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Q. Did the shore-based aircraft reach the enemy before any of our carrier aircraft?

A. That's my understanding of it.

Q. What is your explanation for the fact that the carrier striking force reported that the enemy carriers were undamaged?

A. Whether they contacted the same carriers that we did or not, I don't know. There were more carriers in the area than the Marines went after. As to damage to the Jap carriers by our shore-based bombers, all I have to go on is the reports of hits or near misses that the survivors brought back, attempting to week out anything reasonably doubtful. I believe our claim was two hits on one carrier and one on the other.

COMMENT: They were the same carriers. All were operating aircraft when later attacked by our carrier groups. Repairs apparently had been made by the Japs, any fires were out. It has been repeatedly demonstrated that carrier damage is very difficult to see or estimate from the air.

Q. Did you say you'd had some previous training in fighter director?

A. Yes, the training was almost daily. To start with all we knew about the fighter director was what we had read in intelligence reports. We set up what equipment we had and worked it out by trial and error in practice. I arrived at Midway on the 17th of April. Prior to that time Colonel Wallace was there. Long before my arrival they had started this system. They kept training and working, trying to reduce the time of take off, the time of getting together. The planes would follow the radio instructions and would intercept, as practice, any planes that came out, such as PBV's from Honolulu. They were in what I consider a very high state of training. It was a cracker-jack good fighter squadron.

Q. Were the runways long enough for the B-17's?

A. I never saw any of them have any trouble, either getting off or getting on. The longest runway there is 5400 feet. I didn't see any coming back with a full load of gasoline and bombs, but I saw them getting off with a full load.

Q. Is that long runway into the wind?

A. Between 70 and 80 percent of the time. The wind, I believe, varied from about 12 to 18 or 20 knots. Usually have a fairly decent breeze.

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