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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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RESTRICTED  
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## I. GENERAL

Ref: WLB-413 306  
433 195  
443 161

(a) Unit Reporting MAO-61 (b) Based on or at Maipou Island (c) Report No. 116  
 (d) Take off: Date 1 June, 1945 Time (LZT) 0915L (Zone); Lat. 01° 36' S. Long. 150° E.  
 (e) Mission Coordinated medium altitude bombing attack against Kabagada #5, New Britain. (f) Time of Return 1203L (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)		
PBJ-1	WLB-413	5	None	5	8 x 250 GP Mk. 57.	Nose: AN_M-103 inst. Tail: AN_M-100A2 inst.
PBJ-1	WLB-433	9	None	6	8 x 250 GP Mk. 57.	Nose: AN_M-103 inst. Tail: AN_M-100A2 inst.
PBJ-1	WLB-443	9	None	9	8 x 250 GP Mk. 57.	Nose: AN_M-103 inst. Tail: AN_M-100A2 inst.

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
PBY-5A	VFB 53	1	Maipou Island				
P4U	NZ 425	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 \_\_\_\_\_  
(YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)  
 Time of Day and Brilliance \_\_\_\_\_ (k) Visibility \_\_\_\_\_  
(NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON, DAY, OVERCAST, ETC.) (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	GUNS USED		
None						



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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) Kabagada #5, New Britain. (b) Time Over Target(s) 1054L (Zone)

(c) Clouds Over Target clear (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target clear (e) Visibility 10 (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type level Bomb Sight Used Mk. 15, Mod. 7.

Bombs Dropped per Run All Spacing 25' Altitude of Bomb Release 10,600'-11,600'.

(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>Kabagada #5, N.B.</u>	<u>1600' x 1250'</u>	<u>5</u> <u>WB-413</u>	<u>40 x 250 GPs</u>		
2 <u>Kabagada #5, N.B.</u>	<u>same</u>	<u>8</u> <u>WB-433</u>	<u>64 x 250 GPs</u>		<u>See "e"</u>
3 <u>Kabagada #5, N.B.</u>	<u>same</u>	<u>9</u> <u>WB-443</u>	<u>72 x 250 GPs</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).

- 1.- 8 x 250 GPs dropped in water due to accidental release.  
32 x 250 GPs dropped in train 300' northwest of the target in coconut grove and walked 350-400' into the northwest corner of the target.
- 2.- 51 x 250 GPs fell on the western side of Boiler Road in the target.  
5 x 250 GPs hung temporarily and dropped 5 seconds later, west of the target.
- 3.- 12 x 250 GPs walked up to the target from a point 100 yards to the northwest.  
60 x 250 GPs strung through the northwest portion of the target. Heavy smoke from the bombs obscured the target and prevented observation of results.
- 4.- 8 x 250 GPs hung and were returned to base.

Photographs attached:

- (2) (WB-413 - 704) (0) (20") (10,600') (1055L) (1 June 45) (Kabagada #5)
- (2) (WB-433) (138) (0) (20") (11,460') (1054L) (1 June 45) (Kabagada #5 N.B.)
- (2) (WB-443 - 230) (0) (20") (12,500') (1055L) (1 June 45) (Kabagada #5 N.B.)

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





(VMA 413-704)(0)(20)(10600)(1055L)(1 JUNE 95)(Kabaqoda 5)



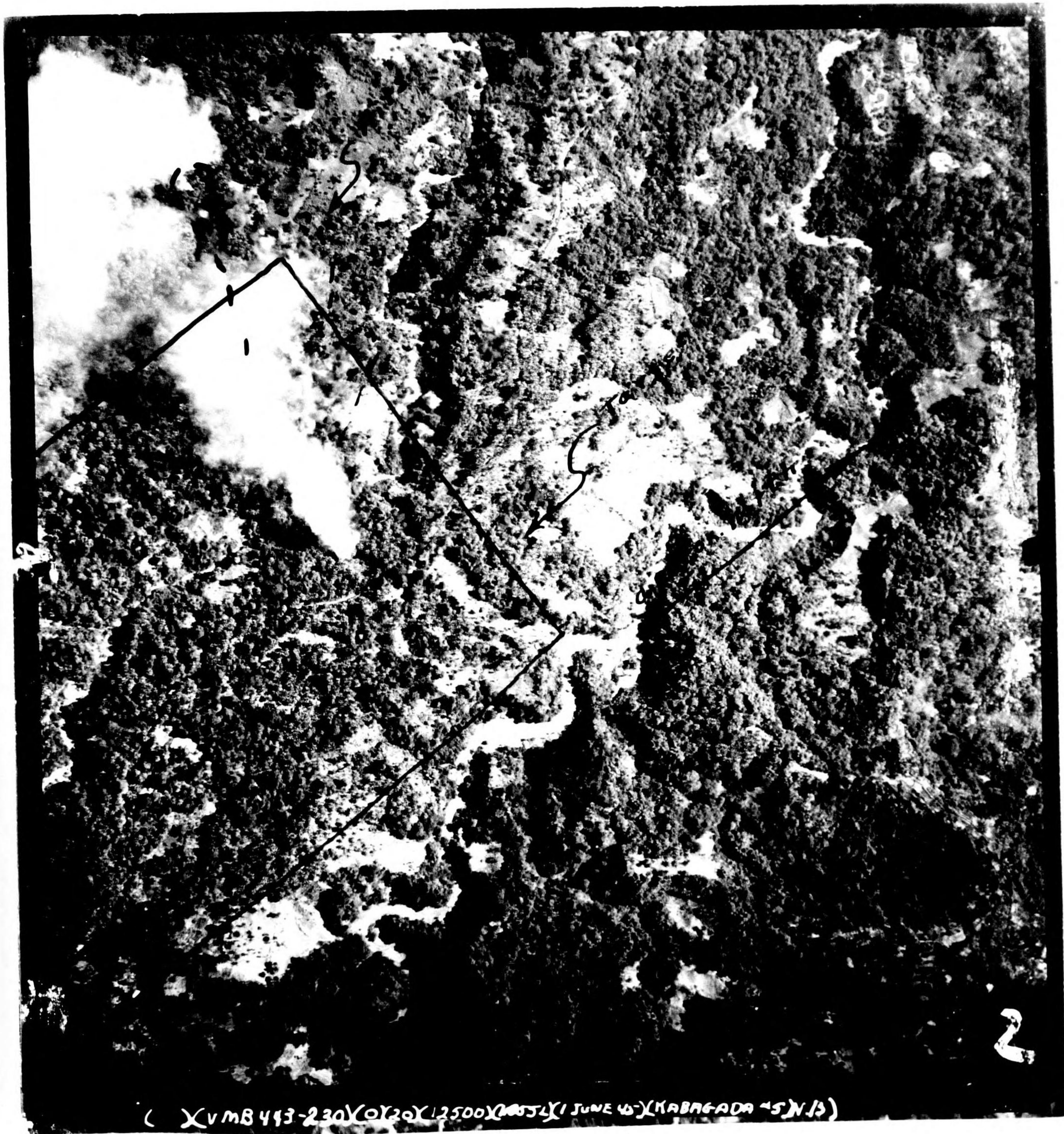
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