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TO COMAF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

AIMCR 5604 SUBJECT: BRIEF OF MINING MISSION 34.

BRIEF OF MINING MISSION FOR NIGHT OF 13 JULY. HSEISHIN, MASAN, REISUI, SHIMONOSEKI STS - WEST AND FUKUOKA ARE SCHEDULED TO BE MINED AT 131500Z, 131710Z, 131630Z, 131715Z BY 31 AIRCRAFT LAYING 262 MINES.

TARGET	FORCE	NO. OF MINES
SEISHIN	6	52
MASAN-REISUI	13	111
FIELD M	9	73
FIELD C	3	26

ROUTES:

SEISHIN: BASE, IWO, 3314N 13411E, 3526N 13237E, 4050N 12943E, 4123N 129433OE (IP), TGT, RIGHT TURN TO 15000 FT, 3606N 13308E, 3352, 13503E, IWO (5-1/2 HR LAYOVER), BASE.

MASAN-REISUI: BASE, IWO, 3146N 13129E, 3327N 1294330E, 3438N 12818E P(IP), TGT, REISUI A/C LEFT TURN CLIMBING TO 15000 FT, MASAN A/C RIGHT TURN TO 15000 FT, 3327N 1294330E, 3146N 13129E, IWO, BASE.

FIELD M: BASE, IWO, 3243N 13234E, 3402N 13124E (IP), TGT, RIGHT TURN TO 315 DEGREES CLIMBING TO 15000 FT, S3417N 13052E, 3359N 13126E, IWO, BASE.

FIELD C: BASE, IWO, 3113N 12930E, 3328N 12919E, 3334N 1294430E (IP), TARGET, LEFT TURN CLIMBING TO 15000 FT, 3337N 13010E, 3220N, 13138E, IWO, BASE.

GENERAL SCHEME OF ATTACK: BY INDIVIDUAL A/C UNESCORTED AT NIGHT AT AN ALTITUDE OF 7000 AND 8000 FT USING RADAR RELEASE.

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FROM: BOMCOM XXI 131002Z

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

AIMCR 5670 SUBJECT: TAKEOFF REPORT MISSION NO. 268 TARGETS WEST SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS, FUKUOKA, SEISHIN, AND MASANREISUI, FLOWN 13 JULY

1. UNIT: 313TH WING

2. A/C SCHEDULED: 31

3. A/C AIRBORNE: 31

4. FIRST A/C OFF : 130442Z

5. LAST A/C OFF: 130919Z

6. REMARKS: 6 A/C WERE AIRBORNE 130442Z TO 130513Z, WITH THE BALANCE O

25 A/C BEING AIRBORNE 130826Z TO 130919Z.

END.

TOD:131028Z TAS.
END
TOD 1047Z EW

ROGER WCR 1047Z WCXX

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	A.C.	Surg									
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FROM: BC 21 130611Z

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

AIMCR 5662 SUBJECT: FIRST TAKEOFF REPORT ON MINING MISSION 34.

FIRST A/C AIRBORNE ON 313TH WING MINING MISSION NR 34 AT 130442Z TO SEISHIN. SECOND FORCE TAKES OFF AT 130830Z. WEATHER SAME FOR BOTH FORCES.

WEATHER EXPECTED:

BAS AT TAKEOFF: 5/10 LOW CLOUD AT 1,800 TO 8,000 FEET WITH FEW SHOWERS. VISIBILITY UNRESTRICTED EXCEPT 1-2 MILES IN SHOWERS.

ROUTE TO TARGETS: SCATTERED TO BROKEN LOW CLOUD WITH SCATTERED MIDDLE CLOUD EXCEPT AT 20 DEG NORTH, WHERE LOW CLOUDS 8/10, TOPS 15,000 FEET WITH BROKEN MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUD AND BETWEEN 33 AND 35 DEG NORTH IN FRONT WITH OVERCAST LAYERS AND RAIN.

TARGETS: SEISHIN: 5/10 LOW ~~COUT~~ CLOUD WITH TOPS 5,000 FEET AND NO UPPER CLOUDS.

SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS: 8/10 LOW CLOUD WITH TOPS 5,000 FEET AMD 7/10 MIDDLE CLOUD 14 TO 16,000 FEET.

FUKUOKA: SAME AS SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS.

REISUI - KASAN: SAME AS SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS.

ROUTE RETURNING SAME AS ROUTE TO TARGET.

