

AIR DEPARTMENT

ACTION REPORT - 11 - 19 NOVEMBER 1944

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

(All Times Are Zone I(-9) And All Dates Are East Longitude)

11 NOVEMBER

SEARCH NO. 1 (0550-1130)

20 VF, 4 VF(N): searched sector from 285° - 025° T - results negative.

STRIKE "A" (0900-1335)

19 VF, 15 VB, 12 VT: attacked a convoy south of APALI POINT, LEYTE ISLAND - 2 DD (possibly TERUTSUKI class) were exploded and sunk - 1 large AK (FTB of approximately 6000 tons) which was dead in the water was sunk - 1 DD was heavily strafed, seriously damaged and believed sunk by subsequent strikes - 1 DE was strafed and damaged - 27.3 tons of bombs dropped.

SEARCH NO. 2 (1205-1730)

12 VF: searched sector from 285° - 335° T - results negative except for 11 ship convoy sighted west of LUZON ISLAND.

RECAPITULATION FOR 11 NOVEMBER

Target Sorties (51 VF, 4 VF(N), 15 VB, 12 VT)	82
Enemy Ships Sunk (2 DD, 1 FTE)	3
Enemy Ships Damaged (1 DD, 1 DE)	2
Bombs Dropped (tons)	27.3

12 NOVEMBER

CAP NO. 4 (1535-1800)

16 VF: routine patrol.

ASP NO. 4 (1535-1800)

4 VT: routine patrol.

RECAPITULATION FOR 12 NOVEMBER

CAP (16 VF)	16
ASP (4 VT)	4

13 NOVEMBER

NIGHT CAP (0330-0805)

2 VF(N): no action.

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SEARCH (0615-1050)

15 VF: searched from 000° to 050°T - results negative.

PHOTO RECONNISANCE (0615-1140)

2 VF(P), 2 VF: photographed LINGAYAN GULF and CLARK FIELD areas.

SWEEP NO. 1 (0630-1050)

15 VF: 1 OSCAR shot down by Lieut. R. W. FLETCHER, USNR (VF-20) - 1 OSCAR shot down jointly by Lieut. FLETCHER, Ens. M. E. BEEAULIEU, USNR and Ens. G. W. Mc JINSEY, USNR (VF-20) - 5 planes destroyed on the ground and 10 damaged at CLARK FIELD, LUZON - 30 rockets fired.

STRIKE "A" (0725-1200)

10 VF, 13 VB, 10 VT: 1 large AK (FTB) about 5000 tons probably sunk off MARIVELES POINT, MANILA BAY by 3 direct hits - 1 NATORI class cruiser seriously damaged inside breakwater, MANILA BAY by 2 direct hits - 1 large AK (TA) damaged inside breakwater, MANILA BAY by 3 direct hits - 1 large AK damaged inside breakwater, MANILA BAY by 1 direct hit - 1 large AK damaged outside breakwater by 2 direct hits - 1 VT shot down by AA, pilot Ens. R. E. McALPINE, USNR and aircrewmen C. R. HOUGH, ARM 3/c and C. L. GRATHWOHL, AMM 3/c missing - 19 tons of bombs dropped - 40 rockets fired.

RCAP (1230-1725)

2 VF: submarine could not be located so joined sweep.

TARGET COORDINATOR (1230-1725)

3 VF, 1 VF(P): 1 TOJO shot down jointly by Cmdr. D. F. SMITH, Jr. USN (CAG-20) and Lieut.(jg) T. J. WOODRUFF, USNR (VF-20).

STRIKE "B" (1330-1730)

7 VF, 11 VB, 6 VT: 1 medium AK and 1 AO sunk off CAVITE - 3 medium AK damaged off CAVITE - 1 VF shot down by AA, pilot Lieut. J. D. PETERSEN, USNR (VF-20) missing - 14 tons of bombs dropped - 11 rockets fired.

SWEEP NO. 2 (1230-1725)

11 VF, 1 VF(P): 1 TOJO shot down by Ens. F. W. GALLAGHER, USNR (VF-20) - 2 TOJO shot down by Ens. D. BAKER, USNR (VF-20) - 1 OSCAR shot down jointly by Ens. BAKER and Ens. M. D. COOLEY, USNR (VF-20) - 1 TOJO shot down by Ens. B. A. BEVERIDGE, USNR (VF-20) - 1 OSCAR shot down by Lieut. Z. F. LILLARD, USNR (VF-20) - 1 TOJO shot down jointly by Ens. E. J. BOUDINOT, Jr., USNR and Ens. R. W. COLLINS, USNR (VF-20) - 1 OSCAR shot down by Ens. J. G. DARRACOTT, USNR (VF-20) - 1 plane damaged in the air - 1 plane damaged on the ground - 1 VF lost operationally from undetermined cause, Ens. R. W. N. ERICKSON, USNR (VF-20) not recovered - 10 rockets fired.