

Missing Air Crew Reports

October 22, 1943 - 9 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF Kahili A/F and surrounding areas are pounded by 22 B-24's, 30 plus P-39's and P-40's and about 160 Navy ftrs and dive bmrs. 18 B-24's and Navy airplanes hit tgts in Choiseul I area. Other Navy aircraft hit Kara A/F. A single B-24 claims hits on a carrier NW of Buka.

October 24, 1943 - 6 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 36 B-25's, along with 24 RNZAF P-40's and 4 Navy F4U's, in 1 force, and 20 AAF ftr and 70-plus Navy ftrs and dive bmrs in another force, pound Kahili A/F.

October 26, 1943 - 4 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF Kahili A/F is hit twice during the day by B-24's, B-25's, P-38's, P-40's, P-39's, and Navy ftrs and dive bmrs. Buka I A/F is strafed by P-38's and then bombed and strafed by B-25's and P-38's. P-39's and P-40's join Navy ftrs and dive bmrs in strike on Kara A/F.

October 28, 1943 - 6 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF P-40's and P-39's join Navy ftrs and dive bmrs in attacks on Kara and Ballale I A/Fs. Almost 200 aircraft are involved in the 2 strikes. Kara A/F is also pounded by 19 B-24's.

October 30, 1943 - 11 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF Kara A/F is bombed by 16 B-24's and shortly afterwards is hit by 90-plus Navy dive bmrs escorted by Navy and AAF ftrs. Airstrip and other tgts at Kieta are attacked by 6 B-25's, 12 P-39's and Navy aircraft. Tonolai harbor area is hit by 8 P-40's and 17 Navy planes.

October 31, 1943 - 2 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 20-plus B-25's, with ftr spt, bomb Kara A/F.

November 6, 1943 - 5 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 9 B-25's with Navy ftr spt hit Buka A/F and harbor. 1 other bombs Kieta and attacks Tinputs Harbor. 7 barges and small vessels are claimed sunk. 24 B-25's with ftr spt follow Navy dive bmrs and ftrs in attack on Kara A/F. 17 B-24's bomb Bonis A/F.

November 11, 1943 - 12 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF A few B-25's and Navy F4U's strafe barges and shore installations on Matchin Bay. B-24's join Fifth AF, Navy carrier aircraft, and RAAF airplanes in attack on shipping in Rabaul harbor. This is the Thirteenth's first strike on Rabaul. Escorting U.S. Army Air Forces of World War II, Chronology <http://www.armyairforces.com/Data/Chronology.aspx> 2 of 3 6/11/2016 1:24 AM installations on Matchin Bay. B-24's join Fifth AF, Navy carrier aircraft, and RAAF airplanes in attack on shipping in Rabaul harbor. This is the Thirteenth's first strike on Rabaul. Escorting ftrs claim 17 Japanese ftrs shot down while the HBs claim 5. U.S. Army Air Forces of World War II, Chronology <http://www.armyairforces.com/Data/Chronology.aspx> 3 of 3 6/11/2016 1:24 AM

November 13, 1943 - 31 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 17 B-24's pound AA positions, dispersal areas, and runway at Bonis A/F. 6 B-25's carry out

low-level raid on Buka A/F. Night ftrs harass Shortland I and Kahili and Bonis A/Fs, claiming 4 grounded airplanes destroyed at the latter.

November 15, 1943 - 7 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 20 B-24's strike Buka A/F, and 18 bomb Kahili. Ftr patrols destroy or damage several barges along the coast of Bougainville and destroy 2 fuel dumps at Tonolai.

November 17, 1943 - 4 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 30-plus B-25's hit Buka A/F and surrounding areas during 16/17 Nov and 2 sqs of B-24's follow with daylight strike on same tgt. 8 other B-24's bomb Buka and Bonis at various times during 16/17 Nov. During the afternoon 3 B-25's hit Kieta.

November 18, 1943 - 12 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 4 sqs of B-24's pound Buka and Kara A/Fs. 3 B-25's strafe Greenwich I.

November 19, 1943 - 2 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 10 B-25's bomb Matchin Bay and Ballale I A/F areas.

November 21, 1943 - 3 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF Gen Twining, CO MAIRSOLS, is succeeded by Gen Mitchell, USMC. A few B-25's on shipping search strafe Kieta.

November 24, 1943 - 8 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 25 B-24's bomb Buka and Chabai. 20 B-25's hit Kahili A/F, and 6 others bomb and strafe a possible radio station at Mutupina Pt. Ftr patrols strafe Gazelle and Queen Carola Harbors, sinking a barge and damaging a schooner.

November 26, 1943 - 37 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF Buka and Bonis A/F are hit by more than 40 B-24's, 30-plus B-25's, and more than 30 ftr aircraft. A few B-34's attack Green I, causing heavy damage in bivouac and supply area and sinking a barge. A single B-25 bombs Ballale I A/F.

