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Brief of Field Order	Telecon	FN-23-6		230924Z	[illegible]

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SPECIAL CONFERENCE 042309 24Z
PRESENT HERE: LT E [illegible]CKHAM
STATION: YAMFG

SUBJECT: 20 AF TRAFFIC

TELECON MSG FN-23-6 OP OP TOP SECRET 230730Z

Classification Cha[illegible]

FROM: LEMAY COMGENBOMCOM 21

SECRET 5-8-46 By Authority of C. G. AAF, by [illegible] Baker, Capt. A. C.

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: BRIEF OF FIELD ORDER FOR 24 APRIL 1945

APPROXIMATELY 120 AIRCRAFT OF XXI BOMCOM SCHEDULED TO STRIKE TARGET 2009 (CATCALL) ON 24 APRIL 45. TAKE OFF 231530Z, TARGET TIME 232400Z , LANDING TIME 240615Z. ROUTE:

BASE

IWO JIMA

343530N-13851E

350130N-1384730E

TARGET

3551N-13923E

3528N-13923E

3440N-13800E

3415N-1815E

IWO JIMA

BASE

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AXIS AND ALTITUDE OF ATTACK: 36 DEGREES TRUE AT 10,000 TO 14,000 FEET. METHOD OF ATTACK: Bombing on COLUMN OF SQUADRONS. BOMB LOAD IS 500 LB GP'S FUZED 1/100 NOSE AND NON-DELAY TAIL.

AIR SEA RESCUE FACILITIES HAVE BEEN REQUESTED. FIGHTER SUPPORT HAS BEEN REQUESTED BUT NOT CONFIRMED.

CCN: 10TH LINE OF TEXT RDS AS FOLLOWS: 3528N-13835E RPT 3528N-13835E

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TOD 230927Z WL

ROGER 230927.Z WCR

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Take off Report	Helicon	FN-23-16		238033	HA
First Take off	Helicon	FN-23-17		231625Z	HA

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SPECIAL TELETYPE CONFERENCE [redacted] 04231732Z

PRESENT HERE LT. C. A. STEVENS.

SUBJECT: 20 AF MATTERS.

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-23-17 OP SECRET 231625Z
FROM: COM GEN LEMAY XXI BOM COM
TO: COMAF 20
INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 KPOA)

SUBJECT: FIRST TAKE OFF FOR CATCALL NR.1.

1. FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT ~~2300K~~
~~00K~~
~~00K~~
//////// 231600Z.

SECRET

BASE ON TAKE OFF: BROKEN LOW CLOUD WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS. CLOUD BASE 1600 FEET DOWN TO 800 FEET IN SHOWERS. ROUTE TO TARGET: TO 20 DEG N AS BASES. BROKEN TO OVERCAST LOW CLOUD THERE TO 22 DEG N WITH LIGHT TO MODERATE SHOWERS. TO 28 DEG N BROKEN LOW CLOU
WITH SCATTERED MIDDLE.

28 DEG N TO COAST 7/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 1500 FEET TOPS 6000 AND OCCASSIONALLY 12000 FEET WITH OCCASSIONAL MODERATE SHOWERS AND 10/10 MIDDLE CLOUDS IN LAYERS FROM 12000 TO 25000 WITH LIGHT TO MODERATE RIME ICING ABOVE 14000 FEET.

TARGET: 3/10 ~~OVERCAST~~ LOW CLOUD TWO TO FOUR THOUSAND WITH 7/10 MIDDLE CLOUD 15000 FT TO 17000 FT AND HAZE REDUCING AIR TO GROUND VISIBILTY TO SIX MILES.

BASE ON RETURN: BROKEN LOW CLOUD WITH INTERMITTENT SHOWERS OF 15 MINUTE DURATION, 2-3 PER HOUR. NO EXTREME WEATHER FROM TROPICAL STORM TO S.E. EXPECTED UNTIL AFTER 242400K.

..END...

T0231740Z JAW.

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ROGER FN-23-18 1803Z /// 231803Z WCR..

TELECON MESSAGE FN-23-18 SECRET OP OP 231750Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO: COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR CATCALL ONE, MISSION 96, 24 APRIL 1945.

XXI BOMBER COMMAND

1.	WING:	73	313	314	TOTAL
2.	A/C SCHDULED:	44	47	44	135
3.	A/C AIRBORNE :	44	45	42	131
4.	FIRST A/C :	231630Z	231600Z	231611Z	231600Z
5.	LAST A/C :	231650Z	231632Z	231700Z	231700Z

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TOD:04231814Z CB/JAW

ROGER FN-23-18 04231814Z WCR..

