



13TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)

JANUARY 1944

JANUARY 1944

- 1 Jan. - 1K1: Nine B-25s of the 13th Squadron attacked enemy troop concentrations in the Borgen Bay area. All bombs were dropped within the target areas but results were unobserved. 70 x 250 lb. bombs were dropped and 17,500 x .50 calibre ammunition and 400 x .30 calibre ammunition was expended.
- 2 Jan. - 2D-1: Nine B-25s were scheduled for a mission to Saidor, New Guinea but did not go because of bad weather.
- 4 Jan. - 4J-1: Nine B-25s attacked enemy artillery positions about 1 mile southwest of Silimati Point. All bombs were dropped in the target areas along with propaganda leaflets. Results were unobserved. 32 x 500 lb. bombs and 13,500 x .50 calibre ammunition were expended.
- 6 Jan. - 6C-1: Nine B-25s of the 13th Squadron were destined to hit enemy personnel positions from Gauss Point to Vincke Point. One large explosion was seen, indicating probable enemy dump hit. All other results of bomb bursts were unobserved. 54 x 300 lb. bombs, 22,500 x .50 calibre ammunition, 600 x .30 calibre ammunition were expended.
- 7 Jan. - 7E-1: Nine B-25s of the 13th Squadron attacked targets of opportunity from Wever Point to Vincke Point, New Guinea. Bombs and propaganda leaflets were dropped in the target areas but results were unobserved. 104 x 100 lb. bombs and 24,300 x .50 calibre ammunition were expended.

- 23 Jan. - 23K-1: Nine A-20s of the 13th Squadron bombed and strafed Songi Village, Yara village and Gali village. All bombs were dropped in target areas with unobserved results. 31 x 250 lb. bombs and 7,775 x .50 calibre ammunition were expended.
- 26 Jan. - 26J-1: Ten A-20s attacked enemy troops and supplies at Songa and Gali villages. 78 per cent of the bombs dropped in the target area. Both villages were heavily strafed. 24 x 300 lb. bombs and 9,200 x .50 calibre ammunition expended.
- 26 Jan. - 26N-1: Eight A-20s struck troop concentration at Natamo Point. Several fires were started but other results were unobserved. 22 x 250 lb. bombs and 6 x 300 lb. bombs and 9,200 x .50 calibre ammunition expended.
- 27 Jan. - 27G-1: Nine A-20s were assigned enemy troop concentrations in Aaron Village but returned to base due to bad weather.
- 29 Jan. - 29I-1: Nine A-20s bombed enemy defense positions east and south of Natamo river mouth. Many small clearings with mounds believed to be pill boxes were heavily bombed and strafed. Light ack-ack was encountered and some positions silenced. 29 x 300 lb. bombs and 11,300 x .50 calibre ammunition expended.

During the month of January the 13th Squadron flew eight missions and 72 sorties. A total of 47.9 tons of bombs were dropped on the enemy. 112,375 x .50 calibre ammunition and 1000 x .30 calibre ammunition was expended.