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C. 444TH GROUP FURNISHES TOTAL OF 33 AIRCRAFT TO BE EMPLOYED AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) 19 AIRCRAFT TO MINE JOHORE CHANNEL FIELD, SINGAPORE AREA
- (2) 9 AIRCRAFT TO MINE RHIO STRAIT FIELD SINGAPORE AREA
- (3) NO CHANGE.
- (4) (A) SECONDARY MINING AREAS: PENANG HARBOR 05 DEG 25'N,
100 DEG 21'E. SONGLA 07 DEG 13'N, 100 DEG 35'E, AND
PRACHUAB//// PRACHAUB GHIRIKHAN, 11 DEG 48',N,

99 DEG 48'E. THIS CHANGE IN TARGETS MADE AT REQUEST

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- (B) NO CHANGE.
- (C) NO CHANGE.
- (D) MINE LOAD: EACH AIRCRAFT WILL CARRY MINIMUM OF FOUR
MK 26-1 OR MK 36-1 MINES.
- (5) CHANGE IN LOADING NECESSITATED BY HIGH TEMPERATURES AT
TAKE OFF TIME, SINCE TARGET TIME SET FOR BEST EXPECTANT
WEATHER PERIOD. ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT USED TO MAINTAIN FULL
EFFECTIVENESS OF OPERATION.

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TELECON MSG NO. G-26-14-H	SUBJECT XX BC OPERATIONS 46, 47 and 48	DATE March 262314Z
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The XX BC Rpt XX BC Plans the following mining missions, all scheduled to take place on 28 March 1945:

MISSION	CODE	TARGET	NO. OF A/C
46	BEGGARY 2	Yangtze River (Shanghai)	12
47	Purificator 2	Saigon Area	16
48	REPEATEDLY 3	Singapore Area	15

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C. THE 444TH GROUP FURNISHES A TOTAL OF 27 AIRCRAFT TO BE EMPLOYED AS FOLLOWS: (F.O. 48)

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(1) 15 AIRCRAFT TO MINE JOHORE CHANNEL FIELD, SINGAPORE AREA

ROUTE OUT: BASE - PREPARIS ISLAND (14 DEG 52' N, 93 DEG 40' E)
- TENGGOL ISLAND (01 DEG 47' N, 103 DEG 40' E) - CAPE PENYABONG
(02 DEG 38' N, 103 DEG 46' E) - SOUTHEAST TIP OF OEBIN ISLAND
01 DEG 24' N, 103 DEG 59' E) - TARGET

ROUTE BACK: TARGET - LITTLE CARIMOEN ISLAND (01 DEG 08' N,
103 DEG 24' E) - BENGALIS ISLAND (01 DEG 36' N, 101 DEG 59' E)
- BASE

IP: PENYABONG POINT

PIN POINT: SOUTHEAST TIP OF OEBIN ISLAND

AXIS OF ATTACK: 131 DEG MAGNETIC

MINING ALTITUDE: 4,500 INDICATED ALTITUDE

TIME OVER TARGET: 1700Z

(2) 7 AIRCRAFT TO MINE RHIO STRAIT FIELD, SINGAPORE AREA

ROUTE OUT: BASE - PREPARIS ISLAND - TENGGOL ISLAND - TINGGI
ISLAND (02 DEG 18' N, 104 DEG 07' E) - (01 DEG 20' N, 104 DEG
09' E) - TARGET

ROUTE BACK: SAME AS FOR JOHORE CHANNEL FIELD

IP: TINGGI ISLAND

PIN POINT: 4 AIRCRAFT: SEBONG POINT (01 DEG 07' N, 104 DEG
15' E) 3 AIRCRAFT: TANJONG SAN ISLAND OKPQ DEG 04' N, 104
DEG 10' E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 167 DEG MAGNETIC

MINING ALTITUDE: 3,000 FEET INDICATED ALTITUDE

TIME OVER TARGET: 1700Z

(3) 5 AIRCRAFT TO MINE INNER MIDDLE CHANNEL FIELD, SINGAPORE AREA

ROUTE OUT: BASE - PREPARIS ISLAND - ROIPAT ISLAND (02 DEG 07'
N, 101 DEG 39' E) - BENGALIS ISLAND (01 DEG 28' N, 102 DEG
31' E) - SOUTH TIP OF GREAT CARIMOEN ISLAND (00 DEG 59' N, 103
DEG 27' E) - POINT ON BATAM ISLAND (01 DEG 12' N, 104 DEG 06' E)
- TARGET

