

VMB-42b

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Report # 283

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XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY 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 (f) Bombing Tactics: 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

(h)	(i)	(j) (k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
Nakaru #11, Bougainville		6 VMB-423	18 X 1000# GP	See (e)	

(o) RESULTS:

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.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? YES.

PHOTO REFERENCE: VMB-423 (164) (4-1) (4-19-45) (8 1/2" x 9,400) (Nakaru #11, Boug.)

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED
(Reclassify when
filled out)

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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.)

ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY

OWN AIRCRAFT

Disposition
Altitudes
Speeds
Approach Tactics
Use of Cover, Deception
Angles of Attack and
Their Effectiveness
Distance of Opening Fire
Defensive 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
" " " Enemy
Defensive Tactics, Own
" " " Enemy
Flexible Gunnery, Own
Escort Tactics
Fighter Direction
Use of Radar
Night Fighting
Recognition, Aircraft

ATTACK

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

OPERATIONAL

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

CALL	PILOT	T/O GREEN	T/O/T	P/C GREEN
301B21	Major LOWELL	1430	1536	1642
302B21	MONROE	1430	1536	1642
303B21	PEARCE	1431	1536	1643
304B21	EVANS	1431	1536	1643
305B21	EVERS	1432	1536	1644
306B21	TOBERSON	1432	1536	1644

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 010° 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.

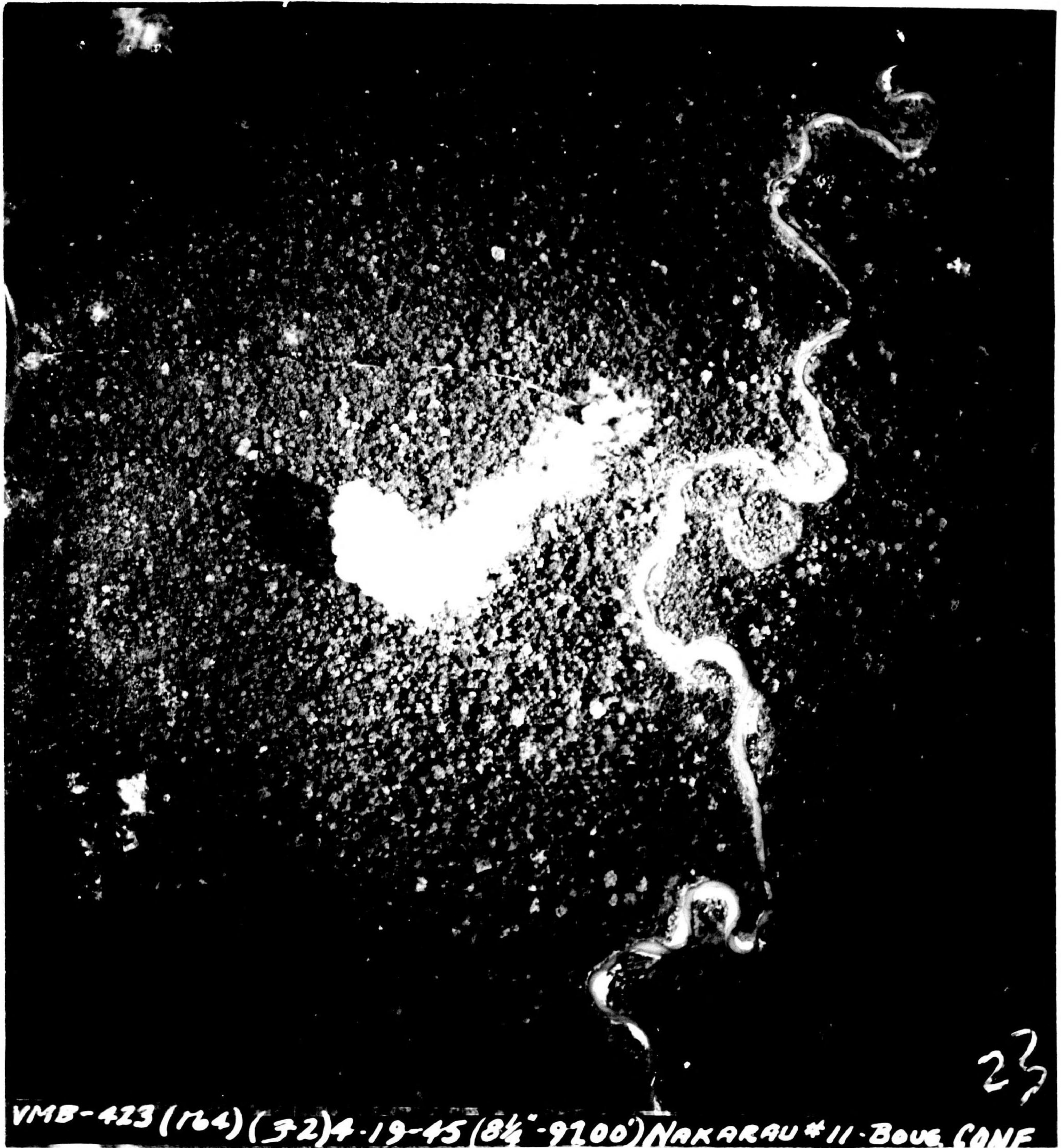
No anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

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(All times in this narrative are love).

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Intelligence Officer

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VMB-423 (164) (32) 4-19-45 (8 1/4" - 9200) NAKARAU #11 - BOUG. CONF

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