

VMB-413

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Report #331

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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. 331
 (d) Take off: Date 30 JUNE, 1945 Time (LZT) 2103 L (Zone); Lat. 01° 36' S Long. 150° E
 (e) Mission MEDIUM LEVEL HECKLE OF KAVIENG, NEW IRELAND (f) Time of Return 2340 L (Zone)

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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	2	NONE	2	2 X 1000 GP AN-M-65	AN-M-102A2 TAIL INST. AN-M-103 NOSE INST.

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 _____
(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	GUNS USED		
		NONE				

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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) 2145 TO 2240
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) (None)

(c) Clouds Over Target 5/10 TO 7/10
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target LOW BROKEN CLOUDS WITH BASE ONE TO TWO THOUSAND FEET. (e) Visibility GREATER THAN 5
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type MEDIUM LEVEL Bomb Sight Used UK. 15 MOD. 7
(LEVEL, GLIDE 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 AREA		2 VMB - 413	4 X 1000 GP WITH INSTANTANEOUS FUSING		SEE (O)
2					
3					
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5					
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7					
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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 1000 DROPPED BETWEEN PANAPAI AND KAVIENG WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.

(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
NEWLAND
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FOUR PLANES WERE SCHEDULED TO HECKLE KAVIENG, NEW IRELAND.

THE FIRST TWO PLANES WERE AIRBORNE AT 2103. TAKING A COURSE DIRECT TO TARGET, ONE PLANE ACTED AS COVER WHILE ONE PLANE HECKLED FROM 2145 TO 2210. CHANGING FROM HECKLER TO COVER, THE COVER PLANE HECKLED FROM 2215 TO 2240.

EACH PLANE CARRIED 2 X 1000 GP INSTANTANEOUS BOMBS. WEATHER CONDITIONS PREVENTED THE HITS FROM BEING OBSERVED. TWO BOMBS WERE RELEASED IN THE VICINITY OF THE A/A POSITIONS IN KAVIENG TOWN WHILE THE OTHER TWO WERE RELEASED OVER THE NEW PANAPAI BIVOUAC AREA.

NO SEARCHLIGHTS OR A/A WERE ENCOUNTERED OVER THE AREA DURING THE PERIOD ON TARGET.

RETURNING DIRECT TO BASE, THE FIRST PLANE LANDED SAFELY. THE OTHER PLANE HIT THE STRIP AND ROLLED HALF WAY DOWN THE RUN WAY WHEN A TIRE BLEW OUT. THE RUNWAY WAS BLOCKED UNTIL THE TIRE COULD BE CHANGED.

THE SECOND FLIGHT TO KAVIENG WAS CANCELLED.

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