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1st Bombs Away Report	Telecon	FN-24-1		2400462	BA.
Consolidated Bombs Away Report	"	FN-24-2		2402482	BA
Return Report	"	FN-24-9		2410562	BA

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RETURN RPTS

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-24-9 (SECRET) 241021Z (OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY)

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20

INFO: DEPCOMAF20(POA)

SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT FOR CATCALL 1, STRIKE 96, 24 APRIL 1945.

1. WING	73RD	313TH	314TH	XXI B.C.
2. AIRBORNE:	44	45	42	131
3. LANDED HOME BASE:	42	39	36	117
4. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE:	1(IWO)	4(IWO)	4(IWO)	9(IWO)
5. TIME OF LANDING:	240604Z	240559Z	240701Z	240559Z
FIRST A/C:	240735Z	240716Z	240826Z	240826Z
LAST A/C:				
6. EARLY RETURNS:	2	3	0	5
7. MISSING:	1	2	2	5

499TH GP: 11V608 - CREW BAILED OUT AT 3434N-13834E.

19TH GP: 15V526 - SHOT DOWN OVER TARGET.

330TH GP: 63V529 - DITCHED 3325N-13830E.

504TH GP: 17V756 - SHOT DOWN OVER TARGET AND CRASHED.

505TH GP: 51V757 - UNHEARD FROM SINCE TAKE OFF.

504TH GP: 10V756 - A/C CRASHED AND BURNED. ALL BUT 2 OF CRW OF 12 RESCUED.

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505TH GP: 51V757 - WHICH IS REPORTED MISSING IS NOW SAFELY HOME

END

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TOD:-0424
1049Z/FER

ROGER FN-24-9 04241049X/WCR

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ACTION	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans
	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm	Op Anal	Stat Con		
INFORMATION	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans
	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm.	Op Anal	Stat Con		

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TELECON MSG FN-24-2 OP SECRET 240205Z

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FROM : BOM COM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO : DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)
SUBJCT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY REPORT FOR CATCALL 1, MISSION 96,

24 APRIL 1945.

1. 15 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY ACCOUNTING FOR :

2. 119 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY WITH REPORTED RESULTS.

23 EXCELLENT, 46 GOOD, 18 POOR AND 20 UNOBSERVED.

3. [redacted]

3. 2 A/C BOMBED SECONDARY VISUALLY WITHEXCELLENT RESULTS:

4. 11 A/C BOMBED SECONDARY VISUALLY WITH GOOD RESUTLS.

5. 4 A/C RETURNED EARLY.

THIS REPORT IS FRAGMENTARY AND SUBJECT TO CORRECTION: ADDITIONAL INFO WILL FOLOW AS SOON AS AVIALABLE.

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TOD 240248
Z TS
ROGER V WCR.

ORIGINATOR OF MESSAGE _____

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ACTION	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans	
	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm	Op Anal	Stat Con			
INFORMATION	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans	
	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm.	Op Anal	Stat Con			

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E LECON MSG FW-24-1 OP OP SECRET 240020Z

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FROM BOMCOM XXI

TO COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: FIRST BOMBS AWAY REPORT ON CATCALL ONE.

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FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY WITH GOOD RESULTS AT

232353Z

...END...

TOD...240042Z WW
ROGER V WCR

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ACTION	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans
	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm	Op Anal	Stat Con		
INFORMATION	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans
	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm.	Op Anal	Stat Con		

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Briefers Forms	Ditto	—	24 Apr		BGR
Prelim Mission Report	Telecon	FN-2411		231650Z	BGR

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PRESEMT HERE: LT. C. A. STEVENS

SUBJECT: 2Ø AF MATTERS.

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TELZCON MESSAGE FN-24-11 OPERATIONAL PRIORITY-SECRET 241530Z

FROM: BOMCOM 21

TO : COMAF 2Ø

INFO: DEP COM AF 2Ø

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT, CATCALL 1, 24 APRIL 1945.

1. NAME OF PRIMARY: HITACHI A/C , TACHIKAWA

2. NAME OF SECONDARY: SHIZOUKA

3. NAME OF LAST RESORT: NONE

4. TARGET OF APPORTUNITY: TOGA-SHIM
O
O A, IKESHINDEN, MUSASHINO
A/C PLANT-TOKYO AND SHIMIZU

5. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 105 A/C DROPPED 1958 X 535 LB AN-M64 GP BY VISUAL MEANS THRU Ø/1Ø CLOUD. FROM 11800HTOH 15000 FT AT 232352Z TO 240006Z.

6. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: 8 A/C DROPPED 134 X 535 LB AN-M64 GP BY VISUAL MEANS THRQ HWZE, FROMH11500 TO 11900 FT AT 232340Z TO 240022Z.

O 7. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: NONEO

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8. A/C ATTACKING TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY:

NO. A/C	TARGET	METHOD	CLOUD	ALTITUDE	TIME	BOMBS DGOPPED
1	TOGA-SHIMA	VISUAL	Ø/1Ø	14000 FT	232355Z	H 18 X 535 LB AN-M64
1	IKESHINDEN	VISUAL	1/1Ø	13000 FT	240027Z	19 X 535 LB AN-M64
1	TOKYO	VISUAL	Ø/1Ø	13200 FT	232352Z	12 X 535 LB AN-M64
1	SHIMIZU	VISUAL	Ø/1Ø	11900 FT	232341Z	12 X 535 LB AN -M64

9. NO. A/C TAKING OFF: 131 A/C AIRBORNE AT 231600Z TO 231700Z.

1Ø. NO. A/C EARLY RETURN: 8 A/C RETURNED EARLY. OF WHICH NONE A/V
L BOMBED TARGETS.

11. NO. A/C LOST OR MISSING: 5 A/C AR LOST OR MISSING:
2 B-29 A/C OVER TARGET TO ENEMY ACTION.
1 A/C DITCHED ON WAY BAC.

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1 A/C MISSING TO UNKNOWN REASONS (CREW BAILED OUT 3434N-13834E)

1 A/C CRASHED AT IWO JIMA.

L 12.BOMBPNG RESULTS:

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PRIMARY : CREWS REPORTED UNOBSERVED TO EXCELLENT

SECONDARY: CREWS REPORTED FAIR

TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: UNOBSERVED TO EXCELLENT.

13. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: KILLED : Ø

WOUNDED : 11 (7 WOUNDED AT IWO, CRASH-
5 STATU UNKNOWN)

MISSING : 44

14. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: 75-8Ø E/A SIGHTED. APPROXIMATELY 23Ø

MODERATELY AGGRESSIVE ATTACKS BY TOJOS, OSVARS, TONYS, NICKS AND U/I S/E AIRCRAFT.

15. AA FIRE : MOSTLY HEAVY CALIBER--MEAGER TO INTENSE--ACCURATE TO INACCURATE BEGINNING AT IP TO BEYOND TARGET AREA. 2 ~~MIYSILES~~ MISSILES WERE SEEN COMING FROM GROUND THAT ~~SCATTZGZZHYTLWHYZTMQ~~ SCATTERED STRANDS OF WIRE UPON EXPLOSION. ONE IRVING DROPPED "ROPE LIKE" METAL STRIPS 2 FT LONG, 3 IN WIDE.

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16. FIGHTER SUPPORT : NONE.

17. WEATHER: CAVU TO 2/1Ø STRATOCUMULUS WITH LIGHT HAZE. WINDS FROM 26Ø-35Ø DEG AT 4Ø-45 KTS.

18. IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS:

A. GROUP OF 7 TO 9 SURFACE CRAFT OFF IRO SAKI LIGHT IN SQUARE FORMATION SIGHTED FROM DISTANCE OF 25 MILES. HEADING PROBABLY Ø5Ø. EVALUATED AS COASTWISE STEAMERS. TIME 232356Z.

B. ONE SMALL OR MEDIUM SREIRHTER SIGHTEE AA

(RPTING THE ABOVE LINE))

B. ONE SMALL OR MEDIUM FREIGHTER SIGHTED AT 3120N-13905E ON COURSE Ø65 SPEED 2Ø. TIM 24Ø132Z.

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C. 5Ø A/C ON GROUND TACHIKAWA A/F , 232351Z FROM 1Ø,5ØØ FT

D. MANY SHINY OBJECTS ON GROUND THAT SEEMED TO BE TRACKING A/C. THES OBJECTS OBSERVED MOVING IN ARC, LIKE SEARCH LIGHTS. OBJECTS CIRCULAR AND RECTANGULAR IN SHAPE, AT LANDFALL, 232345Z FROM 11,ØØØ FT.

