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p.167 The 8th Fighter Group's losses in transit - Wolf, *Fifth Fighter Command*, p.149; Wilson, *Decisive factor*, p.65-68.

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p.170 The 8th Fighter Group's 30 April claims and actuality – Stanaway, *Attack & conquer*, p.36-38; Hess, *Pacific sweep*, p.38; Hata & Izawa, *Japanese naval aces*, p.377; Tagaya, *Betty units*, p.40; Ruffato & Claringbould, *Eagles of the southern sky*, p.90-92.

p.170 Effect of this raid on the Japanese - Japanese Monograph No.120; Ruffato & Claringbould, *Eagles of the southern sky*, p.92.

p.170f The 1 May raid on Moresby - Stanaway, *Attack & conquer*, p.43-44; Hata & Izawa, *Japanese naval aces*, p.377; Ruffato & Claringbould, *Eagles of the southern sky*, p.96.

p.171f The 2 May raid on Moresby - Stanaway, *Attack & Conquer*, p.45; Hata & Izawa, *Japanese naval aces*, p.377; Wilson, *Decisive factor*, p.69; Ruffato & Claringbould, *Eagles of the southern sky*, p.98-99.

p.172 No.75 Squadron claims - No.75 Squadron unit diary, National Archives of Australia: A9186, 95; Wilson, *Decisive factor*, p.201-202.

p.172f Japanese losses - Wilson, *Seek and strike*, p.46; The figure of only 12 losses in total is questionable, as two Zeros were shot down by Hudsons on 22 March, one by AA fire at 7-Mile on 23 March, one hit the sea while showing off near Abau on 28 April, one by A-24 rear gunners on 7 April, one crashed in the mountains on 17 April due to engine trouble, and three were shot down by the US 8th Fighter Group on 30 April, 1 May and 2 May respectively; additionally, one bomber crashed on 31 March because the crew suicided. However, any such arithmetical anomaly is entirely plausible, explainable by observable inconsistencies in Japanese categorisation of their own losses – as seen in the Japanese Monographs.

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p.173 Brett's claimed kill ratio - US Army Air Forces, *AAF in Australia*, p.81.

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