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FN-28-4

FROM LEMAY COMGENAF 20 280116Z

TO COMGENUSASTAF (GUAM)

INFO COMGENUSASTAF (REAR) (SAME PRECEDENCE AS ACTION)

AIMCR 6297 SUBJECT: BRIEF OF MINING MISSION 41.

BRIEF OF MINING MISSION FOR NIGHT OF 29 JULY. RASHIN, SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS - WEST AND FUKUOKA AREHSCHEDULED TO BE MINED AT 291513Z, 291523Z AND 291550Z BY 30 AIRCRAFT LAYING 240 MINES.

TARGET	FORCE	NO. OF OINES
RASHIN	14	108
FIELD M: SHIMONOSEKI STS - WEST	10	85
FIELD C: FUKUOKA	6	47

ROUTES:

RASHIN: BASE, IWO, (3 HOURS LAYOVER), 3300N - 13417E, 3705M - 73174E, 4050N - 12944E, 415330N - 12957E, (IP) TARGET, 3320N - 1351413, IWO, BASE.

FIELD M: BASE, IWO, 3220N - 13230E, 3431N - 13128E, 3425N - 13108E, (IP) TARGET, 3357N - 13020E, 3345N - 13022E, 3220N - 13230E, IWO, BASE.

FIELD C: BASE, IWO, 3020N - 13000E, 3230N - 12918E, 3328N - 12918E, 333415N - 1294430E, (IP) TARGET, 3342N - 13028E, 3220N - 13230E, IWO BASE.

GENERAL SCHEME OF ATTACK: BY INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT UNESCORTED AT NIGHT AT AN ALTITUDE OF 8,000 FT, USING RADAR RELEASE.

END

TTD: 0227Z RET

ROGER V WCR0227Z-D

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WCR V RGE NR 26 OP OP SECRET 29 JULY '45

T COMGENUSASTAF (REAR) WASH. AS FN -29-12

FROM: COMGENAAF 20 291445Z
TO: COMGENUSASTAF GUAM
INFO: COMGENUSASTAF (REAR) WASH (OP)
AIMCR 6394 SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR MISSION NO. 304 TARGET RASHIN, MIKE AND CHARLIE FL
W 29 - 30 JULY 45.

1. UNITS: 313TH WG 20TH AF — RASHIN FORCE M & C FORCE IWO

2. A/C SCHEDULED:	30	14	16
3. A/C AIRBORNE:	29	14	15
4. FIRST A/C OFF:	290731Z	290900Z	290731Z
5. LAST A/C OFF:	290930Z	290930Z	290842Z

6. WEATHER: BASES AT TAKE OFF: 4/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 1800 TOPS 8000 WITH FEW TOPS TO 2000 IN SHOWERS. BROKEN MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUDS. ROUTE TO TARGETS: ESSENTIALLY AS BASES TO 25 N WHERE DISSIPATING FRONT HAVING 8/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 1500 TOPS 6 TO 12,000 AND FEW TO 20,000 FT. WITH MODERATE RAIN, 6-9/10 LAYERED MIDDLE CLOUD BASE 10,000 TOP 18-20,000 FT AND 6-8/10 HIGH CLOUDS AT 28,000 FT. NORTH OF THIS ZONE UPPER CLOUDS BREAKS TO LITTLE OR NONE WITH VARIABLE LOW CLOUD 3-8/10 BASE 2000 TOP 6 TO 8000 FEET. TARGETS: FUKUOKA: 7/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 2000 TOPS 6000. SHIMONOSEKI: SAME. RASHIN: 8/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 2000 TOPS 6000 WITH 4/10 MIDDLE CLOUD AT 10-12,000 FT. RETURN ROUTE: AS ROUTE TO TARGETS. BASES ON RETURN: AS BASES ON TAKE-OFF.

7. REMARKS: 1 EARLY RETURN.

END

TOD... 291510Z IK

END....

