

B25 500 SQ
SHOT DOWN HERE

DD HIT BY VAB

MISSION No. 359-KK
 SQUADRON No 501 GROUP 345
 SQUADRON ORDER OVER TARGET +TH
 ALTITUDE 75 - 100 FT.
 TIME OVER TARGET 1445 / 4 / 26
 CREW OBSERVATION BOMBING EFFICIENCY 100%
 O (RED) CREW REPORT OF BOMB HITS 20
 ⊕ (RED) BOMB HITS SHOWN ON PHOTOGRAPHS
 T (BLUE) PLANES TAKING PHOTOS
 T (BLACK) OTHER PLANES (ALL PLANES TO BE SHOWN AT BEGINNING OF RUN)

MAP REF:
 SILIMATI PT. SPECIAL MAP
 SCALE 1/20000

345 GP. CO
 CRASH LANDED

TRUE NORTH
 MAG. NORTH

BORGEN BAY

(AK-47 HIT BY AK-47)

NATANAMO PT.

NATANAMO (OLD SITE)

TARGET

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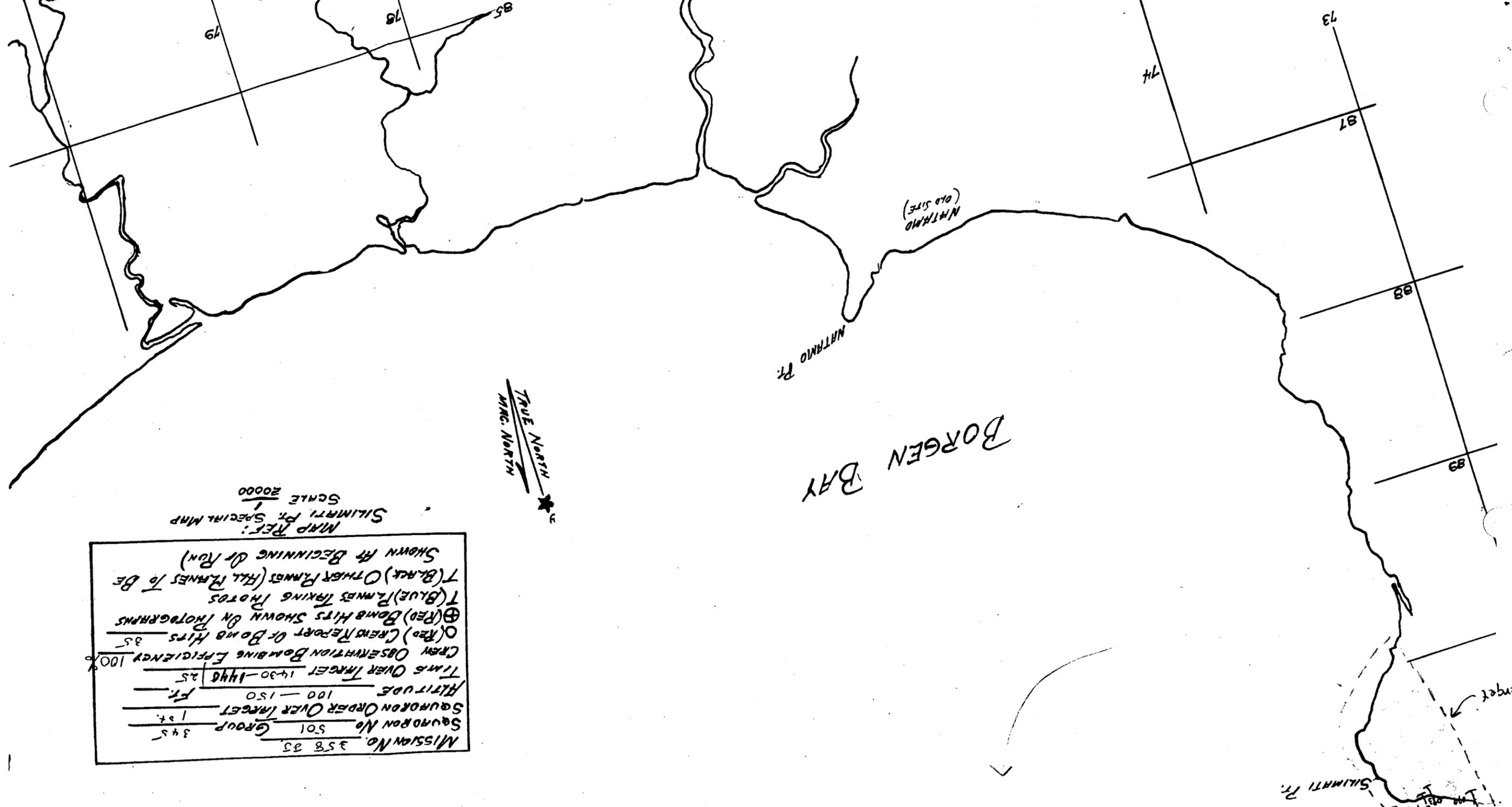
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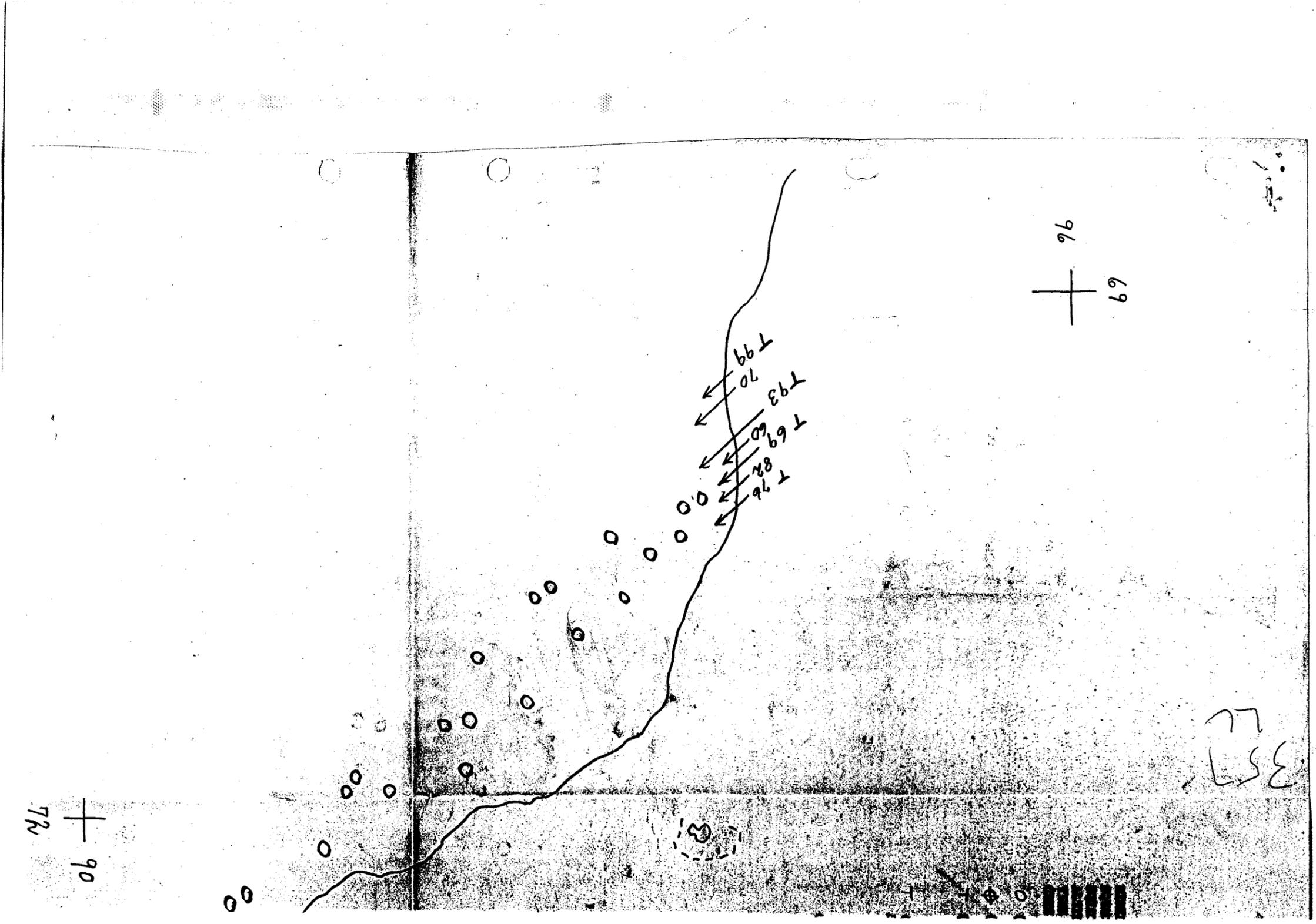
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 Squadron No. 501 Group 345
 Squadron Order Over Target 1st
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 (Red) Bomb Hits Shown on Photographs
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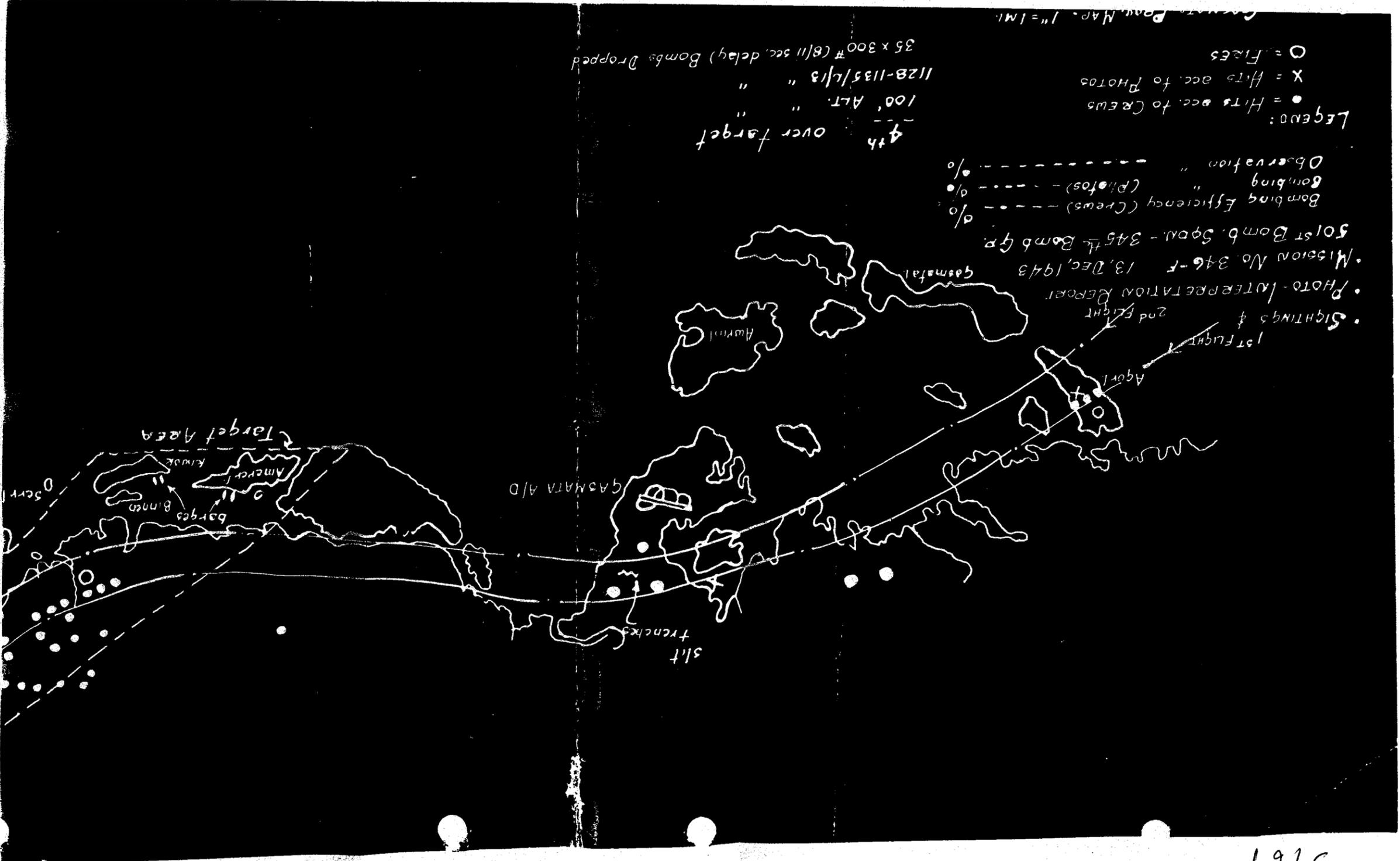
TRUE NORTH
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Note: 093 did not bail.

