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

None

VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES

None

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

TYPE A/C	MILES OUT	MILES IN	AV. HOURS IN AIR	AV. FUEL LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	AMMO. EXP.	PLANES RETURNING
PBJ-3J	190	210	2hr50'	974	466	None	6
PBJ-1D	190	210	2hr50'	974	575	None	3

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED

	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY				
MEDIUM	XX			
LIGHT	XX			
	XX			

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT

No enemy aircraft encountered

XI ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES

- (a) Target: Maiki #57, Bougainville (b) Time over Target: 1035 to 1045
- (c) Clouds over Target: .3 low scattered
- (d) Visibility of Target: Partially obscured by Clouds
- (e) Visibility: 20 miles
- (f) BOMBING TACTICS: Type: Level Bomb Sight Used: Mark 15
Bombs Dropped per Run: 1 Spacing: No Alt. of release: 9100 to 9500
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: None

(h) AIMING POINT	:	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	:	(l) BOMBS EXPENDED
Maiki # 57, Bougainville:	:	9 VMS-423	:	9 X 2000 # GP
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(o) RESULTS:

All bombs were in the target for unobserved results.
Target obscured by cloud cover in photographs taken.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes

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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

CALL	PILOT	T/O GREEN	T/O/T	P/C GREEN
301B21	Major LOWELL	0900	1040	1150
302B21	HOPPER	0900	1040	1151
303B21	HAZLEHURST	0901	1040	1152
304B21	WILHITE	0901	1035	1145
305B21	GAHAGEN	0902	1035	1146
306B21	MC GHEE	0902	1035	1147
307B21	MILONE	0903	1045	1210
308B21	GARTHWAITE	0903	1045	1211
309B21	ECKHARDT	0904	1045	1137

Major LOWELL led nine PBJs in a medium altitude daylight attack on Haiki target number fifty-seven, Bougainville. The formation was composed of nine PBJs in three, three plane sections.

The strike was airborne by 0904 and after joining up as described above proceeded to Oema Island on a heading of 135° magnetic where rendezvous was made with Corsairs from Piva at 1010 at 10,000 feet. From Oema Island the formation flew to Kleine Island on a course of 243° magnetic and turned into the bomb run.

The bombing run of the formation was made on a heading of 256° magnetic. The first section bombing from 9,500 feet, the second section from 9,300 feet and the third section from 9,100 feet. The air speed for all the sections was 155 knots indicated.

The Piva Corsairs after the rendezvous preceded the formation to the target and marked it with smoke bombs.

After passing the bomb release line the planes broke to the left and proceeded back to Kieta. From Kieta the third section proceeded back to Green, the first and second sections turning inland at this point and proceeded to Ruri Bay where they strafed the Tank Park in that area. All planes were safely on the deck at Green by 1211.

No anti-aircraft fire encountered.

All bombs hit the target for unobserved results. Photographs were not clear due to cloud cover.

(All times in this narrative are Love).

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