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MISSION #19 NAGOYA "HESITATION 2"  
Mitsubishi A/C Works  
14 Jan 1945

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G. C. AAR, by *Ray Baker*  
Ray G. Baker, Capt. A. C.

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Authority *NND 760 063*  
By *AB* NARA Date *9/19/05*

SPECIFIC SUBJECT	TYPE OF MESSAGE	MESSAGE NO.	DATE AND TIME RC'D	INITIALS
<p>(copying in Chinese)            Prop. Mission Against Communism</p>	<p>Telex</p>	<p>FN 12-70</p>	<p>12-07-53            (cont)</p>	<p>B9R</p>
<p>Directive for 14 Jan Mission</p>	<p>Telex</p>	<p>9-12-2</p>	<p>12 Jan</p>	<p>B9R</p>
<p>Wagayay Strike sent to MacArthur</p>	<p>Cable</p>		<p>12 Jan</p>	<p>B9R</p>

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OPTIONAL PRIORITY HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE 3500

12 January 1945

COL. CECIL E. COMBS


COMMANDER IN CHIEF, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA, LEYTE, PHILIPPINES

STRIKE OF TWENTY DASH FIRST BOMBER COMMAND UPON OKINAWA IS TOPSECRET  
SUBJECT PAREN TOPSEC CINCSWPA INFO DEPCOMAF TWENTY POA AND COMGENBOMCOM  
TWENTY DASH ONE FROM COMGEN AAF PAREN WEATHER FORECAST FOR FOURTEEN JANUARY  
INDICATES UNFAVORABLE BOMBING CONDITIONS WITH MORE ADVERSE WEATHER FORECAST  
FOR FIFTEEN JANUARY PD AT THE SAME TIME WEATHER FORECAST ON NAGOYA IS FAVOR-  
ABLE PD PARA WE PROPOSE THEREFORE TO ATTACK AIRCRAFT FACTORY AT NAGOYA ON  
THE FOURTEENTH PD AS SOON THEREAFTER AS WEATHER PERMITS ATTACK ON OKINAWA  
AIRFIELDS WILL BE MADE IF THE SITUATION IS STILL CRITICAL.

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TELECON MESSAGE G-12-2 (TOP SECRET)

SUBJECT: DIRECTIVE FOR 14 JAN. MISSION.

(TO CG BOMCOM XXI: INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 FROM COMGENAF 20)

Your telecon message FN-12-20 changes picture. In view of poor weather forecast, it would be inadvisable to attack Okinawa. Direct, therefore, you attack priority target in Nagoya, on the 14th and plan to attack Okinawa as soon thereafter as weather permits unless otherwise directed.

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-12-20 TOP SECRET 120752Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO: COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20

NBR 0759

SUBJECT: COOPERATIVE MISSION AGAINST OKINAWA.

1. In reply to your Telecon Message No. G-10-3, whereas we are most anxious to assist General MacArthur in his present critical operation, I doubt the value of the operation against airfields at Okinawa and I believe that a greater contribution would be through continued attacks on Japan proper, thus holding Japanese air forces at home and continuing to reduce Japanese air power through destruction of aircraft factories. The potential striking power of our forces may be materially reduced by necessity to perform cooperative missions such as Okinawa. The necessity to execute such missions on fixed dates usually prevents selection of best weather periods. Results obtained by radar bombing methods on such mission are usually of little value. This mission is at the direct exclusion of an attack on aircraft factories at Nagoya where the prediction is for clear weather.

2. As reported earlier this morning the Okinawa weather forecast for 14 January indicates approximately 7/10 cloud coverage at low and medium levels. Forecast for 15th is even more adverse. Due to necessity of conducting strike as early as possible in order that support may be rendered to General Mac Arthur's operations, I have scheduled strike for 14 Jan. I do not feel encouraged concerning effectiveness of this strike in view

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of current weather predictions.

3. In compliance with your instructions, results of Okinawa strike will be assessed carefully and forwarded with my comments and recommendations of such attacks in general.

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21  
QUOTE TELECON MSG FN-16-1 OPER PRTY (SECRET) 152348Z

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FROM: BOM COM 21

TO : COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM 20

SUBJECT: INFO REQUIRED ON HESITATION 2, X X BC

1. REFER TO YOUR G-14-10, SUBJECT AS ABOVE.
2. THIS INFORMATION PASSED IN OUR FN-13-9, SUBJECT "BRIEF OF FIELD ORDER-HESITATION NO. 2", WHICH WAS RECEIPTED FOR AT RELAY STATION 130729Z AND IN OUR FN-14-6, SUBJECT "BOMB LOAD HESITATION 2", WHICH WAS SENT 140928Z.
3. THIS INFORMATION IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE FINAL MISSION REPORT, PARAGRAPHS 16 AND 17, WHICH FOLLOWS.
4. THE BOMB LOAD FOR EACH AIRCRAFT ON HESITATION NO. 2 WAS TEN (10) 500M LB. G. P. BOMBS FUSED ONE-TENTH (.1) SEC. NOSE, ONE-HUNDREDTH (.01) TAIL.

5. THIS MESSAGE DISPATCHED FROM CONTROL ROOM XXI

BOMBER COMMAND 152338Z.

END.

TOD:160012Z JAW.