SILIMATI Pt.
 Target



357
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Legend:
 ● = Hits acc. to Crews
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 --- % Bombing Efficiency (Crews)
 - - - % Bombing Efficiency (Photos)
 - - - % Observation

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 35 x 300 # (8/11 sec. delay) Bombs Dropped

501st Bomb. Sq. - 345th Bomb Gr.
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 1st Flight
 2nd Flight

Gasmata AID

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Barges

Amber

Kinok

slit trenches

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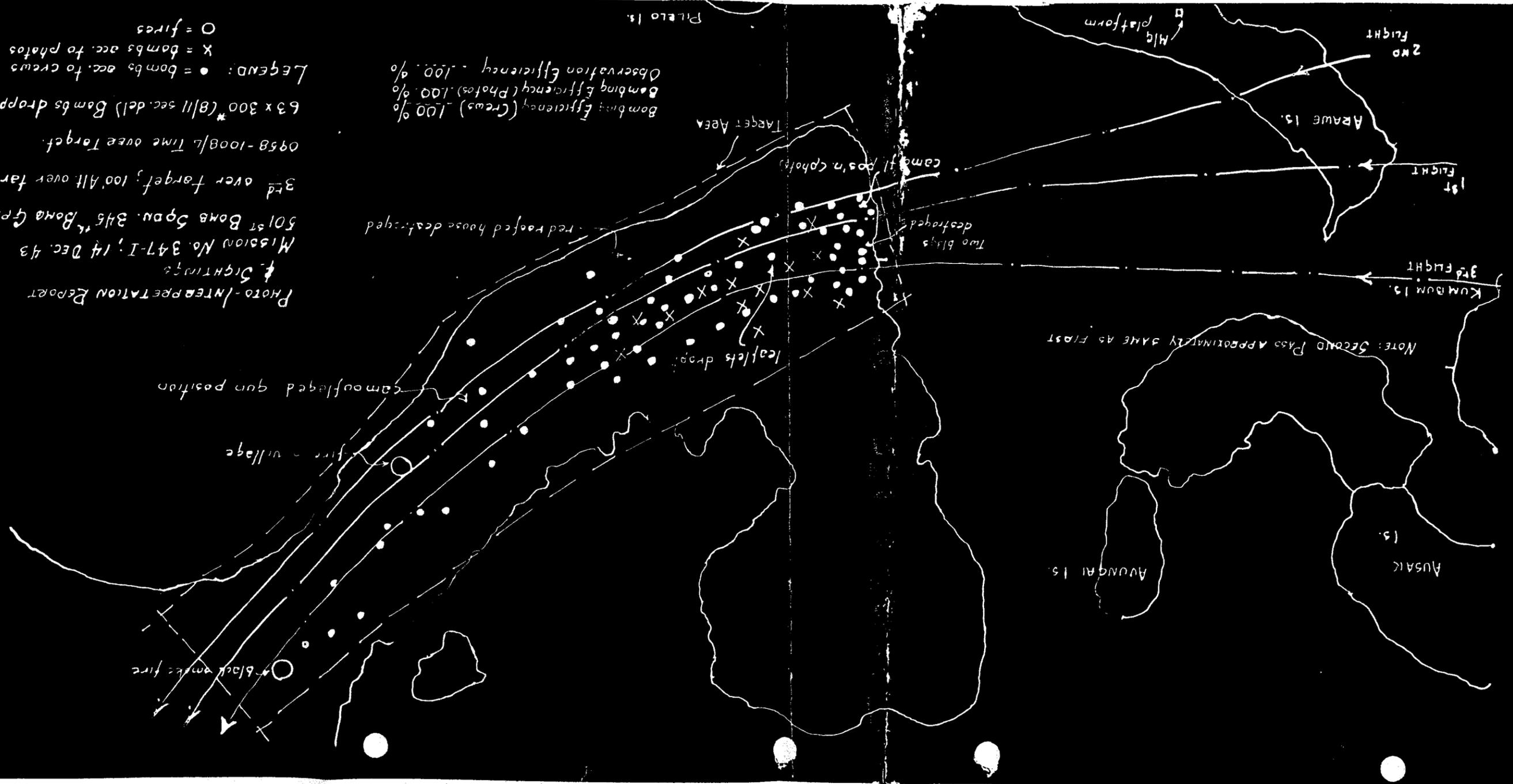
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 MISSION No. 347-I, 14 Dec. 43
 501st Bomb Sq. 345th Bomb Grp.
 3rd over target; 100' Alt. over target
 0958-1008/L Time over Target.
 63 x 300* (8/11 sec. del) Bombs dropped

Bombing Efficiency (Crews) 100%
 Bombing Efficiency (Photos) 100%
 Observation Efficiency - 100%
 * = bombs acc. to crews
 X = bombs acc. to photos
 O = fires



black smoke fire

camouflaged gun position

village

leaflets drop

Two bligs destroyed

red roofed house destroyed

camouflaged gun position

Target Area

AVUNGAI IS.

AUSAIK IS.

