

VMB 423

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Report #343

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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Form ACA-1
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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VMB-423 (b) Based on or at Green Island (c) Report No. 343
 (d) Take off: Date 26 May, 1942 Time 0915-0917L Lat 04°32' Long 154°14'
 (e) Mission Medium altitude day raid on AA Guns near Kahili, Hounainville. (f) Time of Return 1128L-1130L

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT

TYPE	SQD	NUMBER	TAKING OFF	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	ATTACKING TARGET	BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (per plane)	FUSE SETTINGS
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(g)
<u>PBJ-17</u>	<u>VMB-423</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6 X 500# GP</u>	<u>Nose: AN-M-103 .1 Sec Delay Tail: AN-M-102 .025 Sec Delay</u>	

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

TYPE	SQD	NO.	BASE	TYPE	SQD	NO.	BASE
<u>DNVA</u>	<u>VMB-53</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Green Island</u>				

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only)

(a) TYPE	(b) NO.	(c) No. Engaged	(d) Time	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS CARRIED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE MARKINGS
: OBSERVED	: Own A/C	: Encountered	: Encountered	: ENCOUNTER	: CARRIED	: GUNS
<u>None</u>			<u>(zone)</u>			
			<u>(zone)</u>			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) _____
 Did Any Part of Encounter(s) _____
 (i) Occur in Clouds? _____ If so, Describe Clouds _____
 Time of Day and (Yes or No) _____ (base in feet, type, tenths cov)
 (j) Brilliance of Sun or Moon _____ (k) Visibility _____
 (night, Bright moon; Day, overcast; etc.) (miles)

V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II)

(a) TYPE A/C	(b) Destroyed or Damaged By:	(c) Damage Claimed
: Type A/C	: SQD : Pilot or Gunner : Guns used:	: Where hit angle: Claimed
<u>None</u>		

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(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) **Kahili AA Guns, Bougainville** (b) Time Over Target(s) **1032** (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target **CAVU**
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target **Clear** (e) Visibility **30 miles**
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type **Level** Bomb Sight Used **Mark 15**
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run **6** Spacing **75'** Altitude of Bomb Release **11,700-11,800**
(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 Kahili AA Guns		6 VMB-423	36 X 500# 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).

Forty percent of the bombs hit the target area, one hit in the water and the balance were long of the target. The location of the bomb hits with relation to the target is shown on the attached photograph.

PHOTOGRAPH REFERENCE:

VMB-423 (220) (3-2) 5-26-45 (20°-11,700') Kahili AA Pos., Boug., CONF.

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



JMB-423(220) (32) 5-26-45/20" - 11700) KAH LI AA Pos. Boug. CONF.