

LOAN BEAUFORT

After reading your issue dated March 6 containing the story of Beaufort A9-486, I could not help reminding you of A9-580. In 240 hours flying time this plane has to its record 120 strikes, plus 24 sorties.

This Beaufort finished its tour at Aitape and Wewak.

Our squadron also has the pleasure of holding the bombing record for one day's bombing—74 strikes for 134,000 lb of bombs.

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A9-580 was used on the Loan Tour. In 1942-43 F/O R. Green [then F/Sgt] won the first Pacific CGM in her. She carried out 132 operations during her tour, flew 186 operational hours, 13,500 miles, dropped nearly 100 tons of bombs. Reader Rodda's squadron figures should be 70 strikes for 130,000 lb.

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