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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED  
(Reclassify when filled out)

(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) Yunakansu #9 B. New Britain (b) Time Over Target(s) 1103L (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target scattered cumulus at 1500'. tops to 5000'.  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target clear (e) Visibility 10  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type level Bomb Sight Used Hk.15. Mod.7.  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run All Spacing 50' Altitude of Bomb Release 10500-12100'  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (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) BOMB AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HIT ON Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed, or other)
1 Yunakansu #9B	2100' x 900'	6 VMB-413	36 x 500 GP		
2 Yunakansu #9B	same	9 VMB-433	54 x 500 GP		See #1
3 Yunakansu #9B	same	7 VMB-443	42 x 500 GP		
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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.)

- 1.- 36 x 500 GPs fell 500' south of the eastern end of the target in a wooded area near the Tomavatur Road.
- 2.- 54 x 500 GPs fell from the middle of the gardens, 300' south of the target, through the western half of the target to the hedgerow 900' north of the target. Approximately one-half of the total created a bomb pattern 300' x 900' in the actual target resulting in destroying gardens and clearing away possible hiding spots for supplies.
- 3.- 42 x 500 GPs fell from 300' south of center section of the target into the middle of the target itself with approximately 21 in and 21 short. Gardens were destroyed and possible hiding spots for supplies were cleared away.

**Photographs attached:**

- (2) (VMB-443) (215) (0) (20") (12,100') (1100L) (7 May, 45) (Yunakansu, N. B.)  
(4) (VMB-433) (124) (0) (20") (10,500') (1111L) (7 May, 45) (Yunakansu, N. B.)

(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

REPORT PREPARED BY:

413		433		443	
CALL	PILOT	CALL	PILOT	CALL	PILOT
254B21	Cox	266B21	Smith	279B21	Anderson
255B21	Menard	267B21	Fischer	280B21	McGuire
256B21	Cooper	268B21	Pittner	281B21	Blaisdell
257B21	Hines	269B21	Bethier	282B21	Whittmore
258B21	Roome	270B21	Huston	283B21	Larson
259B21	Cochrane	271B21	Aronka	284B21	Lord
		272B21	Leuchman	285B21	Balleu
		273B21	Watson	286B21	Booth
		274B21	Wilfong	287B21	Wilson

Lt. Col. R. B. Cox led three squadrons on a medium altitude bombing attack of Vanakanau 9B, an area 2100' by 900', reported to be a Supply and Storage Area.

The target was blasted by 49 x 500# GPs which formed a pattern 300' x 900' in the center section of the Supply and Storage Dump, causing considerable damage. Individual runs were made by the squadrons at short intervals with the score by squadrons as follows: VMB-413 dropped 36 x 500# GPs 500' south of the eastern end of the target in a wooded area near the Tomavatur Road; VMB-433 had 27 out of it's 54 bombs hit the western half of the target as the other 27 bombs were spread 300' south; VMB-443 laid 21 x 500# GPs in the target and 21 approximately 300' south of the area.

Lt. Col. Cox took off the lead squadron, VMB-413, at 0918, followed by VMB-443 at 0921 and VMB-433 at 0924.

The squadrons joined up and proceeded individually to Selapiu Island where the rendezvous was held at 10,000 feet.

With the Group in a vee formation, squadrons javelined down, the flight headed for the Duke of York Islands on a course of 122° magnetic. At this point the flight swung over for the mouth of the Warangai River, hence westward for ten miles and into a long sweep for the bombing run.

Breaking up the formation the squadrons spread out in the turn for individual runs in javelin down formation. VMB-413 hit the target at 1103, at an altitude of 12100 feet and a course of 328° magnetic. VMB-443 was one minute apart and bombed on a course of 320° magnetic, 11500 feet at 1104. VMB-433 followed in at 1109 on a course of 010° magnetic, at 10800'. All squadrons kept a speed of 155 knots over the target.

The breakaway was to the left, followed by a rally off the northwestern tip of New Britain. The squadrons then took a 302° magnetic course for Sepapiu Island and a turn to a 325° magnetic leg to the base. All planes were on the deck safely at 1239.

