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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only). REPORT No. CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE (a) (b) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) (e)

EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE,

(Give Bureau serial number of planes desiroyed) TYPE OWN A/C SQUADRON None 10 12 13 14 VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left). (a) (b) (c) SQUADRON NAME, RANK OR RATING CAUSE CONDITION OR STATUS None

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

(a) TYPE A/C	MILES	(b) (c) MILES MILES OUT RETURN	AV HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED		(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED			(h)	
7// -						.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO OF PLANES
PEJ-1J	160	152	2hours			None	None	None	None	
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IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

NONE	T	T	
INDINE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
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	NONE	NONE MEAGER	NONE MEAGER MODERATE

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes TURNS

No enemy aircraft encountered.

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

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) Target(s) and Location	n(s) Vunska	nau # 10. New	Britain	(b) Time Ove	er Target(s)	0930 &09	332 7
) Clouds Over Target					er rargetts/		201
Visibility of Target					Visibility	30 mile	8
Bombing Tactics: Type							
Bombs Dropped per Run						• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
Number of Enemy Airc	craft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	one Probab	oly Destroyed_	None	_ Damaged	None
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND A EXPENDED EACH	AMMUNITION AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (No	one, slight ed or sunk
unakanau # 10		7 VMB-423	14 X 100		See (o		
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All bombs were in the target area with the exception of two which were salvoed and fell north of the target. The pattern of bomb hits is shown by the attached photograph.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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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	T	

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
"", Enemy
Defensive Tactics, Own
"", Enemy
Flexible Gunnery, Own

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
Use of Jamming

DEFENSE, ENEMY

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/0/T	P/C GREEN
301B21	LEMES	0830	0930	1030
302B21	MARTIN	0830	0930	1030
303B21	HOPPER	0831	0930	1031
304B21	RYAN	0831	0930	1031
305B21	BURLINGHAM	0832	0930	1032
306B21	GARTHWAITE	0832	0930	1032
#307B21	DUTTENHOFER	0833	0932	1036

Captain DUTTENHOFER flew as leader of the New Zealand Ventura Squadron.

captain LENKE led seven PBJs of VMB-423 and eight PVs of NZ-2 in a medium altitude daylight attack on Vunakanau target number 10. The formation was composed of six PBJs in two, three plane sections as the first squadron and one PBJ and eight PVs in three, three plane sections as the second squadron. Since the PVs do not carry a bombsight, Captain DUTTENHOFER flew as leader of the PVs so that he could do the sighting for the second squadron.

The strike was airborne by 0837 and after joining up as described above proceeded to New Ireland on a course of 276 magnetic. Over New Ireland the flight proceeded to Watom Island, where a turn was made to 1980 magnetic to Urara Island, then south across Atiliklikum Bay where a turn was made to 0830 magnetic for nine miles where the formation turned into the bomb run.

of 030° magnetic at 160 knots and bombe were released at 0930 from 12,000 feet. The PVs were on 030° magnetic and dropped from 10,900 feet at 0932 with an air speed of 155 knots.

After bombs were released the formation broke to the left and proceeded back to base. All planes were safely on deck at Green by 1100.

Over Vunakanau the formation encountered twenty-three bursts of accurate, heavy anti-aircraft fire from known positions 1000 yards northwest of the north-west end of Vunakanau Strip. The AA fire was low and trailing on the first squadron but was accurate on the leader of the second squadron whose plane was rocked.

All bombs were in the target area with the exception of two which were salvoed and fell north of the target. The pattern of bomb hits with relation to the target is shown by the attached photograph.

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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

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