

16 August, 1943

From: Commanding Officer LCT(5)325

To: Cincpac.

Via: (1) ComLandCraftFlotsSoPac.

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Subject: **ACTION REPORT**

Enclosure: (A) Action Report of 16 August 1943.

1. While enroute from Segi Inlet, N. G., Solomon Islands, in company with LCT(5) 327, being escorted by APc 25, at approximately 0300 local, 16 August 1943, this craft was attacked by one Japanese plane of undetermined type.

2. The first indication of an attack was two flares shortly followed by an explosion of what was estimated to be a one hundred pound fragmentation bomb. The bomb fell between this craft and LCT(5) 327 which was 40 yards on our port beam, and injured one quartermaster and one seaman on this craft. A.N.A. MILLER, QM2c was struck by a fragment of the bomb in both left and right thighs. J.H. JONES, S1c, was struck in the right calf. Both are being hospitalized. The plane after releasing the bomb passed over to strafe with what was estimated to be approximately a .30 caliber shell. The plane made only one run over this craft and was observed a few seconds later strafing PT boats about 1000 yards off our starboard quarter.

3. No material damage was done by the bomb or machine gun shells, other than two shrapnel holes in the pilot house and several dents in the hull, to this craft.

/s/ John J. CRIM

Editor's Note: Lowell Burton was a crew member on the LCT-325. We sent a copy of the photo on the next page to Mr. Burton who with his wife, Kathleen, resides in Flint, Michigan.

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ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION BY SURFACE SHIPS

Location of Ship: Engoai N.G. U.S.S. LCT(5) 325

Date: 16 August, 1943

NOTES

(a) Repel Attack First--Then collect data for this report!

(b) Don't "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) Yes.

2. Method picking plane up: (Radar, binoculars) eye
(If by radar state type of set)

(a) Lookout(s) or special equipment detector operator(s):

Spencer, C.H. BM1c 287-37-07

Name Rate Service Number

Made initial contact by: Sight

3. Range plane was picked up: 1000 yds

4. Number of planes: one

5. Type of plane: float plane

Type of attack: low altitude bombing and strafing

6. Speed and altitude: low and slow

7. Guns firing: 1 Size: 20mm Number: #1

Method of control: local Method spotting: tracer

8. Ammunition expended: 120 rounds

9. Percent service allowance expended: 120 rounds

10. Approximate time tracking to first shot: none

11. Approximate time of first hits: no hits

12. Approx. time first shot to last shot: less than 1 min.

13. Approximate position angle open fire: 350°

14. Approximate position cease fire: 90°

15. Approx. bearing first shot: approx 350° (overhead)

16. Approximate bearing last shot: approx 90° T.

17. Approximate range first shot: 1000 yds

18. Approximate range last shot: 1500 yds.

19. Approx altitude of bomb release: 2000 ft.

Type bomb: 100 lbs fragmentation

20. Approx range torpedo release: ---- Size torpedo: ----

21. Hits on ship: none Was ship strafed? Yes

Size gun: 30 cal

22. Number near bomb misses: one Casualties: two

23. Planes shot down (sure): 0 Possible: 0 Damaged: 0

24. Details of damage to target by gunfire if available:
none

25. Performance of ammunition: excellent

26. Pattern sizes (Large, small, excessive): no