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TELECON MESSAGE FN-11-4 (TOP - SECRET) 110819Z (OPERATIONAL-PR

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20

INFO: DEPCOMAF20(POA)

SUBJECT: BRIEF OF FIELD ORDER NO. 55 - ENKINDLE NO. 8, BUTTERBALL 1, AND LUNCHROOM 1

APPROXIMATELY 250 B-29 SCHEDULED TO ATTACK TARGETS ON THE MAINLAND OF JAPAN. ONE FORCE WILL ATTACK KORIYAMA AND ANOTHER FORCE WILL ATTACK ENKINDLE. DUE TO THE FIGHTER AND FLAK DEFENSES REPORTED IN KORIYAMA AREA THE ALTITUDE WAS DECIDED TO BE 8,000 FEET. FIGHTERS BASED IN IWO WILL ESCORE THE FORCE THROUGH THE ENKINDLE AREA.

1. 73RD WING WILL ATTACK ENKINDLE NO. 8. ROUTE: BASE TO KITA-IO-JIMA TO 343530N - 13817E TO 350130N - 13847E TO TARGET. TO 3528N - 13836E TO 3500N - 13820E TO 3405N - 13815E TO IWO JIMA TO BASE. AXIS OF ATTACK: 43 DEGREES TRUE. BOMB LOAD: 2,000 LB GP'S FUSED 1/40 NOSE AND 1/40 TAIL. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK BELOW 12,000 FEET. THE 73RD WING WILL DISPATCH 4 B-29'S TO IWO JIMA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESCORTING FIGHTERS.

2. THE 313TH WING WILL STRIKE TARGET BUTTERBALL. ROUTE: BASE TO IWO JIMA, TO MIJURA JIMA, 3545N - 14105E TO 3745N - 14125E TO 3749N - 1405930E TO TARGET TO 3650N - 14100E TO IWO JIMA TO BASE. AXIS OF ATTACK: 227 DEGREES TRUE. ALTITUDE BELOW 10,000 FEET.

BOMB LOAD: 500 LB GP'S FUSED 1/100 NOSE AND NON-DELAY TAIL.

3. 314TH WING WILL STRIKE XXI BOMCOM 6129 (LUNCHROOM). ROUTE: BASE TO MINAMI-JIMA TO AOGO JIMA TO 3545N - 14105E TO 3745N - 14125E TO 3749N - 1405930E TO TARGET TO 3650N - 14100E TO IWO JIMA TO BASE. AXIS OF ATTACK 291 DEGREES TRUE. ALTITUDE BELOW 10,000 FEET. BOMB LOAD: 500 LB GP'S FUSED 1/100 NOSE AND NON-DELAY TAIL.

4. TAKE OFF: 110700Z. OVER TARGET: 120230Z. ETA BASE 120900Z AIR SEA RESCUE FACILITIES REQUESTED. LEMAY CG

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. G. AAF, by Kay H. Baker
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4. TAKE OFF: 111700Z OVER TARGET: 120230Z. ETA BASE 120900Z. AIR SEA RESCUE FACILITIES REQUESTED LEMAY CG

DOES THAT TAKE CARE OF IT NOW PLS
WLCM HAVE NOTHING FURTHER DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING FUXX FORUS

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Take off Report	Telecon	FN-11-13		112032z	BGR

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TELECON MSG [illegible]-11-13 OP OP SECRET [illegible]1920Z

FROM BOMCOM XXI

TO COMAF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR ENKINDLE EIGHT. MISSION 63,12 APRIL 1945.

XXI BOMBER COMMAND

1. WING: 73

2. A/C SCHEDULED: 120
3. A/C AIRBORNE: 114

4. FIRST A/C: 111700Z

LAST A/C: 111824Z

ONE SUPERDUMBO AIRBONRE 111803Z (NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL)

THREE NAVIGATION A/C AND ONE SUPPERDUMBO SCHEDULED TO TAKE OFF FROM

IWO (NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL)

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TELECON MSG FN-11-11 OP OP SECRET 111750Z

FROM XXI BOMB COMD

TO COM AF 20

INFO: DEP COM AF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: FIRST TAKE OFF FOR ENKINDLE EIGHT.

1. FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT 111700Z.

REFER TO WEATHER OF LUNCHROOM ONE.
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1st Bombs Away Report	Telecon	FN-12-1		1203232	OA
Consolidated Bombs Away Rpt.	"	FN-12-4		1203512	OA
Briefers Report	Ditto		12 April		BGR
Return Report	Telecon	FN-12-15		121231	BGR

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SPECIAL TELETYPE CONFERENCE 04121222Z

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PRESENT HERE : LT. C.W. STEVENS

FROM STATION YAMFG

TO : WCR

SUBJECT: 20 AIR FORCE MATTERS

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-~~11-15~~ 12-15 SECRET OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY 121149Z.

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT FOR ENKINDLE 8, MISSION 63, 12 APRIL 1945.

1. WING: 73RD

2. AIRBORNE: 114

3. LANDED HOME BASE: 81

4. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE: 33 (IWO)

5. TIME OF LANDING: FIRST A/C : 120616Z - 0216

LAST A/C : 121005Z. - 0605

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6. MISSING: NONE.

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TOD: 121225Z V YAMFG

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Washington, D. C.

Information for Briefing on XXI Bomber Command
Mission No. 63 - 12 April 1945
Date

Mission Code Name " ENKINDLE 8 " (As of 1000Z 12 Apr 45)
Date

Targets: Primary - MUSASHINO A/C ENGINE PLANT, TOKYO

Secondary -

Last Resort -

Take-off Times: 111300 - 111424 Washington; 111700 - 111824Z

Time Over Primary Target: 120209Z; 112209 Washington; 121109 Theater

Tactics: Daylight attack below 12,000 ft.

Aircraft Bombing: 106

Primary Target - 80 visually
16 by radar
Secondary Target -
Other Targets - 10 visually

Bomb Load: Each a/c 2000 lb. GP's fused 1/40 nose and 1/40 tail

Losses: Not reported

Target Weather: Not reported

Fighter Opposition: Meager

Anti-Aircraft Encountered: Meager to moderate to intense

Claims: Not reported

Results of Bombing: Primary: Unobserved to Excellent - Other targets fair 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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FROM: XXI BOM COM

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: FIRST BOMBS AWAY REPORT ON ENKINDLE EIGHT.

FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY AT 120209Z WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.

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TOD:120320Z
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TELECON MESSAGE FN-12-4 OP OP SECRET 120340Z

FROM: BOM COM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

GR.70.

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY FOR ENKINDLE EIGHT, STRIKE 63, 12 APRIL 45.

1. 13 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY ACCOUNTING FOR:
2. 80 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY
3. 16 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY BY RADAR.
96
4. 9 A/C BOMBED SECONDARY VISUALLY.
5. 1 A/C BOMBED OPPORTUNITY TARGET VISUALLY
106
6. WITH THE FOLLOWING REPORTED RESULTS:

PRIMARY - 1 EXCELLENT 26 UNOBSERVED

10 GOOD
19 FAIR

40 POOR.

SECONDARY - 9 EXCELLENT, OPPORTUNITY: 1 FAIR.

7. E/A OPPOSITION REPORTED AS MEAGER.
8. FLAK REPORTED AS MEAGER TO MODERATE TO INTENSE.
9. EARLY RETURNS: 7.

THIS REPORT IS FRAGMENTARY AND SUBJ. TO CORRECTION.

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TOD:120348Z HM.
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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Washington, D. C.

PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 63 - 12 APRIL 1945

"ENKINDLE 8"

Target: Primary - Nakajima A/C Engine Plant, Tokyo
Secondary - Shizuoka Engine Plant, Shizuoka

Take-off: 111300 - 111424 Washington; (111700Z - 111824Z)

Time Over Target: 112208 - 112221 Washington; (120208Z - 120221Z)

Aircraft: Total Bombing 106
Primary 94
Secondary 10
Other Target 2

A/C Lost or Missing: None

Casualties: 0 killed; 1 wounded; 0 missing

Bomb Load: 2000 lb GP's per a/c, fused 1/40 nose and 1/40 tail. (AN-M66)

Tactics: Daylight visual and radar bombing from 11,920 to 18,000 ft. with fighter escort.

Fighter Support: Approximately 90 P-51's as an escort remained with bomber formations from Cape Omae to lands end (120130Z to 120150Z; 15,000 ft. to 20,000 ft.) Although fighter opposition was slight P-51's did excellent job preventing attacks upon B-29's. Claims were 1 Oscar near lands end at 120243Z; 2 Tonys exploded before target 120202Z; other enemy a/c observed destroyed: 3 Nicks, 1 Irving, 1 Tony, and 15 unidentified S/E. 1 P-51 believed lost. P-51's provided both top and side cover, engaging in weaving and criss-cross maneuvers in elements of 2 to 4. Enemy a/c attempted to avoid P-51's by making low attack and either diving or swinging left on approach of P-51's.

Weather: 2/10 to 3/10 cloud. Thick haze on bomb run and at target prevented observations of most check points along bomb run and permited only vertical observations.

Fighter Opposition: Slight

Flak: PT - Last third of bomb run and over target, moderate to intense, fairly accurate, heavy, continuously pointed and barrage.
ST - Heavy, moderate, inaccurate and continuously pointed.

Claims: 8 destroyed; 4 probably destroyed; 8 damaged

Observations: 1 CV 34/00 N - 138/15 E, heading 270 deg. at 25 knots, 120305Z. 1 DE South of Cape Omae heading 220 deg. at 12 knots, 120254Z. New A/F with E-W runway, revetments, at 34/08 N - 138/17 E. Larger factory between Funatsu and Yoshida near NE base of Fuji.

Results: PT - Reported Excellent on Eastern section of plant.
ST - About 20 hits reported on Easternmost assembly buildings.

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

As of 1600, 12 April 1945

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

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FROM BOMCOM XXI

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TO COMAF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT, ENKINDLE 8, MISSION 63, 12 APRIL 1945.

1. NAME OF PRIMARY: NAKAJIMA A/C ENGINE PLANT, TOKYO.

2. NAME OF SECONDARY: SHIZUOKA ENGINE PLANT, SHIUOKA.

3. NAME OF LAST RESORT: NONE.

4. TARGET ~~T~~ OF OPPORTUNITY: NII JIMA AND MIYAKE

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5. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 94 A/C DROPPED 494 X 2100 LB AN-M66 FUSED 0.025 SEC NOSE AND TAIL BY VISUAL AND RADAR MEANS THRU HEAVY ~~HZ~~ ~~XXXXXX HEAVY~~ HAZE. FROM 11920 TO 18000 FT AT 120208Z TO 120221Z.

ALL LEADERS MADE VISUAL RELEASES EXCEPT ONE.

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6. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: 10 A/C DROPPED 51 X 2100 LB AN-M66 (SAME FUSING) GP BY VISUAL ~~MEN~~ ~~XXX MEASXXXXX VISUAL~~ MEANS THRU ~~HAZYYXXXXXX~~ ~~MEANS THRU~~ HAZY CLOUD, FROM 11,500 TO 18,000 FT AT 120015Z TO 120254Z.

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7. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: NONE.

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8. A/C ATTACKING TARGET OF ~~OPPRO~~ ~~XXXXX~~ OPPORTUNITY: 1 A/C DROPPED 5 X 2100 AN-M66 GP ON MIYAKE BY VISUAL MEANS THRU HAZY CLOUD, FROM 10,800 FT AT 120210Z. 1 A/C DROPPED 5 X 2100 LB AN-M66 GP ON NII JIMA BY ~~VU~~ ~~XX~~ VISUAL MEANS THRU HAZY CLOUD FROM 15,000 FT AT 120220Z.

