

VMB-423

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Report # 365

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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RESTRICTED
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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VMB-423 (b) Based on or at Emirau (c) Report No. 365
 (d) Take off: Date 8 July, 1945 Time (LZT) 0100-0305 (Zone); Lat. 1° 38' Long 150°
 (e) Mission Medium altitude bombing, night heckle and snoop search over Kavieng, New Ireland. (f) Time of Return 0325-0430 (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-1J	VMB423	4	None	2	12 X 260# Frag.bombs	Nose: AN-M-103 Instantaneous Tail: AN-M-102A2 .025 Sec Delay

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
None						
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(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		
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) 0145-0345 (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target .2 scattered CU (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 30 miles (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Level Bomb Sight Used D-8 (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run 1, 2, 3 & 4 Spacing Varied Altitude of Bomb Release 10,000-11,000'
- (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 Kavieng Town		2 VMB-423	7 X 260# Frag.bombs	See (o)	
2 Panapai		1 VMB-423	2 X 260# Frag.bombs	See (o)	
3 Kavieng Airstrip		2 VMB-423	8 X 260# Frag.bombs	See (o)	
4 Panapai Airstrip		2 VMB-423	8 X 260# Frag.bombs	See (o)	
5 Malom		1 VMB-423	1 X 260# Frag.bomb	See (o)	
6 Balgai		1 VMB-423	1 X 260# Frag.bomb	See (o)	
7 Kavieng personnel area		1 VMB-423	3 X 260# Frag.bombs	See (o)	

(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).

Results were unobserved except in a few cases in which the bombs fell in the areas named for unobserved damage.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

