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Both Flight and Ground Echelon attached and operating under Marine Aircraft Group Twelve. Both based at Mirau for entire period. Squadron commanded by Major Joseph W. Kean, Jr., USMC.

MUSTER ROLL - WORKING ROSTER

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24. LYNES, Richard
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11. CLAY, Winford E.
12. COSTANZO, Vincent J.
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17. HONY, John F.
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22. LEE, James W.
23. LINBANDER, Edward L.
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26. MARZULLI, Domenick F., Jr.
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October 1, 1944: During the entire month the Flight Echelon carried out strikes on targets in Northern New Ireland and the New Britain area; the Ground Echelon was occupied in maintenance and servicing of 25 SB2C-5 aircraft.

Composition and strength:

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
Marine Corps:	59	309
Navy	1	8

Major J. W. Kean, Jr., U.S.M.C., assumed command of the squadron, relieving Major T. J. Ahern, U.S.M.C.

Two pilots and their gunners flew on local familiarization flights.

October 2: The following pilots and their gunners took part in a strike on Northern New Ireland.

<u>PILOTS</u>	<u>GUNNERS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Anderson	Buckley	Conf. damaging or direct hit on bldg. (Allen, Carlisle)
Carlisle	McNanna	Probable damaging hit on bridge.
Duryea	Dickinson	Probable damaging hit on bridge.
Allen	O'Connell	Probable damaging hit on bridge.
Brennan	Smith	Probable damaging hit on bridge.
Baker	Lopez	Probable damaging hit on bridge.
Waters	O'Neil	Probable damaging hit on bridge.
Blewett	Lascombe	
Brown	Larsen	
Brandon	Levin	
Gross	Nicholsen	
Grogan	Hanson	
Porter	Grube	Hit destroyed bldg.
Crutcher	Hiler	Probable damaging hit on building.
Rightmeyer	Grits	Probable damaging hit on building.
Ferris	Mucci	Probable damaging hit on building.
Williams	Garrett	Probable damaging hit on building.
Moore	Bruce	Probable damaging hit on building.

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Two pilots and their gunners flew to Torokina and returned.

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>GUNNER</u>
Heublein	McCann
Fineschio	Bekalis

Two pilots and their gunners flew on local familiarization flights.

October 3: Lt. Clarence J. Weimer, U.S.N. (MC) was detached to VMD-254, MAG-61.

All strikes were cancelled by weather.

Seven pilots and their gunners flew on local training and test flights.

October 4: There was no combat flying by the squadron.
Twenty pilots and their gunners flew on local training flights.

October 5: The following pilots and their gunners took part in a strike on Vulcan Grater barge sheds.

<u>PILOTS</u>	<u>GUNNERS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
✓ Kennedy	Grube	Confirmed damaging hit on AA, silencing 1 gun. (Hill and Fineschio)
✓ Fineschio	Wynore	
✓ McCullough	Morris	
Heublein	Linebarger	Confirmed damaging hit on barges. (Gross)
Hill	Keating	
Moore	Brace	Gunner reported hit damaged or destroyed building.
Kean	Thompson	
Rightmyer	Anselme	Reported damaging hit on 2 barges.
Porter	Garrett	
Brandon	Clay	
Gross	Dickenson	
Grogan	Harnan	
Anderson	Buckley	
Carlisle	McKenna	
Duryea	Dickenson	
Allen	McCann	
Brennan	Smith	
Baker	Lopez	

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October 6: Lt. Jason L. Wiley, Jr., U.S.N.(MC), joined the squadron from VMF-254, MAG-61.

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<u>PILOTS</u>	<u>GUNNERS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Kennedy	Grube	Damaging or direct hit on building.
Lahay	Carter	Damaging or direct hit on building.
McElhinney	Levin	Damaging or direct hit on building.
Renshaw	Lacombe	Damaging or direct hit on building.
Conlin	Hill	Damaging or direct hit on building.
Carroll	Morris	Damaging or direct hit on building.
Kean	Thompson	Damaging or direct hit on building.
Knowles	Lackey	Damaging or direct hit on building.
Clemetsen	Hiler	Damaging or direct hit on building.
Corbett	Garrett	Damaging or direct hit on building.
Currie	Horton	Damaging or direct hit on building.
Child	Pearcell	Damaging or direct hit on building.
Crutcher	Campbell	Damaging or direct hit on building.
Rightmeyer	Roll	Confirmed damaging hit on bridge.
Hafeman	Boddy	
Acker	Coppage	Confirmed direct hit on bridge.
Andersen	Cooley	
Constock	Eagle	

Two pilots and their gunners flew on local familiarisation flights.

October 7: There were no combat flights by the squadron. Twenty-one pilots and their gunners flew on local training and test flights.

October 8: The following pilots and their gunners struck targets in Northern New Ireland.

<u>PILOTS</u>	<u>GUNNERS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Crutcher	Colbert	
Rightmeyer	Loy	
Porter	Mucci	
Morgan	Glave	
Ahrens	Coppage	
Williams	Levin	
Kean	Thompson	
Knowles	Marlow	

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<u>PILOTS</u>	<u>GUNNERS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Clemetsen	Pepplewell	
Corbett	Garrett	
Currie	Horton	
Child	Pearson	
Ferrin	McGann	
Albert	Christensen	
Carnan	Campbell	
Elmes	Denke	
Hafeman	Boddy	
Constock	Nagle	

Ten pilots and their gunners flew on local training or test flights.

October 9: Major Duval, strike operations officer, Major Ahern, and their gunners, Harper and Hurd, flew to Forokina.
Eighteen pilots and their gunners flew on local training flights.