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TOD: W 291546Z JF

ROGER NR 26 1546Z V WCR([redacted]

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TELEION MESSGE FN-30-1

FROM: COMGENAAF 20 GUAM 300311Z
TO : COMGENUSASTAF GUAM
INFO: COMGENUSASTAF (REAR) WASHINGTON (OP)
AIMCR 6416 SUBJECT: LANDING REPORT FOR MISSION NO. ~~314~~ 304, TARGETS
RASHIN, MIKE AND CHARLIE MINEFIELDS, FLOWN 29-30 JULY 1945.

1. UNIT: 313TH WING
2. LANDED HOME BASE: 25
3. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE: 4 (IWO)
4. TIME DOWN FIRST 9 130Z
5. TIME DOWN LAST: 300038Z
6. EARLY RETURNS: 2 INCLUDED IN LANDED HOME)
7. MISSING : NONE

SECRET

TOD: 0346Z WL

END:

TOD: 0356Z VF

ROGER 0356 Z WCR

WCR V RGE NR 12 OP OP SECRET

FROM: OIC RGM
TO : OIC SIG CTR COMGENUSASTAF (REAR) 300412Z
REOUR AIMCR 61/// 6416 DTG 300311Z LAST GROUPS FIRST LINE SHOULD READ 304 RPT 304 INSTEAD OF 314.
END
TOD: 0530Z WL
END

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TOD 8 0632Z NT

ROGER 0632Z WCR

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TELECON MSG NO.: FM-30-14

SUBJECT: Mission Summary for Mission #304 Targets Rashin, Shimonoseki Straits (West Entrance), Fukueka, & Karatsu Flown 29-30 July/45 Mining Mission #41.

DATE: 30 July 1945

TO: COLGENUSASTAF (GUAM)

INFO: COLGENUSASTAF (REAR)
AC AS INTELLIGENCE (OP)

FROM: COLGENAAF 20 GUAM

AIMCH 6446

MINING #41

1. Unit 313H Wing
2. Takeoff Time: Rashin Force: 290131Z to 290214Z others: 290731Z to 290842Z
3. No A/C Airborne: 29
4. No mines Airborne: 168 X Mark 25 Mines, 60 X Mark 26 or 36 mines.
5. Disposition of Mines Airborne:
   a. Primary Fields:

		Rashin 10 A/C	Mike 9 A/C	Charlie 5 A/C
Mark 25:	X51B7	9	9	0
	X51B7	7	3	0
	X71B7	16	14	0
	S31G8	4	0	0
	V21E8	1	0	0
	S21F8	1	0	0
	V21G8	1	0	0
	V21H7	1	0	4
	S21I8	3	0	1
	V11I7	2	0	5
	S21I8	0	0	1
	V11E8	1	0	0
	V21F8	1	0	1
	X11B7	1	6	0
	S21G8	2	0	0
	V31B8	1	0	0
	S21E8	1	0	1
	V11G8	1	0	1
	D11B8	0	0	6
	V21B8	0	0	3
	D11H8	0	0	7
	V11B8	0	0	2
	D31B8	0	0	1
	N21B8	0	0	3
	V31G8	0	0	1
Mark 26-36:	D31B8	3	8	0
	D11B8	3	6	0
	Q21F8	1	0	0
	D33B8	1	4	0

Combat Opns.

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TO:	INFO:	FROM:

D15B8	1	2	0
D21B8	1	2	0
Q21H8	1	2	0
D25B8	1	2	0
Q31I8	0	2	0
Q31F8	0	1	0
Q31G8	0	1	0

Rashin field observations: Sortie #5 - one mine seen to explode. Sortie #6 - one chute failed to open. Sortie #9 - one chute failed to open.
Mike field observations: Sortie #16 - one chute failed to open. Charlie field observations: none.