E. 1 U/I VESSEL REPORTED AS POSSNBLE CV 3450N-13845E.

F. 15 SMALL AND 9 LARGE U/I VESSELS 3440N-13845E.

G. 12 MV ANCHORED IN NUMAZU HARBOR, 3505N-13848E.

H. 7 U/I VESSELS IN SHIMIZU HARBOR, 3502N-13832E.

I. 3Ø FOXTARE IN AKANE SHIMA, 3438N-13857E.

J. 18 FOXTARE IN KIMIKAKENE SHIMA, 3437N-13849E.

19. ESTIMATE CLAIMS: DESTROYED: 13

PROBABLY DESTROYD : 18

DAMAGED: 3Ø

2Ø. OTHER INFORMATION: 1Ø SURVIVORS SIGHTED IN LIFERAFTS BY DUMBO AND LIFEGUARD ON WAY TO POSITION. SEA WAS SMOOTH. E/A OBSERVED

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14. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: 75-80 E/A SIGHTED. APPROXIMATE

MODERATELY AGGRESSIVE ATTACKS BY TOJOS, OSVARS, TON

AND U/I S/E AIRCRAFT.

15. AA FIRE : MOSTLY HEAVY CALIBER--MEAGER TO INTENSE--ACCURATE TO INACCURATE BEGINNING AT IP TO BEYOND TARGET AREA. 2 ~~MISSILES~~ MISSILES WERE SEEN COMING FROM GROUND THAT ~~SCATTZGZZHYTLWHYZTMQ~~ SCATTERED STRANDS OF WIRE UPON EXPLOSION. ONE IRVING DROPPED "ROPE LIKE" METAL STRIPS 2 FT LONG, 3 IN WIDE.

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16. FIGHTER SUPPORT : NONE.

17. WEATHER: CAVU TO 2/10 STRATOCUMULUS WITH LIGHT HAZE. WINDS FROM 260-350 DEG AT 40-45 KTS.

18. IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS:

A. GROUP OF 7 TO 9 SURFACE CRAFT OFF IRO SAKI LIGHT IN SQUARE FORMATION SIGHTED FROM DISTANCE OF 25 MILES. HEADING PROBABLY 050. EVALUATED AS COASTWISE STEAMERS. TIME 232356Z.

B. ONE SMALL OR MEDIUM SREIRHTER SIGHTEE AA

(RPTING THE ABOVE LINE))

B. ONE SMALL OR MEDIUM FREIGHTER SIGHTED AT 3120N-13905E ON COURSE 065 SPEED 20. TIM 240132Z.

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C. 50 A/C ON GROUND TACHIKAWA A/F , 232351Z FROM 10,500 FT

D. MANY SHINY OBJECTS ON GROUND THAT SEEMED TO BE TRACKING A/C. THES OBJECTS OBSERVED MOVING IN ARC, LIKE SEARCH LIGHTS. OBJECTS CIRCULAR AND RECTANGULAR IN SHAPE, AT LANDFALL, 232345Z FROM 11,000 FT.

E. 1 U/I VESSEL REPORTED AS POSSNBLE CV 3450N-13845E.

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H. 7 U/I VESSELS IN SHIMIZU HARBOR, 3502N-13832E.

I. 30 FOXTARE IN AKANE SHIMA, 3438N-13857E.

J. 18 FOXTARE IN KIMIKAKENE SHIMA, 3437N-13849E.

19. ESTIMATE CLAIMS: DESTROYED: 13
PROBABLY DESTROYD : 18
DAMAGED: 30

20. OTHER INFORMATION: 10 SURVIVORS SIGHTED IN LIFERAFTS BY DUMBO AND LIFEGUARD ON WAY TO POSITION. SEA WAS SMOOTH. E/A OBSERVED TO STRAFE THREE PARACHUTISTS WHO BAILED the OUT B-29 OVER TARGET.

THIS REPORT FRAGMENTARY AND SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR RECORD PURPOSES.

END.

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TOD...042317500Z JAW..

ROGER N// FN-24-11 042316500Z WCR.

~~LAST WD SECOND LINE 15. MISSILES RPT~~ MISSILES..

HERE IS THE COMPLETE LINE THREE IN 15.

WERE SEEN COMING FROM GROUND THAT SCATTERED STRANDS OF WIRE UPON.

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE
Washington, D. C.

