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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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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) Kimidan Pltn, N. I. (b) Time Over Target(s) 1025L (Zone) _____
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target CAVU (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target clear (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (e) Visibility unlimited (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type level (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) Bomb Sight Used None used (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run all (NUMBER) Spacing _____ (FEET) Altitude of Bomb Release 100-150' (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 Kimidan Pltn	2400' x 800'	6 VMB-433	6 x 2000 GP		See "o"
2 same		5 VMB-443	5 x 2000 GP		
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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.)

The total load of 11 x 2000 GP's with an 8-11 second delay was dropped wide and northwest of the designated target. All bombs exploded with unobserved results, but photographs show that they fell in areas in which nothing of interest has been seen or reported.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes 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
Ocrants
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

REPORT PREPARED BY: _____

APPROVED BY _____

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CALL	PILOT
266B21	Miller
267B21	Fischer
268B21	Johnston
269B21	Wotem
270B21	Smith
271B21	Percy

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CALL	PILOT
279B21	Whitney
280B21	Wilson
281B21	Larson
282B21	Hilbert
283B21	Booth

The bivouac area, measuring about 2400' wide and 800' deep, at Kimidan plantation on the north shore of New Ireland was the target for a two squadron low level attack.

Led by LtCol Miller the formation was in slight right echelon of squadrons javelined down. Along the south coast of New Ireland a careful check was made by time and distance to insure turning inland at the correct point. At Kantomot the flight turned north. On crossing the ridge the squadron formation changed to line abreast with the squadrons in column. Dropping from 4000' over the ridge the run on a heading of 355° reached 230 kts over the target. The irregular terrain near the target made it difficult to keep down to tree top level and also have the planes within the 1/2 of 1° necessary to release the 2000# bombs. With no prominent land mark close to the target the bomb run was made somewhat to the west of the bivouac area. Rallying northwest of Pinikindu Point the flight returned directly to base.

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