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Mission Plans	Telecon	E-1818		2500493	BGR
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SUBJECT: MINING MISSION

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM 20

TO: COMAF 20

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REPEATEDLY NUMBER 2. DATE WILL BE 27 FEBRUARY 1945.

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SUBJECT: MINING MISSION

FROM: DEPCOMAF 20 IB & C

TO: COMAF 20

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS OUR PLAN FOR MINING MISSION IN THE SINGAPORE AREA, FIELD ORDER NUMBER 40.

A. EFFORT: 12 AIRCRAFT.

B. TARGETS:

(1) PRIMARY: JAHORE STRAIT.

(2) SECONDARY: PENANG HARBOR (05D 25'N, 100D 21'E), PAKCHAN RIVER (10D 00'N, 98D 35'E), MERGUI HARBOR (12D 25'N, 98D 35'E).

(3) LAST RESORT: TAVOY HARBOR (13D 35'N, 98D 14'E).

C. ROUTE: BASE AREA TO PREPARIS ISLAND (14D 52'N, 93D 40'E TO TENGGAL ISLAND 04D 47'N, 103D 40'E TO CAPE PENYABONG 02D 38'N, 103D 46'E TO NORTHWEST TIP OF TEKONG ISLAND 01D 26'N, 104D 93'E TO TARGET TO PEMPING ISLAND 01D 05'N, 103D 49'E TO BENGALIS ISLAND 01D 36'N, 101D 59'E TO BASE.)

D. TIME OVER TARGET: 1530Z.

E. AXIS OF ATTACK: 150D MAGNETIC.

F. PIN POINT: NORTHWEST TIP TEKONG ISLAND 01D 26'N, 104D 03'E.

G. MINING ALTITUDE: 4,000 FEET.

H. RELEASE INTERVAL: 15 SECONDS.

I. MINE LOAD: 6 MK 26-1 MINES PER AIRCRAFT.

J. AVERAGE FLIGHT TIME: 18 HOURS.

K. TOTAL DISTANCE: 3795 MILES.

L. THE 444TH BOMB GROUP WILL CONDUCT THIS MISSION.

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	Telecon	NR D-1834		281045	BS

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TELECON MSG NR D-1834 S E C R E T

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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY DATA AND TAKE-OFF REPORT - MISSION NUMBER 40

TO: COMGENAF TWENTY FROM: COMGENBOMCOM XX

1. MINING AREAS

- A. PRIMARY AREA: JOHORE STRAIT, SINGAPORE
- B. SECONDARY AREAS: PENANG HARBOR, PAKEHAN RIVER OR MERGUI HARBOR

2. MINE LOAD

- A. ONLY 444TH GROUP PARTICIPATING
- B. EACH AIRCRAFT CARRYING 6 MK-26-1 TYPE MINES

3. TAKE-OFFS

444TH GROUP - 12 AIRCRAFT, FIRST AT 270621Z, LAST OFF AT 270643Z.

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From: CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

To: War Department
Deputy Commander 20th Air Force, Guam
CG, US Army Forces in Far East, Advance Echelon,
San Miguel, Philippines
CG, US Army Forces in Far East, Leyte, Philippines
CG, US Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector,
Calcutta, India
CG, 10th Air Force, Bhamo, India

Nr: CMDX 0059 D 27 February 1945

COMAF 20 from COMGENBOMCOM 20 info DEPCOMAF 20,
MacArthur, Stratemeyer, Davidson CMDX 0059 D.

Airborne on mission 40 to mine Johore Strait, Singa-
pore Area, secondary mining areas, Penang Harbor, Pakehan
River and Mergui Harbor were 12 B-29's with first off at
270621Z and last off at 270643Z.

Only 444th Group participating with each AC carrying
six MK-26-1 type mines.

End

ACTION: CG AAF

INFO : OPD
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CM-IN-27923 (27 Feb 45) DTG 270822Z mcs

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TO: CDR, 50th Bombardment Group, Kharagpur, India
FROM: [Illegible]
SUBJECT: [Illegible]
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<i>Mines Away Summary</i>	<i>Cable</i>	<i>CM-IN-28297</i>		<i>271811Z</i>	<i>BA</i>

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COMM	COMM
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S. C. O.	S. C. O.

