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Clouds Over Target	.3 Scatter	(BASE IN FEET.	TYPE AND TENTHS O				
Visibility of Target	Partially	Obscured E	BY CLOUDS. ETC.)	(e) \	isibility	15 MILES	3
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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).

of the PBJs bombs, 6 five hundred pounders and 6 thousand pounders were in the target while 13 thousand pounders hit the sea and two hung and were returned to base. The pattern of bomb hits with relation to the target is shown on the attached photograph.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, 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 Defensive Tactics

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Own Weaknesses Enemy Weaknesses Offensive Tactics, Own Defensive Tactics, Own Flexible Gunnery, Own Escort Tactics Fighter Direction-

ATTACK OWN TACTICS

Use of Radar

Night Fighting

Recognition, Aircraft

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 Fuzina Strafing Tactics Defensive Tactics Use of Radar Reconnaissance Photography Briefina

OPERATIONAL

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

CALL		PILOT	T/0	GREEN	T/O/T	P/C GREEN
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302B21		SPAULDING	ļ.	0930	1129	1218
303821		KEITH		0931	1129	1219
304821		TAYLOR		0931	1130	1220
305821		MONROE		0932	11.30	1221
306821		FOWLER		0933	1130	1222
307821		HOPPER		0933	1130	1223
*308821		WALLER		0934	11.31	1215

Captain WALLER served as leader of the New Zealand Ventura Squadron.

Major TAYLOR, Executive Officer of VMB-423. lod eight PhJs of VMB-423 and five PVs of MZ-3 in a medium altitude daylight strike on Maturi Island. The formation was composed of seven Pals in one three plane section and one four plane diamond as the first squadron and one PBJ and five PVs in two, three plane sections as the second squadron. Captain WALLER in a PBJ flew as leader of the second squadron so that he could do the sighting for the New Zealand Pvs which do not carry a bombsight.

The mission was scheduled as an attack on Tobera Targets 2 and 3 coordinated with PBJs and PVs from Emirau. The Emirau planes failing to keep the rendezvous and the Tobers targets being closed the formation hit the alternate target, Matupi Island.

The strike was airborne by 0936 and after joining-up as described above proceeded to Adler Bay and across the Gazelle Peninsula to Pondo Point for rendezvous with planes from Emirau. Dairau failing to arrive and Tobers being covered with nine tenths of towering cumulus the formation proceeded to the alternate target at Matupi Island.

The PBJs released their bombs at 1129 from 10,400 feet at 180 knots indicated on a heading of 140° magnetic. The second squadron dropped from 10,000 feet at 1131 on a heading of 140° magnetic and 160 knots.

After bombing the formation broke to the left and returned to bass. All planes were safely on deck by 1223.

No anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary).

ARMAMENT

Guns, Gunsights Turrets Ammunition Bombs, Torpedoes Bomb Sights Bomb Releases

COMMUNICATIONS

Radio, Radar Homing Devices Visual Signals Codes, Ciphers

RECOGNITION

IFF Signals Battle Lights Procedures

PROTECTION

Armor; Points and Angles of Fire Needing Further Protection Leak Proofing

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

Parachutes Life Belts, Life Rafts Safety Belts Emergency Kits Rations, First Aid

NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT

Compasses Driftsights Octants Automatic Pilots Charts Field Lighting

INSTRUMENTS

Flight Power Plant

OXYGEN SYSTEM

CAMOUFLAGE AND DECEPTION DEVICES

STRUCTURE

Airframe Control Surfaces Control System Dive Flaps Landing Gear Heating System Flight Characteristics At Various Loadings

POWER PLANT

Engines Engine Accessories Propellers Lubricating System-Starters Exhaust Dampers

HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Auxiliary Plant Lights

FUEL SYSTEM

FLIGHT CLOTHING

MAINTENANCE

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

REPORT PREPARED BY:

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APPROVED BY:

HARRY W. TAYLOR Major, USMC

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