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	XI. ATTACK ON EN	EMY SHIPS OR	GROUND OBJECTI	VES (By Own Aircraft Liste	ed in 11 Only).	REPORT No
				INDER ATTACK) (b) Time C		
				TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
)	Visibility of Target	CLEAR, HAZ	Y. PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	Visibility	15 (MILES)
	Bombing Tactics: Type			Bomb Sight		
	Bombs Dropped per Ru	n(NUMBER	Spacing	(FEET) Altitud	le of Bomb Rela	ease 300°
)	Number of Enemy Air	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Probably Destroye	d_111	_ 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, sligh serious, destroyed or sur
	Kimidan Diveuse	1200;×1000;	72B-433	18 x 300 GP		See Below
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0	of hits. For all targets give	ed on ship targets and location and effect of	for land targets of special hits, and identify by numb	interest, draw diagram, top or side viers above. Use additional sheets if no	ew or both, as apprecessary).	opriate, showing type and le

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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

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

#### DEFENSE, ENEMY

Use of Jamming

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
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Three PRJ's led by Major Smith took off from Emirau on a low level bombing and strafing attack upon the bivousc area located on Mimidan Plantation, New Ireland. Following the three plans joinup over Emirau the flight proceeded southeast down the northern coast of New Ireland to Mimidan and from there to the target. The formation to and over the target was a section vee. The bombing run was made at a speed of 190 knots, altitude of 300', while on a magnetic heading of 100°. He break-away was employed.

Bighteen bombs fell within the designated target area while the remaining six hung and were later jettleoned over Pinikindu Pt., New Ireland. Three of these fell in the water. The area was thoroughly strafed by the three Mitchells.

No A/A and no enemy interception were encountered and all Mitchells returned safely to base by 1613 L.

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Lt.Col., USEC
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