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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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filled out)

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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				
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11				
12				
13				
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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	
<b>FBJ</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>27000</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>6</b>

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

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

**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) Kibane Trail  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Over Target(s) Varied (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target Scat. CU, Base 1000', .5 Cover  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (e) Visibility 20 miles  
(MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics; Type Level  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) Bomb Sight Used Mk 8 Gunner's Sight  
(TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run Varied Spacing Varied Altitude of Bomb Release Minimum  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (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 HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1	-	6			
Houses, roads, rav-		VMB 611	64x250 Gp	Unobs.	Unobserved
ines and vehicles			27000 rds. .50 cal.		
3					
along the trail.					
4					
5					
6					
7					
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(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 BLUE				
MB-9	Laur	0630	0800	1030
MB-11	Woods	" "	" "	" "

S/H Blue 9 dropped its bombs on houses and buildings along the trail and river. The most likely looking targets were selected. One building was observed to be destroyed. Strafing runs covered the entire area. S/H Blue 11 found three brand-new long buildings looking like barracks, located 3/4 mile northwest of the first ravine hit there. Four bombs were dropped on them. The target area was then strafed. Four bombs were then unloaded on other buildings with unobserved results. The buildings and ravines were thoroughly strafed. The a/c kept a sharp lookout for trucks, but none were sighted.

A/C NO.	PILOT	TO	TOT	TOR
CALL: SEAHORSE WHITE				
MB-3	Chelgren	0730	0900-1000	1200
MB-4	Good	" "	" "	" "

S/H White 3 bombed and strafed buildings and houses, as well as possible storage areas on the plateau and along the road and its ravines. Two houses were destroyed and two others fired. S/H White 4 dropped six bombs on a house, destroying it and cratering the road in front. Four bombs were dropped in wooded areas, while the remaining bombs were dropped on a road on the side of a hill, rendering it impassable until repaired. The entire area was then thoroughly strafed. The main road is being extended, as new dirt was observed, but no activity was seen at the time. The a/c could not contact Dancer and had difficulty reading Accident, but finally was able to report the information to him.

A/C NO.	PILOT	TO	TOT	TOR
CALL: SEAHORSE GREEN				
MB-2	Padgett	0830	1000	1230
MB-15	Lallasters	" "	" "	" "

This two plane section broke up over the target area, a ravine at the point where the Yibawe Trail becomes a vehicular road. S/H Green 2 circled, looking for targets, spotting a truck in the first ravine. Three bombs fell, registering near misses. A strafing run was made, hitting the truck with .50 caliber fire and burning it. As the a/c continued circling, enemy AA was observed coming from the ravine. Two bombs probably destroyed another truck, but definitely damaged it. The remaining bombs were dropped on probable storage areas with unobserved results. S/H Green 15 made two strafing runs on a house on a plateau, damaging it. Strafing and bombing runs were made from the northwest to the southeast through the ravine, which were hit by two bombs, one of which hit alongside a truck parked by one of the huts. Runs were made along the edge of the plateau, dropping eight more bombs and destroying two huts. The planes were unable to contact Dancer, but called Accident and reported target observations to him before returning to the base. A total of three trucks and five houses were destroyed by this flight. Results were considered excellent.

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