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CHAPTER XXIV

MARCH WINGS

With each passing month operations throughout the South West Pacific Area continued to increase in intensity and volume - bases taken from the Japs had permitted the Air Force to extend its range and push the ever weakening JAF backward - backward to their inter line of defense. The "Sun Setters" being accustomed to acting as a part of the Air Force spearhead, continued to hit the enemy when and wherever he could be found. Operations for the month followed closely that of the previous month - Japanese airfields took a terrific pounding - wherever enemy planes could be found - in the air or on the ground - they suffered as did their airfields - supplies and personnel were sought out and destroyed - installations not already destroyed were hit again - the 38th teamed up with the Ground Forces and gave them the air support they requested. Another event of importance occurring during the month was the departure from Port Moresby to the advanced base of Nadzab - at last, a somewhat "stalemate" war had come to an end and this end was the beginning of the end for the Japanese. There could be no stopping now - they were Tokyo bound.

On the first day of the month four squadrons of the Group took off from Horanda Airdrome, Dobodura, to fire the opening guns. The line-up read, 823rd Bombardment Squadron, 822nd Bombardment Squadron, 405th Bombardment Squadron, and the 71st Bombardment Squadron. Taking off at 0635/L each squadron proceeded on course to Lou Island in the Admiralty Group where they were on air alert, awaiting assignment of a specific task of close ground support near Momote Airdrome, by the ground station "GANGWAY". All squadrons failed to establish contact with "GANGWAY" and so after an hour departed the rendezvous point on course to Lorengau Township, the secondary target.

The 823rd Squadron led the attack on Lumbrum Point dropping ten 500 pounders to possibly destroy Japanese landing facilities at that point. The remaining twenty bombs were released to hit four small frame structures and a large, red-roofed frame building. The accurate bombing of these buildings sent smoke and debris into the air to the height of the formation. The squadron found the weather over the target favorable for their runs at 0945/L, as the morning cumulus clouds had not yet built up in the area.

The six 822nd Mitchells approached the same target area at 1015/L and disbursed to fly single plane attacks. Twenty-nine 500 pound demolition bombs were dropped in the area of the jetty on Lumbrum Point. Other than two direct hits on small building along the shore no specific destruction was observed but the pattern of bomb bursts indicated that enemy action on the point could well be considered totally eliminated, for it would take the Nips a long time to dig themselves out of their foxholes.

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The power of the 405th Squadron's strike against the area was not lessened by the damage inflicted by the others. Thirty 500 pound demolition bombs were released in the area of Lorengau, pounding harder the already hit buildings. Intense strafing fire was continued along the coastal road to the Lugos mission where large well constructed buildings reminiscent of European culture were fired by the tree-top strafers.

Clouds over the coastal area began to build rapidly in the forenoon resulting in unfavorable coverage of strato-cumulus clouds below 2,000 feet. Even rain did not inhibit the approach of these bombers. The formation let down to 100 feet and continued to attack the Lugos Mission area in single plane passes. Direct bomb hits demolished the already prize target. The four squadrons perforated the area with over thirty-one thousand rounds of .50 caliber ammunition, and in turn received no anti-aircraft fire or interception. The day was another successful one in the history of the 38th Group and the conquistadors returned to base. Five Mitchells refueled at Finschhafen, but the aircrewmembers reported the day ended without incident. Four B-25's of the Group were airborne for five hours, this same day, on an errand of mercy to drop supplies over Momote Airdrome. This flight was highly successful as witnessed by the men seen picking up the supplies and waving a friendly "thanks" to our airmen.

Sunrise, the second of March witnessed the 38th Bombardment Group, four squadrons strong, returning to Lou Island to answer "GANGWAY'S" call to support ground operations. On this day weather prohibited the Group's faultless functioning. As a result of storms in the area, radio contact was poor and to this confusion the enemy added difficulties by jamming our frequencies.

The 71st Squadron leader failed to make successful contact with "GANGWAY" and so departed with his two, three plane elements to bomb and strafe the red clay road south of Lorengau. "Socked in" weather prohibited maneuvering in the target area, so four planes released only eighteen 500 pounders, the results of which could not be observed due to the inclement weather. The lead plane had two bombs hang in his bomb-bay; so he carried them to Momote and dropped them on the west side of the strip. Two of the planes salvaged their bombs at sea.

"Kapock" was the code name for the six 405th Mitchells who successfully contacted "GANGWAY" at 0940/L. The Squadron disbursed into a line of six planes and attacked singly the west side of Momote Airstrip. Dame Fortune was Goddess of this Squadron who dropped all of their thirty 500 pound demolition bombs in the assigned area. "GANGWAY" was pleased by the masterly operation of bombing and strafing and called to the 405th leader, "Your bombing and strafing is the

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best, thank you."

The 822nd Squadron accomplished a masterly job with only three planes, the lead element was forced to linger at Lou Island too long and returned to base due to inadequate fuel. The remaining three planes answered "GANGWAY'S" call and bombed the Northwest dispersal area of Momote Airfield with ten 500 pounders. Strafing the area was intense. The three planes continued single ship activity to strafe a gun position giving "GANGWAY" trouble. In all, twenty of thirty bombs were returned, but this squadron did a good job in view of the weather conditions of a 600 foot ceiling with rain and low visibility over the target.

The air-ground communications previously referred to caused confusion for the 823rd Squadron. Two planes of "A" flight bombed and strafed the West end of Lorengau Airdrome while one plane, receiving the message correctly from "GANGWAY" proceeded to the assigned target. Three planes turned back to Horanda with their bombs. Only three crews reported enemy fire which was intense but inaccurate.

There was activity on land, sea and in the air on the second of March, in this area. The Navy was represented by three LST's in Hayne Harbor; a destroyer was shelling a gun position on Lorengau shore - the Nip fire was weak and sadly inaccurate. Another of our destroyers was vigorously shelling the plantation near Momote Airdrome. Cooperation between all of the branches of Service as seen in this area would make us believe that victory is certain. The safe return of all of the twenty-four Mitchells in spite of every hazard makes us acknowledge the alert clear thinking of our men.

On the 3rd of March the Group began another phase in the shortening of the crimson rays of the "Rising Sun". Combat crews and their Mitchells returned to Durand Drome, Port Moresby. The remaining personnel prepared equipment for a move to Nadzab. As the day progressed equipment was loaded on the transports for the next days move. At this same time an advanced echelon had been at Nadzab for several weeks preparing a campsite. On the fourth of March, after a long weary nights work the transports departed Horanda Airdrome for the short trip to Nadzab.

A welcome sight to the arriving men was a well prepared campsite in the Markham Valley. Somehow the valley, with its kuni grass stretches and valley clustered trees showed a resemblance to Southern California. The most welcome feature of the camp was the nearly completed mess halls. Word was overheard that the food was fairly good. On the following day the combat crews arrived and were prepared to operate on the sixth of March. Administration tents were erected and all operations were progressing at a normal pace. The campsite grew rapidly into a well ordered community.

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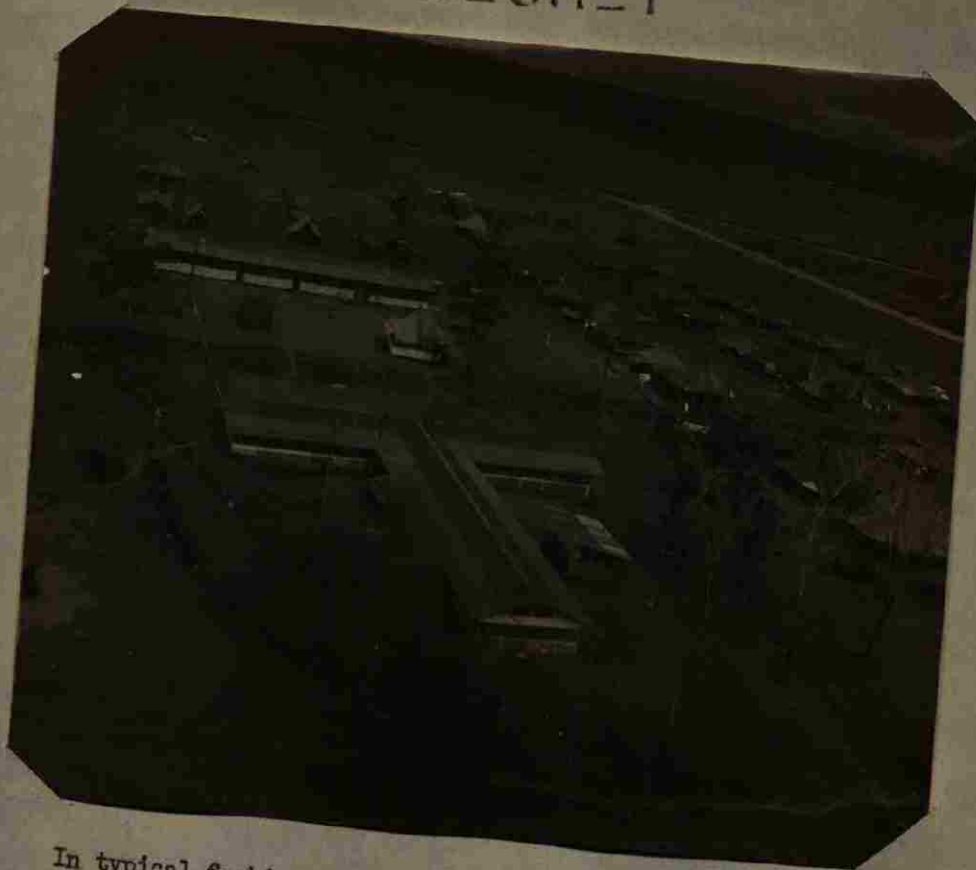
A black and white photograph of a tall, wooden lattice tower in a village. A sign on the tower reads "NADZAB CITY HALL" and "A. B. BROWN, Mayor". Below it, another sign lists names and dates. The tower is surrounded by simple wooden houses and a dirt path. In the background, there are mountains under a cloudy sky.

- A New Community -

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In typical fashion, the personnel of the Group went to work making the new home a comfortable one. Lumber was derived from every source available and the one time desolate area took on the appearance of a real campsite.

Each squadron took an infinite pride in their own particular area and did their utmost to outshine each other. As a result, the areas became neat and orderly, tents were planned in a "Stateside" manner and details were assigned to assure the cleanliness of the place. It was truly a camp to be proud of, but it had its one disadvantage - when it rained the low land turned into a sea of mud.

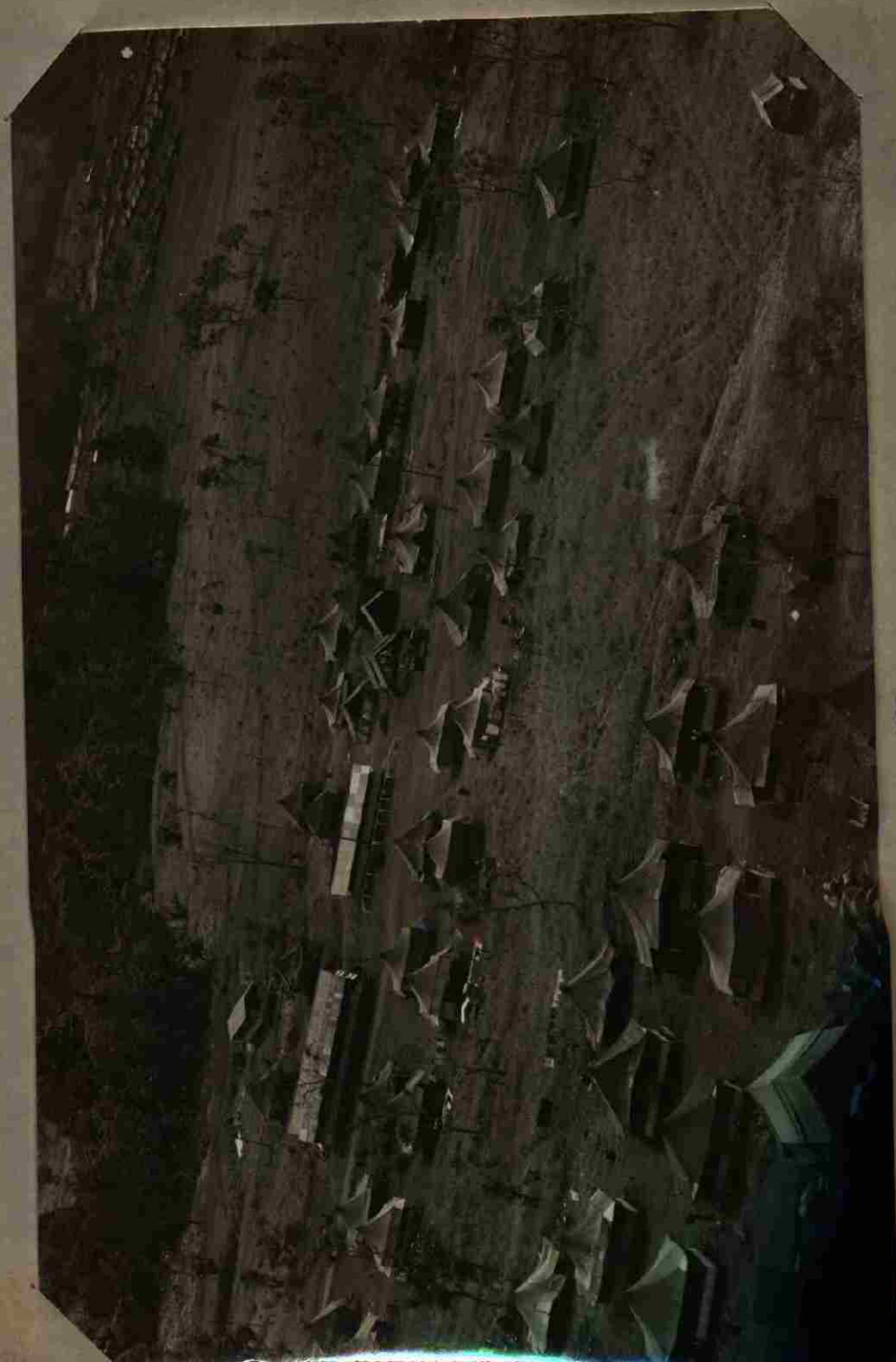
This alone was not enough to undermine the morale of the troops and they made the best of it. Nadzab soon became the home of most of the units of the Fifth Air Force and each day would see a new camp spring up in the valley.

For the next few months improvements were continued until the camp area had reached an almost perfect state. Photographs shown above and on the following pages reveal the camp of the 38th Bombardment Group as it was in the early days of their stay in the Nadzab area.

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Weather prohibited flying for several days. An attempt to bomb Dagua from medium altitude failed because of almost complete cloud coverage. Six B-25's from each squadron of the Group went on this strike on the 8th. Only eight bombs were released and due to the cloud cover no results were observed. The next day, March 9th, one Mitchell of the "Wolf Pack" escorted eight P-40's to Momote airdrome from Nadzab, via Finschhafen. The mission was recorded as 100 percent complete as ordered, and so we saw progress in the retreat of Japan. For we had been giving ground support at this Airdrome little more than a week before.

Weather caused sesation of operations of the Group for several days. A Wewak weather recco forced to turn back, went out on the 10th of March. The weather recco to Garove Island on that day was completed as ordered. A 71st Squadron plane was flown on a Courier to Saidor with General Street. The crew on this courier, returning to Nadzab at 1720/L reported weather conditions improving.

Eighteen B-25's took off from Nadzab on March 11th, as the sun was nearing the meridian to participate in a coordinated bombing attack against the Japanese Boram Airdrome at Wewak, New Guinea. The 405th Squadron led the formation followed by six planes from the 823rd Squadron and six from the 71st Squadron. The formation proceeded along the Ramu and Sepik Rivers to Wewak. On this strike rendezvous with the fighters failed and therefore five enemy single seat fighters escaped damage.

The 405th Squadron approached the target at 10,000 feet from the east and dove to 7,600 feet before beginning the bombing run, to avoid heavy, accurate anti-aircraft fire. Because of cloud cover only the second element released their bombs to fall on the Northwest end of the airdrome in a revetment area. These fifteen 500 pounders started at least one large fire. Seven tenths cover of cumulus clouds prevented observation of the bombing.

The 823rd Squadron made their attack from a lower altitude dropping twenty-five 500 pounders, instantaneous fuses, and five 500 pound aerial burst bombs on the taxiways and revetments south of the airdrome, taking a heavy toll of "sitting ducks". The large oil fires showed us clearly that the Japanese, Wewak air power had been appreciably reduced by the Group. The aerial burst bombs gave highly satisfactory wide coverage of the dump and revetment areas.

Six more Mitchells climaxed the story of "bombing through the clouds". The 71st Squadron planes entered the target area at 8,000 feet. Due to increasing cloud cover of the airdrome the squadron of six B-25's passed over the target and turned toward the sea. While over Wewak, the lead plane of the second element was hit by accurate heavy anti-aircraft fire, damaging the main spar of the right wing. This element salvoed its bombs and returned safely to

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base. The lead element returned on a run from East to West at a lower altitude. Fourteen 500 pounders hit along the South taxiway at the East end of the drome. Again the Group hit their target, in spite of obstructed vision, and returned safely to base with only slight damage to our own aircraft. The Wewak Nips could not say the same for many of their twin engine bombers had been marked "out" by our accurate persistent bombing.

A well coordinated attack was planned for March 12th, by the Fifth Bomber Command. That day four groups were to participate. The "Heavies" of the 90th Bombardment Group were to hit Boram at "H" hour plus 2:20 to 2:40. The 22nd Group, with two Squadrons were to take over Boram airdrome at "H" plus 2:40 and clear the target in ten minutes for the 38th Group B-25's. Each lead plane was loaded with aerial burst bombs, and the wing ships carried instantaneously fused demolition bombs.

The four squadrons of the Group put thirty-six B-25's into the air to strike Boram this day, to be known as "FLUTIST". The formation flew a course of 315 degrees at 8,000 feet up the Markham Valley to Gusap and altered course to Annenberg where at 1030/L the Mitchells rendezvoused with two squadrons of P-47's for fighter cover. On this strike the target was approached from sea to land. The 71st Squadron attacked in two elements, the lead element of six and the second element of three. All but two of these planes, making their run at 7,700 feet, released their bombs to hit the target area.

The 405th Squadron used tactics involving three elements of three planes and came from the approach at 9,000 feet to the bombing run at 7,000 feet. One direct hit was scored on an anti-aircraft position. The bombing disturbed the ack ack fire considerably for on this strike the report was, inaccurate, intense, heavy anti-aircraft fire. The 823rd Squadron like the 405th attacked in flights of three planes. At 1117/L the 823rd Squadron began its bombing run on a heading of 240 degrees, at an altitude of 6,300 to 7,000 feet. Forty-five bombs were released and oil fires were observed on the North side of the center strip. The 822nd Squadron used a different plan; three ship elements stacked up from 8,200 feet to 8,600 feet. The crews of this Squadron observed two direct hits on ack ack positions, but most of the bombs burst in the edge of the plantation area.

The Group returned along the Markham Valley to their base at Nadzab where all landed safely. Only two planes of the 822nd Squadron were reported as damaged by anti-aircraft fire. The feeling of relief was prevalent because the mission was safe and successful, and the flying weather showed signs of improvement for the missions to be flown the next few days.

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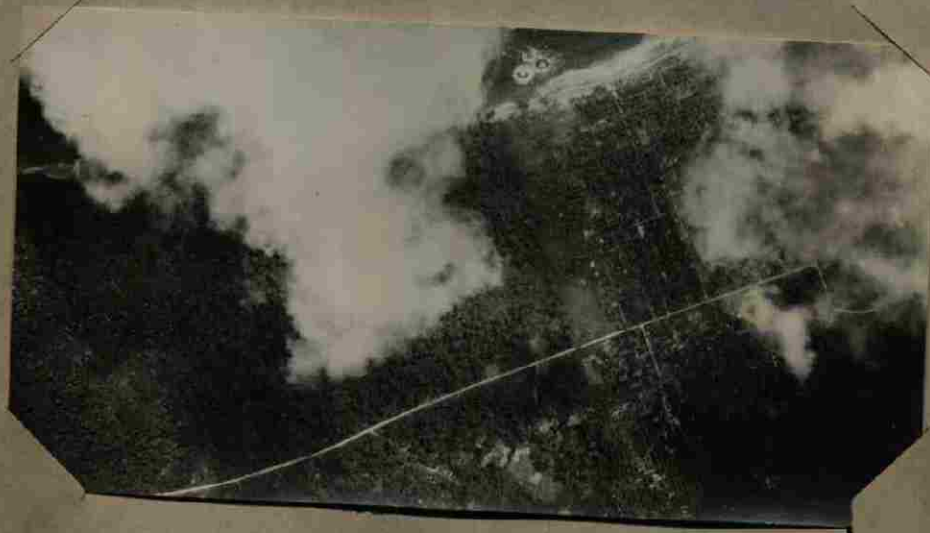
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Frag Field Order 72-L, dated 12 March, requested a Mitchell to fly a special courier mission to Manus Island. After arriving at Momote under orders from General Mudge, the crew departed the following day from Momote to strafe Lorengau Airfield and the small island Northeast of Wewak. The mission was completed as ordered, 2,800 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition was expended to riddle the target from tree top level. The plane returned to Momote Airdrome to remain over night before returning to Nadzab in the Markham Valley.

On the 13th of March the Group resumed its task as part of an intensive attack on enemy installations in the Wewak area. Each Squadron put ten medium bombers in the air, forming an impressive formation. The Frag Field Order called for an attack on the personnel and stores at Brandi Plantation in the Wewak area. The formation proceeded along the valley course to the sea at a point thirty-eight miles east of Boram Strip, then followed the coast to the Plantation area. The fighter cover failed to meet the formation of Mitchells at the rendezvous point, but appeared over the formation at the target.

The 823rd Squadron lead the formation over the target at 1115/L on a Southwest heading at 6,900 feet. This squadron failed to do its best by releasing five 500 pounders, two miles East of the target and returning five to base. Smoke and dust indicated that the bombs falling in the target area covered a strip of the plantation from the shore inland to the center of the plantation. Low cumulus clouds hung almost fixed over the plantation as the 822nd Squadron made their run on a heading of 200 degrees; the first element at an altitude of 6,500 feet and the last an altitude of 6,500 feet. Three bombardiers made an error and released fifteen bombs to fall short of the target, in the water. Thirty three bombs are believed to have been effective hits in the Plantation.



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The "Dragons" of the 405th Squadron came out of the north in a "V" of "V's" formation to release their 500 pound bombs. Five of these fell short of the target in the water. Forty-five fell in an evenly distributed belt from the shore across the North west quadrant of the plantation. The last of the bombs destroyed a red clay road west of the plantation. Large explosions and black smoke indicated the possible destruction of fuel dumps on the west side of the plantation.

The 71st Squadron released fifty 500 pound demolition bombs which fell in the southeast portion of the area, but cloud cover and evasive action prevented photo coverage, and accurate observation of the damage inflicted.

The gunners were active, keeping watch for interception by six to twelve Zekes and Hamps, observed in the target area above the formation of our planes. Nine of the ten planes of the 822nd Squadron formation had one pass made at them by single seater fighters shortly after leaving the target, as the formation was diving to 4,000 feet. One Jap fighter was hit, but not seriously damaged, by fire from two turrets as the fighter banked away from the formation, exposing his belly. Even though heavy anti-aircraft fire was bursting uncomfortably close, only one Mitchell received a single hole in the empennage. This day's operations were not inhibited by weather; the flight home was made beneath the clouds and all planes landed safely. One 405th Squadron plane came home on single engine.

Fifth Bomber Command ordered "Forum" 1 and 2, two squadrons of the Group to lead "Boardwalk" 1 and 2, Squadrons of the 345th Bombardment Group, on a low level attack on the Brandi Plantation. Nine Mitchells of the 822nd Squadron took to the air at 0928/L on the fourteenth of March, to lead the four squadrons in this attack. One 822nd Squadron plane returned to base with engine trouble. The usual course was flown to Gusap where rendezvous with two Squadrons of P-47's was accomplished. At 1120/L this squadron began its attack. Forty 500 pound demolition bombs with 8 - 11 second delay fuses exploded along the Plantation road setting fires in well scattered supply dumps. The 823rd followed across the target.

When the Squadrons departed the target area a trail of heavy grey and black smoke marked the path of the strafers across the area, giving our crews satisfaction that they had hit hard the Nips' installations in New Guinea. One Oscar attempted a diving pass at the Mitchells while on their strafing run. Another remained high aloft above the formation and attempted no passes. Cloud cover at 1500 feet furnished good cover to the low level attacking planes. None of our planes suffered even slight damage in this attack.

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Kairiru Island was the target of the day on 15 March, and thirty-seven Mitchells departed Nadzab at 0835/L in formation. Two 405th Squadron planes returned to base before reaching the target because of mechanical failures. At Gusap rendezvous was accomplished at 0851/L. One Squadron of P-47's and one of P-38's accompanied the Group to the coast and the target. At 1016/L the 71st Squadron began the attack releasing forty 500 pounders over the target area. Only five of these bombs were effective, hitting a small village southeast of Kairiru. The remaining thirty-five bombs fell long over the target in the hills. One plane had mechanical failure and released five bombs on the other side of the Island from the target.

The 405th Squadron came in for the attack at an altitude of 6,900 feet, at 1021/L on a heading of 300 degrees. One plane salvoed its bombs and thirty bombs were successfully released by the rest of the formation. Due to a claimed bombsight malfunction none of the Squadrons bombs exploded in the assigned target area. Likewise, the 822nd Squadron had difficulties releasing twelve bombs to hit in the water with no damaging results. Five bombs possibly hit and destroyed a machine gun position in the hills. One bomb hit in the village, six were salvoed and ten additional bombs created only water spouts.



- A bad day for the home team -

The 823rd Squadron redeemed the Group by releasing forty 500 pounders to fall in trail across the center of the target. A great column of black smoke marked the point of aim. Five of these bombs fell across a jetty with unobserved results. This day was far from successful for the Group, but was a warning for the Bombardiers

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to improve their technique. Nil anti-aircraft fire and nil interception was the order of the day - a "nil" day all the way.

Thirty medium's departed in formation at 0930/L on the sixteenth of March, and headed up the Markham Valley to tangle again with the Nips in the Wewak Area. The specific target was the Brandi Plantation, the same target hit by the Group on 13 March. Our job was to bomb and strafe the roadway and adjacent area from the East edge of the Brandi Plantation on for approximately a mile and a half. Rendezvous was accomplished with the fighter cover and A-20's over Gusap. Weather turned two squadrons (823rd and 405th) to the secondary target, Nubia Plantation. West of the Sepik River the formation encountered a front of stratus and cumulus clouds with bases below 800 feet.

The 71st Squadron flew on to the Wewak area and successfully bombed and strafed the primary target. The target was approached from the sea to the land in three flights, two of three planes and one of four planes. Forty five 500 pound demolition bombs were dropped along the road and into the east side of the plantation. One plane could not release its bombs over the target and carried them to a village at the mouth of the Sepik River where they were released with unobserved results. This squadron expended over 27,000 rounds of machine gun ammunition.



- Jap activity was evident -

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Rack malfunctions were frequent, causing many bombs to be released over worthless targets or to be salvaged. On this mission the 405th planes either returned or salvaged eighteen percent of their bombs - forty one 500 pounders were dropped in the assigned target area around Nubia Airdrome. Of these bombs only seventy percent are believed to have been effective.

The 823rd Squadron had better results. Thirty-five 500 pounders were released; twenty-nine fell in the west revetment area and in the Plantation Village, five bombs fell across Mansa Point. However, no results were observed. The 823rd Squadron expended 11,900 rounds of .50 caliber machine gun ammunition. This squadron encountered anti-aircraft fire; shrapnel holed one plane.

"Parking" was the call word for the 71st Squadron strike on March 17th. Take off from Nadzab occurred at 1130/L, and the primary target assigned to this Squadron was Brandi Plantation. When the formation arrived at Gusap without fighter cover, they were directed by a radio directive not to hit the primary target, but to fly down the valley to Alexishafen, the tertiary target. The nine Mitchells formed flights of three and bombed and strafed the Southwest side of the second strip and on to Alexishafen township on a heading of 50 degrees. Forty-five 500 pound bombs were released in the area. The only results noted were three small fires along the southwest side of the runway. The squadron returned to Nadzab via Gusap and the Markham Valley.

