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OPERATION 84 KANOYA CHECKBOOK 4
87 KUSHIRA AEROSCOPE 1
314 Wg 90 NITTAGAHARA BUSHING 3
21 APRIL 1945

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TELECON Msg FN-20-12 SECRET 200715Z

FROM LEMAY COMGEN BOM COM 21
TO COM AF 20

SUBJECT: BRIEF ON FIELD ORDER FOR 21 SPRIL STRIKE

THIS MESSAGE SUPERCEDES MESSAGE DTG 192359Z. TWENTY-FOUR SQUADRONS ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTACK AIRFIELDS AND INSTALLATIONS ON KYUSHU ON 21 APRIL 1945, UNESCORTED.

| PRIMARY VISUAL | FORCE REQUIRED | WING |
|---|---|---|
| OITA * CAMLET 1 | 3 squadrons | 73 |
| USA - BLOWSY 1 | 3 " | " |
| TACHIARAI * AGHAST 3 | 2 " | " |
| KANOYA EAST - FAMISH 4 | 3 squadrons | 313 |
| KOKUBU - Barranca 3 | 3 " | " |
| ISUMI - BULLISH 3 | 2 " | " |
| KANOYA - CHECKBOOK 4 | 3 squadrons | 314 |
| KUSHIRA - AEROSCOPE 1 | 3 " | " |
| NITTAGAHARA - RUSHING 3 | 2 " | " |

ROUTE: BASE TO IWO TO TARGET TO IWO TO BASE

ALTITUDE: MEDIUM (APPROX 15,000 ft)

BOMBING WILL BE VISUAL IF POSSIBLE, RADAR IF NECESSARY.

TARGET TIME: T-HOUR (07:30K) to T PLUS 165 MINUTES

BOMB LOAD: 500 lb GP'S FUSED INSTANTANEOUSLY AND LONG DELAY 500 lb FRAGMENTARY CLUSTER FUSED TO OPEN 1,000 FEET BELOW AIRCRAFT.

AIR SEA RESCUE FACILITIES REQUESTED.

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| Take off for 84 | Telecon | FN-20-19 | | 201532Z | BGR |
| " " " 87 | " | FN-20-23 | | 201613Z | BGR |
| " " " 90 | " | FN-20-31 | | 201947Z | BGR |

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TELECON MESSAGE FN--Ø-31 SECRET OP 201730Z

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FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21

TO: COMAF 2Ø
INFO: DEPCOMAF2Ø(POA)

GR 33
SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR BUSHING THREE, MISSION 9Ø,
21 APRIL 7945.

XXI BOMBER COMMAND

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1. WING 314
2. SCHEDULED 33Ø 3. AIRBORNE 31
4. FIRST A/C 2Ø1601Z
LAST A/C 2Ø1630Z

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TOD...2Ø1947Z IK

ROGER 2Ø1947Z WCR

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~~2. SCHEDULED 33~~

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TELECON MSG FN-20-23 OP SECRET 201605Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

GR 19

SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR AEROSCOPE ONE, MISSION 87, 21 APRIL 1945.

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XXI BOMBER COMMAND

1. WING 314
2. SCHEDULED 24
3. AIRBORNE 23
4. FIRST A/C 201445Z
   LAST A/C 201508Z

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TOD: 201610Z IK
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ROGER 201610Z WCR

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TELECOM MESSAGE FN-20-19 0IOP (SECGET) 201580Z

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FROM; BOMCOM XXI

TO: COMAX 20

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SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR CHECKBOOK FOUR. MISSION84, 21 APRIL 1945.

XXI BOMBER COMMAND

1. WING: 374

2. SCHEDULED 33

3. AIRBORNE 33

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4. FIRST A/C 281345Z

LAST A/C 201418Z

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~~TOD...20127Z~~ IK
~~ROGER 1~~
~~/ 2015272 WCR~~
~~RPT AST LINE OF FN-20-17 AFTER 4/10 ---- 4/70 LOW CLOUD~~ B

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| Fnst Bombs Away "Aeroscope 1" & "Bushing 3" | TELCON | FN 21-5 | | 210050Z | WFP |
| Fnst Bombs Away - "Checkbook 4" | TELCON | FN 20-33 | | 202311Z | WFP |
| Consolid Bombs Away "Checkbook 4" | " | FN 20-36 | | 210022Z | WFP |
| Consolid. Bombs Away - "Aeroscope 1" | " | FN-21-9 | | 210241Z | WFP |
| Additional Bombs Away "Aeroscope 1" | " | FN-21-11 | | 210306Z | WFP |
| Consolid. Bombs Away - "Bushing 3" | " | FN-21-10 | | 210245Z | WFP |
| Return Report - "Bushing 3" | | FN-21-19 | | 210832Z | BSR |
| " " Checkbook & Aeroscope | " | FN-21-22 | | 211055Z | BSR |