From: CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
 To: War Department
 Re: CMD 0081 D 27 February 1945
 COMAF 20th from DEPCOMBOMCOM 20th CMD 0081 D

Summary now follows on mines away messages on mission number 40:

9 ACP A 1, 10 CSA 1, 1 early return, 1 AC reported heading for secondary.

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CM-IN-28297 (27 Feb 45) DTG: 271811Z ngr

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1 March 45
Date Initials

Washington, D. C.

PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XX BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 40 - 27 FEBRUARY 1945

"REPEATEDLY 2"

Targets: Primary - Johore Strait, Singapore
Secondary - Penang Harbor

Take-off: 270221 - 270243 Washington (270621Z - 270643Z)

Time over Target: 271135 - 271203 Washington, (272335 - 280003 Theatre
(271535Z - 271603Z))

Aircraft: Total mining 11
Primary 10
Secondary 1

A/C Lost or Missing: None

Casualties: None

Bomb Load: Six MK 26-1 mines per aircraft

Tactics: Night mining from an altitude of 4,000 ft. Releasing mines
at an interval of 15 seconds.

Weather: CAVU

Fighter Opposition: Nil

Flak: Nil

Claims: None

Results: Excellent

Observations: Singapore City area blacked out on arrival - Harbor navigation
lights on and helpful.

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

As of 1000, 1 March 1945

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

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*Mission 40
XX BC Prelim Rpt*
From: CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

To: War Department
Deputy Commander, 20th Air Force, Guam
General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area,
Leyte, Philippines
General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area,
Advanced, San Miguel, Philippines
CG Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta India
CG 10th Air Force, Myitkyina, Burma
CG 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
CG US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi India

No: CMDX 0092D 28 February 1945

COMAF 20th from COMGENBOMCOM 20 info DEPCOMAF 20
FOA, MacArthur, Stratemyer, Davidson, Sultan, Wedemeyer,
Chennault CMDX 0092D.

Preliminary report, subject to revision, on 20th
Bomber Command Mission Number 40 from India bases.

10 aircraft mined primary target including one aircraft
which dropped 19 at the primary jettisoning the five remaining
mines later, one aircraft mined secondary target, Penang
Harbor, 27½ short tons of MK 26-1 mines were laid at primary
and three short tons were laid at secondary. All were laid
visually with excellent results from 4000 feet indicated
altitude at primary and at 10,000 feet indicated altitude at
secondary under CAVU conditions, 5½ tons were jettisoned.

No strike photos available as it was night mission.

CM-IN-29052 (28 Feb 45)

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From: CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

No: CMDX 0092D 28 February 1945

Enemy air opposition and anti aircraft nil at primary and secondary targets with no claims. All Superforts returned safely to home base.

Singapore city blacked out on arrival but harbor navigation lights remained on and were helpful. Only sightings were by radar and were sent to interested parties.

End

Note: Corrected copy of CM-IN-28923 (28 Feb 45) CG AAF

ACTION: CG AAF

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TELECON MSG NR D-1841 - SECRET

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT - MISSION NUMBER 40

(DATA AS OF 280330Z)

TO: COMGENAF TWENTY FROM: COMGENBOMCOM XX

1. DESIGNATION OF UN : XX BOMBER COMMAND.
2. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT TAKING OFF: 12
3. TIME OF TAKE-OFF (FIRST TO LAST): 270621Z TO 270643Z
4. TIME DOWN LAST PLANE (OF MAIN FORMATION): 280317Z
5. TIME OVER PRIMARY TARGET (FIRST AND LAST): ²⁷²³³⁵ 271535Z TO ²⁸⁰⁰⁰³ 271603Z
6. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK ON PRIMARY TARGET: 4000 FEET INDICATED
7. WEATHER OVER PRIMARY TARGET: CAVU
8. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT MINING (ALL TARGETS): 11
9. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT MINING PRIMARY: 10
10. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT MINING SECONDARY: PENANG - 1
11. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT MINING LAST RESORT: 0
12. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: 0
13. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT UNKNOWN AS TO MINING: 0
14. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT FAILING TO MINE: 1 JETTISONED
15. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT LOST TO ENEMY OPPOSITION: 0
16. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT LOST TO ENEMY ANTIAIRCRAFT: 0
17. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT LOST BY ACCIDENT: 0
18. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT MISSING: 0
19. DISPOSITION OF MINES: (SHORT TONS) (ESTIMATED)
 - A. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON ALL TARGETS: 30.5
 - B. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON PRIMARY: 27.5
 - C. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON SECONDARY: 3

