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Report # 109

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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) Tobera #26, N.B. (b) Time Over Target(s) 0932L (Zone) S:1012L
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
Secondary: Yunakansa 11A, N.B.
- (c) Clouds Over Target 2.10 ca. at 1000', tops to 3000'
(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 Mk. 15, Mod. 7.
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run All Spacing 50' Altitude of Bomb Release 10200-10950'
(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) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 Tobera #26, N.B.	2100' x 500'	6 VMB-413	36 x 500 GP		
2 Yunakansa #11A, N.B.	1000' x 950'	7 VMB-433	42 x 500 GP		See "a"
3 Sulphur Cr., N.B.	1000' x 500'	2 VMB-433	12 x 500 GP		
4 Tobera #26, N.B.	2100' x 500'	2 VMB-413	54 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).

- 36 x 500 GP's fell in the plantation area from 500' southwest of the target to the western edge of the target for no apparent damage.
- 2 x 500 GP's cratered the southern taxiway in the target.
 4 x 500 GP's cratered the taxiway just west of the target.
 2 x 500 GP's wiped out 100' of the hedgeway in an adjoining target.
 1 x 500 GP's fell in a revetment 200' west of the northern edge of the target.
 33 x 500 GP's fell from 200' south of the southern end of the target diagonally to 300' west of the target for no apparent damage.
- 12 x 500 GP's fell unobserved in the vicinity of Sulphur Creek.
- 12 x 500 GP's fell in the western section of the target doing probable damage to a revetment area of undetermined contents.
 42 x 500 GP's fell north and west of the western portion of the target by 100 to 300'. Many new gardens and slit trenches were hit.

Photographs attached:

- (4) (VMB-413) (223) (0) (20") (11200') (0923L) (19 May 45) (Tobera #26)
 (1) (VMB-413) (698) (0) (20") (10200') (0945L) (19 May 45) (Tobera)
 (3) (VMB-433) (130) (0) (20") (11600') (19 May 45) (Yunakansa 11, 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. Use additional sheets if necessary).

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	Mendenhall	266B21	Long	279B21	Gould
255B21	Thomas	267B21	Beavers	280B21	Kozlowski
256B21	Roome	268B21	Wilson	281B21	Weeks
257B21	Bouscaren	269B21	Alein	282B21	Greene
258B21	Gearhart	270B21	Tongas	283B21	Blaisdell
259B21	Cooper	271B21	Gilberson	284B21	Booth
		272B21	Evans	285B21	Gorman
		273B21	Benjamin	286B21	Garton
		274B21	Dann	287B21	Dee

Lt.Col. Gould led three squadrons of PB's on a medium altitude bombing attack of Old Tobera #26, an active supply and bivouac area, on New Britain.

90 x 500# GPs were dropped around and in the target probably damaging a revetment area, of undetermined contents, and damaging many gardens and slit trenches.

Lt.Col. Gould, leading VMB-443, took off at 0800. Each squadron was given a separate run over target at varied intervals. Following the lead squadron was VMB-413 at 0815 and VMB-433 at 0830.

VMB-443 after joining up, proceeded down to the southern end of the Duke of York Islands, via the Selapiu - west coast route, and made a wide sweep to the initial point of Kekupe, where a course of 195° magnetic was taken into the bombing run. The formation was javelin down with a speed of 155 kts. I.A.S. and an altitude of 10,950'. Bombs were away at 0932. Breaking to the left the formation flew up the west coast of New Ireland to the base with all planes landing safely at 1055.

VMB-413 took a course to Selapiu Island, then to the Duke of York Islands turning continuously right, for ten miles and a course of 300° magnetic for the bombing run. Upon approaching the target clouds prevented the leader from making his run so the squadron came in parallel to the short axis, still on a course of 300° and a speed of 165 kts. I.A.S. at an altitude of 10,200'. All bombs were away at 0945. To the base, a route of 302° magnetic was taken to Djaul Island, and then direct to Emirau with all planes safely on the deck at 1057.

VMB-433, last to join up, proceeded to Ataliklikun Bay thence to Tobera where cloud conditions prevented the release of bombs. Swinging to Yunakanau #11A the secondary target, the squadron released its bomb load in a javelin down column of 3 plane sections at a speed of 155 kts. I.A.S. altitude of 11,600' while on a course of 038° magnetic. All bombs were away at 1012. The 42 x 500# GPs dropped on Yunakanau cratered a taxiway, damaged a revetment and destroyed 100' of the hedgeway, a reported plane hide area. Due to mechanical failure, two planes from this squadron, were unable to release over Yunakanau. Leaving the formation they proceeded to Sulphur Creek and released 12 x 500# GPs for unobserved results.