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-21-22 OPOP SECRET 210943Z

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SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT FOR CHECKBOOK-4. STK 84 AND AEROSCOPE-1. STK 87, 21 APRIL 1945.
GR-55

| CHE CKBOOK | AEROSCOPE |
|---|---|
| 1. WING: | 314TH 314TH |
| 2. AIRBORNE: | 33 31 |
| 3. LANDED HOME BASE: | 32 28 |
| 4. LANDED S | |
| AWAY FROM BASE: | 1 (SAIPAN) 3 (1-IWO AND 2-SAIPAN |
| 5. TIME LF LANDING: | |
| FIRST A/C: | 210412Z 210626Z |
| LAST /C | |
| A / | 210713Z 210723Z |

6. MISSING : NONE

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TELECON MSG FN-21-19 OP OP SECRET 210803Z O
FROM BOM COM XXI

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INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT FOR BUSHING THREE STRIKE 90 21 APRIL 1945

GR-43

1. WING 314TH
2. AIRBORNE: 23
3. LANDED HOM BASE: 23

4. LANDED AWAY NROM BASE: Ø

5. TIME OF LAINDING:
FIRST A/C: 210522Z
LAST A/C: 210635Z

6. MISSING: NONE
7. EARLY RTURN: -----

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| INFORMATION | C/S | DC/S Opr | DC/S Adm | A-1 | A-2 | A-3 Tng | A-3 OC&R | A-4 | A-5Plans |
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TELECON MESSAGE FN-21-10 OP SECRET 210207Z

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FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO: COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY FOR BUSHING 3, STRIKE 90, 21 APRIL 1945

1. 2 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY ACCOUNTING FOR:

2. 10 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY (NITTAGAHARA A/F) VISUALLY WITH FAIR RESULTS.

3. 11 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY (NITTAGAHARA A/F) VISUALLY WITH GODXX GOOD RESULTS.

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| | A.G. | Surg | Air Insp | PRO | Comm Op Anal | Stat Con | | | | |
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TELCON MESSAGE FN-21-11 OP SECRET 210302Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO: COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL BOMBS AWAY FOR AEROSCOPE 1, STRIKE 87, 21 APRIL 45

1. 1 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY ACCOUNTING FOR THE FOLLOWING:

2. 10 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY (KUSHIRA A/F) VISUALLY WITH GOOD RESULTS.

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

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-21-9 OP SECRET 210206Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO: COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY FOR AEROSCOPE ONE, STRIKE 87, 21 APRIL 45

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

2. 8 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY (KUSHIRA A/F) VISUALLY WITH GOOD RESULTS.

3. 2 A/C RETURNED EARLY.

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| 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 | |
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TELECON MESSAGE FN-20-36 OP SECRET 2023552

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO: COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY FOR CHECKBOOK 4, STRIKE 84, 21 APRIL 1945

1. 4 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY ACCOUNTING FOR:
2. 21 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY (KANOYA A/F) VISUALLY WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS.
3. 9 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY WITH GOOD RESULTS.
4. 2 A/C RETURNED EARLY.

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-20-33 OP SECRET 202305Z

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

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL FIRST BOMBS AWAY REPORTS FROM KYUSHU STRIKES.

1. CHECKBOOK NR. 4 FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY AT 202206Z WITH GOOD RESULTS.

2. FAMISH NR. 4 FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY AT 202133Z WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS.

3. BULLISH NR. 3 FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY AT 202214Z WITH GOOD RESULTS.

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-21-5 OP SECRET 210047Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO: COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL FIRST BOMBS AWAY REPORT FROM KYUSHU STRIKES.

1. AGHAST NR.3 FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY AT 210003Z WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS.

2. AEROSCOPE NR.1 FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY AT 202359Z WITH GOOD RESULTS.

3. BUSHING NR.3 FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY AT 202325Z WITH FAIR RESULTS.

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TO: COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT, CHECKBOOK 4, STK 84 - AEROSCOPE 1, STK 87 - BUSHING 3, STK 90. 21 APRIL 1945.

