

VMB-433

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Report # 130

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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED  
(Reclassify when filled out)

## I. GENERAL

CONFIDENTIAL

(a) Unit Reporting VMB-433 (b) Based on or at Bairau Island (c) Report No. 130  
 (d) Take off: Date 23 March, 1945 Time (LZT) 1445 L (Zone); Lat. 01 36' S Long 150 00' E  
 (e) Mission MAB Doi Island (f) Time of Return 1615 L (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)		
<u>PBJ-1</u>	<u>VMB-433</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>N11</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1 x 2000 GP AN-M34</u>	<u>AN-M-103 Inst. Fuse</u>

## III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<u>N11</u>							

## 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
<u>N11</u>			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) N11  
 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)  
 Time of Day and Brilliance  
 (j) of Sun or Moon   (k) Visibility    
(NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST, ETC.) (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		
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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) Doi Island (b) Time Over Target (s) 1534 L (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target 3 cu bases 1500' tops 3000'

(d) Visibility of Target clear (e) Visibility 15-20 (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type level Bomb Sight Used M-15

Bombs Dropped per Run all Spacing Nil Altitude of Bomb Release 8600'

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed Nil Probably Destroyed Nil Damaged Nil

(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>Doi Island</b>	<b>4500'x2500'</b>	<b>6</b> <b>VMB-433</b>	<b>6 x 2000 GP</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>See Below</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.)

**All bombs fell in western half of target.**

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes 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

CALL	PILOT	TO EMIRAU	TOT	TO EMIRAU
266B21	Lattner	1445	1534	1615
267B21	Klein	1445	1534	1615
268B21	Percy	1446	1534	1616
269B21	Parrish	1446	1534	1616
270B21	Green	1447	1534	1617
271B21	Carr	1447	1534	1617

Six PBJ's led by Captain W. T. Lattner took-off from Emirau on a squadron medium altitude bombing attack upon tiny Dci Island, just south of the Roland Young Plantation, New Ireland. Several A/A positions and at least one enemy observation posts are known to be on this island.

Following the joinup over Emirau, the squadron proceeded SE to Djaul Island, thence to the target. The formation to and over the target was a javelin down vee of 3 plane sections. Prior to the bombing run, the sections closed up into a tight vee in order to facilitate a thorough coverage of the small island. The run was made at a speed of 165 knots, altitude of 8600', while on a magnetic heading of 060°.

The target was well covered by the six Mitchells with all tonners hitting in the western half of the island. An accurate estimation of the damage inflicted cannot be made because the A/A positions and the observations post are frequently moved.

No A/A and no enemy interception were encountered and all Mitchells returned safely to base by 1617 L.

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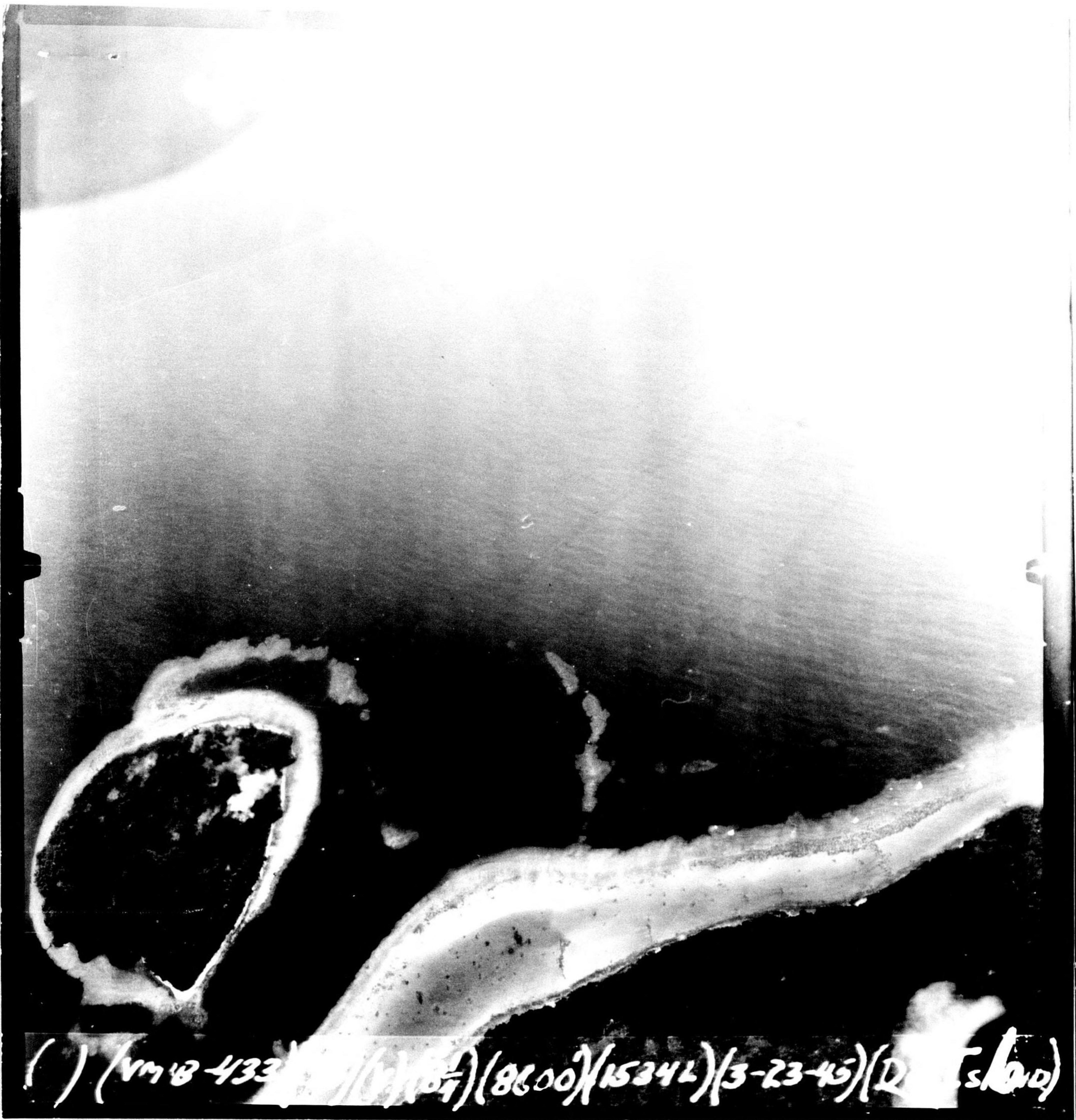
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