Mission No. 262 - Shimonoseki Straits
Rashin, Fusan and Maizuru -
No. 33
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TO COMAF 20

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AIMCR 5543 SUBJECT: BRIEF OF MINING MISSION 33.

BRIEF OF MINING MISSION FOR NIGHT OF 11 JULY. RASHIN, FUSAN, MAIZURU AND SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS - WEST ARE SCHEDULED TO BE MINED AT 111500Z, 111640Z, 111550Z, 111615Z BY 30 AIRCRAFT LAYING 245 MINES

TARGET	FORCE	NO. OF MINES
RASHIN	6	52
FUSAN	9	78
FIELD Z	8	56
FIELD M	7	59

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C. G. AAF, by Ray G. Baker
Ray G. Baker, Capt. A. C.

ROUTES:

RASHIN: BASE, IWO, 3314N 13411E, 3526N 13237E, 4134N 12940E, 4146N 12951E (IP), TARGET, 3606N 13308E, 3351N 13503E, IWO, 5 HOUR LAYOVER, BASE.

FUSAN: BASE, IWO, 3146N 13129E, 3327N 12943E, 3438N 12835E, 3447N 12845E (IP), TGT, RIGHT TURN CLIMBING TO 15000 FT., 3337N 13010E, 3220 13138E, IWO, BASE.

FIELD Z: BASE, IWO, 3358N 13616E, 3521N 13616E, 3538N 13548E (IP), TARGET, 3444N 13448E, 3353N 13503E, IWO, BASE.

FIELD M: BASE, IWO, 3309N 13313E, 3438N 13119E, 3425N 13108E (IP), TARGET, RIGHT CLIMBING TURN TO 15000 FT., 3354N 13026E, 3235N 13144E, IWO, BASE.

GENERAL SCHEME OF ATTACK: BY INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT UNESCORTED AT NIGHT AT AN ALTITUDE OF 6000, 7000, AND 8000 FT USING RADAR RELEASE.

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TOD 110340Z

TOD: 110400Z DG

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Takeoff Report	Helen	FN-11-13		111233Z	[illegible]

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FROM: BOMCOM XXI 111123Z

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INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 POA (OP)

AIMCR 5578...

SUBJECT: TAKEOFF REPORT, MISSION 262, TARGET SHIMONOSEKI SIS, FUSAN, RASHIN AND MAIZURU, FLOWN 11 JULY 45..

1. UNIT: 313TH WING

2. A/C SCHEDULED: 30

3. A/C AIRBORNE: 30

4. FIRST FLIGHT: 6 A/C - 110440Z - 110446Z.

5. SECOND FLIGHT: 24 A/C - 110758 Z - 110838 Z.

6. REMARKS: NONE.

END

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TOD: 111133Z CB

TOD: 1207Z KRJ

ROGER 1207Z JMJ

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ACTION:	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S TM&E	DC/S P&A	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans	Air Insp
	PRO	Comm.	Op Anal	Stat Con	Anti-Acft	FSO	A.G.	Surg			
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FROM COMGENBOMCOM 21 110555Z

TO COMAF 20

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AIMCR 5557 SUBJECT: FIRST TAKEOFF REPORT ON MINING MISSION NR 33.

FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT 110440Z (REMAINDER OF FORCE TAKES OFF 110800Z).

WEATHER EXPECTED:

BASES AT TAKEOFF: 3-5/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 2000 TOPS 5-7000 FT WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS AND BROKEN MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUD.

ROUTE TO TARGET: TO 20 DEG NORTH SCATTERED TO BROKEN LOW CLOUD WITH BROKEN MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUD AND MODERATE SHOWERS. FROM 20 DEG NORTH TO 31 DEG NORTH SCATTERED LOW CLOUD WTH TOPS 5 TO 7000 FT. 31 DEG NORTH TO 36 DEG NORTH IN WARM FRONT WITH OVERCAST LOW CLOUD, TOPS 8 TO 10,000, OVERCAST MIDDLE CLOUD FROM 11 TO 18,000 FT AND OVERCAST HIGH CLOUD WITH BASES 20,000 TOPS 30,00 FT, CONTINUOUS RAIN AND OCCASSIONAL THUNDERSHOWERS 38 DEG NORTH TO 42 DEG NORTH 5/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 2000 TOP 6000 FT WITH SCATTERED MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUD.

TARGETS: RASHIN: 8/10 LOW CLOUD TOPS 5000 WITH SCATTERED MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUD.

SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS (WEST ENTRANCE): 8/10 LOW CLOUD TOP 8000 FT WITH SHOWERS AND OVERCAST MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUD.

MIYAZU, MISURI, OHAMA AND TSURUGA: 6/10 LOW CLOUD TOPS 6000 FT WITH OVERCAST MIDDLE CLOUD AT 10,000 FT.

