

VMB-423

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Report # 273

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

None

VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES

None

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

Type A/C	Miles		Hours in Air	Fuel Loaded	Fuel Consumed	AMMUNITION		Planes Returning
	Out	In				.30	.50 20MM MM	
PBJ-1J	199	180	2hrs 22'	974	403	N - O - N - E		6

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED.

	None	Meager	Moderate	Intense
HEAVY				
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: Ebery's Lease; Bougainville (b) Time over Target: 1505 LZT
- (c) Clouds over Target: .9 Cover (d) Visibility of Target: Hazy
- (e) Visibility: 8 miles (f) Bombing Tactics: Type: Level BombSight Mark 15
Bombs dropped per run: 3 Spacing: 50-100' Altitude: 10,100'
- (g) No. of Enemy A/C hit on Ground: None Probably Destroyed: None
Damaged: None

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

Ebery's Lease,
Bougainville..

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(c) RESULTS:

All bombs landed in the target area except those returned to base by 304821. The location of bomb hits with relation to the target is shown on the attached photograph.

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED
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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
Defensive 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	Major TAYLOR	1345	1506	1607
302B21	KEITH	1345	1506	1607
303B21	HUBER	1346	1506	1608
304B21	EWERS	1346	---	1500
305B21	TOGHERSON	1347	1506	1609
306B21	RIGDON	1347	1506	1609

* 304B21 did not reach the target.

Major TAYLOR, Executive Officer led six PBJs on a medium altitude daylight attack on anti-aircraft positions in Ebery's Lease when clouds blanketed the scheduled target of Muguai number 11, Bougainville. The formation was composed of two, three plane sections javelin down.

The strike was airborne by 1348 and after joining up as described above proceeded down the east coast of Bougainville to Koromira Point. 304B21 returned early as a result of carburetor trouble. Contact was made with the two Piva Corsairs and they proceeded to mark target number 11 Muguai as previously arranged but dense cloud formations prevented the bombing of the marked target. After the attempted bomb run on target number 11 the formation proceeded to Moila Point and turned east for an attack on the anti-aircraft positions at Ebery's Lease which were out from under the clouds.

Bombs were released at 1506 from an altitude of 10,100 feet on a heading of 040° magnetic at 160 knots indicated air speed.

Fourteen bursts of inaccurate heavy anti-aircraft fire were encountered from known positions at Ebery's Lease.

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(All times in this narrative are love).

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