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Report # 229

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VMB-423 (b) Based on or at Green Island (c) Report No. 289
 (d) Date of Action 7 March, 1945 (e) Take off: Time 0830-0831 (GCT); Lat. 04° 32' Long 154° 14'
 (f) Mission Medium Altitude Daylight Strike on Target No. SA Regaul, New Britain. (g) Time of Return 1003-1001 (GCT)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

(a) TYPE	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NO. OF SORTIES	(d) NO. ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	(e) NO. ATTACKING TARGET	(f) BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE)	(g) FUZE, SETTING
PBJ-1J	VMB-423	5	None	5	1 X 2000# GP	Nose: AH-M-103 Tail: AH-M-102A2
PBJ-1D	VMB-423	4	None	4	1 X 2000# GP	Nose: AH-M-103 Tail: AH-M-102A2

III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
PBY5A	VFB-64	1	Green Island				
P4U	NZ-17	2	Green Island				

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	(c) NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
None			(GCT)			
			(GCT)			
			(GCT)			
			(GCT)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) _____

(i) Weather and Clouds at Location of Encounter (s) _____

(j) Sun or Moon _____ (k) Visibility _____

V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:			(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER		
None					

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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

- (a) Location of Target(s) Rabaul #3A, New Britain (b) Time Over Target(s) 0932 (1) GCT
 (c) Weather and Clouds Over Target .3 low scattered clouds.
 (d) Sun or Moon _____ (e) Visibility 20 miles

XI. TARGETS, RESULTS OF ATTACK.

1	(a) DESCRIPTION OF TARGET (List All Ships in Group, Whether or Not Individually Attacked)	(b) A/C ATTACKING (c) SQUADRON	(d) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH TARGET	(e) ALTITUDE OF RELEASE	(f) HITS
	1	Rabaul #3A, New Britain	9 VMF-423	9 X 2000# GP	11,200'
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(g) **RESULTS:** (FOR SHIP TARGETS 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, WITH DIAGRAMS OR CHARTS WHERE DESIRABLE. DESCRIBE TARGETS FULLY IN (a), AND IN REPORTING DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION, IDENTIFY BY NUMBERS AT LEFT. USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY).

Sixty percent of the bombs were in the target area.
The location of bomb hits with relation to the target is shown on the attached photograph.

(h) Were Photographs Taken? Yes Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached.



VMB-423-119 (23) 7-45 - 10800' - 20" - RABAU #3A - CONF.