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Report # 340

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting: VPB-53 (b) Based at: Green Island (c) Report # 340
 (d) Date of Action: 24 May, 1945 (e) Take off: Time: 0615-1100 LZT
 Lat. 04°02' Long. 124°14' (f) Mission: Patrolling Missions
over Rabaul Area, New Britain.
 (g) Time of Return: 0940-1030 LZT

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT

TYPE	SQDN	NO. OF SORTIES	NO. ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	NO. ATTACKING TARGET	BOMBS CARRIED PER PLANE
<u>PB-12</u>	<u>VPB-53</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8 X 500 G</u>

FUZE, SETTING :
 v :
 Nose: AN-M-103 :
 .1 Sec Delay :
 Tail: AN-M-100A2 :
 .025 Sec Delay :

III. OTHER U.S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION

Type	Sqdn.	No.	Base	Type	Sqdn.	No.	Base
<u>PB Y5A</u>	<u>VPB-53</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Green Island</u>				

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED

None

V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR

None

VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL OF OWN AIRCRAFT

None

VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES

None

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

TYPE A/C	MILES OUT	MILES IN	AV HOURS IN AIR	AV FUEL LOADED	AV FUEL CONSUMED	TOTAL AMMO EXPENDED	PLANES RETURNING
PB1-11	755		02:30	974	802	None	2
PB1-11	770		02:35	974	816	None	1

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED

	None	Meager	Moderate	Intense
HEAVY	XX			
MEDIUM	XX			
LIGHT	XX			

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT

No enemy aircraft encountered.

XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES

(a) Target & Location: Rabaul Area, New Britain
 (b) Time over Target: 0600-1400L (c) Clouds over Target: SAVV
 (d) Visibility of Target: Clear (e) Visibility: 30
 (miles)
 (f) Bombing Tactics: Type: Level Bomb Sight Used: Mark 16
 Bombs Dropped per Run: 1 A B Spacing: Varies Altitude: 3000 ft.
 Probably
 (g) No. of Enemy A/C hit on Ground: None Destroyed: None Damaged: None

(h)	(i)	(j) (k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
Rabaul		3 VMB-423	14 X 250# GP	See (c)	
Vulcan Crater		1 VMB-423	1 X 250# GP	" "	
Natupai Island		1 VMB-423	1 X 250# GP	" "	
Keravat		1 VMB-423	2 X 250# GP	" "	
Duke of York		1 VMB-423	2 X 250# GP	" "	
Sulphur Creek		1 VMB-423	2 X 250# GP	" "	
Watson Island		1 VMB-423	1 X 250# GP	" "	
Toboi Wharf		1 VMB-423	1 X 250# GP	" "	

(c) RESULTS

Two bombs dropped by 375821 destroyed one hut east of Rabaul. All other results were unobserved.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No 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.
Use additional sheets if necessary).

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

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CALL	PILOT	T/O GREEN	T/O/T	P/C GREEN
375B21	BARRETT	0515	0600-0900	0940
376B21	TOGERSON	0805	0900-1200	1235
377B21	GRUE	1100	1150-1450	1530

On 24 May, 1945, three PBJs of VMB-423 patrolled the Rabaul, New Britain area from 0600 to 1450.

375B21 dropped eight 250 pound general purpose bombs as follows: two on Rabaul Town, two on huts east of Rabaul Town destroying one hut, two on camp fires north-east of Rabaul, one on Vulcan Crater and one on Matupi Island.

376B21 dropped eight 250 pound general purpose bombs as follows: two on huts near Keravat, two on Duke of York huts, two on the Sulphur Creek area, one on huts on Watom Island and one on Rabaul Town. All results were unobserved.

377B21 dropped eight 250 pound general purpose bombs as follows: seven on Rabaul Town and one on Toboi Wharf with unobserved results.

No anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

(All times in this narrative are local).

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