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Report # 57

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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) **Del Monte A/D - Supply and Revettes Areas** Time Over Target(s) **Varied** (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target **Heavy CU, B see 5000', Dense O'Cast. 10 Cover**
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target **Partially obscured by clouds** (e) Visibility **1/4 - 1 mile**
(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 **Min. 3500'**
(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 Del Monte A/D - Supply and Revettes Areas	-	10 VB 611	66x250 gp 12x5" Rockets 10000 rds. .50 cal.	Unobs.	Unobserved
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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
- " " , 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

CALL: SEAHORSE RED	A/C NO.	PILOT	TO	TOT	TOR
	MB- 3	Series	0700	0835-0945	1130
	MB- 7	Kronick	0850	" "	1040
	MB- 0	Peterson	"	" "	"
	MB- 5	Horton	"	" "	"
	MB- 6	Hoadley	"	" "	"
	MB-12	Fellan	"	" "	"
	MB-14	Haulsby	0700	" "	0730

This flight arrived at the target area and made their respective bombing runs covering the area with bomb bursts. All bombs fell within 250 yards of the center of the target area. Smoke from Napalm bombs dropped by F4U's before the arrival of the PBJ's made bomb damage assessment difficult. However, it is believed that the bombing results were generally good. Col. Series, the flight leader, sent the rest of the ships home and remained to observe and strafe. A camouflaged building, central target in the area, was strafed with good results, as a large fire was seen on the south side of the building as a direct result of the strafing. Major Haulsby had engine trouble and returned to the base before reaching target.

CALL: SEAHORSE WHITE	A/C NO.	PILOT	TO	TOT	TOR
	MB- 2	Garbo	1445	1615	1830
	MB- 4	Kronick	"	"	"

This two plane section found the area blanketed by weather and the smoke of still burning fires. Visibility was down to 1/4 mile, with a solid overcast over 5000' with much haze below. However, runs were made at the targets and bombs were dropped. Rockets were employed against buildings in the area of the tower. Releases were made at 1500'. No damage could be assessed, as it was difficult to even determine the hits. Light, intense, accurate AA fire was encountered, but except for the flashes of tracers through the smoke, the positions could not be definitely spotted. The right rudder fin of one a/c was punctured by a possible 12.7 mm shell. An attempt was made to get photos of the area, but again visibility was so poor that the results were not of any advantage in locating targets. Overall results of the attack can only be classified as fair.

CALL: SEAHORSE GREEN	A/C NO.	PILOT	TO	TOT	TOR
	MB- 7	Schallion	1530	1700	1850
	MB- 1	Fish	1515	1700	1845

As with the preceding two plane section, the weather and extremely low visibility made bombing and strafing difficult. 12 runs were made over the area at minimum altitude. One shack was burned by tracers, while one house was destroyed by a direct bomb hit. Small fires were started in the area by tracers and the storage area was hit, but again hits and damage assessment could not be made. It is believed, however, that actual coverage was good.

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