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Report # 70

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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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 AA Positions, N. I. (b) Time Over Target(s) 1458L (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target clear
(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 _____ Altitude of Bomb Release 10,200'-11,800'
(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 <u>AA Positions</u>		<u>6</u> <u>VMB-413</u>	<u>3 x 2000 GP</u> <u>2 x 700 DCH</u>		
2			<u>2 x 1000 GP</u> <u>4 x 500 GP</u>		
3 <u>same</u>		<u>7</u> <u>VMB-433</u>	<u>7 x 2000 GP</u>		
4 <u>same</u>		<u>6</u> <u>VMB-443</u>	<u>5 x 2000 GP</u>		
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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.)

One squadron with a load of 3 x 2000# GP's, 2 x 700# DCH's, 2 x 1000# GP's, and 4 x 500# GP's overshot its target - the medium anti-aircraft guns - and deposited it three tonners 2000 feet north and the rest of its load between the mediums and the heavies to the northeast. Another squadron with 7 x 2000# GP's overshot its target - the lone heavy near the strip and the three heavies to the north - by 5000 feet when the squadron leader had trouble with his bomb release. The third squadron had 6 tonners aimed at the three heavies; one hung and was returned to base, but four of the other five hit within 100 to 200 feet of the more westerly heavy position and the remaining one tonner hit 500 feet to the north. Photographs taken two days later over the target show that the northernmost of the three heavies has apparently been removed from its revetment.

Photographs attached:
87 VMB 433 8 1/2" 3-9-45 10000' Kavieng
VMB 443 - 167 9 March 45 Kavieng Gun Pos.
VMB 413 - 657 9 March 45 11,800' 20" Kavieng AA Positions.

(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

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413		433		443	
CALL	PILOT	CALL	PILOT	CALL	PILOT
254B21	Mendenhall	266B21	Smith	279B21	Whitney
255B21	Henry	267B21	Pittner	280B21	Dee
256B21	Cochrane	268B21	Parks	281B21	Schreier
257B21	Treacy	269B21	Bable	282B21	Christmas
258B21	Hines	270B21	Sory	283B21	Hartman
259B21	Maclean	271B21	Wilfong	284B21	Booth
		272B21	Lattner		
		273B21	Huston		

The primary target was Tobera #25, New Britain. However due to adverse weather conditions in the New Britain area, the strike was postponed until the afternoon when the secondary target, Kavieng AA positions located north of the northwestern end of Kavieng Airstrip, was the target of a coordinated medium level bombing attack by 3 PBJ squadrons and 1 NZ PV squadron.

After take-off the squadrons joined up in a flight made up of two groups with VMB-443 and VMB-433 in the first one and VMB-413 and NZ#8 composing the second one. Both groups flew in left echelon of squadrons, javelined down. The flight flew on course southeast past Kavieng Peninsula, and then swung north to the target.

The first group was in left echelon of squadrons, javelined down on the bombing run which was at 160 kts., on a heading of due north, the altitudes were 10,600' and 10,200'. VMB-443 has as its target 2 medium AA positions and a searchlight position. While VMB-433 had 1 heavy AA position as its aiming point.

The second group was also in left echelon of squadrons, javelined down as they entered the bombing run at a speed of 165 kts, with a heading of 010°, the altitudes were 11,800' and 11,400'. VMB-413 directed its bombs at the 3 western AA gun positions.

Meager, heavy, accurate to inaccurate AA fire was received but no damage was done to any of the Mitchells. However, one PV plane was holed and the pilot cut.

Both groups broke to the right and rallied approximately seven miles northwest of North Cape. After the flight was in formation, it returned to the base.

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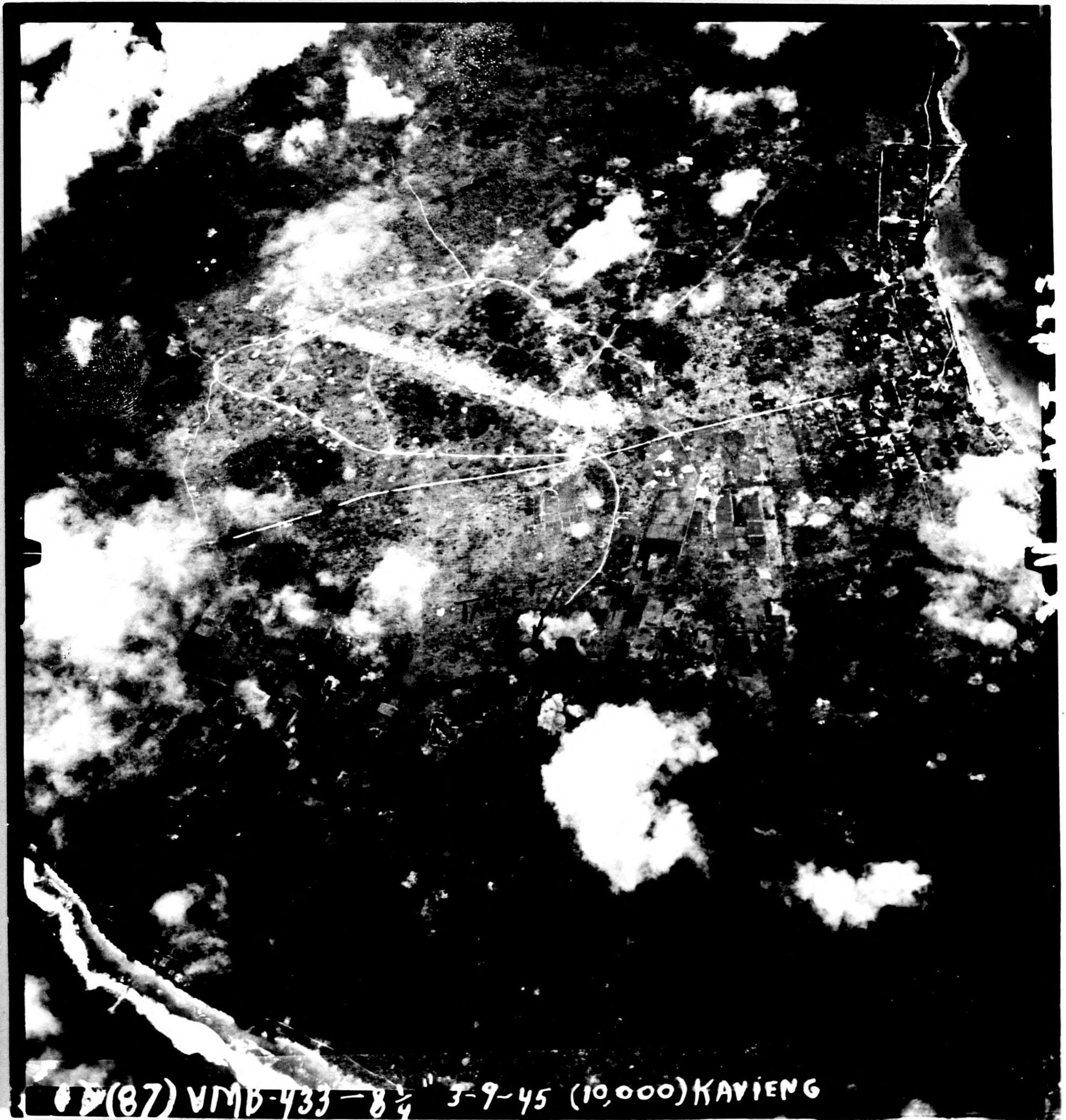
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VMB413-657 9 MARCH 45 11,000' 20" KAWENG AA POSITIONS