On March 18, twenty-seven B-25's departed Nadzab at 0825/L, the 823rd Squadron led the formation and was followed in turn by the 822nd and 405th Squadrons. A course of 300 degrees was flown up the Markham and Ramu Rivers to make a minimum altitude attack on the Brandi Plantation in the Newak area. At Gusap rendezvous was made with two Squadrons of fighters. P-40's gave close fighter cover and a Squadron of P-47's accompanied the Group to the target giving high cover.

The 822nd Squadron formed three, three plane elements and began the attack at 1026/L on a heading of 270 degrees, paralleling the shore, one and one-half miles inland. Excellent bombing was executed. Forty-five 500 pounders hit in the area along the road from the villages, one and one-half miles East of the Plantation, and scattered into the edge of the Brandi Plantation. Several grey and black smoke fires were observed in the area.

The 823rd Squadron also released forty-five bombs in the same area. Five bombs hit in a village near the Plantation, along the road destroying several huts. Secondary explosions occurred raising a large sheet of flame. Two bombs fell in the village one and one-half miles east of the Plantation with unobserved results. The other bombs fell along the road.

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The 405th Squadron used the same tactics and released their bombs to fall on the south side of the Plantation road. The only results observed were many small fires in the villages. Three Squadrons fired 43,975 rounds of .50 caliber and 4,900 rounds of .30 caliber ammunition into the target area.



- The 38th Brandi Bombers -

On the morning of March 19, twenty-nine B-25's took off from Nadzab to participate in a coordinated attack on anti-aircraft position 43B on Cape Moem. After take off the Group circled to the right and passed over the field in formation. The 71st Squadron led the Group, the 822nd Squadron was second and the 823rd Squadron was last. The formation passed Gusap at 0840/L, continuing on to Annanberg, the rendezvous point where the fighter cover was met. With escort of P-47(s) the formation continued on course to the mouth of the Sepik River and headed up the coast to the target.

The 71st Squadron approached the target from sea to land. A left hand circle was made around Cape Moem and a heading of approximately 130 degrees was taken on the run. In two flights of three and one of four planes the Squadron, at an altitude of 6,900 to 7,100 feet, at 1005/L, dropped forty-eight 500 pound bombs at the target area. Six to eight bombs fell short into the water, while the remainder fell in the vicinity of the target. Three small fires were observed in the target area after the bombing run. Two bombs that hung up in the bomb-bay of a plane were salvoed on Kaiep Village with unobserved results. Only one plane received minor damage during the attack.

The 822nd approached the target at 1010/L on a heading of approximately 160 degrees at an altitude of 8000 feet in three plane

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elements. Six bombs fell in the water short of the target while thirty nine fell in the target area. The crews reported six bombs hitting the anti-aircraft gun position. Three tenths cover of large cumulus clouds with bases at 3,000 feet prevented accurate estimation of the damage.

The 823rd Squadron bombed the target last on a heading of 165 degrees. This squadron assumed a formation of one box of four planes followed by a "v" of "v's" of six planes. Forty-five bombs were dropped from an altitude of 7,200 to 7,600 feet. Five of the bombs fell short of the target into the water while the remaining forty were scattered through the target area. The results were generally unobserved due to the cloud cover. Crews reported a heavy pall of smoke hanging over the entire south half of Cape Moem when the Group departed.

Anti-aircraft fire was slight, heavy and inaccurate and came generally from Boram Airdrome. None of our aircraft were damaged or intercepted.

"Crackpot" was the call word for the afternoon strike on March 19. Three squadrons of the Group were alerted for this shipping mission against a Japanese convoy sighted north of Wewak. The 405th Squadron departed Nadzab at 1415/L and joined the 822nd Squadron. As the 822nd Squadron approached a lone survival of the convoy the squadrons planes attacked the sinking ship in trail and made three hits with 500 pounders. The ship was left sinking as more bombs were released in the debris and among the Japs in the water. The two lead planes carried four bombs up the Ramm Valley and dropped them on personnel and stores at Hansa Bay. The results were unobserved. These same two planes strafed Nubia Plantation, Bogia Harbor and the road from Potsdam Harbor to Dagoi. Three planes flew a direct course to base via the valley.

The 405th Squadron went to Hansa Bay, the secondary target, without bombing the sinking ship. At 1710/L the Squadron began its run on a heading of 100 degrees releasing thirty five 500 pound bombs. Thirty three of those bombs hit in the Nubia Plantation area and two on the Hansa Point. A large fire was observed in Nubia Plantation, in the personnel area. The target was well strafed with over 25,500 rounds of machine gun ammunitions.

The 71st Squadron failed to join the Group formation near the target area and flew to Alexishafen, the secondary target. One 345th Group plane joined the formation and participated in the attack. Two flights of four and three planes respectively bombed and strafed the target on a heading of 45 degrees at 1623/L. Twenty four bombs hit in the area, from the Southwest flight Gap to #2 strip to Kanaman Point. Many fires were started in this area. This target was strafed as was Sak Island.

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Four squadrons of the Group struck Kairiru on 21 March. Twenty four planes, six from each squadron, participated in the strike. The squadrons departed the field in the following order: 822nd Squadron, 71st, 405th, and 823rd Squadrons. The formation proceeded down the Ramu Valley to Annanberg where rendezvous was made with one Squadron of P-47's. The Group then struck out across the lower Sepik River direct to Kairiru Island. This same target, hit before by the Group was little damaged by previous raids. The photos on the following pages show that essentially nothing was remaining of this target after this raid. The 822nd Squadron took one dry run over the target and so bombed last at 1027/L. The bombardier in each element corrected for both rate and course before releasing their bombs. A total of thirty 500 pound, instantaneously fused demolition bombs were dropped along the north side of the target. A pall of heavy smoke obscured the exact results.

Approaching the target, the 71st Squadron formed two flights of three airplanes, at an altitude of 7,600 feet. At 1020/L the bombs were released to hit the barge repair depot with twenty-six bombs, producing two large orange eruptions of flame. One plane returned four bombs to base due to rack malfunction. The 823rd approached the target on a heading of 285 degrees at 5,800 feet. Thirty 500 pounders were dropped on and around the barge repair base, but the results were obscured due to the dense cover of smoke. Likewise, the 405th Squadron reported excellent bombing, claiming direct hits for the thirty bombs dropped. This squadron made the bombing run at 7,300 feet on a heading of 270 degrees. The P-47's gave excellent area and close cover and no bomber was intercepted. No anti-aircraft fire was encountered on the mission.

The 405th Squadron departed Nadzab at 1040/L on March 22nd, to bomb and strafe at minimum altitude the township of Aitape and two small villages just south of Aitape. The squadron effected fighter cover at Gusap and continued on course thru Kairiru Island, Tadji, to Aitape. Four bombs were released in the Lemiong Village area - four bombs on Tadji houses with unobserved results - nine in St. Anna Mission, two of which blew up a large two story building. Thirteen fell among the buildings of Aitape which were smoking when the Squadron left. Eight bombs were dropped on Umleo Island, but the results were unobserved. During the attack, only small arms fire and machine gun fire was encountered.



- Destroyed by a hit -

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- The target took a terrific beating -

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Following the same route to Annanberg, the four squadrons departed Nadzab at 0915/L, March 23rd to participate in a coordinated attack on Dagua. The 38th Group planes rendezvoused with the 345th Group and fighter cover of P-40's and P-47's at Gusap. The mission was set up that the 345th would cross the target first.

The 71st Squadron on arriving at the target found difficulty in locating the target due to an undercast - as the squadron turned toward the sea, the target was spotted and the squadron turned to make a bombing run to the southwest. During the run twenty-seven bombs were dropped of which seven hit in the water close to shore and five bombs exploded about 4000 feet inland - the results were unobserved. The 405th Squadron dropped its bombs from an altitude of 3000 feet to fall in the Mubia Plantation and thru the Potsdam Plantation. Of the bombs dropped, two were seen to fall in the water and the others in the target area. About the only results observed were two fires and black smoke.

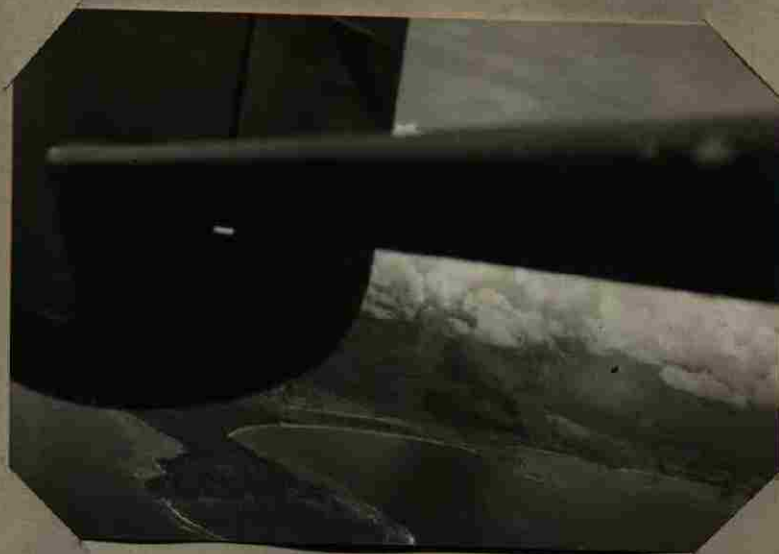
The 822nd Squadron split, the first flight made an attempt to hit the secondary target at Hansa Bay, but weather prevented this. The flight then released fifteen bombs in the personnel and supply dump near Mililet Harbor but without visual results. The second flight proceeded on to hit the anti-aircraft position at the Eastern end of Dagua strip, dropping fifteen bombs but again the results were unobserved. The third flight dropped their bombs with similar results. The 823rd reported dropping forty-five 500 pounders but that was as far as the report went.

After a day of "Maintenance and Training" three squadrons took to the air again on the 25th to hit the bivouac areas and supply dispersal areas located one and one-half miles southwest of Wewak Mission. The 823rd Squadron, with nine planes, rendezvoused with the 71st and 405th Squadron's and then proceeded to Gusap and effected rendezvous with two squadrons of the 345th Group and then proceeded to the target. The 823rd Squadron approached the target at 1144/L. The target area was clear but surrounded by a bank of cumulus clouds. The squadron dropped twenty-seven 500 pound bombs along the road in the supply and bivouac area and like the previous day, the results were unobserved.

By error in interpretation, the 405th Squadron claimed the target to be closed in by weather. The squadron spread out, picked its own targets, both east and west of Boram strip, and dropped thirty bombs between Wewak and Boram drome while few fell east of Boram drome. One pilot went so far as to drop five bombs in Murick Village and set fire to several numerous shacks. These were the only results reported by the Squadron. To make the day an "imperfect" one, the 71st Squadron dropped its bombs everywhere but on the assigned target, but reported that a few fires were started along both sides of the road southwest of Wewak.

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- Supply dumps at Boram on the 25th -

It seemed as if there was no let up in the strikes on the Wewak area for again on the 26th the 405th Squadron and the 822nd Squadron returned to the area to hit personnel and stores south of Dagua. The two squadrons picked up their fighter cover at Gusap and flew the usual valley route to the target area. The 405th Squadron led the attack over the target at an altitude of 600 to 900 feet on a heading of 10 degrees. Forty-five 500 pounders were dropped with thirty-five seen to hit the supply area starting two large fires - the remaining bombs either fell short or over the target with unobserved results.

There was three tenths scattered cumulus clouds up to 5000 feet with three tenths high cirrus clouds when the 823rd Squadron came over the targets in one three and one four plane element on a heading of 45 degrees. At 1005/K, forty 500 pound bombs were released in the target starting more fires. The pattern of bomb explosions was good but exact results could not be ascertained. The Nips threw up a barrage of anti-aircraft fire over the supply area, but was totally ineffective and the absence of Jap fighters in the area was noticeable.

On the same day, the 71st Squadron was to strike shipping in the Wewak - Tadjil area. The strike was not effected because fighter cover could not be raised. Eight B-25's of this squadron were airborne at 1330/K and flew the usual course up the valley to Annanberg. After circling here, the leader chose to hit the secondary target, Hansa Bay. On the way to the secondary a lugger was strafed, setting fire to it. Upon reaching the secondary, two flights formed to bomb and strafe warehouse buildings

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and huts in the Hansa bay area. Several large fires were started sending columns of black smoke to 500 feet. This squadron then returned to base.

On the twenty-seventh of March, two squadrons struck out again against Kairiru Island. The Group formation consisting of nine 822nd Squadron planes and nine 823rd Squadron planes proceeded along the usual course to Annanberg. Fighter cover did not appear and so the 38th Group planes departed the 345th Group and continued on to Hansa Bay. The 822nd Squadron on a heading of 140 degrees dropped forty five 500 pound bombs. Five hit in Awar Village - two east of Boroi River and thirty eight along the revetment area and plantation on Awar point. The results were unobserved. From 6,800 feet the 823rd bombardiers released forty five 500 pounders - seventeen of these fell near the coastal road and the remainder fell in train across the native settlement and bivouac areas south of Condor Airdrome.

Another day of rest followed then on the 29th two squadrons returned to Dagua to bomb personnel and supplies. The 71st Squadron led the formation followed by the 405th, to the rendezvous point at Annanberg where rendezvous with fighter cover was accomplished. At 1038/K the formation headed on course to the target.

The "Wolf Pack" attempted a run on the target from the South east but overland clouds obscured the target. The squadron circled over the water and returned on a heading of 150 degrees in three flights to bomb the personnel and supply area from an altitude of 7,100 feet at 1136/K. Forty-five 500 pounders were dropped and although only two large fires were observed, the bombing was considered excellent. At 1140/K on a heading of 180 degrees from an altitude of 7,600 feet the 405th Squadron released forty five bombs through the clouds. After the bombing the planes dove through the clouds to strafe native villages south of Dagua - one plane strafed Imbaunde village on the Sepik river. During the course of the attack, only four bursts of ack ack were seen and these were completely out of range.

Twenty-four Mitchells took off at 0735/K on March 30th to participate in a coordinated attack on Tadjil emergency strip. The formation flew up the valley as usual to Annanberg, the rendezvous point. Here the formation joined its fighter escort of P-40's and P-47's at 0900/K.

The 823rd Squadron made an approach to the target with five planes in "V" formation, one plane having returned to base. The leading plane on the run failed to release its bombs so the squadron circled and entered the bombing run in a formation of two elements. The lead plane could not release his bombs for the second time and salvoed them. The other planes released their

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bombs at the same time so all bombs over shot - no damage was done to the target. The second squadron to make a bombing run was the 405th. This squadron dropped thirty 500 pound demolition bombs - five were reported as direct hits and six others were seen to fall on the taxiway at the end of the runway. Photos confirm only these six. The others fell far over in a plantation. The 71st Squadron in formation bombed the runway on a heading of 130 degrees at 7,800 feet. At 0957/K fifteen bombs, four of which were salvoed, hit on the runway, the other fifteen bombs fell along the north apron and dispersal area.

Following last, the 822nd Squadron made its bombing run at 0959/K in three plane elements at 7,000 feet on a heading of 110 to 115 degrees. Thirty bombs blasted the center and aprons of the strip. The crews reported that the runways of Tadjik Airdrome were rendered unserviceable during the attack - in fact, the Tadjik emergency strip was totally blasted out of use.



- Tadjik, no further action

On the last day of the month the 71st Squadron conducted a strike against barges near Muschu Island. After taking off the Squadron passed over the field at 0825/K and headed up the valley to Annanberg where the fighter cover of P-40's were picked up. Approaching the target the Squadron in three flights of three's bombed and strafed at minimum altitude from 1012/K to 1015/K.

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Approaching a cove between Cape Pausan and Cape Samein seven to eight barges were strafed and bombed with tracers seen to enter the barges. As the squadron left the area, three small fires were observed. As the formation was making its bombing and strafing run, two burst of heavy ack ack were observed 1000 feet over Kairiru Strait and slight light inaccurate machine gun fire was reported directed at the formation. The Squadron then returned over the same course flown to the target and thus, the month of March 1944 came to an end.

And as the month ended, so does this History of the Famous 38th Bombardment Group (M), the "Sun Setters" of the Fifth Air Force. During the four years crowded into this small space of writing, a Lady was born and grew into a deadly weapon of war - important events happened which were too numerous to mention in this writing - more important events will take place in the future and shall be written down on the pages of History. In an effort to give a more concise picture of the war and the part played in the War by the "Sun Setters", histories beginning with the month of April 1944, will be published monthly.

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38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
OPERATIONS SEPTEMBER 1942

TOTAL MISSIONS 3

TOTAL SORTIES 13
ATTACK - 13

TOTAL COMBAT HOURS 40:30
ATTACK 40:30





38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1942

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION	NUMBER PLANES	NUMBER PLANES FAILED	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
						START	DAY	NIGHT	
15		405	Attack		6		18:05		BUNA
		71			5		15:25		Barges
28		405	Attack		2		7:00		NAIROBI Bridge

Total Squadron Missions - 3

Total Group Missions - 2

Number Planes Started - 13

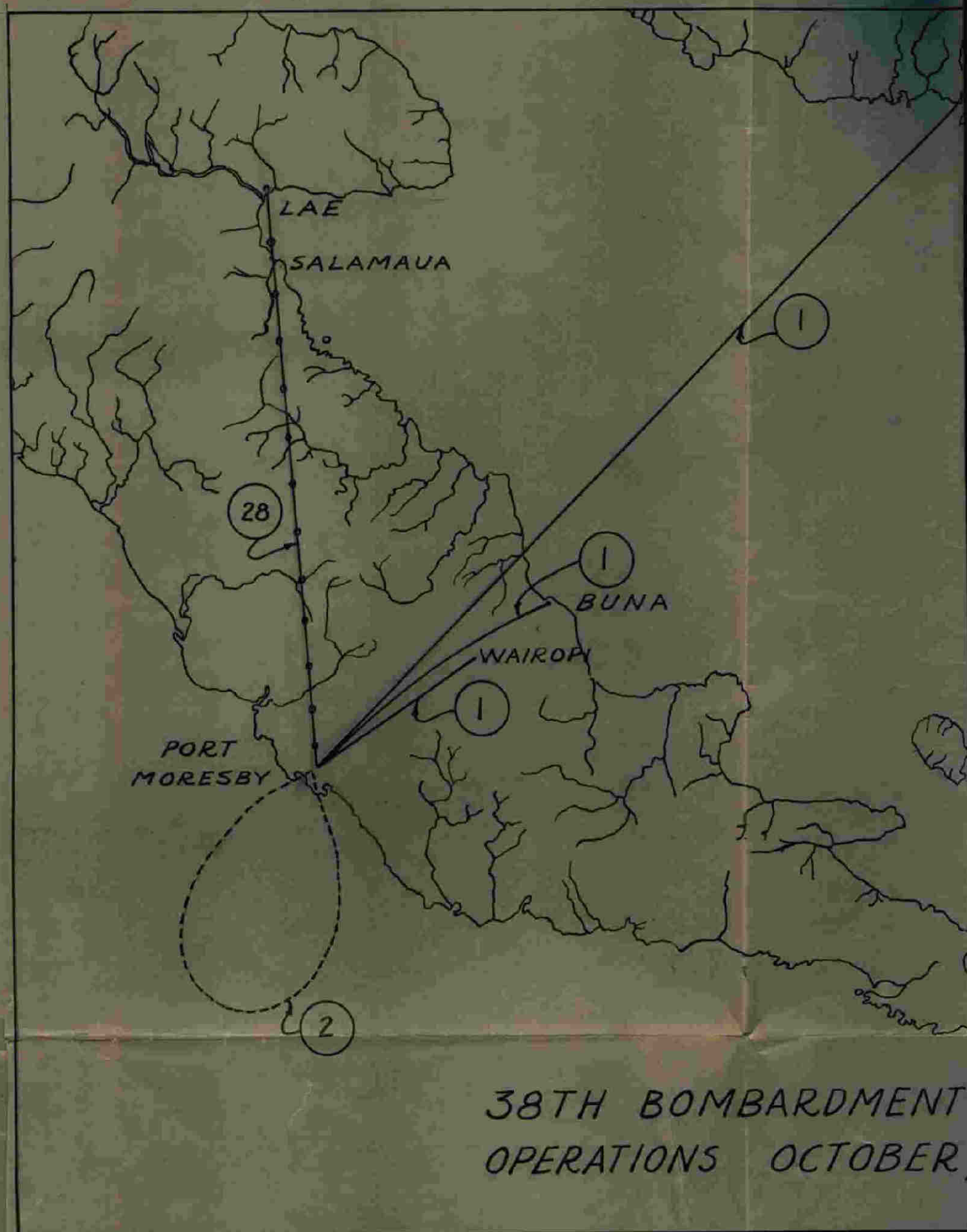
Number Planes Failed - 0

Number Planes Reached - 13

Day Combat Hours - 40:30

Night Combat Hours - 0

Total Combat Hours - 40:30




 GASMATA

TOTAL MISSIONS - 32

ATTACK 3

RECCON 28

PATROL 1

TOTAL SORTIES - 72

ATTACK 8

RECCON 62

PATROL 2

TOTAL COMBAT HOURS 192:10

ATTACK 18:50

RECCON 165:30

PATROL 8:50

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

ON GROUND - 2

IN AIR 

MISSING IN ACTION

ONE PLANE

SEVEN MEN —

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38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1942

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION PLANES	NUMBER PLANE	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
				START	FAILED	DAY	NIGHT	
3	LAL 13	405	Recce	1	1 W	1:30		
3		71	Attack	1		2:00	WAIROPI Bridge	
4		71	Recce	1		2:30	BUNA	
5	LAL 16	405	Attack	3		6:30	SALAMAU Convoy	5 Zeros Destroyed (1 Zero Destroyed (1 Plane & Crew Lost
		71		4		10:20		
6	LAL 17	405	Recce	1		2:30	LAE to SALAMAU	
		71		1		2:45		
7	LAL 18	405	Recce	1		4:15	LAE to SALAMAU	
		71		3	1 W	6:45		
7	LAL 19	405	Recce	1		4:15	LAE, GASMATA, VITIAZ STS.	
7	LAL 20	405	Recce	2		3:40	LAE TO SALAMAU	
7	LAL 21	405	Recce	1		3:10	LAE, GASMATA, VITIAZ STS.	
9	LAL 22	405	Recce	2		5:45	"	

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1942 (Continued)

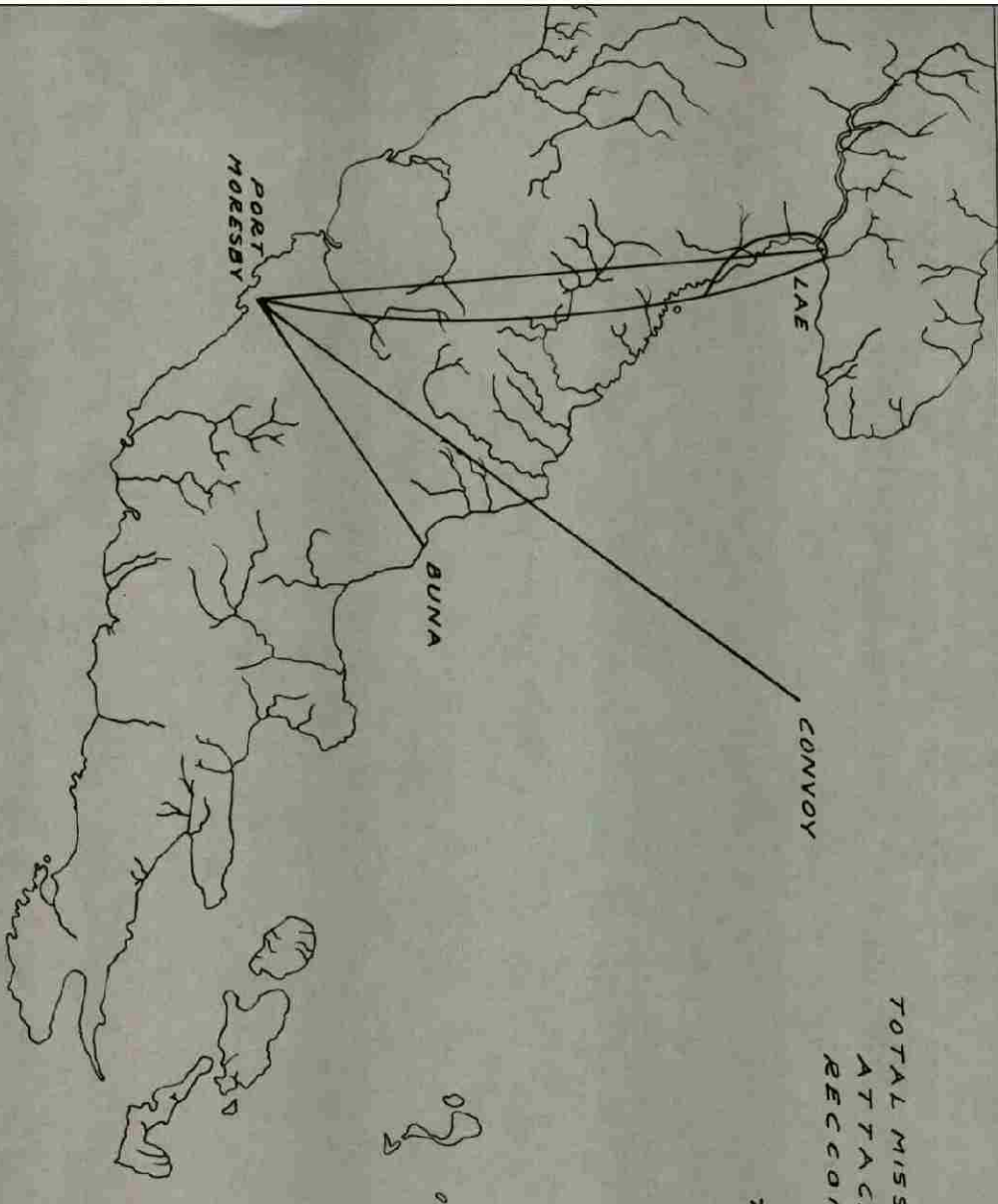
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					START	DAY	NIGHT	
9	LAL 22	71	Recce	3	3	W		LAE, GASMATA, VITIAZ STS.
10	LAL 16	405	Recce	2	2	W	4:40	LAE to SALAMAU
11	LAL 23	405	Recce	2	2		4:30 6:00	"
13	LAL 24	405	Recce	3	3		9:30 11:00	LAE, GASMATA VITIAZ STS
14	LAL 26	405	Recce	1	1	W	1:30	
16	LAL 27	405	Recce	2	2	W	2:25 10:30	"
19	LAL 28	405	Recce	4	4	W	16:15 5:45	"
21	LAL 29	71	Recce	3	3		11:30	"
21		71	Recce	4	4	W	8:10	"
23		71	Recce	1	1		4:15	"
24	LAL 30	405	Recce	3	3		11:05	LAE, GASMATA 2 Bombers Dest, VITIAZ STS 2 Bombers Prob.

