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u) Date	of Action_	23 Apri	1, 1945	Take off:	Time 13	30-13:	LZT		(c) Report N	
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II. OV	VN AIRCRA	AFT OFFICI	ALLY COVE	RED BY THIS	•			(g) Time	of Return 15	39-1541
(a) TYPE	(b) SQUADRON	NO OF	NO ENGAGING	NO ATTACK-	REPO		(f)			
BJ_7.T	VEB423	SURTIES	ENEMY A/C	ING TARGET		BOMBS	AND TORPEDO	DES ()	(g) FUZE, SETTING	
		6	None	6	3 X	1000	# GP		Nose: A	N-M-10
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Apparent	Enemy Mis	sion(s)								
Veather a										
		(j) Sun	or Moon					(k) Visibili	ty	
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XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES

- (a) Target & Location: Nakaru #14, Boug'nvil' (b) Time over Target: 1445
- (c) Clouds over Target: .1 Low Clouds (d) Visibility of Target: Clear
- (e) Visibility: 30 miles (f) Bombing Tactics: Type: Level BombSite: Mk. 15
 Bombs Dropped per Run: 3 Spacing: 125' Altitude: 10.800'
- (g) No. of Enemy A/C hit on Ground None Destroyed None Damaged None

(h) (i) (k) (l) (m) (n)

Nakaru #14,

Bougainville VMB-423 18 x 1000# GP See(o)

(o) REBULTS:

All bombs fell south of the target. The pattern of bomb hits with relation to the target is shown on the attached photograph.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes

PHOTOGRAPH
REFERENCE: VMB-423 (169) (3-2) (4-23-45) (81:10,600') Nakaru #14, Boug.

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

VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES

None

Type A/c	Miles	Miles	in Air	Av Fuel Loaded	Av Fuel Consumed	Ammo Ex- pended	Planes Returning
PBJ-LJ	171	160	2hrs 08'	974	353	None	6

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED
None

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT No enemy sircraft encountered.

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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

CALL		PHOT .	T/O	GREEN	T/0/T	P/C GREEN
301B21 302B21 303B21 304B21 305B21 306B21	LtCol.	ANDERSON LEAIRD HEIL RIGDON VAN HORN GRUE		1330 1331 1331 1332 1332	1445 1445 1445 1445 1445	1538 1539 1539 1540 1540

Lieutenant Colonel ANDERSON, Commanding Officer, led six PBJs of VMB-423 in a medium altitude daylight raid on target number 14, Nakaru, Bougainville. The formation was composed of two, three plane sections Javelin down.

The strike was airborne by 1333 and when join-up was made as described above proceeded down the west coast of Bougainville until south of Montopena Point. The formation then flew southeasterly parallel to the south Bougainville coast line. The strike crossed the coast above the Mibo River on a heading of 0480 magnetic to the Robikai River where it turned into the bomb run.

Bombs were released at 1445 from 10,800 feet on a course of 095° magnetic at 160 knots indicated. The formation then broke to the right to return to base. All planes were safely on deck at Green Island by 1542.

No anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

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(All times in this narrative are love).

Their Effectiveness

OWN AIRCRAFT

Approach Tactics

Use of Cover, Deception

Their Effectiveness

Distance of Opening Fire

Angles of Attack and

Defense Tactics and

Disposition

Altitudes

Speeds

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

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