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Unit	Report	ing: VMB	-423 (b) Base	at: <u>Gre</u>	en Island(c)_33	
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Lat	04032	Long.	154°14 (f) M	ission: Pa	trolling Mission	8 0
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) Time	e of Ke	turn:	5-2039 LZT			
II	. OWN A	IRCRAFT O	FFICIALLY COV	ERED BY TH	HIS REPORT	
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None

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

No ne

VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES

None

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

PBJ-LJ	: :	FILL POO.	974	783	None	<u>;</u>
PBJ-1J	: :	3hrs25'	974	605	1000rds .50 (3. 1

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED

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	None	Meager	Art Constant	
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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: Ger (e) Visibility: 30 (miles) Bomb Sight Used: Mark 15 (f) Bombing Tactics: Type: Level Spacing Varied Altitude 7500-9500 ft. Bombs Dropped per Run; 1 & 2 (g) No. of Enemy A/C hit on Ground: None Destroyed: None Damaged None (出) (D) VMB-423: 24 X 250# GP Rabaul Town See(o): Vulcan Crater : VMB-423: 1 X 250# GP VMB-423: 2 X 250# GP Matupi Island: Sulphur Creek : VMB-423: 2 X 250# GP Keravat : VMB-423: 2 X 250# GP Tobol Wharf : VMB-423: 1 X 250# GP

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Duke of York &

Watom Islands

Vunakanau

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.

3 X 250# GP

VMB-423 1000 rds of .50 Cal

: VMB-423: 5 X 250# GP

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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
", Enemy
Defensive Tactics, Own
", Enemy
Flexible Gunnery, Own
Escort Tactics
Fighter Direction
Use of Radar
Night Fighting

Recognition, Aircraft

ATTACK 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
Recogn tion, Ships
Communications
Flight Operations
Search and Tracking
Base Operations

CALL	PILOT	T/O GREEN	T/O/T	P/C GREEN
375B21	HUBER	0508	0550-0900	0945
376B21	JOBE	0820	0850-1290	1255
377821	HICKS	11 15	1200-1500	1545
378B21	HOPPER	1410	1500-1800	1835
379B21	EWERS	1716	1800-2000	2039

On 23 May, 1945, five PBJs of VMB-423 patrolled the Rabaul, New Britain area. Planes were relieved on station and patrols were over the area from 0550 to 2000.

375B21 dropped eight 250 pound general purpose bombs as follows: six on Rabaul, one north of Vulcan Crater and one on Matupi Island with unobserved results.

576B2l dropped eight 250 pound general purpose bombs as follows: two on Sulphur Creek area, two on huts west of Keravat Airdrome, two on hut area of Duke of York Island, one on Rabaul and one on hut area of Watom Island.

377B21 dropped eight 250 pound general purpose bombs as follows: seven on Rabaul and one on Toboi Wharf.

378B21 dropped eight 250 pound general purpose bombs as follows: seven on Rabaul and one on Vunakanau.

379B21 dropped eight 250 pound general purpose bombs as follows: four on Vunakanau, three on Rabaul and one on Matupi Island.

Two of the bombs dropped by 378B2l on Rabaul were duds. The balance of the bombs were dropped for unobserved results. 379B2l strafed the hut areas on Watom and Duke of York Islands for unobserved results.

No anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

(All times in this narrative are love).

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