October 10: Major Duval, strike operations officer, Major Ahern, and their gunners, Harper and Hurd, returned from Forokina.

October 11: There was no combat flying by the squadron.

October 12: Fifty-five pilots and their gunners flew on local training flights.

October 13: Thirty-five pilots and their gunners flew on local training flights.

October 14: The following pilots and their gunners took part in a strike on Northern New Ireland.

<u>PILOTS</u>	<u>GUNNERS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Kennedy	Grube	
Lahy	Carter	
McElhinney	Trice	
Renshaw	Larson	
Scalin	Hill	
Carroll	Morris	
McKinney	McGann	Conf. damaging or direct hit on bridge. (Allen).
Albert	Christensen	Probable direct or damaging hit on bldgs.
Carnan	Campbell	Probable direct or damaging hit on bldgs.
Allen	O'SConnell	Probable direct or damaging hit on bldgs.
Hill	Keating	Probable direct or damaging hit on bldgs.
Duryea	Dickenson	Probable direct or damaging hit on bldgs.

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Two pilots and their gunners flew on local test flights.

October 15: Two pilots and their gunners flew on local observation flights.

October 16: There was no flying by the squadron.

October 17: The following pilots and their gunners took part in strikes on targets in Northern New Ireland.

PILOTS	GUNNERS	REMARKS
Allen	O'Connell	Confirmed damaging hit on buildings.
Knewles	Marlow	Confirmed damaging hit on buildings.
Glanetson	Popplewell	
Serbett	Garrett	
Currie	Morton	
Child	Pearsall	
Anderson	Buckley	Damaging hit on buildings.
Carlisle	McHanna	Damaging hit on buildings.
Baker	Lopes	Damaging hit on buildings.
McKinney	McGann	Damaging hit on buildings.
Brennan	Smith	Damaging hit on buildings.
Yukna	Anselmo	Damaging hit on buildings.

The following pilots and their gunners flew on division tactics.

PILOTS	GUNNERS
Waters	O'Neil
Blewett	Duncan
Brown	Patterson
Brandon	Clay
McElhinney	Trice
Grogan	Karnon

The squadron was instructed by the staff of ComAir Mairou to begin a program of training in the close support of ground troops. A series of lectures was begun, as well as the planning of practical problems.

October 18: There was no flying by the squadron.

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October 19: The following pilots and their gunners took part in a strike on Mataval.

<u>PILOTS</u>	<u>GUNNERS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Kennedy	Grube	
Lahey	Carter	
McElhiney	Trice	
Henshaw	Larsen	
Conlin	Hill	
Carroll	Maurus	
McKinney	McCann	
Albert	Christensen	Confirmed damaging hit on buildings.
Carman	Campbell	Confirmed damaging hit on buildings.
Acker	Lacobe	Confirmed damaging hit on buildings.
Andersen	Cooley	
Constock	Eagle	Reported damaging hit on buildings.
Heublein	Boll	
Finocchio	Wynore	Returned with engine trouble.
McGullough	Morris	Returned with engine trouble.
Ahrens	Coppage	
Moore	Bruce	
Hill	Keating	

Twenty-two pilots and their gunners flew on local training flights.

October 20: One SB2-C, serial number 36776, was severely damaged when its pilot, Lt. Finocchio, ground looped after making a landing. Parts required to repair the plane were the starboard wing, stabilizer, elevator, wheel, and all three sections of the landing flaps.

Two pilots and their gunners flew on local training flights.

October 21: There was no flying by the squadron.

October 22: Sixteen pilots and their gunners flew on local training or test flights.

October 23: Twenty pilots and their gunners flew on local training or test flights.

October 24: Eighteen pilots and their gunners flew on five bombing flights over New Hanover, using as a target old ship hulks on the beach.

Two pilots and their gunners flew on local test flights.

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October 25: There was no flying by the squadron.

October 26: Nineteen pilots and their gunners flew on dive bombing flights over New Hanover, using as a target old ship hulks on the beach. 1918

October 27: The following pilots and their gunners took part in a strike on AA positions and buildings at Præd Point.

<u>PILOTS</u>	<u>GUNNERS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Kean	Thompson	
Knowles	Marlew	
Glemetsen	Popplewell	
Corbett	Garrett	
Currie	Horton	
Child	Fearsall	Gunner reported hit on gun position. Conf. direct hit on building. (Popplewell).
Anderson	Buckley	Conf. direct or damaging hit on gun position (Jensen).
Carlisle	Smith	
Jensen	Weixler	Gunner reported his strafing set building afire.
Elmes	Donke	
Brennan	Smith	Bomb hung.
Yukna	Anselmo	
Waters	O'Neil	
Blewett	Duncan	
Brown	Patterson	
Brandon	Clay	
Gross	Nicholson	
Grogan	Harnon	

October 28: Thirty-eight pilots and their gunners flew on training flights, dive bombing hulks off New Hanover. HC

October 29: Six pilots and their gunners flew on local training flights.

October 30: The following pilots and their gunners struck Karmiraba Plantation in Northern New Ireland.

<u>PILOTS</u>	<u>GUNNERS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Kennedy	Grube	
Lahay	Garter	
McElhinney	Trice	
Leachaw	Larsen	
Conlin	Kill	
Garrell	Maurus	Gunner confirmed direct hit on large hut

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October 31: Eighteen pilots and their gunners took part in Air-ground support training flights.

Twelve planes flew on local training flights.

Composition and strength:

Marine Corps:

Officers

Enlisted

54

311

Navy:

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