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XI. ATTACK ON ENDIY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES.

- (a) Target & Location: Nakaru #11, Bougainville. (b) Time over Target:1536
- (c) Clouds over Target: .4 to .6 Cover (d) Visibility of Target: Hazy
- (e) Visibility: 15 miles (1) Bombing Tectics: Type: Level
 Bomb Sight Used: Mark 15 Bombs Dropped per Run: 3 Spacing: 75 feet
 Altitude of Bomb Release: 9,400 feet No. of Enemy A/C Hit on Ground:
 Destroyed None Damaged None
 Probably Destroyed None

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Nakaru /11, 6
Bougainville VMB-425 18 x 1000/ @ 5ee(o)

(o) ALBULTS:

causing two large explosions and columns of smoke. The location of bomb hits with relation to the target is shown on the attached photograph.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? MES.

PHOTO REFERENCE: VMB-423 (164) (4-1) (4-19-45) (8\$19,400) (Nekaru /11, Boug.)

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA. (Narrative and comment. Describe action fully and comment freely, following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

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Major LOWELL, Operations Officer, led six PBJs of VMB-423 in a medium altitude daylight strike on Nakaru target #11, Bougainville. The formation was composed of two, three plane sections javelin down.

The raid was airborne by 1433 and after joining up as described above proceeded down the west coast of Bougainville to Montopena Point. From this location the flight leader contacted the Piva Corsairs which preceded the formation and marked the target with a smoke bomb. The planes then flew down the south coast of Bougainville to the Silibai River where they turned into the bomb run.

The bombing was done at 1536 from an altitude of 9,400 feet on a heading of 0100 magnetic with 160 knots indicated air speed. Following the bombing the formation broke away to the left and returned to base. All planes were safely on deck at Green Island by 1645.

No anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

All bombs fell in the east end of the target causing two large explosions and columns of smoke. The location of bomb hits with relation to the target is shown on the attached photograph.

(All times in this narrative are love).

ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY OWN AIRCRAFT

Altitudes
Speeds
Approach Tactics
Use of Cover, Deception
Angles of Attack and
Their Effectiveness
Distance of Opening Fire
Defense Tactics and
Their Effectiveness

ENEMY AIRCRAFT

Method of Locating, Distance Disposition Altitudes Speeds Approach Tactics Use of Cover, Deception Angles of Attack Distance of Opening Fire Defensive Tactics

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Own Weaknesses

Enemy Weaknesses

Offensive Tactics, Own
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Defensive Tactics, Own
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Flexible Gunnery, Own
Escort Tactics
Fighter Direction
Use of Radar
Night Fighting
Recognition, Aircraft

OWN TACTICS

Method of Locating Target
Approach to Target
Altitudes, Speeds
Approach
Dive
Pull-Out
Dive Angle
Strafing
Retirement
Defensive Tactics
Use of Jamming

DEFENSE, ENEMY

Evasive Tactics, Ships Concealment Searchlights Night Fighter Tactics Use of Jamming

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Bombing Tactics
Torpedo Tactics
Effectiveness of
Bombs, Torpedoes
Selection of Targets
Fuzing
Strafing Tactics
Defensive Tactics
Use of Radar
Reconnaissance
Photography
Briefing

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Navigation
Homing
Rendezvous
Recognition, Ships
Communications
Flight Operations
Search and Tracking
Base Operations
Maintenance

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