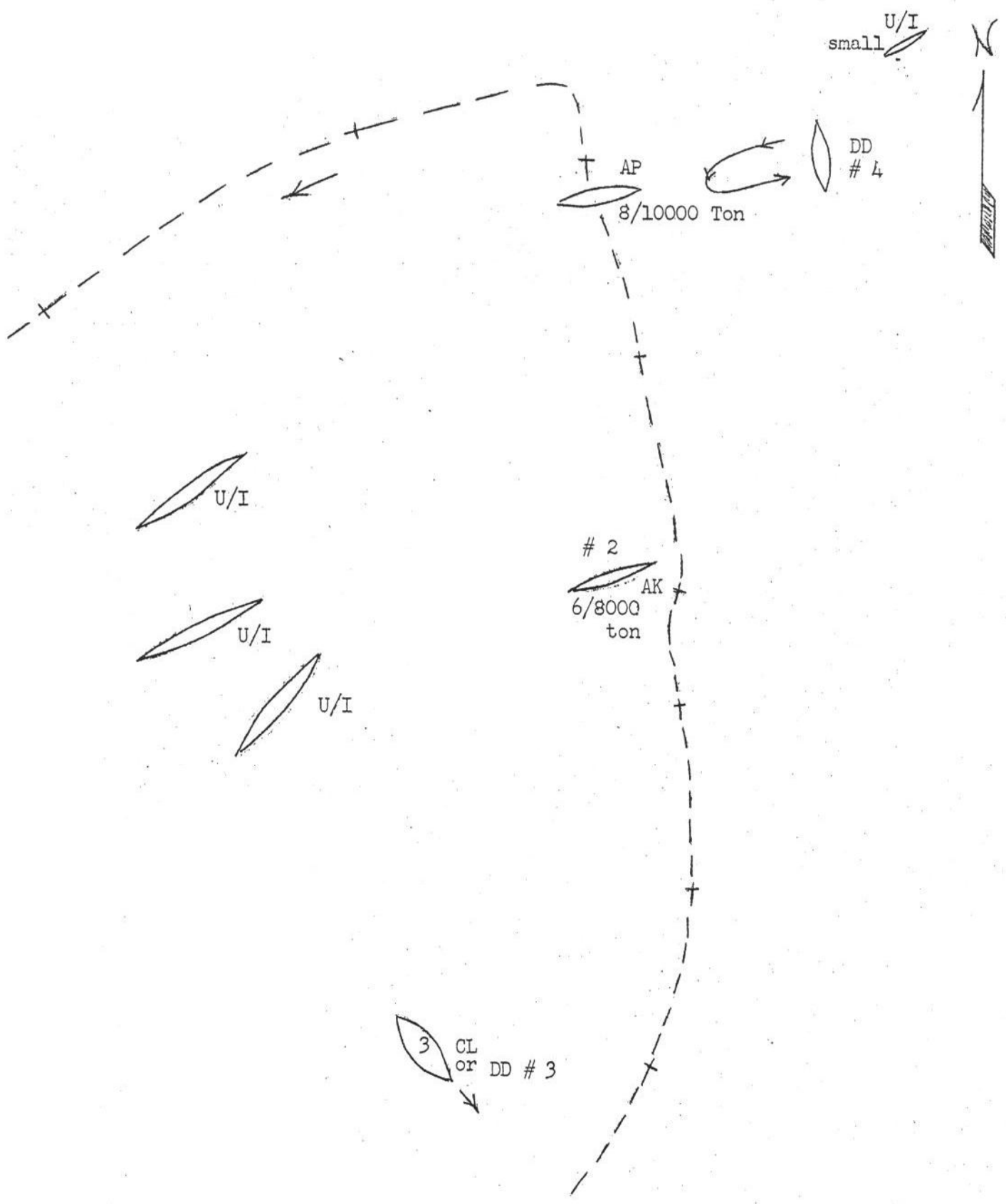


REPORT OF CONVOY

PILOT: Lt. Mayo

REAR GUNNER: Sgt. S. B. Silva.

1. Attached hereto is a sketch-map of convoy, as seen by pilot at time of attack.
2. Date: March 3, 1943.
Location: Approximately 0710S-14750E.
Time: 1000/L
3. Attack was made on AP No. 1, 8-10,000 ton, travelling on a course of 280°, speed undetermined. Nil A/A observed.
4. Convoy sighting first made at approximately 6,000 feet. Following the flight leader, Lieutenant Mayo dropped to an altitude of 200 feet. Unable to attack AK No. 2, Lt. Mayo sought another target. Flying at an altitude of mast height, travelling at an estimated airspeed of 250 miles per hour, a broadside attack, 360° course, was made on AP No. 1. AP No. 1 was strafed from maximum gun range throughout bombing run. Altitude of bombing run below mast height, at ship-deck level. Both bombs were released simultaneously, at ship-deck level, at approximately 300 yards from the ship. To avoid possible enemy fire, constant changes of altitude were employed while not attacking.
5. No enemy A/C sighted.
6. No enemy tactics were observed.
7. 1000 x .50 - 1100 x .30 calibre ammunition expending in strafing attack on AP No. 1. 2 x 500 # demolition (1 4 to 5 sec. delay tail-fused, nil nose-fused; 1 8 to 11 sec. delay tail-fused; nil nose-fused) bombs dropped.
8. Observations: 2 bomb hits on AP No. 1
Bomb explosion on AK No. 2 by bombs dropped from 3 attacking A-20A's.
B-25 scored one hit by skip bombing on CL or DD No. 3. Explosion observed.
B-25 scored direct hit on DD No. 4, after B-25 passed over the DD at 180° turn was executed for its second bomb run.
9. No enemy A/C observed.
10. Lt. Mayo is of the opinion that the tactics employed on this mission were satisfactory, and could again be used on similar missions with equal success.



Pilot: Lieut. Mayo
A/G: Sgt. S.V. Silva.