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Report # 342

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VMB - 413 (b) Based on or at EMIRAU ST. MATTHIAS (c) Report No. 342
 (d) Take off: Date 14/15 JULY, 1945 Time (LZT) 2001-2312 L (Zone); Lat. 01° 36' S Long. 150° E
 (e) Mission HECKLE OF KAVIENG, NEW IRELAND (f) Time of Return 2201-0102 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)		
PBJ-1	VMB413	4	NONE	4	12 X 100 INCENDIARIES	

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 _____ (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 (YES OR NO)
 Time of Day and Brilliance _____ (k) Visibility _____ (MILES)
 of Sun or Moon _____ (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.)

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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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

(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	NONE			
2				
3				
4				
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12				
13				
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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
	NONE			

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	
PBJ-1	74	74	2HR00 ⁺	974	311	N	0	N	E	4

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	X			
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	X			
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	X			

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

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

NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED

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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) KAVIENG, NEW IRELAND (b) Time Over Target(s) 2030T00040L (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS, 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 20
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

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

Bombs Dropped per Run VARIED Spacing VARIED Altitude of Bomb Release 10 TO 11,500
(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		4			
2	AREA	VMB-413	48 X 100 INCENDIARIES	SEE (0)	
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					

(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).

48 BOMBS SPRINKLED FROM KAVIENG TOWN TO PANAPAI BIVOUAC AREA.

SMALL FIRES STARTED IN KAVIENG TOWN LASTING TEN MINUTES.

(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.
Use additional sheets if necessary).

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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PILOT
HINES
NELSON
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WILSON

FOUR PLANES FROM THIS SQUADRON MADE A HECKLING MISSION OVER KAVIENG TOWN THIS DAY.

THE FIRST TWO PLANES TOOK OFF AT 2001 AND WERE ON STATION BETWEEN 2030 TO 2125.

MAKING A TOTAL OF NINE RUNS, THE PLANES DROPPED 24 X 100 INCENDIARIES. THE BOMBS SPRINKLED BETWEEN KAVIENG TOWN AND PANAPAI. FOUR TO FIVE FIRES WERE STARTED IN A WOODED AREA SOUTH OF THE KAVIENG STRIP, AND SMALL EXPLOSIONS CONTINUING FOR TEN MINUTES.

THESE TWO PLANES RETURNED TO THE BASE AT 2201.

THE NEXT PAIR OF PBJ'S TOOK OFF AT 2312 AND WERE OVER THE TARGET FROM 2340 TO 0040.

EIGHT RUNS WERE MADE AND 24 X 100 INCENDIARIES WERE DROPPED BETWEEN NORTH CAPE AND PANIPAI. SMALL FIRES WERE STARTED AT THE KAVIENG BIVOUAC AREA, WITH THE OTHERS BEING UNOBSERVED. LEAVING THE STATION AT 0030 BOTH PLANES WERE ON THE DECK AT 0103.

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