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Report # S1

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED
(Reclassify when filled out)

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

REPORT No 51

XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Targets #5 and #1 in Malabang (b) Time Over Target(s) 0800-0820 I (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target Scat. CU High C'cast
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 12 miles
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Level Bomb Sight Used Mk B Gunner's Sight
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run Varied Spacing Minimum Altitude of Bomb Release 200'
(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 Target #5 Malabang Area		6 VMB 611	84x250 GP 7500 rds. .50 cal.	77	Unobserved
2 Target #1 Malabang Area		3 VMB 611	31x250 GP 2500 rds. .50 cal.	31	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

CALL: SEAHORSE WHITE

A/C NO.	PILOT	T.O.	T.O.T.	T.O.R.
MB-3	Sarles	0650	0815	0930
MB-2	Schmillen	"	"	"
MB-5	Hoadley	"	"	"
MB-12	Fish	"	"	"
MB-7	McNamara	"	"	"
MB-8	Pollan	"	"	"

The planes arrived at the target area and made their respective runs, dropping 77 bombs in the assigned area, target #5, hitting the bivouac and storage areas. Lt. Hoadley was then instructed to drop his remaining 7 bombs on target area #1, which he proceeded to do. Target area #5 was completely covered by the bombs. This area had been marked by panels placed by the guerrillas. Smoke covered the entire area. The bivouac area and the road were strafed. No gun emplacements were seen, but men were observed in foxholes. Col. Sarles made 4 strafing runs on the ~~sea~~ between the bridge and the toward east of the road toward town. He landed on Malabang strip, as did Lt. Hoadley, for a talk with the commanders of the ground forces. At their request, he made 2 strafing runs on the isthmus northwest of the town and southwest of the strip. The native boats had reported 20 MM fire from this point. The overall results of this bombing and strafing mission were considered excellent.

CALL: SEAHORSE RED

MB-11	Maulsby	0700	0800	0900
MB-4	Peterson	"	"	"
MB-0	Horton	"	"	"

Upon arriving over the target area, #1, this section dropped all its bombs on one run over the target, which was the supply area just southeast of the Malabang strip and north of the Malabaling River. One large flame resulted from a hit on a gas or oil storage dump. The flame was very close to the road in the target area. The target was then thoroughly strafed with .50 cal. fire. Overall results were again considered excellent.

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