

REPORT OF CONVOY

Pilot: Lieutenant Richardson.

Rear Gunner: Sgt. G.A. Burk.

1. Attached hereto is a sketch-map of convoy, as seen by pilot at time of attack.

2. Date: March 3, 1943.

Time: 1000/L

Location: Approximately 0710S-14750E.

3. Attack made on AK No. 1, 4-6,000 ton, following course of 70° , speed undetermined. A/A or machine-gun fire observed to come from the fore part of the attack ship. It was light, light and inaccurate. The attacked ship followed no evasive plan.

4. The approach to the AK attacked was made about 200 feet above sea level, lowering to between mast height and deck-level, approximately 1,000 yards distance from the ship to begin strafing and bombing run. Both bombs were released simultaneously at approximately 300 yards from the AK. The attack made followed a course of approximately $345-347^{\circ}$ at an estimated air-speed of 260 miles per hour. After the attack a series of zomes and dives were made and the avoiding of flying over other ships in the convoy was the only evasive action taken.

5. No enemy A/C were observed.

6. No enemy A/C tactics were observed.

7. 200 x .50 -400 x .30 calibre ammunition were expended in strafing run. (On AK No. 1.) 2 x 500 # demolition bombs (1-4 to 5 second delay tail-fused, nil nosed fused, and 1-8 to 11 sec. delay tail-fused, nil nose-fused.

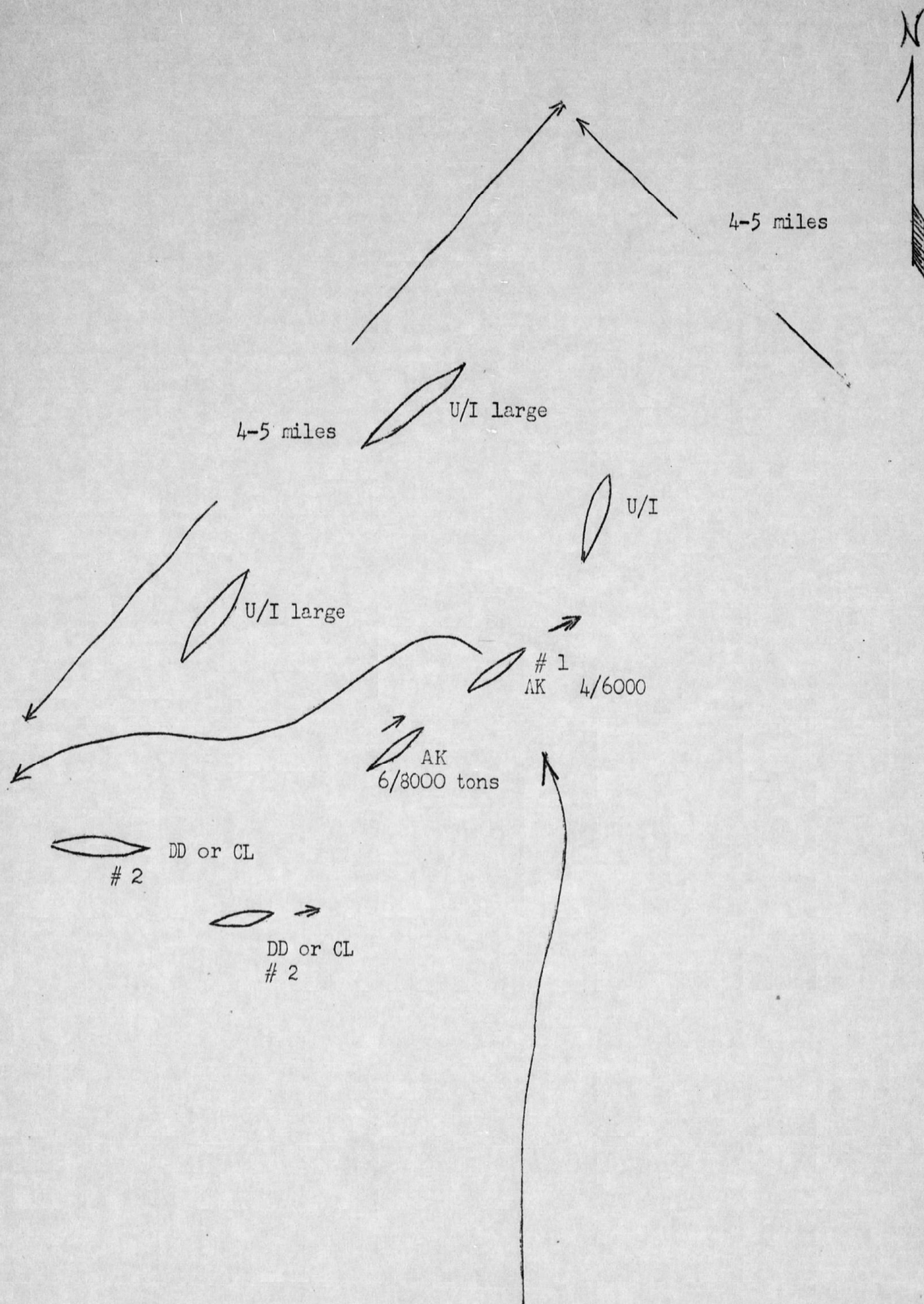
8. Observations: Direct hit scored on DD No. 2 by B-25 skip-bombing. Big explosion with black smoke and flames reaching to 100 feet in height after attack.

One hit on attacked AK No. 1

Warships protecting convoy maneuvering on outer edge of AK and AP's of convoy.

9. Nil enemy A/C observed.

10. Lt. Richardson feels that the tactics used were very effective, and that possibly the same could be employed in other similar engagements with similar results. He suggests that the echelons of attacking A/C be more closely synchronized with only one attacking element over the convoy at one time, but that there should not be any elapse in time between the echelons attacking.



Pilot: Lieut. Richardson
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