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1942 (Continued)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION PLANES	NUMBER PLANES	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
				START	FAILED	DAY	NIGHT	
24	LAL 31	71	Recce	2		5:45		LAE to SALAMAU
27		71	Recce	4		15:35		LAE, GASMATA VITIAZ STS
28		71	Patrol	2		8:50		
Total Squadron Missions				32				
Total Group Missions				23				
Number Planes Started				72				
Number Planes Failed				14	(14 Weather)			
Number Planes Reached Target				58	80.5 %			
Day Combat Hours				193:20				
Night Combat Hours				0				
Total Combat Hours				193:20	(Amended to 188:10)			

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
OPERATIONS NOVEMBER 1942



TOTAL MISSIONS	26	TOTAL SORTIES	105
ATTACK	24	ATTACK	98
RECCON	2	RECCON	7

TOTAL COMBAT HOURS
230:10
ATTACK, DAY
115:30
ATTACK, NITE
95:25
RECCON, DAY
19:15

BOMBS DROPPED
83,240 LBS.
BOMBS HIT
59,000 LBS

BOMBING EFFICIENCY
70.6%

AMMUNITION EXPENDED
.30 CAL. 900
.50 CAL. 825

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED
IN AIR [] []
ENEMY AIRCRAFT DAMAGED
TWELVE

MISSING IN ACTION
ONE PLANE
SEVEN MEN

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1942

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	MISSION TYPE	NUMBER PLANES START	NUMBER PLANES FAILED	COMBAT HOURS DAY NIGHT	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
16	WARD	71	Attack	3	2 X 1 M		GONA	
16	"	71	Attack	4	1 M	11:50	EUNA	
16	"	71	Attack	3			GONA Wreck	
16	"	405	Attack	3		8:20	SOPUTA Supplies	
16	"	405	Attack	3		8:00	"	
17	"	71 405	Attack	5 4	1 M	5:45 10:00	LAE Drome	6F, 5B Dam. on Gd. 2F, 3B Dam. on Gd.
17	"	405	Attack	1		2:40	"	
18	"	71 405	Attack	3 1	1 W	10:00 3:45	LAE Drome	
18	"	71	Attack	6	6 W	14:00	CASMATA Convoy	
18	"	405	Attack	6	6 W		"	

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1942 (Continued)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION	NUMBER	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
				START	PLANES	DAY	NIGHT	
				FAILED				
18	WARD	405	Attack	1	1 W		3:45	LAE Drome
26	DUR 38	405	Attack	5		6:15		BUNA Drome
26	"	405	Recce	3		8:15		LAE & SALAMAU
		71		4		11:00		
26	"	41	Attack	9	9 W	15:10		BUNA Drome
		71		3	1 W	7:30		
27	"	42	Attack	9	6 W		25:15	LAE Drome
		71		4	4 W		8:25	
29	"	43	Attack	7			27:50	"
		71		4			13:45	
30	"	45	Attack	7		14:40		BUNA Drome
		71		5		10:15		
30	"	46	Attack	1		2:00		"
		71		1		1:45		
Total Squadron Missions				26				
Total Group Missions Assigned				18				

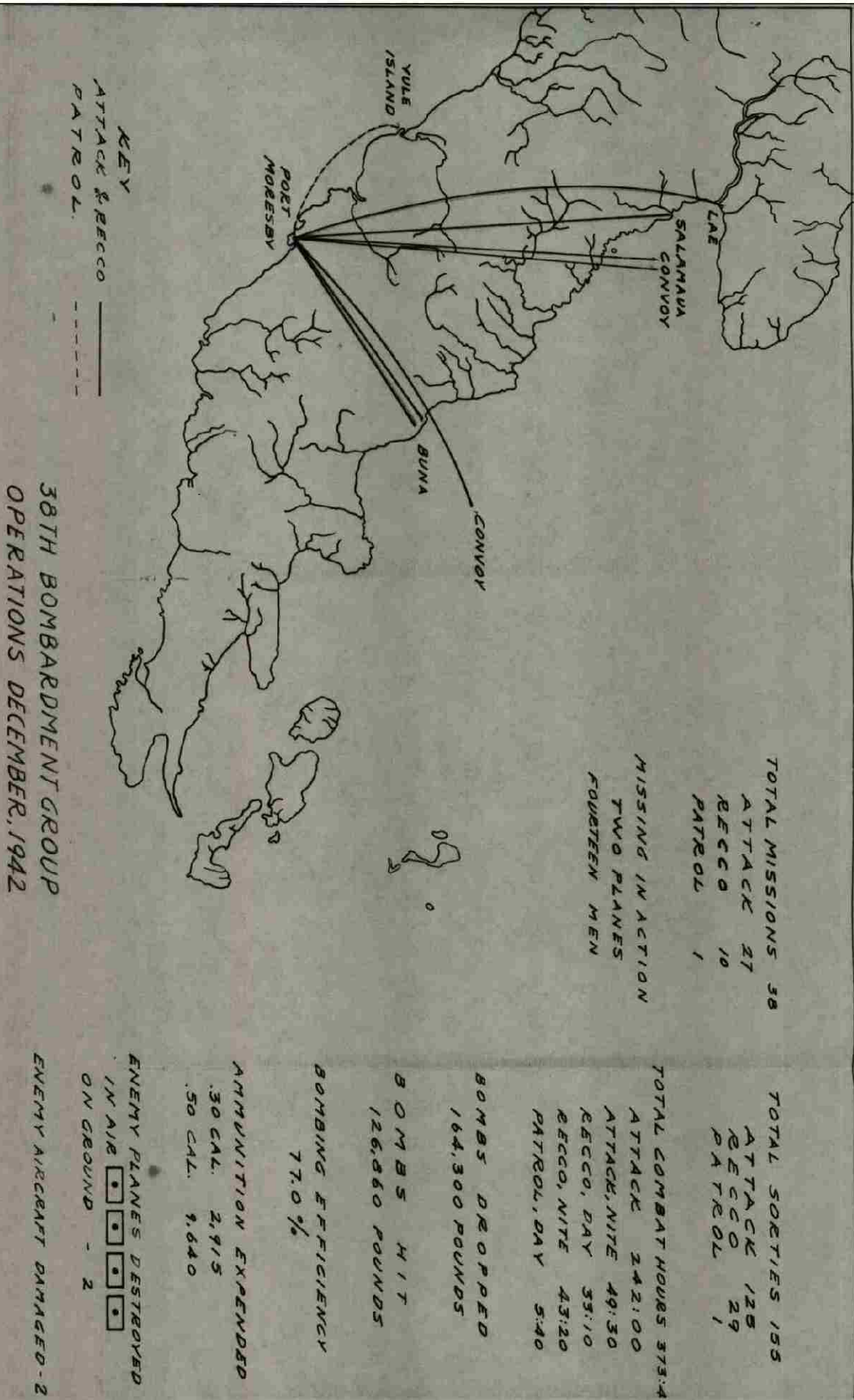
699 MIA

724 Crash Yule I.

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1942 (Continued)

Number Planes started	105	
Number Planes failed	39 (34W 3M 2X)	
Number Planes Reached Target	66	62.7 %
Day Combat Hours	120:35	
Night Combat Hours	95:25	
Total Combat Hours	230:00	(Amended to 258:55)



38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1942

DATE	MISSION SQDN	TYPE MISSION	NUMBER PLANES	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
			START FAILED	DAY NIGHT		
1	DUR 47 405	Attack	6	12:15	BUNA Drome	
1	" 48 405 71	Attack	1 5	3:00 11:15	BUNA Convoy	(2 Zeros Dest. (707 MIA
1	" 49 405	Recce	6 4 W	12:15	SALAMAU Convoy	
1	" 1 71	Attack	4	9:40	"	
2	" 2 405 71	Recce	6 3	17:05 9:00	"	
3	" 3 405 71	Recce	3 3	8:15 9:00	"	
3	" 4 405 71	Attack	4 6	6:30 3:50	BUNA Mission	
5	" 6 405 71	Attack	3 6	5:00 12:05	"	
5	" 7 71	Recce	1	2:30	Mercy Mission Tautaua	(911 Crash 7 Mile (907 MIA
5	" 8 405 71	Attack	6 3	9:45 6:20	BUNA Mission	

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38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1942 (Continued)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	NUMBER PLANES	NUMBER PLANE START	COMBAT HOURS DAY	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
6	DUR 11	405	Recce	1		2:00	Search for 907	
7	" 12	405	Patrol	1		5:40	SJY off Yule I.	
7	" 13	405	Attack	6		12:20	BUNA Mission	
7	" 14	71	Recce	1		2:15	Pilot adrift off Buna	
10	" 19	71	Recce	3		7:25	BUNA to IAE	
11	" 20	71	Attack	6	6 W		BUNA	
11	" 21	405	Attack	6		17:00	IAE Drome BUNA Mission	
13	" 23	71	Attack	3		10:05		
14	" 25	405 71	Attack	7 8		17:20 22:30	BUNA Convoy	
14	" 28A	405	Attack	6		15:55	MANBARE Landing Party	
14	" 28B	71	Attack	6		14:35	"	

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1942 (Continued)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE MISSION	NUMBER PLANES	NUMBER FLANES	COMBAT HOURS		OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
						START	FAILED		
14	DUR 28C	405 71	Attack	3	3	8:50 8:10		MAMBAFE Landing Party	
14	"	28D 405	Attack	6	6	15:15		"	
18	"	31 71	Recce	2	2	6:45		BUNA	Nuisance mission
19	"	32 405 71	Attack	3 6	3 6	6:10 13:30		BUNA Mission	
19	"	33 405	Attack	6	6	22:10		IAE Drome	901 Crash 7 Mile
20	"	35 71	Attack	3	3	9:50		BUNA Mission	
31	"	54 405 71	Attack	4 3	4 3	11:55 6:15	1 M	IAE Drome	1 Zer Dest.
Total Squadron Missions				38					
Total Group Missions Assigned				28					
Number Planes Started				155					
Number Planes Failed				13	(LOW INIA 2M)				
Number Planes Reached Target				142	92 %				

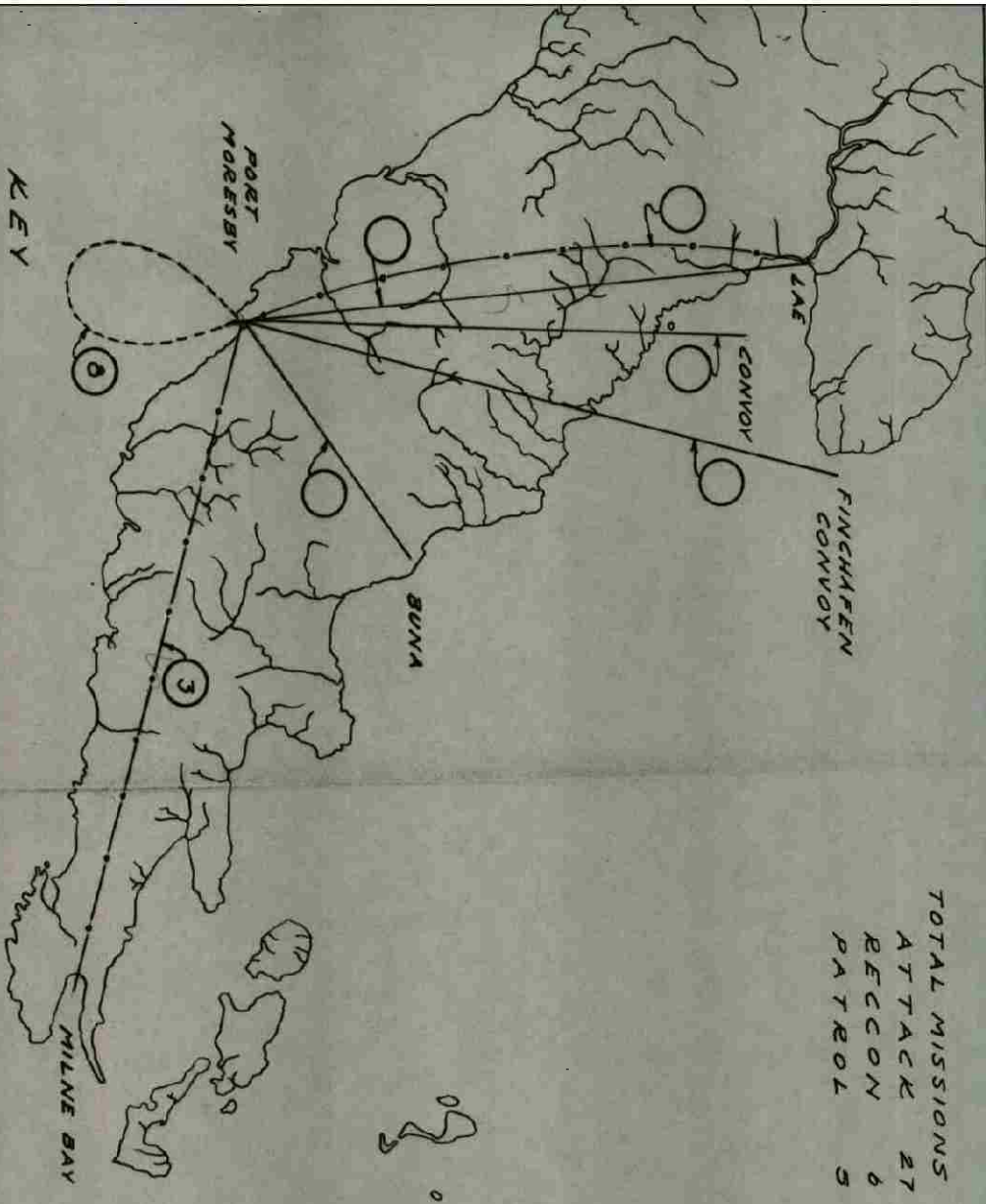
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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1942 (Continued)

Number Planes Reached Target	142
Day Combat Hours	280:50
Night Combat Hours	92:50
Total Combat Hours	383:40

KEY
ATTACK —
RECCON -.-
PATROL ---

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
OPERATIONS JANUARY, 1943



TOTAL MISSIONS 38
ATTACK 27
RECCON 6
PATROL 5

TOTAL SORTIES 200
ATTACK 170
RECCON 22
PATRL 8

TOTAL COMBAT HOURS 346:30

ATTACK 449:20
RECCON 64:50
PATRL 32:40

BOMBS DROPPED
306,700 POUNDS

BOMBS HIT
176,300 POUNDS

BOMBING EFFICIENCY
57.6 %

AMMUNITION EXPENDED
.50 CAL. 4,000
.50 CAL 8,720

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED
IN AIR



ENEMY AIRCRAFT DAMAGED
ON GROUND - 8

ENEMY SHIPPING DESTROYED
ONE 5,000 TON CARGO SHIP

MISSING IN ACTION
ONE PLANE SEVEN MEN

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSION PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF JANUARY, 1943

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	NUMBER PLANES	COMBAT HOURS DAY NIGHT	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
2	DUR	1H	71	Attack	6	18:20	IAE Supplies
3	"	2F	405	Rece	6	17:05	IAE Shipping
4	"	3G	405	Attack	6	18:30	IAE Supplies
4	"	3K	71	Patrol	1	4:00	SJY So. of Moresby
5	"	4G	71	Attack	6	18:00	IAE Supplies
6	"	5J	71	Attack	6	15:05	SANANANDA
7	"	6G	405 71	Attack	6 6	19:15 12:25	IAE Convoy
7	"	6M	405 71	Attack	6 6	16:55 12:25	2 Zeroes Destroyed " (1 Zero Destroyed (708 Lost with Crew (830 Crash
8	"	7J	405 71	Attack	8 4	21:25 11:15	" 3 Zeroes Destroyed 2 Zeroes Destroyed

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38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF JANUARY, 1943 (Continued)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION	NUMBER	NUMBER	COMBAT HOURS		OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
							PLANE	PLANE		
					START	FAILED				
8	DUR 7Q	405	Attack	6	1 X		17:25		LAE	1 Zer Destroyed
		71		4	1 X		9:20		Convoy	2 Zeroes Destroyed
9	" 8H	405	Attack	6			17:45		"	(1 Transport Beached
		71		6			18:00			(1 Zero Destroyed
9	" 8M	405	Rece	7	1M 1F		15:50		FINSCHHAFFEN	
		71		5	2 M		8:50		Convoy	
10	" 9G	405	Attack	6	1M 1F		12:45		LAE	
		71		6			16:10		Supplies	
11	" 10G	405	Attack	4			11:50		GONA	
									Supplies	
13	" 12I	405	Attack	6	1M 1F		16:30		LAE	
									Jetty, Dock Area	
13	" 12R	405	Patrol	1			4:30		SJY so. Moresby	
15	" 14E	71	Attack	7	1 M		15:15		LAE	
									Supplies	
16	" 15D	405	Attack	7	1 M		17:20		LAE	
									Supplies	

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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF JANUARY, 1943 (Continued)

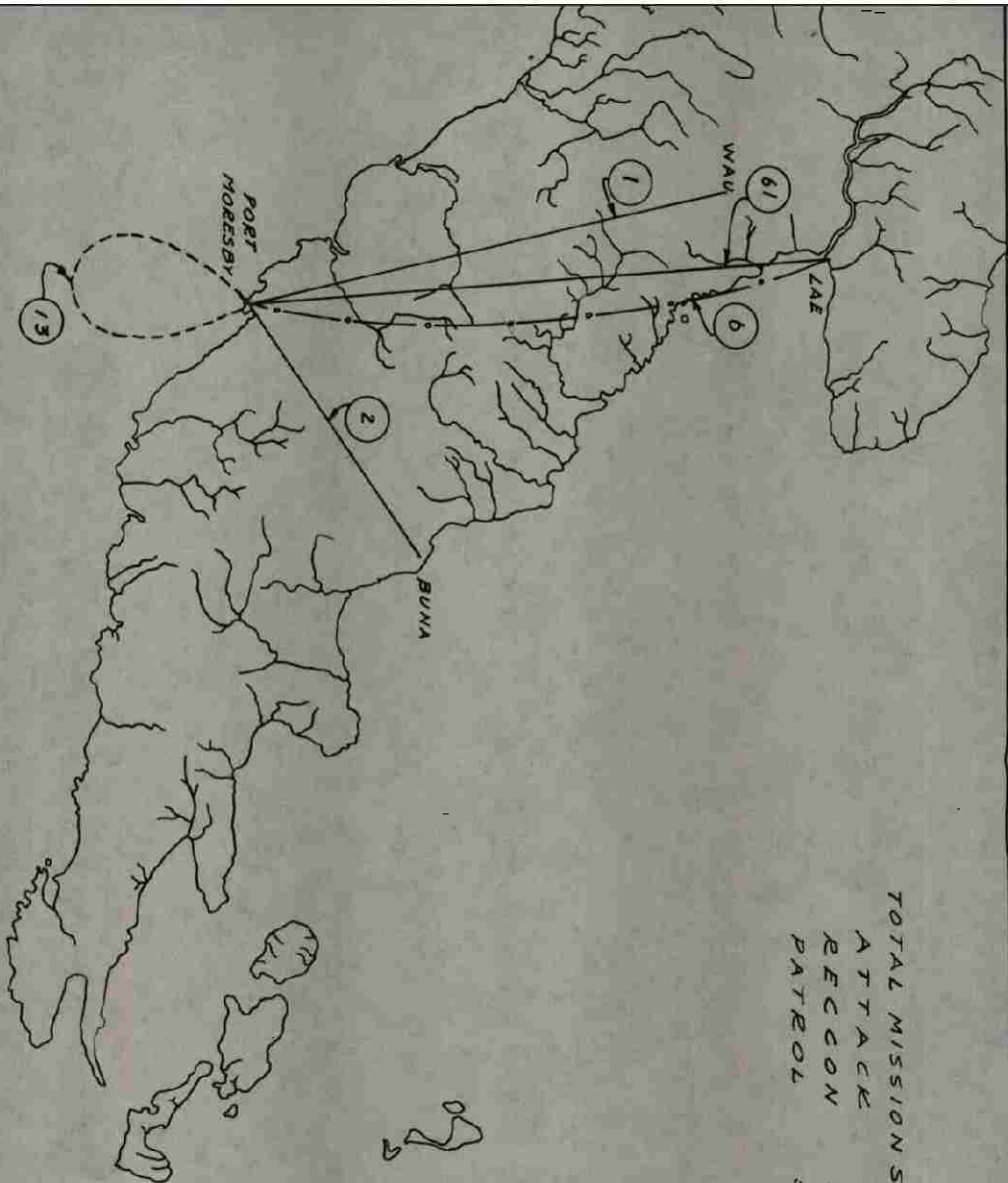
DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION	NUMBER	COMBAT	HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
				START	PLANES	DAY	NIGHT		
				FAILED					
17	DUR	16K	71	Search	2	6:30		2 B-17s	Moresby to Milne Bay
17	"	16L	71	Patrol	1	3:30		SJY So.	Moresby
18	"	17J	405	Attack	7	20:00		LAE	Supplies
19	"	18F	71	Attack	7	19:05		"	
20	"	19K	71	Search	3	10:45		N. Coast N.G.	for 485
21	"	20G	71	Attack	7	17:55	1M	Lae, 736	lost in revetment
22	"	21H	405	Attack	7	18:25		LAE	Supplies
23	"	22M	71	Patrol	2	8:55		SJY So.	Moresby
24	"	23A	71	Attack	7	20:50		LAE	Supplies
24	"	23F	71	Patrol	3	11:45		SJY So.	Moresby
25	"	24G	405	Attack	7	17:30		LAE	Supplies
27	"	26I	71	Attack	7	19:40		MALAHANG	Drome

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF JANUARY, 1943 (Continued)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION	NUMBER PLANES	NUMBER PLANES START	COMBAT HOURS		OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
							DAY	NIGHT		
30	DUR	29D	71	Recce	1	5:30			Drop messages	Islands east N.G.
Total Squadron Missions					39					
Total Group Missions Assigned					32					
Number Planes Started					200					
Number Planes Failed					18	(11 M 4F 3X)				
Number Planes Reached Target					182	91%				
Day Combat Hours					551:05					
Night Combat Hours					0					
Total Combat Hours					551:05					

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
OPERATIONS-FEBRUARY, 1945



TOTAL MISSIONS	22	TOTAL SORTIES	87
ATTACK	9	ATTACK	62
RECCON	8	RECCON	12
PATROL	5	PATROL	13

TOTAL COMBAT HOURS	256:35
ATTACK DAY	147:20
ATTACK NITE	23:10
RECCON	34:35
PATROL	51:30

BOMBS DROPPED
108,000 LBS

BOMBS HIT
68,580 LBS

AMMUNITION EXPENDED	
30 CAL	4,150
.50 CAL	4,770

KEY	
ATTACK	——
RECCON	—•—
PATROL	-----

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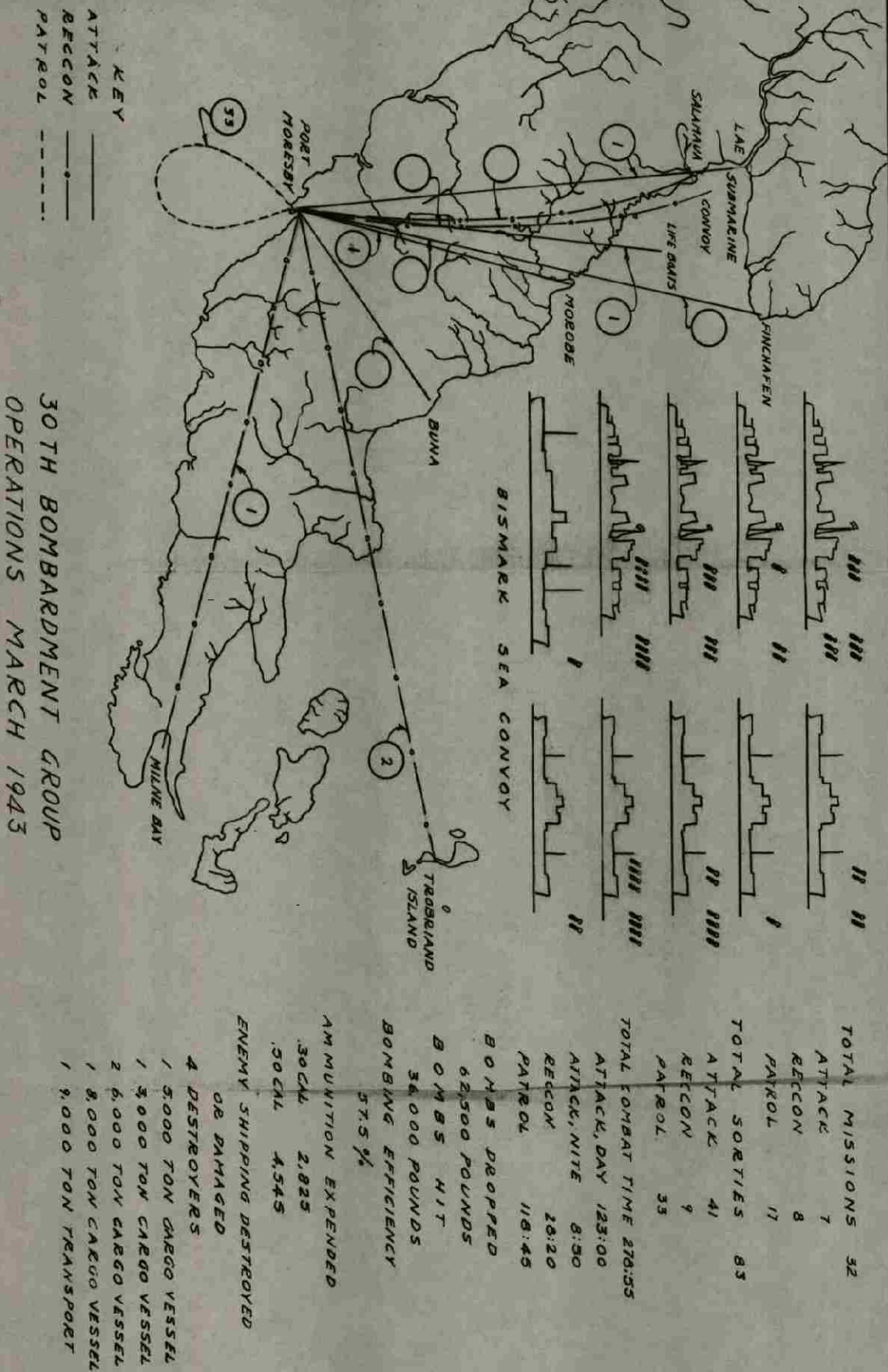
COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1943

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	MISSION TYPE	NUMBER PLANES	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
				START FAILED	DAY NIGHT		
2/2	DUR 32I	71	Recco	2	7:25	Markham Valley	
2/2	" 32K	71	Patrol	2	7:30	SJY SE. Moresby	
2/4	" 34H	405	Attack	8	7 th	IAE Drome	
2/4	" 34K	405	Attack	7	1M	IAE Drome	
2/6	" 36I	71	Attack	7	1M	IAE Drome	
2/9	" U.G.	71	Recco	1	2:20	Wau	
2/9	" 39H	71	Patrol	2	8:35	SJY SE Moresby	
2/13	" 43K	71	Recco	1	2:20	Wau & MUBO Photos taken	
2/14	" 44G	71	Attack	7	18:20	IAE Drome	
2/14	" U.G.	71	Recco	1	2:30	Wau & Mubo	
2/15	" 45G	405	Attack	7	20:25	MALAHANG	
2/17	" 47F	71	Patrol	2	8:30	SJY SE Moresby	
2/18	" 48H	405	Recco	4	13:10	Markham Valley	
2/18	" 48I	405	Recco	1	2:30	Photos of Dobodura & Strips	

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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1943 (Continued)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION	NUMBER PLANES	NUMBER PLANES	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
					START	PAILED	DAY	NIGHT	
2/18	G.G.	405	Rece		1		2:30		WAO & MUBO
2/20	"	50F	71	Patrol	4		15:10		SJY SE Moresby
2/20	"	50I	71	Recco	1		1:50		DOBODURA
2/21	"	51E	405	Patrol	3		11:45		SJY & Escort SE Moresby
2/22	"	52G	71	Attack	6		16:15		Butibum Village #1
			405		6		17:45		WAGAU Village
2/23	"	53F	71	Attack	7	1M	18:10		ANGARE & Yonga Village
2/24	"	54G	405	Attack	7		21:25		ANGARE & YONGA Villages
THIS MONTH:									
Squadron Missions					21		CUMULATIVE:		
Group Mission Numbers Asgd.					20		159		
Planes started					87		123		
Planes failed to reach					10		632		
Planes over target					77		94		(65 M-10.3% 19M-3% 10X-1.8%)
Combat Flying Hours-Day					233:25		538		85.2%
Combat Flying Hours-Night					23:10		1477:30		87.5%
Total Combat Flying Hours					256:35		211:25		12.5%
							1688:55		



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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF MARCH, 1943