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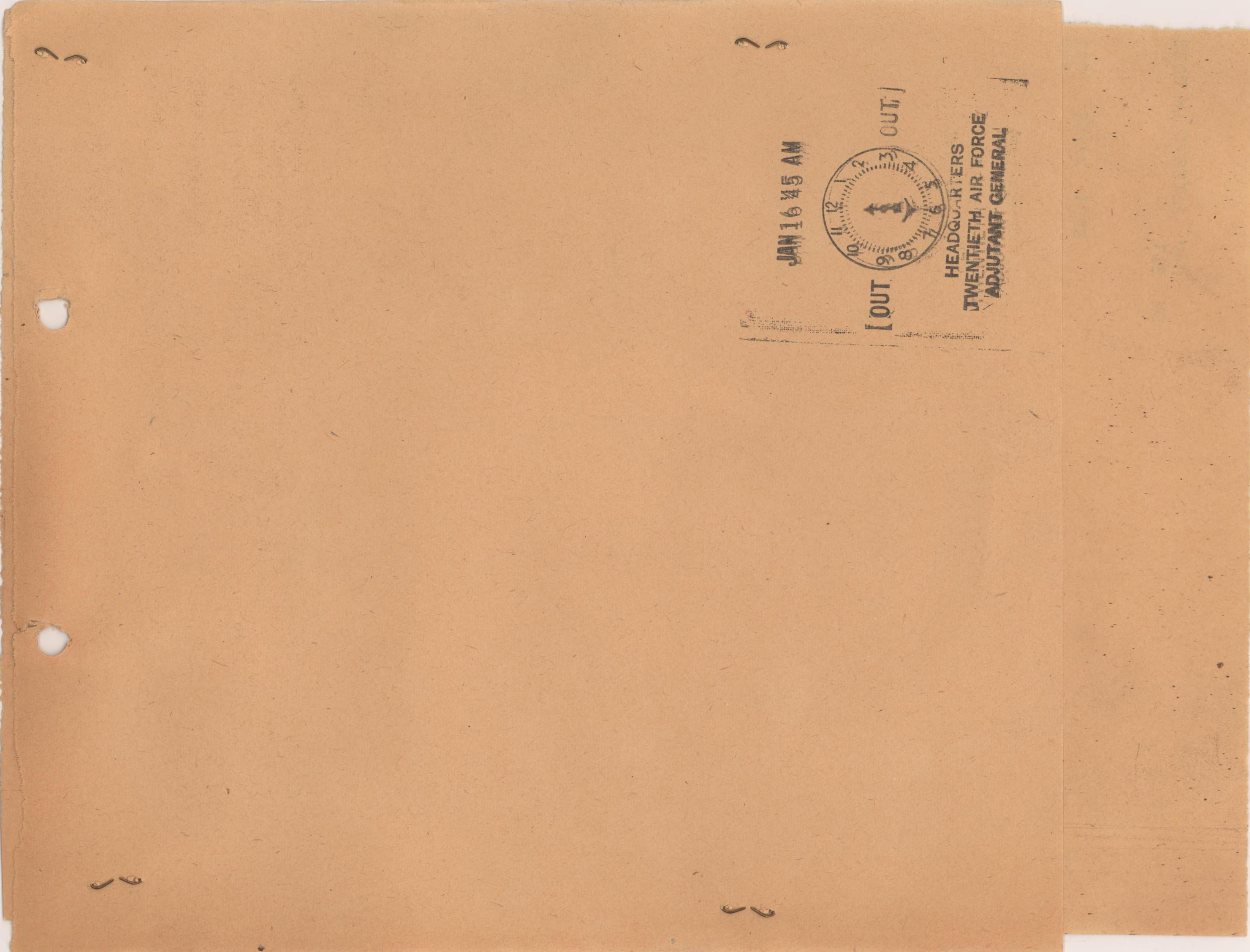
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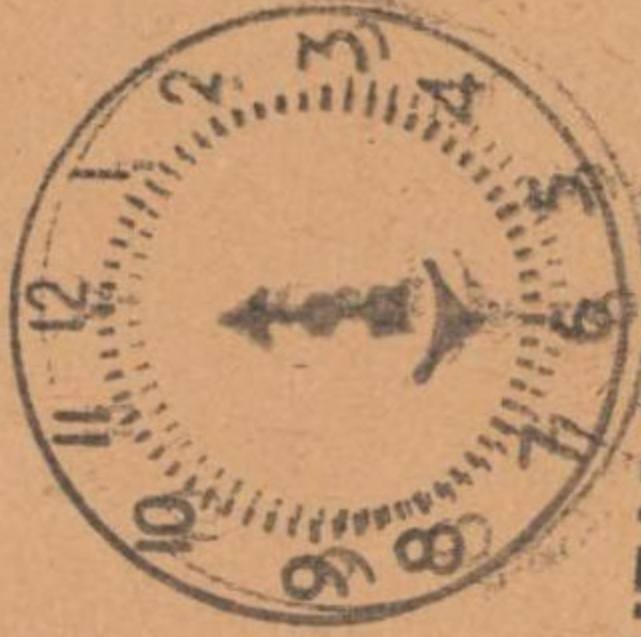
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BLECON MSG FN-14-6 OP OP OP ~~TOP~~ SECRET 140928Z

FROM 21 BOM COM

TO COM GEN 20 AF

INFO DEP COM 20 AF

BOMB LOAD ON HESITATION TWO. TEN 500 LBS GP BOMB FUSED 0.1 SEC  
NOSE AND .01 SEC TAIL. END

THIS MESSAGE DEPARTED CONTROL ROOM 140928Z

END

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TOD: 141110Z WCK

ROGER FN-14-6 141110Z JLB

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TELECON MSG FN-13-20 OP OP ~~TOP~~ SECRET 131055Z

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FROM: 21 BOM COM  
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TO : CG 20 AF

DEP COM 20 AF

INDO: CTF 94 CTU 30.5.2 CTU 94.4.1  
CTF 93 CTU 94.4.2  
CTG 17.7 CTU 30.5.3  
CTG 93.2 CTU 93.1.1

BT

NR 0873

CORRECTION ON BRIEF OF FIELD ORDER REVISION TWO. TAKE OFF  
FIRST PLANE SHOULD READ 132135Z END

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TMD:132120Z JAW  
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TOD 132208Z MR

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-13-9 (TOP SECRET) 130710Z (OPERATIONAL PRIORITY)  
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FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMGENAF20, DEPCOMAF20  
INFO: CTF 94 CTF 93 CTG 17.7 CTG 93.2 CTU 30.5.2 CTU 94.4.2

CTU 30.5.3 CTU 93.1.1

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NBR: 0839

SUBJECT: BRIEF OF FIELD ORDER - HESITATION NO. 2

APPROXIMATELY 77 B-29'S SCHEDULED AGAINST HESITATION NO. 2 ON

14 JAN 45. COURSE SAIPAN 1700N - 14400E TO 2400N - ~~14400E~~ ~~TOP SECRET~~

3300N - 13500E TO TARGET. ALL RETURNING 2600N - 14000E TO BASE

TAKE OFF FIRST PLANE 132045Z OVER TARGET 140440Z ETA BASE 141040Z

SECONDARY TARGET: NONE. LAST RESORT: ANY INDUSTRIAL CITY.

