MISSION #29 OTA "FRACTION 1"
Nakajima A/C Factory
10 Feb 1945

J-5240-100

TOP SECRET
MISSION #29 Ota FRACTION #1
10 Feb. 45

Classification Changed to
SECRET 5-8-45 By Authority of
C. G. AAF, by Ray G. Baker
Ray G. Baker, Capt. A. C.

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SPECIFIC SUBJECT	TYPE OF MESSAGE	MESSAGE NO.	DATE AND TIME SENT	DATE AND TIME REC'D	INITIALS
Brief of FO 28- Fraction 1	Telecon	FN-09-10		0909302	AJ
Reclassification of Msg	"	6-9-2	1003262		BGR

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WASHINGTON PARTIES

KHARAGPUR - HONOLULU - GUAM PARTIES

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TELECON MESSAGE NO G-9-2 SECRET 092309

SUBJECT CLASSIFICATION OF MESSAGE

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TO COM GEN BOM COM 21 FROM COM GEN AF 20

THIS HEADQUARTERS RECLASSIFIED YOUR MESSAGE FN-09-10 FROM SECRET TO TOPSECRET, SUBJECT: BRIEF OF FIELD ORDER OF FRACTION1.

END MSG----

SECRET

TOD: 100251Z

RECD G-9-2 AT 100251Z YAF

ORIGINATOR OF MESSAGE

DISTRIBUTION

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

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21
..QUOTE
TELECON MESSAGE FN-09-10 S E C R E T 090655Z (OPERATIONAL PRIORITY)

FROM: COM GEN BOM CMD XXI

TO : CON GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM GEN AF 20

GR: 205

SUBJECT: BRIEF FIELD ORDER NO 28 FRACTION NO 1

APPROXIMATELY 110 B-29'S SCHEDULED AGAINST FRACTION NO 1 ON 10 FEBRUARY. COURSE: BASE 1700N - 14515E TO 2500N - 14230E TO 2715N - 14053E TO 3000N - 14053E TO 3440N - 14000E TO 3542N - 14033E TO 3609N - 14019E TO TARGET. ALL RETURNING TO 3622N - 13924E TO 3610N - 14100E TO BASE. AIMING POINT XXI BOM COM MOSIAC 90.13 - 1544 (128133). SECONDARY: MEETING HOUSE P AND U. AIMING POINT 354145N - 13941E. ALTITUDE AND AXIS OF ATTACK PRIMARY: 282 DEGREES TRUE AT BASE ALTITUDE OF 27,000 FEET. SECONDARY: 120 DEGREES TRUE AT 27,000 FEET. FIRST PLANE OFF 0920552. OVER TARGET 100506Z. ETR 101136Z. DIVERSIONARY FORCE OF 6 B-29 SCHEDULED TO TAKE OFF 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO MAIN FORCE TO PROCEED ALONG SAME ROUTE TO 3000N - 14053E TO 3430N - 13810E AND BOMB HAMAMATSU RETURN TO 2745N - 14315E TO BASE. PURPOSE TO DROP ROPE AND KEEP FIGHTERS IN THAT AREA. BOMB LOAD MAIN FORCE: MAXIMUM LOAD WITH A MINIMUM LOAD OF 6,000 LBS. MIXED LOAD TO BE CARRIED. 80 PERCENT 500 GP FUSED AT 0.1 SEC NOSE AND NON DELAY TAIL.

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20 PERCENT 500 M-76 INCENDIARY FUZED INSTANTANEOUS NOSE AND NON-DELAY TAIL FUSE

DIVERSIONSRY FORCE: 6,000 LB M-18 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS. AIR SEA RESCUE FACILITIES REQUESTED.

END

TOD: 090752Z LC

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TOD: 020909302 CC
ROGER 090930Z RELLLL

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First A/C Airborne Consolidated Take off	Telecon	FN-09-24		092400Z	HH
	"	FN09-25		092315Z	HH

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Col. Herman Col. Ankenbrandt

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

TELECON MSG FN-09-25 - OPERATIONAL PRIORITY ECRET 092315Z

FROM: BOMCOM 21

TO : COMAF 20
INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED TAKE OFF REPORT MISSION NO. 29 , 10 FEBRUARY 45.

73RD BOMBARDMENT WING:

1. GROUP	497	498	499	500
2. SCHEDULED	11	23	24	22
3. A/C AIRBORNE	11	24	~~24~~ ~~23~~ 23	23
4. 1ST TAKE OFF	092149Z	092106Z	092121Z	092135Z
5. LAST TAKE OFF	092154Z	092119Z	092134Z	092147Z

6. DIVERSIONARY FORCE: 497TH GP, 2 A/C AIRBORNE 092020Z-092021Z.
7. TWO SUPER DUMBOS AIRBORNE 092155Z.

313TH BOMBARDMENT WING:

1. GROUP	504	505
2. A/C SCHEDULED	14	22
3. A/C AIRBORNE	14	21
4. 1ST TAKE OFF	092138Z	092126Z
5. LAST TAKE OFF	092150Z	092135Z

6. A/C 19V757 CRASHED AND EXPLODED. DETAILED REPORT WILL FOLLOW WHEN RECEIVED .

END.
TOD 092359Z PA

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TOD 100005Z NT AT YAF

RECD FN-09-25 AT 100005Z WCR

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

TELECON MSG FN-09-24 SECRET OP 092148Z OP
FROM COM GEN XXI BC
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TO COM GEN AF 20
INFO DEP COMAF 20 (POA)
FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT 092106Z ON FRACTION ONE. TARGET WEATHER ESTIMATED AT 4/10 MIDDLE CLOUD, SIX TO EIGHT TENTHS LOW CLOUD WITH 7/10 MIDDLE CLOUD IN CLIMB ZONE ON ROUTE. LIGHT SHOWERS AT BASE FOR TAKEOFF, 4/10 LOW CLOUD ON RETURN.
END
TOD 092222Z JB

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///// TOD 092309Z HH AT YAF

RECD FN 09-24 AT 092309Z WCR

	C/S	DC/S OPR	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plan
ACTION	AG	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 Plan
	AG	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	COMM	OP ANAL	STAT CON		

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Bombs Away	Telacon	FN-10-13		100745Z	JRD
Consolidated Bombs Away	"	FN-10-19		100850Z	JRD
Briefers' Report	Ditto	—	100800Z		BGR
Consolidated Bombs Away	Telecon	FN-10-19		101324Z	BGR
Corrected Consolidated BA	"	FN-10-27		101324Z	BGR

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SUBJECT: 20TH AF MATTERS 101255Z
PRESENT HERE LT KING

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RELAY FROM DEPCOMAF 20 (GUAM)
QUOTE
TELECON MESSAGE FN-10-27 (SECRET) 101042Z (OPERATIONAL PRIORITY)

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20

INFO: DEPCOMAF20(POA)

(GR119)

SUBJECT: CORRECTED CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY FOR MISSION 29, 10 FEB 45.

73 BOMBARDMENT WING AS OF 1000Z

1. 7 LEAD A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY.
2. 52 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY WITH GOOD - EXCELLENT RESULTS.
3. 5 A/C BOMBED OPPORTUNITY VISUALLY WITH UNOBSERVED - GOOD RESULTS.
4. 2 A/C BOMBED LAST RESORT VISUALLY WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS.
5. 2 A/C ON DIVERSIONARY MISSION BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY WITH GOOD RESULTS.
6. 8 A/C RETURNED EARLY.
7. 14 A/C UNACCOUNTED FOR IN BOMBS AWAY REPORTS.

313 BOMBARDMENT WING

1. 3 LEAD A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY.
2. 25 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY WITH UNOBSERVED - GOOD RESULTS.
3. 5 A/C RETURNED EARLY.
4. 5 A/C UNACCOUNTED FOR IN BOMBS AWAY REPORTS.

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TOD 101231Z LC

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TOD101300Z WB
ROGER FN-10-27 020//021013002 WCR

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RELAY FROM DEPCOMAF 20 (GUAM)
QUOTE
TELECON MESSAGE FN-10-19 S E C R E T 100815Z (OPERATIONAL PRIORITY)

FROM BOMCOM XXI

TO COMAF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

GP - 130

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY FOR MISSION 29, 10 FEB 1945.

