

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED
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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VBG 611 (b) Based on or at Horot Field, Zamboanga, P.I. (c) Report No. 96
 (d) Take off: Date 7 May 1945 Time (LZT) Varied (Zone); Lat. 9° 55' N Long. 122° 04' E
 (e) Mission Del Monte Road Sweep & Med. Alt. Night Bockle (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)		
PBJ	VBG 611	3	None	3	6x500 GP	AN-M 103 .1 sec. delay AN-M 103 Inst.
PBJ	VBG 611	3	None	1	6x500 GP	AN-M 101 .025 sec. delay
PBJ	VBG 611	4	None	4	3x1000 GP	AN-M 103 .1 sec. delay

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
None							

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
None			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(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 _____ (k) Visibility _____
 (j) of Sun or Moon _____ (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (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		
None						

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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)
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2				
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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

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	
FBJ	160	180	3.9	974	680	X	X	X	X	10

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

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

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

SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes

URNS
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) Del Monte Area (b) Time Over Target(s) Varied (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target Scat CU to Heavy CU, Base 2000'-12000', .2 to .9 Cover
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear until darkness (e) Visibility Unlimited 'til darkness
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Level Bomb Sight Used Mk 15 Mod 7
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run Varied Spacing _____ Altitude of Bomb Release 7000'-10000'
(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 HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 <u>Caves and roads in</u>	-	<u>B</u> <u>WD 611</u>	<u>24x500 GP</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>Unobserved</u>
2 <u>Del Monte Area.</u>			<u>12x1000 GP</u>		
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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
Defensive 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
" " " " Enemy
Defensive Tactics, Own
" " " " 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 ORANGE				
MB-14	Davis, R.	0245	0415	0705

This a/c went to Del Monte and made four runs on lights on the strip, dropping one bomb on each of the first three runs, and three bombs in salvo on the fourth run. There was truck activity on the highway 20 miles south of Del Monte. Due to being unable to contact Accident, Harness or Uncle 10, trucks were not attacked. Two planes were seen over Cagayan town which were unidentified. They passed about 500' below SH Orange 14, showing running lights, of which the red light was on the starboard wing. They resembled F2A's. After making the bombing runs, the a/c flew along the Sayre Highway and from there returned to the base.

CALL: SEAHORSE RED				
MB-15	Maulsby	0755	0915	1055
MB-11	Fish	0730	0930	1045

This medium altitude bombing strike hit the target, a cave at the south end of Tagoloan strip with one thousand pounders. The bombs from SH Red 15 exploded within 300' of the cave to the right, while the other a/c dropped its bombs to the left of the cave entrance approximately 200 yards. Upon completion of their runs, the two a/c returned to the base.

CALL: SEAHORSE WHITE				
MB-9	Kronick	0855	1045	1215
MB-7	Horton	0930	1045	1215

This two plane section flew to the target area at Del Monte. The first a/c made one dry run, then dropped 6x500 GP's, which fell about 100 yards northeast of the cave. The second a/c dropped its three bombs, one thousand pounders, directly on the target. The a/c then returned to the base.

CALL: SEAHORSE BLUE				
MB-1	Peterson	1000	1110	1215
MB-3	Schmillen	"	"	"

This two plane section flew direct to target and upon reaching it, the first plane made three runs. The first was a dry run, while the second and third runs were made from 9000', dropping 3x500 GP's on each. Hits were observed to be in the target area. The second a/c made two runs, the first dry, and the second put 3x1000 GP's directly on the cave with excellent results.

CALL: SEAHORSE BLACK				
MB-15	Good	1815	-	2115

After reaching Cotabato, this a/c turned back as the radio and radar installations were bad. Bombs were jettisoned because the landing gear indicator became inoperative, rendering landing hazardous.

CALL: SEAHORSE BROWN				
MB-5	Lauer	2045	2230	0100

Flying via Cotabato and Kabacan, this a/c arrived over Del Monte, trying to contact Accident or Uncle 10, but ineffectually. Peacock was raised and they instructed the a/c to report enroute to base. Proceeding to the target, the a/c made several dry runs trying to bomb by radar, but received too much cloud bounce on the scope. By dropping flares and observing the positions of lights along the Sayre Highway, the location was recognized and all bombs were dropped. The flash of the bursts could be seen through clouds.

CALL: SEAHORSE PURPLE				
MB-2	Padgett	2300	-	0030

Bad weather and radar forced the a/c back to base upon reaching Cotabato

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