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Report #114

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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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## VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	(c) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1	PBJ	Rocket Blast	Port engine cowling	Dented - slight damage
2			and port leading edge	
3			of wing.	
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## VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) NO.	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
	None			

## VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	(d) AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	(f) AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h) NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
						.30	.50	20MM	MM	
PBJ	250	250	5.0	974	800	x	10100	x	x	4

## IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over				
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	x			
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	x			

## X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB,  
at various altitudes

URNS  
DIVES  
CEILINGS  
RANGE  
PROTECTION  
ARMAMENT

**No enemy a/c encountered.**

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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) PT Support - Davao Gulf (b) Time Over Target(s) Varied (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target Scat. CU. Base 3000' - 4000' .4 - .5 Cover
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility Unlimited
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Level Bomb Sight Used Mk 8 Gunner's Sight
- Bombs Dropped per Run Varied Spacing Varied Altitude of Bomb Release Minimum
- (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	-	4			
<b>Targets assigned</b>		<b>VMB 611</b>	<b>32x250 GP</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Combined rocket and</b>
2			<b>30x5" Rockets</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>bomb hits destroyed</b>
3			<b>10100 RDS. .50 CAL.</b>		<b>and sank seven (7)</b>
4					<b>enemy MIB's and one</b>
5					<b>(1) barge.</b>
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.)

Both guerrillas and Toddy Leader reported Japanese suicide torpedo bases just North of Piso Point. All Seahorse flights this date hit the area with rockets, bombs, and .50 caliber fire, harbored in a small inlet at the reported location were several enemy MIB's and barges, of which seven (7) MIB's and one (1) barge were either sunk or definitely destroyed.

(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
- Defensive 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 Targets
- 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 GREEN (CONTINUATION)**

Personnel were observed at the burning MTB that Lt. Fish had fired, during the first turn around the target for orientation, but they scattered at the arrival of the a/c before .50 caliber fire could be directed at them. The plane then climbed to 3500' for rocket runs on the same target. Seven of the eight rockets went in ripple fire, two hitting on the forward deck of the nearest boat causing large holes in the deck, and the remaining five hitting to each side and over the furthest MTB. One rocket failed to fire. On leaving the area, the one MTB on fire at the arrival of the a/c was still burning, as was the ammunition dump. Seven of the boats were still apparently serviceable. There are many opportunities for concealment and camouflage, as well as possible additional targets in the vicinity. While circling before beginning the runs, a 20'x60' building next to the burning MTB exploded as a result of the fire spreading from the burning MTB. It was apparently a fuel storage dump, for intense black smoke arose. There were well used trails leading from the MTB sites, although barracks or other stores were not sighted. No barges were seen at any time.

**CALL: SEAHORSE WHITE**

MTB- 7	Horton	1300	1450	1630
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This plane relieved S/H Green at the target, after contacting Toddy 9, who had ordered them to hit Jap boats in the inlet north of Piso Point. An observation run was made, sighting two partially damaged MTB's in the inlet. A run was made, dropping two bombs which skipped over. The boats were also strafed on this run. Three bombs were dropped on the next run, which resulted in one direct hit on one of the enemy MTB's. Debris rose to 100' during the explosion which followed. The adjacent MTB was also hit, completely blowing off the stern, but not burning it. Another run was made, again dropping three bombs and severely strafing the damaged MTB. The bombs were just over, but the .50 caliber fire registered well. Having exhausted its bombs and ammo, S/H White contacted our PT's, which were standing off the cove also without ammo. Upon leaving the target, the a/c noted two fires and smoke columns. One was definitely a fuel dump, the other was the enemy MTB left burning by S.H White. Only one MTB, which was located close to the base of the hills on the S.E. side of the cove, was noted as still being serviceable. A least five of the enemy MTB's were either destroyed or put out of commission. The a/c then returned to the base.

The overall results of these four planes on today's strike against the enemy torpedo boats, their docks and supply areas are to be considered as outstanding.

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