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION	NUMBER	COMBAT HOURS		OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
						FLAMES	PLANES		
3/1	DUR 59F	405	Photo	1		2:30		Morobe	90 Photos taken
3/1	" 59H	405	Patrol	1		1:35		SJY Moersby	
3/3	" 61Cen	71	Attack	7	1F	19:05		Huon Convoy	2 Dir 3 NM on 2 AK
		405		7		17:05			4 Dir 8 NM on 2 AK, 1 DD, and 1 AP.
3/3	" 61B	71	Attack	7	2W	19:50		Huon Convoy	3 Dir 6 NM on 1DD
		405		6	2W	22:45			7 Dir 9 NM on 2DD, 1AP
3/4	" 620	405	Patrol	1		1:30		SJY Moersby	
3/5	" 631	405	Attack	1		5:15		Huon Gulf Strafe	lifeboats-Search two men
3/6	" 64J	405	Patrol	1		4:15		SJY Moersby	909 Crash land 7 Mile
3/6	" 64L	405	Patrol	1		2:15		SJY Moersby	
3/7	" 65E	71	Patrol	2		6:40		SJY Moersby	
3/9	" 67F	71	Patrol	2		6:30		SJY Moersby	
3/10	" 68G	405	Photo	1		4:00		Dobodura strips	94 photos taken
3/12	" 80CG	71	Recco	1		2:30		Dobodura	

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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF MARCH, 1943 (Continued)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION	NUMBER PLANES	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
				START FAILED	DAY	NIGHT		
3/12	DUR 70 G	71	Patrol	4	16:00		SJY Moresby	
3/14	" 72 J	71	Patrol	3	12:00		SJY Moresby	
3/15	" 73 H	405	Patrol	3	12:40		SJY Moresby	
3/16	"SOGG	71	Recco	1	2:15		Fall River	
3/16	" 74 J	71	Patrol	2	5:30		SJY Moresby	
3/18	" 76 K	405	Patrol	2	8:00		SJY Moresby	
3/18	" 76 L	405	Recco	1	3:15		Salamaua, a-20 men at sea	
3/20	" 78 F	71	Patrol	4	16:30		SJY Moresby	
3/22	" 80 I	71	Patrol	1	2:45		SJY Moresby	
3/23	" 81 L	405	Patrol	1	1:05		SJY Moresby	
3/25	" 83 L	405	Photo	1	3:40		Trobriand I. Nil Photos	Weather
3/25	" 83 H	405	Patrol	3	11:10		SJY Moresby	
3/25	" 83 K	405	Photo	1	2:00		Dobodura	Nil Photos
3/26	" 84 I	71	Photo	1	3:00		Dobodura	Nil Photos

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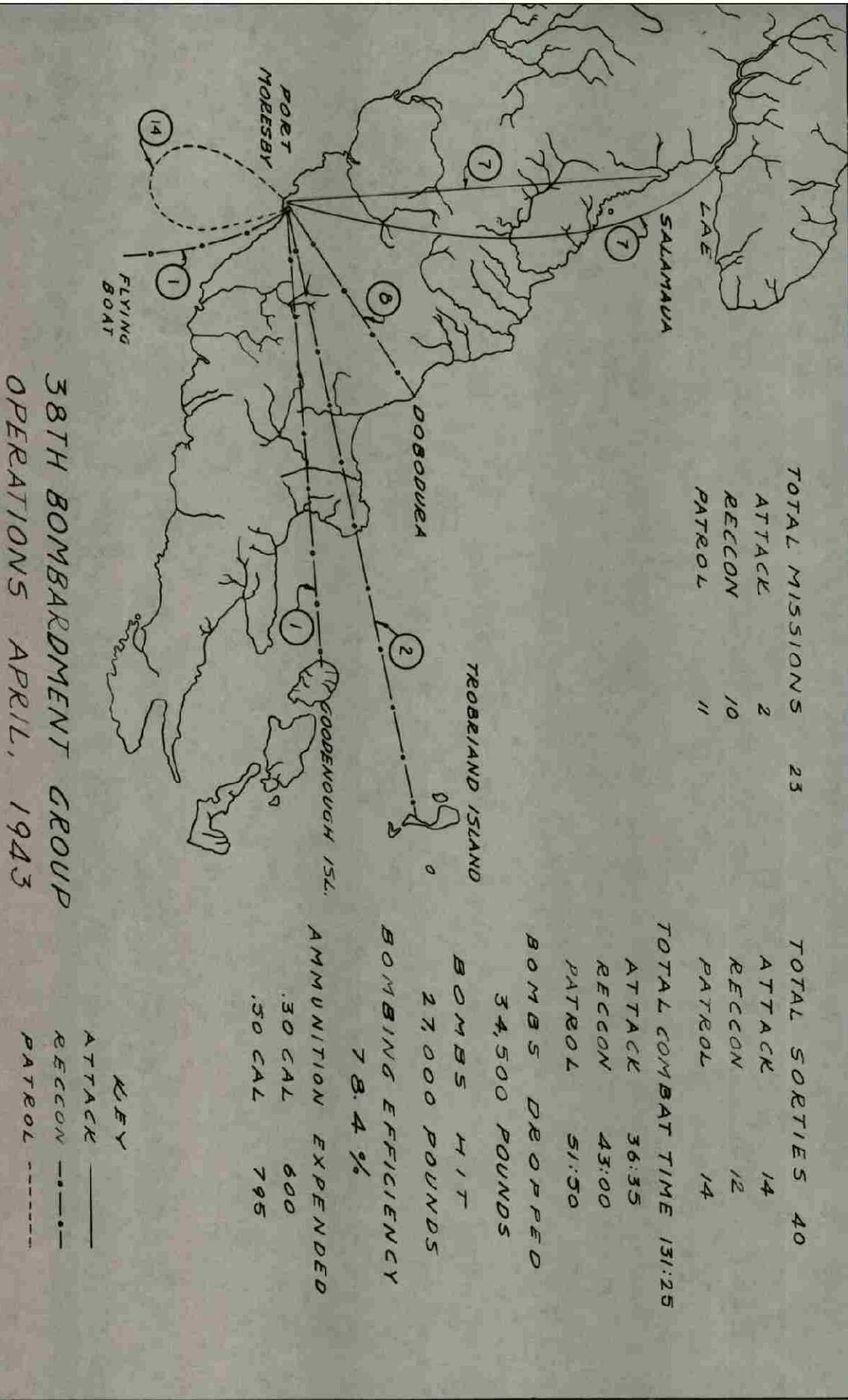
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					START	FAILED	DAY	NIGHT	
3/26	84 J	71	Photo	1			5:10		Trobriand I. Nil Photos Weather
3/28	86 H	405	Patrol	2			10:20		SJY Moresby
3/28	86 I	405	Attack	7	3M3W		18:05	8:50	IAE Sub, Salamaua
3/30	88 L	405	Attack	6	1WLX		20:45		Jetty Finschhaven

THIS MONTH

32
30
83
13
70
270:05
8:50
278:55

CUMULATIVE

Squadron Missions 191
Group Mission No's Asgd 153
Planes Started 715
Planes Failed to reach 107 (73W-10.4% 22M-3.8% 12X-1.7%)
Planes Over Target 608 85.0%
Combat Flying Hours-Day 1747:35
Combat Flying Hours-Night 220:15
Total Combat Flying Hours 1967:50



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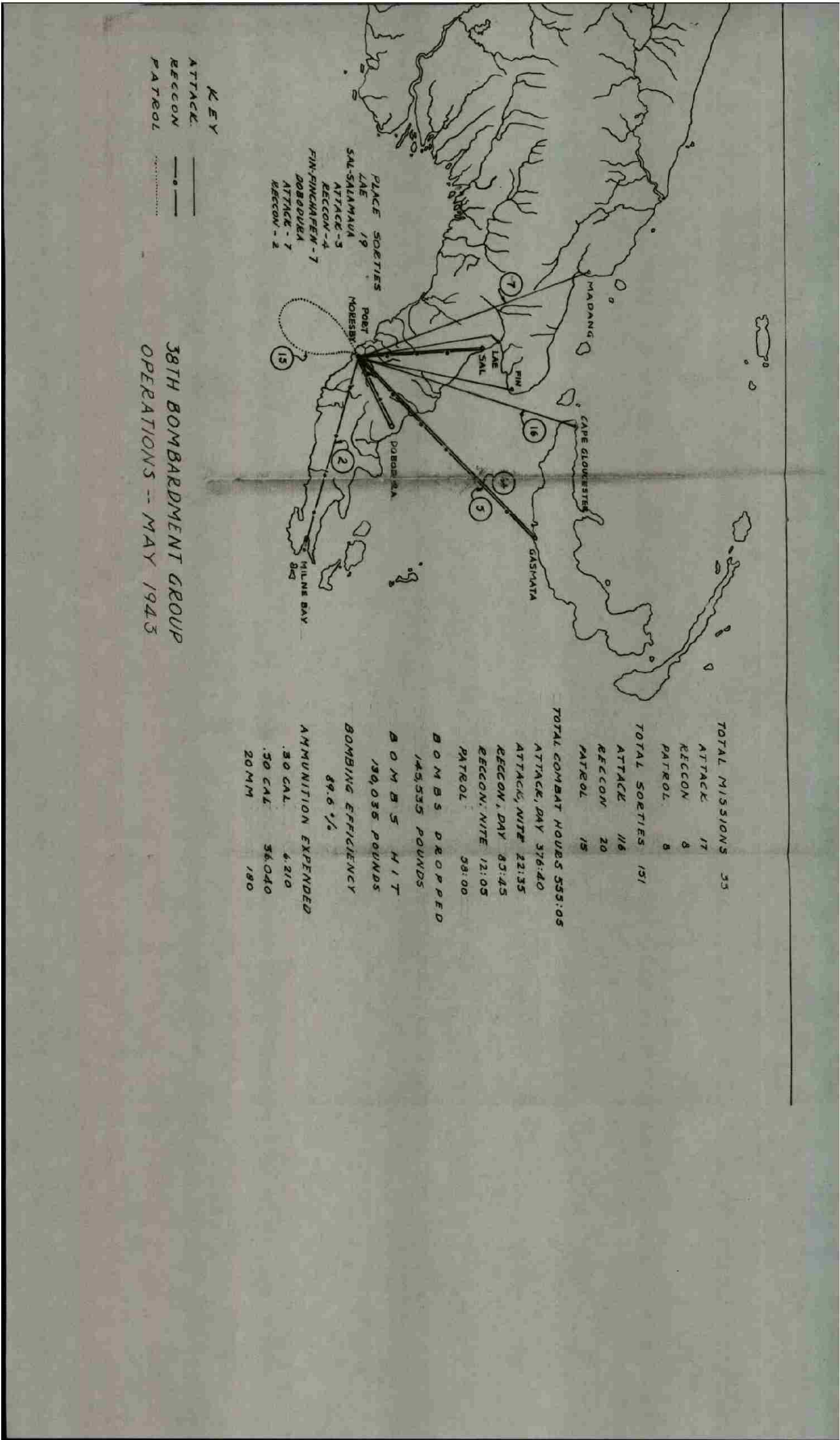
COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF APRIL, 1943

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	NUMBER		COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
				PLANES	PLANES			
				START	FAILED	DAY	NIGHT	
4/1	DUR 90 J 405		Photo	1		4:10		TROBRIAND IS.
			Recco					
4/2	91 F 405		Patrol	1		4:30		SJY
4/3	92 G 71		Patrol	2		7:00		"
4/3	92 I 71		Photo	1		3:30		TROBRIAND IS.
			Recco					
4/3	92 H 71		Photo	1		2:40		DOBODUELA
			Recco					
4/4	93 F 71		Photo	1		4:00		"
			Recco					
4/4	93 K 405		Attack	7		17:30		HEATHS (LAE)
4/6	95 E 71		Attack	7		19:05		SALAMAU
4/7	96 G 71		Patrol	2		7:30		SJY
4/11	101 H 405		Patrol	1		1:35		"
4/14	103 K 405		Patrol	1		4:00		"
4/16	105 I 405		Patrol	1		4:00		"
4/16	105 J 405		Patrol	2		10:00		"
4/17	106 E 71		Patrol	1		2:00		"

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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF APRIL, 1943 (Continued)

DATE	MISSION SQDN	TYPE	MISSION	NUMBER PLANES	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
				START	DAY		
4/18	107 F	71 Patrol	1		3:30	SJY	
4/19	108 F	71 Patrol	1		4:30	SJY	
4/19	108 G	71 Patrol	1		3:15	SJY	
4/21	110 F	71 Photo	1		3:15	DOBODURA	
4/23	112 K	71 Recco	1		4:30	MISSING FLYING BOAT	
4/27	116 G	71 Photo	2		5:45	DOBODURA	
4/28	117 F	71 Photo	2		8:10	"	
4/28	S0CG	71 Recco	1		3:00	DOBODURA TO GOODENOUGH I.	
4/30	S0CG	71 Recco	1		4:00	DOBODURA	
THIS MONTH							CUMULATIVE
23	Squadron Missions						214
23	Group Mission Numbers Asgd						176
40	Planes Started						755
-	Planes Failed to Reach Target						107 (73W-9.7% 22M-2.9% 12X-1.6%)
40	Planes Over Target						648 86 %
121:25	Combat Hours, Day						1869:00
-	Combat Hours, Night						220:15
121:25	Total Combat Hours						2089:15



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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF MAY, 1943

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION	NUMBER PLANES	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
				START FAILED	DAY	NIGHT		
2	121 F	405	Patrol	1	1:40		SJY Moresby	
2	121 I	405	Recco	1	2:00		Gen. Wood & Whitehead to Dobodura	
9	128 L	405	Attack	7	26:15		Gasmata	
10	129 G	71	Attack	8	1 X	22:55	Cp. Gloucester	
11	130 J	71	Attack	8	1 X 7 W	28:00	Gasmata	
12	131 B	71	Attack	7	2 M 5 W	16:55	"	
12	131 G	405	Attack	7	1 M	25:55	Finschhaven	
12	131 J	405	Recco	1	1:45		Dobodura	
13	132 H	405	Recco	1	4:20		Milne Bay	
13	132 I	71	Attack	8	1 X	30:15	Gasmata	
14	133 K	405	Attack	6	23:40		Gasmata	
15	134 I	405	Recco	1	3:50		Milne Bay	
15	134 P	71	Attack	8	1 X 7 W	37:55	Gasmata Shipping (Nil Sighting)	
15	134 J	405	Attack	6	1 W	9:45 13:15	Gasmata	

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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF MAY, 1943 (Continued)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION	NUMBER	COMBAT	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
				START	PLANE	DAY		
				FAILED				
15	134 T	405	Recco	5		18:20	Gasmata	
15	134 V	405	Attack	4		9:20	Iae	
17	136 F	71	Attack	7	1 X	28:20	Gasmata	
18	137 G	71	Patrol	1		4:40	SJY Moresby	
18	137 J	405	Recco	4	4 W	6:40	Salamaua	
18	137 K	405	Recco	3	1 W	5:20	Madang to Finschhaven	
19	138 H	71	Patrol	3		8:00	SJY Moresby	
19	138 J	405	Recco	4		21:55	Hopoi to Saidor	
19	138 K	405	Attack	3		21:35	2:45 Salamaua-also Recco Madang to Hopoi	
20	139 G	71	Patrol	3		14:15	SJY Moresby	
21	140 E	71	Attack	8	1 X	29:15	Cp. Gloucester	
21	140 H	71	Patrol	1		4:00	Sjy Moresby	
22	141 F	405	Patrol	1		4:20	SJY Moresby	
23	143 G	405	Attack	7	7 W	12:50	Rabaul-Weather held at Dobodura	

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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF MAY, 1943 (Continued)

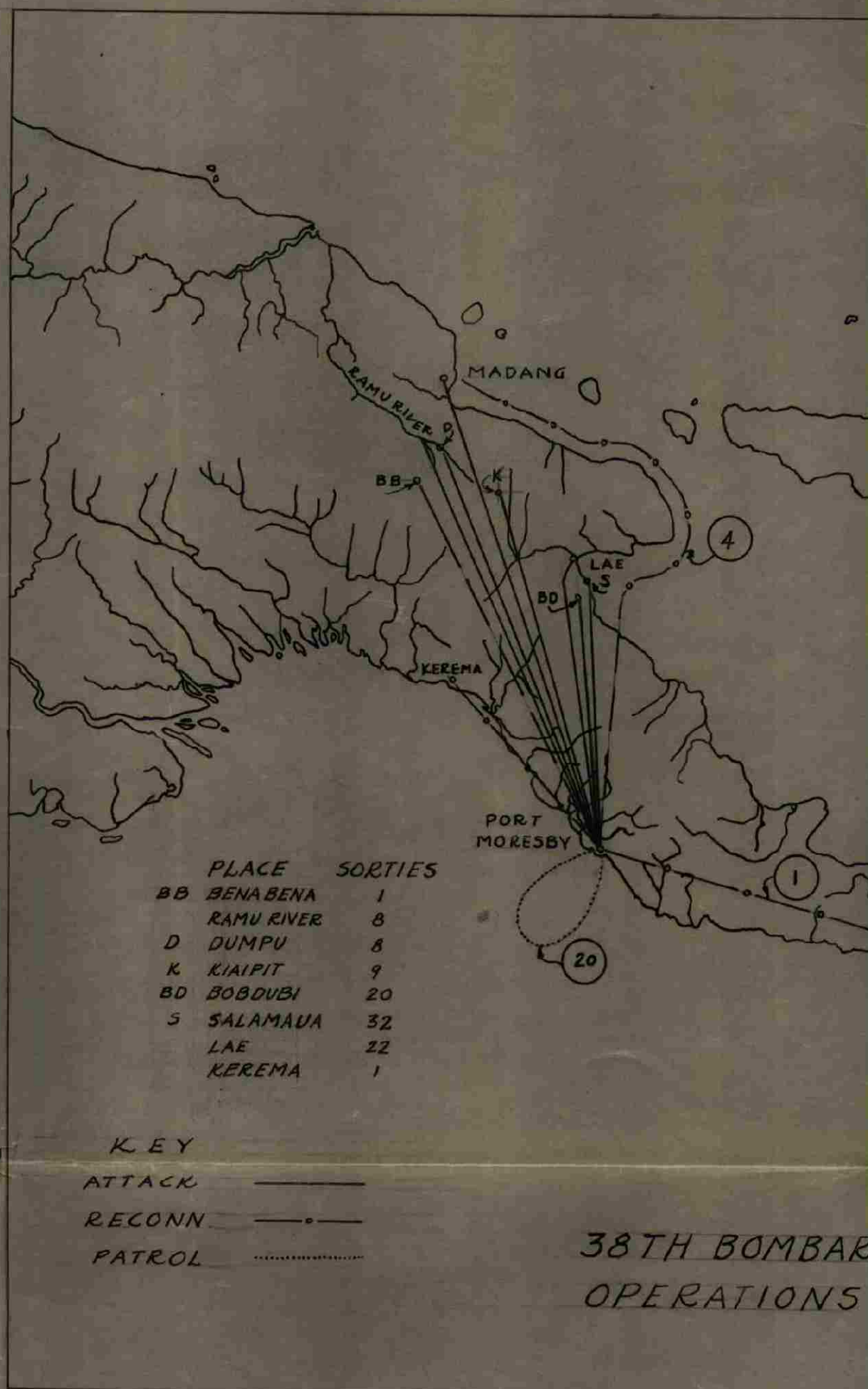
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24	143 F	71	Attack	7		32:20	Gasmata	
27	146 H	405	Attack	8		27:05	Lae	
27	146 I	71	Attack	7		25:15	Lae	
28	147 K	71	Patrol	4		16:30	SJY Moresby	
29	148 G	405	Patrol	1		4:35	SJY Moresby	

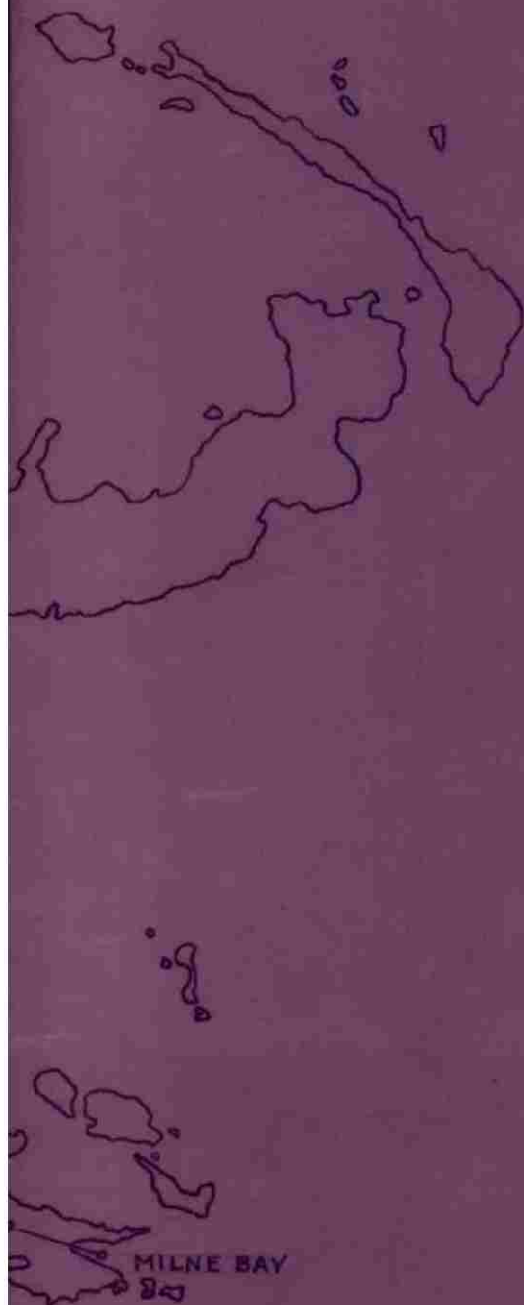
THIS MONTH

33
33
151
41
110
520:25
34:40
555:05

CUMULATIVE

Squadron Missions	247
Group Mission Number Assigned	209
Planes Started	906
Planes Failed to Reach Target	148 (105W-11.6% 22M-2.4% 18X-2.0%)
Planes Over Target	758 83.5
Combat Hours-Day	2389:25
Combat Hours-Night	254:55
Total Combat Hours	2644:20





TOTAL MISSIONS 28

ATTACK 12

RECCON 4

PATROL 12

TOTAL SORTIES 138

ATTACK 111

RECCON 7

PATROL 20

TOTAL COMBAT HOURS 496:30

PATROL 71:05

RECCON, NITE 12:40

RECCON, DAY 23:30

ATTACK, DAY 388:15

BOMBS DROPPED

122,461 POUNDS

BOMBS HIT

109,192 POUNDS

BOMBING EFFICIENCY

89.2 %

AMMUNITION EXPENDED

.30 CAL. 12,240

.50 CAL. 66,080

20 MM 344

MENT GROUP

JUNE 1943

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF JUNE, 1943

DATE	MISSION SQDN	TYPE MISSION	NUMBER PLANES	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
			START FAILED	DAY NIGHT		
4	154 D	71 Patrol	2	6:15	SJY Moresby	
5	155 D	405 Patrol	1	3:35	"	
5	155 E	405 Patrol	1	5:00	"	
6	156 C	71 Patrol	1	3:45	"	
8	158 D	71 Patrol	1	2:00	"	
8	158 F	71 Patrol	1	3:00	"	
10	160 F	71 Patrol	2	9:00	"	
11	161 E	405 Attack	8	21:50	Salamaua	
11	161 F	71 Attack	7	19:40	"	
12	162 E	405 Patrol	2	8:10	SJY Moresby	
13	163 G	71 Patrol	2	9:00	SJY Moresby	
14	164 A	405 Recco	1	3:00	Radar Test Flight	
15	165 G	71 Recco	1	5:00	Bena-Bena, Drop Supplies	
16	166 B	71 Recco	1	4:15	Milne Bay, Photos Taken	
16	166 J	405 Recco	4	11:15 12:40	Iae to Madang, For Barges	

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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF JUNE, 1943 (Continued)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	NUMBER PLANES	NUMBER PLANES START	COMBAT HOURS DAY	COMBAT HOURS NIGHT	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
17	167 AA	405	Attack	12	2 X	54:05		Madang	
24	174 C	71	Attack	10		28:20		Salamaua & Logui	
25	175 D	405	Attack	8		22:40		Ramu Valley Villages	
25	175 H	71	Patrol	2		7:45		SJT & Search Moresby	
26	176 D	71	Attack	11	1 M	33:25		Las Airdrome	
27	177 C	405	Attack	8	1 X	36:05		Dumpu Village	
27	177 H	405	Attack	9		28:40			
27	177 H	71	Patrol	2	1 M	37:25		SJT Moresby	
28	178 F	71	Patrol	3		2:10		"	
30	180 K	71	Attack	9	1X 3W	12:25		Bodubi	
		405		11	11W	35:25			
						34:20			
THIS MONTH									
28			Squadron Missions					CUMULATIVE	
24			Group Mission Numbers Assigned					275	
138			Planes Started					233	
23			Planes Failed to Reach					1044	
115			Planes Over Target					171 (123W-11.8% 26M-2.5% 22X-2.1%)	
483:50			Combat Hours-Day					873 83.6%	
12:40			Combat Hours-Night					2872:15	
496:30			Total Combat Hours					277:35	
								3140:50	

TOTAL MISSIONS 22
 PATROL 5
 RECCON 2
 ATTACK 15

 TOTAL SORTIES 150
 PATROL 8
 RECCON 8
 ATTACK 134

 TOTAL COMBAT TIME 564:35
 PATROL 31:35
 RECCON 20:15
 ATTACK 512:45

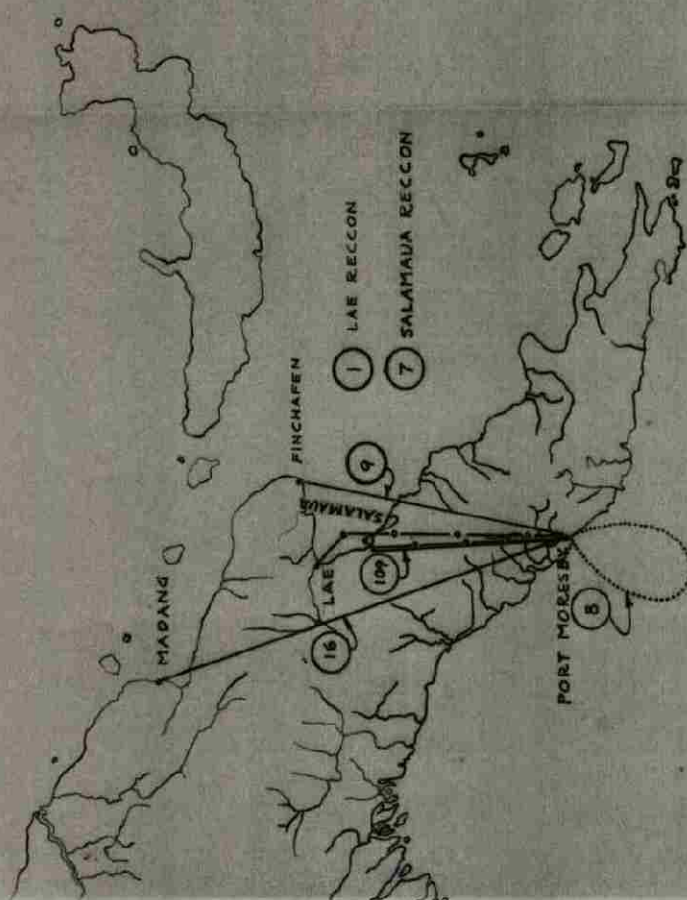
 BOMBS DROPPED
 210,460 LBS.

 BOMBS HIT
 188,660 LBS.

 BOMBING EFFICIENCY
 89.7%

 AMMUNITION EXPENDED
 .30 CAL. 7,600
 .50 CAL. 97,233
 20 MM 355

 ENEMY SHIPPING DESTROYED
 OR DAMAGED
 5 BARGES



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 OPERATIONS - JULY, 1943

KEY
 ATTACK ———
 RECCON - - -
 PATROL . . .