Information for Briefing on XXI Bomber Command
Mission No. 96 - 24 April 1945
Date

Mission Code Name " CATCALL 1 " (As of 1000 24 Apr 45)
Date

Targets: Primary - Hitachi A/C Co., Tachikawa Plant, Honshu, Japan

Secondary -

Last Resort -

Take-off Times: 231230 - 231400 Washington Time (231630Z- 231700Z)

Time Over Primary Target: 232353 Z
231953 Washington Time
240853 Theatre Time

Tactics: Bombing in column of squadrons at 10/15000 feet, axis of attack-36 deg true

Aircraft Bombing: 132

Primary Target - 119 visually
Secondary Target -
Other Targets - 13 visually

Bomb Load: 500 lb GPs fuzed 1/100 nose and non-delay tail.

Losses: Not reported

Target Weather: Not reported

Fighter Opposition: Not reported

Anti-Aircraft Encountered: Not reported

Claims: Not reported

Results of Bombing: Crews report unobserved to excellent.

Remarks: This information is fragmentary and is subject to change so should not be used or presented as final.

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Mission Report	Telecon	FN25-18		251834Z	MB
Mission Report	Ditto		24 apr		MB

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MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 96 - 24 APRIL 1945

"CATCALL 1"

Targets: Primary: Hitachi A/C Company, Tachikawa
Secondary: Shizuoka A/C Engine Plant

Take-off: 231200 - 231300 Washington; (231600Z - 231700Z)

Time Over Target: 231952 - 232006 Washington; (232352Z - 240006Z)

A/C Bombing:

Total Bombing		120
Primary	108	
Secondary	8	
Other Targets	4	

A/C Lost or Missing: 4 a/c of which -
2 were lost over target to enemy action
1 ditched on return from target
1 a/c lost due to unknown reasons (crew bailed out at 34/34N - 138/39E)

Casualties: 0 killed; 11 wounded; 44 missing

Bombs Dropped: Primary - 2003 x 535 lb AN-M64 GP; Secondary - 134 x 535 lb AN-M64 GP; Other targets - 61 x 535 lb AN-M64 GP fused 1/100 nose and non-delay tail.

Tactics: Daylight visual bombing from an altitude of 11,500 to 15,000 ft. by squadrons.

Weather: CAVU to 2/10 strato-cumulus with light haze. Winds from 260-350 degrees at 40-45 knots.

Fighter Opposition: 75-80 E/A sighted. Approximately 230 moderately aggressive attacks by Tojos, Oscars, Tonys, Nicks and an unidentified S/E aircraft.

Flak: Mostly heavy caliber - meager to intense - accurate to inaccurate beginning at IP to beyond target area. 2 missiles were seen coming from ground that scattered strands of wire upon explosion. 1 Irving dropped rope-like metal strips 2 ft long, 3 in wide.

Claims: 13 destroyed; 18 probably destroyed; 30 damaged

Observations:

a. Group of 7 to 9 surface craft off Iro Saki light in square formation sighted from distance of 25 miles. Evaluated as coastwise steamers. Time 232356Z.
b. 1 small or medium freighter sighted at 31/20N-139/05E on course 065 speed 20 knots, Time 240132Z.
c. 50 a/c on ground Tachikawa A/F, 232351Z from 10,500 ft.
d. Many shiny objects on ground that seemed to be tracking a/c. These objects observed moving in arc, like searchlights. Objects circular and rectangular in shape, at landfall, 232345Z from 11,000 ft.
e. 1 unidentified vessel reported as possible CV at 34/50N-138/45E.
f. 15 small and 9 large unidentified vessels at 34/40N-138/45E.

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g. 12 MV anchored in Numazu Harbor, 35/05N-138/32E.
h. 7 unidentified vessels in Shimizu Harbor, 35/02N-138/32E.
i. 30 FT's in Akane Shima, 34/38N - 138/57E.
j. 18 FT's in Kimikakene Shima, 34/37N - 138/49E.

Other Information: 10 survivors sighted in life rafts by dumbo and lifeguard on way to position. E/A observed to strafe 3 parachutists who bailed out of B-29 over the target.

Results: Unobserved to Excellent

Remarks: This report is subject to change and should not be used for official records.

As of 1800, 24 April 1945

for Curtis E. Lemay

LAURIS NORSTAD
Brigadier General, U. S. Army
Chief of Staff

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Hq, Twentieth AF

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-25-18 OP SECRET 251610Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO: COMAF 20 ~~(WHO HAS)~~

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA) BOMWG 73 BOMWG 313 BOMWG 314

GR-737

SUBJECT: FINAL MISSION REPORT CATCALL ONE, 23 APRIL 1945

1. DESIGNATION OF UNIT: XXI BOMBER COMMAND

2. TIME OF TAKEOFF: 231600Z TO 231700Z

3. TIME OF RETURN: 240604Z TO 240818Z

4. A/C TAKING OFF: 131 SECRET

5. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY TARGET: 101 'HITACHI A/C CO, TACHIKAWA ENG WKS PLANT 90.1 7-2009

6. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY TARGET: 8 (SHIZUOKA 90.18 - 2011)

7. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT TARGET: NONE

8. A/C ATTACKING TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: IKENSHINDEN - 1 A/C TACHIKAWA A/"; :9. TACH PLANT 90.1 7-792 11 A/C

RPT NR 8.