ROUTE BACK: TARTET - CAP DATOK (01 DEG 21' N, 104 DEG 18' E) -
TIOMAN ISLAND (02 DEG 46' N, 104 DEG 10' E) - TENGGOL ISLAND -
PREPARIS ISLAND - BASE

IP: NORTHEAST TIP OF BATAM ISLAND (SANE AS ABOVE)

PIN POINT:

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AXIS OF ATTACK: 60 DEG MAGNETIC

MINING ALTITUDE: 6,000 FEET INDICATED ALTITUDE

TIME OVER TARGET

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ROUTE BACK: SAME AS FOR JOHORE CHANNEL FIELD

IP: TINGGI ISLAND

PIN POINT: 4 AIRCRAFT: SEBONG POINT (01 DEG 07' N, 104 DEG 15' E) 3 AIRCRAFT: TANJONG SAN ISLAND OKPQ DEG 04' N, 104 DEG 10' E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 167 DEG MAGNETIC

MINING ALTITUDE: 3,000 FEET INDICATED ALTITUDE

TIME OVER TARGET: 1700Z

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ROUTE BACK: TARTET - CAP DATOK (01 DEG 21' N, 104 DEG 18' E) - TIOMAN ISLAND (02 DEG 46' N, 104 DEG 10' E) - TENGGOL ISLAND - PREPARIS ISLAND - BASE

IP: NORTHEAST TIP OF BATAM ISLAND (SAME AS ABOVE)

PIN POINT:

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AXIS OF ATTACK: 60 DEG MAGNETIC

MINING ALTITUDE: 6,000 FEET INDICATED ALTITUDE

TIME OVER TARGET: 1630
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(4) (A) SECONDARY MINING AREAS: PENANG HARBOR (05 DEG 25' N, 100

DEG 21' E) RAKCHAM RIVER (10 DEG 00' N, 98 DEG 35' E) ,

MERGUI HARBOR (12 DEG 25' N, 98 DEG 35' E)

(B) ALTITUDE OUT: EVEN INDICATED ALTITUDES

(C) ALTITUDE BACK: ODD INDICATED ALTITUDES

(D) MINE LOAD: EACH AIRCRAFT WILL CARRY A MINIMUM OF 5 MK 26-1

OR MK 36-1 MINES. ALL MINES WILL BE STERILIZED IN 82 DAYS.

65 PERCENT OF THE MINES ARE FITTED WITH DELAY ARMING CLOCKS

SET 5 TO 40 DAYS. 35 PERCENT OF THE MINES ARE SET TO ARM

IMMEDIATELY. 135 MINES WILL BE LAID IN SINGAPORE AREA.

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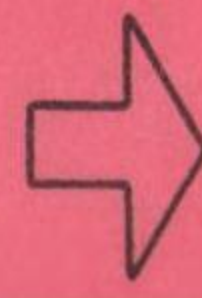
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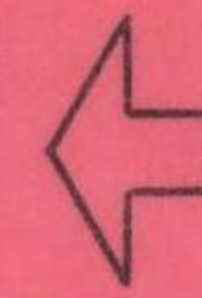
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TELECON MSG NO. E-2013	SUBJECT FIELD ORDERS NO. 46, NO. 47, NO. 48 CODE NAMES FOR MINING MISSIONS.	DATE Mar 24 0443
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1. Code names for Missions referred to in our Telecon E-2013 are as follows:

First Mission listed is Beggary No. 2, Second Mission listed is Purificator No. 2 and Third Mission listed is Repeatedly No. 3.

2. Tentative date for all these missions is 29 March 1945.

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TELECON MESSAGE . D-2061 (S E C R E T) 03281017Z

SUBJECT: PRELIM DATA & TAKEOFF RPT-

MISSION NO. 48. ~~XX~~ 13C

TO: COMAF 20

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM 20

1. MINING AREAS.

A. PRIMARY AREA: SINGAPORE AREA, - JOHORE CHANNEL FIELD, PHIL
STRAIT FIELD, INNER MIDDLE CHANNEL FIELD.

B. SECONDARY AREAS: (1) PENANG HARBOR
(2) PAKCHAN RIVER.
(3) E// MERGUI HARBOR

2. MINE LOAD.

A. ONLY 444TH GROUP RPT GROUP PARTICIPATING.

B. 22 AIRCRAFT CARRYING 3 X MK26-1 AND 1 X MK-36-1 AND 11
AIRCRAFT CARRYING 2 X MK26-1 AND 2 X MK36-1.

3. TAKEOFFS:

444TH GROUP - 33 AIRCRAFT , FIRST AT 280720Z, LAST OFF AT 280923Z.

