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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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## I. GENERAL

Ref: WR-413 330 - 433 220  
423 356 - 443 180

(a) Unit Reporting WAO 61 (b) Based on or at Hairan Island (c) Report No. 155  
(d) Take off: Date 30 June, 1945 Time (LZT) 0859-1014 (Zone); Lat. 01° 36' S. Long. 150° E.  
(e) Mission Coordinated medium altitude bombing attack against Functon #26, Functon #3, Kobogata #54 & New Rebel #16, N.R. (f) Time of Return 1127-1225 (Zone)

## II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
PBY-1	WR-413	6	None	6	3 x 1000 GP M-65	Nose: ALM-103 inst. Tail: ALM-102A2 inst.
PBY-1	WR-433	6	None	6	3 x 1000 GP M-44	Nose: ALM-103 inst. Tail: ALM-102A2 inst.
PBY-1	WR-443	9	None	9	3 x 650 Depth Charges	Nose: ALM-219 inst.
PBY-1	WR-423	6	None	6	3 x 650 Depth Charges	Nose: ALM-219 inst.

## III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
PBY	WR-413	1	Hairan Island				
PBY	WR-423	2	same				

## IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE	(b) NO OBSERVED	(c) NO ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
None			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Did Any Part of \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, Describe Clouds \_\_\_\_\_ (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)  
Time of Day and Brilliance \_\_\_\_\_  
(j) of Sun or Moon \_\_\_\_\_ (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (k) Visibility \_\_\_\_\_ (MILES)

## V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:			(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER		
None					

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## VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	(c) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1	<del>None</del>			
2				
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## VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) NO.	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
	<del>None</del>			

## VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	(d) AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	(f) AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h) NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
						30	50	20MM	MM	
<del>PRO-1</del>	<del>189</del>	<del>80</del>	<del>2hrs. 09</del>	<del>974</del>	<del>338</del>	<del>2</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>2</del>	<del>2</del>	<del>2</del>

## IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

## X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

- SPEED, CLIMB,  
at various altitudes
  - TURN
  - DIVES
  - CEILINGS
  - RANGE
  - PROTECTION
  - ARMAMENT

~~No enemy aircraft encountered.~~

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(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 A/A Positions, N.I. (b) Time Over Target(s) 1054-1143 (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target 4 - 6/10 cu. at 4000' tops to 8000'  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target partially obscured (e) Visibility 10  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Level Bomb Sight Used Mb. 15, Mod. 7.  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run All Spacing 25 - 50' Altitude of Bomb Release 10,400-11,200'  
(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 Kavieng A/A Positions, N.I.		6 WR 413	12 x 1000 GP		
2 Kavieng A/A Positions, N.I.		6 WR 413	12 x 1000 GP		
3 Kavieng A/A Positions, N.I.		9 WR 413	27 x 650 DCG		See No 9.
4 Kavieng A/A Positions, N.I.		6 WR 413	12 x 650 DCG		
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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.-12 x 1000<sup>lb</sup> GP hit 600 yards south of the target for no apparent damage.  
6 x 1000<sup>lb</sup> GP hit 500 yards south of the target for no apparent damage other than cratering a road.
- 2.-12 x 1000<sup>lb</sup> GP fell through clouds for undetermined distance from the target.
- 3.-27 x 650<sup>lb</sup> DCG fell in the target area causing probable damage to two of the four medium anti-aircraft positions and destroying a 50' x 20' building located a few yards west on the downward slope of the hill.
- 4.-12 x 650<sup>lb</sup> DCG fell through clouds for unobserved results at an undetermined distance from the target.

Photographs attached:

(3) (WR 413) (0) (20") (219) (10,700') (11044) (30 June 45) (Kavieng, N.I.)

(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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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
- Defense 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
- Defensive Tactics, Own
- 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

413		433		413		423	
CALL	PILOT	CALL	PILOT	CALL	PILOT	CALL	PILOT
254821	Cox	266821	Long	279821	Anderson	242821	Anderson
255821	Ingborg	267821	Goldston	280821	Cronquist	243821	Vanahan
256821	Gilbert	268821	Colman	281821	Wilson	244821	Rice
257821	Loggio	269821	Butler	282821	Prascol	245821	Reid
258821	Monard	270821	Sainford	283821	Klatner	246821	Jobe
259821	Ulrich	271821	Woodward	284821	Tafel	247821	Babanke
				285821	England		
				286821	Johnson		
				287821	Straley		

The four squadrons of MA4-61 were scheduled for coordinated medium altitude strikes on New Britain targets, but weather prevented the attack of all primary targets. Each squadron turned back to strike at Kavieng targets. WR-413 led the Parade, departing base at 0859 with Lt. Col. Cox as flight leader of the 6 planes. Heading for Funakenu #26 via Selapiu and the Duke of Yorks the target was found closed. Smoky Joe was to assist on this mission but he too was clouded off. The flight returned up the S.E. coast of New Ireland to bomb its secondary, the medium AA at coord. 073082, at Kavieng. The 18 x 1000 GPs fell in two groups 500 and 600 yards south of the target for no harm.

Nine PWs led by Major Anderson represented WR-413. They started for Kabogada #3A and got as far as Djaul Island when notified of the weather condition over N.B. The flight made its run on Kavieng Town medium AA at coord. 072082. Photos indicated 3 splashes with the balance of 24 x 650 DCGs on the target for probable damage to 2 guns and destroying one small building.

