

VMB -423

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Report #339

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting: **VMB-423** (b) Based at: **Green Island** (c) Report # **339**  
 (d) Date of Action: **24 May, 1945** (e) Take off: Time: **0915-0917** LZT  
 Lat. **04°32'** Long. **154°14'** (f) Mission: **Medium altitude daylight attack on AA Guns south of Kara Airdrome, Bougainville.**  
 (g) Time of Return: **1127-1129** LZT

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT

TYPE	SQDN	NO. OF SORTIES	NO. ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	NO. ATTACKING TARGET	BOMBS CARRIED PER PLANE
<b>PBJ-1J</b>	<b>VMB423</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6 X 500# GP</b>

FUZE, SETTING :  
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**Nose: AN-M-103** :  
**.1 Sec Delay** :  
**Tail: AN-M-101A2** :  
**.025 Sec Delay** :  
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III. OTHER U.S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION

Type	Sqdn.	No.	Base	Type	Sqdn.	No.	Base
<b>PBY5A</b>	<b>VPB-53</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Green Island</b>				

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED

**None**

V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR

**None**



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	TOTAL AMMO EXPENDED	PLANES RETURNING
PBJ-1J	192	178	2hrs 12'	974	370	None	6

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED

	None	Meager	Moderate	Intense
HEAVY	XX			
MEDIUM	XX			
LIGHT	XX			

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT

**No enemy aircraft encountered.**



XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES

- (a) Target & Location: Kara AA Guns, Bougainville.  
 (b) Time over Target: 1028 (L) (c) Clouds over Target: .4 Cover  
 (d) Visibility of Target: Hazy (e) Visibility: 18  
 (f) Bombing Tactics: Type: Level Bomb Sight Used: Mark 15  
 Bombs Dropped per Run: 6 Spacing 75' Altitude 10,300'  
 (g) No. of Enemy A/C hit on Ground: None Destroyed: None Damaged: None

(E)	(i)	(j) (k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
Kara AA Guns.		VMB <sup>6</sup> 423	36 X 500# GP	See (o)	

(o) RESULTS

The anti-aircraft guns were blanketed as all bombs hit in the target area. Clouds obscured the photographs taken.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should be attached by staple.



# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED  
(Re-classify when  
filled out)  
**CONFIDENTIAL**  
REPORT No. **339**

**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:

CALL	PILOT	T/O GREEN	T/O/T	P/C GREEN
301B21	LtCol ANDERSON	0915	1028	1127
302B21	LEAIRD	0915	1028	1127
303B21	VAN HORN	0916	1028	1128
304B21	WALLER	0916	1028	1128
305B21	KEITH	0917	1028	1129
306B21	WORKMAN	0917	1028	1129

Lieutenant Colonel ANDERSON, Commanding Officer, led six PBJs in a medium altitude daylight attack on anti-aircraft guns south of Kara Airdrome, Bougainville. The raid was airborne by 0918 and joined up in two, three plane sections javelin down.

After joining up the formation proceeded down the east coast of Bougainville to Lulual Point where it turned to a heading of 248° magnetic and west of Mt. Gulcher turned into the bomb run.

Bombs were released at 1028 on a heading of 170° magnetic from 10,300 feet with 155 knots indicated air speed.

No anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

The anti-aircraft guns were blanketed as all bombs hit in the target area. Clouds obscured the photographs taken.

(All times in this narrative are local).

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Intelligence Officer

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Commanding.

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