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TELECON MSG. NR. D-2066 (((SECRET))) 03282030Z

SUBJECT: MINES AWAY MESSAGES ON MISSION NO. 48

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TO COMGENAF 20 FROM COMGENBOMCOM 20

MINES AWAY MESSAGES ON MISSION NUMBER 48, AS OF 282000ZEBRA
ALL 444TH GROUP. COMPLETE

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SECONDARY AREAS AS LISTED IN D2061 SHOULD READ, AS PER LAST MINUTE
CHANGE AT REQUEST OF SACSEA, AS FOLLOWS: SONGLA (07 DEG13'N-100DEG
35'E) AND PRACHAUB GHIRIKHAN (11 DEG48'N-99DEG48'E).

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PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XX BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 48 - 29 MARCH 1945

"REPEATEDLY 3"

Targets: Singapore

Take-off: 280320 - 280523 Washington; (280720Z - 280923Z)

Time Over Target: 281224 - 281424 Washington; 290024 - 290224 Theatre;
(281624Z - 281824Z)

Aircraft: Total Mining 32

A/C Lost or Missing: None

Casualties: None

Mine Load: Each a/c carried a minimum of 5 MK 26-1 or MK 36-1 mines.

Tactics: Visual mining from an altitude of 3000 to 6000 feet.

Weather at Target: CAVU

Fighter Opposition: Nil

Flak: Moderate and inaccurate - automatic weapons fire from shore
and boats.

Claims: None

Observations: 3 AK's and 1 gunboat seen coming into Johore Straits on
course of 270 deg. at 281700Z. 30 to 40 sampans an-
chored at 01/20 N - 103/20 E. 3 possible AK's at 01/05 N
- 103/15E. App 12 unidentified vessels in Johore Straits.
2 large vessels, possible CA or BB seen at 05/40 N - 102/51
E on course of 135 deg. speed 20 knots.

Results: Excellent

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

As of 1615, 29 March 1945

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

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TO COMGEBOMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOM20 FROM COMAF 20

SUBJECT PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XX BOMBER COMMAND, OPERATION
NO.48, 29 MARCH 1945, REPEATDLY 2.

TARGET: SINGAPORE

TAKE-OFF: 280320-280523 WASHINGTON: (280720Z-280923Z)

TIME OVER TARGET: 281224-281424 WASHINGTON; 290024-290224 THEA-
TRE (281624Z-21QIWRZ)

AIRCRAFT: TOTAL MINING 32

A/C LOST OR MISSING: NONE

CASUALTIES: N

SW

AIRCRAFT; TOTAL MINING 32

A/C LOST OR MISSING: NONE

CASUALTIES: NONE

MINE LOAD: EACH A/C CARRIED A MINIMUM OF 5 MK 26-1 OR MK
36-1 MINES.

TACTICS: VISUAL MINING FROM AN ALTITUDE OF 3000 TO 6000
FEET.

WEATHER AT TARGET: CAVU

FIGHTER OPPOSITION: NIL

FLAK: MODERATE AND INACCURATE-AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE
FROM SHORE AND BOATS.

CLAIMS: NONE

OBSERVATIONS: 3 AK'S AND 1 GUNBOAT SEEN COMING INTO JOHORE
STRAITS ON COURSE OF 270 DEG AT 281700Z. 30 TO
40 SAMPANS ANCHORED AT 01/20 N 103/20 E.

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STRAITS ON COURSE OF 270 DEG AT 281700Z. 30 TO
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POSSIBLE AK'S AT 01/05 N103/15 E. APP 12 INIDE-
TIFIED VESSELS IN JOHORE STRAITS. 2 LARGE VESSELS
PLSSIBLE CA OR BB SEEN AT 05/40 N-102/51 E ON
COURSE OF 135 DEG, SPEED 20 KNOTS.

RESULTS: EXCELLENT.

