

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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8 OCT 44

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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) see log (b) Time Over Target(s) None (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target see log
(BASE IN FEET. TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target see log (e) Visibility see log
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type area bombing Bomb Sight Used Ht VIII
(LEVEL GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run 1 Spacing - Altitude of Bomb Release 1,500
(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 Group I: Fongela Village		6 VESB 243	1 x 1000		results unob.
2 Group II: Fongelawa Bay		6	1 x 1000		"
3 Group III: Kaf Kaf Pits.		6	1 x 1000		bombs hit in area
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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).

Group I: All bombs in area. Results unobserved.

Group II: 3 x 1000 on reported NS position.

2x 1000 on personnel area

1 x 1000 on buildings.

Pilot thought bombing was accurate but results were unobserved.

Group III: 2 x 1000 in buildings near coast, both thought to be at least damaging.

2 x 1000 in buildings inland, one thought to be at least damaging.

1 x 1000 in water, 1 x 1000 dud, area well trafed.

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**CAMOUFLAGE AND
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Group I: Attack tactics: Dive bombing attack from NE. Push over at 9,000 ft. Release points averaged 1,500 ft. Rendezvous: 3 miles S. of target at 1,000 ft. at 1000. Remarks: good size fire at S. end of Kavieng airdrome. White smoke to 500 ft. la ting for 30 minutes or so that it was under observation

Group II: Attack tactics: Dive bombing attack from W. push over at 9,00 ft. Release points averaged 2,000 - 2,500 ft. Rendezvous: 10 miles NE of target at 1,000 ft. at 1405.

Group III: Attack tactics: Dive bombing attack from NE. Releases average: 1,500 - 2,000 ft. Rendezvous: 4 miles NE. of target at 1,000 ft. at 1445.

Pilots' comments on individual planes:

- 162 left fixed gun jammed.
- 171 gun sight out
- 152 no brakes
- 166 radio out as landing
- 169 could not arm bomb.

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MISSION LOG:

NEW IRELAND

"Niu Ailan" on Papua New Guinea

Group I: Target: Sengala Village. TTO: 0845 TOT: 0955. RET: 1030

Weather over target: Good. Scattered cumulus. Good visibility. Sun bright.

PLANE	PILOT	GUNNER	CALL	REMARKS
157	CRUTCHER	COLBERT	201 B 15	
158	RIGHTMYER	LOY	202	
159	PORTER	NUCCI	203	
161	MORGAN	GLAVE	204	
162	AHRENS	COPPAGE	205	
171	WILLIAMS	LEVIN	206	

GROUP II: Target: Fangelawa Bay. TTO: 1245. TOT: 1400. RET: 1450

Weather over target: Cava. Sun bright.

155	KEAN	THOMPSON	207	
152	KNOWLES	HARLOW	208	
153	CLEMETSEN	POPPLEWELL	209	
154	CORBETT	GARRETT	210	
156	CURRIE	NORTON	211	
165	CHILED	PEARSALL	212	

Group III: Target: Kaf Kaf Pltn. TTO: 1345. TOT: 1440. RET: 1545.

Weather over target: cava. Sun bright.

166	PERRIN	MO CANN	213	
168	ALBERT	CHRISTENSEN	214	
169	CARMAN	CAMPBELL	215	
170	ELMES	DEMKO	216	
164	HAFEMAN	BODDY	217	
173	CONSTOCK	EAGLE	218	

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