

VMB-423

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Report # 285

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

None

## VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES

None

## VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

Type A/C	Miles Out	Miles In	AV Hours in Air	AV Fuel Loaded	AV Fuel Consumed	Ammo Ex- pende	Planes Returning
PBJ-1J	201	178	2hrs26'	974	403	None	5

## IX. ENEMY AA ENCOUNTERED

None

## X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT

No enemy aircraft encountered.

XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES

- (a) Target & Location: Nakeru #13, Bougainville (b) Time over Target: 1524  
 (c) Clouds over Target: .3 Cover Broken Low and Middle Clouds.  
 (d) Visibility of Target: Partially Obscured (e) Visibility: 20 miles  
 (f) Bombing Tactics: Type: Level Bomb Sight Used: Mark 15  
 Bombs Dropped per Run: 3 Spacing: 100 feet Altitude: 10,300 feet  
 (g) No. of Enemy A/C hit on Ground None Destroyed None Damaged None  
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(h)	(i)	(j) (k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
Nakeru #13, Bougainville		5 VMB-423	15 X 1000# GP	See (c)	

(o) RESULTS:

Even though the target was not marked most of the bombs hit the target area. The location of the bomb hits with relation to the target is shown on the attached photograph.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes

PHOTOGRAPH

REFERENCE: VMB-423(166) (5-2) (4-21-45) (8:10300') (Nakeru #13, Boug.)

# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED  
(Reclassify when  
filed out)  
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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	LtCol. ANDERSON	1400	1524	1626
302B21	KEITH	1400	1524	1626
303B21	WORKMAN	1401	1524	1627
304B21	HOPPER	1401	1524	1627
305B21	HEIL	1402	1524	1628
*306B21	HUBER	1403	----	1608

\* **Did not reach target.**

Lieutenant Colonel ANDERSON, Commanding Officer, led six PBJs of VMB-423 in a medium altitude daylight strike on Nakaru target #13, Bougainville. The formation was composed of two, three plane sections javelin down.

The strike was airborne by 1404 and after joining up as described above proceeded down the west coast of Bougainville to a point five miles south of Montopena Point. 306B21 returned early due to trouble with the starboard engine and jettisoned its bombs safely west of Empress Augusta Bay.

The formation then turned to a heading of 112° magnetic along the south coast of Bougainville. The flight leader then contacted two Piva Corsairs which preceded the formation and attempted to mark the target but the smoke bombs were duds. Approaching the target the formation crossed the coast and the Mibo River on a heading of 058° magnetic and turned into the bomb run when over the Porror River.

Bombs were released at 1524 from 10,300 feet on a heading of 030° magnetic with 160 knots indicated. The formation then broke away to the left and returned to base. All planes were safely on deck at Green by 1629.

No anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

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(All times in this narrative are love).

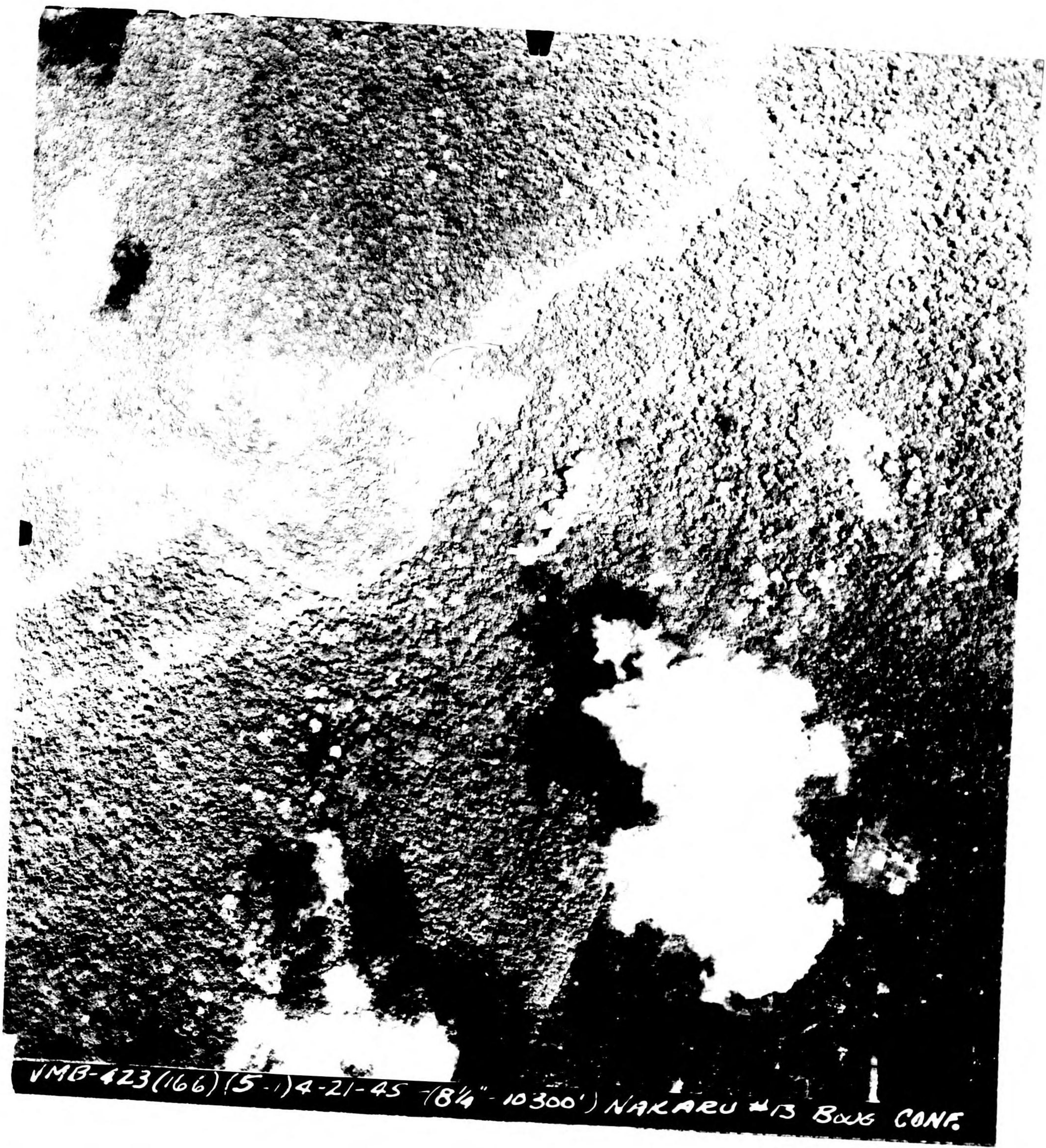
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VMB-423(166)(5-1)4-21-45 (8 1/4" - 10300') NAKARU #13 BOXS CONF.