

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>WISS, J.D.</u>	<u>GR20</u>	<u>385 93 64</u>
(Name)	(Rate)	(Service No.)
- made initial contact by _____ Sight _____
(sound), (radar), (SMSD), (MAD), (Sight)
3. Range plane was picked up (50 miles, 30 miles, 10 miles, less 5 miles) Less than 5 miles
(poor visibility, came in over _____)
4. Number of planes 21.
5. Type of plane (Fighter, scout, dive-bomber) Heavy-bomber Type of attack Torpedo & straffing
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.
8. Ammunition expended 200 40MM, 15 20MM
9. Percent service allowance expended negligible.
10. Approximate time tracking to first shot 0 minutes.
11. Approximate time of first hits immediately.

Approximate position angle open fire 29°
 Approximate position cease fire bearing 145° rel. 095° t, distant 4000 yds. altitude, 500 feet.
 Approximate bearing first shot 210
 Approximate bearing last shot 145
 Approximate range first shot 1000 yds.
 Approximate range last shot 4000 yds.
 Approximate altitude of ~~target~~ release 1500 feet Type bomb --
 Approximate range torpedo release 1500 Size of torpedo --
 Hits on ship none Was ship strafed yes Size gun 7.7 MM.
 Number near bomb misses none Casualties from near misses --
 Planes shot down—sure 1 Possible -- Damage --

By what size gun 40 MM.

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

Performance of ammunition (Excellent, good, bad, poor) Good - 1 40MM misfire. Happened too fast to observe, however on torpedo was exploded by gunfire while being dropped.
 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.

