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ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION BY SURFACE SHIPS

Location of Ship: Tarragona, Leyte Gulf, P.I. USS LCT(6) 1073
 Date: 10 December 1944

1. Surprise attack (yes or no): Yes.
2. Method of picking up (radar, binoculars, naked eye): Naked eye
3. Range plane was picked up (50 miles, 30 miles, 10 miles, less 5 miles): Less 5 miles.
4. Number of planes: We saw three.
5. Type of plane (fighter, scout, divebomber): Divebomber
Type of attack: Suicide diving
6. Speed & altitude (high & fast, intermediate & fast, low & fast, high & slow, intermediate & slow, low & slow): High & fast to low and fast.
7. Guns firing (3) Size: 2 20mm., 1 50cal. Number: Three
Method of control Manual Method spotting: Visual
8. Ammunition expended: 480 rounds 20mm. 75 rounds 50 cal.
9. Percent service allowance expended: Six percent (6%)
10. Approximate time tracking to first shot: Three (3) seconds.
11. Approximate time of first hits: Four (4) seconds after start of tracking.
12. Approximate time first shot to last shot: Five (5) minutes.
13. Approximate position angle open fire: 80°.
14. Approximate position cease fire: - - -.
15. Approximate position first shot: - - -.
16. Approximate bearing last shot: 000°
17. Approximate range first shot: 1500 yd.
18. Approximate altitude bomb released: 50 feet Type bomb: Explosive
19. Approximate range last shot: 35 feet.
20. Approximate range torpedo released: - - -.
Size torpedo: - - -.
21. Hits on ship: None Was ship strafed?: No.
Size gun: - - -.
22. Number bomb near misses: One Casualties from near misses: None
23. Planes shot down One Sure - - Possible One Damage: -
Tracers in plane By what size gun?: 20 mm.
24. Details of damage to target by gunfire if available: As plane came over 50 feet off deck tracers from starboard 20mm. were seen going into fuselage.
25. Performance of ammunition: (Excellent, good, bad, and poor): Good.
26. Pattern sizes (large, small excessive) small

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