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Report # 23

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED
(Reclassify when filled out)

(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) Kibawa Trail (b) Time Over Target(s) Varied (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target Strato CU, Base 2000', .5 Cover
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 25 miles
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Level Bomb Sight Used Mk 8 Gummer's Sight
- Bombs Dropped per Run Varied Spacing Varied Altitude of Bomb Release Minimum
- (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	-	8	58x250 GP	Unobs.	Unobserved
2		VIR 011	12x325 DC		
3			17x5" Rockets		
4			23200 rds. .50 cal.		
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? No 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
Defense 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	TOE	TOR
CALL: SEAHORSE RED				
SB-5	Chapman	0650	0845	1050
SB-7	Bennett	"	"	"

S/H Red "5" made a strafing run on two buildings. A bomb was dropped on a building in a clump of trees. Another building was hit on a strafing and bombing run on which one bomb was dropped. A dugout was thoroughly strafed and fired, while one bomb was released and it near a truck. The rest of the bombs were dropped on a group of buildings with unobserved results. Before returning to the base, the a/c made two strafing runs on the road. S/H Red "7" fanned about the area looking for targets. The a/c dropped seven bombs on buildings in the area and came back, spraying the area with .50 caliber fire. A truck was seen just off the road in a banana grove and the last bomb was dropped. The bomb skipped in, hitting the truck and a sedan, destroying both. Still another truck was strafed in a banana grove, but the results were unobserved. The location of the trucks were shown to S/H Blueflight who relieved the a/c.

A/C NO.	PILOT	TO	TOE	TOR
CALL: SEAHORSE BLUE				
SB-14	Hurley	0730	0845	1120
SB-3	Griffith	"	"	"

S/H Blue "14" dropped three depth charges in the ravine on its first run, but for unknown reasons they did not explode. The other three depth charges, however, exploded in the ravine. Two bombs were released on houses, while the remaining two bombs were dropped on two trucks. The trucks looked to be unserviceable. Several houses were put under a strafing attack, leaving one burning. S/H Blue "3" dropped all its depth charges in the truck area, where a total of four trucks were seen. Two bombs were dropped on a group of houses, completely destroying one house. The last two bombs were placed in the truck area prior to a strafing run on the majority of the houses in the target area.

A/C NO.	PILOT	TO	TOE	TOR
CALL: SEAHORSE WHITE				
SB-15	Davis, E.	0900	1030	1300
SB-2	Samuels	"	"	"

S/H White "15" dropped four bombs on a garage just off the road. A rocket was also fired into the garage and it burned to the ground. Two bombs were placed on some new building on the east side of a wooded knoll. One bomb was dropped on a camouflaged building in a cane field and then all targets were strafed. S/H White "2" placed three bombs in a ravine. In four subsequent runs, groups of houses that looked to be promising targets located on the top of the plateau were hit with nine bombs. The bombs hit square on the selected buildings. Small arms fire was encountered, but it was ineffective.

A/C NO.	PILOT	TO	TOE	TOR
CALL: SEAHORSE GREEN				
SB-10	McRobert	0930	1300	1445
SB-9	Fish	"	"	"

S/H Green "9" bombed the left edge of the ravine, which appeared to be a possible bivouac area. Rockets were fired into a building along the road destroying it. The plateau and road were then thoroughly strafed. S/H Green "10" also bombed the ravine where S/H Green "9" had hit. Bursts were observed, but results could not be determined. Seven rockets were fired into a building on the plateau, destroying it. The entire area was strafed

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