After rejoining all planes made an uneventful flight back to base to land at 1135.

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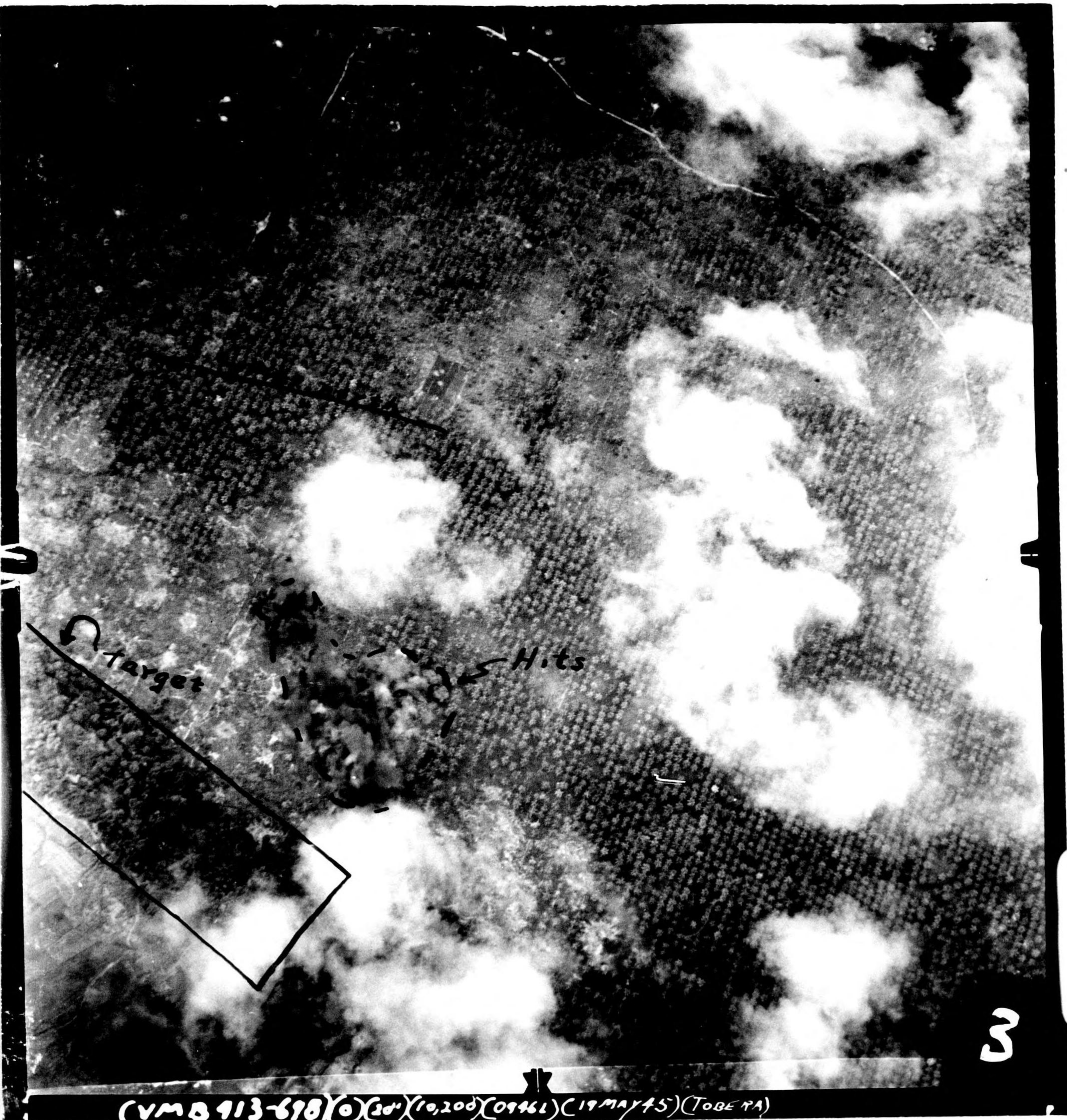
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Group Intelligence Officer.