1. NAME OF PRIMARY: A. STK 84; KANOYA A/F.
   B. STK 87: KUSHIRA A/F.
   C. STK 90: NITTAGAHARA A/F.

2. NAME OF SECONDARY: NONE.

3. NAME OF LAST RESORT: NONE.

4. NAME OF TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: A. STK 84: KOINAN DAKE A/F.

5. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY:

   A. STK 84: 27 A/C DROPPED 576 X 425 LB T4E4 FRAG W/T-72 8.5 NOSE AND NO TAIL BY VISUAL MEANS THROUGH Ø/1Ø CLOUJ FROM 15,8ØØ TO 16,5ØØ FT AT 2Ø22Ø3Z TO 21ØØ1ØZ.

   B. STK 87: 27 A/C DROPPED 374 X 535 LB AN-M64 GP, S/ANM 1Ø3A1 INST. NOSE AND ANM BQPQA2 ND TAIL FUSING AND 99 (11-1 HR. DELAY, 11-2 HR. DELAY, -Ø-6 HG. DELAY, 27-12 HR. DELAY 3Ø-24 TO 36 HR DELAY) W/NO NOSE FUSE AND M124A1 DELAY TAIL FUSING, FROM 15,6ØØ TO 16,8ØØ FT BY VISUAL MEANS THRU HAZE AT 2Ø22Ø4Z TO 21ØØ1ØZ.

   C. STK 9Ø: 22 A/C DROPPED 162 X 535 LB ANM64 GP W/INST NOSE AND ANM1Ø1A2 N.D. TAIL AND 256 X 425 LB T4E4 FRAG BOMBS W/T-71 8.5 NOSE AND NO TAIL FUSE BY VISUA MEANS THRU HAZE FROM 15,ØØØ TO 16,5ØØ FT FROM 2Ø2324Z TO 2Ø2335Z.

6. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: NONE

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7. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: NONE

8. A/C ATTACKING TGTS OF OPPORTUNITY:

   A. STK 84: ONE A/C DROPPED 12 X 425 LB T4E4 FRAG ON KOINAN DAKE A/F BY VISUAL MEANS THRU Ø/1Ø CLOUD FROM 15,5ØØ FT AT 2Ø2156Z.

9. NO A/C TAKING OFF: 87 A/C AIRBORNE AT 2Ø1345Z TO 2Ø1635Z.

1Ø. NO A/C EARLY RETURN: 5 WHICH BOMBED NO TARGETS.

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

12. BOMBING RESULTS: RESULTS ON ALL TARGETS WERE UNO34;3$ 59 /:3))3,5M

13. PERSONNEL CASULTIES: NONE.

14. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION:

   A. STK 84: 37 E/A SIGHTED: 16 U/I S/E [redacted]

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4 TOJOS, 1 TONY.

4 ATTACKS WERE MADE.

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B. STK 87: EIGHT E/A SIGHTED, ONE ATTACK

C. STK 90: 92 ZNCOUNTERS, THREE ATTACKS.

15. A/A FIRE:

A. STKH84: HEAVY, MEAGER AND MODERATE, ACCURATE, AND INACCURATE.

B. STK 87: HEAVY, MEAGER AND ACCURATE (100-150 BURSTS).

C. STK 90: NONE.

16. FIGHTER SUPPORT: NONE

17. WEATHER: CLEAR WITH SLIGHT TO HEAVY HAZE.

18. IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS:

A. ON C.V., ONE B,B., ONE TRANSPORT SIGHTED AT 3130N-13130E, SIGHTED AT 210016Z. IDENTIFICATION DOUBTFUL.

B. EIGHT T/E E/A SEEN ON GROUND AT KANOSA J/F, EIGHT T/E A/C ON GROUND A KOINAN DAKE A/F.

C. SIGHTED 8 LARGE SHIPS IN TONIGA SHIMA. SHIPS WERE ANCHORED 1 AND ONE HALF MILES TO W, OBSERVATION MADE FROM 17,000 FT AT 202125Z.

D. 1 LARGE, 1 MEDIUM AND 3 SMALL SHIPS SIGHTED ANCHORED AT 3110N-13100E.

E. 1 MEDIUM SHIP UNDERWAY 3118N-13107E 40 MILES OFF SHORE NEAR HI-SAKI POINT.

19. CLAIMS: TWO E/A DAMAGED.

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20. NOTHER INFORMATION: NONE.