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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF JULY, 1943

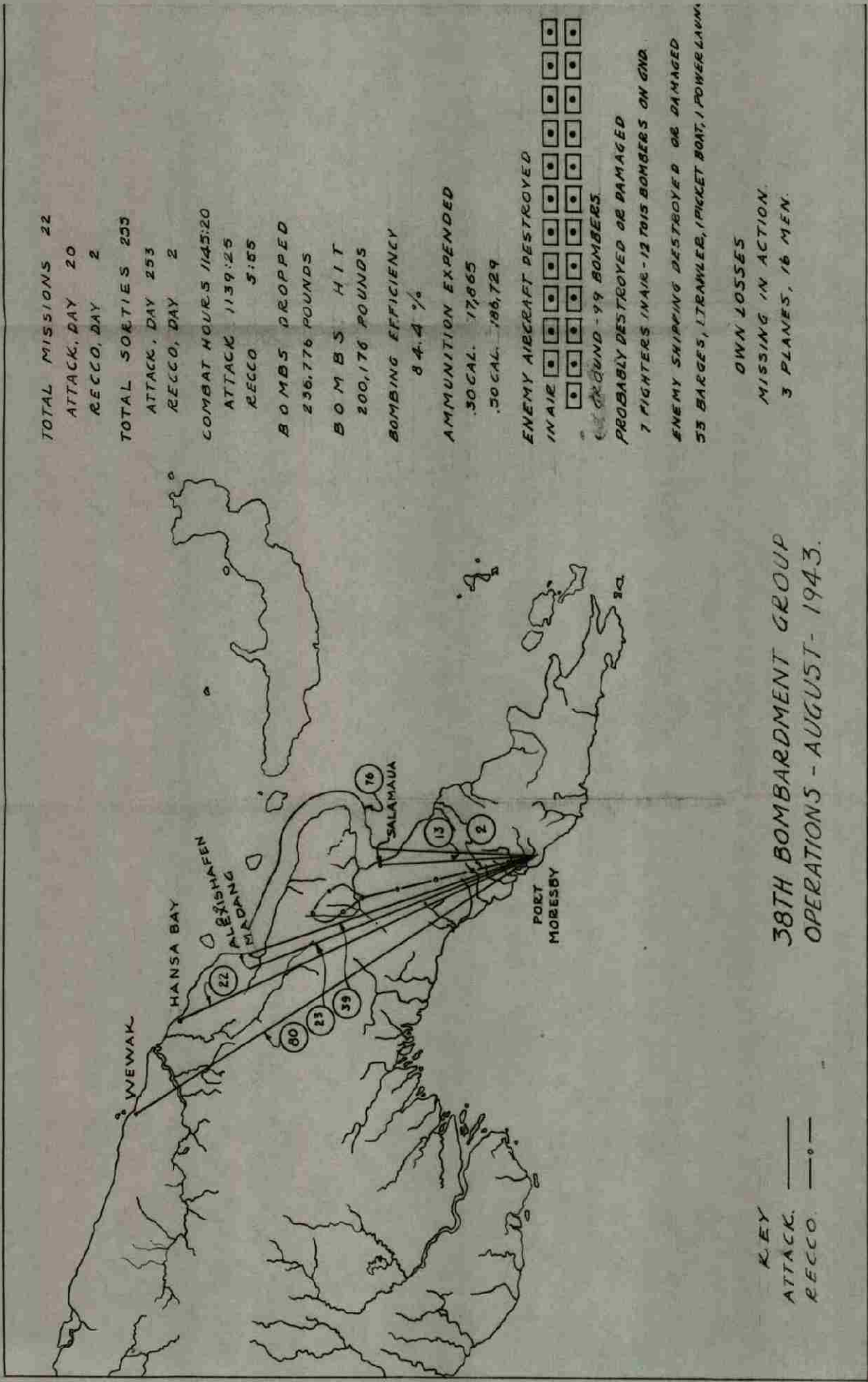
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2	182 K 405	Patrol	1		3:45	SJY Moresby	
4	184 I 405	Patrol	1		2:00	"	
5	185 F 71 405	Attack	8	2W 10W	20:00 32:05	Komiatum	
7	187 E 71	Patrol	2		6:35	SJY Moresby	
7	187 K 405	Attack	11	1M1X	36:30	Observation Hall	
8	188 D 71	Attack	7		23:25	Malolo	
8	188 F 405	Attack	9	1X	32:35	Enigap Creek	
8	188 J 405	Recon	7	1X	17:30	Salamaua for Shipping-Nil Sightings	
9	189 C 405	Attack	9	1X	38:00	Old Bobdubi	
9	189 E 405	Recon	1		2:45	Lae for Weather	
11	191 E 71 405	Attack	8	1M 1X	22:20 43:40	Bobdubi Ridge Old Bobdubi Salamaua	
13	193 E 405		10		44:25		
16	196 E 71	Patrol	1		4:15	SJY Moresby	
18	198 E 405	Attack	7		21:10	Boisi & Lokanu	
20	200Gen 405	Attack	8		39:45	Madang	

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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF JULY, 1943 (Continued)

DATE	MISSION SQDN	TYPE MISSION	NUMBER PLANES	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS				
			START FAILED	DA Y NIGHT						
21	201Gen 405	Attack	8	33:50	Mindjim River					
22	202Gen 405	Attack	9	29:55	Komiatum					
24	204 G 405	Attack	9	27:50	"					
27	207 F 71	Patrol	3	14:50	SJY Moresby					
30	210VV 405	Attack	1X	57:25	Barges-Finschhafen					
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	83.2%									



38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF AUGUST, 1943

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	MISSION TYPE	NUMBER PLANES START	NUMBER PLANES FAILED	COMBAT HOURS DAY NIGHT	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
2	213 B	71 405	Attack	13	1X	55:25	Barges Lae to Madang, 221 MIA	
5	216 Gen	71 405	Attack	13	1M	60:25	Barges to Madang 13 destroyed	
6	217 G	71 405	Wea R.	14	2X	61:20	118 M I A	
				1		58:30	To Bena Bena	
7	218 H	405	W Recco	1		2:25	Lae Salamaua	
8	219 G	71 405	Attack	11	10W1X	3:30	Finschhaven to Bogadjim	
9	220 D	71 405	Attack	12	12W	31:40	Bridges Bagadjim	
12	223 E	71 405	Attack	13	1X	33:00	Bogadjim Yaula Rd	
14	225 E	405	Attack	13	1X	64:45	Roosevelt Ridge	
17	228 Gen	71 405	Attack	13	12X1M	66:20	A/G But-no rendezvous	
18	229 Gen	71 405	Attack	13	8M2X	55:20	1 Zeke Dest. 50 on Gd. Dagua	
21	232 H	71 405	Attack	16	1M	65:10	But - 13 Zekes, 25 on Gd.	
25	236	71 405	Attack	13	1M	90:15	Dagua- 3 Zekes, 50 on Gd, 117 M I A	
				9		71:50	529 Crash at 7 Mile	
						71:55	But-3 barges dest.	
						57:10	Dagua-4 Zekes, 15 Gd. 166 Crash 7 Mile.	
						55:40	Barges Hansa Bay	
						41:50	Bivouac Area Hansa Bay, 1 Luggie	

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF AUGUST, 1943 (Continued)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION	NUMBER PLANES	START	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
29	240 H	71	Attack	13	1M		56:35	Alexishaven	
		405		10	1X		43:35		
THIS MONTH									
22			Missions				CUMULATIVE		
255			Planes Started				319		
68			Failed to reach				1449		
187			Planes reached				269		
1145:20			Combat hours day				1180		
-			Combat hours night				4596:05		
1145:20			Total Combat Hours				270:45		
							4866:50		

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP -- COMBAT HOURS BY TYPE

	September 1942		October 1942		November 1942	
	71st	405th	71st	405th	71st	405th
PATROL			8:50	8:50		
RECCON, NIGHT					11:00	8:15
RECCON, DAY			98:30	75:00	35:10	63:15
ATTACK, NIGHT			12:20	6:50	55:20	78:25
ATTACK, DAY	15:25	25:05	40:30	19:10		133:45
TOTAL	15:25	25:05	119:40	81:50	101:30	251:25
CUMULATIVE						
PATROL			8:50	8:50	8:50	8:50
RECCON, NIGHT					109:30	83:15
RECCON, DAY			98:30	75:00	35:10	63:15
ATTACK, NIGHT			27:45	31:55	83:05	110:20
ATTACK, DAY			135:05	106:55	236:35	256:50
TOTAL						493:25
	December 1942		January 1943		February 1943	
	71st	405th	71st	405th	71st	405th
PATROL			28:10	4:30	39:45	11:45
RECCON, NIGHT	17:00	5:40				
RECCON, DAY	19:05	25:20	33:35	32:55	16:25	18:10
ATTACK, NIGHT	32:10	14:15	233:45	69:05	23:10	23:10
ATTACK, DAY	105:25	17:20	233:45	225:35	70:55	77:15
TOTAL	173:40	146:05	295:30	459:20	127:05	130:20
CUMULATIVE						
PATROL	8:50	5:40	37:00	10:10	76:45	21:55
RECCON, NIGHT	17:00	25:20	17:00	25:20	17:00	25:20
RECCON, DAY	128:35	97:30	162:10	130:25	178:35	148:35
ATTACK, NIGHT	67:20	80:35	67:20	80:35	67:20	103:45
ATTACK, DAY	188:30	256:25	422:15	482:00	493:10	559:15
TOTAL	410:15	465:30	705:45	728:30	832:50	858:50
				1434:15		1691:40

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP - - COMBAT HOURS BY TYPE

	March 1943		April 1943		May 1943	
	71st	GP	71st	GP	71st	GP
	405th		405th		405th	
PATROL	66:15	52:50	27:45	24:05	10:35	58:00
RECCON, NIGHT	12:55	15:25	38:50	4:10	12:05	12:05
RECCON, DAY	39:55	8:50	19:05		85:45	85:45
ATTACK, NIGHT		83:55			22:35	22:35
ATTACK, DAY					125:30	376:40
TOTAL	119:05	161:00	85:40	45:45	256:30	555:05
<u>CUMULATIVE</u>						
PATROL	143:00	74:45	170:45	98:50	218:10	327:35
RECCON, NIGHT	17:00	25:20	17:00	42:20	17:00	54:25
RECCON, DAY	191:30	164:00	230:20	168:10	230:20	484:15
ATTACK, NIGHT	67:20	112:35	67:20	112:35	67:20	202:30
ATTACK, DAY	533:05	643:10	552:10	660:40	803:20	1589:30
TOTAL	951:55	1019:50	1037:35	1065:35	1336:10	2658:15

	June 1943		July 1943		August 1943	
	71st	GP	71st	GP	71st	GP
	405th		405th		405th	
PATROL	55:20	16:45	25:40	5:45		
RECCON, NIGHT	9:15	12:40				
RECCON, DAY		23:30				
ATTACK, NIGHT	145:30	388:15	75:45	437:10	598:55	1139:25
ATTACK, DAY	210:05	496:30	101:25	463:10	601:20	1145:20
TOTAL	279:30	126:10	299:10	131:55	299:10	431:05
<u>CUMULATIVE</u>						
PATROL	17:00	50:05	17:00	50:05	17:00	67:05
RECCON, NIGHT	239:35	268:10	239:35	288:25	242:00	533:55
RECCON, DAY	67:20	135:10	67:20	135:10	67:20	202:30
ATTACK, NIGHT	948:50	1028:55	1024:35	1466:05	1623:30	3630:05
ATTACK, DAY						
TOTAL	1546:15	1608:30	1647:40	2071:40	2249:00	4864:40

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38TH EMBOMBMENT GROUP - - COMBAT MISSIONS BY TYPE

	Sept 42			Oct 42			Nov 42			Dec 42			Jan 43			Feb 43		
	71	405	GP	71	405	GP	71	405	GP	71	405	GP	71	405	GP	71	405	GP
ATTACK	1	2	3	2	1	3	11	13	24	13	14	27	14	13	27	4	5	9
RECCON				14	14	28	1	1	2	6	4	10	4	2	6	5	3	8
PATROL				1		1					1	1	4	1	5	4	1	5
TOTAL	1	2	3	17	15	32	12	14	26	19	19	38	22	16	38	13	9	22
CUMULATIVE																		
ATTACK				3	3	6	14	16	30	27	30	57	41	43	84	45	48	93
RECCON				14	14	28	15	15	30	21	19	40	25	21	46	30	24	54
PATROL				1		1	1		1	1	1	2	5	2	7	9	3	12
TOTAL				18	17	35	30	31	61	49	50	99	71	66	137	84	75	159

	Mar 43			April 43			May 43			June 43			July 43			Aug 43		
	71	405	GP	71	405	GP	71	405	GP	71	405	GP	71	405	GP	71	405	GP
ATTACK	2	5	7	1	1	2	9	8	17	5	7	12	3	12	15	10	10	20
RECCON	4	5	9	9	1	10	5	8	8	2	2	4	3	2	2	1	1	2
PATROL	7	9	16	6	5	11	5	3	8	9	3	12	3	2	5			
TOTAL	13	19	32	16	7	23	14	19	33	16	12	28	6	16	22	11	11	22
CUMULATIVE																		
ATTACK	47	53	100	48	54	102	57	62	119	62	69	131	65	81	146	75	91	166
RECCON	34	29	63	43	30	73	43	38	81	45	40	85	45	42	87	46	43	89
PATROL	16	12	28	22	17	39	27	20	47	36	23	59	39	25	64	39	25	64
TOTAL	97	94	191	113	101	214	127	120	247	143	132	275	149	148	297	160	159	319

		38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP -- COMBAT SORTIES BY TYPE																	
		Sept 42			Oct 42			Nov 42			Dec 42			Jan 43			Feb 43		
		71	405	GP	71	405	GP	71	405	GP	71	405	GP	71	405	GP	71	405	GP
ATTACK		5	8	13	5	3	8	41	57	98	58	67	125	85	82	167	27	35	62
RECCON		36	26	62	4	3	62	4	3	7	13	16	29	12	14	26	6	6	12
PATROL		2		2								1	1	6	1	7	10	3	13
TOTAL		5	8	13	43	29	72	45	60	105	71	84	155	103	97	200	43	44	87
CUMULATIVE																			
ATTACK		10		21	51	68	119	109	135	244	194	217	411	221	252	473			
RECCON		36		62	40	29	69	53	45	98	65	59	124	71	65	136			
PATROL		2		2	2	2	2	2	1	3	8	2	10	18	5	23			
TOTAL		48		85	93	97	190	164	181	345	267	278	545	310	322	632			
		Mar 43		Apr 43		May 43		June 43		July 43		Aug 43		Sept 43		Oct 43		Nov 43	
ATTACK		71	405	GP	71	405	GP	71	405	GP	71	405	GP	71	405	GP	71	405	GP
RECCON		14	27	41	7	14	12	45	66	111	23	111	134	131	122	253			
PATROL		4	5	9	1	12	23	2	5	7	6	8	8	1	1	2			
TOTAL		18	15	33	8	14	15	16	4	20	29	121	150	132	123	255			
CUMULATIVE																			
ATTACK		235	279	514	242	286	528	310	331	641	335	397	752	378	508	886	509	630	1139
RECCON		75	70	145	86	94	180	88	99	187	88	107	195	89	108	197			
PATROL		36	20	56	44	26	70	72	33	105	78	35	113	78	35	113			
TOTAL		346	369	715	372	383	755	452	452	906	515	529	1044	544	650	1194	676	773	1449



38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1943

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	MISSION TYPE	NUMBER PLANES STARTED	NUMBER PLANES FAILED	COMBAT HOURS DAY	COMBAT HOURS NIGHT	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
1	243 Gen	71 405	Attack	13	1M	52:40		Alexishaven	12eke, 8Barges, 1 Luggier
2	244 H	71 405	Attack	9	1M	55:45		Shipping, Wewak	42ekes, 2 FB, 247 MIA
5	247 Gen	71 405	Attack	9	1X	42:20			42ekes, 1 FA, 1 FB, 1 PG,
7	249 I	71 405	Attack	9	1X	45:30			255, 319 MIA
8	250 I	71 405	Attack	9	1X	29:00		Yalu, Narakapor	
14	256 I	71 405	Attack	9	1X	28:10		Yalu, Gabsonkel	
21	263 H	71 405	Attack	9	1X	29:15		Markham Rd.	
24	266 K	71 405	Recco	13	1X	40:05		Markham Rd.	
27	269 K	71 405	Attack	12	3M	56:15		Sepik R. & Hansa Bay	
THIS MONTH				8	2M	35:00		Angoram & Marienberg	
15				9	1X	44:10		Bogadjim Rd.	
147				9	1X	42:20		"	
22				1	1W	2:30		Weather Iae, Kaipit - incomp/	
125				11	2M, 1X	61:30		But Drome, Wewak 2 on Gd.	
632:15				13	3M	67:45		Dagua Drome, Wewak 1 Pete	
-									
632:15									

CUMULATIVE

334

1596

291

1305

5227:20

269:35

5496:55

81.8%

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38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP - BOMBS DROPPED & HITS, SEPTEMBER, 1943

DATE	MISSION	TARGET AREA & TYPE	71ST TYPE	DROP	HIT	405TH TYPE	DROP	HIT	822ND TYPE	DROP	HIT	823RD TYPE	DROP	HIT	TOTAL DROP	WEIGHT HIT
1	243Gen	Alexishaven 1 Mi. X 2 Mi.	A	300#D	84	74	300#D	80	77						49200	45300
2	244 H	Shipping Wewak	P	1000#D	13	4	1000#D	16	11						29000	15000
5	247Gen	Gabsonkek, Yalu, & Narakapor	50x50A	20#F	414	96	20#F	384	384						15960	9600
7	249 I	Markham Valley Rd P					23PF	216	216						4968	4968
8	250 I	Markham Valley Rd P	23#FF	120	108											
			300#D	38	23											
			500#D	16	16											
14	256 I	Angoram to Hadevel	500#D	36	18		500#D	15	12						19160	17384
		Harbor - Barges													25500	15000
21	263 H	Bogadjim Rd & Bridges	300#D	54	30		300#D	50	50						31200	24000
27	269 K	But & Dagua Dromes	23#FF	258	207		23#FF	306	234						12972	10143

CUMULATIVE

807312	
855200	
1662512	
569383	70.6%
693315	81.0%
1262698	76.0%

Pounds Bombs Dropped

Pounds Bombs Hit

THIS MONTH

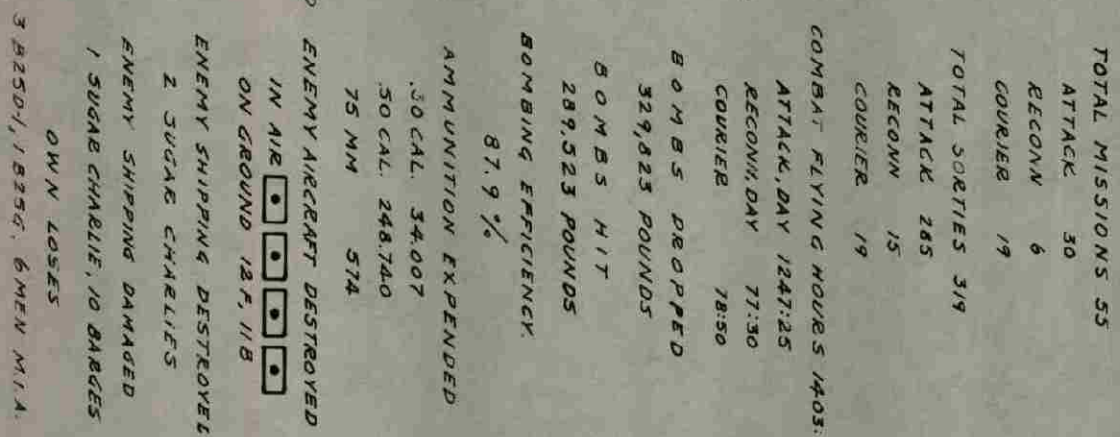
71	105774
405	82186
GP.	187960

71	68265	64.5%
405	73130	88.9%
GP.	141395	75.2%

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP - AMMUNITION EXPENDED, SEPTEMBER, 1943

DATE	MISSION TARGET	71st 30cal 50cal	405th 30cal 50cal	822nd 30cal 50cal	823rd 30cal 50cal	TOTAL 30cal 50cal
1	243 Gen Alexishaven	1150 19125	1430 14750			2580 33875
2	244 H Shipping, Wewak & Zekes	1700 12150	1300 5775			3000 17925
5	247 Gen Gabsonkek, Yalu & Narakapor	175 8800	1850			175 10650
7	249 I Markham Valley Rd		350 11040			350 11040
8	250 I Markham Valley Rd	1170 18550				1170 18550
14	256 I Angoram to Hadzvelt Harbor - Barges	950 9100	800 8675			1750 17775
21	263 H Bogadjim Rd & Bridges	2300 15225	50 10325			2350 25550
27	269 K But & Dagua Dromes	1250 11475	520 15045			1770 26520

THIS MONTH	CUMULATIVE
71 103120	216460
405 71910	438386
GP. 175030	<u>654846</u>



38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1943

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION	NUMBER PLANES	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
				START	PLANE	DAY		
				FAILED				
10	282 E	71	R	1		4:00	YAUJA	LEAFLET DROPPING
11	283 G	71	C	1		4:00	COURIER	
12	284 AA	71 405	A	12 13	1M 1X1M	67:10 67:45	VUNAKANU	239 MIA 3 ZEROS DESTROYED
14	286 AA	71 405	A	12 12		41:25 42:15	SAG SAG TO ULDMANGI	
14	286 H	822	C	1		4:20	COURIER	
15	287 F	823	C	1		4:10	COURIER	
15	287 J	71 405 822 823	A	13 12 9 9	1X 1X1M 1X	59:50 56:45 39:30 43:00	SIO TO	
16	288 J	822	C	1		4:20	KIARI	857 CRASHED IN WATER AT LAE
16	288 N	71 405 822 823	A	10 10 10 10	1M 1X 1X 1X	36:35 40:25 42:30 44:00	COURIER	
17	289 I	822	C	1		4:45	ALEXISHAVEN	183 MIA 1 ZERO DESTROYED
							COURIER	

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1943 (Cont'd)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION START FAILED	NUMBER PLANES	NUMBER PLANES FAILED	COMBAT HOURS		OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
							DAY	NIGHT		
18	290A	71 405	A		10 10	1X 1X	60:40 61:40		TOBERA DR.	262 MIA
18	290G	822	C		1		3:30		COURIER	
18	290G	823	A		4		22:00		BOGADJIM RD.	
19	291D	823	C		1		5:00		COURIER	
20	292F	822	C		1		4:55		COURIER	
20	292G	822	A		4		21:00		BOGADJIM RD.	
21	293F	823	C		1		2:50		COURIER	
21	293G	823	A		4		16:25		BOGADJIM RD.	
22	294F	823	C		1		2:55		COURIER	
22	294G	71 405 822	A		10 10 9	2M 2M 1M	51:30 49:35 47:30		BUT DR. DAGUA DR. MUSCHU IS.	2 SUGAR CHARLIES DES- TROYED
23	295I	823	C		1		3:45		COURIER	
23	295J	822	A		10	1X	46:55		BOGADJIM RD.	
24	296L	823	C		1		2:00		COURIER	

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1943 (Cont'd)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION	NUMBER	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
				PLANES	DAY	NIGHT		
				START				
				FAILED				
24	296M	822	R	1		3:20	ALEXISHAVEN	
24	296P	822 823	A	10 9	1X 1M	42:00 33:25	ALEXISHAVEN	
24	296T	71	A	9	9W	23:40	CONVOY NORTH OF NEW BRITAIN	
25	297H	822	C	1		3:40	COURIER	
26	298H	823	C	1		4:20	COURIER	
26	298AA	71 405 822 823	A	9 9 9 9	9W 1M8W 9W 1M8W	30:15 29:10 29:45 28:40	SHIPPING IN SIMFSON HARBOR AT RABAU	
27	299D	822	C	1		4:55	COURIER	
27	299M	71	R	4		21:45	WEATHER KIRIWINA-WIDE BAY-BUKA PAS-SAGE	
28	300I	823	C	1		5:05	COURIER	
28	300K	71	R	3		14:15	WEATHER KIRIWINA-WIDE BAY-BUKA PAS-SAGE	
29	301J	822	C	1		4:10	COURIER	

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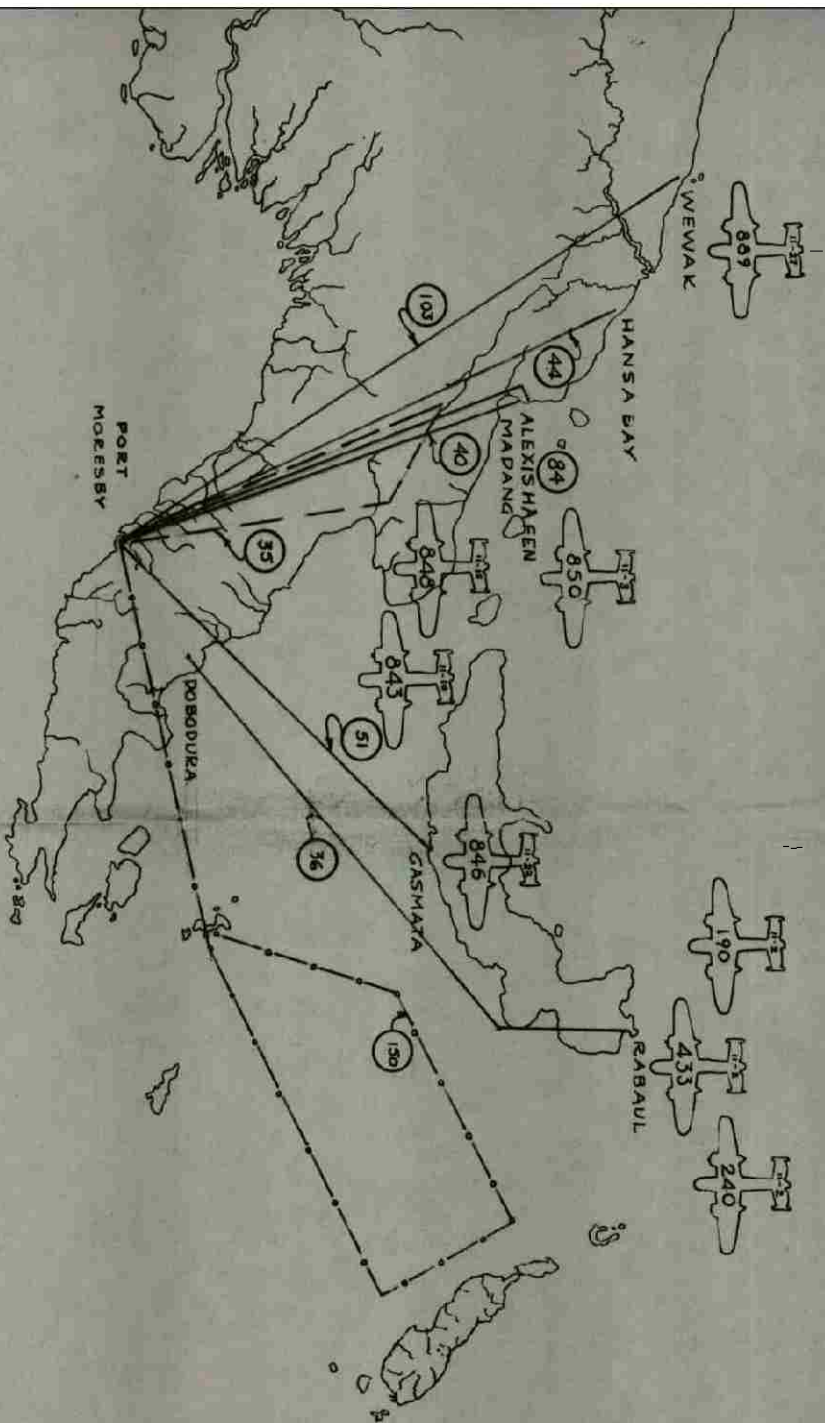
COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1943 (Cont'd)

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DATE MISSION TARGET		38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP -- BOMBS DROPPED AND HITS, OCTOBER, 1943									
		71st		405th		822nd		823rd			
		TYPE	DROP	HIT	TYPE	DROP	HIT	TYPE	DROP	HIT	
12	284AA	Vunakanau	23#FF	642	23#FF	759	759				
14	286AA	SagSag to Ulimangi	100#D	121	100#F	126	126				
15	287J	Sio to Kairi	300#D	84	300#D	76	76				
16	288N	Alexishaven & Sio	100#WD	84	100#WD	48	48				
18	290AA	Tobera Drome	100#WD	96	100#WD	96	96				
18	290G	Bogadjim Rd									
20	292G	Bogadjim Rd									
21	293G	Bogadjim Rd									
22	294G	But & Supplies	300#D	56	300#D	56	56				
23	295J	Dagna & Supplies Shipping-Muschu Is. Bogadjim Rd.									
24	296F	Alexishaven Dr.									
29	301L	Alexishaven & Gogol									
		OCTOBER									
SQDN	DROP	HIT	%	DROP	HIT	%	CUMULATIVE				
71	86,866	86,866	100.0	894,178	657,249	73.5					
405	84,057	84,057	100.0	939,257	777,372	82.9					
822	88,700	61,100	69.0	88,700	61,100	69.0					
823	70,200	57,500	82.0	70,200	57,500	82.0					
GP TOT	329,823	289,523	87.9	1,992,335	1,553,221	78.0					

KEY
ATTACK —
RECON —
COURIER —

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
OPERATIONS - NOVEMBER, 1943.