KUMABOU IS.
3rd FLIGHT

NOTE: SECOND PASS APPROXIMATELY SAME AS FIRST

1st FLIGHT

2nd FLIGHT

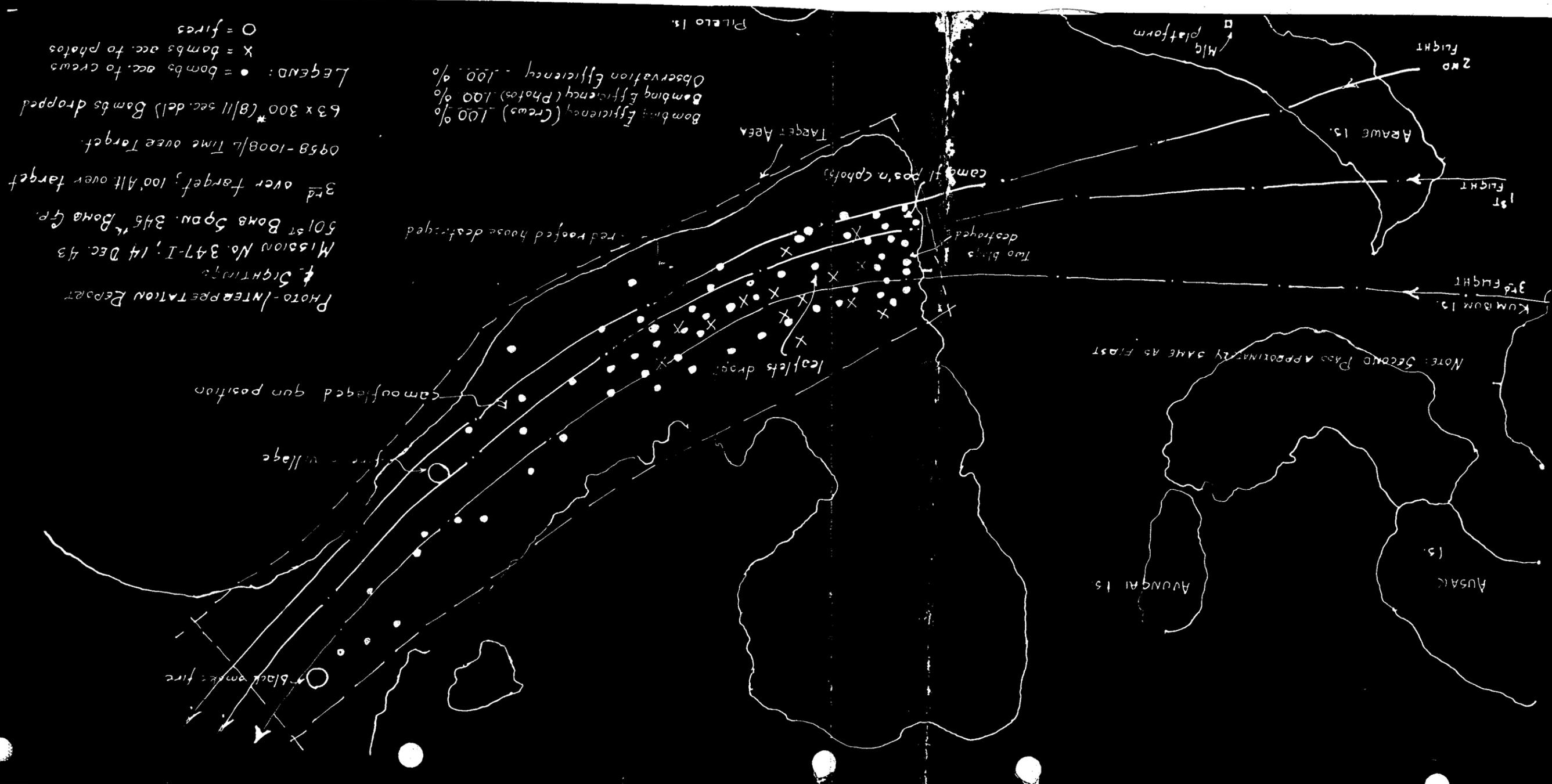
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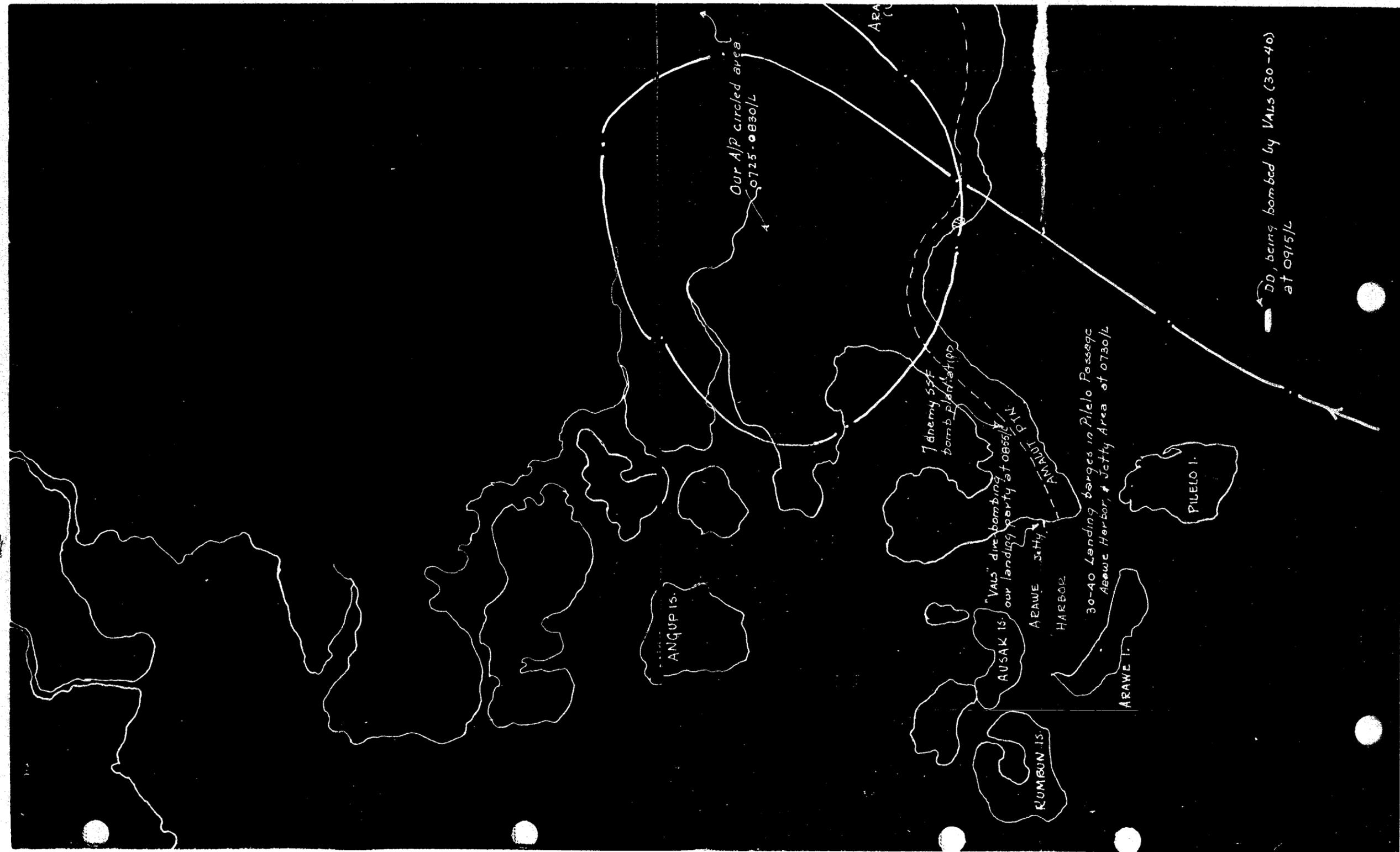
Mig platform

Pilelo Is.

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 Observation Efficiency - 100%





ANQUP IS.

KUMBUN IS.

AUSAK IS.

ARAWE I.

HARBOR

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Our A/P circled area
0725-0830/L

