



# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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## I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting V-3 611 (b) Based on or at Naval Air Station, Zamboanga, P.I. (c) Report No. 130  
 (d) Take off Date 20 Jan 1975 Time (LZT) 14:00 (Zone), Lat. 05° 15' N Long. 122° 04' E  
 (e) Mission Libone Road Sweep (f) Time of Return Varied (Zone)

## II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER		ATTACKING TARGET (e)	BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)			
PBJ	V-3 611	4	None	4	6x500 Gp 8x5" Rockets	M 113 4-5 sec. delay MK 113 Inst. Nose
PBJ	V-3 611	3	None	3	12x250 Gp 8x5" Rockets	M 113 4-5 sec. delay MK 113 Inst. Nose

## 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? YES OR NO If so, Describe Clouds \_\_\_\_\_  
(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:			GUNS USED	(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER			
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 (Line armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1. FBJ	VLB 111	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
2.				Bureau No. 35164
3. FBJ	VLB 111	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
4.				Bureau No. 35243
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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.	VMB 611	SARLES, George A., Lt. Col., USMC, (C4634)	Unknown	Missing in action
1.	VMB 611	FINCH, Alfred E., 1st Lt., USMC, (C27530)	Unknown	Missing in action
1.	VMB 611	JONES, Charles A., 1st Lt., USMC, (031590)	Unknown	Missing in action
1.	VMB 611	SIGLER, Floyd H., Technical Sergeant, USMC(SS), (838923)	Unknown	Missing in action
1.	VMB 611	ALISK MITCH, Stanley J., Staff Sergeant, USMC, (510242)	Unknown	Missing in action
1.	VMB 611	SPELFF, Arvid J., Staff Sergeant, USMC, (487103)	Unknown	Missing in action

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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	
FBJ	150	170	4.5	576	770	x	17500 (known)	x	x	5

## 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 fuse shells, 20mm-50mm				
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-14.2mm		✓		

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

- SPEED, CLIMB,  
at various altitudes
- TURNS
- DIVES
- CEILINGS
- RANGE
- PROTECTION
- ARMAMENT

No enemy a/c encountered.



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(SEE PRECEDING PAGE)				
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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.	VMB611	BROWN, Robert E., Sergeant, USMC, (375967)	Unknown	Missing in action
1.	VMB611	CAMLEY, George T., Corporal, USMC(SS), (305131)	Unknown	Missing in action
3.	VMB611	FISH, Doit L., 1st Lt., USMC, (025689)	Unknown	Missing in action
3.	VMB611	SCHLATTI, Donald G., 1st Lt., USMC, (027398)	Unknown	Missing in action
3.	VMB611	VOPEL, Richard C., Staff Sergeant, USMC(SS), (001293)	Unknown	Missing in action
3.	VMB611	HARRISON, Robert L., Sergeant, USMC, (521053)	Unknown	Missing in action

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						30	50	20MM	MM	
(SEE PRECEDING PAGE)										

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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) Nibawe Trail (b) Time Over Target(s) Varied (Zone) \_\_\_\_\_  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target CU, Alto-CU, Base 1500', .0 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, DIVE OR DIVER) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run Varied Spacing Varied Altitude of Bomb Release Minimum  
(NUMBER) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None Damaged None

(i) AIMING POINT	(ii) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(iii) NO. & TYPE ATTACKING (iv) SQUADRON	(v) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED (per AIMING POINT)	(vi) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	(vii) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 Road, huts, per-	-	7 V-1B 611	13x500 GP (known)	Unobs.	Unobserved
2 sonnel and stor-			24x250 GP (known)		
3 age areas along			39x5" Rockets (known)		
4 the trail.			17500 rds. .50 cal. (known)		
5					
6					
7					
8					

(d) 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
- 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
- Defensive Tactics, Own
- 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	Kronick	0630	0800	1045
MB-10	Morton	"	"	"

S/H Red 9 dropped the first bomb on the road at Coordinate 78-08. Repairs will be needed to make the road serviceable again. Two bombs hit the road again slightly south of the first drop. One bomb hit a house, while two more bombs were near misses on the road and buildings. The ravine was put under a rocket attack, but results were unobserved. Buildings and targets of opportunity were put under a severe strafing attack along the trail up to the mountain and also on the plateau. S/H Red 10 got direct hits on the road going up to the plateau at Coordinate 78-03. Four more bombs were dropped 76-09 on the road. Road craters will require repair before roads can be used again. All rockets were fired into a building area that had truck tracks leading into it. Two of the buildings burned, due to strafing on the plateau. Results were considered excellent.

A/C NO.	PILOT	TO	TOT	TOR
<b>CALL: SEAHORSE WHITE</b>				
MB-7	Sarles	0900	1020	---
MB-3	Schmillen	"	"	1325

The two planes arrived over the target area simultaneously and both began their individual runs. S/H White 3 dropped nine bombs in the ravine on the north part of the plateau. The remaining three bombs were dropped on the plateau as experimental bombing from 1500'. Eight rockets were fired at a group of houses in a small ravine between two hills, all landing in the target area. Buildings on the plateau were thoroughly strafed. The other a/c, S/H White 7, with Lt. Col. Sarles and crew, has not been heard from since. Lt. Schmillen reported that contact was made between the two a/c just before he started his initial run, but upon completion of his attack no radio contact between the two planes could be made.

A/C NO.	PILOT	TO	TOT	TOR
<b>CALL: SEAHORSE YELLOW</b>				
MB-2	Fagan	1040	1245	1720

This plane's target was a storage area on the bank of the Davao River. Observed results of Cedar #1's flight which were excellent. The a/c bombed and strafed what appeared to be a supply area on the plateau of the Kibawe Trail. Three buildings were destroyed and two more hit directly by rockets. The a/c then returned to observe strike of Kaple #1, which were excellent. The a/c landed at Libby A/D at 1415 and remained until 1555. Enroute to the base, Dancer was contacted.

A/C NO.	PILOT	TO	TOT	TOR
<b>CALL: SEAHORSE BLUE</b>				
MB-5	Hoadley	1330	1500	1805
MB-11	Fish	"	"	---

These a/c were told that Col. Sarles was missing, so it made a search of all the A/D's in the area, but to no avail. Upon return to the target area, S/H Blue 5 observed S/H Blue 11 making runs on the southernmost end of the ravine, but radio contact could not be made. S/H Blue 5 then began its runs, dropping three bombs in the ravines, damaging one house for certain. The remaining three bombs were dropped on houses at a road intersection on the plateau, destroying two. Rocket attacks put four into houses on the plateau, scoring direct hits, while two were about 25' short and the other two rockets burned a house. All houses in the area were then strafed. S/H Blue 11, with Lt. Fish and crew, still could not be contacted, so the a/c returned to the base. S/H Blue 11 still has not been heard from.

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