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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED  
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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) Hibara Trail (b) Time Over Target(s) Varied (Zone)  
(FOR SHIP TARGETS INCLUDE AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target strato CU, base 2500', 5 Cover  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 25 miles  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Level Bomb Sight Used Mk 3 Ganner's Sight  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (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 <u>Road, houses, dis-</u>	-	<u>8</u> <u>VMB 611</u>	<u>79x250 GP</u>	<u>Unobs.</u>	<u>Unobserved</u>
2 <u>persal areas, rav-</u>			<u>6x325 DG</u>		
3 <u>ines, and vehicles.</u>			<u>27000 rds. .50 cal.</u>		
4					
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	TIME	TIME
CALL: SEAHORSE RED				
MB-75	Hamilton	0530	0700	0900
MB-5	Chelgren	"	"	"

S/H Red "15" dropped two bombs in a ravine and six bombs on the plateau. The targets were houses, some of which appeared to be storage buildings. Four of these were completely destroyed. The target area was then thoroughly strafed with .50 caliber fire. S/H Red "5" released its eight bombs on a group of houses situated on the plateau and saw two completely destroyed by them. A strafing run set seven more on fire. Results of this two plane section were considered excellent.

A/C NO.	PILOT	TO	TIME	TIME
CALL: SEAHORSE BLUE				
MB-8	Padgett	0630	0815	1030
MB-6	Lohasters	"	"	"

S/H Blue "8" released six depth charges at the end of the trail in a possible personnel area. The four bombs were dropped on houses located on the plateau. Building in this area were also strafed. S/H Blue "6" bombed houses and personnel areas on the plateau, as well as possible dispersal areas. One house was set afire and these same targets were strafed thoroughly, but with unobserved results.

A/C NO.	PILOT	TO	TIME	TIME
CALL: SEAHORSE WHITE				
MB-2	Fagan	0730	0910-1000	1110
MB-4	Good	0730	0910-1000	1200

S/H White "2" dropped half its bombs on building installations in the ravine, but results were unobserved. The remaining bombs were placed on building installations on the plateau. Buildings and houses on the plateau were heavily strafed. No activity, traffic or personnel were observed in the entire area. S/H White "4" placed one bomb on a truck and four in a grove of trees. A vehicle was seen on the side of the road and two bombs were dropped on it. A group of houses received three bombs and two of them were destroyed. Buildings in the entire target area were thoroughly strafed and the last two bombs were put into a grove of trees with unobserved results.

A/C NO.	PILOT	TO	TIME	TIME
CALL: SEAHORSE GREEN				
MB-1	Lawer	0830	1000	1230
MB-14	Woods	"	"	"

S/H Green "1" unloaded bombs on houses and wooded areas that seemed to be dispersal areas. Bursts caused three explosions in a cane field. From the smoke coming up, it looked as though a fuel dump had been hit. One bomb was placed on a machine gun emplacement, which in turn was strafed. All buildings in the area were then completely covered by strafing runs. S/H "14" released its bomb load on various buildings on the plateau. Eight of the buildings were destroyed, while a subsequent strafing run set fire to another building. Other buildings were also strafed. A sawmill was observed northwest of the plateau, located about 100 yards from a bend in the river. The entire area was strafed very heavily before the two a/c returned to the base.

It is considered that the bomb and strafing coverage of all Seahorse flights this date were extremely good.

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