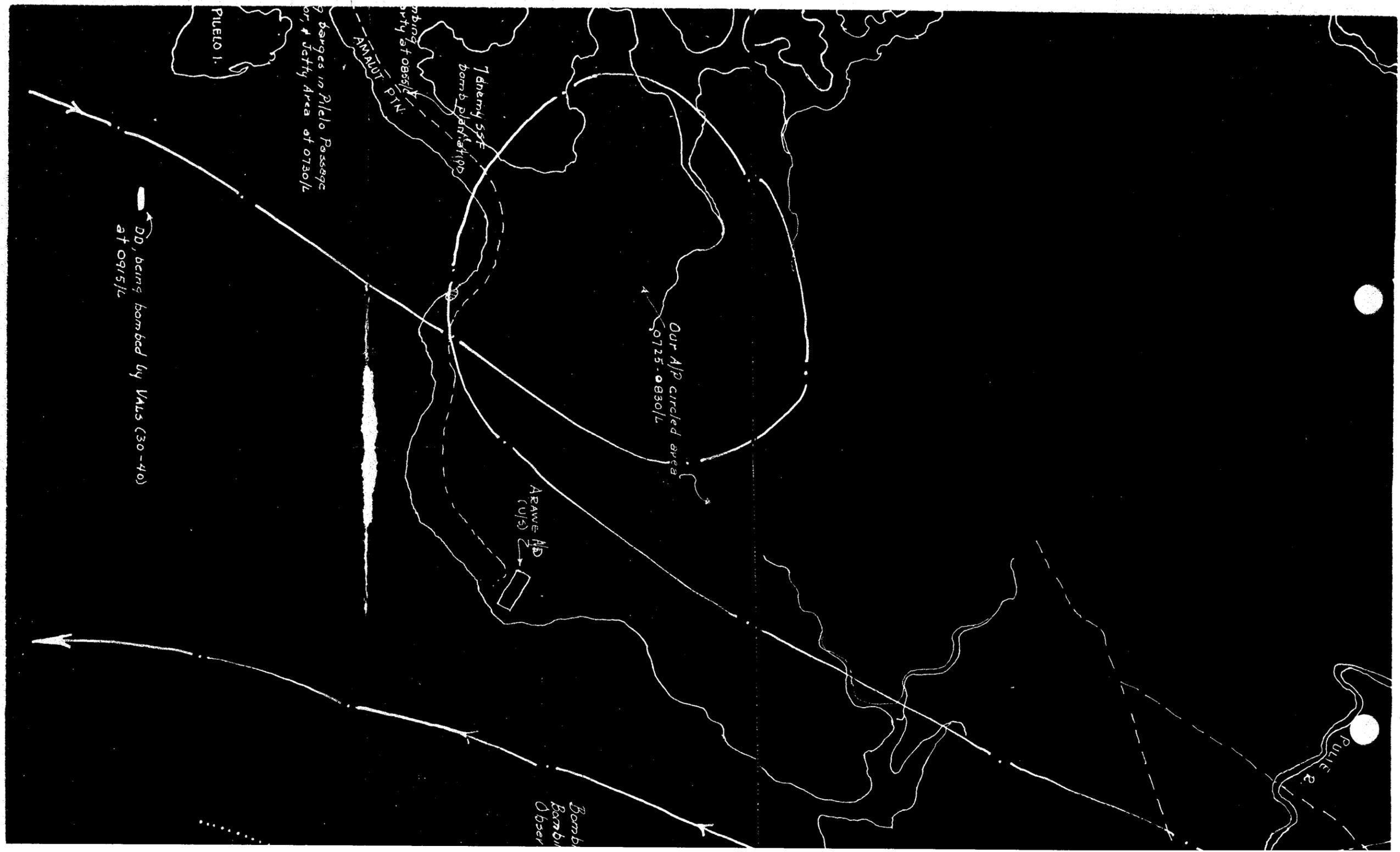
Enemy SSF
bomb Plan at 0740

"VALS" dive bombing
our landing party at 0855/L

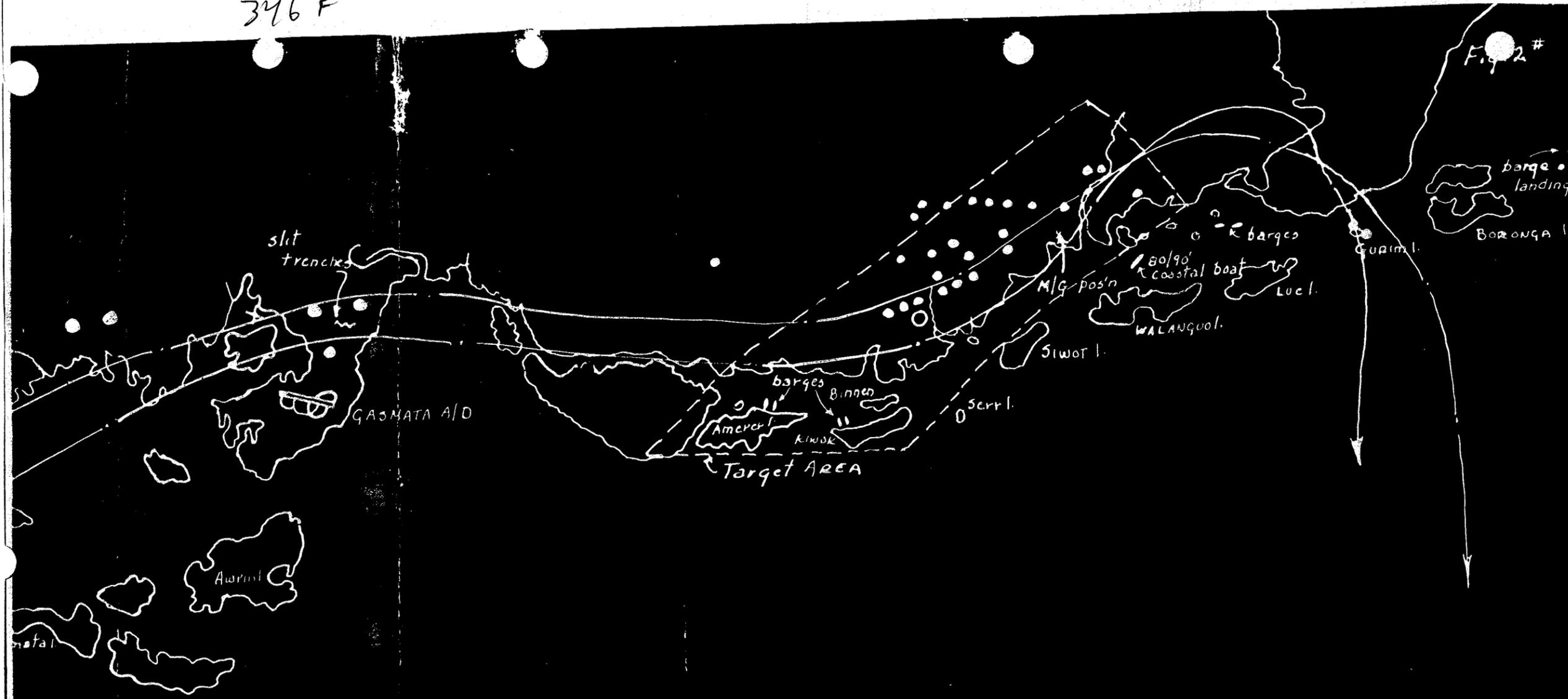
AMALU PIN

30-40 Landing barges in Pilelo Passage
Above Harbor, Jetty Area at 0730/L

DD, being bombed by VALS (30-40)
at 0915/L

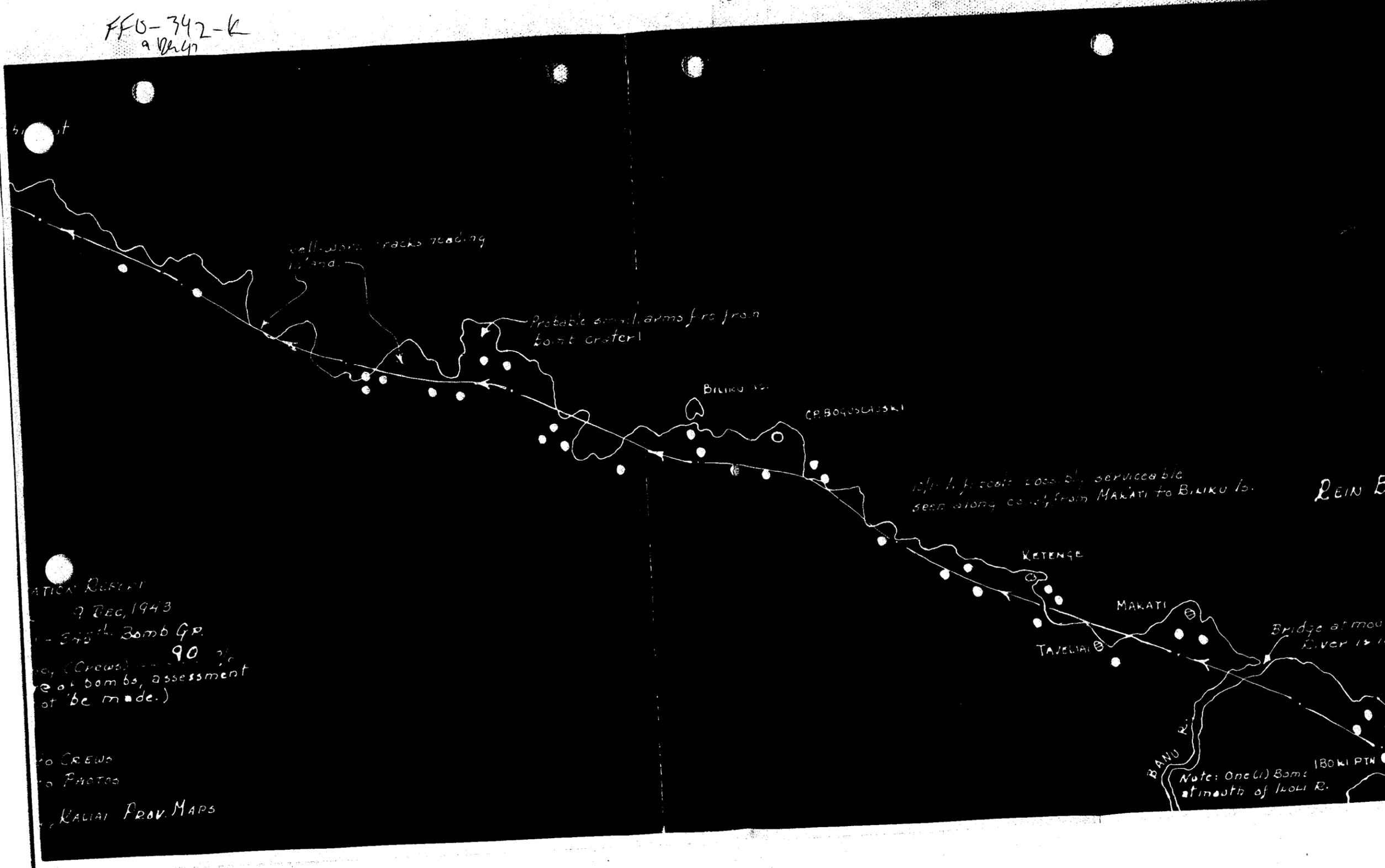


346 F



4th over target
 100' ALT. " "
 1128-1135/4/13 " "
 35 x 300# (8/11 sec. delay) Bombs Dropped

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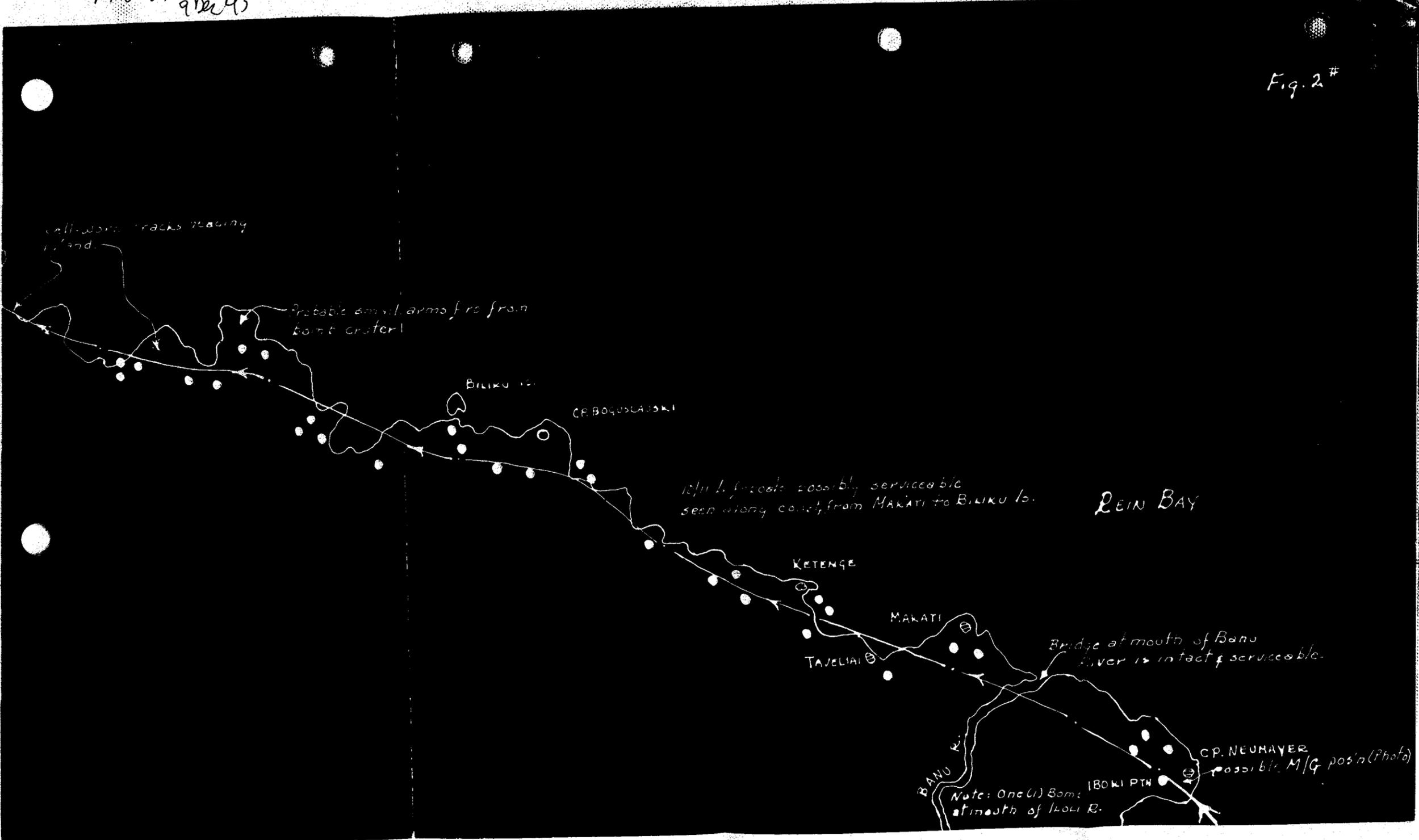
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 9 DEC, 1943
 - 342 Bomb Gr.
 (Crews) - 90
 of bombs, assessment
 to be made.)

to CREWS
 to PHOTOS
 KALIAI PROV. MAPS

Note: One (1) Bomb at mouth of ILOLI R.

