2. C-2, ComAirFwd, P.I.R., 32 - 2x250# GP - 16 hits

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 35 Planes: No.: 12

Type: {a} 500# GP
{b} 250# GP

Type: SBD-6

Fuzing: (a)&(b) Tail . Sec. delay

Loading:

1x500# GP
2x250# GP

Tactics: Type of bombing: Dive

Release Altitude: 3000'

Comments: Photos taken, VMBF-311 (did not cover target area tho)

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57485

CincPac R/S No.: 0688

Unit Reporting VPB-111

ACA Rpt. No.: 3
Other reference:

Based at: Tinian (West Field)

Take off Data: 29 Dec. 1944

Mission: Routine Patrol

Target Bombed:

Bombs: No. dropped on target:

Planes: No.: 1

Type:

Type: PB4Y-1

Fuzing: 4-5 sec. delay, AN-M57

Loading: 3x250# AN-M115

Tactics: Type of bombing: Steep glide

Release Altitude: 200'

Comments: Photos taken

....three bombs in train spaced at 50 feet between bombs at an altitude of 200 feet and 180 knots indicated air speed. The bombs were observed to go over the target, the nearest hit being about 70 feet ahead of the bow.

COMMENT ON TACTICS-

Lieutenant FEY on his first contact with an enemy craft was over eager and consequently missed with his string of bombs. He later stated that a more deliberate attack, dropping single bombs would have been more effective against this unarmed vessel. This is concurred with.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57485

CincPac R/S No.: 0688

Unit Reporting VPB-111

ACA Rpt. No.: 4
Other reference:

Based at: TINIAN (WEST FIELD)

Take off Data: 29 Dec. 1944

Mission: Routine patrol

Target Bombed:

Bombs: No. dropped on target:

Planes: No.: 1

Type:

Type: PB4Y-1

Fuzing: 4-5 sec delay AN-M115 tail Loading: 3x250# AN-M57

Tactics: Type of bombing:

Release Altitude:

Comments:

.....Both bow and deck turrets opened fire on the target in the harbor ~~xxxxxxx~~ at extreme range and continued to strafe during the entire bombing run. Three bombs were dropped by seamans eye, with an intervalometer setting of 60 feet, while in a glide. The altitude at release was 150 feet. The bombs were observed to strike the water in a line exactly even with the bow of the target vessel, the first striking 65 feet short, the second 5 feet short and the third 55 feet over. Upon striking the water, the under-water track of the bombs took then slightly away from the target; they detenat d ~~xxxxxx~~ approximately four seconds after release. The detenations were seen to straddle the bow of the target vessel which broke apart and sank.

Pictures of the detenation of the bombs dropped during this attack indicate a column of water 400 feet high. This excellent blast came effect is believed to have been caused by the shallow water where the bombs hit.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57898

CincPac R/S No.: 36232

Unit Reporting: VPB-71

ACA Rpt. No.: 4
Other reference:

Based at: Morotai NEI

Take off Data: 29 Nov. 1944

Mission: Black Cat anti-shipping patrol

Target Bombed: AO - small, 6x250# Gp, 140 rds. - no hits

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 6? Planes: No.: 1

Type: 250# GP

Type: PBX-5A

Fuzing: 4-5 sec. delay

Loading: ~~4x250#~~ GP

Tactics: Type of bombing:

Glide

4x250#GP

Release Altitude: 100'

Comments:

Two bombing runs were made from bow to stern and three bombs dropped on each run. All overshoot with nearest landing in the water about 25 feet from the target.

Five strafing runs were then made and the ship raked with machine gun fire. The tracers could be seen bouncing off the steel deck. No fires were started.