WR-433 sent 6 PWs with Major Long as leader to blast Funakenu #3. The full route over Selapiu and Ataliklikun Bay to the primary was flown for a look-see. The primary was found to be clouded and the flight returned up the southwest coast of New Ireland to strike at Kavieng AA at coord. 112123. The 18 x 1000 GPs fell through clouds for unobserved results. The final run of the day was next at 1011.

6 PWs of WR-423, led by Lt. Col. Anderson, turned back from New R. haul #16 to strike at the medium AA at Kavieng Coord. 097115. 18 x 650 DCGs landed in the gardens alongside the target for no apparent damage. Black smoke was seen to rise as the formation left the target area which may have been caused by an oil fire.

WR-413 make its drop at 1110 from 11,000' at a speed of 145 knots (IAS), on a heading of 035° magnetic. A 100' boat was sighted going to Credner Island inside the reef. Return to base was effected by 1142.

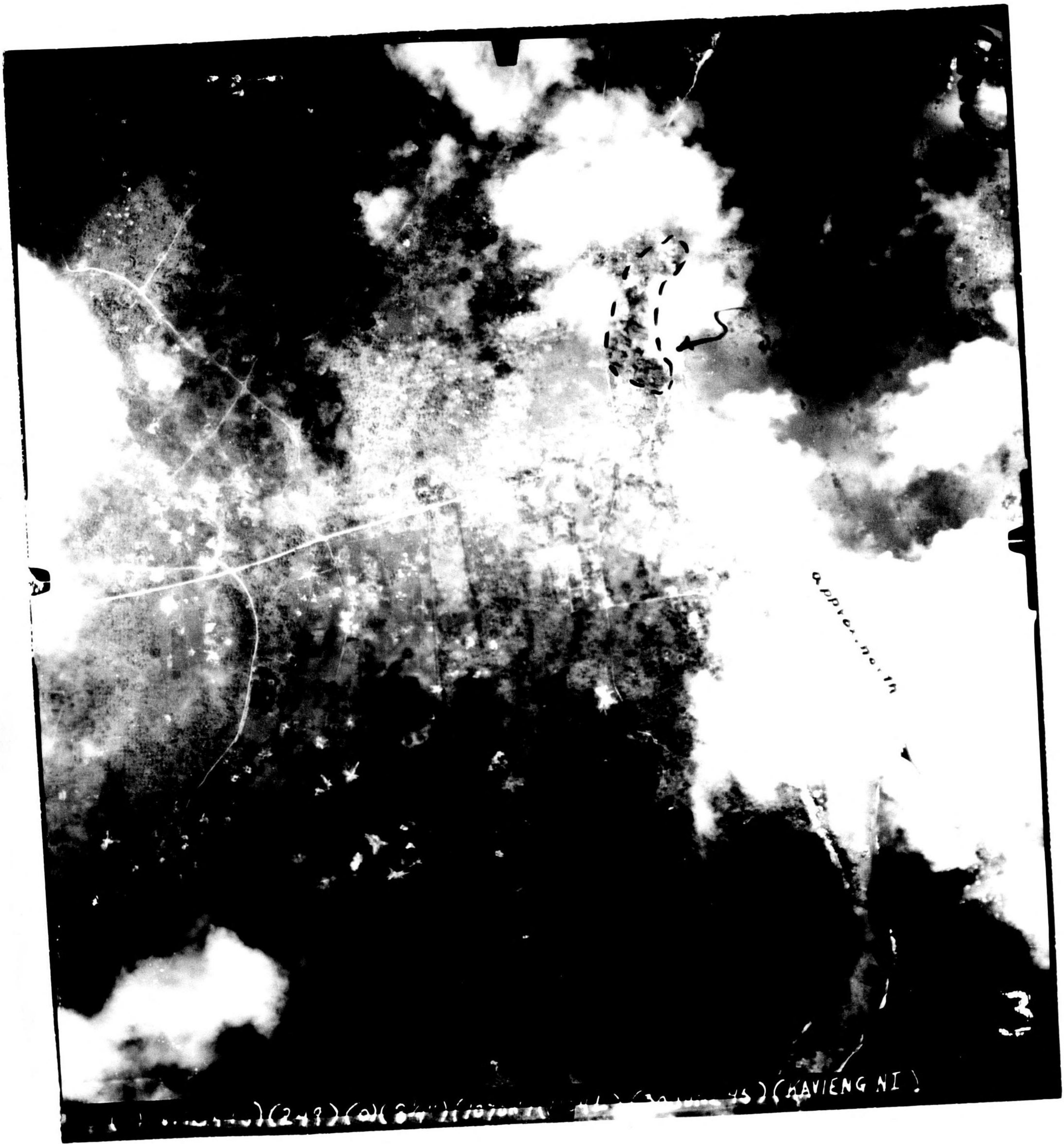
The run by WR-413 was made on a heading of 014° magnetic from 10,600 feet, speed 155 knots indicated at 1105. Breasting left all planes were safely at base by 1140.

WR-433 was over target at 1148 on a magnetic heading of 358° at 155 knots IAS. The drop was made from 11,200'. The formation flown throughout was javelin down. Return was reached at 1227.

The WR-423 formation flew over Selapiu to Djaul before turning back to Kavieng. The bombing run was on a magnetic heading of 190° at 155 knots indicated. Release was made at 1054 from 10,400'. After the drop the break was right and a straight course to the base brought the planes all in by 1127.

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(2+9) (0) (6+1) (10) (15) (HAIENG NI)