FFO 342-k
9 Dec 43

Fig. 2[#]



REIN BAY

Note: One (1) Bom. at mouth of BANU R.

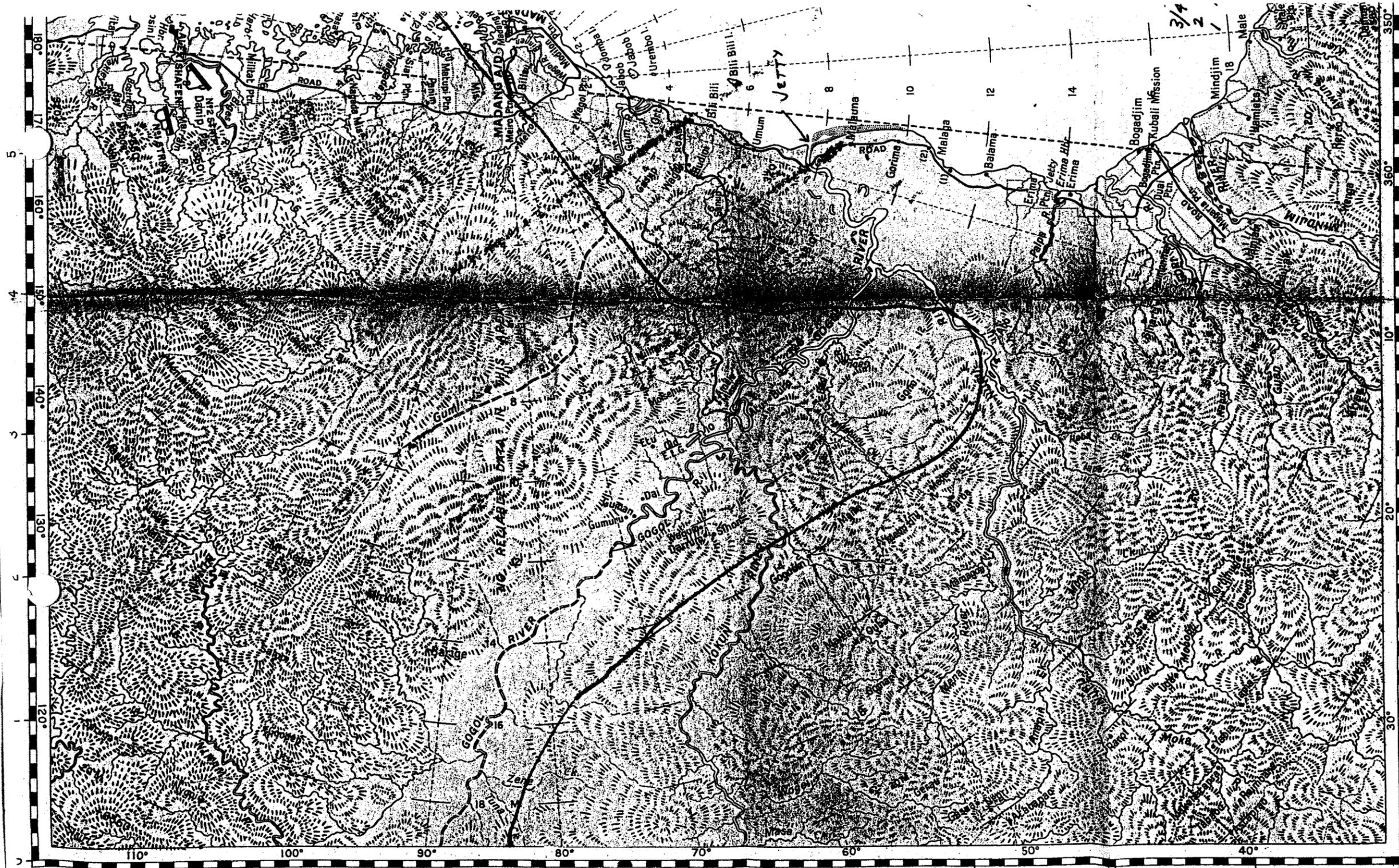
CP. NEUMAYER possible M/G pos'n (Photo)

Bridge at mouth of Banu River is intact & serviceable.

10/11 h. tracks possibly serviceable seen along coast, from MAKATI to BILIKU Is.

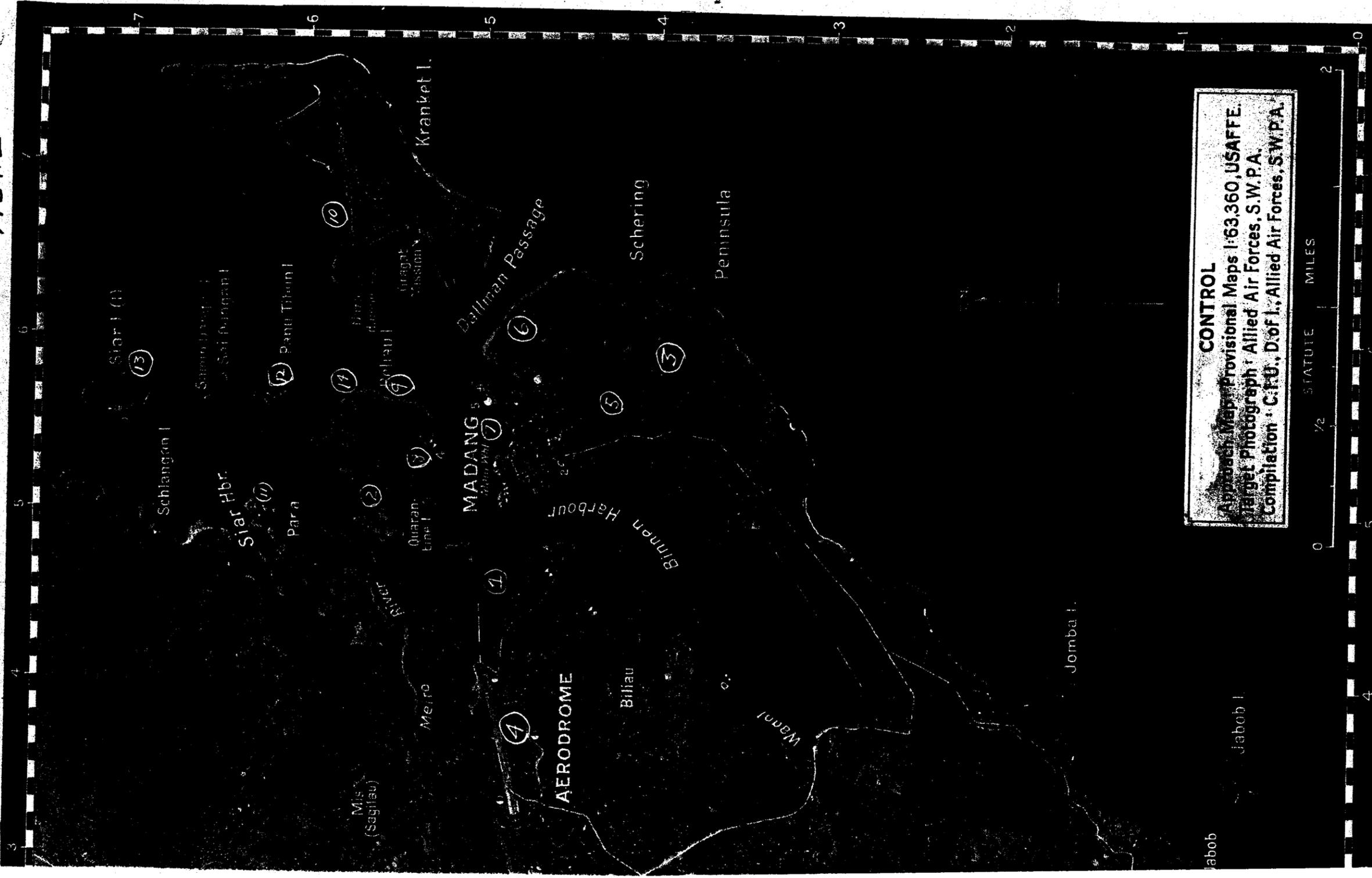
Probable small arms fire from bomb crater!

Well-worn tracks leading inland.



C.I.U. T-35 MADANG, New Guinea. Lat. 05°13'S., Long. 145°47'E.

