

VMB-423

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Report #292

ITC(a)

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 Loaded	Av Fuel Consumed	Ammo Ex- pended	Planes Returning
PBJ-LJ	188	175	2hrs 20'	974	386	None	6

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED

None

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT

No enemy aircraft encountered.

XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES.

(a) Target & Location: Muguai #24, Boug'nvil' (b) Time over Target: 1456

(c) Clouds over Target: .2 Low Clouds (d) Visibility of Target: Clear

(e) Visibility: 20-25 miles (f) Bombing Tactics: Type: Level

Bomb Sight Used: Mark 15 Bombs Dropped per Run: 3 Spacing: 125'

Altitude of Bomb Release: 1st Section-10,000 ft. 2nd Section-9,900 ft.

(g) No. of Enemy A/C hit on Ground None ^{Probably} Destroyed None Damaged None

(h)	(i)	(j) (k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
Muguai # 24, Bougainville		6 VMB-423	18 X 1000# GP	See(o)	

(o) RESULTS:

All bombs hit in the target. The location of the bomb hits in relation to the target is shown on the attached photograph.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes

PHOTOGRAPH

REFERENCE: VMB-423 (172) (2-2) (4-25-45) (20:9,900') Muguai #24, Boug.

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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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
301B21	Capt. IVERSON	1345	1456	1605
302B21	JOBE	1345	1456	1605
303B21	WORKMAN	1346	1456	1605
304B21	EWERS	1346	1456	1606
305B21	RIGDON	1347	1456	1607
306B21	HICKS	1347	1456	1607

Captain IVERSON, led six PBJs of VMB-423 in a medium altitude daylight raid on target number 24, Muguai, Bougainville. The formation was composed of two, three plane sections javelin down.

The strike was airborne by 1348 and after joining up as described above proceeded down the east coast of Bougainville to Koromira Point. At this point the flight leader contacted two Piva Corsairs which preceded the formation to drop a smoke bomb on the target. The flight then took a course of 150° magnetic for six miles to check drift, then turning to 240° magnetic for 14 miles to a point above Mt. Gulcher, followed by a 173° magnetic course west of Mt. Gulcher and parallel to Kara Airstrip for 5 miles from where the bombing was made.

The bombing run was made on a heading of 150° magnetic with the first section at 10,000 feet, the second section at 9,900 feet and at an indicated air-speed of 160 knots. Bombs were away at 1456 after which the flight broke away to the left and proceeded back to Green. All planes were safely on deck by 1608.

No anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

All bombs hit in the target. The location of the bomb hits in relation to the target is shown on the attached photograph.

(All times in this narrative are love).

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VMB-423(172)(2-2)4-25-45 (20"-9900') MUGUAI # 24 - BOUG CONF.