THIS MESSAGE DISPATCHED FROM XXI BOMCOM CONTROL ROOM AT 211443Z

... ~~CCN UNDER 78. UNDER C. SHUD READ SIGHTED 8 LARGE SHIPS INSTEAD OF SIG TED IXXX 85~~

~~UNDER 14. A. SUXX SHOULD READ 3 OSCARS~~

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Washington, D. C.

Information for Briefing on XXI Bomber Command - 314th Wing
Mission No. 84, 87, & 90 21 April 1945.
Date

Mission Code Name "_____" (As of Z - 21 Apr 45
Date

Targets: Primary - "CHECKBOOK 4" - Kanoya Airfield, Kyushu

Primary ~~xxxxxxxx~~ - "AEROSCOPE 1" - Kushira Airfield, Kyushu

Primary ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ - "RUSHING 3" - Nittagahara Airfield, Kyushu

Take-off Times: 2013452-201630Z (200945-201230 Wash.)

Time Over Primary Target: 2022062 - (201806-Wash.)

Tactics: _____

Aircraft Bombing:

Kanoya ~~xxxxxxx~~ Target - 30
Kushira ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Target - 30
Nittagahara ~~xxxxx~~ Targetx - 23

Bomb Load: 500 lb. GP's fused instant & 500 lb. Frag. clusters - long delay fuzing.

Losses: None reported

Target Weather: Not reported (visual conditions)

Fighter Opposition: Not reported

Anti-Aircraft Encountered: Not reported

Claims: Not reported

Results of Bombing: 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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| " " 90 | " | FN-22-24 | | 222030Z | HA |
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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Washington, D. C.

MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NOS. 82 THRU 90 - 21 APRIL 1945

**Targets:** AIRFIELDS ON KYUSHU

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| Operation 82 | - | CAMLET 1 | - Oita |
| " 83 | - | FAMISH 4 | - Kanoya East |
| " 84 | - | CHECKBOOK 4 | - Kanoya |
| " 85 | - | BLOWSY 1 | - Usa |
| " 86 | - | BARRANCA 3 | - Kokubu |
| " 87 | - | ARMOSCOPE 1 | - Kushira |
| " 88 | - | AGHAST 3 | - Tachiarai |
| " 89 | - | BULLISH 3 | - Izumi |
| " 90 | - | BUSHING 3 | - Nittagahara |

**Take-off:** 200931 - 201230 Washington; (201371Z - 201630Z)

**Time Over Target:** 201754 - 212004 Washington; (202154Z - 210004Z)

**A/C Bombing:** Total Bombing: 233

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| Oita | 17 |
| Kanoya East | 28 |
| Kanoya | 29 |
| Usa | 29 |
| Kokubu | 34 |
| Kushira | 27 |
| Tachiarai | 17 |
| Izumi | 13 |
| Nittagahara | 22 |
| Other Targets | 17 |

**A/C Lost or Missing:** None

**Casualties:** None

**Bombs Dropped:** 3739 - M-64 GP's fused instantaneous nose and non-delay tail to 36 hour delay tail, and 844 T4E4 frag. W/T-72 8.5 nose and non-delay tail.

**Tactics:** Daylight visual bombing from an altitude of 12000 to 17000 ft. by squadron.

**Weather:** CAVU to 2/10 clouds, winds 290 at 45 knots - slight to heavy haze.

**Fighter Opposition:**
Miyazaki - 8 e/a: 1 Tony, 1 Oscar, 6 U/I - 8 attacks.
IP to Izumi - 67 e/a: 20 Tonys, 20 Tojos, 15 Zekes, 5 Oscars, 3 Jacks, 3 Franks, 1 Val - 18-40 attacks.
Kanoya - 37 e/a: 16 U/I S/E, 3 Oscars, 4 Tojos, 1 Tony - 4 attacks.
W of Tanega - 40 T/E heading South
Kanoya E - 6 e/a: 4 Tonys, 2 Zekes
Kakubu - 25 e/a: 6 Tojos, 7 Tonys, 10 S/E U/I - 19 attacks
Kushira - 8 e/a - 1 attack
Nittagahara - 92 e/a - 3 attacks
Oita & Usa - None
Tachiarai - 3 non-aggressive attacks
Kagoshima - 20 attacks from 10-15 E/A which circled the formation - most of the attacks were spraying attacks on entire formation.

**Flak:** None at Nittagahara, Oita, and Usa. Meager and accurate at Kushira. Meager to moderate and inaccurate to accurate at remainder of targets.