TOTAL MISSIONS 103
ATTACK 56
RECON 31
COURIER 36

TOTAL SORTIES 543
ATTACK 358
RECON 148
COURIER 37

TOTAL COMBAT HOURS 2308:05
ATTACK DAY 1414:00
RECON DAY 741:00
COURIER 153:05

BOMBS DROPPED
280,318 POUNDS
BOMBS HIT
262,511 POUNDS

BOMBING EFFICIENCY
93.6%

AMMUNITION EXPENDED
30 CAL. 32,385
50 CAL. 204,146
75 MM 727

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED.
IN AIR [] [] [] [] []

ENEMY SHIPPING DESTROYED OR DAMAGED
1 DESTROYER, 8 MERCHANT VESSELS, 2 LUGGERS
ENEMY A/C. PROBABLY 8 DAMAGED
IN AIR 3, ON GROUND 15

OWN LOSSES.
3 B25D-1 5 B25-C 5 MEN KILLED,
26 MEN MISSING IN ACTION

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1943

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION	NUMBER PLANES	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
					START	FAILED		
1	303G	822	Recco	3	17:35	W - NB, Buka		Sank raft
1	304F	823	Courier	1	3:55	L-N-G		
1	304G	823	Recco	1	11:55	W-NB Buka		
2	305G	822	Courier	1	5:10	L-N-G		
2	305H	823	Recco	3	15:35	W-NB Buka		
2	305Gen	71	Attack	9	10:50	Rabaul		Recalled by FATF
2	305Gen	405	Attack	9	11:00			
3	306H	822	Attack	9	45:20	Rabaul 190, 240 lost, 7 men, 1DD, 3MV d or d		
3	306M	823	Courier	10	46:35	433 lost, 5 men, 5MV d or d.		
3	306N	822	Recco	9	45:50	Alexishaven		
3	306N	822	Recco	1	42:20	850 MIA, 5 men		
4	307F	823	Courier	4	4:05	L-N-G		
4	307G	823	Recco	1	21:50	W-NB Buka		
5	308A	822	Courier	2	4:20	L-N-G		
5	308F	822	Recco	1	13:10	W-NB Buka		
5	308G	822	Courier	6	3:35	L-N-G		
5	308H	822	Recco	1	32:00	W-NB Buka		Strafed Japs in boat
5	308I	822	Courier	1	3:20	N-G		

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1943 (Continued)

DATE	MISSION SQDN	TYPE	MISSION	NUMBER PLANES	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
				START FAILED	DAY		
5	VOOG	823	Courier	1	1:50	Debo-Goodenough-Kiriwina	
6	309D	823	Courier	1	4:25	L-N-G	
6	309E	823	Recco	5	29:30	W-NE Buka	
6	309J	71 405 822 823 832	Attack	9 9 9 9 1	30:05 22:10 25:55 30:45 2:40	Hansa Bay	Recalled, fighters intercepting
6	3090		Courier	1		N	
7	310F	822	Courier	1	3:50	L-N-G	
7	310G	822	Recco	6	33:25	W-NE Buka	
7	310H	71 405 822 823	Attack	9 10 9 9	27:05 26:45 25:55 21:20	Wewak	Recalled, fighters intercepting
8	311E	823	Courier	1	4:10	L-N-G	
8	311F	823	Recco	4	26:40	W-NE Buka	
9	312E	822	Courier	1	3:35	L-N-G	
9	312D	822	Recco	6	30:00	W-NE Buka	

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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1943 (Continued)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE MISSION	NUMBER PLANES START	NUMBER PLANES FAILED	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
9	312G	71 405 822 823 822	Attack	10 10 10 10 1	1M 1X 1M 1M1X	51:30 51:20 49:20 46:40 4:25	Alexishaven	6 dest on gd, 10 damaged 3 dest on gd 1 Zeke, 1 man killed
10	313D	822	Courier	1			L-N-G	
10	313E	823	Recco	6		31:00	W-NB	
10	313G	822 823 823	Attack	13 13 1	1M 3M	74:15 58:30 4:00	Alexishaven	843 lost, 2 men
11	314D	823	Courier	1			L-N-G	
11	314E	822	Recco	6		32:30	W-NB Buka	
11	314R	823	Courier	2		7:40	Kiriwina	
12	315E	823	Courier	1		4:30	L-N-G	
12	315F	823	Recco	6		27:00	W-NB Buka	
13	316E	822	Courier	1		4:15	L-N-G	
13	316F	822	Recco	6		30:10	W-NB	Intercepted by ME 110
13	316K	71 405 822 823	Attack	10 10 10 9	1M 1X 1X 1X	40:20 41:50 38:55 30:00	Madang	3 damaged on gd 4 dam on gd, 1 lugger 1 dam on gd
14	317G	405	Courier	1		4:00	L-N-G	

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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1943 (Continued)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION	NUMBER PLANES	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
14	317H	822	Recco	6	28:00	W-NB Buka		
14	317N	823	Courier	1	3:50	N		
15	318F	71	Courier	1	5:10	L-N-G		
15	318Gen	71	Attack	9	35:00	Wewak	Recalled, fighters intercepting	
		405		10	38:15		848 lost	
		822		7	20:20			
		823		10	35:00			
15	318H	823	Recco	6	29:00	W-NB Buka		
16	319F	823	Courier	1	4:20	L-N-G		
16	319H	823	Recco	6	21:00	W-NB Buka		
17	320E	823	Courier	1	3:50	L-N-G		
17	320G	823	Recco	4	24:00	W-NB Buka		
18	321E	823	Courier	1	4:20	L-N-G		
19	322E	822	Courier	1	5:45	L-N-G		
19	322J	823	Recco	6	31:00	W-NB Buka		
19	322K	71	Courier	1	4:00	Kiriwina		
20	323J	822	Recco	4	19:30	W-NB-Buka		

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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1943 (Continued)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION	NUMBER PLANES	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
20	323M	822	Courier	1	4:15	L-N-G		
21	324G	823	Courier	1	3:50	L-N-G		
21	324M	822	Recco	4	18:55	W-NB Buka		
22	325H	71	Attack	13	55:20	Gasmata, Lindehaven Plantation		
		405		12	48:50			
		822		13	49:05			
		823		13	43:20			846 lost, 5 men
22	325J	71	Courier	1	4:30	L-N-G		
22	325L	822	Recco	3	16:10	W-NB Buka		
		823		3	13:00			
23	326E	822	Courier	1	3:55	L-N-G		
23	326G	823	Recco	5	21:15	W-NB Buka		
24	327E	822	Courier	1	4:30	L-N-G		
24	327G	823	Recco	3	15:45	W-NB Buka		
25	328E	823	Courier	1	4:00	L-N-G		
25	328G	822	Recco	6	23:00	W-NB Buka		
26	329E	405	Courier	1	4:30	L-N-G		
26	329	823	Recco	6	29:00	W-NB Buka		

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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1943 (Continued)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION	NUMBER PLANES	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS			
27	330E	71	Courier	1	START FAILED	6:05	L-N-G				
27	330G	823	Recco	6		27:35	W-NB Buka				
27	330J	71	Attack	10	1X	56:20		4 prob on gd, 15 dam on gd			
		405		10	1M1X	53:00		15 dam on gd			
		822		9	4M	36:35					
		823		10	1M	48:20		889MIA, 6 men			
28	331E	405	Courier	1		4:35	L-N-G				
28	331G	405	Recco	6		28:00	W-NB Buka				
29	332E	405	Courier	1		4:15	L-N-G				
29	332G	71	Recco	6		32:30	W-NB Buka				
30	333E	71	Courier	1		4:30	L-N-G				
30	333G	405	Recco	2		11:00	W-NB Buka				
NOVEMBER											
103				MISSIONS							
543				PLANES STARTED							
160				PLANES FAILED TO REACH							
383				PLANES REACHED							
2308:05				COMBAT HOURS DAY							
1				COMBAT HOURS NIGHT							
2308:05				TOTAL COMBAT HOURS							
					CUMULATIVE	492					
						2458					
						517					
						1941		79.1%			
						8939:10					
						269:35					
						9208:45					

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38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP - - BOMBS DROPPED & HITS, NOVEMBER, 1943

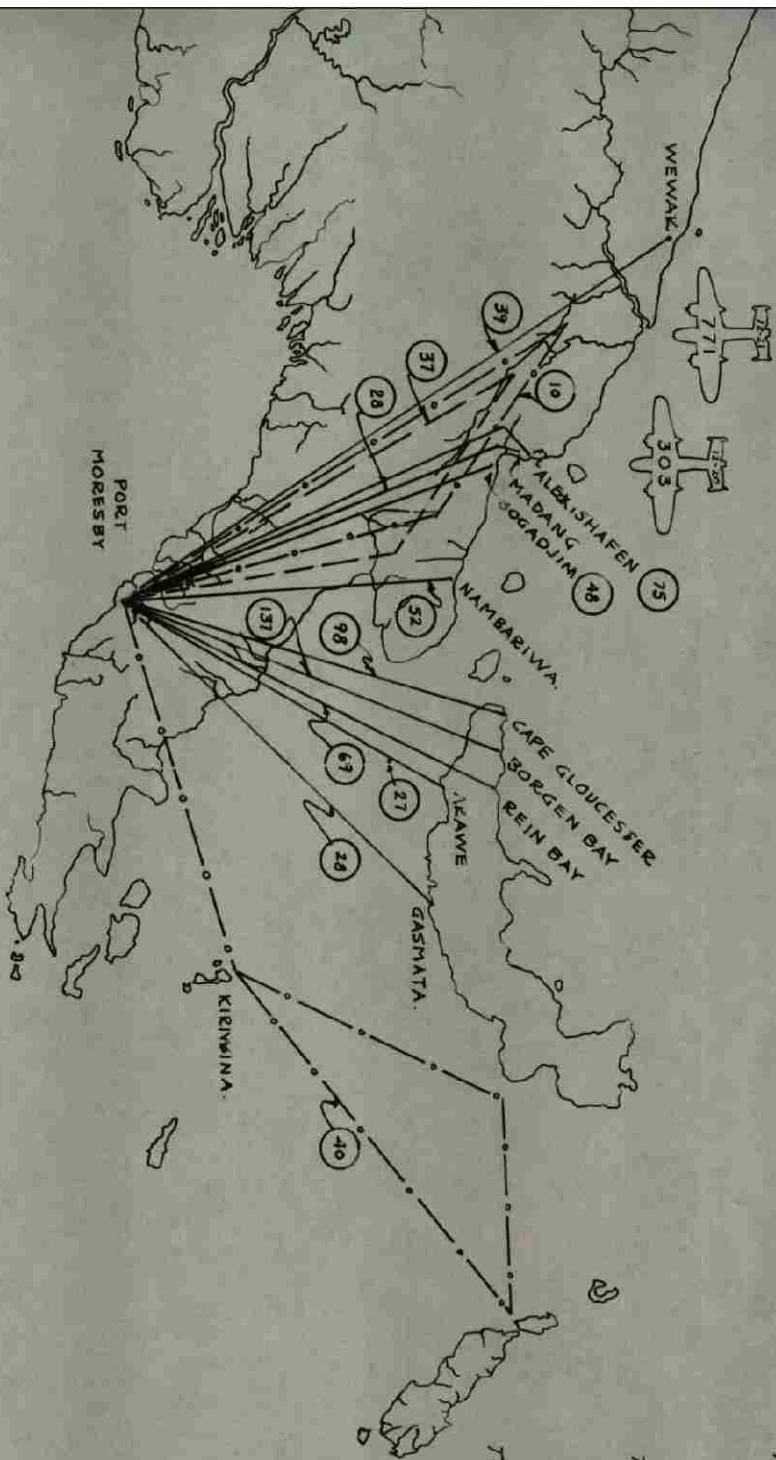
DATE	MISSION	TARGET	71st			405th			822nd			823rd			TOTAL WEIGHT		
			TYPE	DROP	HIT	TYPE	DROP	HIT	TYPE	DROP	HIT	TYPE	DROP	HIT	DROP	HIT	
2	305Gen	Shipping at Rabaul	1000#D	15	4DNM	1000#D	8	2D2NM	500#D	30	19	500#D	28	28	23000	14000	
3	306H	Alexishaven & Barges	69#PFC	160	160	69#PFC	156	156	100#D	95	95	100#D	92	91	40504	40404	
9	312G	Alexishaven	100#D	99	99	100#D	105	105	(69#PFC)	82	79	(69#PFC)	68	68	20350	20143	
10	313G	Alexishaven	100#D	175	175	100#D	164	164	(100#D)	52	52	(100#D)	48	48	56100	53700	
13	316K	Alexishaven	100#D	99	99	100#D	105	105	300#D	63	55	300#D	56	56	69500	68800	
22	325H	Gasimata	100#D	175	175	100#D	164	164	100#D	136	136	100#D	220	213	41854	41854	
27	330J	Mewak & Boram Dromes	69#PFC	130	130	69#PFC	136	136	100#D	79	79	100#D	156	156	41854	41854	
			NOVEMBER						CUMULATIVE								
			SQDN	DROP	HIT	%				DROP	HIT	%					
			71	62,410	57,410	92.0				956,588	714,659	74.8					
			405	55,058	51,058	92.7				994,315	828,430	83.2					
			822	75,758	67,751	89.5				164,458	128,851	78.3					
			823	87,092	86,292	98.8				157,292	143,792	91.3					
			TOTAL	280,318	262,511	93.6				2,272,653	1,815,732	80.0					

DATE MISSION TARGET

DATE	MISSION	TARGET	71st			405th			822nd			823rd			TOTAL		
			30cal	50cal	75mm	30cal	50cal	75mm	30cal	50cal	75mm	30cal	50cal	75mm	30cal	50cal	75mm
1	303G	Jap Boat	30cal	50cal		30cal	50cal		30cal	50cal		30cal	50cal		30cal	50cal	
3	305H	Jap Boat										1500	8		1500	8	
3	305Gen	Shipping at Rabaul	5100	13000	1920	14825									7020	27825	
3	306H	Alexishaven & Barges					2770	5466	120	1275	6070	82			4045	11536	202
5	308F	Jap Boat					350	1100	10						350	1100	10
7	310H	Zekes near Nadzab						700		50	500				50	1220	
7	310G	Lighthouse South Tip New Ireland.						550	10						550		10
9	312G	Alexishaven	1025	12100	1600	10420	720	5400	66	1275	4010	36			4620	31930	102
10	313G	Alexishaven					2325	10575	62	1140	4890	50			3465	15465	112
13	316K	Alexishaven	1000	16750	1670	15580	590	6415	57	1350	4760	25			4610	43505	82
22	325H	Gasmata	1425	12325	220	9280	1400	5975	45	750	3840	29			3795	31420	74
27	330J	Wewak & Boream Dromes	1350	14850	1025	15055	565	3250	43	1140	4210	77			4080	37365	120
			NOVEMBER						CUMULATIVE								
	SQDN		30	Total	75mm				30	50	Total	75mm					
	71	9,895	69,025	78,920							401,605						
	405	6,435	65,160	71,595							627,188						
	822	8,720	40,131	48,851	420				14,590	68,421	83,011	788					
	823	6,980	29,830	36,810	307				10,595	51,730	62,325	513					
	TOTAL	32,030	204,146	236,176	727						1,174,129	1,301					

KEY
ATTACK —
RECON —
COURIER —

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
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TOTAL MISSIONS	129
ATTACK	76
RECON	16
COURIER	37
TOTAL SORTIES	681
ATTACK	594
RECON	50
COURIER	37
TOTAL COMBAT HOURS	2961:35
ATTACK, DAY	2547:00
RECON, DAY	220:30
RECON, NITE	17:10
COURIER	176:55
AMMUNITION EXPENDED	
.30 CAL.	91,206
.50 CAL	551,243
75 MM	3,089
BOMBS DROPPED	864,490 POUNDS
BOMBS HIT	830,910 POUNDS
BOMBING EFFICIENCY	96.0%
ENEMY AC PROB. DESTROYED	
ON GROUND	- 1 BOMBER
ENEMY SHIPPING DESTROYED	6 BARGES.
OWN LOSSES	
2 B25D-1	11 MEN

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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1943

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	MISSION TYPE	NUMBER PLANES START FAILED	COMBAT HOURS		OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
					DAY	NIGHT		
1	333-G	405	Recco	4	20:50		W-NB-Buka	
1	334-E	405	Courier	1	6:30		L-N-G	
1	334-G	71	Recco	6	32:15		W-NB-Buka	
2	335-E	822	Courier	1	4:00		L-N-G	
2	335-F	823	Recco	6	27:25		W-NB-Buka	
2	335-Gen	71	Attack	7	32:00	1X	Borgen Bay	
		405		7	32:25	1M		
		822		8	36:00	1X		
		823		6	27:00			
2	335-L	405	Courier	1	3:15		Iae	
3	336-E	71	Courier	1	5:00		L-N-G	
3	336-F	822	Recco	6	32:00		W-NB-Buka	
4	337-E	405	Courier	1	6:30		L-N-G	
4	337-F	71	Recco	6	30:00		W-NB-Buka	
4	337-K	71	Attack	7	21:45	1X 6W	Rein Bay	

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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1943 (Cont'd)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE MISSION	NUMBER PLANES	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
				START FAILED	DAY NIGHT		
4	337-K	405	Attack	6	44:35		Two Barges
		822		7	19:10		
		823		7	19:35		
5	338-E	823	Courier	1	3:45	L-N-G	
5	338-F	822	Recco	6	24:55	W-NB-Buka	
5	338-K	405	Courier	1	3:10	Iae	
6	339-E	71	Courier	1	5:45	L-N-G	
6	339-F	823	Recco	4	19:10	W-NB-Buka	
6	339-L	71	Attack	7	33:50	Bergen Bay	
		405		7	34:50		
		822		6	30:30		
		823		6	26:45		
7	340-E	405	Courier	1	4:30	L-N-G	
7	340-F	822	Recco	2	12:55	W-NB-Buka	
7	340-K	71	Attack	7	35:00	Rein Bay	
		405		7	33:00		
		822		7	28:55		
		823		7	31:20		1 Barge

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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1943 (Cont'd)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	MISSION TYPE	NUMBER PLANES	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
				START FAILED	DAY NIGHT		
8	341-E	823	Courier	1	4:55	L-N-G	
9	342-E	71	Courier	1	4:00	L-N-G	
9	342-K	71	Attack	7	35:00	Borgen Bay	
		405		7	31:20		
		822		7	35:30		
		823		7	31:20		
10	343-E	822	Courier	1	4:45	L-N-G	
11	344-E	823	Courier	1	6:05	L-N-G	
11	344-N	71	Attack	7	36:45	Borgen Bay	
		405		7	35:45		
		822		6	27:20		
		823		7	34:50		
12	345-E	405	Courier	1	4:30	L-N-G	
12	345-H	71	Recco	1	4:20	Alexishaven	
13	346-A	71	Courier	1	4:25	L-N-G	
13	346-E	71	Attack	7	34:05	Lindenhaven Plantation	
		405		7	30:05		
		822		7	32:00		
		823		7	36:30		

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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1943 (Cont'd)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION	NUMBER PLANES	NUMBER START	COMBAT HOURS		OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
							DAY	NIGHT		
14	347-D	822	Courier	1			5:30		L-N-G	
14	347-H	71	Attack	7	1X		33:00		Arawe	
		405		6			27:50			
		822		7	1X		33:05			
		823		7	1X		36:30			
15	348-A	822	Courier	1			5:10		L-N-G	
15	348-I	405	Courier	1			4:10		Lae	
16	349-D	823	Courier	1			4:10		L-N-G	
17	350-A	71	Courier	1			5:00		L-N-G	
17	350-G	71	Attack	10	9W 1X		35:25		Cape Gloucester	
		405		9			43:05		Nambariwa R. (Secondary Target)	
		822		10	9W 1X		35:30		Cape Gloucester	
		823		10	10W		33:00		"	
18	351-D	71	Courier	1			5:25		L-N-G	
18	351-L	822	Courier	1			3:25		L-N-G	
19	352-A	71	Courier	1			4:30		L-N-G	
19	352-F	71	Recco	1			4:30		Alexishaven	

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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1943 (Cont'd)

DATE	MISSION SQDN	TYPE MISSION	NUMBER PLANES	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
			START	DAY		
19	352-J	Attack	10	40:40	Alexishaven	
	71		10X			
	405		9X	36:25		
	822		9 3M	26:50		
	823		10 3M	33:05		
20	353-A	Courier	1	5:10	L-N-G	
20	353-F	Attack	10	40:45	Alexishaven	303, 5 Men MIA, 1 KIA
	71		1X			
	405		9 1M	31:50		
	822		9 1M	34:40		
	823		9 1M	30:35		
20	353-G	Recco	2 1M	5:10	Alexishaven	
	71		1	4:15		
	822					
21	354-A	Courier	1	4:20	L-N-G	
21	354-D	Recco	1	5:10	Madang	
21	354-E	Attack	7	31:30	Madang	771, 5 Men MIA
	71		1X			1 Barge
	405		7	27:30		
	822		7 1M	27:50		
	823		7 1X	29:20		
22	355-A	Courier	1	4:05	L-N-G	
22	355-E	Recco	1	4:10	Wewak	
23	356-A	Courier	1	5:00	L-N-G	

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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1943 (Continued)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION	NUMBER PLANES START	NUMBER PLANES FAILED	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
23	346D	71 405 822 823	Attack	10 9 10 10	9W 1X 1X 1W	1X 1X 1X 1X	58:00 55:50 56:00 57:30	Mawak	
24	357A	71	Courier	1			5:05	L-N-G	
24	357F	822 823	Attack	7 7	1X 1X	1X 1X	29:50 29:20	Rein Bay	
25	358A	71	Courier	1			5:30	L-N-G	
26	359A	71	Courier	1			4:50	L-N-G	
26	359D	71 405 822 823	Attack	10 9 10 10	1X 1X 1X 1X	1X 1X 1X 1X	40:15 36:30 38:40 32:25	Cape Gloucester	
27	360A	71	Courier	1			5:45	L-N-G	
27	360D	71 405	Attack	10 10	1X 1X	1X 1X	47:35 37:30	Nambariwa	
28	361A	405	Courier	1			5:05	L-N-G	
28	361F	71	Recco	1			4:00	Alexishaven	
28	361G	71	Courier	1			4:10	L-N-G	
28	361H	822 823	Attack	7 7	1X 1X	1X 1X	28:40 28:00	Bogadjim to Saidor	2 Barges
28	361I	405	Courier	1			5:05	Finschhaven	

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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1943 (Continued)

DATE	MISSION SQDN	TYPE MISSION	NUMBER PLANES STARTED	NUMBER PLANES FAILED	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
29	362A	823 Courier	1		3:50	L-N-G-F	
29	362C	71 Attack	7	1X	28:05	Borgen Bay	
		405	7	1X	26:45		
		822	7	1X 1M	25:50		
		823	7	1X	24:00		
30	363A	822 Courier	1		5:30	L-N-G	
30	363B	823 Recco	1		3:05	Finschhaven	
30	363F	822 Attack	6		25:10	Nambariwa to	
31	364A	823 Courier	1	1X	25:55	Saidor	
31	364B	71 Recco	1		5:05	L-N-G	
31	364E	71 Attack	1		3:30	Finschhaven	
		405	1	1X	25:20	Borgadjim	
		822	7	1X	25:15		
		823	7	1X	26:05		
			6	1X	22:30		
129		MISSIONS				CUMULATIVE	
681		PLANES STARTED				621	
148		PLANES FAILED TO REACH				3139	
533		PLANES REACHED				665	
2944:25		COMBAT HOURS DAY				2474	78.9%
17:10		COMBAT HOURS NIGHT				11,883:35	
2961:35		TOTAL COMBAT HOURS				286:45	
						12,170:20	

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP -- BOMES DROPPED AND HITS, DECEMBER, 1943

DATE	MISSION	TARGET	71st TYPE	DROP	HIT	405th TYPE	DROP	HIT	822nd TYPE	DROP	HIT	823rd TYPE	DROP	HIT	TOTAL DROPS	WEIGHT HIT
2	355G	Borgen Bay	300#D	42	42	300#D	42	42	300#D	38	38	300#D	42	42	49,200	29,200
4	337K	Rein Bay	300#D		35	300#D	35								10,500	10,500
6	339L	Borgen Bay	300#D	42	42	300#D	49	49	300#D	35	35	300#D	35	35	48,300	48,300
7	340K	Rein Bay	300#D	35	35	300#D	43	43	300#D	42	42	300#D	42	42	48,600	48,600
9	342K	Borgen Bay	300#D	49	49	300#D	49	49	300#D	41	41	300#D	42	42	54,300	54,300
11	344N	Borgen Bay	300#D	49	49	300#D	42	42	300#D	29	29	300#D	45	45	49,500	49,500
13	346E	Lindenhaven Plantation	300#D	35	35	300#D	34	34	300#D	42	36	300#D	34	34	43,500	41,700
14	347H	Arawe	300#D	42	40	300#D	38	38	300#D	42	32	300#D	42	40	49,200	45,000
17	350G	Sio	300#D			300#D	63	60							18,900	18,000
20	353F	Alexishaven	69#PFC	178	178	500#D	25	25	500#D	42	32	500#D	28	28	54,782	54,782
21	354E	Madang	500#D	22	22	500#D	21	21	500#D	21	21	500#D	24	21	44,000	42,000
23	356D	Mewak				500#D	31	31	69#PFC	180	180	69#PFC	160	132	39,962	36,928
24	357F	Cape Gloucester							300#D	42	42	300#D	35	34	23,100	22,800
25	358D	Cape Gloucester	300#D	60	60	300#D	63	63	300#D	61	61	300#D	59	59	72,900	72,900

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38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP - - BOMBS DROPPED AND HITS, DECEMBER, 1943 (Continued)

DATE	MISSION TARGET	71st			495th			822nd			823rd			TOTAL	
		TYPE	DROP	HIT	TYPE	DROP	HIT	TYPE	DROP	HIT	TYPE	DROP	HIT	DROP	HIT
26	359D Cape Gloucester	1000#D	18	18	1000#D	16	16	1000#D	12	12	1000#D	18	17	64,000	63,000
27	360D Namberiwa	300#D	72	72	300#D	63	63							40,500	40,500
28	361H Bogadjim				300#D	37	31	300#D	42	37	23,700	20,400			
29	362G Bergen Bay	300#D	42	42	300#D	42	42	300#D	35	35	300#D	42	42	48,300	48,300
30	363F Bogadjim				500#D	24	20	500#D	24	18	24,000	19,000			
31	364E Bogadjim	500#D	24	19	500#D	24	20	300#D	42	42	300#D	42	34	49,200	42,300
DECEMBER															
SQDN		DROP	HIT	%	DROPPED		HIT	%	CUMULATIVE						
71	193,632	190,582	98.4	1,150,270	905,241	78.7									
405	235,500	232,500	98.6	1,229,715	1,060,930	86.2									
822	208,720	200,120	95.9	373,178	328,971	88.0									
823	217,640	205,308	92.4	374,932	349,100	93.3									
TOTAL	855,442	828,410	95.8	3,128,095	2,644,142	84.7									

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP -- AMMUNITION EXPENDED DECEMBER, 1943.