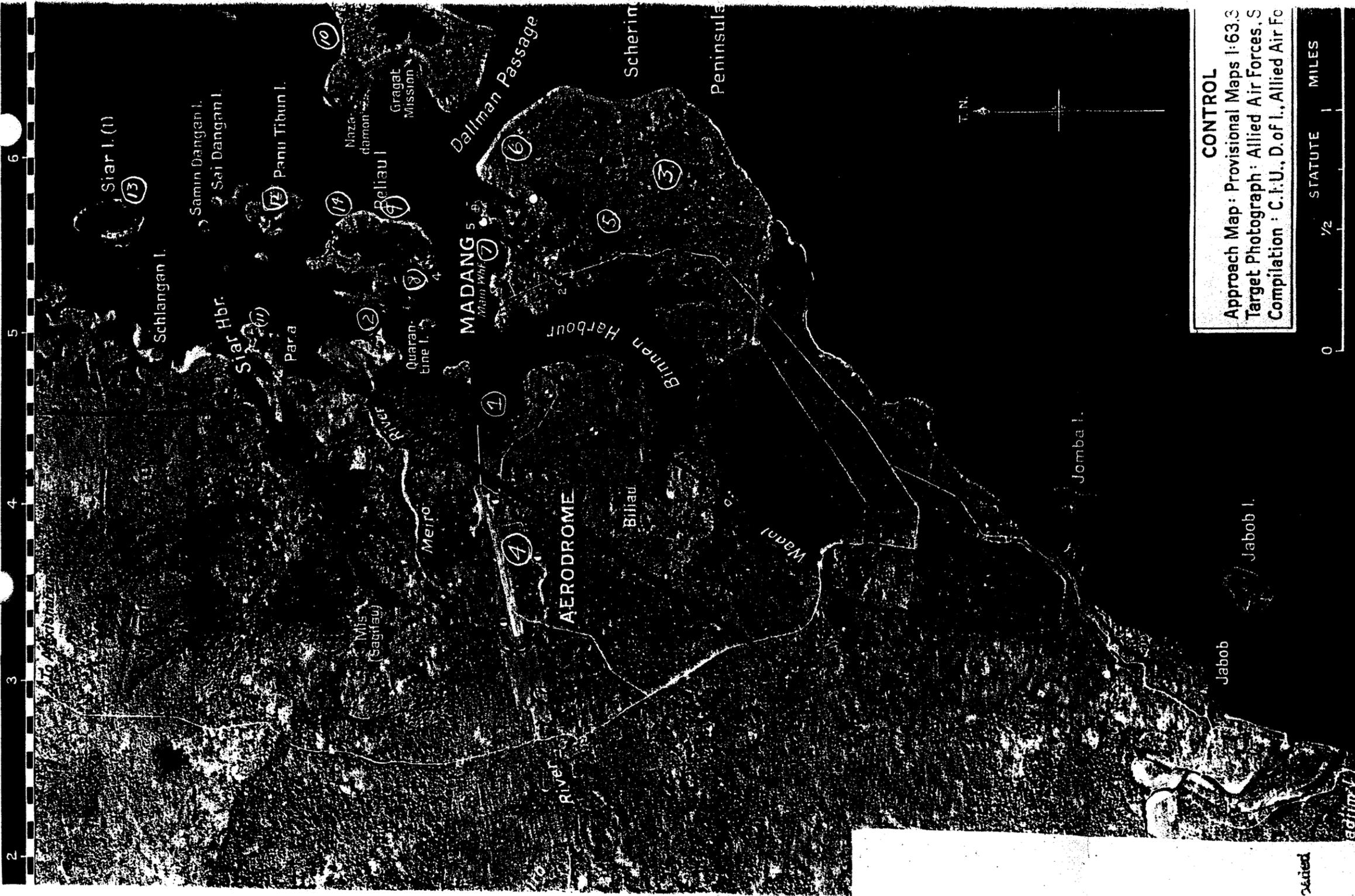
316J-WB FIG #2



°13'S., Long. 145° 47'E., Elev. 20 ft. approx.

27 Sept. 1943.

501 318-6 1500m FIG



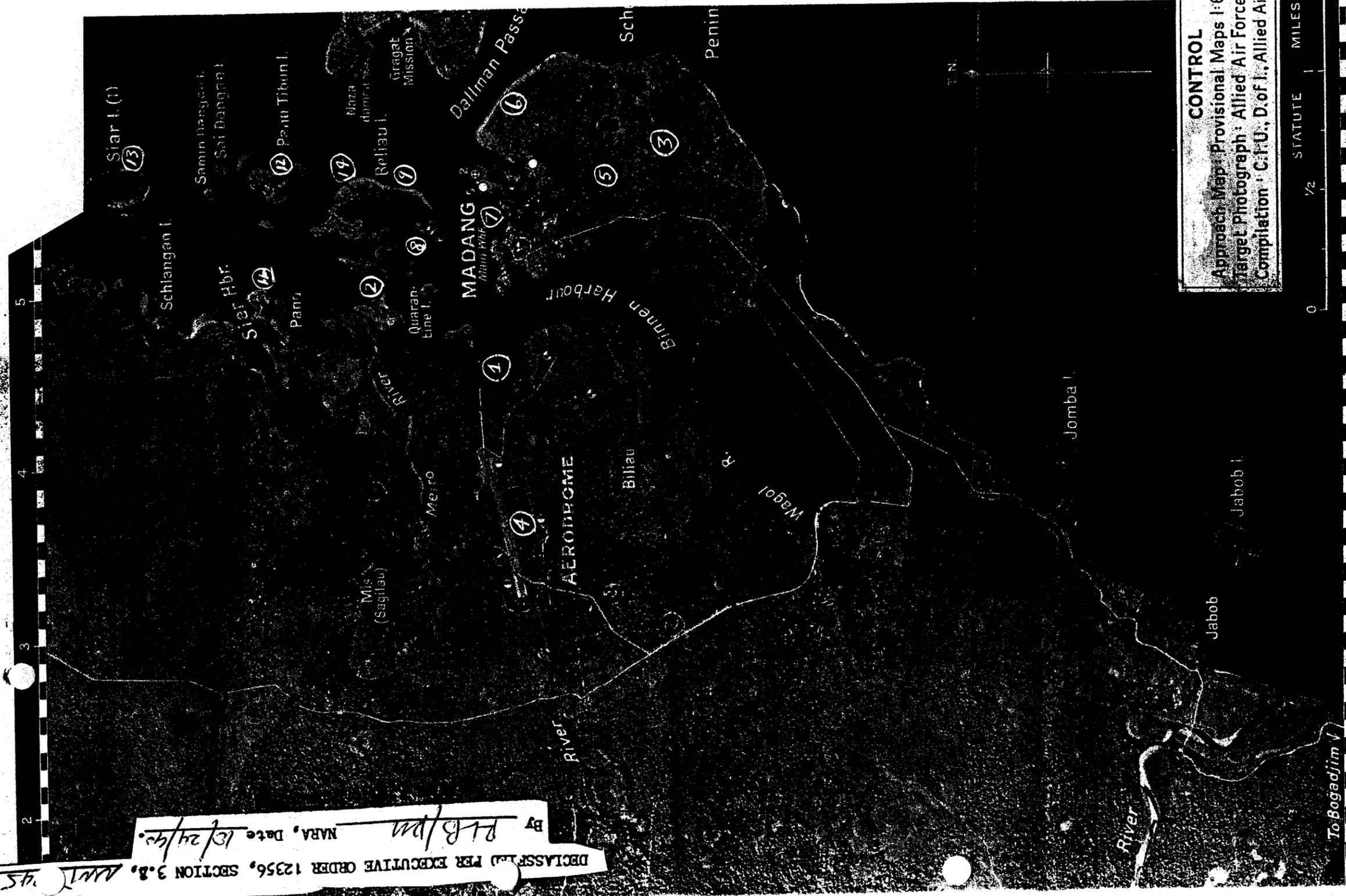
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 Target Photograph: Allied Air Forces, S
 Compilation: C.I.U., D.of I., Allied Air Fo



2 3 4 5 6
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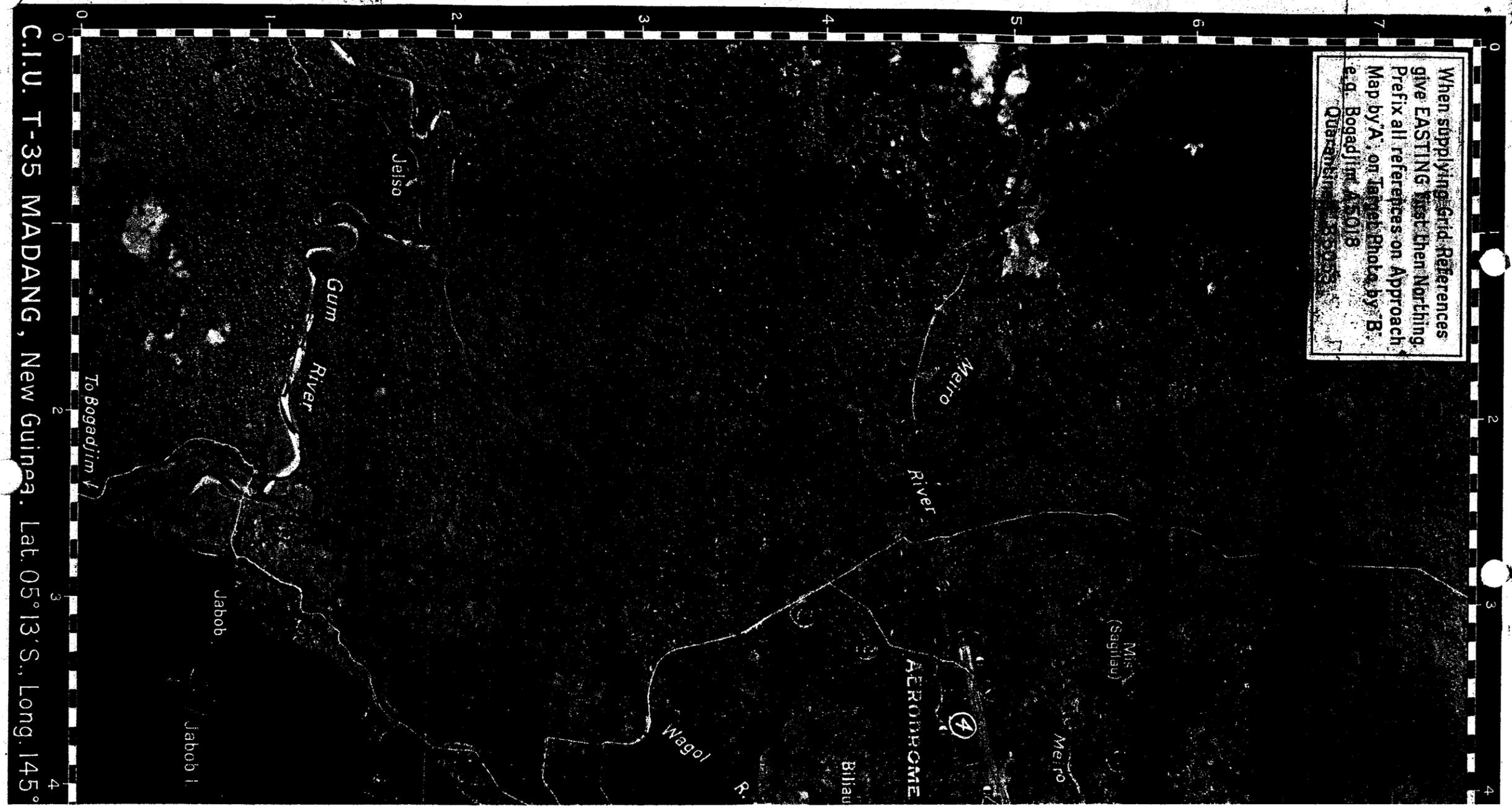
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By RLB/PM NARA, Date 10/24/40.