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Claims: 1 destroyed; 5 probably destroyed; 13 damaged

Observations: 10 merchant vessels off coast of Kanoya. 5 warships and numerous small vessels at Yamakawa. 14 small vessels and 2 large freighters at Kasawabaru. 22 small wooden boats at Taniyama Bay, 1 possible BF at 31/54 N - 131/58 E off NW point of Sakura Jima in Kagoshima Bay. 1 CV, 1 BB, 1 transport sighted at 31/30 N - 131/30 E (identification doubtful), 8 T/E e/a seen on ground at Kanosa A/F, 8 T/E e/a on ground at Koinan Daki A/F. 8 large ships in Toniga Shima - ships were anchored 1½ mi to West. 1 large, 1 medium, and 3 small ships anchored at 31/10 N - 131/00 E. 1 medium ship underway 31/18 N - 131/07 E 40 mi off shore near Hi-Saki Point. Large warship taking violent evasive action at speed of 20 to 30 knots 32/40 N - 133/29 E. 1 large unidentified naval vessel 30/51 N - 133/16 E heading 210 deg. 25 knots.

Results: Fair to Excellent

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

As of 1715, 21 April 1945

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Chief of Staff

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SUBJECT: MISSION REPORT FOR BUSHING 3, STRIKE 90 21 APRIL 1945

1. DESIGNATION OF UNIT: 314 WING
2. TIME OF TAKE OFF: 201445Z TO 201508Z
3. TIME OF RETURN: 210536Z TO 210635Z
4. NO. A/C AIRBORNE: 23
5. NO. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 22
6. NO. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: NONE
7. NO. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT TARGETS: NONE
8. NO. A/C ATTACKING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: NONE
9. NO. A/C WHICH FAILED TO BOMB DESIGNATED TARGETS: 1
   REASONS: MECHANICAL
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: 202325Z 202334Z
15. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK: PRIMARY: 15,000 FT TO 16,000 FT
16. BOMBS ON EACH TARGET: PRIMARY: 54 X 535 LB GP M-64 FUSED ANM103A1 NOSE - NON DELAY TAIL, AND 107 X 535 LB GP - M-64 FUSED NO NOSE M124A1 TAIL, AND 256 X 425 LB T4 E4 FRAG FUSED 8.5 SEC NOSE NO TAIL.
    A. BOMB LOADINGS: 54 X 535 LB GP M-64 FUSED ANM 103A1 NOSE NON DELAY TAIL. AND 107 X 535 LB GP M-64 FUSED NO NOSE M124 A1 TAIL, AND 276 X 425 LB T4 E4 FRAG FUSED 8.5 NOSE NO TAIL.
    B. BOMBS UNACCOUNTED FOR: NONE
17. NO. A/C JETTISONING BOMBS: 1
    20 X 425 LB T4 E4 FRAG FUSED 8.5 SEC NOSE NO TAIL.
18. NO. A/C BRINGING BOMBS BACK: NONE
19. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: NONE

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20. NO. E/A CLAIMS: NONE
21. REMARKS: A. ENEMY OPPOSITION: 7 E/A SIGHTED, 3 UNAGGRESSIVE

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ATTACKS

B. FLAK: HEAVY, MEAGER, CONTINUOUSLY POINTED AT MIYAZAKI, KANOYA, KITAHATA, TANEGO SHIMA.

C. A/C LOST OR IN DISTRESS: NONE

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

E. A/C BATLE BAMAGE: NONE

F. OBSERVATIONS: 25 TO 30 SE FIGHTERS, 6 BETTYS, 6 UNIDENTIFIED T/E AND 2 OR 3 BOMBERS WERE SEEN AT NITTAGAHARA. AT MIYAZAKI 10 TO 12 BETTYS AND 6 TO 8 UNIDENTIFIED SE FIGHTERS WERE SEEN. AT SHIBUSHI ONE E/A WAS SEEN. AT ABURATSU NAVY SEAPLANE STATION 11 UNIDENTIFIED E/A WERE PARKED ALONGSIDE THE BREAKWATER.