73D BOMBARDMENT WING

1. 14 LEAD A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY. 87 - P 11 9 107

2. 62 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY WITH GOOD - EXCELLENT RESULTS.

3. 5 A/C BOMBED TARGETS OF OPP VISUALLY WITH POOR - GOOD RESULTS.

4. 1 A/C BOMBED LAST RESORT TARGET VISUALLY WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS.

5. 2 A/C ON DIVERSIONARY MISSION BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY WITH GOOD RESULTS.

6. 4 A/I RETURNED EARLY.

313TH BOMBARDMENT WING

-1. 3 LEAD A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY.

2. 25 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY WITH GOOD - UNOBS RESULTS.

(PLS SET1029/1111 RPT 1029/111 SW)
3. 5 A/C RETURNED EARLY ONE CRASHED SHORTLY AFTER TAKE OFF, BUT WAS REPLACED BY SPARE.

CONPLETE RPT COMPLETE RETURNS WILL BE FORWARDED UPON RECEIPT.

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TOD: 101136Z LC

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TOD101304Z WB
ROGER FN-10-19 021013047 WCR

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10 Feb 45
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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE
Washington, D. C.

Information for Briefing on XXI Bomber Command
Mission No. 29 - 2 February 1945
Date

Mission Code Name "FRACTION 2" (As of Z - 101100Z)
Date

Targets: Primary - A/C Assembly, Ota

Secondary - Dock Area, Tokyo

Last Resort -

Take-off Times: 092106Z -- 118 airborne (not disseminated)

Time Over Primary Target: 100612Z

Tactics: Bombing by squadrons

Aircraft Bombing: 95

Primary Target - 89

Secondary Target - 0

Other Targets - 6

Early Returns - 9 (not disseminated)

Bomb Load: 6000 lb 80/20 HE & IB

Losses: Unknown (see explanation below)

Target Weather: some cloud

Fighter Opposition: Unknown

Anti-Aircraft Encountered: Unknown

Results of Bombing: Good to excellent in 73rd Wing
~~Good to unobserved in 313th Wing~~

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

Note: 1 a/c crashed and exploded on take-off. Detailed report to follow.
14 a/c unreported as yet (not disseminated)

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QUOTE
ELECON MESSAGE FN-10-19 OP SECRET 100815Z
FROM BOMCOM 21
TO COMAF 20
INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)
GP 130
SUBEJCET: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY FOR MISSION 29, 10 FEB 1945.
73RD BOMBARDMENT WING
1. 14 LEAD A/C REPORTED BMXX BOMBS AWAY.

2. 62 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY WITH GOOD - EXCELLENT RESULTS.

3. 5 A/C BOMBED TARGETS OF OPP VISUALLY WITH POOR- GOOD RESULTS.

4. 1 A/C BOMBED LAST RESORT TARGET VISUALLY WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS.

5. 2 A/C ON DIVERSIONARY MISSION BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY WTH GOOD RESULTS

6. 4 A/C RETURNED EARLY

313TH BOMBARDMENT WING

1. 3 LEAD A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY.

2. 25 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY WITH GOOD - UNOBS RESULTS.

3. 5 A/C RETURNED EARLY ONE CRASHED SHORTLY AFTER TAKE OFF, BUT WAS
REPLACED BY SPARE.

COMPLETER
X RETURNS WILL BE FORWARDED UPON RECEIPT.

END

TOD 100835Z DM

ROGER FN-10-19 100835Z VF

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TOD: 0 100841Z VF

ROGER 100841Z WCR

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-10-13 (SECRET) 100636Z (OPERATIONAL PRIORITY)

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMGENAF20

INFO: DEPCOMGENAF20 (POA)

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BOMBS AWAY REPORT FRACTION ONE. FIRST ACFT BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS AT ~~100YQWZ~~. ~~ZXXXXXXX~~ 100612Z.

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TOD: 100638Z FER

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TOD 100703Z PH

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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Preliminary Mission Rpt	Telecon	FN 11-11	110315Z	110450Z	MB
" " "	"	FN 11-12	110316Z	110446Z	MB
" " "	"	FN 10-33	102340Z	110240Z	MB
Return Report	"	FN 10-30	101718Z	102040Z	MB
Preliminary Report	Ditto				MB
Correction on Rel. Rpt.	"				MB

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MISSION RPT.

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Washington, D. C.

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Correction on Preliminary Mission Report of XXI Bomber Command, Operation No. 29, 10 February 1945

Both the 73rd Wing and 313th Wing participated in subject mission.

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

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PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 29 - 313TH WING - 10 FEBRUARY 1945

"FRACTION 1"

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Targets: Primary - Nakajima Aircraft Factory, Ota

Take-off: 091706 - 091750 Washington Time (092106Z - 092150Z)

Time of Attack: 100205 - 100241 Washington Time; 101505 - 101541 Theatre Time (1006052 - 1006412)

Aircraft: Total Bombing 97
Primary 84
Other Targets 13

A/C Lost or Missing: 11 a/c lost or missing:
3 a/c lost over target
2 a/c missing
6 a/c ditched on return

Casualties: 0 killed; 7 wounded; 124 missing

Bomb Load: 6000 lb. 80/20 HE & IB

Bomb Tons Dropped: 273.75 short tons of which 237.50 were dropped on primary

Tactics: Daylight visual bombing by squadron at an altitude of 27,000 ft.

Weather: Zero to 4/10 cloud cover

Fighter Opposition: Majority of attacks occurred from IP to target and over target - varying from light to heavy.

Flak: Meager and Inaccurate to Accurate

Claims: 20 destroyed; 19 probably destroyed; 27 damaged

Results: Good results with large fires and columns of smoke at primary

Remarks: This information is fragmentary and subject to change, therefore should not be used for official records.

As of 1000, 11 February 1945

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LAURIS NORSTAD
Brigadier General, U. S. Army
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QUOTE

RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

TELECON MSG FN-10-30 OP OP OP SECRET 101718Z

FROM BOMCOM XXI
TO COMAF 20
INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)
GR168

SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT FOR FRACTION ONE, 10 FEB 45.

73RD BOMBARDMENT WING

1. GROUP	497	498	499	500
2. AIRBORNE	11	24	23	23
3. LANDED HOME BASE	11	~~25~~ 21	23	21
4. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE	0	1	0	1
5. TIME OF LANDING:				
FIRST A/C	101154Z	101231Z	101101Z	101132Z
LAST A/C	101327Z	101350Z	101313Z	101337Z

6. MISSING:	A/C NO.	SERIAL NO.	REASON	LOCATION
498TH GP:	UNKNOWN	24670	DITCHED	60 MILES FROM SAIPAN
498TH GP:	UNKNOWN	63468	NO NEWS	UNKNOWN
500TH GP:	UNKNOWN	93876	NO NEWS	UNKNOWN

313TH BOMBARDEMTN WING

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1. GROUP	504	505
2. AIRBORNE	14	21
3. LANDED HOME BASE	13	14
4. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE	0	0
5. TIME OF LANDING:		
FIRST A/C	101314Z	101306Z
LAST A/C	101424Z	101345Z

6. MISSING:

	1	7		
	A/C NO.	SERIAL NO.	REASON	LOCATION
505TH GP:	20V757	42-24824	DITCHED	21 DEG 35 MIN N 144

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DEG 15 MIN E

505TH GP: 43V757 42-24843 DITCHED 18 DEG 11 MIN N 144 DEG
32 MIN E

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4 A/C UNKNOWN UNKNOWN UNKNOWN UNREPORTED UNKNOWN

TOD...101830Z WW

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TOD 102002Z JF

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TOD: 102040Z NT AT YAF

IN THE 498TH IT SHOULD VXX BE 21 RPT 21 LANDED AT BASE

UNDER 500TH IT IS LANDED AWAY FROM BASE IS 1

RECEVED FN-10-30 AT 102040Z EBH T WCR

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

TELECON MSG FN-10-33 OP" SECRET 102340Z

FROM: BOM COM 21.

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

GR.508.

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT, MISSION NO.29, 10 FEB. 45.

