

VMB-423

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Report # 262

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VMB-423 (b) Based on or at Green Island (c) Report No. 262
 (d) Take off: Date 6 April, 1945 Time (LZT) 0845-0847 (Zone); Lat. 04° 32' Long 154° 14'
 (e) Mission Medium Altitude Daylight Strike on Muguai/S, instead hit AA positions Ebery's Lease & Strafed Monitu & Pororei, Bougainville (f) Time of Return 1102-1111 (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
PBJ-LJ	VMB423	5	None	5	3 X 1000# GP	Nose: AN-M-103 .1 Sec Delay
PBJ-LJ	VMB423	1	None	1	6 X 500# GP	Tail: AN-M-102A2 .025 Sec Delay

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
PV-1	NZ-3	3	Green Island				
PBY5A	VPB-44	1	Green Island				
F4U	NZ-24	2	Green Island				

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE	(b) NO OBSERVED	(c) NO ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED, GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
None			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) _____
 Did Any Part of _____
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? _____ If so, Describe Clouds _____
 (YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 Time of Day and Brilliance _____
 (j) of Sun or Moon _____ (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON, DAY, OVERCAST, ETC.) (k) Visibility _____ (MILES)

V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:				(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		
None						

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) **Ebery's Lease & Monoitu road.** (b) Time Over Target(s) **0949-0950** (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target **.10 Cloud Cover with rain**
- (d) Visibility of Target **Hazy** (e) Visibility **5 to 10 miles**
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type **Level** Bomb Sight Used **Mark 15**
- Bombs Dropped per Run **3 & 6** Spacing **25-75 ft.** Altitude of Bomb Release **9,500 feet**
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed **None** Probably Destroyed **None** Damaged **None**

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS Or Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 Ebery's Lease		6 VMB-423	6 X 500 # GP 15 X 1000# GP	See(o)	
2 Monoitu		5 VMB-423	7,000 rds 50 Cal	See(o)	
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(o) RESULTS: (For all hits claimed on ship targets and for land targets of special interest, draw diagram, top or side view or both, as appropriate, showing type and location of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

Ebery's Lease

All PRJ bombs were in the target area and probably damaged or destroyed some of the guns. PV bombs overshot the target. As the bombs exploded in the position the guns stopped firing. The location of bomb hits with relation to the target is shown on the attached photograph.

Monoitu to Pororei River Ford

The area was thoroughly strafed with 7,000 rounds of caliber .50 ammunition but the speed of the planes prevented observation of results.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? **Yes** 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.
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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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Strafing was done on a course of 123° magnetic at a speed of 210 knots indicated from Pororei River Ford to Monoitu road junction. The area was thoroughly strafed with 7,000 rounds of caliber .50 ammunition but the speed of the planes prevented observation of results.

Meagre, inaccurate light anti-aircraft fire and small arms fire were encountered from unidentified positions during the strafing run.

(All times in this narrative are local).

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