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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(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) Kavieng AA Positions, N. I. (FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK) (b) Time Over Target(s) 1023L (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target 4-6/10 cumulus at 2000' top 3000' with showers (BASE IN FEET, TIME AND HEIGHTS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target clear (R. HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (e) Visibility 10 (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type level (LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) Bomb Sight Used Mk 15 mod 7
- Bombs Dropped per Run 22 (NUMBER) Spacing _____ (FEET) Altitude of Bomb Release 10,000-10,900'
- (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. HIT ON Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 Heavy AA and M/G positions		3 WR 413	4 x 1000 GP		
2 same		6 WR 433	1 x 2000 GP		
3 same		9 WR 443	5 x 2000 GP		See No. 4
4 same			9 x 2000 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.-4 x 1000# GPs landed 2000 feet northeast of the target in the midst of the woods with no damage observed.
- 1 x 2000# GP landed 2000 feet northeast of the target in the midst of the woods with no damage observed.
- 2.-5 x 2000# GPs landed between 100 feet and 400 feet west of the target knocking out 3 machine gun nests and demolishing 4 revetted huts.
- 3 x 2000# GPs landed approximately 600' north of the target with no damage observed.
- 3.-1 x 2000# GP landed 200' northwest of the target clearing out grove of trees under which stores had been observed.
- 2 x 2000# GPs landed 2000' north of target in the woods doing no observed damage.
- 6 x 2000# GPs landed long near the coast north of the target.
- 4.-2 x 2000# GPs were jettisoned by plane returning due to mechanical failure and escort plane.
- 5.-2 x 2000# GPs hung, one later being jettisoned; and the other being returned to base.
- Photograph attached: (After-strike)
- (3) (MAG-61) (23-B) (V) (24") (12300') (1038L) (23 March 45) Kavieng to Panapei.

(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

413		433		443	
CALL	PILOT	CALL	PILOT	CALL	PILOT
254B21	Cox	266B21	Smith	279B21	Gorman
255B21	Leggio	267B21	Pittner	280B21	Hartman
256B21	Smith	268B21	Bable	281B21	Hudson
257B21	Brueggstrass	269B21	Loughran	282B21	Anderson
258B21	Conant	270B21	Wilfong	283B21	Kennedy
259B21	Helling	271B21	Watson	284B21	Blaisdell
		272B21	Dethier	285B21	McConnell
		273B21	Kronka	286B21	Booth
		274B21	Huston	287B21	Mueller

The primary target was Vanakansu #12, New Britain. Due to adverse weather conditions, the primary target could not be reached, and the secondary, Kavieng AA positions, located north of the northwestern end of Kavieng Airstrip was the target of a coordinated medium level bombing attack by 3 FBJ squadrons.

Following the join up over Mirau, the flight proceeded on course to Djaul Island in vee of squadrons, javelined down. At this point, the flight leader, because of adverse weather conditions toward the Rabaul Area, elected to hit the secondary Kavieng AA positions. The flight turned north and at this point the flight leaders plane, 254B21, developed mechanical trouble forcing him to drop from the formation and return to base with an escort plane. The lead was then turned over to Major Smith of WLB-433 and the remaining four planes of 413 joined on 433. Reaching the initial point, the flight changed into a right echelon of squadrons for the bombing run.

The squadrons diverted from their briefed plan of attacking separated positions and directed their coordinated efforts against the heavy AA positions and machine gun nests guarding them, 2000' north of the NW end of Kavieng runway on a bearing of 027°T. The bomb run was made at a speed of 165-175 kts, and on a magnetic heading of 010°-012° and altitudes of 10,000-10,9000'.

Meager to intense, heavy, medium and light, accurate to inaccurate AA fire was received from the positions and one plane was holed.

All squadrons broke to the left and the flight rallied 5 miles north-west of North Cape. After flight was in formation, it returned to base.