7. NAME OF PRIMARY: NAKAJIMA A/C FACTORY, OTA.

2. NAME OF SECONDARY: TOKYO.

3. NAME OF LAST RESORT: ANY INDUSTRIAL CITY.

4. TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: TATEYAMA HOTA, KOGA AUX AIRFIELD, CHOSI, MIYKAWA, PAGAN, HACIJO JIMA, IWO JIMA, AND TATEYAMA.

5. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 84 A/C DROPPED 768 X 500GP AND 182 X 500IB BY VISUAL MEANS THRU Ø - 4/10 CLOUD FROM 27,000 FT. AT 100605Z TO 100641Z. 100205 Wash 101505 Theater 100341 101541 Theater

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6. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: NIL.

7. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: NIL.

8. A/C ATTACKING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY:

NO. A/C	BOMBS DROPPED	TARGET

19. ESTIMATED CLAIMS: 20 DESTROYED-19 PROBABLY DESTROYED -27 DAMAGED.

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	500 GP	500IB	
1	8	2	A/F NEAR PENINSULA SOUTH OF IP
2	19	5	TATE-YAMA-HOTO
1	9	3	KOGA AUXILLIARY A/F
2	19	6	HACHIJO JIMA
2	18	6	CHOSI
1	9	3	MIYKAWA
1	(5		PAJAROS ISLAND
	(4	3	PAGAN
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X			
1	10	2	PAGAN
2	10	4	IO IWO JIMA

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9. NO. A/C TAKING OFF : 116 A/C AIRBORNE AT 092106- 092154Z
10. NO. A/C EARLY RETURN : 28 A/C RETURNED EARLY OF WHICH 12 A/C BOMBED TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY.
11. NO. A/C LOST OR MISSING : 11 A /C ARE LOST OR MISSING AS FOLLOWS:
2 A/C LOST OVER TARGET BECAUSE OF COLLISION.
1 A/C LOST OVER TARGET TO ENEMY ACTION
2 A/C MISSING TO UNKNOWN REASONS.
6 A/C DITCHED ON WAY BACK.
11
12. BOMBING RESULTS: CREWS REPORT GOOD RESULTS WITH LARGE FIRES AND COLUMNS OF SMOKE AT PRIMARY.
TARGETS OF OPPPORTUNITY:
TATEYAMA HOTA- LARGE FIRE

CHOSI- HITS OBSERVED ON EDGE OF TOWN.

PAGAN- HITS IN VICINITY OF AIRSTRIP.

OTHERS- UNOBSERVED.

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13. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: NONE KILLED: 7 WOUNDED : 124 MISSING.
14. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: MAJORITY OF ATTACKS OCURRED FROM IP TO TARGET AND OVER THE TARGET. REPORTED AS VARYING FROM LIGHT TO HEAVY.
15. AA FIRE: MEAGER AND INACCURATE TO ACCURATE.
16. FIGHTER SUPPORT: NIL

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16. FIGHTER SUPPORT: NIL

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17. WEATHER: FROM 3/10 TO 6/10 CLOUD OVER PRIMARY WITH STRATO CUMULUS TOPS AT 12,000 FT. WINDS AT 265 TO 290 DEG FROM ~~160~~ KNOTS 130-WKS. TO 165 KNOTS. SLIGHT ICING AT 26,000 FT.

18. IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS: LARGE UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL AT 2615N-14140E. AT 100625Z WITH COURSE OF 45 DEG. TRUE AT UNDETERMINED SPPEED WITH WAKE 3 TO 4 TIMES OWN LENGHT.

THREE DDS AND ONE NAKAJIMA 97 REPORTED AT 2830N-14131E HEADING 360 DEG., SPEED 15 KTS. REPORTED AT 100315Z.

19. ESTIMATED CLAIMS: 20 DESTROYED-19 PROBABLY DESTROYED -27 DAMAGED.

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20. OTHER INFORMATION: ONE B-29 OF 313TH WING CRASHED AND EXPLODED AFTER RUNNING OFF END OF RUNWAY ON TAKE OFF. CREW OF 11KILLED. NOT INCLUDED IN LOST AND MISSING, AS A/C WAS NEVER AIRBORNE.

TWO A/C COLLIDED OVER TARGET AFTER A/C IN A-2 POSITION SWERVED TO AVOID FIGHTER AND COLLIDED WITH A/C IN B-3 POSITION. BOTH A/C BROKE IN TWO, FLIPPED OVER ON BACKS AND WENTDOWN IN FLAMSS WITH NO PARACHUTES OBSERVED.

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-[illegible]-12 "OP" "OP" SECRET. [illegible]10316Z

FROM: COM GEN XXI BOM COM

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TO : COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM AF 20

SUBJECT: 313TH BOM WING PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT, FRACTION ONE, 10 FEB. 45.

GR.333.

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1. NAME OF PRIMARY: NAKAJIMA A/C FACTORY, OTA.

2. NAME OF SECONDARY: TOKYO

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3. NAME OF LAST RESORT: ANY INDUSTRIAL CITY

4. TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY. A/F NEAR PENINSULA S OF IP.

5. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 29 A/C DROPPED 38 X 500 LB IB AND 230 X 500 LB GP VISUALLY THRU 4/10 CLOUD AT 27,000 FT AT 100630Z TO 100641Z.

6. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: NONE.

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7. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: NONE.

8. A/C ATTACKING TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: 1 A/C DROPPED 8 X 500 LB GP AND 2 X 500 LB IB VISUALLY FROM 26,000 FT ON A/F NEAR PENINSULA S OF IP.

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9. NO. A/C TAKING OFF: 35 A/C AIRBORNE AT 092126Z TO 092150Z.

10. NO. A/C EARLY RETURNS: 5 A/C RETURNED EARLY. DID NOT BOMB TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY.

11. NO. A/C LOST OR MISSING: 8 ADXC MISSING:

2 A/C MISSING OVER TARGET.

1 A/C MISSING TO UNKNOWN REASONS.

5 A/C DITCHED ON WAY BACK.

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12. BOMBING RESULTS: PRIMARY: GOOD, LARAE FIRES, DENSE SMOKE.

TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: UNOBSERVED.

13. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: NONE KILLED, 2 WOUNDED, 91 MISSING.

14. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: HEAVY ON FIRST AND THIRD SQUADRONS, LIGHT ON SECOND, AGGRESSIVE.

15. AA FIRE: MEAGER AND INACCURATE TO ACCURATE.

16. FIGHTER SUPPORT: NONE.

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17. WEATHER: PRIMARY: 3/10 - 5/10 CLOUD, WIND AT 27,000 FT. 290 DEG 165 KNOTS LIGHT TURBULENCE. CAVU OVER TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY.

18. IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS: 3 DDS AND ONE NAKAJIMA 97 OBSERVED FROM 600 FT AT 100315Z AT 28 DEG 30 MIN N, 141 DEG 31 MIN E, HEADING 360 DEG SPEED 15 KTS.

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19. ESTIMATED CLAIMS: 9 DESTROYED, 11 PROBABLY DESTROYED, 6 DAMAGED.

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TELECON MSG FN-11-11 OPERATIONAL PRIORITY SECRET 110315Z

FROM: COM GEN XXI BOMCOM

TO : COMGEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM AF 20

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SUBJECT: 73RD BOMB WING PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT, FRACTION ONE, 10 FEB 45

1. NAME OF PRIMARY: NAKAJIMA A/C FACTORY, OTA
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4. TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: TATEYAMA HOTA, KOGA AUXILLARY AIRFIELD, CHOSI, MIYKAWA, PAGAN, PAJAROS, HACHIJO JIMA, IWO JIMA, TATEYAMZZM
5. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 55 A/C DROPPED 538 X 500 LP GP AND 144 X 500 LB IB BY VISUAL MEANS THRU Ø TO 3/10 CLOUD FROM 27,000 FT. to 29,500 AT 100605Z TO 100619Z.

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6. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: NONE
7. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: NONE.
8. A/C ATTACKING TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY:

NO. A/:C	BOMBS FXXXX DROPPED 500 GP	500; IB	TARGET
2	19	5	TATEYAMA HOTO
1	9	3	KOGA AUXILLARY A/F
2	19	6	HACHIJO JIMA
2	18	6	CHOSI
1	9	3	MIYKAWA
1	10	2	PAGAN
2	10	4	IWO JIMA
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9. NO. A/C TAKING OFF: 81 A/C AIRBORNE AT 092106Z TO 092154Z. 2 DIVERSIONARY A/C FROM092020Z TO 092021Z.

