

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting WPB-150 (b) Based on or at North Field, Tinian (c) Report No. 17
 (d) Date of Action 20 Oct. 1944 (e) Take off: Time 0700 (GCT); Lat _____ Long _____
 (f) Mission Armed Reconnaissance (g) Time of Return 1600 (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. ATTACK- ING TARGET	(f) BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE)	(g) FUZE SETTING
FB-1	WPB-150	1	-	1	5 AB-4-30 100# GP	None AB403 0-1 sec delay Tail M112 4-5 sec delay Both Armed

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
	None						

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

(a) TYPE	(b) NO OBSERVED	(c) NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
	None		(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).

(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:				(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		
	None					

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

(a) Location of Target(s) Yap Island (b) Time Over Target(s) 0340 GCT
 (c) Weather and Clouds Over Target 4/10 overcast
 (d) Sun or Moon Sun shining at Zenith (e) Visibility Unlimited

XI. TARGETS, RESULTS OF ATTACK.

(a) DESCRIPTION OF TARGET (List All Ships in Group, Whether or Not Individually Attacked)	(b) A/C ATTACKING	(c) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH TARGET	(d) ALTITUDE OF RELEASE	(e) HITS
	(a) SQUADRON			
1 AA position north of airstrip	1 F4U-1 VP-150	3x1000 GP 400 rds 30 cal 750 rds 50 cal	800	100%
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(g) 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).

Bombs dropped in target area.

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

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.
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ARMAMENT

- Guns, Gunsights
- Turrets
- Ammunition
- Bombs, Torpedoes
- Bomb Sights
- Bomb Releases

COMMUNICATIONS

- Radio, Radar
- Homing Devices
- Visual Signals
- Codes, Ciphers

RECOGNITION

- IFF
- Signals
- Battle Lights
- Procedures

PROTECTION

- Armor, Points and Angles
of Fire Needing Further
Protection
- Leak Proofing

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

- Parachutes
- Life Belts, Life Rafts
- Safety Belts
- Emergency Kits
- Rations, First Aid

NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT

- Compasses
- Driftsights
- Odometers
- Automatic Pilots
- Charts
- Field Lighting

INSTRUMENTS

- Flight
- Power Plant

OXYGEN SYSTEM

**CAMOUFLAGE AND
DECEPTION DEVICES**

STRUCTURE

- Airframe
- Control Surfaces
- Control System
- Dive Flaps
- Landing Gear
- Heating System
- Flight Characteristics
At Various Loadings

POWER PLANT

- Engines
- Engine Accessories
- Propellers
- Lubricating System
- Starters
- Exhaust Dampers

HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

- Auxiliary Plant
- Lights

FUEL SYSTEM

FLIGHT CLOTHING

MAINTENANCE

BASE FACILITIES

- Plane Servicing Equipment
- Personnel Facilities

Two 100# GP bombs on No. 3 station hung up. Subsequent attempts both by manual release and electric failed to release. After about five minutes of continued attempts bombs dropped.

Drop tanks failed to release either manually or electrically (both empty). Finally after repeated attempts and shaking of plane they fell free - one at a time - doing slight damage to flaps at 160 knots in level flight except for shaking of plane.

Bomb circuits were checked and found to function properly indicating that malfunctioning may be due to installation with cluster adaptor M-12.

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- (a) Location of Target(s) Yap Island (b) Time Over Target(s) 0300 GCT
 (c) Weather and Clouds Over Target One cloud over island, otherwise clear.
 (d) Sun or Moon Sun at Zenith (e) Visibility Unlimited

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		(c) SQUADRON			
1	AA positions at North End of runway	1 F4U VF3-150	6x100 GP 50 rds 30 cal. 1300 rds 50 cal.	4000	6
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Altitudes
Speeds
Approach Tactics
Use of Cover, Deception
Angles of Attack and
Their Effectiveness
Distance of Opening Fire
Defensive Tactics and
Their Effectiveness**ENEMY AIRCRAFT**Method of Locating, Distance
Disposition
Altitudes
Speeds
Approach Tactics
Use of Cover, Deception
Angles of Attack
Distance of Opening Fire
Defensive Tactics**COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**Own Weaknesses
Enemy Weaknesses
Offensive Tactics, Own
" " " Enemy
Defensive Tactics, Own
" " " Enemy
Flexible Gunnery, Own
Escort Tactics
Fighter Direction
Use of Radar
Night Fighting
Recognition, Aircraft**ATTACK****OWN TACTICS**Method of Locating Target
Approach to Target
Altitudes, Speeds
Approach
Dive
Release
Pull-Out
Dive Angle
Strafing
Retirement
Defensive Tactics**DEFENSE, ENEMY**Evasive Tactics, Ships
Concealment
Anti-aircraft
Searchlights
Night Fighter Tactics**COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**Bombing Tactics
Torpedo Tactics
Effectiveness of
Bombs, Torpedoes
Selection of Targets
Fuzing
Strafing Tactics
Defensive Tactics
Use of Radar
Reconnaissance
Photography
Briefing**OPERATIONAL**Navigation
Homing
Rendezvous
Recognition, Ships
Communications
Flight Operations
Search and Tracking
Base Operations
Maintenance

Approached target area from north east. When airfield was approximately off of the starboard wing a sharp diving turn from 10000 feet was made so as to bring us over the northern tip of runway, as soon as I approached the immediate area of the runway, anti-aircraft fire could be seen coming from the northern tip of the runway, the middle western area adjacent to the runway, and from the south eastern tip of runway. Fire was very heavy over the runway where my bombs were released. At the same moment of release a explosive 25 MI hit the top of the starboard verticle stabiliser, exploding in the stabiliser throwing fragments into the rest of the empennage. A steep pull up was made into a cumulus cloud for protection against anti-aircraft firing.

Ran was made at 330 knots. Strafing also by bow, turret, and waist guns, diving angle about 20 degrees.

Signed: R.H. JOHNSON

Flight was staged thru Agaña Field, Guam, where bombs were loaded and gas tanks topped off.

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