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- D. TOTAL TONNAGE UNREPORTED AS TO DISPOSITION: 0
- E. TOTAL TONNAGE JETTISONED: 5.5
- F. TOTAL TONNAGE RETURNED TO BASE: 0
20. OBSERVED RESULTS OF MINING:

PRIMARY: EXCELLENT

SECONDARY: EXCELLENT
21. METHOD OF MINING:
 - A. PRIMARY: VISUAL
 - B. SECONDARY: VISUAL
22. CASUALTIES: KILLED: 0 WOUNDED: 0 MISSING: 0
23. CLAIMS: DESTROYED: 0 PROBABLY DESTROYED: 0 DAMAGED: 0

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10. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT MINING SECONDARY: PENANG - 1
11. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT MINING LAST RESORT: 0
12. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: 0
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24. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

A. PRIMARY: NIL

B. SECONDARY: NIL

25. ENEMY HEAVY ANTIAIRCRAFT:

A. PRIMARY: NIL

B. SECONDARY: NIL

26. STATUS OF AIRCRAFT LANDED AT THEIR HOME BASE:

ALL AIRCRAFT LANDED AT HOME BASE.

27. CREW OBSERVATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE ITEMS OF INTEREST: SINGAPORE CITY AREA BLACKED OUT ON ARRIVAL; HARBOR NAVIGATION LIGHTS ON AND HELPFUL.

28. PRELIMINARY STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHS: NONE AVAILABLE, NIGHT MINING MISSION. THIS REPORT IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO REVISION. A FINAL INTELLIGENCE STATISTICAL SUMMARY WILL BE SENT ON D-DAY PLUS FIVE.

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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
YB-1885	AIRBORNE A/C FAILING TO MINE PRIMARY TARGET ON MISSION NO. 40 <i>XIBC Aborted</i>	8 March 1945

(To: COMAF 20 From: CONGENCOMCOM 20)

Airborne A/C failing to mine primary target on mission no. 40 on 27 February 1945.

Group	Aircraft Serial No.	Specific Mechanical Malfunction	Local Action to Prevent Recurrence	Unsatisfactory report submitted.
444th	65277	No. 1 engine trouble back firing and RPM loss	Plug change; engine checked satisfactory	None
	65273	Internal failure no. 4 engine	Engine replaced.	UR 45-96

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Japanese Fighter Tactics	Telecom	D-1868		9 Mar	PK
Antiaircraft Opposition	mimed sheet	—		3 Mar	PK

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 * Date Initials
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3 March 1945

HEADQUARTERS
XX BOMBER COMMAND
Intelligence Section
APO 493

PRELIMINARY REPORT

flak ANTI-AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

MISSION NUMBER 40. (NIGHT-MINING), 27/28 FEBRUARY 1945

Primary Target -- JOHORE STRAITS, Secondary Target -- PENANG HARBOR, PAKCHAN RIVER, or MERGUI HARBOR, Target of Last Resort -- NONE.

A. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE ENCOUNTERED

1. SINGAPORE AREA (01°20'N - 104°05'E)

Ten aircraft mined the JOHORE STRAITS on an approximate course of 01°42'N - 104°00'E to 01°00'N - 104°13'E (Course #4, AA Opposition Report #30-31) from 4,000 feet altitude from 1535Z to 1650Z under CAVU conditions but no anti-aircraft opposition was encountered.

2. PENANG HARBOR (05°25'N - 100°21'E)

One aircraft mined this area from 10,000 feet altitude at 1531Z under CAVU conditions but no anti-aircraft opposition was encountered.

B. SEARCHLIGHTS ENCOUNTERED

One white beam was reported by one aircraft at 1648Z (2 minutes before mine release) from 4,000 feet altitude under CAVU conditions as originating from the NAVAL BASE AREA, SINGAPORE Island (01°28'N - 103°50'E). This searchlight never located the aircraft although it remained on for approximately 3 minutes. The searchlight was "sweeping horizontally" and was never elevated to the altitude of the aircraft.