G. PHOTO INTERPRETATION: REFER OUR FN-22-11

H. CREW COMMENTS: NONE

I. WEATHER SUMMARY: SAME AS STRIKES 83, 86, 89.

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AERSCOPE 1, STRIKE 87 21 APRIL 1945

1. DESIGNATION OF UNIT: 314 WING
2. TIME OF TAKE OFF: 201345Z TO 201630Z
3. TIME OF RETURN: 210412Z TO 210723Z
4. NO. A/C AIRBORNE: 64
5. NO. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: STK 84(KANOYA A/F) 29 A/C
   STK 87 (KUSHIRA A/F) 29 A/C
6. NO. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: NONE
7. NO. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT TARGETS: NONE
8. NO. A/C ATTACKING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: 2
   A. TARGET: KOKUBU A/F NO. A/C 1
   B. TARGET: KIMON DAKE A/F NO. A/C 1
9. NO. A/C WHICH FAILED TO BOMB DESIGNATED TARGETS: 5
   REASONS MECHANICAL
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

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14. TIME OF ATTACK: PRIMARY TARGET: STK 84- 202203Z 210010Z
   STK 87-202204Z 210010Z
   TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: KIMON DAKE A/F 202156Z

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15. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK: PRIMARY STK 84: 15,800 FT TO 16,500 FT
   STK 87- 15,600 FT TO 16,800 FT

TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: KIMON DAKE A/F 15,500 FT

16 BOMBS ON EACH TARGET: PRIMARY STK 84-630 X 425 LB T4 E4
   FRAG FUSED 8.5 SEC NOSE NO TAIL. STK 87-258X535 LB GP M-64
   FUSED INST. NOSE ANM 101 A2 TAIL. AND 212 X
   535 LB GP M-64 FUSED NO NOSE M 124 A 1 TAIL.

TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: KOKUBU A/F 10X535LB GP M-64 FUSED INST
NOSE-ANM101A2 TAIL AND 8 X 535 LB GP M-64
FUSED NO NOSE M124A1 TAIL.

KIMON DAKE A/F 12 X 425 LB T4 E4 FRAG FUSED 8.5 SEC NOSE NO TAIL~~JUJ YX~~

A. BOMB LOADING: 705/425 LB T4 E4 FRAG FUSED
~~6 425 LB TR E4 FRAG FUEED~~ 8.5 SEC NOSE NO TAIL.

RPT NOSE NO TAIL. AND 308 X 535 LB GP M-64 FUSED INST NOSE ANM103A2

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RPT NOSE ANM103A2 AND 244 X 535 LB GP M-64 FUSED NO NOSE M124
A1 TAIL

B. BOMBS UNACCOUNTED FOR: NONE

17. NO. A/C JETTISONING BOMBS: 12
62 X 425 LB T4 E4 FRAG LB AND 40 X 535 LB GP M-64 FUSED INST
NOSE ANM101A2 TAIL AND 24 X 535 LB GP M-64
FUSED NO NOSE - M124A1 TAIL

18. NO. AWXC BRINGING BOMBS BACK:
1 A/C 1 X 425 LB T4 E4 FRAG

19. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: NONE

20. NO. E/A CLAIMS: 3 DAMAGED

21. REMARKS: A. ENEMY OPPOSITION: 45 E/A SIGHTED INCLUDING OSCARS, RPT OSCARS, JACKS, TOJOS.
6 ATTACKS. B. FLAK: AT KANOYA A/F - HEAVY MEAGER
ACCURATE TO INACCURATE AT KUSHIRA A/F HEAVY,
MEAGER TO MODERATE, ACCURATE TO INACCURATE.

C. A/C LOST OR IN DISTRESS: NONE

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

E. A/C BATTLE DAMAGE: 5 A/C READY IN 1 DAY

F. OBSERVATIONS: 12 BARRAGE BALLOONS IN VICINITY OF
MIYAKONOJO UP TO 14,000 FT.

G. PHOTO INTERPRETATION: REFER OUR FN-22-1

H. CREW COMMENTS: NONE

I. WEATHER SUMMARY: SAME AS STRIKES 83, 86, AND 89.

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" ALL B-29'S RETURNED SAFELY TO THEIR BASES IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS YESTERDAY,. APRIL 20TH EWT (APRIL 21ST, JAPANESE TIME) FROM THEIR WIDESPREAD ATTACK ON IMPORTANT ENEMY INSTALLATIONS ON KYUSHU.