November 28, 1943 - 2 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 6 B-25's bomb ant strafe Mutupina Pt area. Ftrs strafe Tinputs Harbor, barges at Tonolai and T/Os along W coast of Bougainville.

November 30, 1943 - 10 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 17 B-25's bomb Malai on Shortland I. Ftr aircraft (AAF and Navy) attack barges and AA guns at Tonolai, SE coast of Ballale I, NW tip of Choiseul I, Amun above Cape Moltke, Numa Numa, and Chabai. Others cover dive bmrs attacking Jakohina Mission area, gun positions at Kangu and Malabita Hill, and in Mosigetta area. A few B-34's hit Mawareka area.

December 2, 1943 - 6 MACRs for this date

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6/11/2016 1:26 AM Chabai, and Mutupina Pt. 6 B-25's bomb Sarime Plantation."

December 2, 1943 - 6 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 20-plus B-25's hit Malai and attack position.s on Porror R and Rigu Mission at Kieta. More than 20 B-24's bomb Korovo. Ftr patrol strafes Chabai area. U.S. Army Air Forces of World War II, Chronology <http://www.armyairforces.com/Data/Chronology.aspx> 3 of 3 6/11/2016 1:26 AM

December 4, 1943 - 3 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF XIII FC completes move from the New Hebrides to Guadalcanal. 21 B-24's attack Chabai. 17 B-25's follow with strike on same tgt.

December 6, 1943 - 5 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 6 B-25's bomb Monoitu Mission area, and 24 others, with ftr spt, pound Tarlena village. P-40's carry out strafing strike in Arawa Bay area near Kieta. P-38's strafe W coast of Buka. General ftr patrols strafe Chabai, Koromira, and Monoitu areas. Kieta supply area is bombed by a B-24 on armed rcn."

January 31, 1944 - 18 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 40-plus Allied ftrs cover strike by Navy dive bmrs on Tobera. 8 airplanes are claimed shot down. The strike is immediately followed by an attack by 17 B-24's, with ftr spt, on same tgt.

February 4, 1944 - 30 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 25 B-25's, escorted by 40-plus ftrs, pound A/F at Tobera. 18 B-24's, covered by 30-plus P-38's and Navy ftrs, hit A/F at Vunakanau.

February 6, 1944 - 14 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF B-34's and P-39's hit barges in Green I area. Lakunai A/F is hit by 32 B-25's, covered by more than 60 AAF and Navy ftrs, and shortly afterwards by 19 B-24's, escorted by nearly 50 Allied ftrs. Allied aircraft claim 16 airplanes shot down. Lakunai is practically unservicable as result of cumulative damage. U.S. Army Air Forces of World War II, Chronology <http://www.armyairforces.com/Data/Chronology.aspx> 3 of 3 6/11/2016 1:28 AM

February 9, 1944 - 5 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF P-40's and Navy ftrs cover Navy dive-bmr attack on Vunakanau A/F, scoring many hits on AA positions, buildings, and runways. 24 B-24's with Navy ftr escort follow with strike on same tgt, hitting runways and revetment area. 19 B-24's, with 20 P-38's supporting, hit Tobera A/F, thoroughly saturating runway.

February 11, 1944 - 25 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF P-40's join Navy ftrs in covering Navy dive-bmr strike on Wunapope. 22 B-25's, escorted by Navy ftrs, pound Vunakanau A/F. Tobera A/F is bombed by 15 B-24's with P-38 and Navy ftr escort.

February 12, 1944 - 9 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 23 B-25's, with Navy ftrs in spt, bomb Tobera A/F. 21 B-24's, escorted by P-39's and Navy ftrs, pound Vunakanau A/F. P-40's join Navy ftrs in covering Navy dive-bmr strike on Lakunai.

February 13, 1944 - 5 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 20 B-25's bomb Tobera A/F, and 23 B-24's bomb Lakunai A/Fs. Both forces are escorted by

fters. P-40's and Navy ftrs escort Navy SBD's and TBF's divebombing runway and AA positions at Vunakanau.

February 14, 1944 - 10 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF B-24's bomb Rabaul area in a diversionary strike while Navy TBF's lay mines in Simpson Harbor. 30 escorted B-25's pound Vunakanau A/F while 28 B-24's, also with escort, bomb Rapopo A/F. P-40's and Navy ftrs escort Navy dive-bmr raid on Tobera gun positions and A/F revetments. 4 B-25's also bomb Tobera. On Bougainville weather clears, permitting the first attacks, by 19 B-25's, on Kara and Kahili, in recent weeks. P-39's attack Puriata R bridges.

