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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

**CONFIDENTIAL**  
REPORT No **349**

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) **KAVIENG, NEW IRELAND** (b) Time Over Target(s) **2020-2140L** (Zone)  
(FOR SHIP, INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target **CLEAR**  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target **CLEAR** (e) Visibility **UNLIMITED**  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type **MEDIUM LEVEL** Bomb Sight Used **MK.15 MOD. 7**  
(LEVEL, GUIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run **VARIED** Spacing **VARIED** Altitude of Bomb Release **10 TO 11,000**  
(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	PANAPAI BIVOUAC TO KAVIENG	2	24 X 100 INCEN'S.	SEE	(0)
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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.)

4 X 100 INCEN'S HIT WEST OF PANAPAI BIVOUAC AREA (STARTED FIRE)  
 4 X 100 INCEN'S HIT SOUTH WEST OF PANAPAI BIVOUAC AREA (STARTED FIRE)  
 4 X 100 INCEN'S HIT SOUTH OF PANAPAI BIVOUAC AREA (STARTED FIRE)  
 6 X 100 INCEN'S HIT IN KAVIENG HUT AREA EAST OF THE STRIP. (EXPLOSIONS AND FIRE FOR 55 MINUTES--STILL BURNING AT RETIREMENT.)  
 6 X 100 INCEN'S HIT NORTHEAST OF STRIP (STARTED SMALL FIRES JUST EAST OF STRIP IN WOOD-D AREA)

(p) Were Photographs Taken? **NO** Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.



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**XIII. MATERIAL DATA.** (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.  
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**ARMAMENT**

- Guns, Gunsights
- Turrets
- Ammunition
- Bombs, Torpedoes
- Bomb Sights
- Bomb Releases

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Radio, Radar
- Homing Devices
- Visual Signals
- Codes, Ciphers

**RECOGNITION**

- IFF
- Signals
- Battle Lights
- Procedures

**PROTECTION**

- Armor; Points and Angles  
of Fire Needing Further  
Protection
- Leak Proofing

**EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT**

- Parachutes
- Life Belts, Life Rafts
- Safety Belts
- Emergency Kits
- Rations, First Aid

**NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT**

- Compasses
- Driftsights
- Octants
- Automatic Pilots
- Charts
- Field Lighting

**INSTRUMENTS**

- Flight
- Power Plant

**OXYGEN SYSTEM**

**CAMOUFLAGE AND  
DECEPTION DEVICES**

**STRUCTURE**

- Airframe
- Control Surfaces
- Control System
- Dive Flaps
- Landing Gear
- Heating System
- Flight Characteristics  
At Various Loadings

**POWER PLANT**

- Engines
- Engine Accessories
- Propellers
- Lubricating System
- Starters
- Exhaust Dampers

**HYDRAULIC SYSTEM**

**ELECTRICAL SYSTEM**

- Auxiliary Plant
- Lights

**FUEL SYSTEM**

**FLIGHT CLOTHING**

**MAINTENANCE**

**BASE FACILITIES**

- Plane Servicing Equipment
- Personnel Facilities

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Only two planes took off to heckle the Kavieng area as the second pair were cancelled because of engine trouble. However the two planes that made the mission caused considerable damage in the Kavieng and Panapai areas. They started three large fires and numerous small ones.

Taking off at 1953 the planes were on station between 2020 and 2140. One plane acted as cover 1000 feet above the heckling plane. Eleven runs were made from varied altitudes between 10,000 and 11,200 ft. and on different courses between 060° and 180° magnetic.

Twenty-four 100 pound oil clusters were dropped. Four hit south west of Panapai bivouac area starting a fire in a possible Jap hut area. Four more bombs exploded in the woods west of Panapai airstrip and south of the Panapai airstrip four more started fires in the woods.

Six bombs caused one large and numerous other explosions in the Kavieng hut and personnel area east of the Kavieng airstrip and also started a large fire that burned for 55 minutes and was still burning when the planes retired. One explosion also jarred the plane which was at 11,000 feet. It is believed and suspected an ammunition dump may have been hit.

Small fires were also started in the woods north east of the Kavieng airstrip by another 6 bombs.

This was one of the best heckling missions in the past few months.

Both planes were on deck at 2201.

The second two hecklers were held on the deck when one plane developed engine trouble.

(All times in narrative are love)

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