

VMB-423

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting: VMB-423 (b) Based at: Green Island (c) 835 Report #
 (d) Date of Action: 22 May, 1945 (e) Take off: Time: 0915-0917 LZT
 Lat. 04°32' Long. 164°14' (f) Mission: Medium altitude bombing
of Kara Anti-Aircraft Guns, Bougainville.
 (g) Time of Return: 1120-1122 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
PBJ-1J	VMB423	6	None	6	6 X 500# GP

FUZE, SETTING :
 Nose: AN-M-103
 .1 sec Delay
 Tail: AN-M-101A2
 .025 sec Delay
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 (c) Date of Action: _____ (d) Take off: _____

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

Type	Sqdn.	No.	Base	Type	Sqdn.	No.	Base
PBY5A	VFB-53	1	Green Island				

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED

None

V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR

None

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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
PBJ-1J	182	171	2hrs 05'	974	374	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: Kara AA Guns, Bougainville.
- (b) Time over Target: 1025 (L) (c) Clouds over Target: .6 Cover
- (d) Visibility of Target: Hazy (e) Visibility: 15 miles
(miles)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type: Level Bomb Sight Used: Mark 15
Bombs Dropped per Run: 6 Spacing 75' Altitude 10,600'
Probably
- (g) No. of Enemy A/C hit on Ground: None Destroyed: None Damaged
: None

(h)	(i)	(j) (k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
Kara AA Guns.		6	36 X 500# GP	See (a)	

(c) RESULTS

Bombs made a good pattern on the target. The location of bomb hits with relation to the target is shown on the attached photograph.

PHOTOGRAPH REFERENCE:

VMB-423 (212) (4-2) 5-22-45 (20"-10,400') Kara AA Posits., Boug., CONF.

- (p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should be attached by staple.

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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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
- 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
- " " , 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	LtCol ANDERSON	0915	1025	1120
302B21	GRUE	0915	1025	1120
303B21	BARRETT	0916	1025	1121
304B21	WALLER	0916	1025	1121
305B21	LINEN	0917	1025	1122
306B21	TOGERSON	0917	1025	1122

Lieutenant Colonel ANDERSON, Commanding Officer, led six PBJs of VMB-423 in a day raid on the anti-aircraft guns at Kara Airdrome, Bougainville. The strike was airborne by 0918 and joined up in two, three plane sections javelin down.

After joining up the formation proceeded down the east coast of Bougainville to the Poritana River where a heading of 194° magnetic was flown to the Lulual River. The flight then went southwesterly around Mt. Gulcher and turned into the bombing run.

Bombs were released at 1025 from 10,600 feet on a heading of 100° magnetic with 155 knots indicated air speed.

No anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

Bombs made a good pattern on the target. The location of bomb hits with relation to the target is shown on the attached photograph.

(All times in this narrative are love).

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Intelligence Officer

NORMAN J. ANDERSON
LtCol., USMC
Commanding.



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