BASE ON RETURN: IWO: 4-5/10 LOW CLOUD, VISIBILITY UNLIMITED.

TINIAN: SAME AS BASE AT TAKEOFF.

TOD:
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CCN: 1ST LINE UNS
DER HIMONOSEKI
S STRAITS
CCN: 1ST LINE UNDER SHIMONON
SEKI STRAITS 4TH WORD IS MIDDLE RPT MIDDLE
TOD : 0650Z EK

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END
TOD:-0710Z RH
ROGER 0710Z WCR

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-14-02

FROM; BOMCOM XXI 141
140210Z

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TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA) (PRECEDENCE SAME AS ACTION&

AIMCR 5687 SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED LANDIMG REPOGT XOG MISSION 260

TARGET WEST SHIMOMOSEKI STRAITS. FUKUOKA SEISHIN. AND MASAN-REISUI

FLOWN 13 JULY 45.

1. UNIT: 31"TH WING

2. LANDED HOME BASE; 15

3. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE: ~~XXIXL~~ 16

(INCLUDES 13 AT IWO JIMA UNCONFIRMED)

4. 1ST LANDING: 132151Z

5. LAST LANDING: 140045Z

6. A/C MISSING: NONE.

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TOB:0220Z JAW.
END: 0249Z VF

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SUBJECT: Mission Summary, Mission 268, Targets M/F's Mike, Seishin, Masan-Reisui, Charlie, Flown 13 July 1945 Mining Mission No. 34

DATE: 14 July 45

TO: COMAF 20
ACAS Intelligence

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 FOA

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM 21

141655Z

Mining Mission No. 34

AMCR 5717

1. Wing Designation: 313th Wing.
2. Time Take Off: M/F Seishin: 130442Z - 130513Z, others 130830Z - 130919Z.
3. No. A/C Airborne: 31.
4. Mines Airborne: MK 25-154, MK 26-36 - 108.
5. Disposition of Mines Airborne:

A. Primary Fields: MK 26 or 36	9 A/C Mike	6 A/C Seishin	12 A/C Masan-Reisui	5 A/C Charlie
D25-B7	3	1	0	
Q21-A8	2	1	4	2
D53-B7	3			
D21-B7	4			
S31-I8	1	1		1
Q21-B8	2			
D31-B8	8	5	7	4
S31-A8	1	2	2	2
D11-B8		8	9	5
D15-B8	24	3	3	1
Q21-A8	12 tons	1	2	2
D21-B8		1	1	2
D33-B8		1	2	2
D11-H7		0	2	1
D31-J7		0	3	1
D21-H7		24	1	
D25-J7		12 tons	36	1
MK 25			18 tons	24
Z51-B7	9	7		12 tons
X71-D7	15	3		
X11-B7	2	4		
X51-B7	3	5		
S31-H8	2		3	
V21-E7	3		4	1
V21-I8	4	1	1	1

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TO:	INFO:	FROM:

	9 A/C Mike	6 A/C Seishin	12 A/C Masan-Roisui	3 A/C Charlie
V21-B8	3		2	
V21-H7	2		3	1
Q21-A8	4	3	7	
V11-B7	2	3	6	
D31-B8			9	
V11-I7		1	1	1
M31-M7			9	
D21-I8			6	
M21-B8			3	1
D11-B8			5	1
D11-M8			3	1
V31-B7			1	
	49 tons	27 tons	63 tons	9 tons

Mike Field observations: Sortie 4, - Nr. 9 (S31-A8) and Nr. 11 (Q21-M8) mines went out together. Others as briefed. Sortie Nr. 6 - mines dropped in sequence 2 mi north of briefed spot first release at 140130Z - 1305430E.

Fluxgate erratic and course was hard to determine.

Masan-Roisui Field observations: Sortie Nr. 17: - Nr. 4 (B31-H7) and Nr. 6 (D21-I8) hung up and were dropped late, but in minefield. Sortie Nr. 24 - last 2 mines in mine run exploded on ground. Sortie Nr. 25 - Nr. 7 release exploded on shore line, either on land or water. Sortie Nr. 26 - Nr. 7 release exploded. Sortie Nr. 28 - Nr. 7 release landed on land at 344330N - 1274530E.

Charlie Field observations: Sortie Nr. 19 - which was originally scheduled for the Masan-Roisui Field had Nr. 1 engine backfiring before landfall. He went to Charlie Field and dropped his mines which are included in the totals for that field.