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9. NO. A/C TAKING OFF: 114 A/C AIRBORNE AT 111700Z TO 111824Z.

10. NO. A/C EARLY RETURN: 8 A/C RETURNED EARLY, OF WHICH 0 A/C BOMBED TARGETS.

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11. NO. A/C LOST OR MISSING: NONE.

12. BOMBING RESULTS: PRIMARY: CREWS REPORTED EXCELLENT ON EASTERN SECTION OF PLANT. SECONDARY: CREWS REPORTED ABOUT 20 HITS ON EASTERNMOST ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS. TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: UNKNOWN.

13. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: KILLED 0 WOUNDED: 1 MINOR MISSING: 0

14. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: SLIGHT.

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15. ANTIAIRCRAFT: LAST THIRD OF BOMB RUN AND OVER TARGET, MODERATE TO INTENSE, FAIRLY ACCURATE, HEAVY, CONTINOUSLY POINTED AND BARRAGE. AA AT SHIZUOKA HEAVY, MODERATE, INACCURATE AND CONTINIOUSLY POINTED

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16. FIGHTER SUPPORT: A. 90 P-51S, ESTIMATED. B. RENDEZVOUS: CAPE OMAE, 120130Z TO 120150Z, 15,000 FT TO 20,000 FT. C. ESCORT REMAINED WITH BOMBER FORMATIONS FROM CAPE OMAE TO LAND'S END. ALTHOUGHT FIGHTER OPPOSITION WAS SLIGHT, P-51S DID EXCELLENT JOB PREVENTING ATTACKS UPON B-29S. D. (1) 1 OSCAR NEAR LAND'S END 120243Z. (2) 2 TONYS EXPLODED BEFORE TARGET 120202Z. (3) OTHER E/A OBSERVED DESTROYED: 3 NICKS, 1 IRVING, 1 TONY, 15 UNIDENTFIED S/E. E. 1 P-51 BELIEVED LOST. F. IN ELEMENTS OF 2 TO 4, P-51S PROVIDED BOTH TOP AND SIDE COVER, ENGAGING IN WEAVING AND CRISS CROSS MANEUVERS. G . COMMENTS: E/A ATTEMPTED TO AVOID P-51S BY MAKING LOW ATTACKS AND

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EITHER DIVE OR SWING LEFT ON APPROACH OF P-51.S.

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17. WEATHER: 2/10 TO 3/10 UNDA:-5 8, 5-4&35 -43-. THICK HAZE ON BOMB RUN, AND AT TARGET PREVENTED OBSERVATION OF MOST CHECK POINTS ALONG BOMB RUN AND PERMITTED ONLY VERTICAL OBSERVATIONS.

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18. OBSERVATIONS: A. CV-3400N - 13815E, HEADING 270 DEG AT 25 K, 120305Z, ALT/OBS 16,000FT. B. 1 DE OR DE - 40ZCI S OF CAPE OMAE, HEADING 220 DEG AT 12 K, 120254Z, ALT/OBS 16,000 FT. C. NEW A/F WITH E-W RUNWAY, REVETMENTS, AT 348N - 13817E. ALT/OBS 17,000 FT. D. LARGER FACTORY BETWEEN FUNSTSU AND YOSHIDA, NEAR NE BASE OF FUJI. ALT/OBS 12,400 FT.

19. CLAIMS: 8 DESTROYED: 4 PROBABLY DESTROYED: 8 DAMAGED.

20. COMMENT: 35 B-29S LANDED IWO. MOST

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EASTERNMOST ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS. TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY:

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TELECON MSG FN-13-25 OP OP SECRET 122100Z

FROM BOMCOM XXI

TO COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: MISSION REPORT FOR ENKINDLE 8, STRIKE 63, 12 APRIL 1945.