DATE	MISSION	TARGET	71st			405th			822nd			823rd			TOTAL		
			30cal	50cal	75mm	30cal	50cal	75mm	30cal	50cal	75mm	30cal	50cal	75mm	30cal	50cal	75mm
2	335Gen	Borgen Bay	2375	11600	1390	9110	1600	3825	79	500	2795	96	5865	27330			
4	337K	Rein Bay			2300	12525							2300	12525			
6	339L	Borgen Bay	1200	17000	1170	10728	1610	4440	71	410	3810	55	4390	35978			
7	340K	Rein Bay	3255	14285	2050	12800	2450	6900	88	980	5835	136	8735	39870			
9	342K	Borgen Bay	2700	11300	1650	8705	1800	4315	79	1020	4700	64	7170	29020			
11	344N	Borgen Bay	2500	12200	2140	9485	1050	3400	54	900	5500	67	6590	30585			
13	346E	Lindenhaven Plantation	1325	10450	1400	8865	2000	7650	80	1000	2700	72	5725	29665			
14	347H	Arawe	2900	12000	1350	9165	900	4975	88	1825	6255	133	6975	31595			
17	350G	Sio			325	10490							325	10490			
20	353F	Alexishaven	4550	17625	1020	9460	2050	6900	113	1675	7975	88	9295	41960			
20	353G	Alexishaven						60						60			
21	354E	Mandang	2025	8450	3850	12940	630	4185	76	1850	4400	66	8355	29975			
23	356D	Newak			1350	14215	1530	6670	76	1450	5234	106	4390	26120			
24	357F	Cape Gloucester					300	5235	105	1425	6100	122	1725	11335			

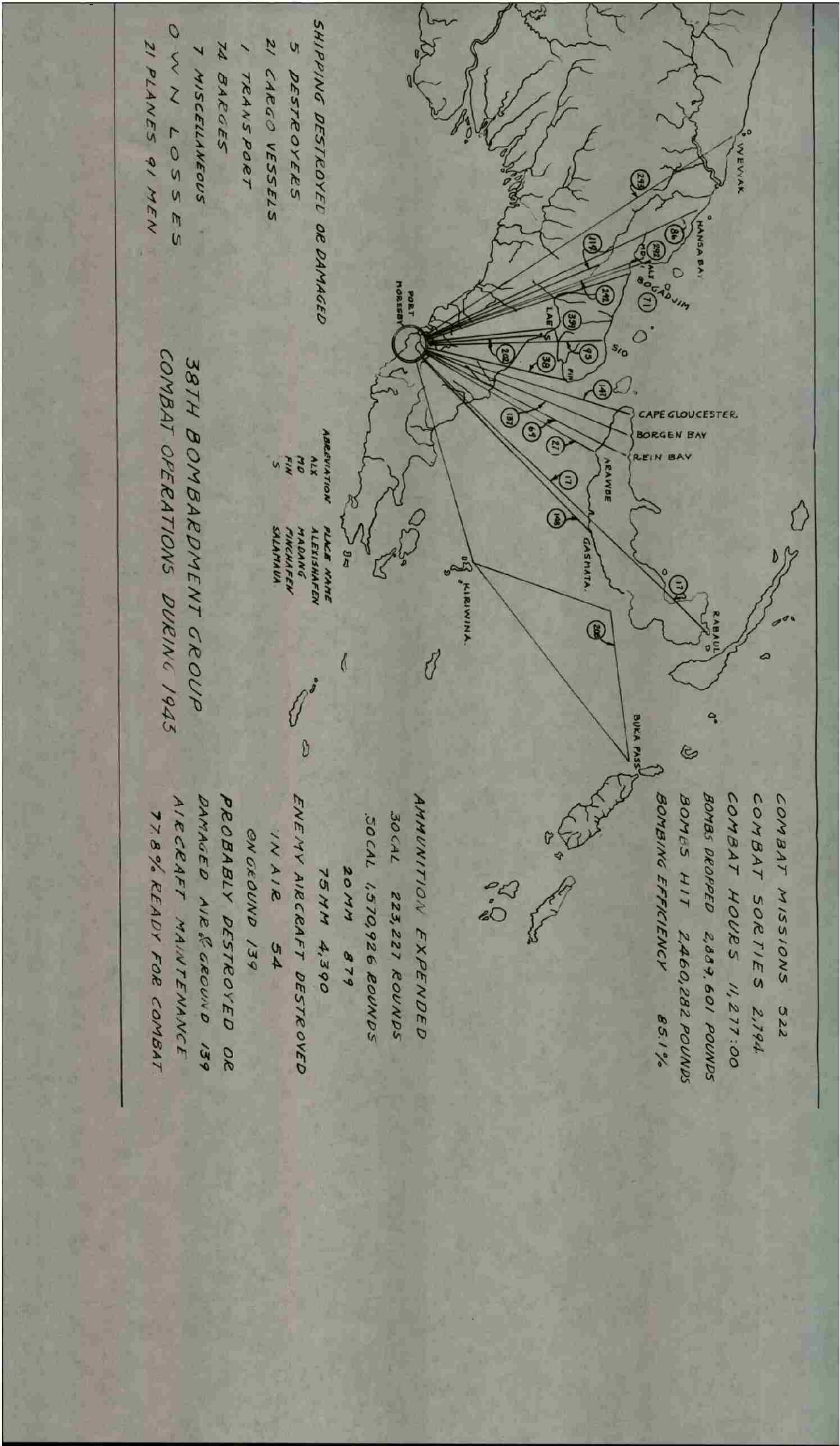
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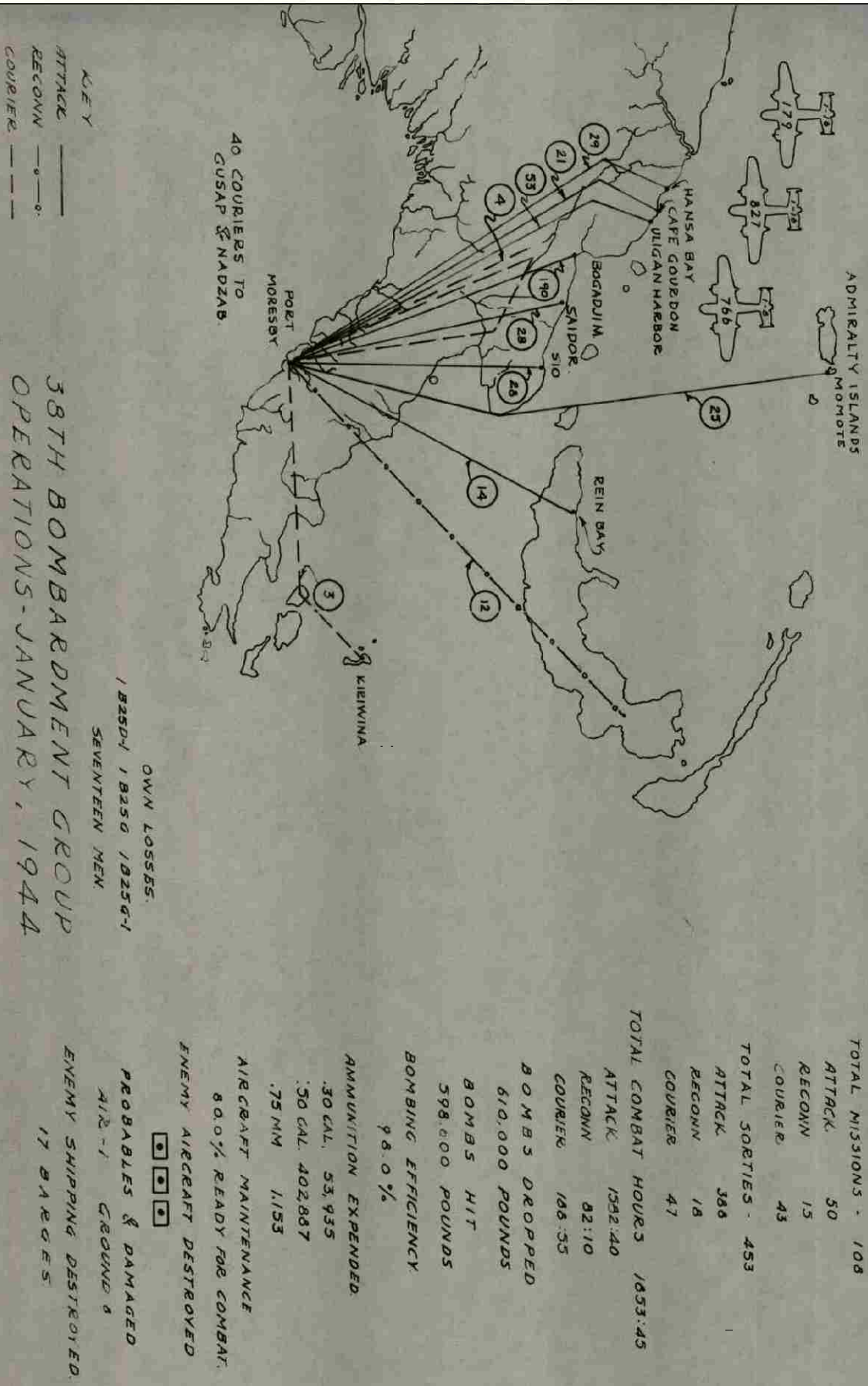
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			30cal	50cal	30cal	50cal	30cal	50cal	30cal	50cal	
25	358D	Cape Gloucester	3500	18925	250	20090	130	8850	157	600	54485
26	359D	Cape Gloucester	850	12075	1030	12670	400	4400	55	450	34495
27	360D	Namariwa	225	12800	100	9240					22040
28	361H	Bogadjim					1200	4850	75	1700	9875
29	362C	Borgen Bay	2650	17550		10550		4975	63	520	35225
30	363F	Bogadjim					1350	6265	124	1720	10885
31	364E	Bogadjim	1850	11975	675	10115		2850	73	420	28090

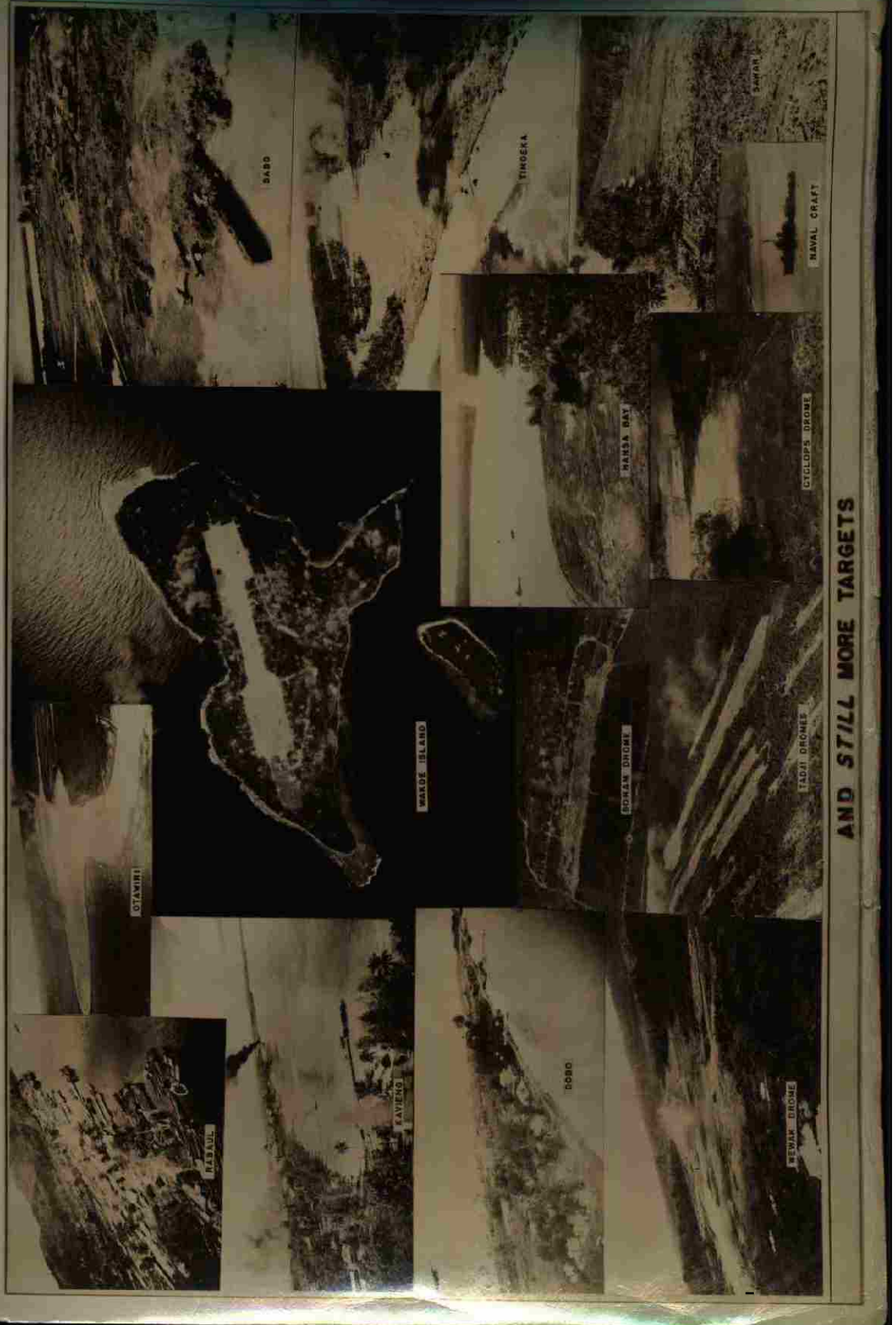
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CUMULATIVE

SQDN	30	50	Total	75mm	130	50	Total	75mm
405	22,050	191,153	213,203			840,391		
822	19,000	90,745	109,745	1,456	33,590	159,166	2,244	
823	18,445	84,320	102,765	1,667	29,040	136,050	2,180	
TOTAL	91,400	552,653	644,053	3,123			1,818,182	
							4,424	







38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF JANUARY, 1944

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION	NUMBER	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
					PLANE START	DAY NIGHT		
1	364H	822	Supply	1	4:00		40 miles from Rabaul	
		823	Drop	1	3:30			
1	1A	71	Courier	1	5:10		ING	
1	1C	71	Attack	7	32:15		Saidor	
		405		7	25:00			
		822		7	29:25			
		823		7	28:40			
1	1E	823	W-Recco	1	3:40		LDF	
2	2A	822	Supply	1	5:15		40 miles from Rabaul	
		823	Drop	1	4:45			
2	2B	405	Courier	1	6:00		INGF	
2	2C	71	W-Recco	1	4:15		INF	
3	3A	405	Courier	1	4:15		ING	
3	3B	822	W-Recco	1	4:00		INF	
3	3D	823	Courier	1	2:10		F	
4	4A	823	Courier	1	5:40		INGDF	
4	4E	71	Courier	1	6:35		INGDF	

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF JANUARY, 1944 (Cont'd)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	MISSION TYPE	NUMBER PLANES	NUMBER PLANES STARTED	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
						DAY NIGHT		
5	5A	822	Courier	1		4:40	LNG	
5	5B	822	Courier	1		3:20	F, Goodenough	
5	5D	71	Attack	7	1X	30:05	Sio to Kiarl	
		405		7	1X	30:30		
		822		7	1X	31:00		
		823		7	2M	20:20		
5	5E	823	W-Recco	1		4:00	Sio	
6	6B	405	Courier	1		4:30	LNG	
6	6D	71	Courier	1		3:00	N	
7	7A	71	Courier	1		5:50	LNGD	
7	7C	822	Courier	1		3:15	F	
7	7E	405	Courier	1		3:00	F	
7	7F	823	Courier	1		2:40	F	
8	8A	822	Courier	1		4:00	LNG	
8	8B	71	W-Recco	1		5:05	Uligan Harbor	

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF JANUARY, 1944 (Cont'd)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	MISSION TYPE	NUMBER PLANES	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
				START FAILED	DAY NIGHT		
8	80	71 405 822 823	Attack	5 7 7 7	25:00 29:25 32:25 30:10	Uligan Harbor	7 Barges 766 - 6 men MIA
9	9A	405	Courier	1	3:50	LNG	
9	9B	71	W-Recco	1	4:45	Bogadjim	
9	9C	71 405 822 823	Attack	7 7 7 7	28:00 23:05 26:25 25:55	Brimahaven Plantation (Bogadjim)	
10	10A	822	Courier	1	4:30	LNGF	
10	10B	71	Courier	1	4:00	LNG	
10	10D	405	W-Recco	2	7:20	Bogadjim	
10	10E	71 405 822 823	Attack	7 6 7 7	28:15 28:05 27:25 26:25	Brimahaven Plantation (Bogadjim)	
11	11A	823	Courier	1	5:25	LNGD	
11	11B	71	W-Recco	1	4:00	Uligan Harbor	

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF JANUARY, 1944 (Cont'd)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION START FAILED	NUMBER PLANES	NUMBER PLANES START FAILED	COMBAT HOURS		OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
							DAY	NIGHT		
11	11C	71	Attack	7	1X	31:45		Uligan Harbor		
		405		6		28:15				
		822		7	1X	32:25				
		823		7	1M	28:40			10 Barges	
10	10F	823	Courier	1		3:40		F-Goodenough-Kiriwina		
12	12B	822	Courier	1		4:20		ING		
13	13A	71	Attack	10	10W	18:20		Erimahaven		
		405		10	10W	16:30		Plantation		
		822		7	6W 1X	25:35		(Bogadjim)		
13	13B	823	Courier	1		4:00		ING		
14	14A	823	Courier	1		3:20		INGED		
14	14C	71	Attack	7	1X	35:10		Rein Bay		
		405		7	1X	34:45				
16	16A	823	Courier	1		3:40		ING		
16	16B	71	Attack	7	1X	31:20		Cape Gourdou	179 - 5 men MIA	
		405		7	1X	29:45			3 Zekes Destroyed	
		822		7	1X	30:20			827 - 6 Men MIA	
16	16D	823	Courier	1		2:40		NG		
17	17A	823	Courier	1		3:30		ING		

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF JANUARY, 1944 (Cont'd)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE MISSION	NUMBER PLANES	NUMBER FLIGHTS STARTED	COMBAT HOURS		OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
						DAY	NIGHT		
17	17G	405	Courier	1		2:40		N	
18	18A	71	Attack	10	1M	35:35		Shaggy Ridge (Bogadjim)	Commendation by Australian Forces
		405		9	1X	31:15			
		822		10		37:30			
		823		7		22:50			
18	18B	405	Courier	1		4:40		ING	
18	18E	823	Supply	2	2W	4:00		40 miles from Rabaul	
18	18 G	71	Courier	1		2:55		DG	
19	19A	71	Supply	4	1W 1X	14:45		40 miles from Rabaul	
19	19B	71	Attack	9		33:40		Shaggy Ridge	Commendation by Australian Forces
		405		10	1X	35:00			
		822		9		35:10			
		823		7		24:55			
19	19C	823	Courier	1		4:00		ING	
19	19D	405	Courier	1		4:40		ING	
19	18E1	823	Supply	2		9:00		40 miles from Rabaul	
20	20A	71	Courier	1		2:40		NG	

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF JANUARY, 1944 (Cont'd)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	MISSION TYPE	NUMBER PLANES	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
				START	DAY		
20	20B	71	Attack	9	32:45	Shaggy Ridge	Commendation by Australian Forces
		405		10	34:00		
		822		9	35:55		
		823		9	31:30		
20	20D	405	Courier	1	10:00	LNGVD-Goodenough-Kiriwina	
21	21C	71	Courier	1	4:15	LNG	
22	22A	823	Courier	1	4:25	LNG	
23	23A	405	Courier	1	5:25	LNG	
24	24A	822	Courier	1	3:00	LNG	
24	24C	71	Attack	10	51:30	Hansa Bay	
		405		10	51:25		
		823		9	43:50		
25	25B	822	Courier	1	4:00	LNG	
25	25C	71	Attack	9	55:15	Momote AD	
		405		9	53:15	Admiralty Islands	
		823		7	36:20		
26	26A	822	Courier	1	4:00	LNG	
27	27A	405	Courier	1	4:55	LNG	

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF JANUARY, 1944 (Cont'd)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION	NUMBER PLANES	NUMBER START	COMBAT HOURS		OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
							PLANE	PLANE		
28	28B	71	Courier	1	4:55			ING		
29	29A	823	Courier	1	3:45			ING		
31	31A	822	Courier	2	12:00			INGD		

DECEMBER		CUMULATIVE	
108	MISSIONS	729	
453	PLANES STARTED	3592	
68	PLANES FAILED TO		
	REACH	733	
385	PLANES REACHED	2859	77.5%
1853:45	COMBAT HOURS	14,024:05	

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP * AMMUNITION EXPENDED, JANUARY, 1944.

DATE	MISSION	TARGET	71st		405th		822nd		823rd		TOTAL
			30 cal	50 cal	30 cal	50 cal	30 cal	50 cal	30 cal	50 cal	
1	1-C	Saidor	800	14500	250	11300	700	5300	119	78	1950
5	5-D	Sio to Kiarl	250	12200	1120	10240	700	3220	42	70	3070
8	8-C	Uligan Harbor	600	8350	450	4080	80	3925	80	43	1580
9	9-C	Erina Plant (Bogadjim)	1875	12700	2325	11240	1800	3300	64	76	6550
10	10-E	Bogadjim	2200	15525	2700	7600	1700	5005	71	103	8075
11	11-C	Uligan	1000	12200	1130	10310	1030	3500	88	24	4110
14	14-C	Rein Bay	850	12225		4210					850
16	16-B	Gp. Gourdon to Gp. Grosilles	7300	12000	320	4785	950	4650	160		8570
18	18-A	Shaggy Ridge	575	16450	700	3910	1700	3960	62	3600	2875
19	19-B	Shaggy Ridge	1500	14750	600	9625	700	5500	42	6125	3120
20	20-B	Shaggy Ridge		9700	240	9460	700	3400	31	8475	1215
24	24-C	Hansa Bay	3500	19500	2460	15765				1650	7610
25	25-C	Momote AD, Admiralty	2950	24600	300	7225				1000	4250

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP * AMMUNITION EXPENDED, JANUARY, 1944 (Cont'd)

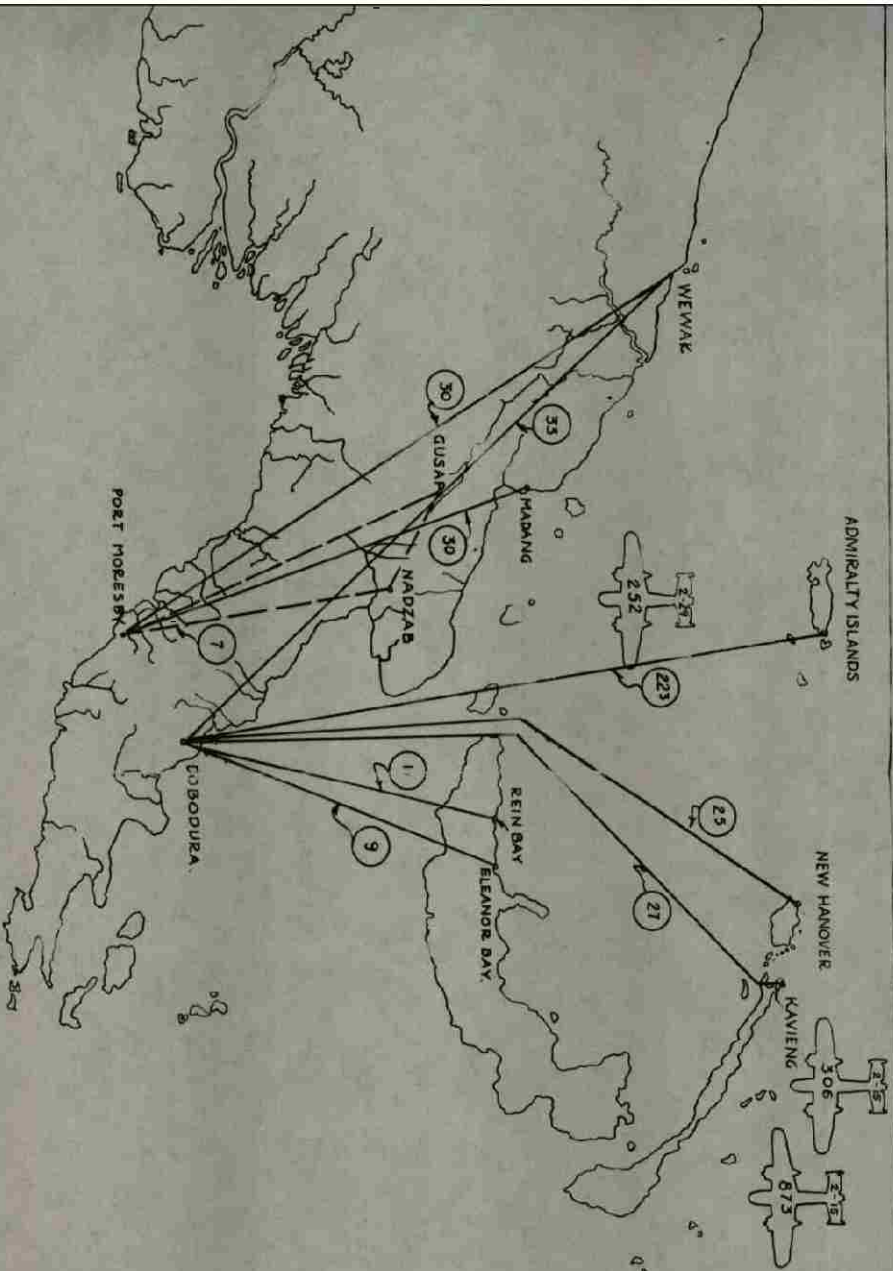
SQDN	JANUARY				CUMULATIVE		75mm
	.30	.50	TOTAL	.75mm	.30	.50	
71	23,400	184,700	208,100				
405	12,595	109,750	122,345				
822	10,060	41,760	51,820	759	43,650	200,926	3,003
823	7,880	66,677	74,557	394	36,920	202,727	2,574
TOTAL	53,935	402,887	456,822	1,153		2,275,004	5,577

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP * BOMBS DROPPED & HITS, JANUARY, 1944

DATE	MISSION	TARGET	71st			405th			822nd			823rd			TOTAL WEIGHT	
			TYPE	DROP	HIT	TYPE	DROP	HIT	TYPE	DROP	HIT	TYPE	DROP	HIT	DROP	HIT
1	1-C	Sailor	500#D	24	24	500#D	22	22	500#D	24	24	500#D	24	24	47,000	47,000
5	5-D	Sio to Kiari	300#D	39	39	300#D	42	42	300#D	25	24	300#D	35	35	42,300	42,300
8	8-C	Uligan Harbor	300#D	35	35	300#D	42	41	300#D	40	40	300#D	35	28	45,600	43,200
9	9-C	Erina Plant (Bogadjim)	300#D	42	37	300#D	31	31	300#D	42	42	300#D	42	39	47,100	44,700
10	10-E	Bogadjim	300#D	44	44	300#D	35	35	300#D	37	37	300#D	35	35	45,300	45,300
11	11-C	Uligan Harbor	300#D	42	42	300#D	39	39	300#D	35	35	300#D	36	30	45,600	43,800
14	14-C	Rein Bay	300#D	33	33	300#D	24	24							17,100	17,100
16	16-B	Op Gourdon to Op Crosilles	300#D	35	35	300#D	36	36	300#D	35	35				31,800	31,800
18	18-A	Shaggy Ridge	500#D	40	40	500#D	32	32	500#D	28	28	500#D	28	28	64,000	64,000
19	19-B	Shaggy Ridge	500#D	32	32	500#D	36	36	500#D	32	32	500#D	28	28	64,000	64,000
20	20-B	Shaggy Ridge	500#D	32	32	500#D	36	36	500#D	32	32	500#D	24	34	67,000	67,000
24	24-C	Hansa Bay	300#D	63	62	300#D	56	56				300#D	40	40	47,700	47,400
25	25-C	Momote AD Admiralty Is.	500#D	36	30	500#D	31	31				500#D	24	21	45,500	41,000
			JANUARY									CUMULATIVE				
			SQDN	DROP	HIT	%	DROP	HIT	%	DROP	HIT	%	DROP	HIT	%	
			71	181900	177100	97.2	1,332,170	1,082,341	79.6							
			405	170000	169700	99.5	1,399,715	1,230,630	87.3							
			822	122200	121900	99.5	495,378	450,871	92.5							
			823	135900	129600	95.6	510,832	478,700	93.5							
			GP TOTAL	610000	598600	98.0	3,747,095	3,242,742	86.6							

KEY
ATTACK ———
COURIER ———

38 TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
OPERATIONS - FEBRUARY, 1944



TOTAL MISSIONS 53
ATTACK 46
COURIER 7
TOTAL SORTIES - 395
ATTACK 388
COURIER 7
TOTAL COMBAT HOURS 2003:35
ATTACK 1977:55
COURIER 25:40
BOMBS DROPPED
594,637 POUNDS
BOMBS HIT
550,637 POUNDS.
BOMBING EFFICIENCY
92.7 %
AMMUNITION EXPENDED
30 CAL. 42,740
50 CAL. 301,876
75MM 25
AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE
82.9% READY FOR COMBAT
ENEMY SHIPPING DESTROYED
ONE CORVETTE
ONE FREIGHTER.
OWN LOSSES
1 B-25G-1, 2 B-25D-1.
11 MEN MIA, 2 MEN KIA.

