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Coolly and deliberately, all pilots dived on their selected targets, obtaining hits on the BB, CA and a DD. After they had unloaded their bombs, and knowing that .50 caliber bullets could cripple a destroyer, the pilots and rear gunners strafed destroyers and the cruiser, shattering the bridge structure, killing topside personnel and creating panic among the enemy.

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