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	Date 23		1945	_Time (LZ1) 1.44	D L. TO	(Zone), La) Time of	Return 16	53 L	(Zone)
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	SQUADRON	TAKING	NUMBER ENGAGING	ATTACKING	1	BOMBS AN	ND TORPEDOES (PER PLANE)		FUZ	ZE, SETTING	
(a)	(b)	OFF (c)	ENEMY A/C	TARGET (e)		CARRIED	(f)		AN-M-1	(g)	80
J-1	VNB 41	5 2	None	2	1 x	2000	IP inst	•	AN-M-1	0242	tail
	VMB413	1.	None	1	2 x	1000	m inst	•	AN-M-1	.00A2	tall
III. OT	HER U. S.	OR ALLIE	D AIRCRAF	T EMPLOYE BASE	DINT	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER		BASE	
	Mone								-		
								0-1			
IV. EN	IEMY AIRC	CRAFT OB	SERVED OR	ENGAGED	(e) CATION OF	Aircraft	BOMBS, TORPE	DOES CARRIE	ED;	CAMOUFLA MARKI	GE AND NG
TYPE	OBSERVED	OWN A/	NG TIME ENCOUNTE	ERED EN	COUNTER		GUNS	DOERVED			
	None		(2	ZONE)							
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	ent Enemy ny Part of			If so De	scribe C	louds		TVE	E AND TENTHS	OF COVER)
Time	of Day and t	Brilliance		If so, De			(BASE		isibility	(MILI	
(j) of Sun	or Moon -	CRAFT DE	STROYED C	R DAMAGE	D IN A	R (By Ow	n Aircraft L	isted in 11	Only).		(d)
(a) TYPE	(b) DEST	ROYED OR D	AMAGED BY:	PILOT OR GUNN			S USED		ERE HIT, ANGL	.E	DAMA
ENEMY A/C	None	300/10/10									
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er 2				No.
VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE,	COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, O	F OWN AIRCRAFT (of	those listed in 11 only).	VMB 413

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
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3				
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6				
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13				
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

a) (b) IO. SQUAD	RON NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
None			
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VIII RANGE FILEL AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a)	(b)	(b) (c)	(c) (d)	(e)	e) (f)	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				NO OF PLANES
TYPE A/C	MILES	RETURN	AV. HOURS IN AIR	LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	RETURNING
PHJ-1	90	90	202081	975	342	N	0	N	775	3
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IX FNFMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

IX. EIGENT AIGHT-AIRCRAFT LITEOUTTERE	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
CALIBER	NOINE	MLAGER	MODERATE	114121452
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	X			
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	X			
I IGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	X			

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION

ARMAMENT

No enemy aircraft encountered

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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and the second					TOTAL AS TO
XI. ATTACK ON EN	IEMY SHIPS OR	GROUND OBJECTI	VES (By Own Airci	raft Listed in II Only).	VMB 413
a) Target(s) and Location	n(s) FOR SHIPS	ROLUDE ALE IN AREA	NDER ATTACK)	Time Over Target (s)	550-1555L (Zone
c) Clouds Over Target	8/10	(BASE IN FEET	TYPE AND TENTHS OF C	OVER)	
d) Visibility of Target	O VELERA HAZ	Y. PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CEOUDS: ETC.)	(e) Visibility Le	ss than 5
f) Bombing Tactics: Type	ousand fee	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bon	nb Sight Used 1	5 Hag. 7
Bombs Dropped per Ru	In	Spacing	Minimum	_ Altitude of Bomb Rele	ease 10,000
g) Number of Enemy Air				Destroyed_None	_ Damaged None
(h) AIMING POINT	DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMM EXPENDED, EACH AIM	UNITION NO HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk
-4 A		3 WMB 41.3	2	see (o)	see(c)
Bridge					
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l x 2000 west of bridge, 2000 feet l x 2000 in water north of bridge 2 x 1000 returned to base. Target closed in

⁽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).

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA. (Narrative and comment. Describe action fully and comment With Street, 13

AGEMENT WITH ENEMY) 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
"", Enemy

Flexible Gunnery, Own
Escort Tactics
Fighter Direction
Use of Radar
Night Fighting
Recognition, Aircraft

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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Captain Mac Lean led three planes from this squadron in a medium level bombing attack of Lossuk Bay Bridge, New Ireland.

The flight took off at 1445, joined up in a vee formation and proceeded to the target area on a course of 132 degrees magnetic. Upon reaching the target area, Captain Mac Lean neeled off and made his bombing run on a course of 250 degrees magnetic, at an altitude of 10,200 feet and speed of 170 knots. Captain Menry followed with a course of 005 degrees magnetic, altitude 9500 feet and speed of 17 knots. At this time the weather closed in over the target, so the third plane could not make its attack. After circling twenty minutes trying to find a break, the flight leader decided to return to the base. A rally was held fifteen miles north of the target. From this point the flight headed for home in a vee formation on a course of 312 degrees magnetic and hit the deck at 1653.

The scores are as follows; 1 x 2000 pound GP inst. hitting 2000 feet west of the bridge, 1 x 2000 pounder in the water north of the bridge and 2 x 1000 pounders returned to the base.

(All times in narrative are love)

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