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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED
(Reclassify when
filled out)

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

CONFIDENTIAL

REPORT No. **318**

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) **Mine Field between Turuara Is. & Soraken Pt., Bougainville** (b) Time Over Target(s) **1018** (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target **.3 Cloud Cover** (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target **Clear** (e) Visibility **20 miles** (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type **Level** Bomb Sight Used **None** (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run **8** Spacing **Varied** Altitude of Bomb Release **600-800'** (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 Mine Field		8 VMB-423	48 X 325# Depth Charges	See (c)	
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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.)

The Australian Navy considers the bombing to have been highly successful and is now using the passage for deep draft vessels. Photographs show the depth charges exploding in the mine field.

PHOTOGRAPH

REFERENCE: **VMB-423 (195)(4-2) 5-11-45 (6³⁰-600') SORAKEN, BOUG., Confidential.**

(p) Were Photographs Taken? **Yes** Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple



423(195)(A-2)5-11-45(6 3/4" 600') SOROKEN, BOUG. CONF.