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Report # 116

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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) **Storage & Personnel Areas-Kibawa Trail** Time Over Target(s) **Varied** (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target **Scat. CU, Base 4000', .3 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 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 Barracks, roads,	•	10	80x250 GP	Unobs.	Unobserved
2 vehicles, storage		WVB 611	70x5" Rockets		
3 dumps, and personnel			4x100 Chem. bombs		
4 areas.			50050 rds. .50 cal.		
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7					
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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 WHITE (CONTINUATION)

3100 rounds of .50 caliber were fired into houses in the target area. Buildings in this same area were observed as being demolished after this sections attack.

S/H White 9 dropped one bomb in the target area from about 100' and then noticed smoke coming from the port engine and immediately climbed to 1000'. From this altitude, the remaining bombs were dropped in the target area, which fell, which fell in the assigned target area, according to the strike coordinator, Lt. Col. Sarles.

S/H White 15 dropped all bombs on the first low pass, bracketing the target. The a/c then made a rocket and strafing attack on the target, but damage was unobserved as the plane immediately joined S/H White 9, as an escort to the base.

S/H White 3 attacked a barracks area of eight buildings southwest of Kulapu River near Kulapu Town. All bombs were dropped on the first run, while four rockets were fired on each of the two subsequent rocket runs. The bombs destroyed three buildings and the rocket bursts cause a building to burn. The area from Calanan to the ridge was thoroughly strafed.

S/H White 4 destroyed two buildings 200 yards south of S/H White 3's target with three bombs. The remaining bombs fell just short of the target hit by the section leader. Two rocket runs resulted in two hits on a building, using three rockets on each run. Calanan area was strafed and two rockets were fired into houses at the road junction just north of Calanan on the trail.

S/H White 5 dropped all bombs on the first low run, hitting five houses in the southwestern sector of the assigned target area. Damage was not assessable. Strafing runs were then made and on the last one, a gun flash was seen coming from a house in the target area.

S/H White 10 released all bombs on one run over the target, hitting the east side of the ravine with unobserved results. Twenty five hundred rounds of .50 caliber were placed in the same area. Three rocket runs then ensued, firing two on the first, four on the second and two on the third run at a group of buildings near the creek. In returning to the base this a/c landed at Malaban, to refuel.

The overall results of this bombing, rocket and strafing attack strike were considered excellent.

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