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Report #80

LIC (12)

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED
(Reclassify when
filled out)

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VMB 611 (b) Based on or at Moret Field, Zamboanga, P. I. (c) Report No. 80
 (d) Take off: Date 23 April 1945 Time (LZT) Varied (Zone); Lat. 6° 55' N Long. 122° 04' E
 (e) Mission Del Monte Med. Alt. Bombing and Rocket Mission (f) Time of Return Varied (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

| TYPE (a) | SQUADRON (b) | NUMBER | | | BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f) | FUZE, SETTING (g) |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|
| | | TAKING OFF (c) | ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d) | ATTACKING TARGET (e) | | |
| PB ^J | VMB 611 | 5 | None | 5 | 6x500 GP | AN M 103 INST. AN M 101A1 .025 sec. |
| PS ^W | VMB 611 | 1 | None | 1 | 8x5" Rockets 6x500 GP 6x5" Rockets | 6146 INST. AN M 103 INST. AN M 101A1 .025 sec. 7148 INST. |

III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

| TYPE | SQUADRON | NUMBER | BASE | TYPE | SQUADRON | NUMBER | BASE |
|------|----------|--------|------|------|----------|--------|------|
| None | | | | | | | |

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

| (a) TYPE | (b) NO OBSERVED | (c) NO ENGAGING OWN A/C | (d) TIME ENCOUNTERED | (e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER | (f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED | (g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING |
|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| None | | | | (ZONE) | | |
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(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) _____
 Did Any Part of
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? _____ If so, Describe Clouds _____
(YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 Time of Day and Brilliance _____
 (j) of Sun or Moon _____ (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (k) Visibility _____ (MILES)

V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

| (a) TYPE ENEMY A/C | (b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY: | | | (c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE | (d) DAMAGE CLAIMED |
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| | TYPE A/C | SQUADRON | PILOT OR GUNNER | | |
| None | | | | | |
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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) |
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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 |
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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 | |
| FW | 180 | 180 | 3.9 | 976 | 650 | X | X | X | X | 6 |
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IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

| CALIBER | NONE | MEAGER | MODERATE | INTENSE |
|---|----------|--------|----------|---------|
| HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over | X | | | |
| 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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(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 CU Base 8000' 2 Cover
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Partially obscured by clouds (e) Visibility 12 miles
(CLEAR, FAZY, PARTIALLY OBSOURED 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 7500' 10000'
(NUMBER) (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 Gun positions, personnel areas, and buildings in Del Monte A/D area. | | 6 VMB 611 | 36x500 GP 4x5" Rockets | Unobs. | Unobserved |
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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

| CALLS | SEARCHER | REQ | TO | TIME | TCR |
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| A/C NO. | PILOT | | | | |
| SB-15 | Fagan | | 1330 | 1450 | 1840 |
| SB-9 | McRobert | | " | " | 1900 |

The two planes flew via Suluan Point to Del Monte A/D area and bombed a five-gun emplacement at the southeastern end of Biklan #1. Runs were made from 5500' - 4500'. Both planes put strings of bombs directly across the gun positions, destroying them completely. Rocket runs from 3000' to 700' were made and all rockets hit the area of the gun position. On route to the base, Major Fagan landed at Malabang at 1615, dropped off his boat skipper and picked up an Army major and captain to bring to Zamboanga. Taking off at 1740, he landed at Hurst Field at 1840. Lt. McRobert could not make his right auxiliary fuel transfer pump function upon completion of his bombing runs, so he landed at Malabang at 1700 and took on 200 gallons of fuel, then took off at 1800 and arrived at Hurst Field at 1900.

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| SB-12 | Hamilton | | 1415 | 1540 | 1755 |
| SB-14 | Hurley | | " | " | " |

SALLA S/A Brown

S/A Brown "14" proceeded to Del Monte where 4 runs were made on a personnel area 200 yards east of the north end of Biklan #1 and dropped 6 bombs on the last run. The area was well covered with bomb bursts. An AA battery was hit which was located just east of the north end of the runway. Two gun positions were also hit. Rocket runs were made from 3000' down to 700'. General bomb, strafing and rocket coverage was good. S/A Brown "12" landed immediately after take-off due to a faulty fuel tank cap having caused leakage. After taking off a gain, the aircraft proceeded to Del Monte. One dry run was made at 10000'. A second at the same altitude, but the target was obscured by clouds. A third run was made at 8500', but the bombs would not release, so a fourth run at 4500' was made and the bombs were released in a salvo. The target was a personnel area 200 yards east of the north end of Biklan. The bombs were seen to hit 100' west, cratering the Sayre highway. Due east of the south end of Biklan #1, a cave was covered by six rockets, all exploding in the mouth of the cave. Two more rockets were put into a gun position at the intersection of the highway 10 miles south of Augustan. The coverage was extremely good.

| CALLS | SEARCHER | REQ | TO | TIME | TCR |
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| SB-8 | Radgett | | 1445 | 1700 | 1830 |
| SB-3 | Griffith | | " | " | " |

This two plane section flew to the Del Monte A/D target area and proceeded to make their bombing and rocket runs. The targets were gun emplacements. All bombs dropped were near misses from 7500'. Eight rockets were put into the target, starting fires at the south end of Tagelcan strip. Five rockets were fired at buildings in the area, starting two fires.

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