

FLARES OFFSHORE BARAKOMA



On 15 August 1943 FCPO Yamamoto Sei'ichi makes a bomb run over a green flare with Vella Lavella in the background. USN anti-aircraft fire will soon force his early return to Buin.



Barakoma airstrip on the verge of completion, a main objective of the seizure of Vella Lavella. The fighters in the distance are 44th FS Warhawks.



The destroyer USS Eaton (DD-510) in 1943.



The tail of Betty W2-373, discernible as a No. 4 Chutai bomber by one wide and one narrow diagonal stripe.