8. A/C ATTACKING TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: IKENSHINDEN - 1 A/C TACHIKAWA A/C CO. TACH PLANT 90.1 7-792 11 A/C

SHIMIZU, KATSUMA A/F 1 A/C

9. A/C WHICH FAIL TO BOMB ANY TARGET: 9, MECHANICAL 7 BATTLE DAMAGE 1, BUDDY TO BATTLE DAMAGE A/C 1.

10. A/C LOST TO FLAK: 2

11. A/C LOST TO E/A: 1

12. A/C LOST BY ACCIDENT: 1

13. A/C LOST BY REASONS UNKNOWN: 1

14. TIME OF ATTACK: PRIMARY TARGET: 232352Z TO 240006Z SECRET SECONDARY TARGET: 232340Z TO 240050Z. TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: 232341Z TO 240027Z

15. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK: PRIMARY TARGET: 10500 FT TO 15000 FT. SECONDARY TARGET: 11500 FT TO 11900 FT. TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: 13000 FOMTO 15000 FT

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16. BOMBS ON EACH TARGET: PRIMARY: 1856 X 535 LB GP FUSED. Ø1 SEC NOSE, ND TAIL, AND INST NOSE - ND TAIL. 4Ø X 535 LB GP AN-M64 FUSED .Ø1 SEC NOSE AND 1 HR, 2 HR, 6 HR, 12 HR, 24 HR, AND 36 HR DELAY TAIL.

SECONDARY: 124 X 535 LB GP FUSED .Ø1 SEC NOSE ND TAIL AND 1Ø X 535 LB GP FUSED .Ø1 SEC NOSE AND 1 HR, 2 HR, 6 HR, 12 HR, 24 HR, AND 36 HR DELAY TAIL.

TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: TACHIKAWA A/C CO. 18Ø X 535 LB GP FUSED .Ø1 SEC NOSE AND INST NOSE ~~-~~ - ND TAIL,

~~5-87.~~

KATSAMA A/F. 12 X JTET LB GP KUSED .Ø1 SEC NOSE ND TAIL.

IKENSHINDEN: 17 X 535 LB GP FUSED INST NOSE, ND TAIL

SHIMIZI: 12 X 535 LB GP FUSED .Ø1 SEC NOSE, ND TAIL.

A. BOMB LOADINGS: 2397 X 535 LB GP (AN-M64) FUSED .Ø1HSEC NOSE, ND TAIL AND INST NOSE, ND TAIL. 5Ø LB 535 LB GP (AN-M64) FUSED .Ø1 SEC NOSE AND 1 HR, 2 HR, 6 HR, 12 HR, 24 HR & 36 HR DELAY TAIL.

B. BOMBS UNACCOUNTED FOR: NONE

17. NO A/C JETTISONING BOMBS: 14 A/C JETTISONED 176 X 535 LP GP

18. NO A/C BRINGING BOMBS BACK : 1 A/C - 1 BOMB.

19. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: 12 WOUNDED, 44 MISSING.

2Ø. CLAIMS: DESTROYED 17, PROBABLY DEST. 23 AND DAMAGED 25

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C. A/C LOST OR IN DISTRESS: 1 A/C RECEIVED DIRECT HIT BY FLAK OVER TARGET KNOCKING OFF THE TAIL SECTION AND CAUSING IT TO SPIN IN.

1 A/C WAS SEEN TO GO DOWN AFTER BOMBS AWAY WITH AN ENGINE ON FIRE AND FLAMES COMING FROM THE BOMB BAY. FOUR PARACHUTES WERE SEEN TO OPEN. E/A STARTED TOWARD THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF THE PARACHUTE AND PLANE BUT WAS NOT OBSERVED ALL THE WAY DOWN BECAUSE OF HAZE.

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D. A/C SERIOUSLY DAMAGED OR CRASHED ON RETURN: 1 A/C CRASHED AND BURNED AT IWO 8 MEN SLIGHTLY WOUNDED.