When supplying Grid References
give EASTING first then Northing.
Prefix all references on Approach
Map by A, on Target Photo by B.
e.g. Bogadjim A5018
Quarantina 80003



By RLB/pu NARA, Date 10/24/90

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

NO 3450n op 552
501st Bomb Sq 3-2

NO 316-1 9 B-25-D-1

FINAL MISSION REPORT
501st Bomb Sq.

1035/1038/L

100 ft.

D. Bombing and strafing results good. Only one flight able to make run over assigned objectives. IME remaining flights bombed and strafed over Madang Township, Nagol River area, Beliau Island and Target Island. IC (positioned 999-217 destroyed by strafing bombing. 4 most structures destroyed at 130-247 hit by bomb. Probable damage to structure at 130-247, white smoke, dispersal area south of structure. IC Village on Star Island bombed. (Map reference from Provisional map Madang east).

9. Altitude and accuracy/100-500 ft.

1035/1038/L at minimum altitude: HIGH

2 columns of heavy black smoke at Alexishafen area 800-900 ft. covering a wide area at base. B-10 hit 2 e-shipping objects 4-5 ft. high floating in bay around point 735-261 - possibly channel buoy. 2 empty barges at point 733-261.

1 small boat camouflaged, only mast and crow's nest visible at point 752-259. 1 large barge at area ground 761-259.

COORDINATE

1240/L
Apparently being used as barge swimming site.
B-25 crash landed 6-7 miles directly north of Schwimmer D. Had tail of flag up on right vertical stabilizer and parac spread out over left wing.

1. Route over Broken summit tops 10,000 ft., 7/10 coverage at 0930/L.

GR EEN

13 NOV 43

By RLB/pn NARA, Date 10/24/90

TO : 345th Gp S-2
FROM : 501st Bomb Sq. S-2

A. FPO 247-L 4 B-25-D-1 501st Bomb Sq.

B. Ground Support Nadzab

C. 1025/K/5 - 1225/K 300-1200 ft.

D. A/C 173, Capt. Neuenschwander, flight leader dropped bombs on the road at Munum Plantation. Two remaining bombs were dropped due southwest of Yalu at the point where the road enters upon open country. A/C 074, Lt. Vogt, bombed the motor pool of Yalu dropping their bombs in a due west-east trail. A/C 080, Lt. Bailey, dropped bombs along the road in the neighborhood of Jensen's some two miles west northwest of Heath's. 4 bombs were dropped very closely on the east edge of the little circular clearing approximately halfway between Yalu and Heath's. A/C 060, Lt. Musbaum, dropped bombs on the road as did A/C 080 except that the concentrated bombing done by four clusters in this case was done halfway between Edward's and Heath's. Little strafing was done since no ground support was requested. The road from Munum through Yalu to Edward's was strafed by the four airplanes of Captain's Neuenschwander's flight.

E., F., G., H. NIL.

I. 22 K-20, 20-K-21 photos of target and paratroop landing.

J. All observations were made from an altitude of approximately 1000 ft. Paratroops were seen to occupy three areas, the largest contingent in the area, one mile due west of Shep's camp. The second largest with a strength of approximately 3/4 of the first one landed in the open country road along the forest edge shaped in a semi-circle and lying north of the road west of Gabsonkek. The third group of parachutists observed had half the strength of the largest contingent. The parachutists were seen to drop in a SW-NE direction, a few of the men landing in the dense tree growth beyond the clearing approximately 3/4 mile northeast of the Chinese Trade Store. Blue parachutes (supply) were seen 1 1/2 miles northeast from the Chinese Trade Store right along on the north side of the road. From 1115/K - 1300/K Australian Engineers were seen crossing the Markham River at a point south-southwest from the Nadab strip. At 1150/K a twenty men patrol was seen moving in a due westerly direction from the westerly native hideout, due northwest of Gabsonkek. Another patrol was noticed in the narrow bottleneck of open country approximately 7/8 mile due north of Banana Gardens near Gabsonkek. At 1220/K an organized patrol of fifteen men was observed walking along the edge of the forest due east of Mac's camp, 1/4 mile away. These men were walking in a southerly direction wearing white helmets. Two organized patrols were observed along the road in the open country northeast of the Chinese Trade Store. Approximately seven parachutists were noticed on the ground stretching out from south southwest to north northeast, the last parachutist landing right at Mari Weekend Hamlet. At approximately 1030/K a grass fire was observed adjoining the Narakapor runway on the west. This grass fire had covered an approximately 1/4 mile square area with wind blowing due east. A motor car was observed on the road 1/4 mile southeast of Old Yalu. When one echelon had got into position for strafing, the car had taken cover under the trees. At 1035/K the B-24's were seen to pass over Heath's unloading their bombs. At 1140/K Captain Neuenschwander's flight of 4 A/F, flying over Heath's, observed the absence of anti-aircraft fire. The motor pool at Yalu was closely watched and vehicles were not seen at any time.

K. Route Up: Over mountains--2/10 coverage @ 4000 ft.
At Target: CAVU

L. NIL.
M. 3300 x .50 caliber
48 x 20 lb. frag. clusters of six.

ANDRAU.

Mission Report F70 290-4A (continued)

No. A/P	Opponent	No. of Passes	Direction of Attack (o'clock)	Elevation of Attack	Nearest Pt. (yds.)	Bursts			Results
						Fighter	B-5	W/Dart.	
069	1 Zeke	1	6 o'clock	1500' to level	500	1	1	1	Zeke shot down in sea. Zeke headed for shore sinking very badly. Attacks not pressed.
	1 Zeke	1	3 "	100 ft.	500-600	1	1	1	
	2-3-4-Zekes	Several	3 & 7 o'clock	slightly above	600-700	1 ea.	short	bursts	
071	Zeke	1	6 o'clock	Just above	400	2	3	1	Black smoke from engine, Zeke dove into sea at 6 o'clock. Eng. not seen with engine sinking and in steep dive 100 ft. over sea.
	Eng	1	11 o'clock	Dive	400	1	2	1	
080	Zeke	1	6 o'clock	Dive from 1500'	500	1	1	1	Zeke disintegrated—fell in sea. Eng. broke off sinking, not seen heading to shore. Attacks not pressed home.
	Zeke	1	3 "	Level	500-600	1	1		
	2-3-4 Zekes	12-20	3 & 7 o'clock	Above & level	600-700	1 ea./	short	bursts	

TOTAL DEFINITELY DESTROYED 10.

NOTE:

Attention is called to the fact that the narrative report claims 12 A/P definitely shot down, whereas the final mission report claimed only 10 A/P definitely destroyed. There has been a great deal of argument among our flying personnel as to who shot down the 10 enemy A/P. After several joint sessions, it was finally decided that two probabilities, previously reported, should be counted as A/P definitely destroyed even though they were not seen to hit the water. It will be noticed in the above table that these two A/P were seen diving steeply at minimum altitude with smoke trailing them. It is felt that the possibility of counting one A/P as only twice struck always be eliminated. *Capt. Harston, flying A/P 076, made a sharp turn on the target approach. His squadron formation became somewhat disrupted and a proper bombing run could not be made over the southern most part of the target. Due to the fact that the A/P were banking and not flying straight made it impossible for several of the pilots to strike the target.

* Insert I pertaining to paragraph 8 page 8.

FFO 290-AA

AIR OPPOSITION #5

No. A/P	Opponent	No. of Passes	Direction of Attack (o'clock)	Elevation of Attack	Nearest Pt. (Yds.)	Bursts			Results
						Filter	B-25	Def. Dest.	
064	Zeko	1	5 o'clock	Above	500 to 300	one each	1 sev-eral each	1	Broke away smoking and heading for land
	8 Zekos	15	7 "	3000' to 500'					One Zeko destroyed, seen crashing in sea.
518	1 Zeko	1	6 "	Above	450	NIL	3	1	Zeko crashed in sea.
074	8 Zekos	23	5 at 6 o'clock 1 at 7 " 15 at 10 "	Above	300	1 each	8	1	One Zeko shot down.
	Zeko	5	5 o'clock	Above to level	300	NIL	2	1	Engines in flames. Crashed into trees.
009	Zeko	4	9 "	Above	400	1	5	1	Zeko crashed into sea.
	Zeko	4	3 "	Above	500	1	2	1	20 mm. shell thru top of B-25. Started gas tank on fire—extinguished. No serious damage.
						See below.			
087	Zekos	15-20	3, 9, 6 o'clock	Above to level	400	one each	2	1	Zeko shot down.
078	3 Zekos	18-20	10 @ 3 o'clock 5 @ 4 o'clock 3 @ 7 o'clock	Above	600	1 ea.	Short		Faint attacks
	1 Zeko	1	6 o'clock	Level	600	1 "	Bursts	1 "	" "
						0	1	1	Zeko burst in flames, fell over on his back into sea.

