

VMB-611

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Report #122

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED
(Reclassify when filled out)

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VMS 611 (b) Based on or at Forst Field, Zamboanga, P.I. (c) Report No. 122
 (d) Take off: Date 21 May 1945 Time (LZT) Varied (Zone); Lat. 8° 55' N Long. 122° 04' E
 (e) Mission Low Level - Kbase Trail (f) Time of Return Varied (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
<u>PBJ</u>	<u>VMS 611</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8x250 GP</u> <u>8x5" Rockets</u>	<u>AN-M 112 8-15 sec.</u>
<u>PBJ</u>	<u>VMS 611</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4x250 GP</u> <u>6x325 DC</u>	<u>AN-M 112 8-15 sec.</u> <u>AN-M 103 Inst.</u>

III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<u>None</u>							

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE	(b) NO OBSERVED	(c) NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
<u>None</u>			<u>(ZONE)</u>			
			<u>(ZONE)</u>			
			<u>(ZONE)</u>			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) _____
 Did Any Part of _____
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? _____ If so, Describe Clouds _____
(YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 Time of Day and Brilliance _____
 (j) of Sun or Moon _____ (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (k) Visibility _____ (MILES)

V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:				(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		
<u>None</u>						

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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	(c) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1	None			
2				
3				
4				
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11				
12				
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) NO.	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
	None			

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	(d) AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	(f) AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h) NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
						.30	.50	20MM	MM	
PBJ	190	190	3.9	974	680	x	18300	x	x	6

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	x			
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	x			
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	x			

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

- SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes

TURNS

DIVES

CEILINGS

RANGE

PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

No enemy a/c encountered.

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Kibawe Trail (b) Time Over Target(s) Varied (Zone)
- (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target Strato. CU, Base 500', SCUD at 10000', .5 Cover
- (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 20 miles
- (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Level Bomb Sight Used Mk 8 Gunner's Sight
- (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run Varied Spacing Varied Altitude of Bomb Release Minimum
- (NUMBER) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None Damaged None

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HIT ON Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 <u>Buildings, ravines</u>	-	<u>6</u> <u>VMB 611</u>	<u>40x250 GP</u>	<u>Unobs.</u>	<u>Unobserved</u>
2 <u>and personnel areas.</u>			<u>12x325 DC</u>		
3			<u>18300 rds. .50 cal.</u>		
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					

(o) RESULTS: (For all hits claimed on ship targets and for land targets of special interest draw diagram top or side view or both, as appropriate, showing type and location of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

Unobserved

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA. (Narrative and comment. Describe action fully and comment freely.)

following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY

OWN AIRCRAFT

- Disposition
- Altitudes
- Speeds
- Approach Tactics
- Use of Cover, Deception
- Angles of Attack and Their Effectiveness
- Distance of Opening Fire
- Defense Tactics and Their Effectiveness

ENEMY AIRCRAFT

- Method of Locating, Distance
- Disposition
- Altitudes
- Speeds
- Approach Tactics
- Use of Cover, Deception
- Angles of Attack
- Distance of Opening Fire
- Defensive Tactics

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Own Weaknesses
- Enemy Weaknesses
- Offensive Tactics, Own
- Offensive Tactics, Enemy
- Defensive Tactics, Own
- Defensive Tactics, Enemy
- Flexible Gunnery, Own
- Escort Tactics
- Fighter Direction
- Use of Radar
- Night Fighting
- Recognition, Aircraft

ATTACK

OWN TACTICS

- Method of Locating Target
- Approach to Target
- Altitudes, Speeds
- Approach
- Dive
- Pull-Out
- Dive Angle
- Strafing
- Retirement
- Defensive Tactics
- Use of Jamming

DEFENSE, ENEMY

- Evasive Tactics, Ships
- Concealment
- Searchlights
- Night Fighter Tactics
- Use of Jamming

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Bombing Tactics
- Torpedo Tactics
- Effectiveness of Bombs, Torpedoes
- Selection of Targets
- Fuzing
- Strafing Tactics
- Defensive Tactics
- Use of Radar
- Reconnaissance
- Photography
- Briefing

OPERATIONAL

- Navigation
- Homing
- Rendezvous
- Recognition, Ships
- Communications
- Flight Operations
- Search and Tracking
- Base Operations
- Maintenance

A/C NO.	PILOT	TO	TOT	TOR
CALL: SEAHORSE RED				
MB-11	Maulsby	0630	0700	0915
MB- 5	Pollan	"	"	"

This two plane section flew to the Kibawe Trail and hit the most likely areas for personnel to occupy during the day. The buildings in the ravines were just shelters, having no walls. S/H Red "11" dropped its bombs in the west ravine, hitting the most logical personnel areas. Rockets were fired into the same areas, but they were extremely erratic. A strafing run was then made on the plateau. A few persons were seen, but no trucks or truck activity were observed. S/H "5" placed five bombs and one rocket in the west ravine. Three bombs were dropped on three buildings on the plateau. Four rockets were fired at a building, all four of which were erratic. Twelve buildings were strafed with good results.

A/C NO.	PILOT	TO	TOT	TOR
CALL: SEAHORSE BLUE				
MB- 4	Hoadley	0630	0800	1010
MB- 1	Fish	"	"	"

S/H Blue "4" dropped all bombs on the easternmost ravines of the briefed targets. Bombs were observed to hit close to the road, one bomb exploding on the road within thirty yards of the barracks group. The barracks and buildings in the immediate vicinity were then put under a strafing attack. S/H Blue "1" dropped six depth charges in the same ravine, one of them fell safe. Four bombs hit three buildings of a group and destroyed them, leaving them burning. Two strafing runs were then made on the same buildings. Various targets in the the same area were then thoroughly strafed in a series of four passes. One truck was seen moving northwest along the road. The results of the section were excellent.

A/C NO.	PILOT	TO	TOT	TOR
CALL: SEAHORSE WHITE				
MB-10	Sarles	0720	0900-1020	1145
MB- 9	Schmillen	"	" "	"

S/H White "10" dropped two bombs short on a group of buildings on the plateau, but on a second run four bombs were placed directly on the same target, hitting it. There were believed to be probable stores in the area. Two bombs were dropped on another building with unobserved results. Six rockets were fired in the target area, while two more were fired at a house. The entire target area and the buildings were strafed. One camouflaged truck was seen on the side of the road. S/H White "9" dropped one bomb near a shack on the southeast corner of the plateau. Five more bombs near a large barn in the same area. The last two bombs dropped on a houses on the north edge of the plateau. Two rockets were fired accidentally. The remaining six rockets were fired at a house just northwest of the plateau on the Kibawe Trail. The target area was thoroughly strafed.

A/C NO.	PILOT	TO	TOT	TOR
CALL: SEAHORSE GREEN				
MB- 8	Peterson	0830	0930-1100	1215
MB-14	Kronick	"	" "	"

S/H Green "8" released seven bombs on groups of houses, destroying three of them. The other five bombs were dropped in a clump of trees on the plateau with unobserved results. Buildings and houses were thoroughly strafed. S/H Green "14" hit four houses and on water line with its twelve bombs. The a/c also strafed the general area.

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