10. NO. A/C EARLY RETURN: 23 A/C RETURNED EARLY OF WHICH 12 BOMBED TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY.

11. NO. A/C LOST OR MISSING: 3 A/C ARE MISSING:

1 A/C MISSING OVER TARGET.

1 A/C DITCHED.

1 A/C MISSING TO UNKNOWN REASONS.

12. BOMBING RESULTS: CREWS REPORT GOOD RESULTS WITH LARGE FIRES AND COLUMNS OF SMOKE AT PRIMARY.
TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY:

TATEYAMA HOTA: EXCELLENT, ALL BOMBS ON TARGET, ONE LARGE FIRE.

CHOSI: HITS WERE OBSERVED BY ONE A/C ON EDGE OF TOWN.

TATEYAMA: HITS OBSERVED ON AIR STRIP.

IWO JIMA: AIRFIELD NO. 2: ONE FIRE STARTED IN VICINITY OF PARKED A/C ON AIRFIELD.

PAGAN: HITS IN VICINITY OF RUNWAY.

ALL OTHER TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: UNOBSERVED RESULTS.

13. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: NONE KILLED, 5 WOUNDED, 33 MISSING.

14. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: MAJORITY OF ATTACKS OCCURRED FROM IP TO TARGET AND OVER THE TARGET. REPORTED AS VARYING FROM LIGHT TO HEAVY.

15. AA FIRE: MEAGER AND INACCURATE TO ACCURATE.

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15. AA FIRE: MEAGER AND INACCURATE TO ACCURATE.

16. FIGHTER SUPPORT: NONE.

17. WEATHER: STRATO CUMULUS, TOP AT 12,000 FT., 3/10 OVER TARGET, 6/10 IN SURROUNDING AREA. VISIBILITY UNRESTRICTED. ~~7,435N153E~~ WIDDS 130 KNOTS AT 265 DEG, SLIGHT ICING AT 26,000 FT.

18. IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS: LARGE UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL (POSSIBLY BB) AT 26 - 15 N, 141 - 40E, 100625Z 45 DEG (T) COURSE, SPEED UNKNOWN. WAKE 3 OR 4 TIMES LENGTH, ~~EMI ZL~~ EMITTING HEAVY SMOKE.

19. ESTIMATED CLAIMS: DESTROYED: 11, PROBABLY DESTROYED:

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8, DAMAGED: 21.

20. OTHER INFORMATION: NONE.

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5. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 55 A/C DROPPED 538 X 500 LB GP AND 144 X 500 LB IB BY VISUAL MEANS THRU 0 TO 3/10 CLOUD FROM 27,000 FT TOPP

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Mission Report	Telecon	FN 12-12		13 Feb-45	MB.

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EXTRACT OF TELETYPE CONFERENCE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND GUAM

Washington Parties	Guam Parties
Lt. Col. Hewitt	Col. Ankenbrandt

Telecon Message No. FN-12-12 SUBJECT: Mission Report, Fraction One, 10 Feb 45.

(To: COMAF 20 Info: DEPCOMAF 20 POA From: COMGENBOMCOM 21)

		73rd Wing	313th Wing	Total
1.	Designation of unit:			
2.	Take off time:	092105Z-092154Z	092126Z-092150Z	092105Z-092154Z
3.	Return time:	101215Z-101358Z	101306Z-101424Z	101215Z-101424Z
4.	No. A/C airborne:	81	35	116
5.	No. A/C attacking primary:	55	29	84
6.	No. A/C attacking secondary:	0	0	0
7.	No. A/C a ttacking last resorts:	0	0	0
8.	No. A/C attacking tar of Opp:	13	1	14
9.	No. A/C failed to bomb:	13	5	18
	Mechanical:	11	5	1
	Mechanical:	11	5	16
	Personnel:	1	0	1
	Lost to E/A before target:	1	0	1
10.	No. A/C lost to flak:	0	0	0
11.	No. A/C lost to E/A:	1	0	1
12.	No. A/C lost to accident:	0	2	2
13.	No. A/C lost reasons unknown:	2	6	8
14.	Time of attack: Primary:	100605Z-100619Z	100630Z-100641Z	100605Z-100641Z
	Opportunity :	100108Z-100713Z	100610Z	100108Z-100713Z.

		73rd Wing	313th Wing	Total
15.	Altitude of attach:			
	Primary:	29000-29500	26000-28000	26010-29500
	Opportunity:	15000-29000	26000	15000-29000

		500 gp	500 IB	500 GP	500 IB	500 GP	500 IB
16.	Bombs on targets:						
	Primary:	517	141	230	58	747	199
	Opportunity:						
	Total:	122	35	8	2	130	37

Details:

3 A/C - Hachijo Jima . .	28	9
2 A/C - Tateyama Hoto A/F	19	5
2 A/C - Iwo Jima	20	4
2 A/C - Pagan	15	2
Pajaros	4	3
1 A/C - Chosi A/F	9	3
1 A/C - Chosi	9	3

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1 A/C Miyakawa	9		3			
1 A/C Koga						
Auxilliary A/F	9		3			
1 A/C - U/I A/F, S OF IP	8		2			

Bombs Loaded:	776	220	280	71	1056	290
Bombs accounted for:	10	2	0	0	10	2

	73rd. Wing		313th. Wing		Total
17. No. A/C jettisoning Bombs:	15		6		21
	500 GP	500 IB	500 GP	500 IB		
Bombs Jettisoned:	127	42	42	10	169	52
18. No. A/C bringing bombs back:	0		0		0	
19 Personnel Casualties:						
Killed:	0		0		0	
Seriously wounded:	2		0		2	
Slightly wounded:	7		3		10	
Missing:	33		60		93	
20. Estimated claims:						
Destroyed:	11		7		18	
Probably destroyed:	6		9		15	
Damaged:	10		7		26	

Remarks:

A. Enemy air opposition: The enemy concentrated his fighters in the area between the IP and the target and the target area. Approximately 110 E/A being reported. The 73rd. Wing first over the target report approximately 195 attacks and the 313th. Wing, 110 attacks. Majority of attacks from the front quarter, high to level, and were pressed aggressively with a number of coordinated attacks. Some E/A flew through the formation. E/A were encountered from landfall until after lands end. One Squadron was followed until 50 miles out to sea. Principal types of E/A were Tonys, Tojos, and Oscars, although some Navy types participated. Following E/A observed: A single engined E/A with Diamond shaped wings and heavily armored belly; a twin boom, twin in line engines, a slow moving silver quote P-47 type unquote, larger than Tojo, with double capopy and an E/A similar to an AT-6.

B. AA Fire: AA fire reported as follows: Koga--meager and inaccurate IP to target-heavy, meager, inaccurate, predicted concentration type. Also continuously pointed. Target-meager, inaccurate, continuously pointed. Tateyama--continuously pointed, meager, 1 A/C.

C. A/C lost or in distress:

73rd. Wing: (1) 1 A/C damaged by E/A fire just before target, dropped out of formation with 3 engines smoking. A/C last reported heading towards sea.

(2) 1 A/C was last seen at 28' 35' N 145 DEG 45 Min E with No. 1 Engine out plus runaway prop, communications also inoperative.

(3) 1 A/C ditched out of fuel 30 miles NW of Saipan.

313th. Wing:

(1) A/C in 2 squadrons reported seeing collision between A/C No. 784 and 815 over target; both seen to go into flat spins. 2 strike photos show these A/C far below formation with one minus empennage. No parachutes seen.

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(2) A/C no. 867 was reported to have fallen out of formation after attack and last seen surrounded by E/A.
(3) A/C Nos. 818, 824, 843, 787 and 790 reported as ditched. Crews of 818, 824 and 843 picked up.

D. A/C seriously damaged:
1 A/C made wheels up landing - Saipan. A/C low on gas and No 2 engine sputtering. 1 wheel would not lower. Pilot made excellent belly landing, though A/C seriously damaged.