1. DESIGNATION OF UNIT: 73 WING

2. TIME OF TAKE OFF: 111700Z TO 111824Z

3. TIME OF RETURN: 120616Z TO 121005Z

4. NO. A/C AIRBORNE: 114

5. NO. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 94

6. NO. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: NONE

7. NO. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT TARGETS: NONE

8. NO. A/C ATTACKING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: 13

A. TARGET SHIZUOKA NO A/C 11

B. TARGET MIYAKE JIMA NO. A/C 1

C. TARGET NII JIMA NO. A/C 1

9. NO. A/C WHICH FAILED TO BOMB DESIGNATED TARGETS. 7

REASONS: MECHANICAL 7

10. NO. A/C LOST TO FLAK: NONE

11. NO. A/C LOST TO E/A . NONE

12. NO. A/C LOST BY ACCIDENT: NONE

13. NO. A/C LOST BY REASONS UNKNOWN: NONE

14. TIME OF ATTACK: PRIMARY TARGET: 120208Z 120221Z

TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: SHIZUOKA: 120015Z 120254Z

NII JIMA 120220Z MIYAKE JIME 120210Z

15. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK: PRIMARY: 12,000 FT TO 17,500 FT

TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: SHIZUOKA 11,500 FT TO 18,000 FT

NII JIMA 15,000 FT MIYAKE JIMA 10,800 FT

16. BOMBS ON EACH TARGET:

PRIMARY: 491 X 2000 LB GP

TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: SHIZOUKA 56 X 2000 LB GP NII JIMA 5 X 2000 LB GP MIYAKE JIME: 5 X 2000 LB GP

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A. BOMB LOADINGS: 597 X 2000 LB GP AN-M66 FUSED .025 TAIL.

B. BOMBS UNACCOUNTED FOR: NONE

17. NO. A/C JETTISONING BOMBS: 8

40 X 2000 LB GP

18. NO. A/C BRINGING BOMBS BACK: NONE

19. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES : KILLED: 0 SERIOUSLY WOUNDED: 0

SLIGHTLY WOUNDED : 1, MISSING: 0

20. E/A DESTROYED: 16, PROBABLY DESTROYED: 2, DAMAGED: 12

21. REMARKS: A. ENEMY OPPOSITION: 50 E/A SIGHTED. 120 ATTACKS. IRVINGS REPORTED FLYINGLOW FIRING UP WITH FLEXIBLE GUNS. TWO TONYS FIRING POSSIBLY 75 MM CANNON THRU PROPELLER. RED BALL OF FLAME SEEN TO PASS UNDER OUR A/C. AIR TO AIR ROCKETS ENCOUNTERED.

B. FLAK: BARRAGE PREDICATED CONCENTRATIONS MEAGER TO MODERATE, HEAVY MODERATE TO INTENSE, GENERALLY ACCURATE AT PRIMARY. MODERATE, ACCURATE PREDICTED CONCENTRATIONS AND BARRAGE AT SHIZOUKA.

C. A/C LOST OR IN DISTRESS: NONE

D. A/C SERIOUSLY DAMAGED OR CRASHED ON RETURN: NONE

E. A/C BATTLE DAMGE: 28 READY IN 1 DAY; 2 READY IN 3 DAYS; 2 READY INDEFINITE DAYS; 4 AT IWO UNKNOWN:

F. OBSERVATIONS: CV - 34/00N, 138/15 E, HEADING 270 DEG AT 25 K 120305Z ALT/OBS 16,000 FT. LARGE FACTORY BETWEEN FUNSTSU AND YOSHIDA FUJI ALT/OBS 12,400 FT. LARGE WARSHIP ANCHORED AT 34/35/30N 138/17 E AT 120148Z ALT/OBS 12,000 FT. FIRE SPREAD OVER ISLAND AT AGRIHN (18/45 N, 145/25E) AT 111845Z. ALT/OBS 3,000 FT.

AT KANOYA A/F 34/46 N 138/09 E, 17 A/E A/C WERE OBSERVED DISPERSED OVER FIELD ALL BLACK, 120250Z ALT/OBS 15,000 FT.