TARGET WILL BE ATTACKED BY SQUADRONS IN COLUMN AT BASE ALTITUDE

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29,000 FT. ATTACKING, GENERALLY TO THE EAST. LIFE GUARD

SUBMARINE, DUMBO AND DESTROYER REQUESTED. BOMB LOAD MAXIMUM LOAD

500 LB GP BOMB FUZED 1/10 SEC NOSE AND 1/00 SEC TAIL FUSE.  
(CORRECTION IN ABOVE LINE SHLD RD TO 01/100 SEC TAIL FUSE.)

END

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TOD: 130729Z FER  
ROGER FN-13-9 130729Z HS TNX  
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TELECON MSG FN-04-5 OP SECRET OP OP 040405Z

FROM COM GEN XXI BC

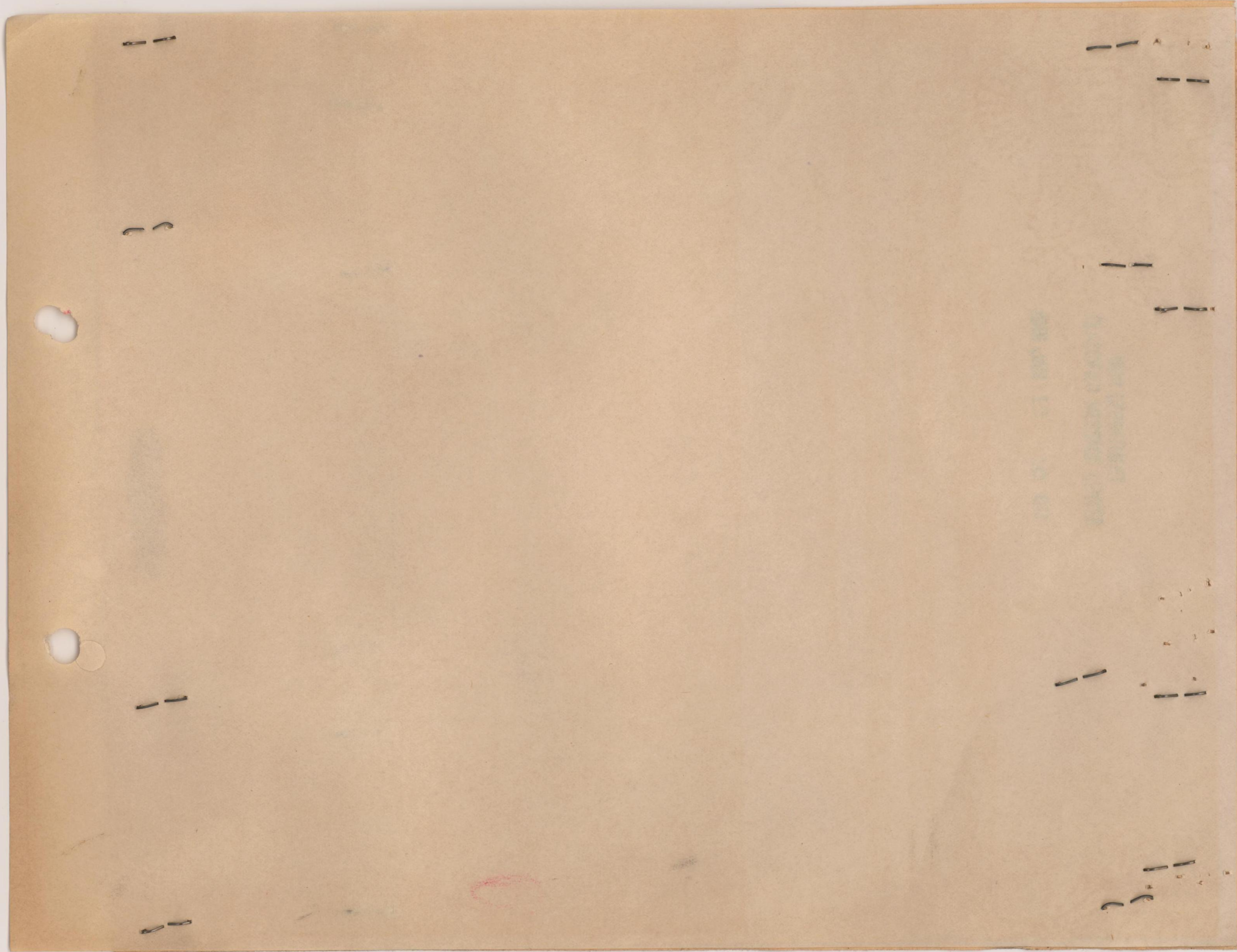
TO COM GE AF 20

INFO DEP COM GEN AF 20 POA

SUBJECT: AIMING POINTS. REFERENCE G-2-7.

AIMING POINTS FOR MISSION 19,20 AND 22 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MISSION 19- HESITATION NO 2 MPI BUILDING, 3PR4M17-2:8. *note to make*  
AT GRID COORDINATES V3.8-H1.6 - Nagoya - *Mitsubishi*



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TELECON MESSAGE FN-12-29 (12/29) S E C R E T) 122315Z (OPER-PRTY)

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FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20 INFO: DEPCOMAF20

XXI B 0798 SUBJECT: HESITATION TWO.

1. YOUR G-12-2 IS ACKNOWLEDGED. OKINAWA STRIKE WILL BE DELAYED AND

STRIKE AGAINST TARGET DAU WILL BE EXECUTED ON 14 JAN 45. THIS MISSION ✓

WILL BE DESIGNATED HESITATION TWO. EXPECT TO DISPATCH EIGHT SQUADRONS *88ale*

OF APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN A/C EACH. (TO ARNOLD INFO HARMON FROM HANSELL)

2. COMMUNICATIONS WITH SAIPAN HAVE AGAIN FAILED. ~~THE~~ GENERAL

HANSELL NOW PROCEEDING TO SAIPAN TO DIRECT OPERATIONS OF HESITATION

TWO.

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TOD:122334Z RJ

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*Mitsubishi surge assembly plant*

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TO: COMGENBOMCOM 200

FROM : FXX COMGENAF 20

SUBJECT: XXI BOMCOM MISSION NO.19

*Relay*

73 AIRCRAFT O XX OF XXI BOMCOM AIRBORNE STARTING AT 132130Z  
LAST AT 132218Z. PRIMARY TARGET IS MITSUBISHI AIRCRAFT ASSEMBLY  
PLANT AT NAGOYA.

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TOD 01141133Z

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ROGER 140337Z

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TELECON MSG FN-14-3 OPNSECRET 140030Z

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TO COM GENNAF 20

INFO DEP COM AF 20

CTF 93 CTG 93.2

CTF 94 CTG 17.7

CTF 94.4.2 CTG 30.5.2

MESSAGE 0891

FIRST ACFT AIRBORNE AT 132130Z ON HESITATION TWO PD TARGET

WEATHER EXPECTED ?/10 LOW CLOUD AND 2/10 CIRRUS. BAFE WEATHER

EXCELLENT EXCEPT SCATTFRED LIGHT SHOWERS LATER AFTERNOON. ROUTE

EXCELLENT EXCEPT BJND OF SHOWER JUST NORTH OF BASE. BAND 100-150

MILES WIDE, CLOUD BASE 500 FEET VISIBILITY 1 MILE IN FREQUENT

SHOWERS.

TOD:140315Z TAS/JAW.

