

VMB-413

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Report #341

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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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## I. GENERAL

CONFIDENTIAL

(a) Unit Reporting VMB - 413 (b) Based on or at EMIRAU ST. MATTHIAS (c) Report No. 341  
 (d) Take off: Date 13/14 JULY, 1945 Time (LZT) 1947-2314 L (Zone); Lat. 01° 36' S Long. 150° E  
 (e) Mission HECKLE KAVIENG, NEW IRELAND (f) Time of Return 2203-0059 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)		
PBJ-1	VMB413	4	NONE	4	12 X 100 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 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
			(ZONE)			
		NONE	(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Did Any Part of \_\_\_\_\_  
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, Describe Clouds \_\_\_\_\_ (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)  
 (YES OR NO)  
 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			
	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).

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) KAVIENG, NEW IRELAND (b) Time Over Target(s) 2030-0030L (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  
(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 10 TO 11,000  
(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 <u>AREA</u>		<u>4</u> <u>VMB - 413</u>	<u>48 X 100 INCENDIARIES</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.)

- 6 IN WOODED SECTION, WEST OF PANAPAI STRIP,
- 6 WEST OF KAVIENG STRIP,
- 10 NEAR PANAPAI BIVOUAC AREA,
- 2 NEAR TRUCK PARK, NORTH EAST OF KAVIENG STRIP,
- 7 IN WOODS SOUTH OF PANAPAI STRIP,
- 5 IN KAVIENG TOWN,
- 3 ON NUSALIK ISLAND,
- 3 SOUTHWEST OF PANAPAI BIVOUAC AREA,
- 3 NORTH OF KAVIENG TOWN,
- 3 IN CENTER OF KAVIENG TOWN,

SMALL FIRES WERE STARTED IN KAVIENG TOWN.

(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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FOUR PLANES OPERATING IN PAIRS FROM THIS SQUADRON HECKLED THE KAVIENG NIPS FROM 2030 TO 2125 AND FROM 2345 TO 0030.

THE FIRST TWO HECKLERS TOOK OFF AT 1947, PROCEEDED TO THE TARGET AND WERE ON STATION AT 2030.

A TOTAL OF TEN RUNS WERE MADE AT ALTITUDES VARYING FROM 10,000 TO 11,000 FEET AND AT DIFFERENT HEADINGS FROM 090 TO 300 DEGREES MAGNETIC. DROPPING 24 X 100 INCENDIARIES BETWEEN KAVIENG TOWN AND PANAPAI STARTING THREE FIRES IN THE TOWN.

LEAVING THE STATION, BOTH PLANES WERE SAFELY ON DECK AT 2203.

AT 2314 THE SECOND PAIR OF PLANES TOOK OFF AND WERE ON STATION FROM 2345 TO 0030.

SIX RUNS WERE MADE AS 24 MORE INCENDIARIES WERE DROPPED IN KAVIENG TOWN AND PANAPAI WOODED AREAS AROUND THE STRIP. THREE BOMBS DROPPED ON NUSALIK ISLAND STARTING THREE FIRES WHICH WERE BURNING WHEN THE TWO PLANES RETIRED FROM THE TARGET AT 0030. BOTH PLANES WERE ON THE STRIP SAFELY AT 0059.

(ALL TIMES IN NARRATIVE ARE LOVE)

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