E. E/C battle damage:

	313th Wing	73rd Wing	total
total	12 A/C	14 A/C	26 A/C
	3 require 1 day	4 require 1 day	
	1 requires 10 days	7 require 3 days	
	8 require indefinite days	5 require indefinite days	

F. Observations: (1) Convoy about twenty merchant vessels 100345Z at 3 5 DEG 30 MIN N-140 DEG 25 MIN E speek 9 knots heading 180 DEG ALT D 27,500 FT.
(2) Airfield on Choshi point with heavy dust rising 100532Z from 27,000 Ft.

G. Photo interpretation: See our message FN-11-34. Further report will follow.

H. Crew comments: None

I. Miscellaneous: In addition to main force, 2 diversionary A/C of 73rd Wing airborne 092020Z-092021Z. Landing at 100959Z-100959Z. These A/C started dispersing rope at 100347Z at 33' 10' N MIN N -145 DEG 50 MIN E and continued till landfall then bombed briefed target BF HAMAMATSU at 100433Z from 30,000 FT dropping 14 X 500 LB IB.
unobserved results. 1 A/C had 10 X 500 IB hang up and jettisoned.
no A attacks or claims. Flak: heavy, meager and inaccurate
16 E/A were seen near target area, but no attacks.

J.
Weather:
Bases at take off: 7 to 8/10 Low Cloudbase 1500 ft. with few light showers. 1 mile visibility in showers caused formation of 313th. Wing to spread out and somewhat ragged assembly. Route outgoing: 7-8/10 low cloud base 1500 ft extended to 19-21 DEG N then zone of 4-5/10 low cloud to 26 DEG N. from 26 DEG N to 32 DEG N low cloud again near overcast with light showers and tops 8-10,000 ft. 4/10 middle cloud 13,000 to 15,500 ft in this Zone. Cloud gradually decreased to target.
Target: 2-4/10 low cloud permitted visual bombing. Wind reports indicated at 27-28,000 ft are 270 DEG, 140-151 knots.
Return Route: Same as outgoing, except low cloud tops slightly higher near base. Base on return: Same as base at take off. Light showers did not effect landing proceedures.

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Remarks. Winds of 140-150 knots were met in the target area D contrasted with forecasted winds of 128-130 knots. Cloud conditions were as forecast.

Distribution:

Action: None
Information: C/S; DC/S-Opr, 1 cy; A-2 (14 Cy); A-3 OCAR (6Cys); Op-Anal,1 cy; Stat Con (2 Cy), AA (1Cys)

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Unreported Aircraft	Telecon	FN 10-31	101931Z	102052Z	MB
Mission #29, XX1BC	telecon	S-10-2	—	101654Z	am
Aircraft Loss Report No. 12	telecon	G 15-7	—	10 Feb.	am
Annex No. 1 - A/C Loss Report No. 12	telecon	FN-12-38	—	12 Feb.	am
A/C Lost or Missing	telecon	FN 12-35	—	12 Feb.	am
A/C Lost or Missing on Mission #29	Cable	CmIn 18733	—	18 Feb.	am
Annex No. 3 A/C Loss Rpt.	telecon	FN 24-7		24 Feb.	HK

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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
FN-24-7	ANNEX NUMBER 3 AIRCRAFT LOSS REPORT NUMBER 12 MISSION 29	24 Feb 45

(From: COMGENBOMCOM 21 To: COMAF 20 Info: DEPCOMAF 20 FOA ADMIN)

A. B-29 42-24824

B. Ditched due to enemy action. Number two engine shot out by enemy aircraft and number three tank lost fuel due to enemy flak insufficient fuel caused ditching on return.

C. Ditched at 22 degrees 30 minutes north 145 degrees east.

D. All eleven members rescued.

A. B-29 42-24818

B. Ditched because of fuel shortaged caused by enemy action. Enemy aircraft shot out number two and three engines and aircraft had insufficient fuel for a two engine return.

C. Ditched at 20 degrees north 144 degrees 45 minutes east.

D. 12 crew members rescued.

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	INFORMATION	C/S ; DC/S Opr

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Mission 29
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A-2	A-2
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A-3 OC & R	A-3 OC & R
A-4	A-4
A-5 PLANS	A-5 PLANS
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AIR INSP.	AIR INSP.
PRO	PRO
COMM	COMM
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S. C. O.	S. C. O.

From: CG, 21st Bomber Command, Guam

To: War Department

Nr: TD 0648 18 February 1945

XXI TD 0648, to COMGEN 20 from COMGEN 21st BOMCOM.

Answer to your TELECON message number G 15-6 dated 152307 is subject.

Two entire crews were rescued by Bering Strait. Twelve rescued from aircraft number 42-24818, at 1840 north, 14617 east. Mission 29

Eleven rescued from aircraft number 42-24824 at 2230 north, 14500 east. PRM 32

Numbers referred to are Air Corps numbers.

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FN-12-35	Aircraft Loss Report No. 12 Mission No. 29	12 Feb 45.

(To: COMGENAF 20 Info: DEPCOMAF 20 POA Admin From: BOMCOM 21)

A. B-29 42-63468
B. Aircraft was on 3 engines and fuel was low. No further information available.
C. Last known position 28 degrees 35 minutes north 143 degrees 45 minutes east.
D. Unknown

A. B-29 42-24600
B. Ditched because of lack of fuel. No further information available on cause.
C. Last position given was 11 degrees 10 minutes north 145 degrees east approximately 20 miles off Saipan, M. I.
D. Unknown

A. B-29 42-93876
B. Ditched due to enemey action. Aircraft was heavily attacked by fighters near coast of Honshu enroute to the target and was seen to turn out on the formation before reaching the target with No. 3 engine smoking badly. Aircraft was last observed approaching Tyed Sea in a steep glide apparently under control at 2000 feet with No. 3 engine still smoking badly. Only message received from aircraft stated it was ditching but did not give ditching position.
C. Last seen at 35 degrees 43 minutes north 141 degrees 25 minutes east.
D. Unknown

Above losses are for one wing only. Additional report will follow as soon as information becomes available.

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FN-12-38	Annex No. 1 A/C Loss Report No. 12 Mission 29 ~~XXI BC~~ Mission Incident	12 Feb 45

(From: BOMCOM 21 To: COMGENAF 20 Info: DEPCOMAF 20 POA ADMIN)

A. B-29 42-24790.
B. Ditched.
C. 19 degrees 9 min N - 145 degrees 17 min E.
D. All members missing. No contact.

A. B-29 42-24787.
B. Missing, reason unknown.
C. No information.
D. All members missing. No contact.

A. 42-24824.
B. Ditched.
C. 22 degrees 30 min N - 145 degrees E.
D. All members rescued.

A. 42-24818.
B. Ditched.
C. 20 degrees N - 144 degrees 45 min E.
D. All members rescued.

A. 42-24843.
B. Ditched.
C. 18 degrees 11 min N - 144 degrees 32 min E.
D. Seven members rescued.

A. B-29 42-24784.
B. Collision with another aircraft in vicinity of target.
C. Over Honshu.
D. All members missing.

A. B-29 42-24815.
B. Collision with another aircraft in vicinity of target.
C. Over Honshu.
D. All members missing.

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FN-12-38	Annex No. 1 A/C Loss Report No. 12 Mission 29 (Contd)	12 Feb 45

√A. B-29 42-24867.
B. Unknown.
C. In vicinity of target.
D. All members missing.

√A. B-29 42-65255.
B. Crashed on take-off.
C. At base Tinian, M. I.
D. All members killed.

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TELECON MSG NR G 15-7 SECRET 152307

SUBJECT AIRCRAFT LOST OR MISSING ON MISSION 29,10 FEB

TO COM GEN BOM COM 21 FROM COM GEN AF20

REFERENCE ABOVE MISSION,OUR RECORDS SHOW THAT 6A/C DITCHED,5 A/C MISSING,AND 1CRASHED AT BASE ON TAKE-OFF. OF THIS NUMBER,2COMPLETE CREWS WERE RESCUED, AND 7 MEMBERS OF ANOTHER CREW RESCURED. HAVE YOU ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE REMAINING CREWS?