E. A/C BATTLE DAMAGE: 38 A/C WILL BE READY IN 1 DAY, 3 A/C WILL BE

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F. OBSERVATIONS: 4 CARGO BOATS HEADING 0 DEG AT 34/30 N 138/50 E AT 232331Z FROM 12300 FT. 2 POSSIBLE CVE'S WITH 13 SHIPS AT 34/40 N - 138/45 E AT 232335Z FROM 12000 FT. 1 MV AT ANCHOR IN SURUGA BAY AT 232336Z FROM 12000 FT. 20 FRANKS ON A/F AT 34/45 N 137/50 E.

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G. PHOTO INTERPRETATION: SEE OUR MSG FN-24-12

H. CREW COMXENTS: NONE

I. WEATHER: BASES AT TAKEOFF: 4-6/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 1600 FT TOP 6000 FT SCATTERED LIGHT SHOWERS IN THE AREA.

ROUTE OUTGOING: TO 19 N: 4-6/10 LOW CLOUDS, BASE 1500 FT, TOP 6-8000 FT 5/10 HIGH CLOUD, BASE 26,000 FT, SCATTERED LIGHT SHOWERS LOWERING VISIBILITY FROM 15 MILES TO 2 MILES.

-19 N TO 25 N: 4/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 2000 FT TOP 5-6000 FT PATCHY 8/10 MIDDLE CLOUDS, BASE 9000 FT TOP 11-13,000 FT BECOMING 4/10.

25 N TO THE COAST: 8-10/10 LOW CLOUDS BASE 1200 FT TOP 8-10,000 FT BECOMING 3/10 BASE 2000 FT TOP 6000 FT AFTER 27 N; 10/10 MIDDLE CLOUD IN LAYERS BETWEEN 10,000 FT AND 22,000 FT CLEARING AT 31 N;

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5-6/10 HIGH CLOUD BASED AT 26,000 FT LIGHT TO MODERATE RAIN AND TURBULENCE BETWEEN 25 NAND 28 N. LIGHT TO MODERATE RIME ICING ABOVE 13,000 FT VISIBILITY 12 MILES LOWERING TO 1/2 MILE IN RAIN.

TARGET: 0-2/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 2000 FT, TOP 4000 FT; 6/10 HIGH CLOUD BASE 26,000 FT; VISIBILITY 10-12 MILES IN LIGHT HAZE; WINDS AT 15,000 FT WERE 345 DEGREES AT 40 KNOTS.

ROUTE RETURNING; SAME AS ROUTE OUTGOING:

BASES ON RETURN: SAME AS BASES AT TAKE OFF.

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TO COMGENBOMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOMAF 20 POA INFO COMGENCOMCOM 20 (

Mission 96

(ATTENTION GLASS)

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WILL BE RELEASED HERE AT 042323002

" THE IMPORTANT HITACHI AIRCRAFT PLANT, PRODUCERS OF AIRCRAFT ENGINES AT TACHIKAWA, NEAR TOKYO, WAS THE TARGET OF YESTERDAY'S , APRIL 23D EWT (APRIL 24TH, JAPANESE TIME) B-29 MISSION OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE. CONTINUING THEIR STRATEGIC CAMPAIGN TO REDUCE JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL POWER, THE SUPERFORTRESSES ATTACKED IN LARGE NUMBERS AND GOOD RESULTS WERE REPORTED BY RETURNING CREWS. SOME FIGHTER OPPOSITION WAS ENCOUNTERED AND THERE WAS HEAVY ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE. FOUR OF OUR PLANES ARE MISSING. THE MISSION WAS FLOWN BY PLANES OF MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS EASY LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND FROM BASES IN THE MARIANAS."

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"A LARGE FORCE OF B-29'S TODY RPT TDXXRPT TODAY, APRIL 23D ETXXRPT ETW (APRIL 24TH JAPANESE TIME), ATTACKED INDUSTRIAL TARGETS AT TACHIKAWAI, JUST WEST OF TOKYO. THE MISSION WAS MOUNTED BY SUPERFORTRESSES FROM JAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND BASED IN THE MARIANAS. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED WHEN OPERATIONAL REPORTS ARE RECEIVED AT HEADQUARTERS OF THE TWENTIEH TH AIR FORCE IN WASHINGTON."