ROUTE RTURNING: AS ROUTE TO TARGETS.

BASES ON RETURN: AS BASES AT TAKEOFF.

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TOD 110620Z FER

TOD: 0655Z KRJ

ROGER 0655Z WCR

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-12-1

FROM COMGENBOMCOM 21 120336Z

TO COMAF 20

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AIMCR 5594 SUBJECT: LANDING REPORT FOR MISSION NO. 262, TARGET SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS, FUSAN, RASHIN, AND MAIZURU, FLOWN 11 JULY 1945.

1. UNIT: 313TH WING
2. LANDED HOME BASE: 20
3. LANDED AWAY FROM HOME BASE: (IWO) 9
4. TIME DOWN FIRST: 112136Z
5. TIME DOWN LAST: 120021Z
6. MISSING: NONE
7. EARLY RETURNS: 3
8. REMARKS: 6 A/C OF FORCE 2 BRIEFED TO LAND AT IWO, OF WHICH 1 A/C REPORTED INTENDING LANDING OKINAWA, BUT NO CONFIRMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

END

TOD 120344Z FER

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TOD: 0407Z VE

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13 July 1945

SUMMARY

REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 262 - 11-12 July 1945
Date

Targets ~~Bombed~~ Mined	Total A/C ~~Bombing~~ Mining	27
	Shimonoseki Straits	6
	Maizuru	6
	Rashin	6
	Fusan	7
	Other	2

Time Over Target: 112332 - 120147 Theater Time

~~Bomb Load~~ Mine Tons Dropped: 163½ tons

~~Results~~:

Tactics: Night mining by individual a/c from an altitude of 6950 to ~~9400 ft.~~

A/C Lost or Missing: None

Weather: 3/10 to 10/10 cloud cover, visibility zero unrestricted

Fighter Opposition: None

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Flak:

Shimonoseki - Not to meager and inaccurate, possibly from a ship. 3 to 11 S/L's reported in vicinity of minefield -1. A/C was picked up by 10 S/L's which were thrown off when rope was dispensed.
Rashin - No flak, 3 ineffective S/L's.
Fusan - No flak
Maizuru - No flak, 4 to 10 S/L's all ineffective. 2 S/L's at Tsu.

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Observations:

Force enroute to Shimonoseki Straits reported about 20 lights which blinked on and off as they approached the South Shore of Honshu enroute to target. Other a/c observed orange blinking lights, 1 of which was at Moji.

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SUBJECT: MISSION SUMMARY, MISSION NO. 262, M/F'S M, RASHIN, FUSAN AND Z, FLOWN 11-12 JULY 45.

DATE: JULY 12, 1945

TO: COMAF 20 (ACAS INTELLIGENCE)

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 FOA

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM 21

AIMCR 5630 121810Z

MINING MISSION # 33

1. Unit: 313th Wing
2. Time of Take Off: M/F Rashin: 110440Z to 110446Z Other: 110754Z to 110838Z
3. No A/C Airborne: 31
4. Mines Airborne: MK 25 - 149 MK 26 - 36 - 72.
5. Disposition of Mines Airborne:

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Primary Fields:	6 A/C MIKE	6 A/C RASHIN	7 A/C FUSAN	6 A/C ZEBRA
MK 26 or 36				
D11-B7	4	4	6	0
D31-B8	5	3	5	0
Q21-A8	3	2	4	0
D25-B7	1	0	0	0
D15-B7	1	2	2	0
Q21-H8	3	0	1	0
D21-B8	1 24-2	0	0 24-2=12	0
D33-B7	2 12	1 12-2 6	2	0
S31-A8	1	0	1	0
S31-I8	1	0	0	0
D15-B7	1	0	0	0
D21-B7	1	0	2	0
Q21-G8	0	0	1	0
MK 25				
X51-B7	6	7	10	1
X71-B7	6	3	21	0
V21-F7	0	0	0	1
X31-B7	6	4	3	7
X11-B7	6	0	0 34T	10 43T
V11-B7	1	0 16T	0	5
Q21-I8	1 28T	0	0	0
Q21-A8	1	0	0	5
V11-F7	1	0	0	0
V21-E7	0	1	0	0
V21-G7	0	1	0	0

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V31-F7	0	0	0	1
N23-J8	0	0	0	1
D11-B8	0	0	0	4
D13-J7	0	0	0	1
Q21-J8	0	0	0	2
D11-H8	0	0	0	2
D13-J8	0	0	0	1
D31-B8	0	0	0	1

Rashin Fld Observations: Sortie No. 11 - No. 4 mine failed to release on first run. On second run would not release so salvoed two miles at 216 Deg from briefed point. 42 09 N - 130 14 E. Sortie No. 12 - 6 seconds interval between first 3 mines. 18 seconds between No. 3 and No. 4 mines - Malfunction. Zebra Fld Observations: Sortie No. 26 - No. 5 mine hung up, salvoed at end of string. Sortie No. 23 - No. 3 parachute failed to open - No explosion observed.

