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U. S. S Rigel 10-1-43-5M

ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION BY SURFACE SHIPS

Location of ship Sogod Cove, Leyte, P.I. U. S. S. ICI(G) 23
 Date 25 October 1944

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) No
2. Method picking plane up (Radar, binoculars, naked eye) Naked eye
 (If by Radar state type of set) _____
 (a) Lookout(s) or special equipment detector operator(s) :

(Name)	(Rate)	(Service No.)
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 made initial contact by _____
 (sound), (radar), (SMSD), (MAD), (Sight)
3. Range plane was picked up (50 miles, 30 miles, 10 miles, less 5 miles) 10 miles
4. Number of planes 3
5. Type of plane (Fighter, scout, dive-bomber) Fighter Type of attack Low level
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 All Size 3" 50-40MM 4-20MM 8-50Cal Number _____
 Method of control None Method spotting None
8. Ammunition expended No report made as loss of personnel and salvage operations required efforts
9. Percent service allowance expended _____ for week
10. Approximate time tracking to first shot 2 minutes
11. Approximate time of first hits 0749
12. Approximate time first shot to last shot 2 minutes

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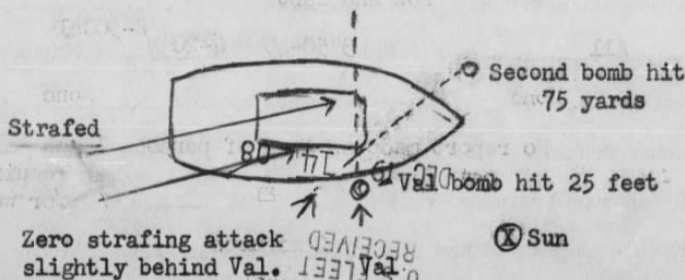
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13. Approximate position angle open fire 090 relative
14. Approximate position cease fire 290 relative
15. Approximate bearing first shot 097 relative
16. Approximate bearing last shot 298 relative
17. Approximate range first shot 6000 yards
18. Approximate range last shot 3000 yards
19. Approximate altitude of bomb release 75 feet Type bomb 250 lb. anti-personnel
20. Approximate range torpedo release Size of torpedo
21. Hits on ship Estimated 500 holes Was ship strafed Yes Size gun 30 & 50 Cal. 20MM
22. Number near bomb misses 2 Casualties from near misses 9 dead, 30 injured
23. Planes shot down—Sure Possible 2 Damage
 By what size gun 20 & 40MM 50 Cal.
24. Details of damage to target by gunfire if available
25. Performance of ammunition (Excellent, good, bad, poor) Excellent
26. Pattern sizes (Large, small excessive)

SKETCH

- (a) Indicate direction of attack relative ship's head.
- (b) Show relative position of sun.
- (c) Indicate own maneuvers. (No maneuvering possible, anchor was just brought in as bomb fell)



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