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TOD 140337Z RR

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Chief of STAFF	
Deputy C. of S. Adm.	
Deputy C. of S. Opr.	
A. G.	

From: CG, 21st Bomber Command, Guam

To: Deputy Commander, 20th Air Force, Hickam Field, HI  
CTF 93  
CTF 94  
CTU 94.4.2  
CTG 93.2  
CTG 17.7  
CTG 30.5.2  
CTG 30.5.3

No: 0925

14 January 1945

COMAF 20th.

0925 from XXI BOM COM to COM GEN AF 20th info Dep

Bomb-away report HESITATION two.

Primary target bombed by radar through solid over-  
cast at 140546Z. From Control Room XXI BOM COM at 140603Z  
this message was dispatched.

End.

This message received by AGWAR as retransmission  
by Hickam Field under DTG 141120Z.

Corrected copy of CM-IN-12956 (14 Jan 45) CG AAF  
ACTION: CG AAF

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CM-IN-13074 (14 Jan 45) DTG 140610Z bjm

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From: CG, Staff Bomber Command, Guam

To: Deputy Commander, SOB Air Force, Hickam Field, HI

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From: Headquarters 21st Bomber Command Guam  
To : War Department  
Deputy Commander 20th Air Force, Hickam Field TH  
No : 0925 14 January 1945  
Com AF 20 0925 from XXI Bom Com to Com Gen AF 20 info Del

Bomb away report HESITATION 2. Primary target  
bombed by radar through solid overcast at 140546Z. From  
control room XXI Bom Com at 140603Z this message was dispatched

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ACTION: CG AAF

CM-IN-12956 (14 Jan 45) DTG 14/NFT bjm

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK  
FROM: SAC, PHOENIX  
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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By authority of  
CG Twentieth AF

Copy For Gen. Norstad \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_  
Officer \_\_\_\_\_

14 Jan 45  
Date Initials

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Washington, D. C.

Information for Briefing on XXI Bomber Command  
Mission No. 19 - 14 January 1945  
Date

Mission Code Name "HESITATION 2" (As of 1300Z - 14 Jan 45)  
Date

Targets: Primary - Mitsubishi Aircraft Assembly Plant, Nagoya, Japan

Secondary - None

Last Resort - Urban Industrial Areas

Take-off Times: First off at 132130Z - Last off at 132218Z

Time Over Primary Target: \_\_\_\_\_

Tactics: Daylight precision bombing by squadrons from base alt of 29,000 ft.

Aircraft XXXXXXXXXX Heard From 60

Primary Target - 41 (6 visually - 35 by radar)

Secondary Target - \_\_\_\_\_

Other Targets - 19 (18 a/c visually - 1 radar)

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lbs GP bombs fused 0.1 sec nose and .01 sec tail

Losses: None reported lost but possibly 2 a/c ditched - 6 survivors seen -  
Destroyer enroute to rescue

Target Weather: 6 a/c - 1/10; 35 a/c - 8/10 to 10/10

Fighter Opposition: Moderate

Anti-Aircraft Encountered: Inaccurate to accurate and moderate

Results of Bombing: Unobserved at Primary, heavy explosions seen at last  
resort.

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

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-14-17 OPERATIONAL PRIORITY SECRET 141146Z  
FROM HQ 21ST BOMCOM

TO: COMGENAF 20

INFO: DEPCOM 20

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SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED IN FLIGHT REPORT, S-20, HESITATION NO.2,

Y 14 JANUARY 1945.

NR. 0959

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REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED UP TO INCLUDE 141100Z ACCOUNTING FOR  
60 B-29'S BOMBING AS FOLLOWS:

PRIMARY TARGET: 41 A/C, 35 BOMBING BY RADAR, 6 VISUALLY. ALL WITH  
UNOBSERVED RESULTS. FLAK: 16 A/C SLIGHT-INACCURATE, 1 A/C MODERATE-  
INACCURTE, 16 A/C MODERATE ACCURATE, 8 A/C NO FLAK. ENEMY AIR  
OPPOSITION: 33 A/C MEDIUM; 8 A/C SLIGHT.

CLOUD COVER: 6 A/C 1/10, 1 A/C 8/10, 24 A/C 9/10, 10 A/C 10/10.  
NO A/C REPORTED LOST.

LAST RESORT TARGETS: 10 A/C BOMBED VISUALLY. RESULTS: HEAVY EXPLOSIONS.  
FLAK: SLIGHT INACCURATE. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: MEDIUM. CLOUD COVER:  
3/10. NO A/C REPORTED LOST.

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TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: 9 A/C. 8 A/C BOMBED VISUALLY, 1 A/C  
BOMBED BY RADAR. ALL WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. FLAK: 3( )8&E5-INACCURATE,  
6 NO FLAK. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: 1 A/C SLIGHT, 8 A/C NIL. CLOUD COVER:  
3 A/C 6/10, 5 A/C 9/10, 1 A/C NONE. NO A/C REPORTED LOST.

ALTHO NOT REPORTED ABOVE MESSAGE, IT IS KNOWN AT THIS HEADQUARTERS  
THAT TWO (2) B-29'S HAVE DITCHED. AN AIRCRAFT IS CIRCLING ONE POSITION  
WHERE 6 SURVIVORS ARE SEEN. A DESTROYER IS ENROUTE TO RESCUE THIS  
PERSONNEL.

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THIS MESSAGE DISPATCHED FROM 21 BOMCOM CONTROL ROOM AT 141146Z

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TOD 141310Z WCK

ROGER YOUR G-14-4 14'7/180/857\$5)/ ?37:QF E  
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TELECON MESSAGE FN-14-  
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141027Z 18 JAN 45

FROM: XXI BOM COM

TO : COM GEN 20TH AF

INFO: DEP COM GEN 20TH AF

NR. 0957

TELECON CIRCUITS BETWEEN GUAM AND SAIPAN HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY UNSATISFACTORY FROM 140615Z TO 141000Z. MANY MESSAGES GARBLED AND WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO MAINTAIN CONTACT. ALL MESSAGES FROM SAIPAN HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY AIR COURIER OR VHF TELEPHONE. THE FOLLOWING IS A CONSOLIDATION OF IN FLIGHT REPORTS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RECEIVE UNDER THESE CONDITIONS:

SIX "IN FLIGHT" REPORTS COVERING BOMBING BY 28 A/C.

