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Report #141

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## AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED  
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### I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VMB 611 (b) Based on or at Moret Field, Zamboanga, P.I. (c) Report No. 141  
 (d) Take off: Date 19 June 1945 Time (LZT) 1030 I (Zone); Lat. 6° 55' N Long 122° 04' E  
 (e) Mission Low Level - Sarangani Area (f) Time of Return 1300 I (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)		
PBJ	VMB 611	4	None	4	6x260 Frags	AN-M 103 Inst.
PBJ	VMB 611	2	None	2	10x260 Frags	AN-M 103 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)			
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(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)

(j) Time of Day and Brilliance \_\_\_\_\_  
(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
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		
None						

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(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 <b>PBJ</b>	<b>VMB611</b>	<b>Bomb bursts of own a/c.</b>	<b>Port engine and both wings.</b>	<b>Complete loss</b> <b>Bureau No. 35172</b>
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3 <b>PBJ</b>	<b>VMB611</b>	<b>Bomb bursts of own a/c.</b>	<b>Port engine and both wings and Bomb. Comp.</b>	<b>Complete loss</b> <b>Bureau No. 35194</b>
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5 <b>PBJ</b>	<b>VMB611</b>	<b>Bomb bursts of own a/c.</b>	<b>Both wings, fuselage, and empennage.</b>	<b>Many holes-repairable</b>
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7 <b>PBJ</b>	<b>VMB611</b>	<b>Bomb bursts of own a/c.</b>	<b>Both wings and fuselage.</b>	<b>Slight damage-repairable</b>
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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
1.	<b>VMB611</b>	<b>DAVIS, Robert R., Major, (06791), USMC</b>	<b>Result of crash</b>	<b>Critically wounded</b>
1.	<b>VMB611</b>	<b>COCOS, John N., 1st Lt., (026652), USMC</b>	<b>Result of crash</b>	<b>Critically wounded</b>
1.	<b>VMB611</b>	<b>FRIE, Ivan L.P., Jr., Master Technical Sergeant, (296379), USMC</b>	<b>Result of crash</b>	<b>Critically wounded</b>
1.	<b>VMB611</b>	<b>CARVETH, Richard N., Staff Sergeant, (801104), USMC(SS)</b>	<b>Result of crash</b>	<b>Seriously wounded</b>
1.	<b>VMB611</b>	<b>FLYNN, Paul J., Staff Sergeant, (517384), USMC</b>	<b>Result of crash</b>	<b>Slightly wounded</b>
1.	<b>VMB611</b>	<b>DOMBARD, Clifford A., Corporal, (801954), USMC(SS)</b>	<b>Result of crash</b>	<b>Slightly wounded</b> <b>(CONTINUED)</b>

## 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	
<b>PBJ</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>4</b>

## 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				
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm			<b>X</b>	

## 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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(a) NO	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
1.	VMBG11	JURGE, Joseph H., Corporal, (807853), USMC(SB)	Result of crash	Critically wounded
3.	VMBG11	GRIFFITH, Robert A., 1st Lt., (025093), USMC	Result of crash	Missing in action
3.	VMBG11	ZARR, William B., 1st Lt., (027100), USMC	Result of crash	Slightly wounded
3.	VMBG11	KUFF, Dwight F., Technical Sergeant, (420772), USMC	Result of crash	Seriously wounded
3.	VMBG11	SLATTERY, Kevin J., Staff Sergeant, (806577), USMC(SB)	Result of crash	Slightly wounded
3.	VMBG11	SAND, Clyde W., Sergeant, (497719), USMC	Result of crash	Missing in action

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3.	VMB611	BENZ, Arthur D., Corporal, (895681), USMCR(SS)	Result of crash	Missing in action
3.	VMB611	CAMBS, Pericles, Private First Class, (518090), USMCR	Result of crash	Slightly wounded
5.	VMB611	ANDERSON, Robert J., Ser- geant, (535652), USMCR	Result of bomb bursts	Slightly wounded

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- SPEED, CLIMB,  
at various altitudes