REQUEST THIS HEADQUARTERS BE INFORMED.

END MSG-----

TOD: 160159Z WCR SECRET

ROGER 160159Z YAF

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SUBJECT: FRACTION I ISSION Mission 29 XXI BC

XXI OC

TO: COM GEN BOM COM 21 FROM: COM GEN AF 20

a/c Lost or Missing

REQUEST INFORMATION ON THE 14 AIRCRAFT UNREPORTED FROM THE 73RD WING AND THE 5 AIRCRAFT FROM THE 313TH WING UNREPORTED IN YOUR FN-10-27. ANSWER THIS CONFERENCE.

---END---

TOD 101654Z WCR

IN REFERENCE TO MSG G-10-2 ASK GUAM TO TELL US IF THERE WERE ANY AIRCRAFT LOST OR MISSING ON FRACTION NO.1. IF THEY CAN TELL US THIS WE WILL BE APPRECIATIVE. PLS LET US KNOW

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OK TNX

ROGER WIL QJZ SHOOT IT TO ME AS SOON AS YOU GET IT PLS

OK GOING LOWER ON THIS END ACK PLS

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TO COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: UNREPORTED AIRCRAFT, FRACTION ONE, 10 FEB 45.

RE YOUR TELECON G-10-2, SUBJECT: FRACTION 1 MISSION, 14 A/C OF 73RD WING AND 5 A/C OF 313TH WING DID NOT REPORT BOMBS AWAY. LATEST INFO RECEIVED STATES 11 A/C OF 73RD WING DI NOT REPORT BOMBS AWAY AND ALL A/C OF 313TH WING ACCOUNTED FOR IN BOMBS AWAY REPORTS.

LOSSES: 73RD WING

498TH GP: 41V607 DITCHED 16 DEG 00 MIN N - 145 DEG 20 MIN E

498TH GP: 2V607 DITCHED WITHIN 50 MILES OF 17 DEG 00 MIN N - ~~147~~ 145 DEG 00 MIN E.

500TH GP: 1 A/C MISSING . NO NEWS RECEIVED. (10)
313TH WING

505TH GP: 43V757 DITCHED 18 DEG 11 MIN N - 144 DEG 32 MIN E

505TH GP: 29V757 DITCHED 21 DEG 35 MIN N - 144 DEG 15 MIN E

504TH GP: 6V756 DITCHED 19 DEG 10 MIN N - 145 DEG 18 MIN E

505TH GP: 37V757 DITCHED 18 DEG 40 MIN N - 146 DEG 17 MIN E

505TH GP: 4V757 DITCHED BEARING 305 DEG FROM TINIAN.
505TH GP: 45V757 SHOT DOWN OVER TARGET

505TH GP: 17V757 AND 18V757 DOWN OVER TARGET DUE TO MID AIR COLLISION. FURTHER INFO FOLLOWS IN PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT.

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TOD 102033Z WNM
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TDD : 102048Z NT AT YAF

RECEICED FN-10-37 AT 102048Z EBH AT WCT

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HERE IS LINE 4 AFTER SUBJECT

RECEIVED STATES 11 A/C OF 73RD WING DID NOT REPORT BOMBS AWAY AND ALL X A/C

AND UNDER LOSSES OF 73RD WING

THE SECOUND LINE STARTING WITH 498TH GP: 2V 6Ø7 THE LAST WORD IN THE LINE IS 145 RPT 145 INSTEAD FXX OF 1RT OK NOW GA PLS

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[illegible] Lessons Learned Conference

A - Reasons for Failure.
B - Local corrective action taken.
C - Rec. of A/R Headquarters.

497th Bomb Group

42-24897 - A - C[illegible] Motor blew out just after [illegible] landed. Operators oxygen mask lost. Slight o[illegible]. Radio operator and [illegible] had bends. [illegible] masks in the ship.
B - Replaced Blister
C - U/R 45-148

499th Bomb Group

42-24514 - A - 2 cylinder head cracked. Push rod housing bent exhaust rocker box cover blew. Exhaust valve guide badly worn. Spark plug center and ground electrode rec'd. Piston head damaged
B - Eng ine changed
C - U/R 45-144

42-24807 - A - 4 engine, 2 cylinder exhaust valve failure. Cylinders to be checked for compression.
B - 4 engine changed. Turned over to air inspector for investigation
C - U/R 45-148

42-24810 - A - 3 cylinder exhaust valve guide failure. 8 other cylinder have low compression.
B - Engine changed
C - U/R 45-148

42-24626 - A - 3 engine oil temperature at 105 degrees in manual nose oil pressure fluctuating between 80 & 85 pounds. Rear oil pressure between 45 & 48 pounds. Carburetor air temperature varying between 10 degrees &

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FH-20-2	Mechanical failures of Airborne A/C to Bomb Primary Targets (Cont.)	20 Feb 45

105 degrees C. 4 engine began to vary from 75 RPM to 100 RPM. Manifold pressure varied from 2" to 5" Hg. No. 3 & 4 engines not feathered. Ran up 0% on ground. Questionable.
B - Turned over to air inspector.
C- None.

42-24749 A - Propeller electric head was inoperative when 4 engine was run up.
B - Electric head replaced.
C - U/R 45-130

42-65212 A - 3 engine - nose sump plug was full of metal pieces, such as nuts, bolts, and wire. Internal failure of nose gear section.
B - Engine changed
C - U/R 45-147

42-65248 A - Large holes in 6 top intake pipes of engine. Most of intake pipes badly dented. Impeller disintegrating.
B - Engine change
C - U/R 45-143

490th Bomb Group

42-24850 A - Top blister blew out. Right gunners oxygen worked intermittently so had to use emergency. Questionable.
B - Replaced blister. Turned over to Air Inspector.
C - None

42-24674 A - 2 prop ran away at 26,000 tachometer ceased to work. Manifold pressure dropped to 20". Operation again became normal. Could find no difficulty on ground except oil on cannon plug. Questionable.

B - Cleaned cannon plug. Turned over to Air Inspector.
C - None.

42-24954 - A -14 cylinder 3 engine cracked where head and barrel join.
B - Replaced cylinder.
C - U/R 45-224

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[illegible]-20-3	Mech. Failures Airborne A/C to South Primary Target (Corr)	20 Feb 45

42-54367 - A - 1 engine oil leak lost 80 gal. in 30 minutes. No serious leaks found. 40 gallons oil remaining in 1 tank. Unsatisfactory.
B - Turned over to Air Inspector
C - None

500th Bomb Group

42-65[illegible] - A - Air leak in intake pipe on No. 16 cylinder on No. 1 engine due to intake pipe gasket being loose.
B - Gasket replaced on leaking intake pipe.
C - None

42-[illegible] - A - Fuel pump failure. Booster pump would not maintain pressure to No. 4 engine.
B - Fuel pump replaced.
C - U/R 45-[illegible]

42-24[illegible] - A - No. 1 engine governor pin fell out of brake solenoid, lodged in gears of governor, causing same to lock at 2550 R.P. Malfunction of No. 4 engine under investigation.
B - Prop governor replaced
C - U/R 45-[illegible]

494th Bomb Group

42-[illegible] - A - Windows fronted at 20,000 feet.
B - None
C - None

42-24785 - A - Bomb bay door malfunction over target.
B - None
C - None

313th Bomb Wing

42-24736 - A - No. 3 propeller governor head frozen. Impossible to change pitch.
B - Governor head replaced.
C - U/R submitted. No. not given.

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FB-20-3	Mech. Failure Airborne A/C etc. (Cont.)	20 Feb 45.

42-24773 - A - Slipping clutch in manifle door refracting rotor caused motor to become inoperative
B - Motor Replaced.
C U/R submitted. No. not given.

42-24787 - A - Internal metal casing of cannon plug on electric head of propeller governor broken.
B - Replaced cannon plug.
C - U/R submitted. No. not given.

[illegible]th Bomb Group

42-24823 - A - Broken wire on solenoid relay fuel transfer pump.
B - Replaced solenoid relay
C - U/R submitted. No. not given.

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497th Bomb Group

42-24809 No. 1& push rod housing broken No. 2 engine.
42-63583 Could only get half power from No. 4 engine.

498th Bomb Group

42-24544 Turbo failure, governor may have stuck.