15 A/C BOMBED THE PRIMARY - 6 VISUALLY AND 9 BY RADAR  
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UNOBSERVED RESULTS. ANTI-AIRCRAFT INACCURATE TO ACCURATE AND MODERATE. MEDIUM E/A OPPOSITION. 6 A/C REPORT 1/10 CLOUD AND 9 REPORT 8-9/10. 10 A/C BOMBED ONE LAST RESORT VISUALLY THROUGH 3/10 CLOUD WITH SLIGHT INACCURATE ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE AND MEDIUM E/A OPPOSITION. 3 A/C BOMBED TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY VISUALLY THROUGH 9/10 CLOUD WITH NO ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE REPORTED AND SLIGHT E/A OPPOSITION.

OUR NEXT MESSAGE WILL BE "CONSOLIDATED IN FLIGHT" REPORT. AS EMERGENCY MEASURE, WE HAVE HAD TWO B-24'S WITH CREWS STANDING BY AT GUAM AND TWO B-24'S STANDING BY AT SAIPAN FOR PURPOSE OF RELAYING MESSAGES BETWEEN HEADQUARTERS. MESSAGE ORIGINATED THIS HEADQUARTERS

141027Z.

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TELECON MESSAGE NR. G-14-1

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TO BOMCOM 21 INFORMATION: DEPCOMGEN AF 20  
FROM COMGEN AF 20

SUBJECT: URGENT QUERY ON HESITATION 2

DO YOU HAVE ANY BOMBS AWAY REPORTS OR IN FLIGHT REPORTS? HIGHLY DE-  
SIREABLE TO MAKE RELEASE OF BOTH XXI AND XX BOMCOM MISSIONS AS CLOSE  
TOGETHER AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE SHOOT TO US BOMBS AWAY IN FLIGHT  
REPORTS AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

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TOD:

TOD 140815Z WCR JLB

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Washington, D. C.

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By Authority of  
CG Twentieth AF

15 Jan 1945  
Date Initials  
*ACF*

PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBING COMMAND

73rd BOMBING OPERATION NO. 19 - 14 January 1945

MISSION 2"

✓ Targets: Primary - Mitsubishi A/C Works, Nagoya  
Take-off: 131730 - 131818 Washington (132130Z - 132218Z)  
Time of Attack: 141439 - 141527 Theater, 140139 - 140227 Washington,  
(140539Z - 140627Z)

✓ Aircraft: Total Bombing 68  
Primary 43  
Other Targets 25

Aircraft Lost or Missing:

1 a/c ditched at Sumisu-Shima (31° 26'N - 139° 04'E)  
1 a/c ditched on return 100 miles from Hachico Shima  
1 a/c crashed near Marianas - 4 survivors seen - destroyer  
sent to rescue them  
1 a/c ditched near Marianas - Air Sea Rescue searching area  
for survivors

Casualties:

0 killed, 8 wounded, 40 missing

Bomb Load:

10 X 500 lbs GP Bombs fused 0.1 sec. nose & .01 sec. tail

✓ Bombs Dropped:

157 tons dropped of which 107.50 tons dropped on primary

✓ Tactics:

Daylight precision bombing at an altitude of 28,000 -  
32,700 ft.

✓ Weather:

Primary - 8/10 - 10/10 cloud, winds 160/170 knots from 280°

✓ Fighter Opposition:

3 squadrons reported heavy, 1 squadron - moderate, 3  
squadrons - slight. 1 squadron reported as many as 165 F/A  
attacks. Several squadrons reported coordinated, aggressive  
attacks.

- Flak:

Moderate to Nil and generally inaccurate

- Injury Claims:

17 destroyed, 12 probably destroyed, 37 damaged

Results:

Unobserved due to overcast

Remarks:

This information is fragmentary and subject to change, there-  
fore, should not be used for official records.

As of 0800, 15 January 1945

*J. K. Norstad*  
J. K. NORSTAD  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army  
Chief of Staff

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SECTION	DATE
COMBAT OPERATIONS	14 Jan 1945

## TELECON MESSAGE FORM

MEMORANDUM TO: The Adjutant General, Twentieth Air Force
SUBJECT: Transmittal of TELECON message

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ORIGINATOR **Capt Rosenberg** TELEPHONE

TELECON MESSAGE NO.  TOP SECRET  SECRET  CONFIDENTIAL  RESTRICTED

TITLE: **Preliminary Mission Report No. 20, HESITATION NO. 2 of XXI BC**

TO: **ComGen BomCom 20** FROM: **Com Gen AF 20**

**Targets:** Primary - Mitsubishi A/C Works, Negoya  
Last Resort - Any Industrial City

Take off Time - 132130Z - 132218Z

Time over Target - 140539Z - 140627Z

Altitude: 28,800 ft to 32,700 ft

Weather over Primary: 8/10 - 10/10 cloud, visibility 2-15 mi, winds 160-170 knots from 280 degrees

Aircraft:

Total Bombing 68

Primary 43 (35 Radar, 8 visually)

Other Targets 25 (20 Visual)

Aircraft lost or missing: 4 a/c lost

- 1 a/c ditched at 3128N - 13904 E - B-29 searching area
- 1 a/c ditched on return 100 miles, bearing 270 deg from Hachico Shima - B-29 searching area
- 1 a/c crashed in flames 1755N - 14410E - 4 survivors seen - destroyer sent to rescue them
- 1 a/c ditched 1655 N - 14515 E - Air Sea Rescue searching area for survivors

Bomb Load:

Bomb Tons Dropped:

Results:

Casualties:

Fighter Opposition:

AA:

Estimated Claims: 17 destroyed, 12 probably destroyed, 37 damaged

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QUOTE  
TELECOM MESSAGE FN-15-9 OP SECRET 150326Z  
T-WAR  
FROM COM GEN BOM COM 21  
TO COM GEN AF 20

INFO DEP COM AF 20

SUBJECT: YOUR UNNUMBERED QUERY ON OUR TELECON FN-14-25 RE TOTAL A/C BOMBING AND INFO ON 2 F-13S.

1. OUR PRELIMINARY REPORT SHOWS 43A/C BOMBED PRIMARY, 6 A/C BOMBED TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY, 19 A/C BOMBED LAST RESORT TARGETS

AND 6 A/C WERE EARLY RETURNS. DISCREPANCY BEING CHECKED.

BELIEVE WING INCLUDED 1 A/C WHICH DITCHED PRIOR TO REACHING

TARGET AS HAVING BOMBED. INFORMATION WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

2. TWO F-13 A/C WERE ON PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS 13 - 14. ONE TO KOBE QH OSAKA - AKASHI AREA. ABORTED PRIOR TO REACHING MAINLAND. THE OTHER TO NAGOYA - TOKYO AREA. MISSION REPORT WILL FOLLOW. WERE NOT PART OF STRIKE MISSION.

THIS MESSAGE ORIGINATED 21 BOM COM 159320Z.