There was no anti-aircraft fire from the ship or from shore positions at any time.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57898

CincPac R/S No.: 36232

Unit Reporting: VPB-71

ACA Rpt. No.: 3
Other reference:

Based at: Morotai, NEI

Take off Data: 28 Nov. 1944

Mission: Black Cat Anti-shipping Patrol

Target Bombed:

Bombs: No. dropped on target:

Planes: No.: 1

Type:

Type: PBY-5A

Fuzing: 4-5 sec. delay

Loading:

6x250# GP

Tactics: Type of bombing:

Release Altitude:

Comments:

Malfunction of bomb release mechanism was due to an electrical failure which has subsequently been remedied.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57898

CincPac R/S No.: 36232

Unit Reporting: VPB-71

ACA Rpt. No.:
Other reference: 2

Based at: Morotai NEI

Take off Data: 27 Nov. 1944

Mission: Black Cat anti-shipping patrol

Target Bombed: AK, Sugar Charlie - 6x250# - 3 hits

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 6

Planes: No.: 1

Type: 250#GP

Type: PBV-5A

Fuzing: 4-5 sec delay

Loading: 6x250# GP

Tactics: Type of bombing: Glide

Release Altitude: 200'

Comments: No photo coverage

...Strafed the ship with four wing guns (.50 cal) and the twin .30 calibre machine guns in the bow.

The fourth run was made from the starboard quarter. Strafed with the bow .30 calibres and dropped a second stick of three 250-pound bombs one of which was short and the remaining two hit on the superstructure aft.

The plane then made five more runs to strafe and observe the damage. Fires could be seen in the hold and black smoke rose to a height of 500 feet. When last seen the ship was down by the stern.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57894

CincPac R/S No.: 0279

Unit Reporting: AG-20

ACA Rpt. No.: 146
Other reference:

Based at: USSLEXINGTON

Take off Data: 16 Dec. 1944

Mission: Fighter sweep over Clark field area, Luzon

Target Bombed: See comments

Bombs: No. dropped on target: see comments
Planes: No.: 8

Type: see comments

Type: F6F-5

Fuzing: a - 4-5 sec delay
b - Inst.

Loading:

Tactics: Type of bombing:
Glide

a - 4a/c 500# GP
b - 4e/c 6x5" rockets

Release Altitude:
2500'

Comments:

1. Parked A/C Runway E. of Dau Junction - 4x500# GP, 24 rkts. 1020x.50
2 hits
2. Parked A/C , Angeles #34 - 1000 x .50 cal

1. Two runs were made on 10-15 planes parked in the dispersal area along the north edge of the runway. One single engine plane was ~~damaged~~ destroyed by a direct bomb hit and an unidentified plane was blown up with rockets.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57894

CincPac R/S No.: 0279

Unit Reporting: AG-20

ACA Rpt. No.: 145
Other reference:

Based at: USS LEXINGTON

Take off Data: 16 Dec. 1944

Mission: Fighter sweep over Clark Field, Area, Luzon

Target Bombed: see comments

Bombs: No. dropped on target: see comments
Planes: No.: 8

Type: see comments

Type: F6F-5

Fuzing: 500# GP, AN-M 101 A-2, Inst. Loading:
Rockets p Inst.

(a) 3a/c 500# GP
3a/c 6 rockets

Tactics: Type of bombing:
Glide

Release Altitude:
2000'

Comments:

1. Clark #2 (39) Dispersal area - 1x500# GP 1 hit
 2. 6 rockets
500 rounds .50 cal
~~12x rockets~~
 3. Dau, Along edge of strip - 12 rockets, 2000 rds .50 cal.
- Dau, AA positions, W of field - 2x500#GP, 500 rds, .50 cal,

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57894

CincPac R/S No.: 0279

Unit Reporting: AG-20

ACA Rpt. No.: 144
Other reference:

Based at: USS LEXINGTON

Take off Data: 16 Dec. 1944

Mission: Attack A/C Clark Field Area, Luzon, P.I.

Target Bombed:

Bombs: No. dropped on target:

Planes: No.: 18

Type:

Type: (a) 8 F6?F-5
(b) 5 SB2C-3
(c) 5 TBM-1C

Fuzing: (a) Inst. (b) Nose Inst./Tail Loading:

N-D; and tail N-D/ (c) Tail N-D
Tactics: Type of bombing:
Dive and Glide

(a) 4a/c 500# GP
4a/c 6-5" rockets
(b) 2x500# GP
2x250# GP
(c) 10x100# GP

Release Altitude:

Comments: 2500/4000

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57894

CincPac R/S No.: 0279

Unit Reporting: AG-20

ACA Rpt. No.: 143
Other reference:

Based at: USS LEXINGTON

Take off Data: 16 Dec. 1944

Mission: Attack A/C and Installations, Clark Field, Luzon, P.I.

