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TYPE	(b) SQUADRON	(c)	NO ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	NO ATTACK-	KEI	<u>JK I</u>	BOMBS AN	(f) ND TORPEDOE (PER PLANE)	s	FL	(g) JZE, SETTING
-10	V 2420	4	ODO	4	1	X	2000	GP		Pose:	All-11-100
ルリール	THE	3	lione	5	3	X	2000	CP		mose:	AN-N-10:
N-U	783423		iono	3	2	X	1000/	· CP		10301	AH-H-10
III. OT	HER U. S.	OR ALLIED	AIRCRAFT	EMPLOYED	IN TI	HIS	OPERAT	TION.			
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE		-	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE
RYSA				Inlend		+					
	12-17			laland							
IV. EN	EMY AIRCE	RAFT ENCO	UNTERED (By Own Airci	raft L	iste	d in II O	nlv)			
(a) TYPE	(b) NO OBSERVED	(c) NO ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d)	LOCATIO	(e) ATION OF BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRI OUNTER GUNS OBSERVED		OES CARRIED	D CAMOUFLAGE AND			
000			(GCT)								
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Weather	and Clouds	at Location	of Encounter	MAGED IN A							
(a) TYPE	(B) DESTRO	YED OR DAMAGE	D BY:				WII AIICI	art Listed		c)	DAM.
EMY A /C	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT	OR GUNNER		-	GUNS USE	D	WHERE H	IIT, ANGLE	CLAI
TYPE IEMY A/C											
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

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(d)
WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C,
TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE (e)
EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE,
(Give Bureau serial number of planes desiroyed) (a) (b) TYPE OWN A/C SQUADRON None 11 12 13 VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left). (b) (c) (a) (e) NAME, RANK OR RATING SQUADRON CAUSE CONDITION OR STATUS lione

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

(a) (b) (c) TYPE MILES MILES		(c) MILES	AV HOURS	AV. FUEL	AV. FUEL	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED			IDED	(h)
A/C	OUT	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO OF PLANES RETURNING
PBJ-1D	150	134	1m 50'	974	381	Mone	None	None	None	A.
PBJ-LJ	150	134	1hr 50'	974	360	None	None	None	None	6

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	XX			
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	XX			
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	XX			

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

SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

No enemy aircraft encountered.

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XI. ATTACK ON KNIDWY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES

- (a) Target: Tobers #30, New Britain (b) Time over Target: 0932-0938
- (c) Clouds over Target: CAVU
- (d) Visibility of Target: Clear (e) Visibility: 30 miles
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type: Level Bomb Sight Used: Hark 15

Bombs dropped per Run: 1 & 2 Spacing: 170' Altitude: 10,000-

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft hit on Ground: None Destroyed; None Damaged: None

(h)	(1)		(1)	: (m)	; (n)
Tobera #30		10 VAR-403	9 X 2000 / GP	:	: 3ee (o)
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(o) RESULTS:

Sixty percent of the bombs were in the target while the others were within 200 yards northeast of the target. One bomb caused a large explosion near the edge of the cocoanut plantation northeast of the target. The pattern of bomb hits with relation to the target is shown by the attached photograph.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes

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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.)

The state of the s	
OWN AIRCRAFT	
Disposition	
Altitudes	
Speeds	
Approach Tactics	
Use of Cover Deception	

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

GALL		PILOT	T/O GREEN	T/O/T	P/C GREEN
301321	LtCol	AIDERSON	0830	0938	1018
302822		RICOON	08:30	0938	1018
30.3821		EWELLS	0831	0938	1019
304B21		BATES	0831	0933	1030
305821		LONGAN	0832	0938	1020
306321		POSLER	0832	0938	1038
307321		LUSKX	0833	0938	1021
306821		HICKS	0333	0938	1022
309B21		G.HIGGINS	0834	0938	1023
*310321	Major	TAXLOR	0034	0932	1028

Wantura Squadron.

Lieutement Colonel ANDERSON, Commanding Officer of VMB-423, led ten PBJs of VMB-423 and eight PVs of NZ-2 in a medium altitude daylight attack on target number 30 Robera, New Britain. The formation was composed of nine PBJs in three, three plane sections as the first squadron and one PBJ and eight PVs in three, three plane sections as the second squadron. Major TAYLOR in a PBJ flew as leader of the New Zealand Squadron so that he could do the sighting as the PVs do not carry a bombsight.

The formation was airborne by 0838 and after joining up as described above departed for New Britain on a course of 256° magnetic. Crossing the coast at 0918, the flight proceeded west for twelve miles where a turn was made to 032° magnetic for six miles for bombardiers to stabilize bombaights and figure drift. The formation then flew toward Vunekanau for nine miles turning right into a bomb run of 032° magnetic. Lieutenant Colonel ANDERSON, leading the first squadron, was not satisfied with the start of the run and made a 360° turn to make his run behind the second squadron.

The PVs with their PBJ leader made their bomb run on a heading of 060° magnetic at 155 knots indicated releasing at 0932 from 10,000 feet. The PBJs bombed at 0938 from 10,500 feet on a course of 035° magnetic and a speed of 160 knots.

The formation broke away to the right and proceeded to base without incident. All planes pancaked safely at Green by 1038.

No anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

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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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