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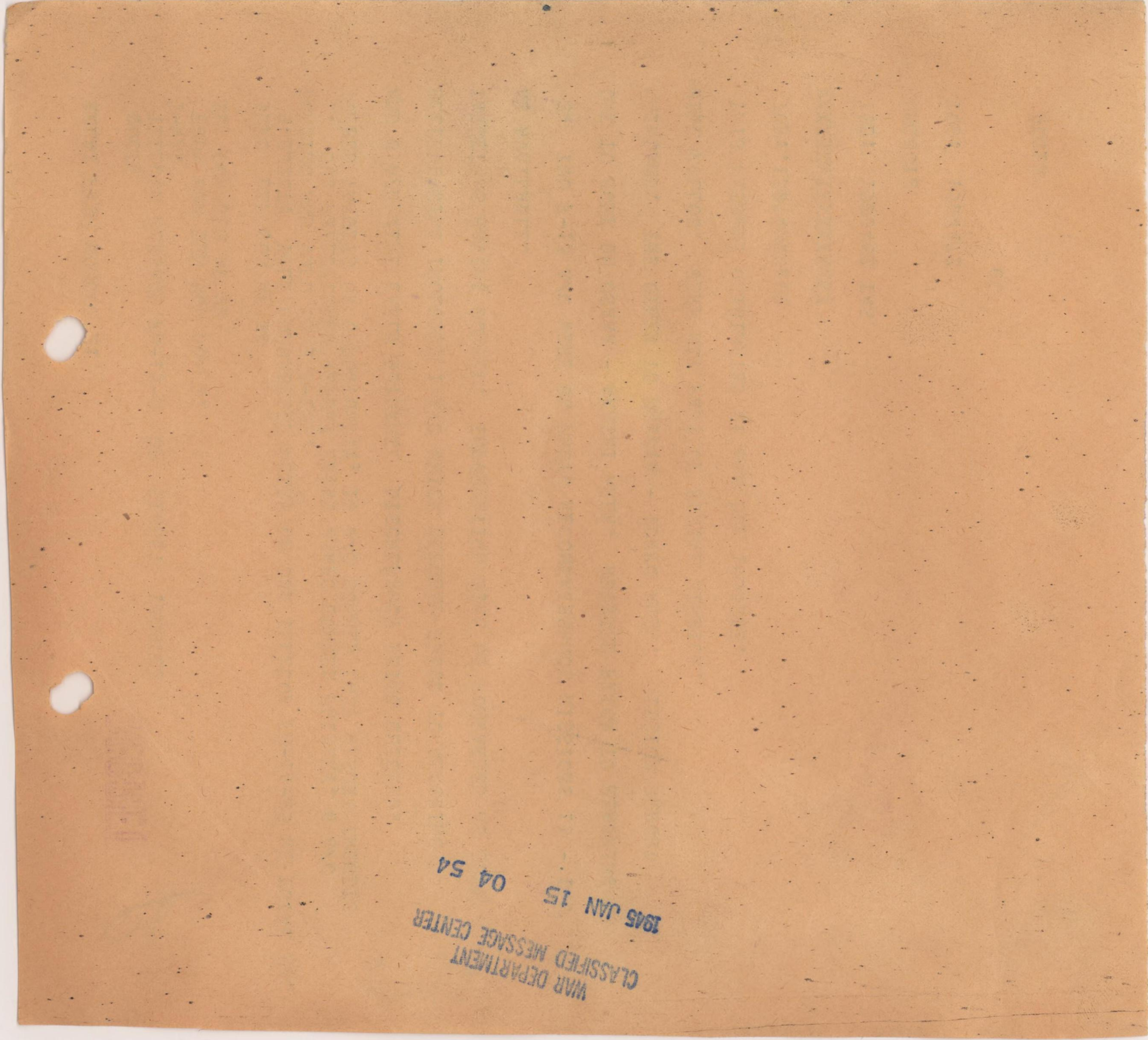
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TELECON MSG FN-14-42 OP OP SECRET 142020Z

FROM: COM GEN BOM COM 21

TO : COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM 20

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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT, S-20, HESITATION NO. 2, 14 JAN 19  
0965

1. PRIMARY TARGET: MITSUBISHI A/C WORKS, NAGOYA, KOKUKI PLANT  
90.20-194, NAGOYA.

2. SECONDARY TARGET: NONE.

3. LAST RESORT TARGET: ANY INDUSTRIAL CITY (SEE APPENDIX A)

4. TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: KOCHI AIRFIELD, 3320N - 13315E

SHIRAHAMA NAVAL BASE, 3340N - 13525E

AIOSAKI PENSULA, 3420N - 13655E

IO SHIMA AIRFIELD, 3350N - 13450E

5. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 43 B-29'S DROPPED <sup>47.5</sup> 430 X 500 LB GP BOMBS,  
35 A/C BOMBED BY RADAR AND 8 VISUALLY, THROUGH 8/10 - 10/10 CLOUD FROM  
29,100 TO 32,000 FEET FROM 140539Z TO 140627Z.

6. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: NONE.

7. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: 19 B-29'S DROPPED 190 X 500 LB GP ON ~~ON~~

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UM A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: 19 B-29'S DROPPED <sup>47.5</sup> 190 X 500 LB GP ON

THE FOLLOWING LISTED TARGETS, 16 VISUALLY, 2 BY RADAR AND 1 BY DEAD

RECKONING:

NO.	A/C	TARGET	METHOD	CLOUD COVER	TIME	ALTITUDE
4		SHINGUI	3 VISUAL	9/10	140549Z	32,000
		3340N - 13559E	1 VISUAL	0/10	140535Z	28,800
2		MATSUZAKA	1 VISUAL	8/10	140545Z	32,700
		3433N - 13632E	1 RADAR	8/10	140550Z	31,000
1		TANABA	1 RADAR	10/10	140538Z	30,500
		3340N - 13523ES				
1		CITY OF NAGOYA	DEAD			
		RECKON'G		10/10	140535Z	30,000

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11 HAMAMATSU VISUAL 6/10 140619Z 30,000

3445N - 13740E

8. A/C ATTACKING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: 6 B-29'S DROPPED 60 X 500 LB GP, 4 VISUALLY, 1 BY RADAR, 1 BY ETA

NO. A/C	TARGET	METHOD	CLOUD COVER	TIME	ALTITUDE
1	AIRFIELD UNDER CONSTRUCTION	VISUAL	7/10	140627Z	25,000
1	3437N - 13707E	VISUAL	3/10	140805Z	22,000
1	CHICHI JIMA	VISUAL	10/10	140543Z	22,500
1	2707N - 14211E	ETA	8/10	140530Z	32,000
1	IO SHIMA AIRPORT	RADAR			
1	JEFTPN - 13450E				
1	SHIRAHAMA NAVAL BASE				
1	3340N - 13525E				
1	AIOSAKI PENINSULA	VISUAL	6/10	140542Z	31,000
1	3420N - 13655E	Visual	7/10	140550Z	32,000

9. NO. A/C TAKING OFF: 73 B-29'S WERE AIRBORNE 132130Z (FIRST A/C)

132218Z (LAST A/C)

10. NO. A/C EARLY RETURNS: 6.

11. NO. A/C LOST OR MISSING: R4 B-29'S ARE MISSING: NO B-29'S OVER TARGET B-29'S DITCHED ON WAY BACK: 1 B-29 CRASHED ON ROUTE OUT. (SEE TELECON MESSAGE SUBJECT: "A/C LOST, HESITATION NO.2.")