Target Bombed:

Bombs: No. dropped on target:

Planes: No.: 24

Type:

Type: (a) 11 F6F-5
(b) 7 SB2C-3
(c) 6 TBM-1C

Fuzing:

Loading:
(a) 1a/c 4-5" Rockets

Tactics: Type of bombing:

3a/c 500#

(a) Inst. (b) Nos. Inst/Tail N-D, and Tail
Release Altitude: N-D,

2a/c 350# #DC

5a/c 6-5" Rockets

(c) Tail, N-D (b) 2x500# GP

2x250# GP

Comments:

(c) 10x100# GP

VF Account: Commander Smith led 10 planes over the target in successful bombing and strafing run on the Clark Field area. The primary mission was patrol, but no enemy planes were found in the air.

VT-20 Comment: - Fifteen (15) bombs failed to release; all ten bombs on one plane hung up and were jettisoned over the water, and one bomb on another would not jettison and had to be brought back aboard.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57894

CincPac R/S No.: 0279

Unit Reporting: AG-20

ACA Rpt. No.: 142
Other reference:

Based at: USS LEXINGTON

Take off Data: 16 Dec. 1944

Mission: Fighter sweep over Clark field area, Lu on

Target Bombed:

Bombs: No. dropped on target:

Planes: No.: 8 (2 photos planes
coverage only)

Type:

Type: F6F-5

Fuzing: Fuze MK 219 Instant.

Loading: 1a/c 350# DC
1a/c 6x5" rockets

Tactics: Type of bombing: None

Release Altitude: None

Comments:

Halfway in from the coast Comdr Gray found that his belly tank had been hit and turned back with all but 2 of the planes.

.....photographic planes with escort, flew to the Clark Field area where they obtained photographic coverage, then returned to base. No AA was encountered over the airfields.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57894
Unit Reporting: ^{AG-20}USS LEXINGTON
Based at: USS LEXINGTON

CincPac R/S No.: 0279
ACA Rpt. No.: 140
Other reference:

Take off Data: 15 Dec. 1944

Mission: Attack A/C at Clark Field Area, Luzon

Target Bombed: 1. Parked A/C Malalacat #45 - 2x350#DC, - 16 rockets
2. " " Damban #37 - 690 x .50 cal.

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 2 Planes: No.: 5

Type: 350# DC, and rockets

Type: F6Fp5

Fuzing: Nose MK 219 Inst.

Loading: 2a/c 350# DC AN-N 47
3a/c 6x5" Rkts

Tactics: Type of bombing: Glide

Release Altitude: 3300'

Comments:

1. The two depth charges hit near parked planes but no damage was observed. One silver Topsy was damaged by rockets

2. Several planes were hit by .50 calibre but failed to burn.

....AA fire was surprisingly meagre, probably because there were too few planes to justify a heavier concentration of fire. No planes were damaged by AA fire.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57894

CincPac R/S No.: 0279

Unit Reporting: AG-20

ACA Rpt. No.: 139
Other reference:

Based at: USS LEXINGTON

Take off Data: 15 Dec. 1944

Mission: Fighter sweep over Clark Field

Target Bombed:

Bombs: No. dropped on target:

Planes: No.: 9

Type: (a) 350# D/C

Type: F6F-5

(b) Rockets

Fuzing: (a) Nose, MK 219 inst.

Loading:

(b) Inst.

5a/c x 350# D/C, AN-N-47

Tactics: Type of bombing:

1a/c carried 6 rockets

Glide

Release Altitude:

3000'

Comments:

The target of attacking planes was principally planes and AA between Clark Field #2 and #1. After the runs had been made several fires were seen burning along the runways. No accurate assessment of damage is possible.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57894

CincPac R/S No.: 0279

Unit Reporting: AG-20

ACA Rpt. No.: 138

Other reference:

Based at: USS LEXINGTON

Take off Data: 15 Dec. 1944

Mission: Attack A/C - Clark Field Area, Luzon, P.Is.