499th Bomb Group

42-63483 Supercharger malfunction, could not get boos, ground check failed to reveal trouble. Questionable.
42-63897 No. 3 prop governor malfunction, electric head clutch solenoid shorted out.
42-24669 Bad oil leak No. 3 engine.
42-24739 Prop governor malfunction.
42-63467 Lost an engine.
42-63449 Fuel booster pump failure.
500th Bomb Group
42-63435 No. 1 cylinder No. 1 engine blown
42-63441 Bomb door limit switches out of adjustment.

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[illegible]-20-3	[illegible] Failure etc. (Cont.)	[illegible]

"This officer recognizes the need of stating the local corrective action taken in all cases. For future missions this information is available and will be related as previously stated on our report of [illegible] and telecon dated 10 February.

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TELECON MSG G-11-1 ((RESTRICTED)) Ø211Ø43ØZ

SUBJECT: COMMUNIQUE NUMBER 56.

((TO COMGENBOMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOMAF 2Ø FROM DEPCOMAF 2Ø))

FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE RELEASING HERE 11Ø53ØZ: THE NAKAJIMA AIRCRAFT FACTORY AT OTA, JAPAN, 4Ø MILES NORTH AND WEST OF TOKYO, WAS BOMBED WITH GOOD RESULTS BY TWENTIETH AIR FORCE SUPERFORTRESSES SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 1Ø, JAPANESE CALENDAR). TAKING OFF FROM MARIANAS BASES OF THE XXI BOMBER COMMAND, THE SIZEABLE FORCE OF B-29'S ACCOMPLISHED VISUAL BOMBING. ALTHOUGH ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE WAS MODERATE, FIGHTER OPPOSITION WAS HEAVY. THREE SUPERFORTRESSES WERE LOST IN THE TARGET AREA.

OUR GUNNERS ACCOUNTED FOR 66 ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED. (2Ø DESTROYED, 19 PROBABLY DESTROYED AND 27 DAMAGED). THIS INFORMATION, ANNOUNCED AT HEADQUARTERS OF THE 2ØTH AIR FORCE IN WASHINGTON, WAS CONTAINED IN A MISSION REPORT COMPILED BY MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE XXI BOMBER COMMAND AT GUAM. ((TO MCKELWAY INFO HARTWELL FROM REES)).

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TO COMGENBOMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOMAF 20 FROM: COMAF 20

THE FOLLOWING PRESS FLASH WILL BE RELEASED HERE AT 101000Z. QUOTE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE SUPERFORTRESSES IN A DAYLIGHT ATTACK STRUCK AT JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL TARGETS ON THE ISLAND OF HONSHU, JAPN TODAY (10 FEBRUARY 45, JAPANESE CALENDAR). GENERAL OF THE ARMY H.H. ARNOLD, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE ANNOUNCED THAT THE MISSION WAS CARRIED OUT BY MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY'S MARIANAS BASED XXI BOMBER COMMAND. ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE RELEASED AS SOON AS THE INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE UNQUOTE.

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DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER ON BOMBS AWAY AND IN FLIGHT REPOTS RPT REPOTRTS?? END

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Mission Report	Telecon-Extract	FN-13-20		15 Feb	EK
Spot Damage Assessment Report	—	—	—	20 Feb	EK.

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Spot Damage Assessment Report No. 10

Mission 29

NAKAJIMA AIRCRAFT, NEW OTA PLANT

XXI BC - Damage Assessment

(Target 90.13-1544)

PARTICULARS OF ATTACK

Eighty-four B-29's of the XXI Bomber Command bombed this plant for the first time on 10 February 1945. It is reported that the Navy carrier attack on the Tokyo area of 16 and 17 February 1945 also struck the Ota plant but details of this second attack are not available.

PREVIOUS REPORTS

None.

CONCLUSIONS

Based on strike photography building damage appears to have been considerable. Since available information does not definitely connect buildings with plane types, however, an exact translation of this damage into plane loss cannot be made. As a preliminary and extremely tentative assessment of production loss, the following estimates are made:

Plane Type	Weeks of Production	Estimated Net Loss Number Lost (1 Jan. rate)
Tojo	10	125
Frank	4	200
Helen	4	40

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Since the Nakajima Aircraft, Musashino-Tama Plant (Target 90.17-357) which manufactures engines for these three aircraft had not been appreciably damaged by the time of the raid on the Ota plant, the estimated production loss is not duplicated.

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

(Refer to Illustration No. 90.13-1544, P3, 5 and 6). No damage plot has yet been made. Examination of strike photography, however, reveals that the eastern half of the plant has been quite heavily damaged although a breakdown into structural and superficial damage is not possible. Building 20 (reported to contain an aluminum press shop, the Tojo wing spar shop, and small parts shops) has been severely damaged. The northern section of building 18 (possibly manufacturing wings for Frank) probable post assembly and experimental production and building 34 (final and/or post assembly - probably of Helen) have been less severely damaged. Buildings 9 and 19 (post-assembly and reported Tojo final assembly, respectively) were obscured by smoke and may be heavily damaged. In addition to this damage in the eastern half of the plant, bomb hits were scored on the eastern part of building 30 (reported to be manufacturing Helen fuselages) and on building 11 (at one time a final assembly building).

ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT

The Ota plant is believed to be manufacturing at least three and possibly six plane types - Frank, Tojo, and Helen, and Ki 80, Ki 82, and Oscar (the latter probably recently discontinued at this plant). In addition, it is thought that this is the main airframe experimental plant of the Nakajima Aircraft Company. Presently, available intelligence does not fully identify buildings with the plane types manufactured so that any estimate of plane losses resulting from the attack of 10 February 1945 must be considered extremely tentative. Complicating the problem still further is the recent indication that the Ota plant had begun to

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disperse even prior to the bombing attack. It is not known to what extent and what models are involved in the dispersal. On the basis of ground intelligence and aerial photography the following estimates of plane losses are the most reliable that can be made at this time.

Production of Tojo has probably been most heavily affected. Damage to the part of the plant manufacturing small parts and sub-assemblies for Tojo may result in a loss of from 6 to 8 weeks of estimated pre-attack production. Damage to the sections of the plant engaged in final assembly and post assembly of this model, has probably effected, in addition, a loss of from 2 to 3 weeks' production of planes completed or nearly completed.

Both Helen and Frank appear to have suffered some final assembly and/or post assembly loss. A resultant loss of two weeks' production of planes completed or nearly completed for each of these types can probably be expected. In addition, damage to operations behind final assembly will probably further reduce production by at least a similar period.

RELATION TO ATTACKS OF NAKAJIMA ENGINE PLANT

The Nakajima Aircraft, Musashino-Tama Plant (Target 90.17-357) which manufactures engines for the planes assembled at Ota had been attacked by B-29's of the XXI Bomber Command several times prior to this attack on the Ota plant. Since none of these attacks appreciably interefered with Nakajima's engine production, however, the estimated loss at Ota cannot be considered as duplicated. However, continued attacks on both the Nakajima airframe and engine plants may effect a duplication in effort.

DISPERSAL

Reconnaissance photography of 9 February 1945 shows that dispersal of the Ota plant had begun even prior to the bombing attack. Approximately 175,000 square feet, or 5 percent of the plant's floorspace, had been removed.

FUTURE TARGET VALUE

While damage from the attack of 10 February 1945 has been considerable, the plant still represents an important target, although the fact that dispersal is underway may reduce its target value in the near future. Further attacks, moreover, may duplicate the effect of damage to the Nakajima Aircraft, Musashino-Tama Plant (Target 90.17-357).

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Telecon Message No. FN-13-20 SUBJECT: Mission Report, 3PRM 45, 12 Feb 45

(To: COMAF 20 Info: DEPCOMAF 20 POA From: COMGENBOMCOM 21)

A. PRM NO: 45.
B. Date time take off: 111706Z.
C. Date time of return: 120730Z.
D. Target or recon area: OTA.
E. Weather at target: Cavu.
F. Altitude at target: 32,000 ft.
G. E/A encountered: 14 sighted. One attack.
H. Flak encountered: Moderate - low.
I. Observations: Oblong and circular reflectors along bay line. 8 A/C on field at Ota. 5 large and many small vessels in Tokyo Bay. Unidentified fighters seen over Tokyo.
J. Photo coverage and quality: Good at Ota.
K. 1st phase interpretation: target area - Takasaki. Meantime of photography 120100Z.