12. BOMBING RESULTS: PRIMARY: CREWS REPORT RESULTS UNOBSERVED DUE TO OVERCAST. TWPTAMTYWPRMDEA I

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13. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: KILLED:0. WOUNDED:8 MISSING: 40.

14. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITON 3 SQUADRONS REPORT HEAVY. 1 SQUADRON REPORTS MODERATE. 3 SQUADRONS REPORT SLIGHT. 1 SQUADRON REPORTED AS MANY AS 165 E/A ATTACKS SEVERAL SQUADRONS REPORTED COORDINATED, AGGRESSIVE ATTACKS.

15. ANTI AIRCRAFT FIRE: 4 SQUADRONS REPORT MODERATE. 2 SQUADRONS REPORT MEAGER. ( 1 SQUADRON REPORTS NIL. ACCURATE TO INACCURATE, GENERALLY INACCURATE.

16. FIGHTER SUPPORT: NONE.

17 WEATHER: PRIMRY: VISIBILITY 2-15 MILES, WINDS 160-170 KNOTS FROM 280 DEGREES 8/10 TO 10/10 CLOUD. LAST RESORT: VARYING CAVU TO 10/10 CLOUD TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: 6/10 TO 10/10 CLOUD. (ENROUTE TO AND BACK FROM TARGET)/ 5/10 TO 9/10 UNDERCAST. VISIBILITY 8 MILES TO UNLIMITED. WINGS AVERAGING 15 KNOTS FROM 20 DEGREES TO 90 DEGREES. SOME FROSTING OVER 20,000 FEET.

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18. IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS: NONE.

19. ESTIMATED CLAIMS: DESTROYED 17. PROBABLY DESTROYED 12. DAMAGED 37.

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TOD: 142214Z GG/TAS.

ROGER FN-14-42 142214Z RR.

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-15-1 OP OP (SECRET) 150009Z

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

SUBJECT: CORRECTION TO PRELIMINARY MISSIONS REPORT, S-20, HESITATION

22, 14 JAN 45.

NR: 0967

PARAGRAPH EIGHT ADD 1 A/C BOMBED KOCHI AIRFIELD 3320N-13315E

VISUAL 7/10 AT 140550Z 32,000 FT.

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TOD: 150020Z L JAW.

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TOD 150036Z HS

RECD TELECON MSG -FN-15-1 150036Z

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11 HAMAMATSU VISUAL 6/10 140619Z 30,000  
 3445N - 13740E

8. A/C ATTACKING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: 6 B-29'S DROPPED 60 X  
 500 LB GP, 4 VISUALLY, 1 BY RADAR, 1 BY ETA

NO. A/C	TARGET	METHOD	CLOUD COVER	TIME	ALTITUDE
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	JEFTPN - 13450E				
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 ROGER FN-14-42 142214Z RR.

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D.D.

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By authority of -  
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16 Jan 45  
(Date)

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WASHINGTON AND HONOLULU

Washington Parties

Lt. Col. Hewitt

Telecon No. FW-16-4

Honolulu Parties

Col. Ankenbrandt

Subject: FINAL MISSION REPORT, S-20, MISSTATION 2, 14 JANUARY 1945.

(From: COMGLIDA LCOL. 21 To: COMAF 20 Info: DEPOCAF 20)

1. Designation of Unit; 73rd Bombardment Wing.
2. Time of take off; First A/C: 132130Z Last A/C: 152218Z.
3. Time of return; First A/C: 141043Z Last A/C: 141359Z.
4. No. A/C taking off: 73
5. No. A/C attacking Primary Target: 40.
6. No. A/C attacking Secondary Target: 0.
7. No. A/C attacking Last Resort Targets: 20

LAST RESORT TARGETS

A. Serial No.	Target	Reason
3463	Shingu	Complete electrical failure
4771	See below	
4760	See below	
4607	See below	
3644	Small village north of Makizump	Radar in lead ship out. Lead turned over to Deputy Bombardier too busy firing guns to set up bombsight in time for Primary Target so passed over it without bombing.
3416	(34DE-43N-37DE-51E)	
4727		
4777	See above	Insufficient fuel
4544	See above	Lost formation
4614	See above	Left formation-low on fuel
3442	Tanabe	No. 1 turbo out-could not keep up
5244	Shingu	Too far behind to join the formation.
3453	Tanabe	Radar out, lead A/C
4650	Shingu	No. 4 engine rough-could not stay up with formation
3483	Matsuzaka	By dr- could not keep up with formation
4682	Matsuzaka	Followed 4682
4683	Shingu	Radar observer passed out from anoxia.
3491	Iagoya	
4661	Matsuzaka	
4651	Owashi	

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8. No. A/C attacking Targets of Opportunity: 5

A. Serial No.	Names of Targets of Opportunity	Altitudes	Time of Attack	Reason for not bombing Primary
4646	Airfield (34DL-37N-137DE)	25,000	140627Z	No. 4 engine runaway 0490 prop
3501	Chichi Xima (27DE-07N-142E111/3)	20,000	140805Z	Bombardier turned switch to safety position by mistake over target
4750	Dalo Saki Pen- insula (34DL-16N-134D:54E)	31,000	140542Z	Insufficient fuel
4644	Iwo Jima	25,000	140340Z	Fuel transfer malfunction
4792	Airfield on E Shima	22,500	140543Z	No. 1 engine lost 40 min. before IF.

9. No. A/C which failed to bomb Target: 8

A. Serial No.	Reason for not Bombing Primary
4627	Blown cylinder head on No. 2 engine
4592	Radar run initiated on Primary - bombardier cut off bomb racks because visual reference indicated run was incorrect.
4595	2 engines on fire, exploded as it hit water in ditching
4625	Excessive oil leak in No. 3 engine
3475	Racks malfunction
3495	Stood by D-29 that crashed in sea.
5222	Blown cylinder head in No. 2 engine
4753	Fuel transfer system malfunction.