(((ATTENTION: REES INFO 280//RPT WIPPOLD FROM DOULENS)))

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INFO COMGENBOMCOM 21 (ATTENTION : GLASS)

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TWO CCNS: NAKE THAT SECOND INFO ADDRESSEE INFO: COMGEBXX COMGENBOMCOM 20 (ATTENTION: GLASS)

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FN-10-33	Flash Report No. 197, Target Tokyo Mito, Flown 10 May 45	11 May 1945

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 POA	COMGENBOMCOM 21

Mean time of photography: 100340Z.
Quality: Good.
Tachikawa A/F (35/43N-139/25E) Target 1404 (90 percent coverage).
A/C; 47 26 S/E, 20 T/E, 1 F/E.
Tokorozawa A/F: (35/48N-139/29E) Target 1406.
A/C: 73 50 S/E, 23 T/E, 3 T/E inop and A/C boneyard not counted in total incomplete coverage of A/C dispersal area.
Shimoshizu Airfield (35/29N-140/09E) Target 1470.
A/C; 31 29 S/E, 2 T/E
Naruto A/F: (35-34N-140/25E) Target 2784.
A/C: 20 12 S/E, 8 T/E.
Hitachi A/C Plant: Target 2009.
Post strike reconnaissance shows about 66 percent of the plant (765,000 sq ft) damaged or destroyed from XXI BC mission 96, 24 April 45. Among the visibly damaged buildings completely damaged are the engine assembly and engine parts manufacturing building, 2 machingery and engine parts manufacture buildings, 2 engine parts manufacture buildings, and 6 administrative and office buildings. The power plant has considerable damage. This damage assessment includes the damage caused by the U.S. Navy strike, 17-18 Feb 45.
Severely or completely damaged major buildings in Target 2009 are liste below according to J.T.G. numbers:
3, 4, 9, 10, 16, 23.
Tachikawa Army Air Arsenal: Target 2008.
Assembly plant area not covered by this photography. No damage noted in remainder of target.

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FN-24-12	Chto Flash Strike Attack Report on XXI BomCom Miss. 96, 24 April 1945	24 Apr 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
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Target 90.17-2009, Hitachi Aircraft Plant.
73rd Wing reports good to excellent bom ing results with two concentrations of bursts centered on the target. Smoke obscures most of target but severe damage reported to the large main engine assembly building and many direct hits on buildings in SW portion of plant. 313th Wing report smoke obscuring the primary target which prevents plotting bursts in target. Visible bursts indicate the main pattern as covering the NE and SW portions of target area. Numberous hits in large main engine assembly building and in the large assembly building in the SW corner of the plant (H13.3-V3.6, standard grid reference print on target 2009.) 314th Wing reports hits on large main assembly building and a concentration of bursts in the NW section of the plant.

Target 90.17-792 (secondary) Tachikawa Aircraft Company
313th Wing reports ten A/C bombed Tachikawa Aircraft Company. 15 hits on major buildings of the plant, two hits on hangars with several additional bursts in the service apron area.

Target 90.18-2011 (secondary) Shizuoka Aircraft Engine Plant
73rd Wing reports about 60 hits visible along W edge of target 2011 destroying four small buildings. Majority of bombs fell in open area.

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27 April 1945

Operation # 96

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT CHIEF OF AIR STAFF, INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Daily Air Action Summary of 25 April 1945

Enemy Action

1. With reference to the report of "Shiny Objects" on the ground, in Par. d under "Observations", the most likely possibility is that these objects were antiaircraft searchlights being used to track the attacking aircraft in daylight drill, either illuminated or not illuminated. Similar searchlight drills have been reported in Germany in the past. Verification of this possibility may develop as a result of pinpointing such objects in locations where searchlights are known to exist. However, it is doubtful that air crews could have observed actual movement in an arc from 11,000 feet.

2. Past reports of shiny objects have been tentatively evaluated as being tin roofs, which are known to be common in Japan. It is also possible that such phenomena might be created by small pools of water or any shiny curved surface.

3. It is not considered possible that the phenomenon could have been caused by the tracking scopes of any normal fire control instruments.

4. Future mission reports will be watched for similar evidence, in order to determine more conclusively the nature of these shiny objects.

5. The missiles which scattered strands of wire on explosion, mentioned under "Flak", were possibly a form of window to detect range accuracy by radar. There have been reports of the use of Japanese naval shells containing window. The theatre is being queried for more information on the characteristics of such strands.

6. The rope-like metal strips dropped from the Irving could be window used for IFF purposes; i.e., for indicating by echo to radars on the ground the presence of Japanese aircraft. However, there have been no other reports of window this wide (3 inches) being used.

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