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SUBJECT: SPC// RPT SPECIAL CONFERENCE. *Singapore Area*TELECON MESSAGE NUMBER D-2073 ((S E C R E T)) 03290637Z
SUBJECT: PRELIMI

NARY MISSION REPORT-

MISSION NO. 48 (DATA AS OF 290600 - ALL TIMES ZEBRA)

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM 20 TO: COMGENAF 20

1. DESIGNATION OF UNIT: 444TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP, XX BOMBER COMMAND
2. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT TAKING OFF: 33
3. TIME OF TAKE-OFF (FIRST TO LAST): ^{280320 - 280523} 280720 - 280923
4. TIME DOWN LAST PLANE (OF MAIN FORMATION): 290426
5. TIME OVER PRIMARY TARGET (FIRST AND LAST): ^{281224 - 281424 Wash} 281624 - 281824
6. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK ON PRIMARY TARGET: ^{290024 - 290224} 3000 - 6000 FEET
7. WEATHER OVER PRIMARY TARGET: CAVU
8. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT MINING (ALL TARGETS): 32
9. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT MINING PRIMARY: 32
10. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT FAILING TO MINE: 1 JETTISONED
11. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT LOST TO ENEMY OPPOSITION: 0
12. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT LOST TO ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT: 0
13. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT LOST BY ACCIDENT: 0
14. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT MISSING: 0
15. DISPOSITION OF MINES: (SHORT TONS AND ESTIMATED)
 - A. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON ALL TARGETS: 67.84
 - B. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON PRIMARY TARGET: 67.84
 - C. TOTAL TONNAGE JETTISONED: 2.12
16. OBSERVED RESULTS OF MINING: PRIMARY - EXCELLENT
17. METHOD OF MINING: PRIMARY - VISUAL
18. CASUALTIES: NIL
19. CALIMS: NIL
20. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: NIL - 1 AIRCRAFT MADE HALF-HEARTED PASS IN PRIMARY AREA
21. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT: PRIMARY - MODERATE AND INACCURATE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM SHORE AND BOATS
22. STATUS OF AIRCRAFT LANDED AT THEIR HOME BASE : ALL AIRCRAFT LANDED AT HOME BASE EXCEPT ONE LANDING AT COX'S BAZAAR AND NOW HOME
23. CREW OBSERVATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE ITEMS OF INTEREST:
 - A. 3 ABLE KINGS AND 1 GUNBOAT COMING INTO JOHORE STRAITS ON COURSE OF 270D AT 281700Z.
 - B. 30-40 SAMPANS ^{anchored} AT 01D20'N - 103D20'E ANCHORED.
 - C. 3 POSSIBLE ABLE KING AT 01D05'N - 103D15'E, COURSE AND SPEED NOT GIVEN.
 - D. CLUMP OF LIGHTS, POSSIBLE CONVOY AT ANCHOR, AT 09D15'N - 100D

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 - D. CLUMP OF LIGHTS, POSSIBLE CONVOY AT ANCHOR, AT 09D15'N - 100D 16'E.
 - E. APPROXIMATELY 12 UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS IN JOHORE STRAITS.
 - F. 2 LARGE VESSELS, REPORTED AS POSSIBLE CA OR BB SEEN AT 05D40'N - 102D51'E ON COURSE OF 135D SPEED 20 KNOTS.
24. THIS REPORT IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO REVISION. A FINAL INTELLIGENCE STATISTICAL SUMMARY WILL BE SENT ON D-DAY PLUS FOUR.

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TELECON MSG NO. <u>D-2107</u>	SUBJECT <u>Japanese Fighter Tactics - Mission No. 48</u>	DATE <u>2 April 1945</u>
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TO: <u>COMGENAF 20</u>	INFO:	FROM <u>COMGMBOMCOM 20</u>
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Following is a detailed description on enemy fighter opposition encountered on Mission No. 48.

JAPANESE FIGHTER TACTICS - MISSION NO. 48
Target: Singapore Area, Malaya
Time: Night mission Date: 28 March 1945

One B-29 was intercepted by an unidentified enemy aircraft at the primary target. The attack occurred at 1747Z, at 4500 feet altitude. The enemy plane was first sighted at a distance of approximately 650 yards when it opened fire and tracers were observed. The enemy did not press his attack; and our aircraft did not open fire. The B-29 was not damaged.

Another enemy aircraft was sighted in the primary target area, but was too far away for identification.

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