" DIVIDING INTO NINE SEPARATE TASK FORCES, A VERY LARGE FLEET OF SUPERFORTRESSES OF MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LE.-6XXXRPT LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND ATACKED NINE DIFFERENT AIR BASES ON THE SOUTHERN MOST ISLAND OF THE JAPANESE HOMELAND. INCLUDED AMONG THE TARGETS WAS KANOYA, LARGEST NAVAL AIR STATION IN SOUTHWESTERN JAPAN, NITTAGAHARA, AIRCRAFT REPAIR DEPOT, AND AIRFIELDS AT KUSHIRA, TACHIARAI, USA, KANOYA-EAST, KOKUBU, IZUMI AND OITA. SOME JAP FIGHTER OPPOSITION WAS ENCOUNTERED. CONSIDERABLE ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE WAS ALSO REPORTED, BUT SUCCESSFUL RESULTS BY VISUAL BOMBING WERE REPORTED BY RETURNING CREWS".

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"B-20// B-29'S OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE COVERED KYUSHU, SOUTHERN ISLAND OF THE JAPANESE HOMELAND, IN AN EARLY MORNING ATTACK TODAY, APRL 20TH EWT ( APRIL 21ST, JAPANESE TIME(, STRIKING AT NINE MAJOR ENEMY AIR RPT ENEMY AIRFIELDS. A VER Y LARGE TASK FORCE OF SUPERFORTRESSES, FLYING FROM MARIANA BASES OF MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND, PARTICIPATED IN THE MISSION WHICH WAS THE THIRD THIS WEEK AGAINST IMPORTANT JAPANESE AIR INSTALLATIONS.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE AT WASHINGTON, IN ANNOUNCING THE NEW ACTION, DECLARED THAT FURTHS RPT FURTHER DETAILS WOULD BE REVEALED WHEN COMPLETE OPERATIONAL REPORTS ARE RECEIVED".

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| FW-23-1 | Flash Strike Attack Report, Missions 84-87-90, 21 Apr 45 | 22 Apr 45 |

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XXI Bomber Command Mission 84, 21 April 1945:
Target: 90.38--1578. Kanoya Airfield; 314th Wing reports four patterns of bursts covering SW two-thirds of Field.

XXI Bomber Command Mission 87, 21 April 1945:
Target: 90.38--2524, Kushira Airfield; 314th Wing reports insufficient strike photo coverage. Two patterns of bombs over center and W half of field.

XXI Bomber Command Mission 90, 21 April 1945:
Target 90.33--2531, Nittagahara Airfield: 314th Wing reports insufficient strike photo coverage. Observed bursts concentrated mainly in hangar area where hits landed on four buildings. A few bursts seen on W half of field. Only pattern of frag bombs seen was approximately 12000' E of Field.

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3PR5M 152:

Target Area: Tokuyama, Kyushu South, Shimonoseki, Kure and Sasebo.

Mean time of photography: 210350Z.

Quality: Good except as noted below.

Sasebo Naval Base (33/10/00 N - 129/40 E). Naval vessels visible: 3 DD (unidentified) numerous smaller naval Aux, present. Quality of Photography: Hazy.

Nagasaki Harbor (32/44 N - 129/52 E) Naval vessels visible: 1 PG. 10 MV Over 200 Ft in length. Quality of Photography: Hazy.

Hiroshima Harbor (34/21 N - 132/30 E) 2 MV over 200 Ft in length. Numerous landing craft present.

Shimonoseki Straits (33/57 N - 130/57 E) 48 MV over 200 Ft in length. Naval vessels visible: 3 small escorts, 3 LXX ISM, Aux. landing craft. Quality of Photography: Hazy.

Vicinity of Sasebo Naval Base (33/06/30 N - 129/44/30 E) Naval vessels visible: 3. 1 CV, Hayataka Class; 1 CV, Unryu Class; 1 CVL, Zuiho Class.

Wakamatsu-Tobata (3/53N - 13/40E) Approximately 35 vessels visible on 6 inch oblique only.

Bofu Airfield (34/02N-131/33E) Target No. 2615. Aircraft Visible: 7 S/E and 1 T/E (minimum count) Quality of Photography: Hazy.

Kagoshima Airfield (31/33N - 130/34E) Target No. 2514. Aircraft Visible: 17 S/E, 1 T/E. 4 S/E damaged.

Kanoya Airfield (31/22N - 130/50E) Target No. 1378. Aircraft Visible: 136 S/E,



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77 T/E fuselages, 1 T/E inoperative, 5 S/E inoperative. Photo Quality: Hazy. Results of 21 BOMCOM Missions 75, 78, 84 of April 17, 18 and 21, 1945 include 16 small buildings destroyed. Four of these are located in the hanger and shop area immediately NE of the hangers. The rest are located just north of the shop and hanger area. The field is probably operational.