February 19, 1944 - 12 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 20 P-40's and 40-plus Navy ftrs escort about 70 Navy dive bmrs in attack on Lakunai A/F. Ftr cover claims 22 airplanes shot down. 6 B-24's bomb same tgt immediately afterward. 14 B-24's, with P-38 and Navy ftr escort, hit Tobera A/F."

February 22, 1944 - 77 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 20 P-40's and 40-plus Navy ftrs cover 70 Navy dive bmrs attacking Keravia Bay shipping. 40-plus B-24's, with ftr escorts, bomb Lakunai and Keravat A/Fs.

February 24, 1944 - 82 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF P-40's and Navy ftrs escort Navy dive bmr attack on Wunapope supply area. Some of the ftrs later strafe sub off Cape Gazelle. 20-plus B-25's, some with Navy ftr escorts, attack Tobera, Keravat, and Vunakanau A/Fs and town of Rabaul. 14 P-38's hit Wunapope and Cape Gazelle area. Cape Saint George is attacked by 24 B-24's when Vunakanau area is overcast."

February 26, 1944 - 4 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF P-40's join Navy ftrs in covering Navy dive bmr strike on Wunapope supply and shipping facilities. 22 B-25's, with ftr spt, follow up with the day's second strike on Wunapope. Shortly afterwards, 17 P-38's strike the same tgt. 12 P-39's bomb and strafe Monoitu, Ruisei, Makapeko, and Mawareka. U.S. Army Air Forces of World War II, Chronology <http://www.armyairforces.com/Data/Chronology.aspx> 3 of 3
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February 28, 1944 - 9 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 22 B-25's, with ftr escort, pound Rabaul; 9 mins later 12 P-38's glide-bomb Rabaul; 2 mins afterward 11 B-24's pound the same tgt. 6 other B-24's bomb Rapopo. P-40's and Navy ftrs escort Navy dive bmrs in strike on Wunapope. P-39's attack Monoitu Mission.

March 1, 1944 - 2 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF B-24's bomb Kahili. P-38's hit Ballale and Buka. P-39's bomb and strafe Monoitu Mission.

April 19, 1944 - 9 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 21 B-24's bomb Satawan A/F, hitting the tgt area with about 50 tons of high explosives. 38 FBs hit Matupi supply areas while 7 bomb Rapopo airstrip. Ftrs hit Numa Numa area.

April 22, 1944 - 33 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF About 40 B-25's bomb supply areas at Ratawul and Talili Bay, pound Keravat, and hit area between Rapopo and Cape Gazelle. 40-plus FBs attack runway and gun positions at Rapopo while 9

strike Lakunai A/F. During 22/23 Apr, 17 B-24's bomb Dublon, Param, and Eten Is.

April 24, 1944 - 66 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF Weather continues to curtail strikes in the Bismarcks. 10 P-40's hit runway and revetments at Tobera. Ftr sweeps account for several trucks and barges in Rabaul New Ireland area.

April 25, 1944 - 26 MACRs for this date

U.S. Army Air Forces of World War II, Chronology <http://www.armyairforces.com/Data/Chronology.aspx> 2 of 3 6/11/2016 1:32 AM several trucks and barges in Rabaul New Ireland area.

April 25, 1944 - 26 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF Just before dawn 15 B-24's hit Dublon, Moen, Fefan, Uman, and Falo Is. 23 B-25's bomb airstrip and revetments at Tobera. 12 P-39's leave stockpiles aflame at Baitisi."

April 29, 1944 - 84 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF More than 40 P-39's bomb and strafe tgts throughout Bougainville and Buka, including Sipapai Mission, Kieta area, Lontis, Numa Numa, Ibu, Toborei, Totavi, Aitara, and Baitisi. 24 B-25's bomb A/Fs at Kara and Buka. Allied ftr sweeps continue over N Solomons and New Ireland, where huts, barges, and other T/Os are attacked.

May 1, 1944 - 10 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 24 B-24's over Borpop area attack coastal guns. 40-plus FBs and more than 30 Navy dive bmrs pound Vunakambi Plantation. 38 P-39's, flying 18 different missions, hit a variety of tgts on SW Bougainville, including missions at Tinputs, Koromira, and Tsimba, Hongorai R crossing, Numa Numa bridge, and huts at Aravia and Kunapaupau.

May 7, 1944 - 31 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 15 B-25's, hampered by bad weather, attack coastal gun on Cape Friendship and bomb W coast of Rantan I. 70-plus P-39's, P-38's, and P-40's bomb numerous tgts throughout Buka and Bougainville, including shipping and supply area at Chabai and Tsirogei, huts at Hiru Hiru, near Tonu, and at Monoitu, and bridges W of Haigi and on Miwo R.

