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TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)		NUMBER ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)			BOMBS A	ND TORPEDOE (PER PLANE (f)		FUZE,	SETTING
-NJ-LJ	VMB423	6	None	6	3 X	1000#	GP		Nose: A	
-NJ-1J	Valb423	1	None	1		500 #			Tall: N	
111. 01	THER U. S.	OR ALLIED	AIRCRAFT	EMPLOYED	) IN TH	HIS OPERA	TION.			
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE		TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	В	BASE
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TYPE	OBSERVED N	NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	ENCOUNTERED	. ENCO	ION OF UNTER	ВС	OMBS, TORPEI GUNS OF	DOES CARRIED		OUFLAGE AND MARKING
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Did Any Encounte	er(s) Occur Dav and Brill	in Clouds?_ iance	(YES OR NO)				(BASE IN		ND TENTHS OF CO	OVER)
V. ENE	MY AIRCRA		OYED OR DA				rcraft list	_(k) Visib	1	MILES)
TYPE IEMY A/C	(B) DESTRUTE	D OR DAMAGE	D BY:				-CIGIT LIST		(c)	(d)
one	TIPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT C	DR GUNNER		GUNS USE	D	WHERE H	HIT, ANGLE	CLAIME
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in 11 only).

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
None				
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
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	SQUADRON	SQUADRON NAME, RANK OR RATING	SQUADRON NAME, RANK OR RATING CAUSE

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) TYPE	(b) MILES	(b) (c) MILES MILES	AV. HOURS	(e) AV FUEL	(†) A\/ ELIE	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h)
A/C	OUT	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
PRI-LI	1.63	154	Obman O	07A	330	Mono	920 m sa	Mana	Blanc	<b>6</b> 3
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IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	XX			
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	XX			
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	XX			

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes TURNS DIVES CEILINGS

RANGE

PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

No enemy aircraft encountered.

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XI. ATTACK ON EN	NEMY SHIPS OF	R GROUND OBJECT	IVES (B	y Own Ai	rcraft Listed	in II Only		
(a) Target(s) and Location	n(s) (FOR SHI	PS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA	UNDER AT	in (	b) Time Ove	er Target(s)	1013-10	(Zone)
(c) Clouds Over Target	.7 to .	8 Middle Clo	T. TYPE AN	D TENTHS OF	COVER)			
(d) Visibility of Target	CLEAR, HA	TY PARTIALLY OBSCURED	by CLOUE	o udo	(e) \	/isibility	10-15 M	lles
(f) Bombing Tactics: Type	Lovel	(LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE	)	Bo	omb Sight Us	sed	Mark 15	
Bombs Dropped per Ru								
(g) Number of Enemy Air								
(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BON	(I) ABS AND AM DED EACH A	MUNITION IMING POINT	NO HITS On Aiming Paint	DAMAGE IN serious destro	lone state to the sed or state
Tunekanau (10		7 VMB-423	6 X	500 # 1000#	GP GP	Sec(o)		
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(O) RESULTS: (For all hits claimed on ship targets and for land targets of special interest draw diagram, top or side view or both as appropriate showing type and location of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sheets if necessary)

Eighty percent of the PBJ bombs were in the target in spite of the clouds. PV bombs overshot the target and hit the north end of the runway. The location of bomb hits with relation to the target is shown on the attached photograph.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA. (Narrative and comment, Describe action fully and comment freely, following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

#### ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY OWN AIRCRAFT

Altitudes
Speeds
Approach Tactics
Use of Cover, Deception
Angles of Attack and
Their Effectiveness
Distance of Opening Fire
Defense Tactics and
Their Effectiveness

#### ENEMY AIRCRAFT

Method of Locating, Distance
Disposition
Altitudes
Speeds
Approach Tactics
Use of Cover, Deception
Angles of Attack
Distance of Opening Fire
Defensive Tactics

### COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Own Weaknesses
Enemy Weaknesses
Offensive Tactics, Own
"", Enemy
Defensive Tactics, Own
"", Enemy
Flexible Gunnery, Own
Escort Tactics
Fighter Direction
Use of Radar
Night Fighting

Recognition, Aircraft

# OWN TACTICS

Method of Locating Target
Approach to Target
Altitudes, Speeds
Approach
Dive
Pull-Out
Dive Angle
Strafing
Retirement
Defensive Tactics
Use of Jamming

#### DEFENSE, ENEMY

Evasive Tactics, Ships Concealment Searchlights Night Fighter Tactics Use of Jamming

# COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Bombing Tactics
Torpedo Tactics
Effectiveness of
Bombs, Torpedoes
Selection of Targets
Fuzing
Strafing Tactics
Defensive Tactics
Use of Radar
Reconnaissance
Photography

#### OPERATIONAL

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Navigation
Homing
Rendezvous
Recogn tion, Ships
Communications
Flight Operations
Search and Tracking
Base Operations
Maintenance

CALL		PILOT	7/0	GREEN	T/0/T	P/C GREEN
301B21 302B21 303B21 305B21 306B21 *307B21	Major	LOWILL WORKMAN HOMBOE BVANS HICKS VAN HORN BEAIRD		0845 0846 0846 0847 0847 0848	1013 1013 1013 1013 1014	1048 1049 1050 1051 1052 1053

Captain BEAIRD flew as leader of the New Zealand Squadron.

Major LOWELL, Operations Officer, led seven PBJs of VBB-423 and five PVs of NZ-3 in a medium altitude day-light strike on Target No. 10, Vunakanau, New Britain. The formation was composed of six PBJs in two, three plane sections and one PBJ and five PVs in two, three plane sections in column javelin down. Captain BEAIRD flow as leader of the Venturas so that he could do the sighting for the second squadron since the PVs do not carry a bombsight.

The strike was airborne by 0850 and after joining up as described above the formation proceeded to Adler Bay, New Britain. From this point the flight took a course of 306° magnetic for sixteen miles then turned left for a bomb run of 306° magnetic for the bomb run. The target was covered with clouds so bombs were not dropped. Two more runs were made before the flight found an approach sufficiently clear of clouds to permit bombing.

The PBJs released their bombs at 1013 from 11,300 feet on a course of 090° magnetic with 160 knots indicated. The PVs dropped one minute later from 10,800 feet on the same course and speed.

Following the bomb release the formation broke to the right and returned to base without incident all planes being safely on deck by 1059.

No anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

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(All times in this narrative are love).

WARD D. MARTIN Capt., USHCR Intelligence Officer

H. W. TAYLOR Major, USMC Acting

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