

VMB-433

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Report #141

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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED  
(Reclassify when filled out)

## I. GENERAL

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(a) Unit Reporting VMB-433 (b) Based on or at Emirau Island (c) Report No. 161  
 (d) Take off: Date 23 April, 1945 Time (LZT) 1430 L (Zone); Lat. 01 36° S Long. 150 00° E  
 (e) Mission MAB Nanatani Area, New Ireland (f) Time of Return 1710 L (Zone)

## II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
<u>PBJ-1</u>	<u>VMB-433</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>12 x 100 Dem. Mk-4</u>	<u>Mk-19-3 Inst. Fuse</u>

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<u>Nil</u>							

## IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (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
<u>Nil</u>			<u>(ZONE)</u>			
			<u>(ZONE)</u>			
			<u>(ZONE)</u>			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) Nil  
 Did Any Part of  
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, Describe Clouds \_\_\_\_\_  
(YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)  
 Time of Day and Brilliance \_\_\_\_\_  
 (j) of Sun or Moon \_\_\_\_\_ (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON, DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (k) Visibility \_\_\_\_\_ (MILES)

## 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	GUNS USED		
<u>Nil</u>						







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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Namatani Area (b) Time Over Target(s) 1538-1602 (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target .3-.5 cu bases 2000' tops 5000'

(d) Visibility of Target clear (e) Visibility 15-20

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type level Bomb Sight Used M-15

Bombs Dropped per Run all Spacing 100' Altitude of Bomb Release 10,000'

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed N11 Probably Destroyed N11 Damaged N11

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS ON Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, or destroyed or sunk)
1 <b>Namatani Bridge</b>	<b>75' x 15'</b>	<b>3</b> <b>VMB-433</b>	<b>12 x 100 Dem.</b>		<b>See Below</b>
2 " "	<b>75' x 15'</b>	<b>3</b> <b>VMB-433</b>	<b>12 x 100 Dem.</b>		" "
3 " <b>Jetty</b>	<b>85' x 12'</b>	<b>3</b> <b>VMB-433</b>	<b>12 x 100 Dem.</b>		" "
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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.)

**Three runs were made by the PBJ's, two on the bridge and one on the jetty. All bombs aimed at the bridge hit approximately 150 yards south with unobserved results. The twelve bombs aimed at the jetty hit approximately 100 yards south starting a fire 25' in diameter which was still burning when the planes left station.**

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple



