

VMB-423

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Report # 257

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

RESTRICTED
(Reclassify when filled out)

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XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only). **1502**

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Korriu & Managota, Boug'ville (b) Time Over Target(s) 1503-1504 (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 25 miles
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Low Level Bomb Sight Used None
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run 6 & 8 Spacing 25' Minimum Altitude of Bomb Release tree-top level
(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 Korriu		6 VMB-423	12,000 rds 50 Cal 24 X 250# GP	See(o)	
2 Managota		6 VMB-423	6,000 rds 50 Cal 16 X 250# 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.)

The bombs in 306821 hung and were salvaged at sea.
All other bombs were in the respective targets causing a fire with grey smoke to 500 feet at Korriu while other results were unobserved.

(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
301B21	Major LOWELL	1350	1502	1610
302B21	EVANS	1350	1503	1611
303B21	KEITH	1351	1502	1612
304B21	HOPPER	1351	1504	1613
305B21	FOWLER	1352	1503	1614
306B21	SPAULDING	1352	1504	1615

Major LOWELL, Operations Officer, led six PBJs of VMB-423 in a low level bombing and strafing attack on Koriu and Mamagota, Bougainville. The formation was composed of two, three plane sections javelin down.

The strike was airborne by 1353 and after joining-up as described above proceeded to Montopena Point, Bougainville where rendezvous was made with two Piva Corsairs at 1445.

The Piva Corsairs then preceded the formation and marked Koriu with smoke bombs. The flight then broke up into three, two plane sections and 301B21 and 303B21, on instructions from the Corsairs bombed and strafed one hundred yards south of the smoke bombs at 1502 on a heading of 115° magnetic at 200 knots. 302B21 and 305B21 bombed and strafed Mamagota at 1503 on a heading of 120° magnetic at 200 knots. 304B21 and 306B21 strafed and bombed Koriu two minutes behind 301B21 at the same speed and heading.

After their attacks the planes broke to the right and rallied off Montopena Point. The flight then proceeded to Green Island and was safely on deck by 1615.

No anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

The bombs in 306B21 hung and were salvaged at sea. All other bombs were in the respective targets causing a fire with grey smoke to 500 feet, at Koriu while other results were unobserved.

(All times in this narrative are local).

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