(1) Target 1544: Nakajima Aircraft Company, new Ota Plant. (3618N - 13923E) Fair 24" coverage.
(a) Damage to target from XXI Bomber Command strike mission 29, 10 February 1945, totals about 756,000 SW ft or 30 percent of roof area badly damaged or destroyed. (Total roof area: 2,500,000 sq ft.) Practically all damage confined to east half of plant. Prints 2:50, 51, 52.
(b) Damage to buildings at: (reference prints 3PR44 6R:55)

V2.1	H5.2	3,800	sq ft roof damage
2.6	5.3	7,600	Sq ft gutted and roof damage
2.65	5.60	12,800	sq ft gutted
4.0	5.5	60,000	sq ft gutted
3.7	6.5	2,500	sq ft gutted
3.3	6.0	4,500	sq ft gutted
2.4	5.8	41,500	sq ft gutted
		16,600	sq ft destroyed
2.0	5.7	26,600	sq ft gutted
1.9	6.1	48,500	sq ft gutted
2.3	6.3	144,000	sq ft gutted
3.0	6.5	32,000	sq ft gutted
		100,000	sq ft destroyed
3.2	6.9	76,400	sq ft gutted
		7,600	sq ft roof damage
2.9	6.9	10,000	sq ft destroyed
2.75	6.85	12,000	sq ft destroyed
2.9	6.7	12,000	sq ft destroyed
2.8	6.6	5,500	sq ft destroyed
2.2	6.6	80,000	sq ft destroyed
		29,000	sq ft gutted
		15,000	sq ft roof damage
1.7	6.4	8,000	sq ft gutted

(2) Koizumi Airfield: (3617N - 13924E) Prints 2:51, 52 3R: 34, 35.
Aircraft Visible: 143. 5 S/E taking off: 121 S/E 15 T/E 2 A/E
(3) Target 1474: Yatabe Airfield (3602N - 17006E) Prints: 3L: 89, 90
3R: 89, 90

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(3) (continued)

Aircraft visible: 59 S/E.

(4) Tone A/F: (3615N - 13921E) Prints: 2:45, 46
Aircraft visible: 7 S/E.

(5) Koga A/F: (3612N - 13945E) (75 percent coverage on 24" camera)
Prints: 2:89, 90
Aircraft visible: 19 - 17 S/E
2 T/E

(6) Tatebayshi A/F: (3614N - 13929E) (65 percent coverage on 24" camera)
Prints: 2:60, 61
Aircraft visible: 39 S/E

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FROM: COMGENBOMCOM 21 TO: COMGENAF20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20

(GR 30)

SUBJECT: REFER OUR MESSAGE FN-11-10; 110312Z.

FLASH PHOTO INTERPRETATION GIVEN THEREIN IS NOT REPEAT IS NOT XXI BOMBER COMMAND INTERPRETATION PD ONLY 73 BOMBARDMENT WING INTERPRETATION AND DOES NOT INCLUDE PHOTO INTERPRETATION OF 313TH BOMBARDMENT WING.

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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
FN-11-10	Flash Photo Interpretation Report Strike Photos 10 Feb 45 on Target 1544	11 Feb 45

(From: BOMCOM 21 To: COMGENAF 20 Info: DEPCOMAF 20 POA)

Smoke and clouds obscure Primary Target in photos from all but two squadrons making it impossible to plot individual bomb bursts. Large fires indicate major damage to final assembly building in SE section of target area. A small concentration of bursts caused major damage to eastern half of sub assembly building in NW sector of target. On Iwo Jima 10 bursts seen on south edge of NE SW runway of Airfield No. 2. Approximately 90 single engine A/C and 2 twin engine A/C visible on airfield south of Ota. Two single engine A/C visible on Iwo Jima.

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6 April 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR DC/S, COMBAT OPERATIONS

Subject: Analysis of Report of XXIBomber Command Mission No. 29

In accordance with Hq Twentieth Air Force Memorandum dated 15 September 1944, Subject: Study and Analysis of Twentieth Air Force Combat Operations, comments on the employment of communications, radar and countermeasures during XXIBomber Command Mission No. 29 are submitted herewith.

1. RADAR

The primary target was Nakajima Aircraft Factory, Ota, northwest of Tokyo. Secondary target was port and urban area of Tokyo. The field orders specified that if visual bombing of the primary target could not be achieved, radar bombing of the secondary target would be carried out. The primary target was not a good radar target while the secondary target was 3 miles from distinct land water boundaries and could be expected to be a good radar target. It is apparent that the limitations of the AN/APQ-13 against the primary target were fully realized and an intelligent selection of a secondary (radar) target was made.

It is noted that the Bombardiers report makes no mention of the APQ-13 radar equipment. However, in view of the good weather conditions over the target and in view of the extensive use of the radar-Norden cooperative bombing technique on the previous XXI Bomber Command Mission No. 26, it is assumed that no criticism of any lack of radar-Norden cooperation is in order. All bombing was done visually.

The Navigators report, however, recognized the APQ-13. Mention was made of radar wind runs being made enroute to the IP using various islands for radar signals. Moreover the mission was carried out up-wind to provide among other things outstanding visual and radar check points.

2. RCM

Five search aircraft accompanied the main formation and one search aircraft accompanied a two-aircraft diversion to Hamamatsu. No DF equipment was available. Search was from 28-3000 mc.

Three signals with high PRF, indicating possible GL, were intercepted in the target area, two on the 75 mc band and one at 185 mc. Anti-aircraft fire was reported barrage, heavy, and inaccurate. One very weak signal was intercepted on 290 mc.

The diversion consisted of two planes dropping CHR-2 Rope from a point 100 miles from the mainland to the target (from Hamamatsu). Some indication

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of possible success was the fact that fighter attacks on the main formation were about 60% of the usual number in the Ota area.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

All Bombs Away reports were received by ground stations.

Sixty five HF/DF bearings were passed. All aircraft utilized the Saipan Radio Range and Homer.

It is disappointing to note that unnecessary chatter is still being recorded on VHF.

It is noted that a bearing was taken on a six megacycle signal in an attempt to locate intention CW jamming signals. Since standard equipment for airborne DFing of this frequency is not available, this office is querying the XXI Bomber Command as to the type of set that was used.

Malfunctions of equipment were slightly above average with the reel unit of the trailing wire giving the major portion of trouble.

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XXI BOMBER COMMAND 3 April 1945

Mission No. 29 - 10 February 1945

Target: Nakajima Aircraft Factory, Ota, Japan

RCM INFORMATION

1. General.

Six RCM search aircraft completed this mission. Two participated in a diversionary attack against Hamamatsu, dropping rope (CHR-2) 100 miles from the mainland to the target. The remainder of the RCM observers searched for enemy signals from the main formation.

2. Results.

a. Search for signals from 28 to 3000 mc was performed. A total of 33 radar signals was logged.

b. The following signals in the Ota area having gun laying characteristics were intercepted:

76/8/2200 Lobe Switching.
77/8/3000
185/5/2100

AC/AS, INTELLIGENCE COMMENT: Again positive locations of intercepted signals were impossible due to lack of D/F antenna.

An intercepted enemy communication on a frequency of 4,600 kc was translated and analyzed revealing the following: Ishikawa ordered not less than 12 planes to go to Nagoya. However, these planes were sent 1½ hours after the diversionary aircraft had reached their target and while Ota was being bombed. There seems to be no reason for this late fighter vectoring.

It is reasonable to think that the 76 and 77 mc signals intercepted with gun laying radar characteristics may have originated from the Japanese Mark TA Model 3 type of equipment. Again it was noted that an increasing number of signals were intercepted between 76 and 290 mc bands bearing out the suspicion that the enemy is grouping its best electronic equipment around the main targets on the homeland. Since these targets are nearer their research laboratories it is possible that Allied operators will begin to pick up entirely different types of signals from those to which they are accustomed to monitoring. It goes without saying that more cautious analysis and more thorough studies need to be made since more traffic is available.

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