C. GROUND-TO-AIR ROCKETS, BARRAGE OR HIGH-ALTITUDE BALLOONS, AND SMOKE SCREENS

None reported.

D. BLACKOUT

The city of SINGAPORE was still lit when the second aircraft approached the area at 1537Z, "but had started to blackout as the aircraft left the area. The balance of the crews reported complete blackout."

Lights were observed, however, by the fourth aircraft over the target at 1545Z at the Airfield on the easternmost tip of SINGAPORE Island.

E. DAMAGE FROM ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

None.

F. WARNING NETS

Although aircraft were tracked by PENANG and SINGAPORE (2 units) early warning radars, as determined from R.C.M. Intercepts, it is evident that the enemy did not utilize the available information. Blackout of the SINGAPORE Area went into effect as the second aircraft over the target was leaving the area, and no enemy fighter attacks were experienced.

Frank L. Scott, Jr.
FRANK L. SCOTT, JR.,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Chief, Intelligence Section.

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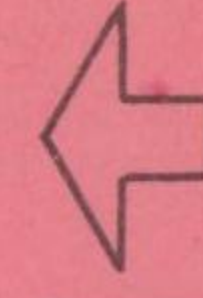
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TELECON MSG NO. D-1868	SUBJECT JAPANESE FIGHTER TACTICS - MISSION NO. 40 <i>xx 130</i>	DATE 7 Mar 45
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(From: COMGENBOLCOM 20 To: CONGENAF 20)

Enemy air opposition nil. No further report.

End.

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GEN. NORSTAD

From: CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

To: War Department
Deputy Commander, 20th Air Force, Guam **B**

Nr: CMDX 0152E 1 March 1945

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*Mission 40
YX BC
Damage Assessment*

Please pass to Navy that Johore Strait, Singapore, aerial mining mission results were excellent night of 27/28 February. Mines dropped were 55 US mark 26-1 all fitted with 82 day sterilizers. Arming set as follows:
18 mines immediately, 10 in 15 days,
18 in 20 days and 9 in 30 days.

FDM on four mines of immediate group is set on fourth ship count; nine mines of twenty day group have PDM set on second ship count; two reverse LM-9-1 mechanisms are contained in all mines plus interval between looks of 3, 5.5 or 8 seconds. Previously mined area north Penang also mined with 6 US mark 26-1 with sterilizers set at 82 days. One aircraft jettisoned five US mark 26-1 mines at 4 degrees N, 100 degrees 06 minutes E: radar verified this position. Parachutes rendered inoperative and mines dropped from 3000 feet. Impact probably damaged all mechanisms but for 82 days these should be considered dangerous.

CA

ACTION: Gen Arnold **GEN. NORSTAD**

INFO: Gen Hull Gen Bissell Adm King

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CM-IN-656 (1 Mar 45)

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mission 40
XX BC
Sightings
From: CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

To: War Department
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
CG, US Army Forces in the Far East, Advanced Echelon
San Miguel, Philippines
General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, PI
Deputy Commander, 20th Air Force Pacific Ocean Area, Guam

Nr: CMDX 0080 D 28 February 1945

COMAF 20 from COMGENBOMCOM 20, info DEPCOMAF 20 POS, MacArthur, Stratemyer, Strategic Air Force, Air Command Southeast Asia, 22nd Group pass to C in C Eastern Fleet, CMDX 0080 D.

Giving sightings by radar by superforts on XX Bomber Command Mission nbr 40.

Only 2 sightings, both by radar, as follows:

At 271718Z are 9 unidentified vessels at 03 degrees, 20 minutes north 101 degrees east and at 271730Z, 35 unidentified vessels in harbor at 03 degrees, 10 minutes north, 101 degrees, 10 minutes east.

End.