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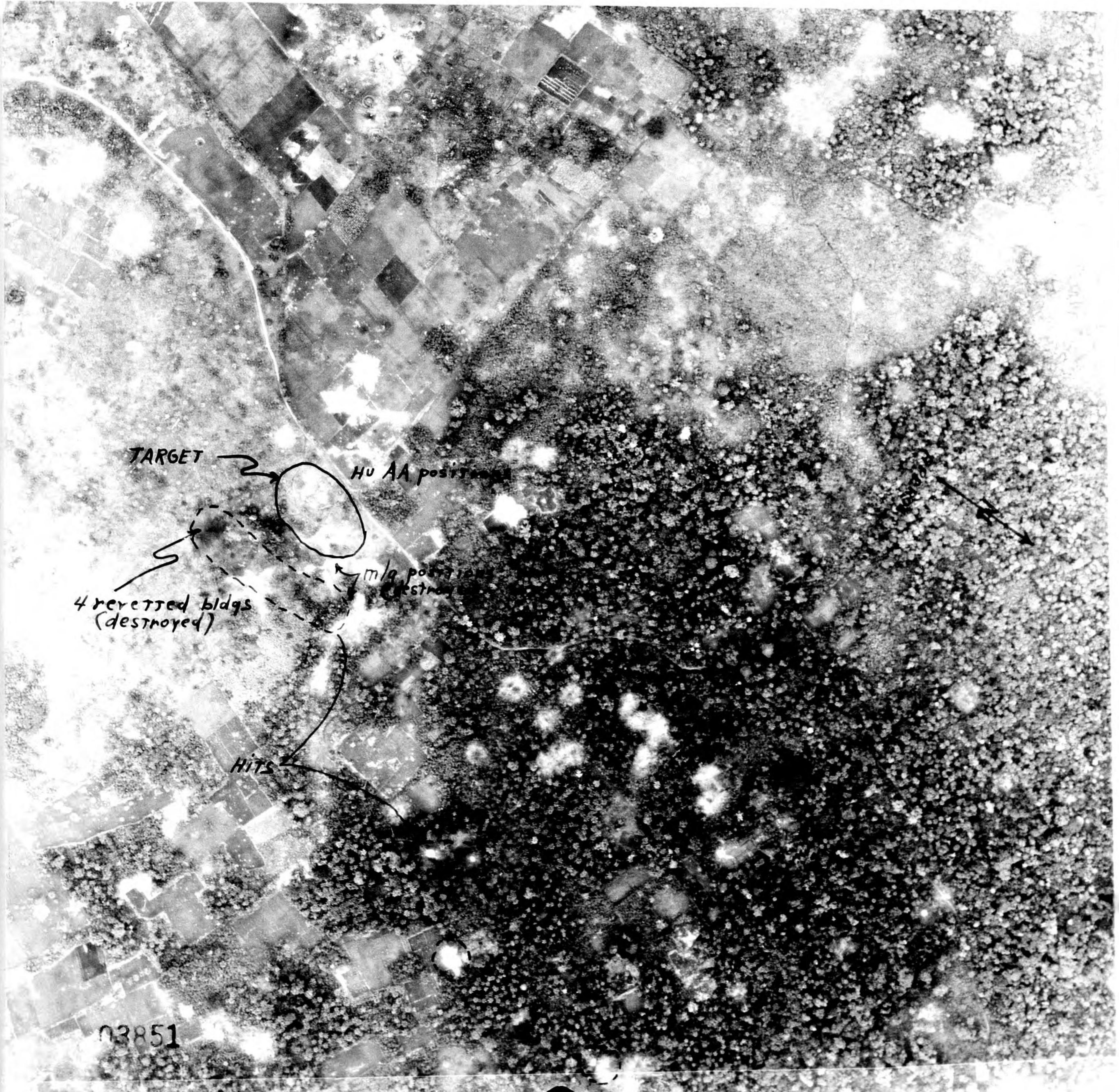
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3 (MA6-41)(23-B)(γ)(24") (12,300') (10384) (23 MARCH 45) KAVIENG TO PANAPAI