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I. GEN	ERAL							Bef: W	433	325 216 176	
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TYPE	SQUADRON	TAKING	NUMBER	ATTACKING			ND TORPEDOES			FUZE, SETTI	NG .
(a)	(b)	OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	TARGET (e)		CARRIED	(PER PLANE)			(g)	
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(a)	(b) (c) (d)		(d)				BOMBS, TORPES	OMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED		CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING	
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h) Annare	ent Enemy N	Aission (s)				-					
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i) Encour	nter(s) Occi	ur in Clouds	YES OR NO	If so, Desc	cribe Cl	ouds	(BASE IN	FEET. TYPE	AND TEN	THS OF COVE	R)
Time o	of Day and Br	rilliance	*				•	(k) Vi	sibility_		
	or Moon			GHT MOON; DAY						(MII	LES)
V. EN				DAMAGED	IN All	R (By Own	Aircraft Lis	sted in II			(d)
(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON		OT OR GUNNER		GUNS	USED	WHE	(c) RE HIT, AN	NGLE	CLAIME
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(a)	(b)	CA	USE TYPE ENEM	Y A/C	WHERE HIT self-sealing	(4)	FT (of thos	EXTEN	T OF LOSS OF	R DAMAGE, f planes destroyed)
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VII. PI	EKSONNEL	CASUAL	(c)	Clart listed	in it omy, io	(d)			(e)	
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VIII.	(b)	(c) MILES	D AMMUN (d) AV. HOURS	AV FUEL	A FOR PLA	(9) TOTAL AMM	T		NO OF PLA
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Clouds Over Target	clear	(BASE IN FEET.	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
Visibility of Target	clear	V DADTIALLY ORECURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	Visibility	(MICES)
			Bomb Sight U	sed	15, Mad. 7. 10,100.
Bombing Tactics: Type			Altitude	of Romb Rele	10,100 .
			Altitude		
Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Gro	und: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed	None	_ Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	NO HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk
	1200 x	9 112 2	27 × 1000 GP s		
unekansu #26.	2500 x	6			See To T
fun eksnau #3.	2050' x	WE 433	72 x 100 GP s		
lew Rebaul #15.	1,000.	WB_1413	108 x 100 @.		
			interest, draw diagram, top or side view		
	rubber tre adjacent m scattered	es has been clain road has between just named and the mage other than a water just o	arget 500 southwest et and southeast corn eared revealing one n een completely oblibe orthwest of the targe n clearing away the a ff-shore of the south rmer of the target be	ers or an experience of the 1000 growth.	e neavy growen revetment. The northwest for er of target.

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA. (Narrative and comment. Describe action fully and comment freely, following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY OWN AIRCRAFT

Disposition
Altitudes
Speeds
Approach Tactics
Use of Cover, Deception
Angles of Attack and
Their Effectiveness
Distance of Opening Fire
Defense Tactics and
Their Effectiveness

ENEMY AIRCRAFT

Method of Locating, Distance Disposition Altitudes Speeds Approach Tactics Use of Cover, Deception Angles of Attack Distance of Opening Fire Defensive Tactics

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Own Weaknesses
Enemy Weaknesses
Offensive Tactics, Own
"", Enemy
Defensive Tactics, Own
"", Enemy
"", Enemy

Flexible Gunnery, Own
Escort Tactics
Fighter Direction
Use of Radar
Night Fighting
Recognition, Aircraft

OWN TACTICS

Method of Locating Target
Approach to Target
Altitudes, Speeds
Approach
Dive
Pull-Out
Dive Angle
Strafing
Retirement
Defensive Tactics
Use of Jamming

DEFENSE, ENEMY

Evasive Tactics, Ships Concealment Searchlights Night Fighter Tactics Use of Jamming

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Bombing Tactics
Torpedo Tactics
Effectiveness of
Bombs, Torpedoes
Selection of Targets
Fuzing
Strafing Tactics
Defensive Tactics
Use of Radar
Reconnaissance
Photography
Briefing

OPERATIONAL

Navigation
Homing
Rendezvous
Recognition, Ships
Communications
Flight Operations
Search and Tracking
Base Operations
Maintenance

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Three squadrons of Marine Mr Group 61 engaged in Coordinated medium altitude missions on 22 June. Lt.Col. Cox was flight leader of 9 PBJs from MR_413 and took as its target the indicated truck hide at Vunakanau #26. As this target was hidden smong rubber trees the strike was assisted by Smoky Joe with two smokers on the target. All 27 x 1000# GPs landed about 500° southwest of the designated target in a similar target area of Vunekanau #27, clearing out the heavy growth of rubber trees and revealing to later recon an empty revetment with the adjacent road completely obliterated. Snoky Joe jetti soned 2 of his smokers to investigate a single engine bogie with allver wingtips that was reported sighted by WB_433 but the begie had dissapeared. The second squadron to leave the base was WR_433 with 6 Mitchells led by Major Whitney. The supply and personnel area that is Vunakanan #3 was the primary target. 72 x 100# GPs were dropped to scatter from just northwest to 1000 feet northwest of the target for no visible damage. The squadron reported the sighting of the logic described above. The building area at Rabaul #15 was the target for 9 PBJs from WB_443 led by Major Anderson. 108 x 100# @s were released over the target of which 50 fell into the water just off-shore of the southeast corner of the target area, between the water's edge and the coastal road and in the southeast corner of the target were 34 more while 12 fell just west of the coastal road within the target limits. One plane returned with all arming wires gone so 12 bombs Bell safe. Post-strike photos dischosed that nine huts were destroyed and others damaged while vegetation was cleared from an active track area.

MR_413 departed thebase at 0904 flying 185 miles to come Bakan on a magnetic heading of 1210, thence to the Duke of Yorks and Kabanga Bay. The run over the target (Vunakanau #26) was on a heading of 0300 magnetic at 10,000 altitude, speed 155 knots (IAS). Bombs were away at 1055. Black smoke was observed rising from the target to a height of 5000feet. Breaking right the return route was over Selapiu I sland to land at bese by 1210.

MR_433 was off the strip at 0945. Flying southeast over Selapiu to Remander and the target, Vunakanau #3. The run was made on a heading of 0480 hagnetic from 11,800, speed 165 knots (IAS), dropping at 1115. The break was to the right, rallying west of Duke of Yorks to land at Amirau by 1247. Javelin down wee was the formation throughout the flight.

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MIR 443 was off at 1019 flying to Humu I sland, to Tawn Point and thence

over Rebenl #15 at 1155 while indicating 155 kmots, altitude of 10,480 feet

while on a magnetic heading of 142. Breaking right to rally northwest of

the Duke of York Islands the flight returned over Selapiu Island to the

base by 1308. flying three three-plene sections, javalin down throughout

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.

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the mission.

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

REPORT PREPARED BY:

R.R. CRUISE, Capt. USICR, Group Intelligence Officer.

Group Commander.

APPROVED BY:

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