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Report # 234

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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED  
(Reclassify when filled out)

(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) 0120-0230 (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 4 (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Partially obscured (e) Visibility 20 (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Medium Bomb Sight Used Mk 15
- Bombs Dropped per Run Varied Spacing Varied Altitude of Bomb Release 10,000-11,500
- (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 <u>Area</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>2</u> <u>VMB - 413</u>	<u>all</u>	<u>see (e)</u>	<u>see (e)</u>
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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 500 on Kavieng tar.  
2 x 500 in woods northeast of strip  
4 x 500 in woods southwest of Panapai 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.

(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.  
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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 Kavieng area, New Ireland. The two planes heckled from 2120 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 pound incendiaries were dropped. The score being as follows; 4 x 500 pound bombs hit in Kavieng town, 2 x 500 pounders 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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