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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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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) Kibase Trail (b) Time Over Target(s) Varied (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target CU, Base 3900', .3 Cover  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 20 Miles  
(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 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>Houses, huts, and</u>	-	<u>6</u> <u>VMB 611</u>	<u>48x250 G<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>Unobs.</u>	<u>Unobserved</u>
2 <u>Supply Areas.</u>			<u>16x250 GP</u>		
3			<u>32000 rds. .50 cal.</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
- 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
CALL: SEAHORSE BLUE				
MB- 5	Charles	0730	0900	1215
MB- 5	Fish	"	"	"

This two plane section swept the northwest end of the Kibawe Trail, dropping bombs and making rocket runs on houses in the area. Three houses were completely destroyed. During the strafing runs, small arms fire was observed coming from a house, which in turn was bracketed by four rockets and received a near miss from one bomb. A truck was strafed and believed to have been put out of commission. From this area, the planes went to a point one and a half miles south of Mt. Livagon, where rockets were put into four more houses and three hats burned from .50 caliber fire. More houses and supply areas were noticed to the east of the areas, hit within the last few days, than in the mountainous western section. No activity was seen on the roads. Results of the strike were considered excellent. After rendezvousing, the planes checked with Accident and a reconnaissance of Davao penal colony. No activity was noted. At coordinates 25-86 and 25-87.5, Summas Section Mast 4732-1, panels "N-L" were observed. New frame buildings were spotted under trees and in the open five to eight miles south by southeast of the penal colony.

CALL: SEAHORSE WHITE				
MB- 5	Kronick	0855	1020	1320
MB-11	Pollan	"	"	"

These two planes flew to a plateau at the eastern end of the Kibawe Trail, and made runs on houses on the plateau and in a nearby coconut grove. Eight houses were destroyed by bombs, and direct hits by rockets blew up two more. The whole plateau was strafed thoroughly. No activity could be seen on the trail, although there were many fresh tracks. The planes contacted Dancer and gave the results of the strike, which were excellent, and then returned to the base.

CALL: SEAHORSE GREEN				
MB-14	Haulby	1350	1500	1700
MB- 4	Peterson	"	"	"

This section strafed and bombed houses on the plateau end of the Kibawe Trail by the foothills. On the southwest corner of this area a barracks area, hidden by trees, was hit by 16 bombs. The trees made damage assessment impossible, but boards were thrown into the air and the bombs covered the area. Two houses were demolished by rockets and the whole area was thoroughly strafed. Coverage and results that could be seen were excellent. The planes were unable to contact Dancer, but reached Accident for target information. The planes returned to the base without further incident.

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