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Report # 88

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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's** (b) Time Over Target(s) **Varied** (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target **Scat. CU Base 3000' - 12000'** **.7 Cover**
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target **Partially obscured by clouds** (e) Visibility **5-8 miles**
(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 **Varied** Altitude of Bomb Release **6500' - 8500'**
(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 Area:	•	4 VMB 611	24x500 GP	Unobs.	Unobserved
2 Supply areas,			28x5" Rockets		
3 Gun Positions					
4 and caves.					
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
" " 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
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CALL: SEAHORSE YELLOW

MB- 9	McNamara	1330	15000	1715
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This two plane section flew to Del Monte A/D's and bombed a supply area and gun positions in a clump of trees south of Tagoloan #1. Runs were made at 8500' and hits were registered in the target area. Rockets were fired at a long house at a road intersection between Diklom #1 and #2 and on the south edge of the ravine running parallel to the strips, and two bombs were also dropped in it. The house was completely destroyed and smoke rose from the area surrounding it. A clump of trees one mile north from the end of Tagoloan #1 received two more rockets and was thoroughly strafed, causing fires and smoke to rise from the trees.

CALL: SEAHORSE ORANGE

MB- 7	Chelgren	1400	1530	1750
MB- 8	Woods	"	"	"

Flying direct to the target, this two plane section contacted Peacock enroute. The first plane flew over the target from the south, making five runs. Five bombs were dropped on the second run and the last bomb on the fifth run. All bombs were target hits on storage and personnel areas south of Diklom #1 strip. Two rockets were put in the target area, two on a cave position in a ravine between Diklom and Tagoloan strips, and two on gun positions in the area, and the last two on covered dugouts. Many fires were observed, smoke rising to 6000'. The area were also strafed thoroughly on rocket runs. The second a/c dropped its bombs in the target area. Four rockets were fired there and the other four were fired in the town of Del Monte. The entire target area was strafed by this a/c, as was the town. Overall results were considered extremely good.

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