B. Alternate Fields: Sortie No. 5 - released in sequence 7 X mark 25 mines. First mine dropped at 3418N-13336E on true course of 323°. Radar out. Mines released were 1 X S31G8, 1 X V21G8, 1 X V21H7, 1 X S21I7, 1 X V 11F7, and 1 X S21A8. Sortie # 2 released in sequence 7 X mark 25 mines. First mine dropped at 3422N - 13420E on a true course of 007°. Radar out. Mines released 2 X S31G8, 1 X V21E8, 1 X S21F8, 1 X V21G8, 1 X V21H7, and 1 X S 21I8. Sortie No. 14 - released in sequence 7 X mark 25 mines. First mine dropped at 3247N - 13510E on a true course of 338°. Fuel transfer system out. Mines released were 2 X S31G8, 1 X V21E8, 1 X V21H7, 1 X S21I8, 1 X V11E8, and 1 X V11F8.

C. Jettioned: Sortie #7 - jettisoned 12 X mark 26 36 mines at 2915N 13708E. Sortie #21 - jettisoned 7 X mark 25 mines at 1500N-14618E. Both due to engine failures and both early returns. Sortie #25 - jettisioned 6 X mark 26 36 mines at 3120N - 13500E due to rear bomb bay door malfumbtion.

D. Returned: None

E. Unaccounted for: None

6. No A/C failing to mine and reasons: 2 A/C (mechanical)

7. Time of Attack: Rashin: 291412Z - 291532Z. Mike 291416Z - 291520Z Charlie: 291453Z - 291556Z.

8. Altitude over minefields: Rashin 7900-8100'. Mike: 12,000-12,850', Charlie: 8,000-6,500'.

9. True Air spped at mine release: Rashin: 210-216 Kts. Mike 207-230 kts. Charlie 200-227 kts.

10. Length of mine run: Rashin: 30 secs to 8 mins. Mike: 21 secs to 10 mins 30 secs, Charlie: 6 mins to 8 mins 24 secs.

11. Wind reported over minefields: Rashin: 109D - 282DJN 18-40 kts. Mike: 47D-246D 5-37 kts. Charlie: 65D-230D, 11-27 kts.

12. Clouds and visibility: Rashin: 10/10th, 0-10 miles. Mike: 3-9/10ths, 5 miles to unlimited. Charlie: 2-10/10ths, 10 miles to unlimited.

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TO:	INFO:	FROM:

13. Time of return: Rashin: 291912Z-300038Z, Others: 292130Z - 292357Z.
14. A/C Lost: None
15. Personnel Casualties: None
16. VQM Air Opposition: Rashin: 2 fighters were sighted in the inland sea by 2 of our A/C on the way to base, 1 U/I followed A/C over Awaji Shima and for 35 miles out to sea without closing in. Another was seen passing below and apd at right angles to our course.
Mike: 5 E/A were sighted. 3 U/I together by one A/C just after release, and 2 S/E together in the vicinity of Yawata. There were no attacks. Radar showed other possible E/A maneuvering the general target area. Charlie: No sightings.
17. Enemy AA: Rashin: The target was 10/10 and no enemy defenses were seen. On the route out one A/C received 2 inaccurate bursts from Tokuyama. Mike: 1 A/C received heavy, meager and inaccurate fire from the mine field. It was coned momentarily by 7 S/L's. Other A/C reported seeing as many as 30 S/L's active along the Wakata coast. 7/10 to 10/10 undercast hampered them greatly. One the route out, one burst of flak was observed at great distance over Shikoku.
Charlie: A maximum of 10 S/L's were observed in the vicinity of Fukuoka with no other enemy ground defenses evident.
18. Enemy RCM and effects: None
19. Radar scope photos obtained: Rashin: 41, Mike: 63, Charlie: 34.
20. Observations: None
21. Remarks: 1 RCM and 2 Superdumbo A/C were airborne in addition to above. RCM mission in Shimonoseki Straits considered effective. No emergencies requiring super-dumbo action.

This report is subject to correction and not to be used for record purposes.

END
TOD: 301904Z

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		C/S - DC/OPRS - DC/S P&A - DC/S TME Gen. Norstad, Gen Hodges, Gen. Vandenburg, Gen Bissell, Capt. Anderson, SOO (2), Coll. Div (2)

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