Target Bombed: see comments

Bombs: No. dropped on target: see comments
Planes: No.: 21

Type: see comments and loading

(a) 8 F6F-5
(b) 7 SB2C-3
(c) 8 TBM-1C

Fuzing: (a) Instant. (b) Nose; Inst. Tail Loading:

N-D; Tail N-D; (c) Tail N-D

(a) 4a/c 500# GP
4a/c 6-5" Rockets

Tactics: Type of bombing:
Dive and Glide

(b) 2x500# GP

Release Altitude:

2x250# GP

VB, VT 3000' - 4500'

(c) 10x100# GP

Comments:

VF- 5000'

1. AA position S. of Clark #1 (38) - 2x500#GP, 500x.50 cal. 1 hit
2. AA position N of Clark #1 (38) - 1x500#GP, 6 rkts, 800x.50,
3. AA position N E of Clark #2 (39) - 1x500#, 6 rkts, 500x.50, 2 hits
4. Bldgs at Dau Junction - 1x500#GP, 6 rkts, 800x.50 - 2 hits
5. Wooded area NW of 39 Clark, 8x500#GP, 12x250#GP, 36x100#GP, 440 rds .20mm - all in area
6. AA positions S of 39 Clark - 5x100#GP

1. One bomb landed in the center of the AA position, temporarily silencing the fire.
3. At least 2 rockets were seen to hit among the AA guns but results were unobserved.
4. A building at Dau Junction, just east of Clark (39) was hit with two rockets but no damage was visible.
5. Previous photo coverage indicated many planes were camouflaged and dispersed among the trees. A large fire was started in the eastern edge of the woods, which emitted heavy clouds of dense black smoke. 40-50 planes, mostly single engine, were observed in this area, but several pilots reported that many did not appear too operational.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57894

CincPac R/S No.: 0279

Unit Reporting: AG-20

ACA Rpt. No.: 137
Other reference:

Based at: USS LEXINGTON

Take off Data: 15 Dec. 1944

Mission: Destroy A/C, Clark Field, Luzon, P.I.

Target Bombed: See comments

Bombs: No. dropped on target: See
Comments

Planes: No.: 26

Type: see loading

(a) 8 SB2C-3
(b) 11 F6F-5
(c) 7 TBM-1c

Fuzing: 500# - Nose Inst/Tail N-D

Loading:

Tactics: Type of bombing:
Dive and glide

(b) 6a/c 500#GP
5a/c 6x5" rockets

Release Altitude: VF- 2500'

(a) 2x500#GP
2x500#GP

VB 3000'-5000'

(c) 10x100# GP

Comments:

VT 4000'

1. Group of trees and underbrush immediately N of 39 Clark, 14x250#, 36x100#, 12x500# - all hits in area.
2. Runway, Clark 39 - 3x100# - all hits in area.
3. Revetment area N of 38 Clark - 4x100#GP - 4 hits
4. 2 Large bldgs. E. edge Ft. Stotsenburg, 10x100#GP - 4 hits
5. AA Instal. E. end of Clark #39 - 2x500#, 6 rkts, 500x.50,
6. AA Instal. W end of Clark #39 - 2x500#GP, 6rkts, 500 x .50
7. A/C S. of Clark Field #40, 6 rkts, 1x500# GP
8. Bldgs N. of Clark #39 - 1x500# - 1 hit

*For designation of Fields see CTF 39.0p Order #4-44

1. Photos taken previously indicated many planes camouflaged and dispersed among trees in this area. The area was well saturated with bombs but it is impossible to ascertain definitely damage inflicted.
4. Located and identified by the pilot in a photograph in the area designated "Officer's Quarters"
5. The bomb and rocket results were not observed but the position was temporarily silenced by strafing.
8. One unidentified building collapsed as the result of a direct hit.

VB: The area assigned was trees and underbrush between Clark No. 1 and Clark No. 2. It is assumed that the area between Clark Field 1 and Clark Field 2 was well covered with 100's, 250's and 500 lb. bombs. Two large fires were started.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57894

CincPac R/S No.: 0279

Unit Reporting: AG-20

ACA Rpt. No.: 136
Other reference:

Based at: USS LEXINGTON

Take off Data: 15 Dec. 1944

Mission: Fighter Sweep over Clark Field, Luzon

Target Bombed: 1. Clark #3, AA Positions N. of Strip, 4x500# GP - 4 hits
2. Clark #3, revetment N of strip -700 rds. .50 cal.
3. Clark #2, Heavy AA E end of strip.

