

(a) Unit Reporting VB-1 (b) Based on or at YORKTOWN at sea (c) Report No. 59
(d) Date of Action 26 July 1944 (e) Take off: Time 2040 (GCT); Lat. 08°06'N Long 138°36'E
(f) Mission Bombing strike against Yap (g) Time of Return 2350 (GCT)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT

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(a) TYPE	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NO. OF SORTIES	(d) NO. ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	(e) NO. ATTACK- ING TARGET	(f) BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE)	(g) FUZE, SETTING
SB2C-1C	VB-1	12	0	12	1 - 1000# S.A.P?	.01 tail

III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
F6F-3	VF-1	8	YORKTOWN at sea				
TBM-1C	VT-1	9	YORKTOWN at sea				

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

None

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s).

(i) Weather and Clouds at Location of Encounter(s).

(k) Visibility.

(j) Sun or Moon

V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

None

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA. (Narrative and comment. Describe action fully and comment freely, following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

Times stated in this narrative are expressed in zone - 10 time and dates in east longitude in accordance with operation plan.

This flight was launched at 0640 on 27 July 1944 and proceeded to Yap 89 miles distant on bearing 341°. After circling the island the bombers attacked their targets from 13,000 feet on course of 140°. After the bombing attack six planes returned for strafing attacks on the power plant and airfield. During this attack Lt. (jg) BELING's plane was shot down by enemy anti-aircraft fire. The pilot parachuted to the water and was rescued by a Kingfisher rescue plane. He suffered second degree burns on his arms and legs, but his condition is satisfactory. The radioman, Curtis L. WRIGHT, ARM2c, is believed to have jumped from the plane before the pilot, but his parachute was not seen to open. After the strafing attack, the flight returned to base and landed aboard at 0950.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.
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No comments.

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29 July 1944

WRIGHT, Curtis L., USNR, ARM2c

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