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Report # 222

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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED  
(Reclassify when filled out)

(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) Monoitu, Bougainville (b) Time Over Target(s) 1002 (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 20 miles  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Level Bomb Sight Used Mark 16  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run 2 Spacing 150 feet Altitude of Bomb Release 9500 feet  
(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	<u>Monoitu, Bougainville</u>	<u>1</u> <u>VMB-423</u>	<u>2 X 1000 # GP</u>	<u>See (a)</u>	
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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).

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(p) Were Photographs Taken? No Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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**XIII. MATERIAL DATA.** (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.  
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**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
301821	IVERSON	0830	1002	1100

Captain IVERSON, in a PB3, led eight PVs of NZ-2 on a medium altitude bombing raid on Monoitu, Bougainville. The formation was composed of three, three plane sections in column stepped down. Captain IVERSON served as flight leader so that he could do the sighting for the PVs which do not carry a bombsight.

By 0834 the flight was airborne and joined up as described above and proceeded to Montupena Point. From Montupena Point, the bombers approached the target on a course of 120 degrees magnetic and due to difficulty in picking up the target bombs were not released on this run. The formation made a 360 degree turn for the bomb run. At 1002 bombs were released on a course of 120 degrees magnetic from 9,500 feet at 155 knots indicated.

No anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

All bombs hit the target and three fires were sighted with smoke to 1000 feet over the target. No photographs were taken.

(All times in this narrative are local).

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