3PR5M 153:

Target Area: Kyushu S and E, Kurume and Yatsushiro.

Mean time of Photography: 210405Z.

Quality: Good, except as noted below.

Ship Anchorage, Saeki Naval Air Station (33/00N - 132/00E) 1 escort vessel, 6 small escort type vessels, 2 MV over 200 Ft in length.

Tachiarai Airfield (3/24N - 130/37E) Target 1236. 90 percent coverage. Aircraft Visible: 49 S/E, 21 T/E. 5 unidentified aircraft damaged. Post Strike Photos after 21 BOMCOM Missions 71, 76 and 88 of 17, 18 and 21 April show no significant new damage to buildings. Numerous small craters are seen on the Field but it is probably operational.

Usa Airfield (33/33N - 131/21E) Target 1307. 95 percent coverage. Aircraft Visible: 43 S/E, 13 T/E. 1 dummy S/E, 1 possible S/E destroyed, 1 S/E damaged, 2 T/E damaged. Photos show considerable damage from 21 BOMCOM Mission 85, 21 April. All six hangers on line show damage varying from slight to severe. In the shop area two of six hangers as well as several small miscellaneous buildings, are damaged. Several small residential areas about 1 mile to the NE of the center of the field are destroyed. Seven craters are visible on the paved runway, making it inoperational.

Otta Airfield (33/15 N - 131/38 E) Target 1308. Aircraft Visible: 5 S/E, 5 T/E, 15 (minimum) S/E inoperational. Damage from 21 BOMCOM Mission 82, 21 April, in-

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cluded the following: three hanger in the SW portion of the target were badly damaged. In this same area 5 small buildings were destroyed. Two miscellaneous buildings were destroyed in the shop area about 2000 Ft S of the Field. To the SE of the airfield across the river, 4 barracks-type buildings were destroyed. Further east about 3000 Ft from the center of the airfield there are about 4 buildings cratered to be inoperational.

Otta Seaplane Station (33/15 N - 131/37 E) Target 2532. Aircraft Visible: 1 S/E.

Saeki Seaplane Station (32/58/30 N - 131/55/00 E) Target 2537. Aircraft Visible: 6 S/E floatplanes.

Karasehara Airfield (32/13 N - 131/33 E) Target 2517. Aircraft Visible: 11 S/E.

Kittagahara Airfield (32/06 N - 131/26 E) Target L2531. Aircraft Visible: 33 S/E. 20 T/E. 2 unidentified aircraft damaged. Damage from 21 BOMCON missions 74, 81 and 90 of 17, 18 and 21 April include four barracks-type buildings destroyed. Four other buildings at the edge of the target NE of hangars were also destroyed. There are about 6 bomb craters in the landing strip on the S side of the field. Field is still operational.

Miyazaki Airfield (31/53 N - 131/27 E) Target 2529. Aircraft Visible: 18 S/E, 36 T/E, 6 S/E dummies, 2 S/E damaged, 6 T/E damaged, 2 T/E destroyed, 1 possible T/E destroyed.

Ronchi Airfield (31/47/30 N - 130/44/00 E) Target 2534. Aircraft Visible: 43 S/E.

Kokubu Airfield (31/43 N - 130/45 E) Target 2520. Aircraft Visible: (minimum) 46 S/E, 2 T/E, 6 unidentified aircraft damaged. Damage from 21 BOMCOM Missions 72, 80 and 86 of 17, 18, and 21 April includes three of four hangars destroyed and all small miscellaneous buildings in hangar and shop area destroyed or damaged. Residential area to immediate SE, NE and N show considerable damage. The field does not appear sufficiently cratered to be inoperational.

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Izumi Airfield (32/05 N - 130/19 E) Target 2512. Aircraft Visible: 71 B/E, 20 T/E, 3 S/E inoperative, 4 T/E inoperative. Damage from 21 BOMCOM Missions 70, 79 and 89 of 17, 18 and 21 April includes increased damage to numerous buildings in E and SE portions of the target area. Numerous small craters are visible on the airfield which is probably not operational.

Kanoya East Airfield (31/22/30 N - 130/54/00 E) Target 2516. Aircraft Visible: 36 S/E. 3 S/E inoperative. 1 T/E. Results of 21 BOMCOM Missions 73, 77 and 83 of 17, 18 and 21 April include two hangars and three barracks-type buildings destroyed. About 8 craters are visible in the landing strip and the remainder of the field has numerous well distributed craters. The field is probably inoperational.

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