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Report # 221

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VI LOSS OR DAMAGE

None

VII PERSONNEL CASUALTIES

None

VIII RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANE(S) RETURNING

a TYPE	b MILES OUT	c MILES IN	d AV. HOURS IN AIR	e AV. FUEL LOADED	f AV. FUEL CONSUMED	
PBJ-1D	---	510	---	3hrs 25'	1015	561

g TOTAL AND RE-LOADED				h PLANE(S) RETURNING	
30	50	20MM	7.62		
None	None	None	None	1	

IX ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED	None	Minor	Moderate	Intense
HEAVY		XX		
MEDIUM		XX		
LIGHT		XX		

X COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT

No enemy aircraft encountered.

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(Reclassify when filled out)

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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## XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Rabaul, New Britain (b) Time Over Target(s) 1900-2100 (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target .8 cu 3000 - 10,000 high overcast  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Scattered clouds (e) Visibility 10 miles  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Level Bomb Sight Used D-9  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run 1 & 2 Spacing Varied Altitude of Bomb Release 10200 to 11000  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

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

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 Rabaul 101		1 VMB-423	2 X 325 # BC	See (o)	
2 Rabaul Town		1 VMB-423	1 X 250 # GP	See (o)	
3 Yunakenu		1 VMB-423	1 X 250 # GP	See (o)	
4 Cape Gazelle-Light		1 VMB-423	1 X 250 # GP	See (o)	
5 Sulphur Creek Plane Park		1 VMB-423	1 X 250 # GP	See (o)	
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(o) RESULTS: (For all hits claimed on ship targets and for land targets of special interest draw diagram top or side view or both as appropriate showing type and location of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

Results were unobserved.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple

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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
<b>27/28 February 45</b>				
<b>331B21</b>	<b>WILSON</b>	<b>1815</b>	<b>1900-2100</b>	<b>2140</b>

On 27 February, 1945, 331B21 was airborne by 1815 on a Rabaul snoop search and hooking mission. From 1900 to 2100, 2 X 325# depth charges and 4 X 250# general purpose bombs were dropped, two 325# depth charges on Rabaul number 101 and one 250# general purpose bomb on each of the following areas, Vanakanau, Rabaul town, Cape Gazelle Light and Sulphur Creek Plane Park. No anti-aircraft fire was encountered. One inaccurate search-light from the Tobera area was encountered. No photographs were taken.

(All times in this narrative are local).

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