

VMB 413

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Report # 237

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

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(a) Unit Reporting VMB - 413 (b) Based on or at Emirau, St. Matthias (c) Report No. 237
 (d) Date of Action 27, March, 1945 (e) Take off: Time 1427 L (GCT); Lat. 01° 36' S Long 150° E
 (f) Mission Medium level bombing of Pinikindu Point, New Ireland (g) Time of Return 1652 L (GCT)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

| (a) TYPE | (b) SQUADRON | (c) NO. OF SORTIES | (d) NO. ENGAGING ENEMY A/C | (e) NO. ATTACKING TARGET | (f) BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) | (g) FUZE, SETTING |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| PBJ-1 | VMB413 | 1 | None | 1 | 1 x 2000 GP inst. | AN-M-103 nose AN-M-102A2 tail |
| PBJ-1 | VMB413 | 2 | None | 2 | 4 x 500 incendiaries | No Fuse |

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

| TYPE | SQUADRON | NUMBER | BASE | TYPE | SQUADRON | NUMBER | BASE |
|------|----------|--------|------|------|----------|--------|------|
| None | | | | | | | |

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (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 |
|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| None | | | | | | |
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(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) _____
 (i) Weather and Clouds at Location of Encounter(s) _____
 (j) Sun or Moon _____ (k) Visibility _____

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 |
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| | TYPE A/C | SQUADRON | PILOT OR GUNNER | | | |
| None | | | | | | |
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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). VNB - 413

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Pinikindu Point, Honiara (b) Time Over Target(s) 1517-1545L (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target 4/10 (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Partially obscured (e) Visibility 00
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Level Bomb Sight Used Mk. 13 Mod. 7
(LEVEL OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run Varied Spacing minimum Altitude of Bomb Release 10 to 11,000
(NUMBER) (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) |
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| 2 | Bridge | VNB - 413 | All | see(o) | see(o) |
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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 500 incendiaries 2000 feet west of bridge in woods
 3 x 500 " west side of Pinikindu Point
 2 x 500 " fell safe (arming wire broke)
 1 x 500 " fell in water
 1 x 2000 GP instantaneous dropped dud

Yes

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

