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# CONTENTAL GRAFT ACTION REPORT 05303 (Reclassify when filled out)



### I. GENERAL

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TYPE	(b) SQUADRON	NO. OF SORTIES	NO ENGAGING NENEMY A/C	O ATTACK- NG TARGET	8	OMBS A	(f) ND TORPEDOES (PER PLANE)	5	FUZE, SE	TTING
BJ_1J	VMB423		None	8	3 X 1000# GP			Nose: AN-M-103		
					- A - A				Tall: AN-	-M-102A
III. OT	HER U. S. (	OR ALLIED	AIRCRAFT EA	APLOYED IN	N THIS (	PERA	TION.			
TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		ASE		YPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BAS	SE .
BYSA	VPB-53	1	Green Island							
4U	NZ-20	2	Piva						-	
IV FN	FMY. AIRCE	AFT FNCO	UNTERED (R.	Own Aircra	ft Listed	in 11 (				
(a)	(b) NO	NO ENGAGING	OUNTERED (By Own Aircraft Lis			BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED			CAMOUFLAGE AND	
TYPE	OBSERVED	OWN A/C	ENCOUNTERED	ENCOUN.	ENCOUNTER GUI			OBSERVED		ARKING
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		(j) Su	n or Moon						bility	
		OYED OR DAMAG	SED BY	AGED IN AI	R (By O	vn Aire	craft Listed	in II Only		(d)
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON		R GUNNER	T	GUNS U	SED	WHERE	(c) HIT, ANGLE	DAMAC
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XI.	ATTACK	ON	ENEMY	SHIPS	OR	GROUND	OBJECTIVES
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- (a) Target & Location: Kieta Peninsula Alternate (Scheduled for Muguai #16,
  Bougainville)
- (b) Time over Target: 1534 (c) Clouds over Target: .8 Cover
- (d) Visibility of Target: Partially Obscured (e) Visibility: 12 miles
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type: Level Bomb Sight Used: Mark 15

  Bombs Dropped per Run: 3 Spacing: 120' Altitude: 10,500'
- (g) No. of Enemy A/C hit on Ground None Destroyed None Damaged none
  - (h) (i) (k) (n)

Kieta Peninsula 6
Bougainville. VMB-423 18 X 1000# GP See(o)

#### (o) REBULTS:

target. The location of bomb hits with relation to the target is shown on the attached photograph.

## (p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes

PHOTOGRAPH

REFERENCE: VMB-423 (173)(1-2)(4-26-45)(20"-10,200') Kieta, Boug.

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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT None

VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES

None

TYPE MILES MILES AV HOURS AV FUEL AV FUEL AMED EX- PLANES A/C OUT IN IN AIR LOADED CONSUMED PENDED RETURNING PBJ-LJ 212 198 2hrs 40° 974 437 None 6

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED

None

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

No enemy aircraft encountered.

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CALL		PILOT	T/O	GREEN	T/O/T	P/C GREEN
301B21 302B21 303B21 304B21 305B21 306B21	Capt.	IVERSON PEARCE KEITH LUSKY JOBE GRUE	•	1345 1346 1346 1347 1347	1534 1534 1534 1534 1534	1625 1626 1626 1627 1628

Captain IVERSON led six PBJs of VMB-423 in a medium altitude daylight strike against Jap installations on Kieta Penensula when clouds prevented the bombing of Muguai #16, Bougainville, the scheduled target. The strike was composed of two, three plane sections javelin down.

The raid was airborne by 1348 and after joining up as described above proceeded down the east coast of Bougainville to Koromira Point. From here a heading of 2100 magnetic was flown for six miles for bombardiers to figure drift. The formation then flew fourteen miles on a heading of 1540 magnetic where it turned to 2280 magnetic.

On direction of the flight leader two Corsairs dropped smoke bombs to mark the target but three attempted bombing runs from different directions failed to find an opening in the clouds which would permit bombing.

The strike then proceeded northeast to the alternate target at Kieta Bay. Bombs were released at 1534 from 10,500 feet on a heading of 220° magnetic at 160 knots indicated. After bombing the formation broke away to the right and returned to base. All planes were safely on deck at Green Island by 1628.

No anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

All bombs fell in the sea just southwest of the target. The location of bomb hits with relation to the target is shown on the attached photograph.

"(All times in this narrative are love).

WARD D. MARTIN Capt., USMCR Intelligence Officer

NORMAN J. ANDERSON LtCol., USMC Commanding



VMB-423(173)(1-1) 4-26-45 (20"-10200') KITTA, Boug. CONF.