

VMB-413

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Report # 324

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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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RESTRICTED  
(Reclassify when filled out)

## I. GENERAL

CONFIDENTIAL

021470  
824

(a) Unit Reporting VMB - 413 (b) Based on or at Emirau St. Matthias (c) Report No. Three hundred twenty four  
 (d) Take off: Date 21 June, 1945 Time (LZT) 1330 L (Zone); Lat. 01° 38' S Long. 150° E  
 (e) Mission Medium level bombing of Doi Island New Ireland Time of Return 1552 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)		
<u>PBJ-1</u>	<u>VMB413</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>12 x 100 Incendiary Cluster M-12 Napalm</u>	<u>Burster 126A1 nose</u>

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
		<u>None</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>None</u>	<u>(ZONE)</u>			
			<u>(ZONE)</u>			
			<u>(ZONE)</u>			

(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 \_\_\_\_\_ (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (k) Visibility \_\_\_\_\_ (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		
		<u>None</u>				



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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

## XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Doi Island, New Ireland (b) Time Over Target(s) 1415-1515L (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 4/10 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  
(NEARLY OR 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 Varied  
(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 <b>Island</b>	<b>1300 X 1300 yds.</b>	<b>1 VMB - 413</b>	<b>12 x 100 Incendiary Clusters Napalm</b>		<b>See (o)</b>
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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).

- 2 x 100 On Doi Island.
- 1 x 100 In water
- 4 x 100 Fangelawa Area.
- 2 x 100 In hut area.
- 3 x 100 Didn't explode.

HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

FUEL SYSTEM

FLIGHT CLOTHING

MAINTENANCE

BASE FACILITIES

(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  
MACLEAN

One Mitchell took off at 1330 to bomb Doi Island at varied altitudes. The plane was loaded with 12 x 100 Incendiary Cluster Napalms.

The course to target was via the southwest tip of New Hanover, along the southwest coast of New Hanover and New Ireland. Upon reaching Doi Island at 1415, it was obvious that the weather was moving in. Only two bombs were dropped with unobserved results for one, the other landed in the water from 8,000 feet.

Fangehua Bay Plantation (the secondary) was clear therefore the pilot crossed New Ireland to the N. E. coast.

4 bombs were dropped from 10,000 feet on huts but they did not appear to explode; two were dropped from 1,000 feet on a concrete blockhouse and these did not explode; 4 were dropped on concrete blockhouse from 500 feet and only one was observed to smoke. During the 500 feet runs, one forward gun was fired.

No A/A was encountered.

The plane left target at 1515 and returned to base direct, pancaking at 1522.

(All times in narrative are love)

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