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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

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				ERED BY TH			(†) Time	of Return	45&0666 Zone
TYPE	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		OMBS AND TORP ARRIED (PER PL (f)		FL	IZE, SETTING
PBJ-1J	VIB423	1	None	1	12 X I	.00# GP		Nose:	AN-M-103 Delay
PN-13	VMB423	1	None	See Ner-	6 X 1	500# GP		Tail:	AN-M-100A2 oc Delay ame as abo AN-M-102A2
	T	r	AIRCRAFT	EMPLOYED		T		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	an north
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE	T	YPE SQUADI	RON NUMBER	2	BASE
(a) TYPE		NO ENGAGING	1	NGAGED (B)	ION OF	BOMBS. T	orpedoes carr	IED;	CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
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			(ZON						
Did An (i) Encour Time o (j) of Sun	f Day and Bri or Moon	r in Clouds?. illiance  RAFT DESTR	OYED OR	If so, Describ	OVERCAST; ET	5.)	( <b>k</b> ) \	isibilityOnly).	(MILES)
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	SED BY:	T OR GUNNER		SUNS USED	WH	(c) ERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C		1							

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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

(e)
EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE,
(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) (d)
WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C,
TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE (b) (a) TYPE OWN A/C SQUADRON None 10 13 14 VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left). (c) (b) (a) CONDITION OR STATUS CAUSE . NAME, RANK OR RATING SQUADRON Mona

VIII.	RANGE,	FUEL, AN	D AMMUNI	TION DAT	A FOR PLA	NES RETUI	RNING			
(a)	(b)	T		(e)	AV. FUEL	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED			NO OF PLANES	
TYPE A/C	MILES OUT	MILES RETURN	AV. HOURS IN AIR	AV FUEL LOADED	CONSUMED	.30	50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
PRI-LI	349		2122010	974	364	None	None	Mone	None	1
111-11	527		3hrs20	974	560	Mone	None	lione	None	1

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

CALIBER

NONE

MEAGER

MODERATE

INTENSE

MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm

LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm

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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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



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(a) Target(s) and Locati	on (s)	R GROUND OBJECT	TIVES (By Own Airc	raft Listed in II Only  Time Over Target (s	0415-0615
(c) Clouds Over Target_	CAVU				
(d) Visibility of Target_	(CLEAR, HA	ZY. PARTIALLY OBSCURED	T. TYPE AND TENTHS OF	(e) Visibility_	15-20 (MILES)
(f) Bombing Tactics: Typ	oe	(LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE	Bon	nb Sight Used	D-8
Bombs Dropped per R	un(NUMBE	Spacing_	(FEET)	- Altitude of Bomb Re	lease 8,000-9,500
(g) Number of Enemy Ai	rcraft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	one Probably	Destroyed_None	DamagedNone
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMU EXPENDED EACH AIM	NITION NO HITS On Aiming Point	
Rabaul Town		VMB-423	5 X 100/ GF		
vunakanau		VMB-423	5 X 100# GP		
3 Tobera		1 VMB-423	2 X 100/ GP		
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
(o) RESULTS: (For all hits claime	d on ship targets and f	or land to the first terms of the second sec			

of hits. 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.

about 1000 feet was observed three miles northeast of the strip, the results of the balance of the bombs was unobserved.

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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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SPAULDING PEARCE

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0415/0615

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On the night of 5 April, 1945, 331821 was sirborne by 0135 on a snooper search and heckling mission over Rabaul, New Britain, however after taking off the plane was notified by Fighter Control to proceed to Pinepel Island and search that vicinity for an unidentified ship. The ship was sighted and signaled by the plane but it did not reply. The plane then dropped flares and again signalled the ship but it did not reply so 331821 continued to orbit about the ship, keeping the ship under close surveilance. Later Fighter Control advised the plane that the craft was friendly.

331821 then salvoed his bomb load of 6 x 500 pound general purpose bombs and returned to base pancaking at 0346.

By 0335, 332821 was airborne on a snooper search and heckling mission and proceeded to Rabaul, New Britain. During the period of 0415 and 0615, 12 % 100 pound general purpose bombs were dropped, five on Rabaul, five on Vunakanau and two on Tobera. One burst of inaccurate medium anti-aircraft fire was encountered from Vunakanau. No search lights were encountered.

on the second bomb run on Tobera a column of smoke to about 1000 feet was observed three miles northeast of the strip, the results of the balance of the bombs was unobserved.

(All times in this narrative are love).

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