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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED  
(Reclassify when filled out)

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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## XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) New Britain (b) Time Over Target(s) 0840-0920 (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target CAVU  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 30 miles  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Level Bomb Sight Used Mark 15  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run 2 & 3 Spacing Varied Altitude of Bomb Release 11,000  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None Damaged None

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 Yunokaneu Radio-Radar Station		1 VMB-423	3 X 1000 # GP	See (a)	
3 Keravat Personnel Area		1 VMB-423	2 X 1000 # GP	See (a)	
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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 target of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

**Bomb hits in relation to the target are shown on the attached photographs.**

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes 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**

Disposition  
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  
Defense 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

**ATTACK**

**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  
Briefing

**OPERATIONAL**

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

CALL	PILOT	T/O GREEN	T/O/T	P/C GREEN
<b>4 February, 1945</b>				
301B21	LEMKE	0700	0804	0855
<b>10 February, 1945</b>				
301B21	IVERSON	0810	0920	1020

During the week of 4 February to 10 February, 1945, two PBJs have been used as squadron leader for the PV M2-2 squadron of Green, on medium altitude bombing raids. Since the PVs do not carry bombsights to conduct medium altitude raids, it is necessary for a PBJ to lead the strikes, to do the sighting for the squadron. This cooperation is considered as an opportunity for training VMB-423 pilots as squadron leaders in addition to its tactical purposes.

On 4 February, Captain LEMKE led eight PVs on a medium altitude bombing raid on the Vunakenu Radio-Radar Station. The formation approached the target on a heading of 010° magnetic dropping the bombs at 0804 from 11,000 feet. No anti-aircraft fire encountered. Bomb hits in relation to the target are shown on the attached photographs.

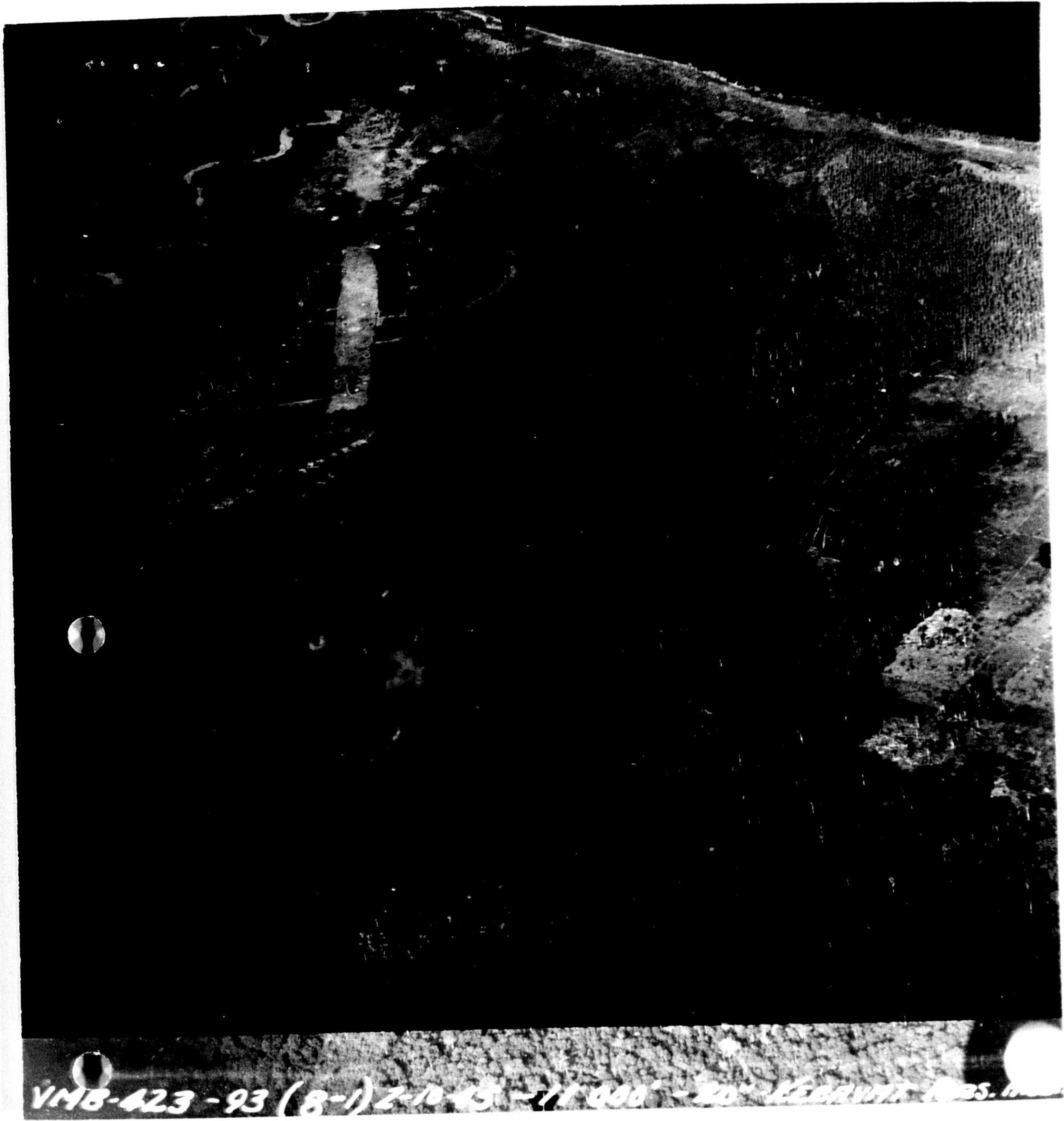
On 10 February, Captain IVERSON led eight PVs on a medium altitude bombing raid on the Keravat Personnel Area. The formation approached the target on a heading of 090° magnetic dropping the bombs at 0920 from 11,000 feet. No anti-aircraft fire encountered. Bomb hits in relation to the target are shown on the attached photographs.

(All times in this narrative are love).

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