



89TH ATTACK SQUADRON

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- 1 Jan. 1-L-1: 11 A-20's attacked troop concentrations reported near BORGEN BAY area using 40 x 250# demos and straining with 17,010 x .50. All bombs were dropped in target area.
- 2 Jan. 2-E-1: In support of SAIDOR landing, 15 A-20's bombed and strained track from mouth of BADING RIVER to MICH. 49 x 500# demos dropped and 21,000 x .50 expended while straining. The bombing was excellent.
- 3 Jan. 3-A-1: Two 6 plane flights attacked targets at NAMURAMUNGA and KOKOPO MISSION in bombing and straining runs. These CAPE GAUFFRE'S N.B. targets were hit with 45 x 250# demos and 19,000 x .50.
- 6 Jan. 6-B-1: Striking the BOGADJIM-RAMU VALLEY ROAD at minimum altitude, 12 A-20's dropped 31 x 250# demos, 15 x 300# demos and expended 17,000 x .50 in straining.
- 7 Jan. 7-I-1: Answering a request by ground troops for strikes against Jap gun positions at AMALUT PLANTATION, ARANE area, 11 planes released 43 x 300# demos, 4 x 250# demos and fired 15,035 x .50. All bombs but one hit the target. Although IFF was operating, AMERICAN LST opened heavily with accurate AA, hitting several aircraft and causing one to crash-land without casualties.
- 10 Jan. 10-D-1: Camps, staging areas and the SIO MISSION, SIO, New GUINEA received many hits when bombed and strained by 12 A-20's. Two 6-plane elements attacking in trail dropped 45 x 250# demos and expended 19,875 x .50 in straining.
- 13 Jan. 13-C-1: 13 A-20's covered the BOGADJIM ROAD area from BRIDGE #23 NORTH to ocean, bombing and straining camps, dump areas, and bridges. 42 x 500# demos and 1 x 250# demo were dropped, nine falling on or near GORI BRIDGE which was damaged in the center. Weather hampered operations.
- 16 Jan. 16-C-1: In a strike along the BOGADJIM ROAD, 12 A-20-G's hit camp and dump areas with 45 x 250# demos and 22,250 x .50. Propaganda leaflets were also dropped.
- 21 Jan. 21-E: Assigned the primary target of INDAGEN VILLAGE-- home of hostile KANAKAS who had ambushed a ground patrol--- 13 A-20-G's were forced by weather to attack the secondary objective of ROINJI. Striking in trail the entire village was destroyed in 5 passes using 49 x 500# demos, 1 x 300# demo, 2 x 250# demos and 25,705 x .50. Motion pictures were taken of the attack which was highly effective.

- 22 Jan. 22-M-1: When shipping reported oil KOKCPO was not found, 12 A-20-G's made 100% hits on targets at IBOKI PLANTATION, dropping 30 x 250# demos and straining with 19,300 x .50.
- 23 Jan. 23-L-1: In close ground support operations, 13 A-20-G's struck pill-boxes at NATAMO POINT. Attacking singly in trail, the planes made 6 passes, using both skip-bombing and dive-bombing techniques. 01 50 x 250# demos dropped, 45 hits were made, while 22,900 x .50 were expended straining. Ground troops reported excellent bombing.
- 26 Jan. 26-J-1: Coordinating ground-air attacks for the purpose of obtaining prisoners, 12 A-20-G's bombed and strayed enemy concentrations at OLD YAGOMI and GALI with such excellent results that 2 Japanese were taken and many killed. Substantial hits made using 47 x 500# demos, 2 x 250# demos and 17,960 x .50.
- 27 Jan. 27-G-1: Making 4 passes in which 43 x 500# demos and 4 x 250# demos were released and 18,175 x .50 expended, 12 A-20-G's struck AMELE PLANTATION, gunning for residence and person of a Nip Lt. General--C.O. of the Madang area Japs--whose headquarters were reported to be there. Accurate bombing of the AMELE MISSION was achieved, though weather hindered attack and observation.
- 29 Jan. 29-G-1: 12 A-20-G's went after an enemy camp discovered in the CAPE BUSHING area by an ANGAU ground patrol whose leader rode in the lead plane as guide. The attack was made in 2 6-plane elements with unobserved results. 46 x 500# demos, 4 x 250# demos and 19,080 x .50 were used. Propaganda leaflets were also released.

#### MONTHLY TOTALS

15 MISSIONS

189 SORTIES

121 TONS OF BOMBS DROPPED

286,065 x .50 cal. AMMUNITION EXPENDED