May 11, 1944 - 24 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 8 P-38's bomb supply-personnel area W of Tobera. 12 B-25's, 12 P-40's and 3 B-24's hit Vunakanau A/F. Ftrs on sweeps and bombing missions over the Bismarcks hit various tgts at Kabanga Plantation, Gazelle Peninsula area, N of Sae R, and at Labout. 70-plus P-39's, P-40's, and P-38's (flying total of 18 missions) attack variety of tgts, including piers at Chabai, Ratsua, and Porton, wooded area near Pipipaia, town of Siruluna, bridge at Tokinotu, and A/F at Buka. U.S. Army Air Forces of World War II, Chronology <http://www.armyairforces.com/Data/Chronology.aspx> 2 of 3 6/11/2016 1:32 AM Labout. 70-plus P-39's, P-40's, and P-38's (flying total of 18 missions) attack variety of tgts, including piers at Chabai, Ratsua, and Porton, wooded area near Pipipaia, town of Siruluna, bridge at Tokinotu, and A/F at Buka.

May 16, 1944 - 6 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 40-plus FBs hit Vunakanau area. Ftrs on sweeps hit barges at Jacquinet Bay and Mioko Harbour, vehicles at Kurakakaul, Mandres Bay, and Vunarima, and N of Vunakanau, a small vessel in Mandres Bay, and a sawmill at Keravat. FBs hit occupied areas at Tunuru, near Kieta, near Manetai Mission, and at Tinputs. U.S. Army Air Forces of World War II, Chronology

May 25, 1944 - 43 MACRs for this date

U.S. Army Air Forces of World War II, Chronology <http://www.armyairforces.com/Data/Chronology.aspx> 1 of 3 6/11/2016 1:33 AM Buka-Bougainville tgts including Buka A/F, E Bougainville coastal bridges, and Cape Lalahan radar station.

May 25, 1944 - 43 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 3 B-24's bomb Rabaul, Lakunai, and Rapopo. 8 P-38's hit Vulcan Crater barge hideout. 12 B-25's, clouded out of Vunakanau, hit Talili Bay supply area. 15 B-25's, 32 P-39's, and P-40's, and 25 Navy dive bmrs hit supply areas at Porton. 4 other P-40's hit trucks at Monoitu Mission. 16 P-39's attack several T/Os, including Cape Lalahan radar station.

June 1, 1944 - 2 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF XIII BC moves from the New Hebrides to Los Negros. 9 B-25's bomb Matupi I and 3 hit SE part of Rabaul. 12 others pound personnel and supply area NE of Tobera. 30-plus P-38's and P-40's hit Talili Bay supply areas. 5 MBs hit barge hideout and buildings on Duke of York I. 30-plus P-39's attack Tonolai, Arigua, Arawa, and barges at Sohano I.

June 3, 1944 - 11 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF All scheduled strikes on Rabaul area are cancelled due to weather conditions. 20-plus P-39's, turned back from Rabaul area, hit Tsundawan-Porton road, vehicles in Komai area, and AA position at Kara.

June 8, 1944 - 37 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 24 B-25's bomb supply area at Ratawul. 32 P-39's bomb Tsirogei and supply area N of Buka. 6 P-38's hit Monoitu Mission.

June 10, 1944 - 74 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 8 P-38's skip-bomb supply tunnels at Keravia Bay while 4 others strafe nearby AA positions. AA guns S of Rapopo are attacked by 12 B-25's, 20 P-39's, and 20-plus Navy dive bmrs. Other B-25's bomb Ratawul. 31 P-39's and 20-plus Navy aircraft hit Chinatown at Buka and a supply area NE of the airstrip, a barge at Sohano I, trucks near Tsirogei, and a ford near Monoitu."

June 12, 1944 - 36 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 6 B-24's bomb runways at Tobera and Rapopo. 22 P-39's and 10 P-38's join 20-plus Navy airplanes in attacks on supply dumps near Ralum. 20 B-25's pound Malapau village. 44 P-39's hit Baku A/F, Tsirogei plantation, barges and pier S of Kleine I, and occupied area W of Komai.

June 14, 1944 - 55 MACRs for this date

Thirteenth AF 80-plus B-25's, P-38's, P-39's, and Navy aircraft hit supply areas and underground storages along N shore of Gazelle Peninsula from Vulcan Crater to Wunapope. Ralum, Keravia Bay, and Wunapope stores are the hardest hit. P-39's fly 27 sorties along U.S. Army Air Forces of World War II, Chronology <http://www.armyairforces.com/Data/Chronology.aspx> 1 of 2 6/11/2016 1:34 AM and underground storages along N shore of Gazelle Peninsula from Vulcan Crater to Wunapope. Ralum, Keravia Bay, and Wunapope stores are the hardest hit. P-39's fly 27 sorties along E shoreline of Bougainville from Bonis to Kieta, hitting Monoitu, Bonis, and pier at Kieta Mission.