

VMB-423

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Report #224

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

(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 Mission, Bougainville** (b) Time Over Target(s) **0917-0 919** (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** (CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (e) Visibility **30 miles**
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type **Level** (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) Bomb Sight Used **Mark 15**
- Bombs Dropped per Run **1** (NUMBER) Spacing (FEET) Altitude of Bomb Release **8,500** (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) |
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| 1 Monoitu Mission Bougainville | | 7 VMB-423 | 7 X 2000# GP | See (e) | |
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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.)

All bombs were in the target area and were between the two smoke bombs dropped by the Piva Corsair. The location of bomb hits with relation to the target and the smoke bombs used to mark the target is shown by the attached photograph.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? **Yes** 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 |
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| 301B21 | LEMKE | 0800 | 0917 | 1015 |
| 302B21 | WILSON | 0800 | 0917 | 1016 |
| 303B21 | DUTTENHOFER | 0801 | 0917 | 1016 |
| 304B21 | SCHLEGEL | 0801 | 0919 | 1016 |
| 305B21 | BALL | 0802 | 0919 | 1017 |
| 306B21 | GRAVES | 0802 | 0919 | 1017 |
| 307B21 | ROBINSON | 0803 | 0919 | 1018 |

Captain LEMKE led seven PBJs of VMB-423 in a medium altitude daylight attack on Monoitu Mission, Bougainville. The formation was composed of one, three plane section and one, four plane division.

The strike was airborne by 0803 and joined up as described above. The formation proceeded to Empress Augusta Bay where rendezvous was made with one Corsair from Piva at 0900 hours at 10,000 feet. From Empress Augusta Bay the formation flew to Motupena Point and turned into the bomb run.

On the bomb run the PBJs flew a course of 115° magnetic at 8,500 feet with 160 knots indicated air speed the first section bombing at 0917 and the second division at 0919.

The Piva Corsair after the rendezvous, preceded the formation to the target and marked it with smoke bombs.

After bombs were released the formation broke away to the right and returned to Green. All planes were safely on the deck by 1018.

No anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

All bombs were in the target area and were between the two smoke bombs dropped by the Piva Corsair. The location of bomb hits with relation to the target and the smoke bombs used to mark the target is shown by the attached photograph.

(All times in this narrative are local).

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