TURNES

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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) Sarangani Area (b) Time Over Target(s) 1130 I (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target CU, Base 5000', 4 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-1400'  
(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 <b>Briefed targets in Sarangani Area.</b>	•	6 <b>VMB 611</b>	<b>44x260# Frags</b>	<b>Unobs.</b>	<b>Unobserved</b>
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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 RED

A/C NO.	PILOT	TO	TOT	TCR
MB-4	Davis, R.	1050	1130	---
MB-9	Griffith	"	"	---
MB-10	Davis, S.	"	"	1300
MB-5	Albers	"	"	1300
MB-15	Branson	"	"	1300
MB-6	Streit	"	"	1300

These six planes flew direct to the north of Mount Matutum and broke into two three-planes sections. The first section came in from the north over the briefed target. Lt. Davis opened his bomb-bay doors, but as he observed Major R. Davis' doors were still closed, he assumed he had mistaken the target and closed his doors. A few moments later, as the planes passed over the brow of Base Peak, Major Davis opened his doors and Lt. Davis did likewise. The first two planes of this section were about 60 feet apart, Lt. Davis flying No. 3 on Major Davis. Seeing Major Davis drop his bombs, Lt. Davis also released his. He states that at this time his actual altitude was 200'. Immediately upon releasing, Lt. Davis felt six light jars under his a/c. Major Davis commenced to turn right, going under MB-10. Lt. Davis continued ahead in a slight climb, heading for the rendezvous point. This was the last time Lt. Davis saw the flight leader. He seemed to have full control of the plane. As Lt. Davis continued, he rolled his elevator tabs forward without getting any response from the controls. A crew member was shifted forward and the trim was obtained. Lt. Davis tried to contact Major Davis on VHF and liason, but both sets were knocked out. Lt. Davis was then told over the interphone that Sgt. R.J. Anderson, radio-gunner, was hit. A moment later the radioman called and said his wounds were superficial. The plane then circled the rendezvous point, just south of Sarangani Bay. During the circle, the pilot noticed that there were several small white smoke columns south of the target, but ten miles southwest of Clinan town a heavy black column of smoke was rising five to six hundred feet into the air. Two a/c were circling beneath him and Lt. Davis joined on them as soon as possible. He then signalled to them that his radio was inoperative and that he wanted a convoy to the base. Dye-marker and a life raft, with one man in it, was spotted four miles due south of Daliao. There was a plane circling the raft. The three planes joined up were MBs 5, 10 and 15. Enroute to the base Lt. Davis slowed down the plane and let down his gear to determine how much control he had. Finding that he could make a normal landing, he retracted his gear and proceeded back to the base. On landing, Lt. Davis found four 3"-holes in the wings and eight holes 6"-8" in diameter in the fuselage. A large fragment had come up through the forward part of the tail turret, chipping the breech and breaking up the plexiglas cover.

The second section came in from the same direction as the first, with 1400 feet of altitude indicated. Just northwest and southeast of the town of Clinan, AA guns were observed firing at the forward section. This observation was made by the navigator of section leader's ship. As the bombs were released, Lt. Streit and his co-pilot

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### 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

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saw a plane crossing the road south of town at an approximate altitude of 100 feet. Just as they observed it, a spurt of smoke came from it and it plunged into the trees ten miles southwest of the target, bursting into violent flames as soon as it hit. At this time Lt. Griffith, of the first section, called saying he had a single engine and wanted a convoy. By the time Lt. Streit reached him, he called again and said he could not maintain altitude and would have to ditch and asked Lt. Streit to call Playmate. The time was 1136(I) on Channel Baker. Lt. Streit called Playmate and continued to follow Lt. Griffith. Eighteen minutes later, at 1155 (I), PB-9 was ditched fifty miles west around the shore line from Sarangani Bay and about 1 1/2 miles offshore. At 1167 (I) the plane sank and at 1201 (I) Playmate appeared, flying over the wreckage left on the surface. Lt. Streit informed Playmate there were seven in the plane after learning that the PBV had picked up four. Playmate told Lt. Streit to return to base, as they would continue the search. Upon landing, Lt. Streit found his plane had been hit twice and the a/c of Lt. Albers, the section leader, had been hit three times.

The overall bombing results were negligible, as all observed blasts were either overs or unders.

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Squadron Int. Officer

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