

VMB-4123

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Report #289

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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT.

None

VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES

None

Type A/C	Miles Out	Miles In	AV Hours in Air	AV Fuel Loaded	AV Fuel Consumed	TOTAL Ammo Ex- pended	Planes Returning
PBJ-LJ	190	173	2hrs20'	974	386	10,000 Rds. .50 Cal.	4

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED.

None

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

No enemy aircraft encountered.

XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES

- (a) Target & Location: Nakaru #17, Boug'nvil' (b) Time over Target: 0930
 (c) Clouds over Target: CAVU (d) Visibility of Target: Clear
 (e) Visibility: 30 miles (f) Bombing Tactics: Type: Low Level
 Bomb Sight Used: None Bombs Dropped per Run: 8 Spacing: 25 feet
 Altitude of Bomb Release: Tree Top Level
 (g) No. of Enemy A/C hit on Ground None ^{Probably} Destroyed None Damaged None

(h)	(i)	(j) (k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
Nakaru #17, Bougainville		4 VMB-423	24 X 250# GP	See(o)	

(o) RESULTS:

Although eight bombs hung and were returned to base the balance were in the target with good coverage and the target was thoroughly strafed. Two fires were started in the center of the target, one with black smoke to 600 feet and one with grey smoke to 200 feet.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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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
301B21	Capt. IVERSON	0815	0930	1035
302B21	LINEN	0815	0930	1035
303B21	EVANS	0816	0930	1036
304B21	HEIL	0816	0930	1036

Captain IVERSON, Assistant Operations Officer, led four PBJs of VMB-423 in a low level bombing and strafing of target #17, Nakaru, Bougainville. The strike was planned to surprise the enemy relying upon the direction of approach and speed of the planes to achieve this effect. The planes on the strike were PBJ-1Js with the eight gun nose and joined up in a diamond.

The raid was airborne by 0817 and proceeded down the west coast of Bougainville to Empress Augusta Bay where it turned left on a heading of 102° magnetic to near Mt. Taroka. Here at an altitude of 4,000 feet contact was made with two Piva Corsairs which on direction of the flight leader marked the target with smoke bombs.

The formation then headed toward the mouth of the Mibo River losing altitude and turned east at the Mibo River Ford with an altitude of 2,000 feet. At the river ford the flight went into four planes line abreast and started the run going down to tree top level.

The bombing and strafing was done at 0930 on a heading of 084° magnetic at tree top level with an indicated air speed of 220 knots. The flight broke right and was safely at base by 1037.

No anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

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(All times in this narrative are love).

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