G. PHOTO INTERPRETATION: REFER OUR FN-13-11

H. FIGHTER SUPPORT: 1. APPROXIMATELY 90 P-51'S. 2. RENDEZVOUS 3 MINUTES LATE BUT SATISFACTORY RESULTS. 3. ESCORT EFFICIENT IN BREAKING UP CONCENTRATIONS OF ENEMY FIGHTERS AND PROVIDING HIGH COVER. 4. ESTIMATE 20 E/A DESTROYED, INCLUDING POSSIBLE DUPLICATION. 5. P-51'S DITCHED 27 35 N 141 02 E. DD PICKED UP PILOT. P-51 PILOT BAILED OUT 30 05 N 139 25 E. PILOT MISSING. P-51 CRASHED INTO WATER 40 MILES ~~SOUTH :-03 9.-3 3,49733 7-:(. NO CHUTE S~~ SOUTH CAPE OMAE ENROUTE BACK. NO CHUTE SEEN. 6. P-51'S FLEW IN PAIRS AND FOURS ALONG, BOTH SIDES AND ABOVE BOMBER FORMATIONS.

I. CREW COMMENTS NONE.

J. WEATHER SUMMARY: SAME AS STRIKE 64.

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"A VERY LARGE FORCE OF SUPERFORTRESSES OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE MADE A THREE-WAY ATTACK BY DAYLIGHT ON THE JAPANESE HOMELAND ISLAND OF HONSHU TODAY, APRIL 11TH EWT (APRIL 12TH, JAPANESE TIME). THE BA29'S , FLYING FROM BASES OF MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND IN THE MARIANAS, STRUCK AT INDUSTRIAL TARGETS IN TOKYO AND IN THE GENERAL TOKYO AREA. FIGHTER PLANES OF THE SEVENTH AIR FORCE PARTICIPATED IN THE MISSION. HEADQUARTERS OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE, IN ANNOUNCING THE MISSION AT WASHINGTON, SAID THAT FURTHER DETAILS WOULD BE DISCLOSED WHEN COMPLETE OPERATIONAL REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE."

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FN-15-6	Flash Strike Attack Report on XXI BomCom Mission 63, 12 April 1945	12 April 1945

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Target 2011 (secondary) Shizuoka Aircraft Engine Works. Strike photos show considerable damage caused by about 38 hits in and among main buildings. Bombing accuracy appears excellent. About 89 percent of visible hits (38 or 43) are within 1000 feet of AP. New Damage: See standard grid reference print 3PR4M 2-3:11 and read right up:

Structural damage: (06.8 - 01.5) to 07.2 - 01.3) and)07.3 - 01.4).
Roof damage: All five major buildings and at least five minor buildings.

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FN-13-4	FIRST Photo Interpretation Report 3PR5M 137, 12 Apr 45 Mission 63	12 April 1945

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
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Mean time of photography 1203492. Quality good.

Target 792 (35/42 N - 139/24 E) Tachikawa Aircraft Company: Post strike photos show damage to three main and seven small buildings as result of XXI BomCom Mission 55 of 3 April 1945. New damage and destruction totals about 294,012 sq. ft. or 10.2 pervent of original roof area of plant. For damage see standard grid reference print 3PR5M 137 --3:19 and read up:

Building at (11.4 - 5.1) about 7.8 percent minor roof damage.
" " (4.8 - 11.6) " 29 " gutted
" " (11.7 - 4.3) " 65 " destroyed or gutted.

Target 357 (35/43 N - 139/3 E) Musashino Plant, Nakajima Aircraft Company: Slight new damage result of XXI BomCom Mission 63, 12 April 1945. Damage in east half of target area totals about 224,200 sq. ft. of roof area. For damage see standard grid reference print 3PR5M 16 --3L: 67:

Building - Machine tools at (07.0 - 06.2) 65 percent gutted.
Building - Machine tools, forges at (07.2 - 06.5) 12 percent gutted
Building - " " " " (06.7 - 07.0) 80 percent destroyed.
Building - Assembly at (05.4 - 06.3) 50 percent gutted.
Building - Possible nitriding at)05.0 - 06.5) 100 percent destroyed.
Building - Light machining and subassembly at (05.3 - 06.3) two small areas of minor damage.

