

VMB-423

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Report # 213

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES

(a) Target: Rabaul, New Britain (b) Time over Target: 1930-1940

(c) Clouds over Target: .3 cover

(d) Visibility of Target: Clear (e) Visibility: 20 miles

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type: Level Bomb Sight Used: D-9

Bombs Dropped per Run: 2 & 6 Spacing: Varied

Altitude of Bomb Release: 9,500 feet

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft on Ground: Destroyed: None Probably Damaged: None
Damaged: None

AIMING POINT	NO A/C Squadron	Bombs expended	No. hits
North of Tobera strip	1 VMB-423	2 X 250 GP	See (e)
North east of Rabaul	1 VMB-423	6 X 250 GP	See (e)

(e) RESULTS:

All results were unobserved.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No

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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
331B21	GRIFFITTS	1845	1930-1940	2030

On 19 February, 1945, 331B21 was airborne by 1845 on a Rabaul snoop search and heckling mission. From 1930 to 1940, 8 X 250 general purpose bombs were dropped, two north of Tobera strip and six north east of Rabaul, New Britain. No anti-aircraft fire was encountered. Results were unobserved. No photographs were taken.

(All times in this narrative are love).

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