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 4 Planes: No.: 10

Type: 500# GP

Type: F6F-5

Fuzing: AN-M 101A2, No delay

Loading: 8a/c 500#GP

Tactics: Type of bombing: Glide

Release Altitude: 3000'

Comments: No photos taken

(1) Photos indicated several large 5" AA positions in the area of Clark #2. Results of bombing and strafing attacks were generally unobserved but pilots report guns ceased firing as runs were made.
(2) This was a similar target and the pilot here observed his bomb explode in the center of the position. Actual damage to the guns cannot be assessed.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57894

CincPac R/S No.: 0279

Unit Reporting: AG-20

ACA Rpt. No.: 134
Other reference:

Based at: USS LEXINGTON

Take off Data: 14 Dec. 1944

Mission: Fighter sweep over Clark Field, Luzon

Target Bombed:

Bombs: No. dropped on target:

Planes: No.: 11

Type:

Type: F6F-5

Fuzing:

Loading: 5x500# GP

AN-M 101-A2, No delay

5a/c 6 rockets each

Tactics: Type of bombing:

Glide

Release Altitude: 3500'

Comments:

At the East end of Clark #2 (39) is an area of trees in which photos reveal there are some aircraft dispersed, although their serviceability is open to question. In this attack the 4 bombs were dropped into the woods and rockets and .50 calibre fired. A large, black fire, visible for some distance, was the only result observed. It is not known if this was caused by fuel or by aircraft on fire.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57894

CincPac R/S No.: 0279

Unit Reporting: AG-20

ACA Rpt. No.: 133
Other reference:

Based at: USS LEXINGTON

Take off Data: 14 Dec. 1944

Mission: Fighter sweep over Clark Field Area, Luzon

Target Bombed:

Bombs: No. dropped on target:

Planes: No.: 12

Type:

Type: F6F-5

Fuzing: AN-M 101 A2, no delay

Loading:

3x500# GP

4x100# GP

3a/c carried 4 rockets
each

Tactics: Type of bombing:
Glide

Release Altitude: 2500/3000

Comments:

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57894

CincPac R/S No.: 0279

Unit Reporting: AG-20

ACA Rpt. No.: 132
Other reference:

Based at: USS LEXINGTON

Take off Data: 14 Dec. 1944

Mission: Fighter sweep over Clark Field area, Luzon

Target Bombed: Parked A/C Clark #39 - 2x500#GP, 600x50 Cal.- 1 hit

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 2 Planes: No.: 10

Type: 500# - 5" rockets

Type: F6F-5

Fuzing: AN-M 101 A2 No delay

Loading: 2x500# bombs;
AN-M64
2a/c 4x5" rockets

Tactics: Type of bombing:
Glide

Release Altitude:
2500'

Comments:

Three unidentified planes were left burning as a result of bombing and strafing. Two bombs burst in a clump of trees where planes were known to be hidden.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57894

CincPac R/S No.: 0279

Unit Reporting: AG-20

ACA Rpt. No.: 130

Other reference:

Based at: USS LEXINGTON

Take off Data: 14 Dec. 1944

Mission: Fightersweep over Clark Field Area, Luzon

Target Bombed: 1. Parked A/C, Clark #39 - 4x500, 4x1000#GPs, 4x5" rockets
2. " " Nabalacat #45, 8x5" Rockets, 800x.50 cal.
3. " " Bamban #37 - 800x.50 cal.

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 8 Planes: No.: 14 (12 attacking)
12 rockets

Type: (a) 500#GP
(b) 1000#GP

Type: (a) F6F-5 1
(b) F6F-5 11

Fuzing: (a) AN-M, 101 A-2 no delay
(b) AN-M 101 A-2 No delay

Loading: (a) 1x500#GP
(b) 6x500#GP
5x1000#GP

Tactics: Type of bombing:
Glide

Release Altitude: 2500'

Comments:

1. All bombs landed in dispersal areas but since planes were well scattered, probably very few were damaged.

3&4 Several parked planes were hit with .50 calibre but none of them burned. They had apparently all been drained of fuel

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57916 CE 25369

CincPac R/S No.: 35

Unit Reporting: AG-18

ACA Rpt. No.: CAG 21
Other reference:

Based at: USS INTREPID

Take off Data: 13 Sept. 1944

Mission: Destroy aircraft Sarava and Tanza Fields, Negros, P.I.

