

REPORT ON CONVOY

Pilot: Lieutenant Taylor.

Rear Gunner: S/Sgt. H. A. Marion.

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. AK No. 1, 1-3,000 tons, attacked while ship was travelling in a course of 180°. No A/A observed from ship attacked. No particular evasive action by attacked ship. AP No. 2 strafed. AP No. 3 strafed.

4. Convoy first observed from 5,000 feet. Lt. Taylor reduced altitude to 600 feet to begin his strafing run on AK No. 1. The distance from the ship at start of strafing run was 700 yards, and continued until his bombs were released (simultaneously) at approximately 300 yards from the ship, following along a course of 360°. Air speed at time of attack was approximately 275 miles per hour. Lt. Taylor remained at the convoyed-ship's mast-height and didn't employ any particular evasive action during the remaining time over the convoy.

5. Lt. Taylor observed the enemy SSF following Captain Dunbar, believed type 109. No particular tactics observed. Enemy fighter seen to veer off and disappear into the clouds.

6. 700 x .50 and 1200 x .30 calibre ammunition were expended in strafing attacks. 28 to 11 second delay tail-fused, nil-nose-fused demolition bombs dropped.

7. Observations: Two hits observed on AK No. 1 (one by Capt. Dunbar and one by bomb from his own ship). Two bombs observed to fall short on near side.

Hit observed on DD No. 4, credited to high level bombing.

AP No. 2 appear to be motionless.

AP No. 5 observed to be subject to attack by low-level bombing and strafing of B-25's, was burning.

8. Lt. Taylor believed that tactics employed in this attack proved satisfactory and could be well employed in attacks against similar targets.



4 - 5 Miles

AK #1
2000 Tons

AP #5
Tons (?)

AP #2
10,000 Tons

DD

DD

AP #3
10,000 Tons

3-4 Miles

CL
or DD
#4