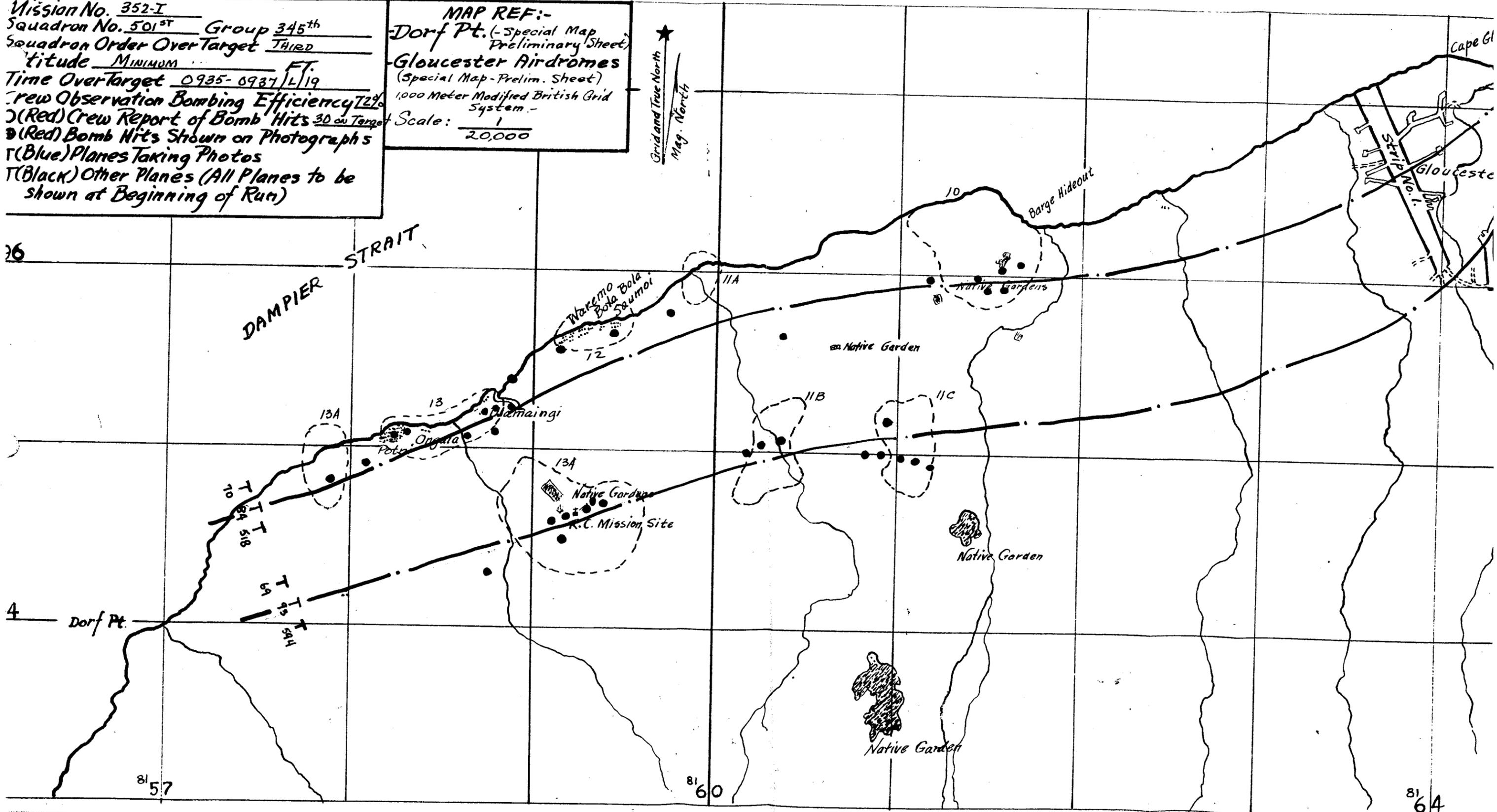
NOTE: A/P 009: Zeko hitting A/P #09 was hit by one long burst fired by turret gunner. When last seen, this Zeko was falling off rapidly and its motor was smoking, indicating it to have been probably destroyed.

*7 Zeko def.
1 prof.*

Mission No. 352-I
 Squadron No. 501ST Group 345th
 Squadron Order Over Target THIRD
 Altitude MINIMUM FT.
 Time Over Target 0935-0937/4/19
 Crew Observation Bombing Efficiency 72%
 (Red) Crew Report of Bomb Hits 30 on Target
 (Red) Bomb Hits Shown on Photographs
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MAP REF:-
 Dorf Pt. (-Special Map Preliminary Sheet)
 Gloucester Airdromes
 (Special Map-Prelim. Sheet)
 1,000 Meter Modified British Grid System -
 Scale: 1/20,000

Grid and True North
 Mag. North

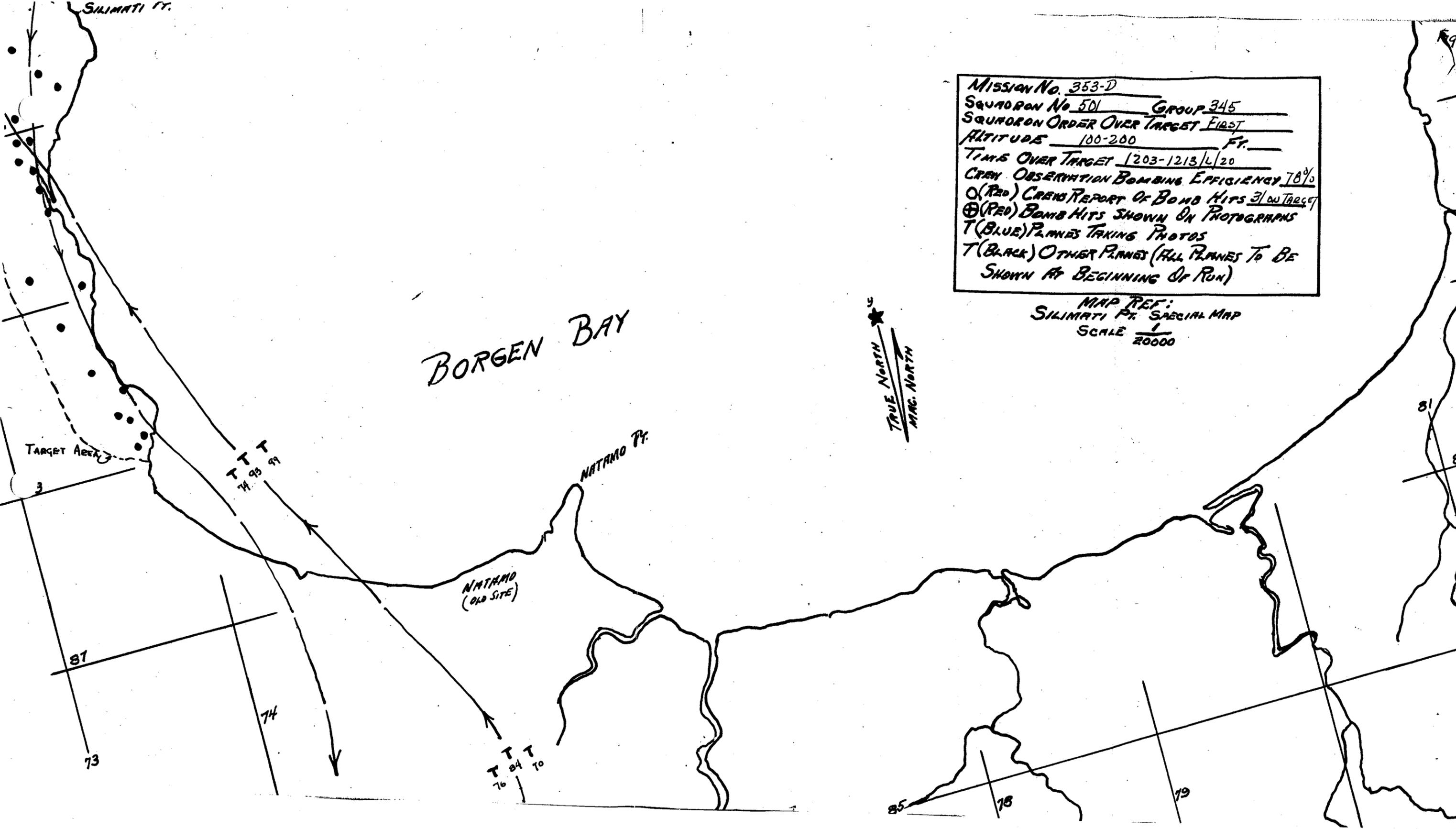


MISSION No. 353-D
 SQUADRON No. 501 GROUP 345
 SQUADRON ORDER OVER TARGET FIRST
 ALTITUDE 100-200 Ft.
 TIME OVER TARGET 1203-1213 L/20
 CREW OBSERVATION BOMBING EFFICIENCY 78%
 O (RED) CREW REPORT OF BOMB HITS 3/00 TARGET
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 SCALE 1/20000

TRUE NORTH
 MAG. NORTH

BORGEN BAY





Mission No. 355-G
 Squadron No. 501 Group 545
 Squadron Order Over Target Fourth
 Altitude 50-150 FT.
 Time Over Target 0945-0951/4/22
 Crew Observation Bombing Efficiency 65%
 O (Red) Crew Report of Bomb Hits 30
 ⊙ (Red) Bomb Hits Shown on Photos
 T (Blue) Planes Taking Photos
 T (Black) Other Planes. (All Planes to be Shown at Beginning of Run.)

MAP REF:-
 Vicinity of Wewak
 Special Map-Prelim Sheet
 Scale = 25,000 (Approx.)
 1000 Meter Modified
 British Grid System

Grid and True N.
 Mag. North

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