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Group Commander.

SIGNATURE

RANK AND DUTY



Target

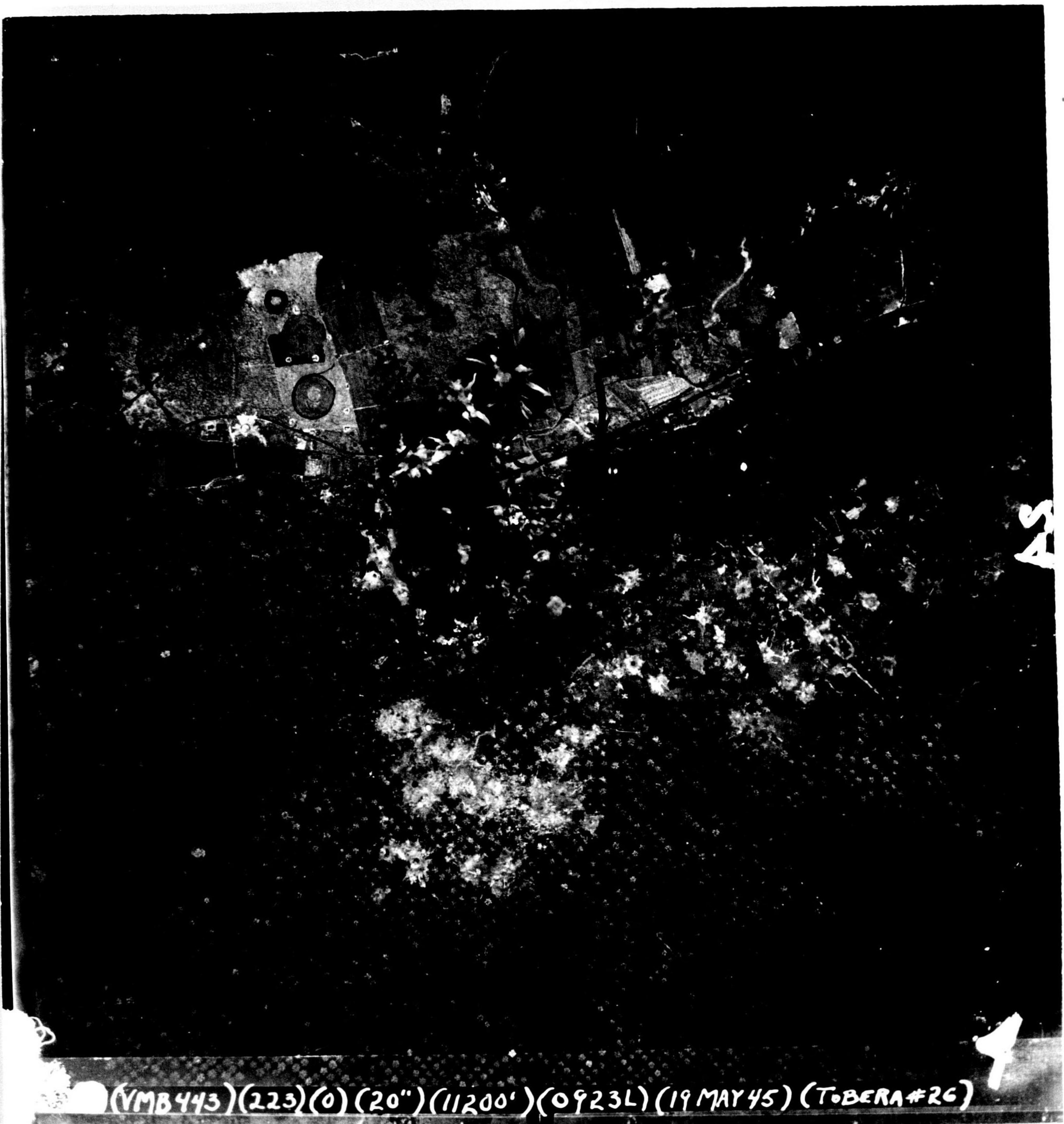
Hits

(VMB 913-698) (0) (34) (10,200) (09461) (19 MAY 45) (TOBE PA)

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VMB-433(130)(0)(20)(11,600)(1112L)(19MAY 45)(VUNAKANAU II, NB)



(VMB443)(223)(0)(20'')(11200')(0923L)(19MAY45)(TOBERA#26)