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17 July - 197-BB

One B-25 made a weather reconnaissance mission to St. Georges Channel. Five strafing passes were made on a Sugar Charlie south-east of Cape Orford. One gun position was put out of action and light smoke was seen from the aft end of ship. Anti-aircraft fire holed the plane. 1200 rounds of ammunition were expended.

20 July - 200-General

Six B-25s went on a bombing and strafing mission of a partially completed bridge and two camp areas at the mouth of the Gogol River. The base of the bridge was believed knocked out by bomb hits but other results were unobserved. 12000 pounds of bombs were dropped and 10375 rounds of ammunition were expended.

22 July - 202-General

Six B-25s went on a bombing and strafing mission of two tracks north of Komiatum and a reported anti-aircraft gun position. 11700 pounds of bombs were dropped and 6800 rounds of ammunition were expended on the targets. All bombs fell in the general target area. Malolo village was heavily strafed. One of the B-25s was slightly damaged by explosion of bombs dropped by the lead bombing B-25s.

23 July - 203-CC

Four B-25s made a bombing and strafing mission on buildings and the general areas around Malolo. 9600 pounds of bombs were dropped, 3050 rounds of ammunition and nine 75 mm. shells were expended. A large building, believed to be the mission building, was hit by a bomb and practically demolished. Tracers were seen to enter several European-type buildings. Results were otherwise unobserved. This is the first mission where the 75 mm. cannon mounted on a plane was used.

24 July - 204-AA

Two B-25s flew a Radar Tracking mission to Kiriwina Islands.

28 July - 208-BB

One B-25 made a weather reconnaissance in the Lae-Salamaua dropping area.

29 July - 209-CC

Seven B-25s made a bombing and strafing attack against a large damaged two stack destroyer off Cape Cloucester Airdrome. The destroyer was practically demolished by direct hits and left in a burning condition with a violent explosion occurring about 20 minutes after the attack terminated. The pilot and observer was injured by shrapnel coming through the canopy of one of the B-25s. All anti-aircraft positions of the destroyer were silenced by the attack. 13000 pounds of bombs were dropped and 5400 rounds of ammunition were expended in strafing.

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