

U.S.S. FRANKLIN (CV-13)

13 October 1944

Task Group 38.4 steaming as before off the island of Formosa.

- 0550—Launched one night fighter to assist in the interception of a possible bogie.
 0619—Launched 12VF as a fighter sweep over the Takao area.
 0655—Commenced fueling NICHOLSON (DD442).
 0758—Ceased fueling NICHOLSON (DD442).
 0813—Launched 14VF, 12VB and 8VT as Strike Able. - 1469
 0815—Recovered night fighters.
 0923—Launched 7VF, 12VB and 5VT as Strike Baker.
 0933—Recovered planes of the sweep.
 0950—Commenced fueling McCALL (DD400).
 0955—Ceased fueling McCALL (DD400), unfavorable seas.
 1216—Recovered planes of Strike Able.
 1332—Launched 19VF, 15VB and 8VT as Strike Charlie.
 1356—Recovered planes of Strike Baker.
 * 1653—Scrambled 8 fighters. Large number of bogies reported on the screen. 1472
 1654—Sounded General Quarters.
 1730—Recovered planes of Strike Charlie.
 1827—Four Japanese Bettys carrying one torpedo each attacked the task group.
 Two dropped their torpedoes against FRANKLIN. The torpedoes missed and the Bettys were shot down. Three by AA fire and the fourth by a fighter and AA fire. Casualties to personnel were one enlisted man killed and ten wounded. 1472
 1850—Landed planes of the scramble.
 On the return to base the fighters strafed a radar station at Kaeneti, southern tip of Formosa and one fighter was evidently hit by small caliber AA and crashed into the sea. Pilot was not seen after the crash and is reported as missing. 1472

Positions:	0800	22-32-00 N
		122-52-15 E
	1200	22-29-45 N
		122-28-00 E
	2000	22-40-00 N
	123-17-00 E	

14 October 1944

Task Group 38.4 steaming as before. Having retired from Formosa on a southerly course toward Luzon in order to launch a fighter sweep against Aparri. 1474

- 0330—Launched two night fighters on indications of a bogie on the screen.
 0639—Launched 8VF as fighter sweep against Aparri and 17VF and 3VB as SNASP.
 0653—Commenced fueling McCALL (DD400).
 0657—Recovered the night fighters.
 0824—Ceased fueling McCALL (DD400).
 0825—Sounded Torpedo Defense.
 0911—Recovered planes of the patrols.
 0959—Launched 4VF to orbit downed pilot of CAP whose rescue was effected by a screening destroyer.
 1034—Recovered planes of the sweep and patrols.
 1127—Commenced fueling WILKES (DD441).
 1300—Ceased fueling WILKES (DD441).
 1319—Launched 17VF and 4VB as SNASP.
 1328—Recovered planes of rescue mission.