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ACTION REPORT

USS PHELPS

DD-360

SERIAL 043

25 MAY 1943

ACTION REPORT.

COVERS ACTIVITY, INCLUDING ANTI-AIRCRAFT & ANTI-SUBMARINE, DURING ASSAULT & INITIAL LANDING ON ATTU. IN TASK GROUP 51.1 (SUPPORT GROUP) OF USS TENNESSEE, USS NEVADA, USS PENNSYLVANIA, USS NASSAU, USS PHELPS, USS FARRAGUT, USS HULL, USS MACDONOUGH, USS EDWARDS, USS MEADE, UNDER COMMANDER BATTALION DIVISION 2.

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DIVISION OF NAVAL RECORDS
AND HISTORY

ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION BY SURFACE SHIPS

Location of ship Off Sarana Bay, Attu Island U. S. S. PHELPS

Date May 22 1943.

NOTES

- (a) Repel Attack First—Then collect data for this report!
- (b) Do not "gun deck" this report—if data cannot be estimated with reasonable accuracy enter dash in space for which no data is available.
- (c) These sheets are to be filled out immediately after action is completed with data available from ship's log, memory, and consultation with ship's officers. Information is essential in order that the effectiveness of our equipment can be determined. Where data is of doubtful accuracy fill in with general terms. The obtaining of this information must not be allowed in any way to adversely affect the handling of equipment during action.

1. Surprise attack (yes or no) Yes.
2. Method picking plane up (Radar, binoculars, naked eye) Binoculars
(If by Radar state type of set) _____
 - (a) Lookout(s) or special equipment detector operator(s):

<u>WISE, M.D.</u>	<u>GM20</u>	<u>385 93 64</u>
(Name)	(Rate)	(Service No.)
- made initial contact by _____

	<u>Sight</u>	
(sound),	(radar),	(SMSD), (MAD), (Sight)
3. Range plane was picked up (50 miles, 30 miles, 10 miles, less 5 miles) Less than 5 miles.
(peer visibility, came in over Attu)
4. Number of planes 18.
5. Type of plane (Fighter, scout, dive-bomber) Heavy-bomber Type of attack Torpedo and strafing.
6. Speed & altitude (High and fast, intermediate and fast, low and fast, high and slow, intermediate and slow, low and slow) low and fast.
7. Guns firing 40 MM, 20 MM Size 20MM, 40 MM Number 2 40 MM, 1 20 MM.
Method of control local Method spotting tracer.
200 40MM
8. Ammunition expended 15 20MM
9. Percent service allowance expended negligible.
10. Approximate time tracking to first shot 0 minutes.
11. Approximate time of first hits immediately.
12. Approximate time first shot to last shot 1 minute.

Enclosure (A)

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- 13. Approximate position angle open fire 20°
- 14. Approximate position cease fire bearing 345° rel. 095 t, distant 4000 yds.
altitude, 500 feet.
- 15. Approximate bearing first shot 210
- 16. Approximate bearing last shot 345
- 17. Approximate range first shot 1000 yds.
- 18. Approximate range last shot 4000 yds.
- 19. Approximate altitude of ~~bomb~~ ^{torpedo} release 150 feet Type bomb --
- 20. Approximate range torpedo release 1500 Size of torpedo --
- 21. Hits on ship none Was ship strafed Yes Size gun 7.7 MM.
- 22. Number near bomb misses none Casualties from near misses --
- 23. Planes shot down—sure 1 Possible -- Damage --

By what size gun 40 MM.

24. Details of damage to target by gunfire if available Several 40 MM hits on one plane
(this plane observed to crash three miles away). Possible hits on other
planes.

- 25. Performance of ammunition (Excellent, good, bad, poor) Good - 1 40MM misfire.
Happened too fast to observe, however one
- 26. Pattern sizes (Large, small excessive) torpedo was exploded by gunfire while being
dropped.

SKETCH

- (a) Indicate direction of attack relative ship's head.
- (b) Show relative position of sun. no sun visible.
- (c) Indicate own maneuvers.

