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Report #129

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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) Kibawe Trail (b) Time Over Target(s) Varied (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target Scat. CU, Base 6500', .5 Cover  
(BASE IN FEET TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 20 miles  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBTSCURED 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Probably Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_

(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 <b>Buildings, huts,</b>	-	<b>4</b> <b>VMB 611</b>	<b>40x250 GP</b>	<b>Unobs.</b>	<b>Unobserved</b>
2 <b>and Dugouts.</b>			<b>27x5" Rockets</b>		
3			<b>23900 rds. .50 cal.</b>		
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5					
6					
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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? No 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
<b>CALL: SEAHORSE RED</b>				
MB-9	Bennett	0635	0800	1035
MB-10	Davis, S.	"	"	"

This two plane section bombed and strafed buildings and huts on the plateau. Two of the houses burned. Dugouts on the side of the hill on the center of the plateau were bombed with unobserved results. The planes cleared the target area through Accident. Results were considered good. The planes returned to the base without incident.

<b>CALL: SEAHORSE BLUE</b>				
MB-4	Samuels	1330	1500	1715
MB-2	Griffith	"	"	"

S/H Blue 4 unloaded five bombs on a truck on the side of a ravine. The bombs fell near the truck on the road. Seven bombs were salvoed over the same area, dropping safe. Two rockets were fired short of a house. Two more rockets were fired at another house, one hitting and completely wrecking it. One rocket fired at a building was just over the top. Other buildings in the target area were thoroughly strafed. S/H Blue 2 bombed targets of opportunity. Six of the bombs did not explode for reasons unknown. Rockets were fired at houses, one of which burst into flame. Buildings in the target area were strafed heavily. The planes were unable to contact Dancer, before returning to the base.

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