Target Bombed: (see comments)

Bombs: No. dropped on target: see comments Planes: No.: 16

Type: (a) 1000#GP

(b) 250#GP

(c) 100#GP and Frags

Type: (a) 12 SB2C-3
(b) 6 TBM-1C

Fuzing: (a) .1 Nose; .01 Tail

(b) Non-delay Nose; .01 Tail, (c) ?

Tactics: Type of bombing: Dive and Glide

Release Altitude:

VB -2500'

VT- 1200-2000'

Loading:

(a) 1x1000#GP

2x250#

(b) 4a/c 12x100#GP

2a/c 12x100#Frag

Comments:

1. A/C At Manapla - 2400x.50 cal. - many hits
2. Oil storage dump, 10x1000#GP, 20x250#GP - 1 hit
3. Tanza A/D R/W and Field, - 24x100# Frags, 36x100# GP, all in area
4. Planes on Ground - 340 .30 cal. 580 .50 cal.

#&\$. Field area did not present particularly worthwhile target, as previous strikes had worked over all parked planes and other targets in a thorough manner. On plane, finding no suitable point of aim, returned to Base with bomb load.

NOTE: Careful interrogation of pilots did not establish positively that field hit was Tanza A/D and NO photographs were taken from which orientation might be made. Consensus, however indicates Tanza as the A/D hit, although it may well be the same as Alicante.

AA was negligible so VB and VT strafed as well as bombed the field and adjacent storage tanks and buildings. There was no air opposition.

The proposition again presented itself that bombs are wasted against mediocre fields, on which the only worth while targets are parked aircraft. These are meat and drink for strafing fighters unhampered by responsibility of escorting bombers.

Japs camouflage aircraft parked in open by means of a netting which is stretched from trailing edge of wing back over tail. Pilots report this increases difficulty of detecting planes in strafing runs - and also deceives them by giving a false appearance of damage.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57916 CE 25369 CincPac R/S No.: 35
Unit Reporting: AG-18 ACA Rpt. No.: CAG 20
Based at: USS INTREPID Other reference:

Take off Data: 13 Sept. 1944

Mission: Hit airfields on northern Negros

Target Bombed: (see comments)

Bombs: No. dropped on target: see comments Planes: No.: 20

(a) 1000#GP

Type: (b) 100#GP

(c) 500#GP

Fuzing: (a) .1 nose; .01 tail

(b) Nondelay nose; .01 tail (c) Instan.

Tactics: Type of bombing:

Glide

Release Altitude: 7900' - 2000'

Type: (a) 12 SB2c-3

(b) 8 TBM-1C

Loading:

(a) 1x1000# GP

2x100#GP

(b) 4x500#GP

Comments:

1. Dispersed A/C. 7000 .50 cal all A/C - Many hits
2. Babrica A/F. 9x1000# GP - 24x100# GP
3. Fabrica Airdrome and runway - 10x500#GP - 5 hits
4. Dispersal areas Fabrica - 20x500# GP - 16 hits
5. Planes in dispersal - 700 .30 cal, 800 .50 cal.

1. Destroyed: 2 Zekes by Lt. F.C. Wolff; 1 Zeke b Lt. GAA. Griffith;
1 Hamp by Lt. R.O. Burnett; 1 Zeke by Lt. (jg) J.F. Mayer; 1 Betty by
Lt. (jg) C.M. Mallory Damaged: 1 Topsy, 1 Sally, 2 Zekes, 1 Betty, 2
unidentified, single engine fighters.

2. The field had been heavily attacked on previous strikes, condition
of grounded planes prior to this attack is unknown. Several planes,
however, were left burning.

4. Point of aim for these runs were planes and equipment in revetment
area and various area about field. One white building hit; several
planes damaged.

