



*Catalina A24-15 of RAAF No. 11 Squadron, Port Moresby was the first RAAF Catalina lost in the Pacific theatre. It crashed into a hill on Gemo Island, Fairfax Harbour, when departing Port Moresby in evening darkness on 8 December 1942. The cause of the crash was undetermined, however engineers at the time suggested a faulty rudder trim might have contributed to the cause. The maximum payload of sixteen 250-pound general purpose bombs is illustrated.*