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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED  
(Reclassify when filled out)

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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REPORT No 245

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

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(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Lemakos Plantation, New Ireland (b) Time Over Target(s) 1515 L (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target 5/10 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 (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Low Bomb Sight Used None used

Bombs Dropped per Run 7 Spacing Minimum Altitude of Bomb Release 50 to 100

(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>Bivouac area</u>		<u>3</u> <u>VMB - 413</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>see(o)</u>	<u>see(o)</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).

7 x 1000 8 to 11 second delays in bivouac area

(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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PILOT  
MENDENHALL  
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SMITH

Major Edward V. Mendenhall led a three plane section from this squadron on a low level bombing and strafing attack of Lamakot Plantation, New Ireland.

The flight flying in a vee headed for Djaul Island on a course of 145 degrees magnetic. From that point, the formation took a 103 degrees magnetic heading along the coast line of New Ireland. At a point near Patlangat Plantation the flight turned inland over the ridge.

The formation from the coast line was line abreast as they approached the target. The bombing run was made on a course of 030 degrees magnetic with bombs away at 1515. The scores being as follows; 7 x 1000 8 to 11 second delay bombs hit in the target area.

A rally was held off the coast about ten miles from which point the flight in a vee headed for home and arriving safely at 1609.

(All times in narrative are love)

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