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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary).

No comments.

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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

(a) Location of Target(s) Four plant on east coast of central Yap (b) Time Over Target(s) 1100 GCT

(c) Weather and Clouds Over Target Overcast ceiling 2500 feet, overcast

(d) Sun or Moon sun - bright (e) Visibility 10 - 15 miles

XI. TARGETS, RESULTS OF ATTACK.

(1) DESCRIPTION OF TARGET (List All Ships in Group, Whether or Not Individually Attacked)	(2) A/C ATTACKING (3) SQUADRON	(4) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH TARGET	(5) ALTITUDE OF RELEASE	(6) HITS
1 <u>Power plant</u>	<u>6 B-24-10</u> <u>78-1</u>		<u>1800'</u>	
2 <u>D. F. 44 battery SW of</u>	<u>6 B-24-10</u> <u>78-1</u>	<u>6 - 1000# bombs</u>	<u>1800'</u>	<u>1</u>
3 <u>Power plant</u>		<u>6 - 2000# bombs</u>	<u>2500'</u>	<u>0</u>
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(a) RESULTS: (FOR SHIP TARGETS DRAW DIAGRAM, TOP OR SIDE VIEW OR BOTH, AS APPROPRIATE, SHOWING TYPE AND LOCATION OF HITS. FOR ALL TARGETS GIVE LOCATION AND EFFECT OF HITS, WITH DIAGRAMS OR CHARTS WHERE DESIRABLE. DESCRIBE TARGETS FULLY IN (a), AND IN REPORTING DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION, IDENTIFY BY NUMBERS AT LEFT. USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY).

1. 2 buildings in the vicinity of the power plant were hit and destroyed. 2 other buildings were damaged by near hits.

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

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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	(c) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE (1)F, ANGLE	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, REMARKS
1	VB-1	Enemy medium BA	Powderage - below	Crashed in water - lost
2				
3				
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) NO	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
1	VB-1	1st Lt John R. D. BIRD, U.S.N.P.	Burned before parachuting	Satisfactory
2	VB-1	Captain L. ... U.S.N.P.	Plane crashed	Missing in action

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA

(a) TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	(d) AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. TIME LOADED	(f) AV. TIME CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED: PLANES RETURNING			
						NO OF PLANES	30	50	20MM MM
VB-1	37	80	3 1/4	330	210	5	330		525

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

- SPEED: CLIMB
at various altitudes
- TURNS
- DIVES
- CEILING
- RANGE
- PROTECTION
- ARMAMENT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit: Reporting VB-3 (b) Based on or at: TORRENS AB OSA (c) Report No. 59
(d) Date of Action 26 July 1964 (e) Take off: Time 210 (GCT); Lat. 05°06'N Long. 138°36'E
(f) Mission: Reconnaissance against Yop (g) Time of Return 2350 (GCT)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

(a) TYPE	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NO. OF SORTIES	(d) NO. ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	(e) NO. ATTACKING TARGET	(f) BOMBS AND TORPEDOS CARRIED (PER PLANE)	(g) FUZE SETTING
B38-10	VB-3	12	0	12	1 - 1000 lb S.A.C.P.	.02 tail

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
F-105	VB-3	8	TORRENS AB OSA				
F-4E	VB-3	9	TORRENS AB OSA				

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only). None

(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	(c) NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOS CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKINGS
			(GCT)			
			(GCT)			
			(GCT)			
			(GCT)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s): _____

(i) Weather and Clouds at Location of Encounter(s): _____

(j) Sun or Moon: _____

(k) Visibility: _____

V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only). None

(a) ENEMY A/C TYPE	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:	(c) PILOT OR GUNNER	(d) GUNS USED	(e) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(f) DAMAGE CLAIMED

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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, AFM2e, 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.