SPECIAL TASK AIR GROUP ONE

STAG 1/AL2-1 (S)
Serial S-73-44

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From: The Commander Special Task Air Group One.
To: The Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.

Subject: War Diary - Submission of.

References:
(a) Cominch Serial 7152, dated 29 October 1943.
(b) STAG ONE Secret ltr., STAG 1/AL2-1 (S), Serial S-73-44, dated 3 August 1944.

Enclosure: (A) War Diary, 1 August 1944 to 1 September 1944.

1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith.

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"WAR DIARY"

1 August 1944 Routine Gyro flights were conducted.

2 August 1944 Routine Gyro and "Affirm" flights were conducted. In compliance with paragraph 3 (e) of Enclosure (B) of reference (b), a smoke screen test was conducted with three Mk - 10 Army type smoke tanks hung under the fuselage of TDR aircraft #B55. One second after keying smoke release, the cockpit filled with dense white smoke and the pilot jettisoned the smoke tanks.

3 August 1944 Routine Gyro and "Affirm" flights were conducted.

4 August 1944 Routine Gyro and "Affirm" flights were conducted. Two flights made in compliance with paragraph 3 (f) of Enclosure (B) of reference (b). Roger failed to function properly on the first flight but runs were made over islands with an open-out of more than 60 miles on the second flight.

5 August 1944 Routine Gyro and "Affirm" flights were conducted. In compliance with paragraph 3 (d) of Enclosure (B) of reference (b), TDR #B55, after 5 days of inactivity, was flown with satisfactory results.

6 August 1944 Routine Gyro and "Affirm" flights were conducted.

7 August 1944 Routine Gyro and "Affirm" flights were conducted.

8 August 1944 Routine Gyro and "Affirm" flights were conducted.

9 August 1944 Routine Gyro and "Affirm" flights were conducted.

10 August 1944 Operations secured.

11 August 1944 In compliance with paragraph 3 (d) of Enclosure (B) of reference (b), TDR #B75 was flown with satisfactory results after 10 days of inactivity. Routine Gyro and "Affirm" flights were conducted.

12 August 1944 Routine Gyro and "Affirm" flights were conducted. In compliance with paragraph 3 (b) of Enclosure (B) of reference (b), a "Roger - Cast" flight was conducted with three runs being made on an LCM target boat.

13 August 1944 Routine Gyro and "Affirm" flights were conducted.
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14 August 1944  Routine Gyro and "Affirm" flights were conducted.
15 August 1944  Routine Gyro and "Affirm" flights were conducted.
16 August 1944  In compliance with paragraph 3 (d) of Enclosure (B) of reference (a), TDR #662 was placed on runway for a flight check after 15 days inactivity. This flight was cancelled because the starboard engine began losing RPM’s.
17 August 1944  Operations secured.
18 August 1944  No comment.
19 August 1944  No comment.
20 August 1944  No comment.
21 August 1944  In compliance with paragraph 3 (d) and 3 (e) of Enclosure (B) of reference (b), TDR #362, with a new starboard engine installed, successfully completed a 15 day inactivity check flight, and TDR #670 was flown on a smoke screen test hop. Smoke tanks were popped at 4 second intervals with plane gaining 100 feet after release of smoke on 300' Ace setting. The test was considered satisfactory.
22 August 1944  In compliance with paragraph 3 (d) and 3 (e) of Enclosure (B) of reference (b), TDR #385 and #376 satisfactorily passed five and ten day inactivity check flights respectively and TDR #670 was flown in a smoke screen test. The smoke tanks were popped at 6 second intervals.
23 August 1944  Operations secured.
24 August 1944  Routine "Affirm" flights were conducted.
25 August 1944  In compliance with paragraph 3 (e) of Enclosure (B) of reference (b), TDR #670 was employed in an unsuccessful smoke screen control flight, no control being obtained. Routine "Affirm" flights were conducted.
26 August 1944  Two control smoke screen tests were conducted in compliance with paragraph 3 (e) of Enclosure (B) of reference (b). One Element failed to effect "Cast" control but the other Element successfully layed a smoke screen at 100 feet, the tanks being popped at 7 second intervals. Routine Gyro and "Affirm" flights were conducted.

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27 August 1944  In compliance with paragraph 3 (d) of Enclosure (B) of reference (b), TDR #635 was flown on a five day inactivity control hop. "Cast" control was lost and the flight was unsuccessful. Routine Gyro and "Affirm" flights were conducted.

28 August 1944  Routine Gyro and "Affirm" flights were conducted.

29 August 1944  Routine Gyro and "Affirm" flights were conducted.

30 August 1944  Routine Gyro and "Affirm" flights were conducted.

31 August 1944  Operations secured.

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