Target 1404 (35/43 N - 139/25 E) Tachikawa Airfield: Aircraft Visible: 125. 85 S/E. 39 T/E, 1 F/E. Not included in total: 9 unidentified aircraft destroyed.

Target 1407 (35/43 N - 139/22 E) shows airfield: Aircraft visible: 30. 6 S/E, 24 T/E. Not included in total: 6 T/E fuselages.
Yakota Airfield (35/45 N - 139/22 E) 35 percent coverage. Aircraft visible: 31 minimum. 13 S/E, 18 T/E. Not included in total: 1 T/E fuselage.

Ifuna Airfield (34/56 N - 136/30 E) aircraft visible: 3. 1 S/E, 2 T/E.

Kameyama Airfield (34/53 N - 136/29E) aircraft visible: 57. 56 S/E, 1 T/E. Not included in total: 6 dummy aircraft.

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FN-01-8	ENEMY FIGHTER REACTION MISSION 65	1 May 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
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On this escorted one-wing day mission to Tokyo, 12 April 1945, enemy air opposition was moderate. Weather hazy but no clouds over target with a visibility of five to six miles.

The escort of approximately 66 P-51's flew in pairs and fours along both sides of and above the bomber stream. An estimated 50 enemy aircraft made 105 attacks, Irving predominating. Due to the efficiency of the escort the enemy fighters had great difficulty in reaching the B-29's, being forced to make many attacks (44 percent) from below the bomber formation. No B-29 was lost to enemy aircraft and only two were damaged. The B-29's shot down 11 including five Irvings, probably destroyed an Irving and a Tony and damaged 10 others. The P-51's shot down 10 including three Jacks, probably destroyed 10 including three more Jacks and damaged one. Many attacks were broken up by the P-51's.

The lesson of the previous escorted mission had been learned. The entire bomber formation was continuously covered. Four P-51's were lost to enemy action with one pilot rescued.

In two instances the extra large cannon in the nose of the Tony was reported. A Tojo flew through the formation attacking an aircraft in the first squadron and passing within five yards of the nose of an aircraft in the second squadron. Several enemy aircraft, including a Nick, fired from dorsal turrets.

The enemy tried to be aggressive, but the tactics of the escort checked him. To a large extent he had to attack us on the sides and on the tail. We flew close formations and our gunnery was effective.

As of the date of this mission there were estimated to be over 300 enemy fighters based within a 100 mile radius of the target. Why only approximately 50 (both the fighters and the bombers agree on this estimate) were sent up to intercept is matter for conjecture.

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1593	FIGHTER TO FIGHTER OPPOSITION	12 Apr 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COLAF 20	COMGENBOMCOM 21	REPCOLAF 20 POA

Ur telecon G-9-2-H to ComGen BomCom 21 info this headquarters. Following are answers in relative order to your questions.

1. Jap fighters did not initiate attacks on our fighters but endeavored to strike directly at the B-29's.

2. Our fighters provided B-29's with continuous close support.

3. With the possibility of some duplication, our fighters estimate 300 to 400 fighter to fighter encounters with practically no aggressive action by Nip fighters against our fighters but all against the B-29's. These fighter to fighter encounters are in addition to those reported by our B-29's.

4. Our fighter pilots report Nip fighter unaggressive against them and moderately aggressive against the B-29's.

5. Nip fighters did not attack our escort.

6. No indication that Japs anticipated fighter escort on this mission.

7. This first and longest fighter escort mission entirely over water is considered most successful with a score of 21 definite, 6 probable and 10 damaged against a loss of 2 fighters and 1 pilot. Nip fighters were alerted and waiting at approximately 30,000 feet for the attack and, as stated, made practically no attacks on our fighters but all on the B-29's.

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