B. Alternate Fields: Sortie Nr. 29 - rack malfunction after 3 runs has to release mines manually. V11-B7 (1) 1 M21-B7; 1 D11-B8; 1 Q21-A8; 1 V21-B7; 1 D11-M8; 1 V11-I7. Dropped Nr. 1 at 3340N - 130 13E; Nr. 2, 3, & 4 at 3350N0 129 46 E; Nr. 5 and 6 at 3342N 0 1294230E; and Nr. 7 at 3328N - 12930E.

C. Jettisoned: Sortie Nr. 10 - Nr. 7 release (X71-B7) was dropped 4 minutes late at 4134N - 13007E. Shackle failure.

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TO:	INFO:	FROM:

6. No. A/C failing to mine and reasons: None.
7. Time of attack: Force 1, 131528Z - 131621Z. Force 2, 131412 - 1512Z. Force 3, 131633 - 1727Z. Force 4, 131635Z - 1701Z.
8. Altitude over M/F: Force 1, 8050 - 8600 ft. Force 2, 7900 - 8500 ft. Force 3, 6900 - 7400 ft. Force 4, 7000 - 12,550 ft.
9. True airspeed at time of release: Force 1, 227 - 230 knots. Force 2, 195 - 229 knots. Force 3, 222 - 230 knots. Force 4, 210 - 228 knots.
10. Length of Mine Run: Force 1, 5 min 50 sec to 8 min. Force 2, 6 min to 8 min 3 sec. Force 3, 3 min 45 sec to 11 min 30 sec. Force 4, 6 min 8 sec to 7 min 10 sec.
11. Wind reported over M/F's: Force 1, 220 deg to 335 deg 11 kts to 37. Force 2, 272 deg to 341 deg 18 to 28 kts. Force 3, 210 to 310 deg to 10 to 42 kts. Force 4, 208 to 270 deg, 18 to 25 kts.
12. Clouds and visibility: Force 1, 0-7/10, 5 mi to unlimited. Force 2, 0-10/10, 5 mi. to unlimited. Force 3, 0-8/10, 3 mi, to unlimited. Force 4, 4-10/10, 5 mi. to 20 mi.
13. Time of return: direct to base: 132157 140045Z. (18 landed at Iwo).
14. No. A/C lost: None.
15. Personnel casualties: None.
16. Enemy air opposition: Force 1, 3 sighted 1 attack. Force 2, no sightings or attacks. Force 3, no sightings and attacks. Force 4, 6 sightings, no attacks.
17. Enemy AA: Force 1, 2 A/C reported moderate and inaccurate automatic weapons fire from Shinan. 3 A/C reported heavy, meager to intense, inaccurate to accurate fire from vicinity of the Straits, islands and ships. Force 2, 3, 4, - nil.
18. Enemy RCM and effect: None.
19. Radar scope photos obtained: Force 1, 67. Force 2, 50. Force 3, 116. Force 4, 28.
20. Observations: None.
21. Remarks: Will follow.

Please pass to CNO Washington.

End...
TOD: 142008Z

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	C/S Opr (4)		Gen Norstad; Gen Hodges(2); Gen Vandenburg; Gen Bissell; Capt Anderson; Stat Control (2)

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MINING MISSION NO. 34

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 268 - 13 July 1945
Date

Targets Bombed: Total A/C Bombing: ~~30~~ 31

Shimonoseki Straits	9
Seishin	6
Masan-Reisui	12
Fukuoka	3
Other	1

Time Over Target: ~~15~~/2312 - ~~16~~/0227 Theater Time

Bomb Load: ~~200 tons~~ 206.5 tons

~~Results:~~

Tactics: Night mining by individual a/c from an altitude of 7,000 to 12,500 ft.

A/C Lost or Missing: None

Weather: 0-10/10 cloud, visibility 5 miles to unlimited

Fighter Opposition:

~~Shimonoseki~~	~~- 3 E/A sighted, 1 attack~~
Seishin	- No sightings or enemy attacks
Masan-Reisui	- No sightings or enemy attacks
Fukuoka	- 6 E/A sighted, no attacks

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Flak:

Shimonoseki	-	2 a/c reported moderate and inaccurate automatic weapons fire from Shinan
		3 a/c reported heavy, meager to intense, inaccurate to accurate fire from vicinity of the Straits, islands and ships
Seishin	-	Nil
Masan-Reisui	-	Nil
Fukuoka	-	Nil

~~Claims:~~

~~Observations:~~

Fighter Support: ____________________

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