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I. GENERAL

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(a) Unit Reporting: VMB-423 (b) Based at: Green Island (c) 338

(d) Date of Action: 23 May, 1945 (e) Take off: Time: 0508-1716 LZT

Lat: 04°32' Long: 154°14' (f) Mission: Patrolling Missions over Rabaul Area, New Britain.

(g) Time of Return: 0945-2039 LZT

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT

TYPE	SQDN	NO. OF SORTIES	NO. ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	NO. ATTACKING TARGET	BOMBS CARRIED PER PLANE
PBJ-1J	VMB423	5	None	5	8 X 250# GP

FUZE, SETTING :

Nose: AN-M-103  
.1 Sec Delay

Tail: AN-M-100A2  
.025 Sec Delay

III. OTHER U.S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION

Type	Sqdn.	No.	Base	Type	Sqdn.	No.	Base
None							

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED

None

V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR

None



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 CONSUMED	AV FUEL REMAINING	TOTAL AMMO EXPENDED	PLANES RETURNING
PBJ-1J	-773-		4hrs33'	974	819	None	3
PBJ-1J	-739-		4hrs25'	974	783	None	1
PBJ-1J	-571-		3hrs23'	974	605	100ords .50 C.	1

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED

	None	Meager	Moderate	Intense
HEAVY	XX			
MEDIUM	XX			
LIGHT	XX			

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT

**No enemy aircraft encountered.**



XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES

- (a) Target & Location: Rabaul Area, New Britain
- (b) Time over Target: 0550-2000 L (c) Clouds over Target: CAVU
- (d) Visibility of Target: Clear (e) Visibility: 30  
(miles)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type: Level Bomb Sight Used: Mark 15  
Bombs Dropped per Run: 1 & 2 Spacing: Varied Altitude: 7500-9500 ft.
- (g) No. of Enemy A/C hit on Ground: None Destroyed: None Damaged: None

(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
Rabaul Town		5	VMB-423	24 X 250# GP	See (o)	
Vulcan Crater		1	VMB-423	1 X 250# GP	" "	
Matupi Island		2	VMB-423	2 X 250# GP	" "	
Sulphur Creek		1	VMB-423	2 X 250# GP	" "	
Keravat		1	VMB-423	2 X 250# GP	" "	
Toboi Wharf		1	VMB-423	1 X 250# GP	" "	
Vunakanau		1	VMB-423	5 X 250# GP	" "	
Duke of York & Watom Islands		1	VMB-423	3 X 250# GP 1000 rds of .50 Cal	" "	

(c) 378B21

Two of the bombs dropped by 378B21 on Rabaul were duds. The balance of the bombs were dropped for unobserved results. 379B21 strafed the hut areas on Watom and Duke of York Islands for unobserved results.

- (p) Were Photographs Taken? No Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should be attached by stapler.



