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TYPE	SQUADRON	AFT OFFIC	NUMBER	EKED BY TH	HIS REPO		AND TORREST			
(a)	(b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)			AND TORPEDOE  (PER PLANE)  (f)		FL	JZE, SETTING (g)
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			Ngne				ncendi			fuse
A-7	VMB413	1	None	*	4 X	900	incendia	ries	no	fuse
III. O	THER U. S.	OR ALLIE	D AIRCRAFT	EMPLOYED	IN THIS	OPER	ATION			
YPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	V	BASE		TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE
	None									
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IV. E	NEMY AIRC	RAFT OBS	ERVED OR E	NGAGED (E	By Own Ai	rcraft	Listed in 11	Only).		
(a) TYPE	OBSERVED	NO ENGAGINO OWN A/C			(e) TION OF DUNTER	N OF BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED			CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING	
	None		(ZON	E)						
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			(ZON	E)						
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	ent Enemy M	lission(s)					•			
Did An	v Part of		(ZON	<b>E</b> )	ibe Clouds		, PAGE IN			
Did An Encour Time o	y Part of iter(s) Occu	ir in Clouds illiance	(ZON	If so, Descr			(BASE IN	FEET, TYPE A		OF COVER)
Did An Encour Time o of Sun	y Part of iter(s) Occu f Day and Bri or Moon —	ir in Clouds	(ZON	If so, Descr	OVERCAST;	ETC.)		_(k) Visib	ility	OF COVER)
Did An Encour Time of Sun V. EN	y Part of Iter(s) Occur of Day and Bri or Moon —	ir in Clouds	(YES OR NO)  (NIGHT, BRIG	If so, Descr	OVERCAST;	ETC.)		_(k) Visib	ility	(MILES)
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	(b)		(c) AUSE: TYPE ENE SUN, OR OPERAT		WHERE HI	( <b>d</b> ) T, ANGLE (Listanks, equipm	at armor,			R DAMAGE, of planes destroyed)	
PE OWN A		TYPE G	SUN, OR OPERAT	IONAL CAUSE	seir-searing	tanks, equipm	ien ( mt)	(Give buleau	·	or plants destroyed	
	None	-									
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VII.	PERSONNE	L CASUA	LTIES (in ai	rcraft listed	in 11 only; id	entify with	planes lis	ted in VI by	Nos. at	left).	
a) (b) O. SQUAD	)		(c) NK OR RATING		(d) CAUSE				(e) CONDITION OR STATUS		
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	. RANGE,	FUEL, AN	D AMMUN	ITION DAT	A FOR PLA	NES RETU	RNING				
VIII	1	(c)	AV. HOURS	AV. FUEL	AV. FUEL			MUNITION EXPENDED		NO OF PLA	
(a)	MILES	MILES	IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING	
	MILES OUT	MILES				1				2	
(a) TYPE	MILES		2512043	075	404	A.	0	Pa.	100		
(a) TYPE	MILES								0.777	2	
(a) TYPE	MILES		2hr43*	975	404	\$ 100 miles					
(a) TYPE A/C	MILES	RETURN  TI-AIRCE	RAFT ENCO		Check one bl		th line).		DEDATE	INITENSE	
(a) TYPE A/C	MILES OUT ENEMY AN	RETURN  TI-AIRCE CALIE	RAFT ENCO		Check one bl	ock on eac		MC	DERATE	INTENSE	
IX.	MILES OUT  Time-fused she	RETURN  ITI-AIRCI CALIE	RAFT ENCO BER d over		Check one bl		th line).	MC	DERATE	INTENSE	
IX. HEAVY — MEDIUM —	ENEMY AN  Time-fused she  Impact-fused	NTI-AIRCE CALIE Ils, 75mm and shells, 20m	RAFT ENCO BER d over		Check one bl		th line).	MC	DERATE	INTENSE	
IX. HEAVY — MEDIUM — IGHT — N	ENEMY AN  Time-fused she  Impact-fused Machine gun bu	ITI-AIRCE CALIE Ils, 75mm and I shells, 20m Ilets, 6.5mm-	RAFT ENCO BER d over m-50mm -13.2mm	UNTERED (	Check one bl	ONE	h line).  MEAGER			INTENSE	
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No enemy aircraft encountered.

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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	XI. ATTACK ON E	NEMY SHIPS OR	GROUND OBJECT	IVES (By Own Aircraft Listed	d in 11 Only).	the same of the sa				
)	Target(s) and Location	on(s)(FOR SHIP	S AND DE ALE IN AREA	(b) Time Ov	er Target(s).	2120-223dZone				
	Clouds Over Target_		(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)							
					(MILES)					
	Bombing Tactics: Type									
	Bombs Dropped per Ri					ease 10,000-11,				
1				ne Probably Destroyed.		_ Damaged				
	(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT	NO HITS On Aiming Point	(n)  DAMAGE (None, slight serious, destroyed or sunk)				
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2 x 500 in woods nor heast of strip

Two large fires started in woods northeast of Kavieng strip. Four small fires near Panapai strip southwest in woods. Twelve runs were made on target. Two PBJ's took off at 1945 and returned to base at 2015, when one of the planes had engine trouble. Did not get over target.

of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sheets if necessary).

<sup>4</sup> x 500 in woods scuthwest of Panapai strip

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary).

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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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Two PBJ's took off at 2048 to heckle Ravieng area, New Ireland. The two planes heckled from 220 to 2230. The altitudes were varied from 10,000 feet to 11,500 feet and the courses were changed on each run. The cover plane at all times remained 1,000 feet above the heckler. There were twelve runs made, six by each plane. Both planes were off station at 2230 and returned to base at 2331.

Results of the bombs dropped during this heckle were very good. A total of 10 x 500 bound incendiaries were dropped. The score being as follows; 4 x 500 pound bombs hit in Kavieng town, 2 x 500 nounders were seen to explode in the woods northeast of Kavieng strip where two large fires were started. Four small fires were started southwest of Panapai strip in the wooded area where 4 x 500 pounders exploded.

Two other planes took off at 1945, but returned to the base with their bombs. One of the planes developed engine trouble.

(All times in narrative are love)

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