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- (a) Unit Reporting: VMB-423 (b) Based on or At: Green Island(c)Report #272
- (d) Take Off: Date:13 April, 1945. Time: 0845-0847 (L) Lat:04032' Long:15494
- (e) Mission: Medium Altitude Daylight Strike on Muguai #14, weathered off Muguai #10, Bougainville.
- (f) Time of Return: 1107 to 1109 (L)

TYPE SIN NUMBER

TAKING ENGAGNO: ATTACKING BOMBS & TORPEDOES

OFF ENGRY & TARGET CARRIED PER PLANE FUZE SETTING

Nose: AN-M-103

PBJ-1J VMB-423: 6 None 6 3 X 1000 / GP :.1 Sec Delay

Tail: AM-M-102
A2

O25 Sec Delay

III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED A/C EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

PBYSA VPB-44 1 Green Island
P4U NZ-24 2 Green Island
F4U NZ-20 2 Piva

IV. ENDIY A/C OBSERVED ON ENGAGED.

None

V. BUBLY A/O DESTRUYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR.

None

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

None

VII.PERSONNEL CASUALTIES

None

Type A/C:Miles:Miles:Hours in:Fuel :Fuel :.30 .50 20MM MM: # Planes
Out In Air Loaded Consumed Returning Returning. PBJ-1J 505 174 2hrs22' 974 412 N - O - N - E

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRGRAFT ENCOUNTERED

None Meager Moderate Intense HEAVY XX MEDIUM XX LIGHT

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

No enemy aircraft encountered.

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XI.ATTACK ON EMEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES.

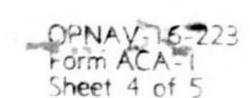
- (a) Target & Location: Muguel #14, Bougainville (b) Time over Target: 1014
- (c) Clouds over Target: .4 Cloud Cover (d) Visibility of Target: Hazy
- (e) Visibility: 15 miles (f) Bombing Tactics: Type: Level BombSight: Mark 15 Bombs Dropped per Run: 3 Spacing: 50-100 ft. Altitude: 10,900 ft.
- (g) No. of Enemy A/C hit on Ground: None Probably Destroyed: None Damaged:
 None

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(d RESULTS:

clouds hampered observation of results and obscured all photographs.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes



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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.)

ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY OWN AIRCRAFT

Altitudes
Speeds
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
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Defensive Tactics, Own
" , Enemy
Flexible Gunnery, Own
Escort Tactics

Escort Tactics
Fighter Direction
Use of Radar
Night Fighting
Recognition, Aircraft

OWN TACTICS

Method of Locating Target
Approach to Target
Altitudes, Speeds
Approach
Dive
Pull-Out
Dive Angle
Strafing
Retirement
Defensive Tactics

DEFENSE, ENEMY

Use of Jammina

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
Briefing

OPERATIONAL

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

CALL		PILOT	T/O	GREEN	T/O/T	P/C GREEN
301B21 302B21 303B21 304B21 305B21	Major	LOWELL PEARCE LEAIRD LUSKY MONROE		0845 0846 0846 0847	1014 1014 1014 1014	1107 1107 1108 1108 1109
306B2l		HELL.		0847	1014	1109

Major LOWELL, Operations Officer, led six PBJs in a medium altitude daylight strike on Muguai target number 14, Bougainville when clouds obscured the assigned target of Muguai #10. The formation was composed of two, three plane sections javelin down.

The strike was airborne by 0848 and after joining up as described above proceeded down the east coast of Bougainville to Luluai Point. At Luluai Point the flight leader contacted the Piva Corsairs which were to mark the target with smoke bombs. However due to the cloud cover the formation was unable to locate Muguai #10 and for that reason hit Muguai #14 which was comparatively free of clouds.

Bombs were released from 10,900 feet at 1014 on a heading of 0900 magnetic with 160 knots indicated air speed. After bombing the formation broke away to the right and returned to base. All planes were safely on deck at Green Island by 1109.

The formation encountered nine bursts of inaccurate heavy anti-aircraft fire partly from known positions at Ebery's Lease and partly from unidentified positions.

All bombs were in the west end of Muguai target number 14, but clouds hampered observation of results and obscured all photographs.

(All times in this narrative are love).

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