B. Alternate Fields: Sortie No. 15 released in drop sequence 3,9,2,8,6,12,5,11,4, 10,1,7. First mine at 33 48 N - 129 51 E on true course of 124 degrees. 3 X31-B8, 2 X Q21-A8, 1 X D15-B7, 1 X S31-A8, 2 X B11- B7, 1 X D33-B7, 1 X Q21-H8, 1 X D21-B8. Sortie No. 22 - 4 X 51-B7, 2 X X31-B7, 1 X X71-B7 dropped in train in Beppu Bay (33-20 - 131 33).

C. Jettisoned: Sortie No. 19 - 1 X X71-B7 at 30 29 N 134 05 E Mal-function. Sortie No. 3 - at 111003Z at 20 22 N 144 15 F 2 X X51-B7, 3 X X71-B7, 1 X V21-F7, 1 X X31-B7. Sortie No. 29 - 111053Z at 13 55N 143 12 E. 3 X X31-B7, 4 X X11-B7. Sortie No. 31 - At 111134Z at 1500 N 146 33 E. 1 X Q21-A8, 2 X X31-B7, 4 X X11-B7.

D. Returned: Nil

E. Unaccounted For: Nil

6. No. A/C failing to mine and reasons: A. Mechanical 3 A/C

7. Time of Attack: Force 1: 111546Z - 111617Z. Force II: 111432Z 111513Z. Force III: 111604Z.- 111647Z. Force IV: 111509Z - 111553Z.

8. Altitude Over Minefield: Force I - 7300 to 8250'. Force II: 8000 to 8550'. Force III: 6900 - 9400'. Force IV: 6950 - 7080'.

9. True Airspeed at Mine Release: Force I: 225 to 230 knots. Force II 201 to 228 knots. Force III: 225- 230 knots. Force IV: 194 to 230 knots.

10. Length of Mine Run: Force I: 5 min 30 sec. to 13 min 30 sec. Force II: 4 min 30 sec. to 29 min. Force III: 5 min to 9 min 30 sec. Force IV: 8 min to 13 min 30 sec.

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11. Wind reported over Minefield: Force I: 250 Deg to 280 Deg, 10 to 20 kts. Force II: 240 Deg to 343 Dtg, 17 to 48 kts. Force III: 253 Deg 304 Deg 22 to 30 kts. Force IV: 230 Deg to 260 Deg, 14 to 53 knots.

12. Clouds and visibility: Force I - 3/10 - 9/10, 0 - 15 miles. Force II - 5/10 - 9/10, 10 mi to unrestricted; Force III: 10/10 - 0 to 1 mi. Force IV: 8/10 - 10/10, 20 miles.
13. Time of Return: Force II - Rashin, 5 A/C landed Iwo, 1 A/C landed Okinawa, others 112136Z - 120021Z.
14. A/C Lost: None
15. Personnel Casualties: None
16. E/A Opposition: None
17. E/A AA: Force I: 4 A/C reported no flak, 3 A/C reported hvy, meager, and inaccurate fire, possible from a ship. 3 to 11 S/L'S were reported in the vicinity of the minefield, with 1 A/C picked up by 10 S/L's which were then thrown off when rope was dispensed. Force II: No flak, 3 ineffective S/L's. Force III: No flak, Force IV: No flak, 4 to 10 S/L's all ineffective. 2 S/L's at Tsu.
18. Enemy RCM and effect: None
19. Radar Scopephotos Obtained: Force I: 48. Force II: 32. Force III: 45. Force IV: 54.
20. Observations: Force I - 1 A/C reported about 20 lights which blinked on and off as they approached the Southe Shore of Honshu enroute to target. Other A/C observed orange blinking lights, 1 of which was at Moji. Force II - The Ip was not blacked out and the target area was only partially balacked out. Lights could be observed on the coast of Korea from 40 North to 42 North, Ranan being well lighted. Force III - several A/C reported stationary and blinking lights on the coast of Kyushu, across the island and back, going off after the A/C passed over. Force IV: - Several A/C reported single white lights along coast inland to Biwa Lake at about 10 mile intervals.

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

AIMCR 5636 130002Z

SUPPLEMENT TO MINING MISSION #33

Remarks: It is estimated that the new minefields at Rashin and Fusan will cause the enemy considerable concern. He is expected to close these harbors for a week to ten days and then after considerable effort to sweep clear the mined areas to cautiously resume shipping. Some mines will remain active and probably sink and damage shipping in these areas for several weeks. The minefields plants at Shimonoseki Straits and Maizuru Harbor will reinforce these fields previously laid in these areas.

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