

VMB-433

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Report # 189

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED
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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VMB-433 (b) Based on or at Saipan Island (c) Report No. 189
 (d) Take off: Date 23 May, 1945 Time (LZT) 2005-2235 L (Zone); Lat. 01 36' 9 Long. 150 00' E
 (e) Mission MAB Night Beckle of Kavieng, New Ireland (f) Time of Return 2335-0205 (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>FBI-1</u>	<u>VMB-433</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>12 x 100 Frag. G1. M5</u>	<u>M108</u>

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<u>Nil</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>Nil</u>			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) Nil
 Did Any Part of
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? (YES OR NO) If so, Describe Clouds _____ (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 Time of Day and Brilliance _____ (k) Visibility _____ (MILES)
 (j) 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			
<u>Nil</u>						

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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).

2050-2150, 0020-0120 (Zone)

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Kavieng Peninsula
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (b) Time Over Target(s) _____
- (c) Clouds Over Target 9-10 cu from 2000 to 10,000'
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target obscured
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.)
- (e) Visibility 5
(MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type level Bomb Sight Used N11
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run 1-12 Spacing N11 Altitude of Bomb Release 11,000' (mean)
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed N11 Probably Destroyed N11 Damaged N11

(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 Kavieng Strip		2 VNR-433	9 x 100 Frag. G1.		See Below
2 Penepele Bivouac		4 VNR-433	20 x 100 Frag. G1.		" "
3 Balgai Hut Area		1 VNR-433	1 x 100 Frag. G1.		" "
4 Kavieng A/A pos.		2 VNR-433	9 x 100 Frag. G1.		" "
5 Kavieng Town		1 VNR-433	3 x 100 Frag. G1.		" "
6 North Cape		2 VNR-433	6 x 100 Frag. G1.		" "
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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).

U/O due to heavy cloud cover.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