5. Strafing was directed at parked aircraft. No fires seen as result
ing. Destroyed planes in (9) were by bomb drops.

VF* From 25 to 35 aircraft were reported on the ground at this field,
about 40% of which had been previously damaged. VF handcuffed by
escort duties, did not have sufficient time to destroy all aircraft
observed.

VB- Light overcast and size of target were more favorable to glide
bombing than dive bombing. Attack angles ranged from 35° to 65°. Bombs
were released at 2000'. Several planes strafed the area after com-
pletion of bombing runs. The runway was hit several times and tracers

were seen entering many of the planes parked around the field

VT - Two planes section 30° glide attacks from 10,000 feet were made, releasing at 2000 to 3000 feet at speeds up to 310 knots and pull outs averaging 1200'.

After the bombing attack, six planes of the VT formation returned to make strafing runs on planes parked in refetments and about field. Absence of AA made low altitude runs possible and effective hits were made, some on previously damaged planes.

Enemy aircraft - non encountered.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57916 CE 25369

CincPac R/S No.: 35

Unit Reporting: AG-18

ACA Rpt. No.: CAG 18
Other reference:

Based at USS INTREPID

Take off Data: 13 Sept. 1944

Mission: A/C and Installations, Mactan Island, Cebu Harbor

Target Bombed: (see comments)

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 13 Planes: No.: 14

Type: (a) 1000# GP (c) 500#GP
(b) 100#GP

Type: (a) 7 SB2C-3
(b) 7 TBM-1C

Fuzing: (a) .1 nose; .01 tail
(b) Non-delay nose; .01 tail; (c) Instant.

Loading: (a) 1x1000#GP
2x 100#GP

Tactics: Type of bombing:
Dive and Glide

(b) 4x500#GP

Release Altitude:
2500'

Comments: No photos taken

1. A/C on ground - 3500 .50 cal. - Many hits
2. Asiatic Patrol Company - 3x1000#GP; 6x100#GP - 3 hits
3. Warehouse - 1x1000# - 1 hit
4. Ship FTD, 1000 T, 1x1000#GP, 2x100#GP - 1 hit

1. A Zeke, Hamp, Lilly and an unidentified twin engine M/B observed on field were strafed by Lt. F.W.Tracey, Lt. R.L.Cevoli, and Lt.(jg) R.F. Simpson, were well hit but did not burn

Cebu Harbor area was well obscured by smoke arising from land targets hit on previous strikes. All VT planes made glide attacks on small cargo vessels in harbor. No hits were obtained.

VB- Selected an oil refinery, a warehouse and one 1000 ton ship for targets. Three direct hits were claimed in the refinery and were verified by VF. Refinery and warehouse were on Mactan Island, Cebu Harbor.

VT - dropped on shipping in Cebu Harbor. Targets were obscured by smoke and haze. No damage claimed.

CAG (a) - CAG led strike. Rendezvous, overship completed at 0915. Took departure for Cebu, bearing 259° True, 180 miles. Arrived over target at 1030 and noting other planes diving on Cebu dock area delayed attack about five minutes until they had cleared.

(b) Aside from VB hits on oil refinery, Mactan Island, results generally were nil. No air opposition, meager AA fire.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57916 CE 25369 CincPac R/S No.: 35
Unit Reporting: AG-18 ACA Rpt. No.: CAG 17
Based at: USS INTREPID Other reference:
Take off Data: 13 Sept. 1944
Mission: Destroy A/C and installations, northern Negros, P.I.
Target Bombed: (see comments)

Bombs: No. dropped on target: see Planes: No.: 18
 (a) 1000 # GP comments
Type: (b) 250# GP Type: (a) 12 SB2C-3
 (c) 500# GP (b) 6 TBM-1C
Fuzing: (a) .1 nose, .01 Tail (b) None Loading:
 delay nose; .01 Tail (c) Inst. (a) 1x1000#GP
Tactics: Type of bombing: (b) 2x250# GP
 Dive and Glide (b) 4x500#GP
 Release Altitude:
 VB- 2500'
 VT- 1000'-2500'

Comments:

