

VMB-423

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Report # 287

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## VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT

None

## VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES

None

Type A/C	Miles Out	Miles In	AV Hours in Air	AV Fuel Loaded	AV Fuel Consumed	Ammo Ex- pended	Planes Returning
PBJ-LJ	193	170	2hrs 17'	974	386	None	6

## IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED

None

## X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT

No enemy aircraft encountered.

XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES

(a) Target & Location: Nakaru #9, Bougainville (b) Time over Target: 0926

(c) Clouds over Target: .6 to .7 Low Cloud Cover.

(d) Visibility of Target: Hazy (e) Visibility: 15 miles

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type: Level Bomb Sight Used: Mark 15

Bombs Dropped per Run: 3 Spacing: 125' Altitude: 10,100 feet

(g) No. of Enemy A/C hit on Ground None <sup>Probably</sup> Destroyed None Damaged None

(h)	(i)	(j) (k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
Nakaru #9, Bougainville		6 VMB-423	18 X 1000# GP	See(o)	

(o) RESULTS:

All the bombs were in the target area with good coverage. The location of bomb hits with relation to the target are shown on the attached photograph.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes

PHOTOGRAPH

REFERENCE: VMB-423 (168) (3-2) (4-23-45) (8½:9,900') Nakaru #9, Boug.

## AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED  
(Reclassify when  
filled out)

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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
- " " , 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
301B21	Major LOWELL	0800	0926	1017
302B21	LINEN	0800	0926	1018
303B21	PEARCE	0801	0926	1018
304B21	HOPPER	0801	0926	1019
305B21	HUBER	0802	0926	1019
306B21	KEITH	0802	0926	1020

Major LOWELL, Operations Officer, led six PBJs of VMB-423 in a medium altitude daylight raid on target number 9, Nakaru, Bougainville. The formation was composed of two, three plane sections javelin down.

The strike was airborne by 0802 and after joining up as described above proceeded down the east coast of Bougainville to Koromira Point. From Koromira Point a course of 154° magnetic was flown to the Poritana River for bombardiers to figure drift. The flight then took a heading of 233° magnetic to a point east of Mt. Gulcher and turned into the bomb run.

The target was covered by .6 to .7 of cloud cover and a 180° turn was made. The bomb run was then made on a heading of 020° magnetic. Bombs were released from an altitude of 10,100 feet at 160 knots indicated air speed. Following the bombing the formation broke right and returned to base. All planes were safely on deck at Green by 1020.

All the bombs were in the target area with good coverage. The location of bomb hits in relation to the target are shown on the attached photograph.

No anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

(All times in this narrative are love).

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