ACTION: CG AAF

INFORMATION: OPD Adm King
G-2 Log

CM-IN-28909 (28 Feb 45) DTG 280542 aj

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TELECON MSG NO. YE-1925	SUBJECT RATE OF RECOVERY FROM MISSION	DATE 14 March 45
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(To: COMIAF 20 - From: ^{Stat} ~~BC~~ COMGENDOMCOM 20)

Rate of Recovery from Mission No. 40 Against Jahore Straits on 27 February 1945

Group	Mission Number	Total Tactical A/C on Mission	Lost on Mission	Capable of Recovery	Recovered by D plus 11	Participated in 2 March 1945 Mission
444th	40	12	0	12	12	7
TOTAL		12	0	12	12	7

Recovery: No. of A/C Combat Operational (Cumulative)

Group	Recovery: No. of A/C Combat Operational (Cumulative)										
	8	11	11	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	12
444th	8	11	11	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	12
TOTAL	8	11	11	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	12
D-Day	*1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

(* 1 equals plus)

Percent of those capable of recovery which recovered

67	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	100	100	100	100
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

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From: CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

To: War Department
Deputy Commander 20th Air Force, Guam
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Air Forces India Burma Sector,
Calcutta, India
CG, 10th Air Force Bhamo, Burma

Nr: CMDX 0310 YB 5 March 1945

*mission 40
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xx BC*

Arnold attention Statistical Control Division info
Stratemeyer, Chennault, Davidson, DEPCOMAF 20 also pass
to COMGEN BOMBCOM 21 from Ramey CMDX 0310 YB

Same format as in our YB 8838. Mining mission
run from rear area bases against Johore Strait on 27 Feb-
ruary 45. 444 group only participating. Columns A,
B and C blank. Preliminary statistical mission summary on
mission number 40. Columns -

D 12
E and F 10-primary, 1-secondary
G and H 61. MK 26-1
I 1
J through S 0.

End

ACTION: CG AAF

INFO : OPD
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(5 March 45)

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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
D-1849	INTELL STAT SUMMARY - MISSION 40 <i>XXBC</i>	2 March 45

(To: COMAF 20 From: COMGENCOMCOM 20)

Intelligence Statistical Summary for Mission #40 follows:

Headquarters XX Bomber Command Intelligence Section - APO 493
Intelligence Statistical Summary - Mission #40
27 - 28 February 1945
(Based on preliminary statistics as of 011600Z) (All times Zebra)
(444th Group only group participating)

I. Disposition of Aircraft: 444th

1. A/C airborne	12
2. Returned to own base	12
3. Returned to other bases	0

II. Mining Record:

1. A/C mining	11
2. Primary - Johore Strait	10
3. Secondary - Penang Harbor	1
4. Jettisoned	1
5. Mining altitude - primary	4000
secondary	10800

One of the 10 aircraft over the primary target dropped only 1 of its 6 mines and is counted as mining the primary. The other 5 mines were jettisoned at 04 deg 49' N - 100 deg 06'E. One other aircraft jettisoned its 6 mines 1 mile SE of the home base when it returned early.

III. Method of Mining: Visual

IV. Disposition of Mines: MK-26-1

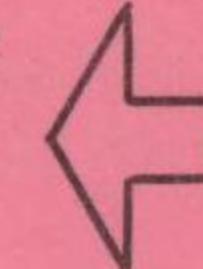
1. All targets	61
2. Primary target - Johore Strait	55
3. Secondary Target - Penang Harbor	6

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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
D-1849	INTELL STAT SUMMARY - MISSION 40	2 March 45

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|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| 4. Jettisoned mines | 11 |
| 5. Total mines | 72 |
| 6. Total tonnage | |
| A. All targets - short tons | 32.33 |
| B. Primary target | 29.15 |
| C. Secondary target | 3.18 |
| 7. Average mines per A/C airborne | 6 MK-26-1 |
| 8. Average tonnage per A/C airborne | 3.18 |

Actual weight of MK-26-1 mines taken as 1060 pounds.

V. Observed Results of Mining: All reported "Excellent"

VI. Time and Weather:

- Primary Target - first 1535Z, last 1650Z - Cavu
- Secondary Target - one aircraft - 1531Z - Cavu

VII. Casualties: None

VIII. Claims: None

End.

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	INFORMATION	C/S, DC/S Opr; A-2(12); A-3 OW&R (6); O.A.; S.C.O (2); L.A.

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22 March 1945

AC/AS, INTELLIGENCE

XX BOMBER COMMAND

Mission No 40. 27 February 1945-Night

Target: Singapore

Analysis

RCM INFORMATION

1. General.

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2. Results.

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c. There were no indications of enemy countermeasure activity.

AC/AS, Intelligence Comment:

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The report showed that there were more signals in the target area than could be handled by one observer. Therefore complete coverage of enemy RCM was not possible on this mission.

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