3. Airstrip, Silay A/D - 12x250#GP, 6x1000#GP - 18 hits
4. 2-engine plane, Cadiz A/D 2x250#GP, 1x1000#GP - 1 hit
5. NICK, Cadiz A/D 2x250#GP - 2 hits
6. Group 2 engine Planes, Cadiz A/D 1x1000#GP, 1 hit
7. 2-engine plane Cadiz A/D, 2x250#GP - 2 hits
8. Airstrip Alicante - 2x250#GP - 1x1000# GP - 3 hits
9. Runway Bacolod A/D 8x500#GP - 8 hits
10. Operations Bldg., Bacolod, 1x500#GP - 1 hit
11. Motor vehicles, Bacolod A/D 4x500#GP - 4 hits
12. Fuel Barrels Bacolod A/D 4x500#GP 4 hits
13. Parked planes Alicante A/D 120 rds. .50 cal, 40 rds. .50 cal.
14. " " 100 rds. .30 cal, 140 rds .50 cal.

VT-Note: Definite Designation of airfields impossible. No photo reconnaissance prior to strike. Fields closely placed together and careful interrogation of pilots has not located by assigned names the fields hit on this first strike on Negros Island in the N.W. end

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57916 CE 25369

CincPac R/S No.: 35

Unit Reporting: AG-18

ACA Rpt. No.: CAG 16
Other reference:

Based at: USS INTREPID

Take off Data: 12 Sept. 1944

Mission: Destroy shipping, Cebu Harbor

7. Ship "S.B." - 7x500# GP, 1 hit

8. 3 ships SC - 10x500# GP no hits

9. Barge 4x500# GP - 2 hits (see comments)

Bombs: No. dropped on target: 21 Planes: No.: 20

Type: (a) 500#GP
(b) 100#GP
(c) 500#GP

Type: (a) 12 SB2C-3
(b) 8 TBM-1C

Fuzing: (a) .1Nose; .01 Tail, (b) Non-
delay nose, .01 Tail; (c) Instan.

Loading:

Tactics: Type of bombing:

(a) 2x500# GP

2x100#GP

(b) 4x500#GP

Dive and Glide
Release Altitude:

Comments:

10. FTD Ship - 2x250#GP - 2 hits
11. SD Ship - 4x500#GP; 4x100#GP - 2 hits
12. SD Ship 3x500#GP; 6x100#GP - 1 hit
13. SD Ship, 2x100# GP - 2 hits
14. FU Ship, 4x500# GP, 4x100# GP, 2 hits

On arrival at Cebu Harbor it was obvious that shipping had already been well worked over. However, VB and VT selected the most likely targets and inflicted damage indicated in paragraph XI. There was no air opposition.

TARGET ANALYSIS SECTION
JICPOA

Target and Bomb Selection

JICPOA R/S No.: 57916 CE 25369 CincPac R/S No.: 35
Unit Reporting: AG-18 ACA Rpt. No.: CAG 15
Other reference:
Based at: USS INTREPID

Take off Data: 12 Sept. 1944

Mission: La Hug Field near Cebu City; shipping, Cebu Harbor

Target Bombed: 1. Sugar-able, 9x500#GP; 18x100#GP - 5 hits,
2. Other shipping; 6x500#GP, 12x500#GP

3. SA Ship - 28x500# - no direct hits
Bombs: No. dropped on target: 73 Planes: No.: 18

Type: (a) 500# GP
(b) 100# GP
(c) 500#GP

Type: (a) SB2c-3 - 11
(b) TBM-1C - 7

Fuzing: (a) .1 Nose, .01 Tail
(b) Non-Delay nose, .01 Tail
(c) Instant.
Tactics: Type of bombing: Glide

Loading:
(a) 2x500#GP
2x100#GP
(b) 4x500#GP

Release Altitude: VB- 1500-1800'
VT- 2500-3000'

Comments:

Eight of the 28 bombs dropped on the ship were very near misses.
The others were over the ship ranging from 25 to 100 feet.

La Hug Field was covered by a front so the group concentrated on
shipping in Cebu Harbor

There was no air opposition. VF strafed, claiming two small ships
sunk, damage to others

Forced to glide bomb against small targets, VB claimed only five
hits on one ship (verified by VF) and VT claimed none.