Shortly after the take-off two planes from VMB-443 returned to base. One plane developed an electrical fire and the other had a bad engine. Both planes landed safely by 1020.

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Capt., USMC,  
Group Intelligence Officer.

APPROVED BY

**P. A. SMITH,**  
Col., USMC,  
Group Commander.

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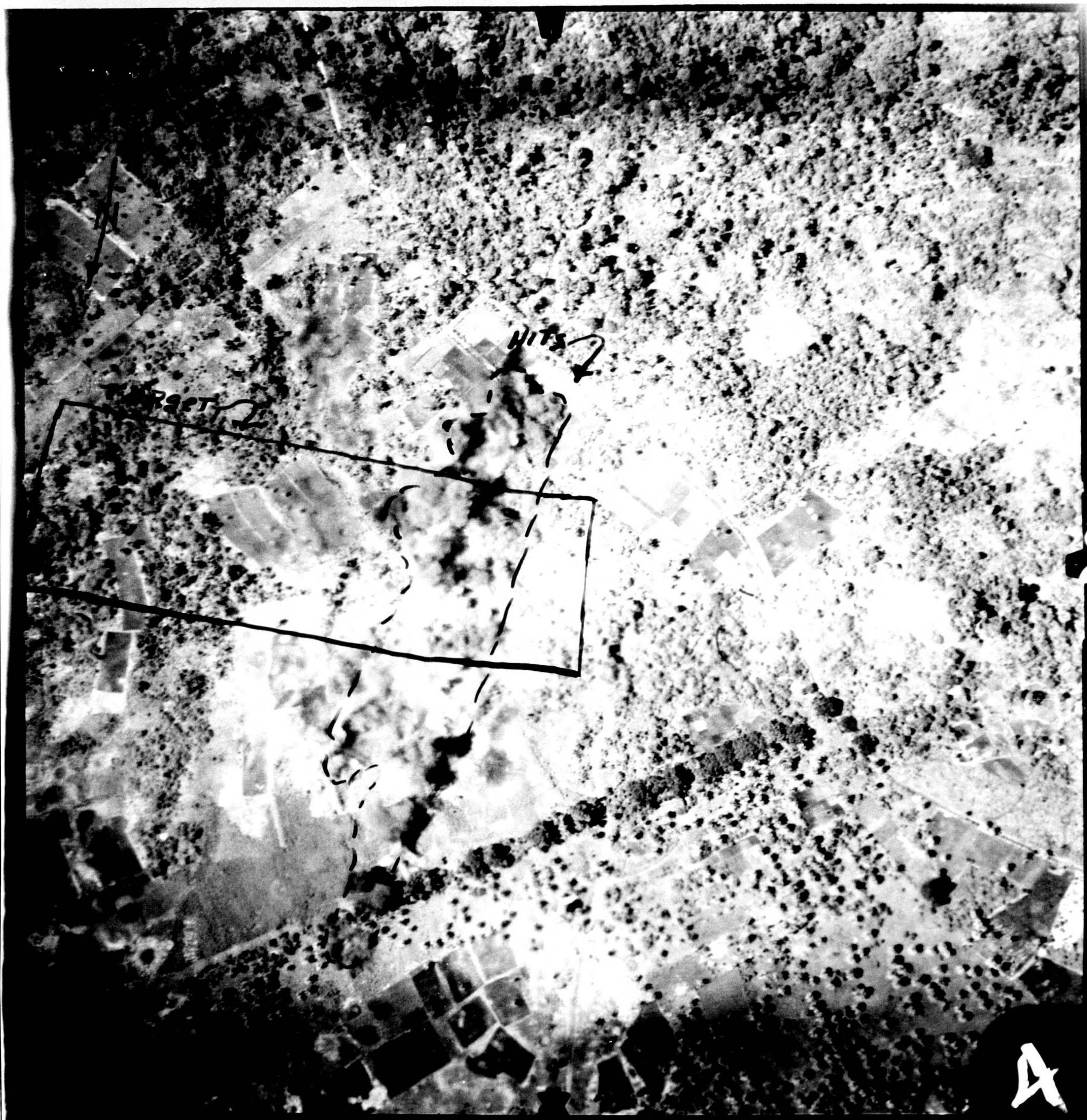
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