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1944

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION	NUMBER PLANES	NUMBER PLANE START	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
1	32 C	822	C		1		4:10	ING	
2	33B	405	C		1		5:20	ING	
3	34 B	822	C		1		3:05	ING	
3	34 C	823	C		1		3:20	NG	
3	34 D	71 405 823	A		10 10 10		64:05 48:10 50:00	But Drome	
4	35 B	822	C		1		3:35	NG	
4	35 E	71 405 823	A		10 10 10		64:05 41:55 40:00	Madang	
5	36 A	71	C		1		4:10	NG	
13	44 S1	71 405 822 823	A		13 12 2		74:05 70:45 10:40	Momote	
14	45 D1	71 405 822 823	A		12 12 2 10		58:55 70:45 71:20 11:30 55:00	Momote	

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38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1944 (Continued)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	MISSION TYPE	NUMBER PLANES	NUMBER PLANES STARTED	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
15	46 D1	71 405 823	A	8 10 9	1M 1X	49:05 61:05 54:55	Kavieng	306 crash in bay, 1 killed, 1 MIA 873 MIA, 5 men
16	47 D1	71 405 823	A	8 8 9		51:50 54:10 55:50	Shipping (1 Corvette & 1 Freighter) New Hanover	(Dest or Damaged)
21	52 Q1	822	A	9	1X	47:10	Eleanor Bay	
22	53 L1	71 822	A	1 10		4:35 45:10	Rein Bay	
24	55 B1	71 405 822	A	9 9 9	9W 9W 9W	31:25 30:50 32:45	Momote	
25	56 C1	71 822 823	A	11 12 10	1X	61:35 62:05 53:40	Boram Drome	
25	56 K1	405	A	9		49:40	Momote	
26	57 R1 Q1 P1 O1	71 405 822 823	A	9 8 10 8	9W 8W 10W 8W	34:00 25:15 30:35 27:10	Momote	

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING FEBRUARY, 1944 (Continued)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE	MISSION	NUMBER PLANES	COMBAT START	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
27	58 GI	71	A		8		50:45	Momote	
		405			6		35:50		
		822			9		53:15		
		823			8		46:50		
27	VOCG	823	C		1		2:00	NG - Red alert at Gusap	
28	59 BI	71	A		6		34:55	Momote	
		405			6		33:35		
		822			6		35:15		
		823			6		38:35		
29	60 LI	71	A		5		29:00	Momote	
		405			5		24:55		
		822			6		35:15		
		823			6		37:05		

252 MIA, 5 men - 593 crash, 1 killed

MISSIONS STARTED	782
PLANES TO REACH	3984
PLANES REACHED	841
COMBAT HOURS	3143
	16,027:40
	79.0%

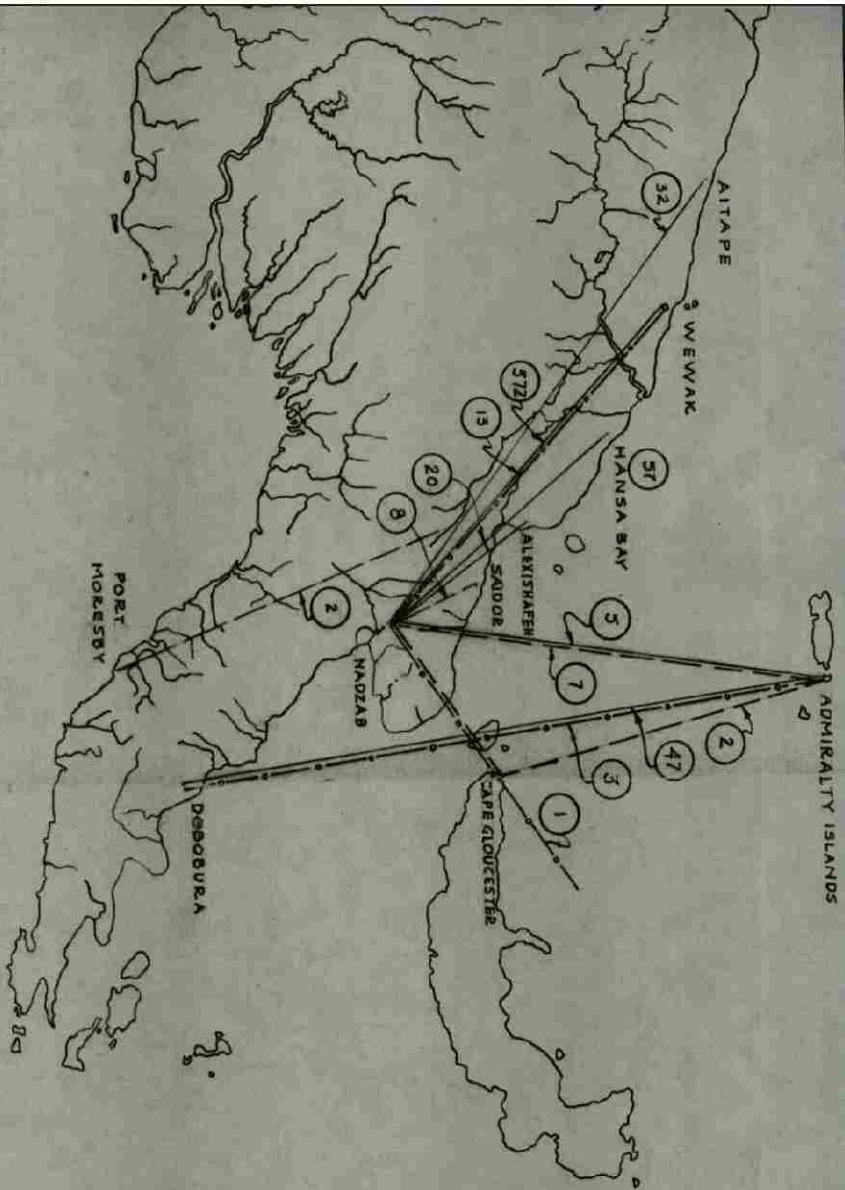
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38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP * AMMUNITION EXPENDED, FEBRUARY, 1944.

DATE	MISSION	TARGET	71st .30	405th .30 .50	822nd .50	75	823rd .50	TOTAL
3	34D	But Drome	1700	18650	1500	14000	2200	9350
4	35E	Madang	2500	24000	3100	15300	1575	20200
14	45D1	Pak Is.		2900	1000	8150		1000
15	46D1	Kavieng	4400	21600	1900	19450	3550	12350
16	47D1	Shipping	100	10375	1500	11825	950	13350
21	52Q1	New Hanover Eleanor Bay					7750	
25	56K1	Monote AD		4025	18569			4025
27	58Q1	Monote AD	4600	20850	2050	14492	1660	12680
28	59E1	Monote AD					275	9500
29	60L1	Monote AD	50	800			100	2250
JANUARY								
	SQDN		.30	.50	TOTAL	75mm	.50	TOTAL
	71	13,350	99,175	112,525	940,570	75mm		75mm
	405	15,075	101,786	116,861	1,079,597			3,003
	822	4,005	21,235	25,240	269,816			2,599
	823	10,310	79,680	89,990	329,637			
	GP TOTAL	42,740	301,876	344,616	2,619,620	25		5,602

KEY
ATTACK ———
RECCO ———
COURIER ———

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
OPERATIONS - MARCH, 1944



TOTAL MISSIONS	106
ATTACK	72
RECCO	15
COURIER	19
TOTAL SORTIES	571
ATTACK	534
RECCO	17
COURIER	20
TOTAL COMBAT HOURS	2387:20
ATTACK	2145:55
RECCO	62:40
COURIER	78:45
BOMBS DROPPED	1,156,100 POUNDS
BOMBS HIT	1,048,600 POUNDS
BOMBING EFFICIENCY	92.2 %
AMMUNITION EXPENDED	30 CAL. 35,200
50 CAL.	304,170
AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE	81.7 % READY FOR COMBAT

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MARCH, 1944

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	MISSION TYPE	NUMBER PLANES START	NUMBER PLANES FAILED	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
1	61I-1	71 405 822 823	A	6		41:10 37:20 35:55 36:00	Lorengau	Area Bombed and Strafed
1	61J-1	71 405 823	SD	1		5:00 5:00 5:00	Momote	Supplies Dropped
2	62I-1	71 405 822 823	A	5	2W	33:20 32:30 38:35 39:00	Momote	Area Bombed and Strafed
4	V000	823	C	2		8:50	Gusap	Courier completed
8	68G	71 405 822 823	A	6	6W 1M5W 6W 6W	28:10 27:40 29:10 34:00	Dagua	Bad weather prevented bombing
8	68R	822	C	1		2:35	Saidor	Courier completed
9	69B	71	C	1		5:30	Momote	Escort fighters
10	70J	822	R	2	2W	3:05	Wewak	Bad Weather
10	70K	822	R	1		3:35	Garove Is.	Weather Recon completed

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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MARCH, 1944 (Cont'd)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	TYPE MISSION	NUMBER PLANES	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
10	70M	71	C	1	3:00	Saidor	Courier completed
10	70N	823	R	1	4:40	Viai Is.	Nil sightings
11	71B	71 405 823	A	6 6 7	24:00 26:45 30:00	Boram Drome Area	bomb, huge fires
11	71I	823	R	2	6:00	Wewak	Weather recco completed
12	72B	71	R	1	5:30	Wewak	Weather recco completed
12	72F	71 405 822 823	A	10 9 10 10	38:00 37:35 35:55 37:30	Boram Drome Area	bomb, fires
12	72H	71	R	1	5:00	Wewak	Weather recco completed
12	72L	71	C	1	4:50	Momote	Courier completed
13	73G	71 405 822 823	A	10 10 10 10	37:50 38:20 36:45 40:10	Brandi Pl.	Area bomb, huge fires
13	73I	405	C	1	3:10	Cape Glou- cester	Courier completed
13	70CG	71	A	1	1:00	Momote	Area strafed

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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MARCH, 1944 (Cont'd)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	MISSION TYPE	NUMBER PLANES	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
				START	FAILED		
14	74F	822 823	A	9 9	1M	30:10 36:55	Brandi Fl. Area bombed and strafed
14	74K	405	R	1		3:00	Wewak Weather recco completed
15	75D	71 405 822 823	A	9 9 10 9	2M	34:50 35:05 39:55 36:00	Kairiru Is. Area bombed, fires
15	75I	822	R	1	1M	1:20	Wewak Radio failure
16	76D	71 405 823	A	10 10 10		37:45 34:40 41:00	Brandi Fl. Area bombed and strafed Hansa Bay Area bombed, fires
16	76G	822	R	1		4:25	Wewak Weather recco completed
16	76Q	822	C	1		4:00	McMote Courier completed
16	76Q	822	A	1		1:30	Los Negros Strafed
17	77F	71	A	9		27:55	Alexishaven Area bombed and strafed
17	77H	822	R	1		3:30	Wewak Weather recco completed
17	77L	822	C	1		2:30	Saidor Courier completed

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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MARCH, 1944 (Cont'd)

DATE	MISSION	SQDN	MISSION TYPE	NUMBER PLANES START	NUMBER PLANES FAILED	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
18	78D	405 822 823	A	9 9 9		37:40 39:20 35:05	Brandi Fl.	Area bombed and strafed
18	78I	822	C	1		3:10	Saidor	Courier completed
19	79D	71 822 823	A	10 10 10	1M	37:25 36:30 38:50	Cape Moem	Area bombed, fires
19	79K	405	C	1		4:45	Monote	Courier completed
19	79N	71 822 823	A	6 6 6		19:35 25:05 29:15	Alexishaven Hansa Bay Wavak	Area bombed and strafed
20	80D	405 823	C	8 1	1M	35:05 5:00	Hansa Bay Monote	Courier completed
20	VOCG-1	405	A	1		0:30	Admiralty	Bombed AA position
20	VOCG-2	405	A	1		0:45	Admiralty	Bombed
21	81D	71 405 822 823	A	6 6 6 6		23:35 23:20 23:50 29:15	Kairiru Is..	Area Bombed, large fires
22	82M	405	A	8		39:00	Aitape	Area bombed and strafed

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COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MARCH, 1944 (Continued)

DATE	MISSION SQDN	TYPE MISSION	NUMBER PLANES	COMBAT HOURS	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
22	82 N	71 G	1	2:45	Saidor	Courier completed
22	82 O	71 G	1	2:00	Saidor	Courier completed
23	83 D	71 A	6	24:35	But Drome	Area bombed
		405	6	30:25	Hansa Bay	Area bombed
		822	9	42:30	3 Wewak Alex	
		823	9	36:50	Dagua Drome	
23	83 F	822 R	1	3:45	Wewak	Weather Recco Completed
24	84 G	822 R	1	3:50	Wewak	Weather Recco Completed
25	85 D	71 A	8	32:05	Wewak	Area bombed, large fires
		405	9	32:40		
		823	9	33:00		
25	85 M	822 G	1	5:15	Op. Gl. & Monote	Courier completed
25	VOCG	822 A	1	1:00	Admiralty	Area strafed
26	86 B	71 A	8	29:35	Hansa Bay	Area bombed and strafed
		405	9	36:00	Dagua Drome	Area bombed, large fires
		822	9	32:50	Dagua	
27	87 D	822 A	9	31:35	Hansa Bay	Area bombed, fires
		823	9	31:00	Kairiru Is	Area bombed

COMBAT MISSIONS PERFORMED DURING MARCH, 1944 (Continued)

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38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP -- BOMBS DROPPED AND HITS, MARCH 1944

DATE	MISSION	TARGET	71st TYPE	HIT	405th TYPE	DROP	HIT	822nd TYPE	DROP	HIT	823rd TYPE	DROP	HIT	DROP	HIT	TOTAL WEIGHT
1	61 IL	Momote AD	500#D	30	500#D	30	30	500#D	30	30	500#D	30	30	60,000	60,000	60,000
2	62 IL	Momote AD	500#D	15	500#D	30	30	500#D	10	10	500#D	15	15	35,000	35,000	35,000
8	68 G	Wewak	500#D	10	500#D	15	15	500#D	6	6	500#D	2	2	4,000	4,000	4,000
11	71 B	Wewak	500#D	10	500#D	15	15	500#D	30	30	500#D	30	30	27,500	27,500	27,500
12	72 F	Boram, Wewak	500#D	35	500#D	45	45	500#D	45	45	500#D	45	45	85,000	85,000	85,000
13	73 G	Brandi Pl Wewak	500#D	50	500#D	50	50	500#D	47	47	500#D	45	45	96,000	96,000	96,000
14	74 F	Brandi Pl Wewak	500#D	43	500#D	30	15	500#D	40	40	500#D	40	40	40,000	40,000	40,000
15	75 D	Kairiru Is. Wewak	500#D	0	500#D	30	15	500#D	44	32	500#D	45	35	81,000	41,000	122,000
16	76 D	Nubia, Hansa Bay	500#D	50	500#D	46	46	500#D			500#D	45	45	70,500	68,000	138,500
17	77 F	Alexishaven	500#D	45	500#D	45	45	500#D	45	45	500#D	45	45	67,500	67,500	135,000
18	78 D	Brandi Pl Wewak	500#D	50	500#D	42	42	500#D	40	34	500#D	45	45	67,500	60,500	128,000
19	79 D	Wewak	500#D	24	500#D	35	35	500#D	15	15	500#D	30	19	52,000	46,500	98,500
19	79 N	Alex, Hansa Bay	500#D	26	500#D	30	30	500#D	30	25	500#D	30	30	58,000	56,000	114,000
21	81 D	Kairiru Is	500#D	26	500#D	40	40	500#D			500#D			20,000	20,000	40,000
22	82 M	Aitape	500#D		500#D											

38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP -- BOMBS DROPPED AND HITS, MARCH 1944 (Continued)

DATE	MISSION	TARGET	71st			405th			822nd			823rd			TOTAL WEIGHT	
			TYPE	DROP	HIT	TYPE	DROP	HIT	TYPE	DROP	HIT	TYPE	DROP	HIT	DROP	HIT
23	83 D	But Drome	500#D	27	20	500#D	25	23	500#D	43	43	500#D	45	45	70,000	65,500
25	85 D	Newak	500#D	40	40	500#D	44	44				500#D	37	37	60,500	60,500
26	86 B	Dagua, Newak	500#D	35	35	500#D	45	35	500#D	40	40				60,000	60,000
27	87 D	Keiriru Is. Newak	500#D	45	45	500#D	45	44	500#D	45	45	500#D	45	45	45,000	45,000
29	89 E	Newak	500#D	26	11	500#D	30	14	500#D	30	30	500#D	19	19	52,500	37,000
30	90 M	Tadji Drome	500#D	26	11	500#D	30	14	500#D	30	30	500#D	19	19	52,500	37,000
31	91 C	Muschu Is. Newak	100#FD	166	136										16,600	13,600

SQDN	MARCH		HIT	%	DROP	CUMULATIVE		%
	DROP	HIT				HIT	%	
71	292,100	248,100	85.0%	1,793,741	1,485,912	82.8%		
405	292,500	275,500	94.0	1,847,515	1,644,930	89.0		
822	255,000	239,000	93.6	843,878	781,317	92.6		
823	296,500	286,000	95.3	988,698	929,566	93.9		
TOTAL	1,136,100	1,048,600	92.2	5,473,832	4,841,779	88.3		

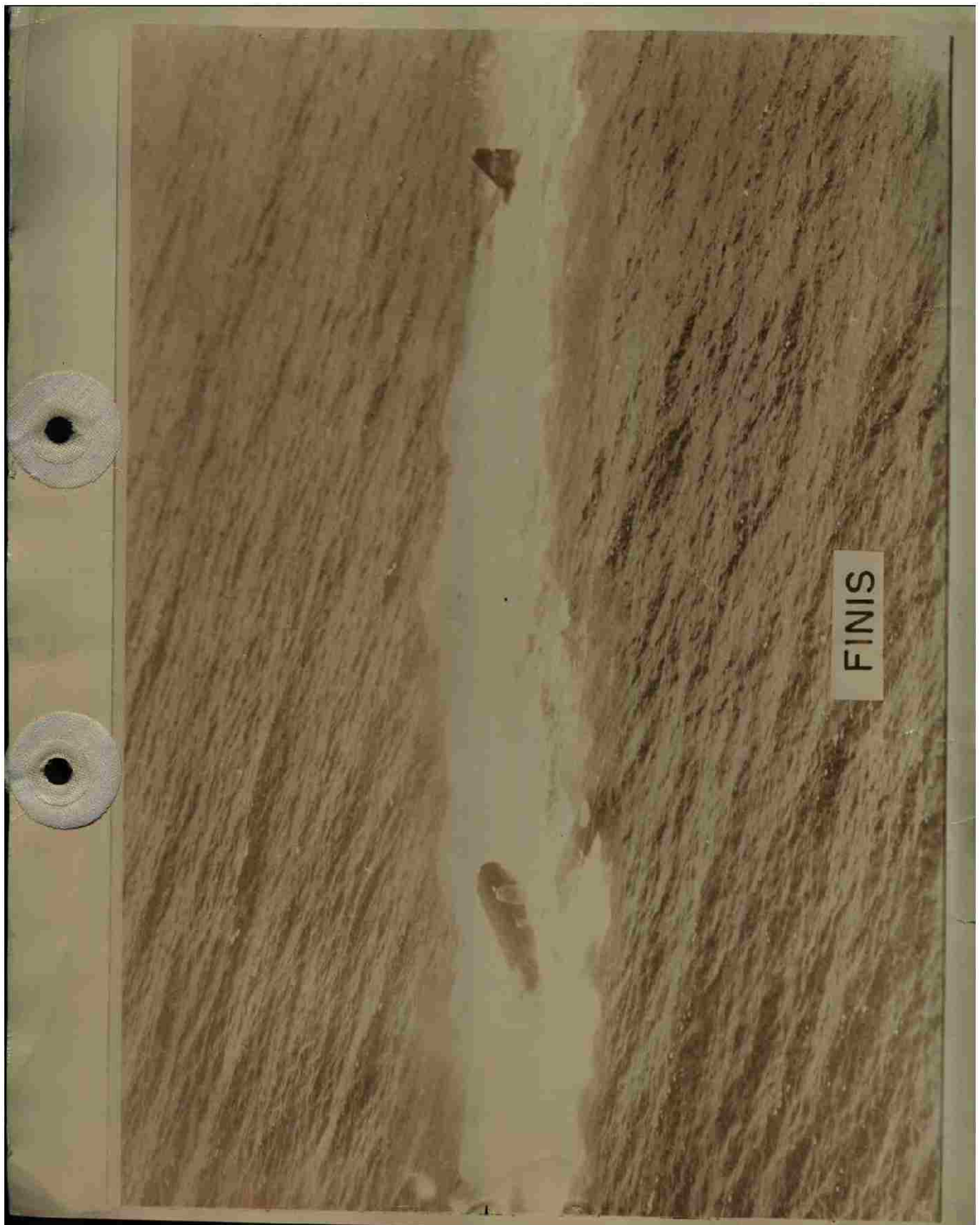
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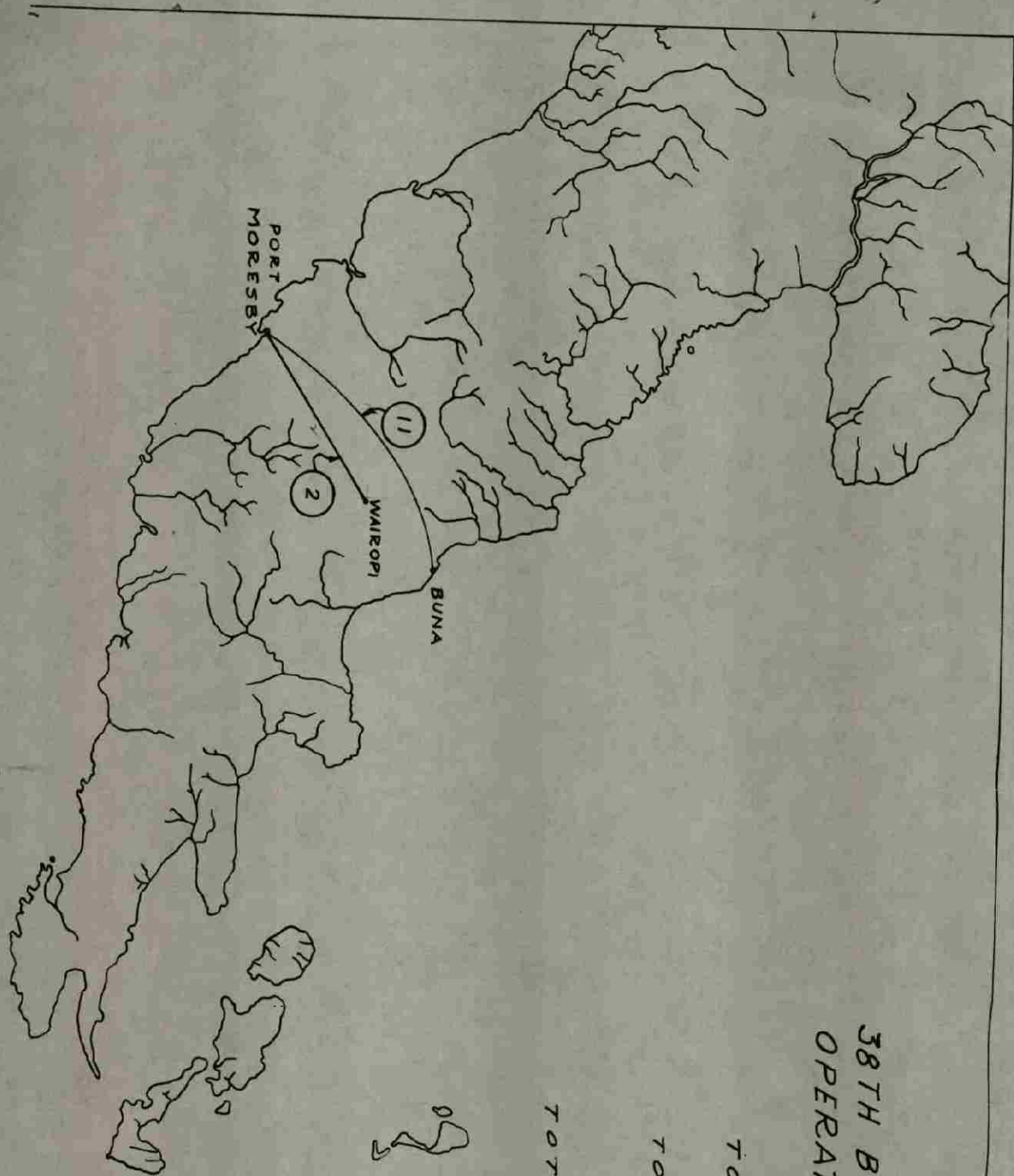
DATE	MISSION	TARGET	71st		405th		822nd		823rd		TOTAL	
			30cal	50cal	30cal	50cal	30cal	50cal	30cal	50cal	30cal	50cal
1	61 IL	Monote	100	5600	550	8325					650	32275
2	61 IL	Monote	15	5900	150	7275	75	2900	75	4400	315	20475
10	70 N	Rafts-ScouttenIs										3200
11	71 B	Mewak									600	2800
13	VOGG	Admiralty Is.	600	2800							80	780
13	73 G	Brandi Pl.			30	80	50	700			3150	26310
14	74 F	Brandi Pl.					1150	9625	2000	16685	50	
15	75 D	Kairiru Is		50							7100	51215
16	76 D	Nubla Pl.	3900	22250	2550	17065			1650	11900	1100	19100
17	77 F	Alexishaven	1100	19100					1000	13750	4900	43975
18	78 D	Brandi Pl			2350	17575	1550	12650	1350	11450	5700	42470
19	79 N	Alex & Hansa	1300	10300	2450	12120	600	8600			100	
20	81 D	Kairiru Is			100						4050	20775
22	82 N	Aitape			4050	20775					300	
23	83 D	But Drome										2500
25	VOGG	Admiralty Is										

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38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP -- AMMUNITION EXPENDED, MARCH, 1944 (Continued)

DATE	MISSION TARGET	71st		405th		822nd		823rd		TOTAL
		30cal	50cal	30cal	50cal	30cal	50cal	30cal	50cal	
26	86 B Wewak	2400	14200							2400 14200
27	87 D Kairiru Is					100				100
29	89 E Wewak			300	1185					300 1185
30	90 M TadjiDR.					950				950
31	91 C Musch Is. Wewak	3750	21400							3650 21400
		MARCH		TOTAL		CUMULATIVE		TOTAL		75mm
SQDN		.30	.50	.30	.50					
71		13,170	101,600					1,055,340		
405		12,530	84,460					1,176,587		
822		3,425	47,225	51,080	269,386			320,466		3,003
823		6,075	70,885	53,305	353,902			406,597		2,599
GP TOTAL		35,200	304,170					2,958,990		5,602





38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
OPERATIONS SEPTEMBER 1942

TOTAL MISSIONS 3

TOTAL SORTIES 13
ATTACK -13

TOTAL COMBAT HOURS 40:30
ATTACK 40:30

