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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only). REPORT No ... CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C.
TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE (a) (b) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE TYPE OWN A/C SQUADRON self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) None 10 12 13 14 VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left). (a) (b) (c) (d) SQUADRON NAME, RANK OR RATING (e) CAUSE CONDITION OR STATUS None VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING MILES OUT MILES RETURN AV. HOURS AV. FUEL AV. FUEL CONSUMED (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED TYPE NO. OF PLANES RETURNING IN AIR LOADED .30 .50 20MM MM 213 421 974 Mone None None None IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line). CALIBER NONE MEAGER MODERATE INTENSE HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm XX LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm X. COMFARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left). SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes TURNS DIVES No enomy aircraft encountered. CEILINGS RANGE PROTECTION

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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c) Clouds	Over Target	.3 Clou	COVO? (BASE IN FEE	T. TYPE AND TENT	HS OF COVER)			
d) Visibili	ty of Target	CLEAR, HA	ZY. PARTIALLY OBSCURED	D BY CLOUDS, ETC.	(e) \	/isibility	to 25	miles
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of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sheets if necessary).

Nine bombs fell in the water short of the target and the balance hit the target. The relation of the bomb hits with the target is shown on the attached photographs.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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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.)

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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 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 Briefina

OPERATIONAL

Navigation Homing Rendezvous Recognition, Ships Communications Flight Operations Search and Tracking Base Operations Maintenance

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Captain IVERSON, of VMB-423, in a PRJ flew as leader of the New Zealand Ventura Squadron.

Lieutenant Colonel ANDERSON, Commanding Officer of VMB-423, led ten PBJs and five PVs in a medium altitude daylight strike on Matupi Island, after weather and cloud cover prevented the planned coordinated strike with Dairau planes on the primary target of Vunekanau number twelve, New Britain. The formation Was composed of nine PBJs in three, three plane sections as the first squadron and one PBJ and five PVs in two, three plane sections as the second squadron. Captain IVERSON in a PBJ led the second squadron so that he could do the sighting for the PVs which do not carry a bombsight.

The flight was airborne by 0938 and after joining up as described above, proceeded to Powell Harbor. The formation then flew to the scheduled primary target erea but weather conditions prevented the bombing. The flight then proceeded to Reluane Point then entered bombing run on the secondary target, Matupi Island.

The bombing run was made on a heading of 3450 magnetic. Due to hung bombs the first and third sections of the first squadron did not bomb on the first bombing run. The third section of the first squadron could not bomb on the second run as they were not aligned on the target. Bombs vere released by the second section of the first squadron at 1049 from 10,400 feet, one minute later the second squadron bombed from 10,000, the first section of the first squadron bombed at 1108 from 10,600 feet on their second bomb run, the third section bombed at 1115 from 10,200 feet on their third bomb run. The air speed of all planes was 160 knots indicated.

After the bombing runs were completed the planes broke to the right and returned to base. All planes were safe on deck at Green by 1209.

(No anti-aircreft fire was encountered).

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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

photographs.

Bomb Sights Bomb Releases

Ammunition

Bombs, Torpedoes

Turrets

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

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