10. No. A/C lost to flak: 0

11. No. A/C lost to L/A: 0

12. No. A/C lost by accident: 0

13. No. A/C lost by reasons unknown: 4

4595 crashed due to fire at 17DL-58E - 144DE-03E. Four survivors picked up by Navy.

4807 ditched at 31DL-26N -139DM-04E.

4647 ditched at 16DE-55N-144DE-15E. Six survivors picked up by BP.

4765 ditched at approximately 31DL-15N-139DL-20E.

14. Time of Attack: First A/C: 140539Z Last A/C: 140627Z.

15. Altitude of Attack: 29,1000 feet - 33,000 feet.

16. Bombs on each Target: Primary: 376 X 500 GP

Secondary: None

Last Resort: 200 X 500 GP

Opportunity: 50 X 500 GP

(1) Bomb loading:

730 X 500 GP

.1 nose, .01 tail fusing

(2) Bombs unaccounted for: 0

17. No. A/C jettisoning bombs: 12 A/C. 104 X 500 GP. 3 A/C jettisoned all their bombs, 3 A/C jettisoned 5 bombs each due to bomb rack malfunction over target, and 1 A/C jettisoned 9 bombs due to bomb rack malfunction over target. In the case of the A/C jettisoning partial loads, the remainder were dropped on either primary or last resort targets.

18. No A/C bringing bombs back: 0

19. Personnel casualties: killed: 0, seriously wounded: 2, slightly wounded: 6, missing: (10 others already rescued) 54.

20. Number enemy aircraft destroyed: 20. Probably destroyed: 14, damaged: 31.

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21. Remarks:

(1) Approximately 525 attacks with maximum intensity over target area. Predominate approach was from ahead, level to below. Attacks were generally aggressive and fire most accurate and intense yet encountered. Principal types attacking were Tony's, Tojo's, Zeke's, Nick's and Irving's. There were coordinated attacks.

(2) Flak: Flak was heavy, neager to moderate, accurate to inaccurate. Bursts were low, level, right, left and ahead. Fire was of the barrage, continuously pointed and predicted concentration types. 4 A/C were damaged by flak.

(3) A/C lost or in distress: See Paragraph 13.

(4) A/C seriously damaged or crashed on return: None

(5) A/C battle damage: 23 A/C

4 will be ready for combat within 2 days.

9 will be ready for combat within 3 days.

6 will be ready for combat within 4 days.

1 will be ready for combat within 5 days.

1 will be ready for combat within 7 days.

2 will be ready for combat within indefinite days.

(6) Observations:

(A) 1 BB, 3 merchant vessels, 8 to 12 smaller ships at Vargoa, (33 degrees 44'N - 135 degrees 20'E) observing A/C speed 195, altitude 30000.

(B) 9 Naval vessels in Haha Jima Harbor, observing A/C speed 177 altitude 20,000.

(C) 15 ships including BB, cruisers, tankers in harbor at (33 degrees 30'N - 135 degrees 40'E). Observing A/C speed 195, altitude 29,000.

(7) PI - First phase photo interpretation report from strike photos 14 January on target 194 follows:

20 burst with LPI 4000 feet east of AP caused some damage to unidentified plant adjoining target 194. Concentration of approximately 50 bursts visible 24,000 feet east of AP. 50 bursts visible on east edge of Litsuke, 8 miles east of Hamamatsu, 8 additional bombs dropped by aircraft in same formation visible in Moutian area near Litsuki. 7 bursts visible on Iwo Jima, one hitting east west runway, airfield No. 2. Six hitting south of airfield No. 2. Four A/C visible on airfield No. 1 and five A/C on airfield No. 2. Poor quality photos preclude complete assessment of A/C.

(8) Crew comments: None.

Narrative: Almost all details are given above. However, a few items could be added here. One A/C released only 5 bombs over the primary target and released the other 5 over Hamamatsu. This was counted as bombing the primary target. Another A/C salvaged 9 bombs shortly after the primary target, one bomb dropped on target. This A/C was counted as jettisoning.

DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: None

INFORMATION: CS: DC/S Opr (2 cys); A-2 (10 cys) A-5 Plans (2 cys) Operation Manual (2 cys)  
Stat Control (2 cys) A-A (1 c.) A-A (5 for file)

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

*Mission #19  
Missing etc  
XAI-BC*

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-16-17 P P P SECRET 160703Z

FROM XXI BOMBER COM

TO COMMANDING GENERAL 20 AF

AIRCRAFT LOSS REPORT NUMBER EIGHT FOR MISSION NUMBER NINETEEN

A B-29 42-24595

B CRASHED INTO SEA ENROUTE TO TARGET PD ACCOMPANYING AIRCRAFT OBSERVED FLAMES TRAILING FROM NUMBER THREE

FLAMES GREW LARGER AIRCRAFT LOST ALTITUDE UNTIL FLAMES ENGULFED ENTIRE AIRCRAFT AS IT CRASHED INTO SEA

C CRASHED AT ONE ~~SEVEN~~ <sup>17</sup> SEVEN DEGREES ~~FIVE EIGHT~~ <sup>58</sup> MINUTES NORTH ~~ONE~~

*142*  
FOUR ~~FOUR~~ DEGREES THREE MINUTES EAST

D DESTROYER PICKED UP FOUR CREW MEMBERS

A B-29 42-24807

B DITCHED DUE TO ENEMY ACTION, ~~CMA~~ LOST ~~ONE~~ ONE ENGINE OVER TARGET FROM ENEMY ACTION, ~~CMA~~ COULD NOT FEATHER THIS ENGINE AND AFTER WINDMILLING FOR SOME TIME THE PROPELLER CAME OFF, ~~CMA~~ FORCED TO FEATHER ANOTHER ENGINE AND LATER GAVE ONLY DITCHING POSITION

C DITCHED AT ~~THREE ONE~~ <sup>31</sup> DEGREES ~~TWO EIGHT~~ <sup>28</sup> MINUTES NORTH ~~ONE~~ <sup>139</sup> THREE ~~NINE~~ DEGREES FOUR MINUTES EAST

D UNKNOWN

A B-29 42124763

B DITCHED CMA REASON UNKNOWN, ~~PD~~ ONLY GAVE DITCHING POSITION

*23* *26*

C REPORTED TO HAVE DITCHED AT ~~THREE~~ THREE DEGREES FIVE ZERO MINUTES EAST

D UNKNOWN

A B-29 42-24647

B DITCHED, ~~CA~~ REASON UNKNOWN, ~~ED~~ ONLY MESSAGE RECEIVED STATED CREW WAS ABANDONING AIRCRAFT AND GAVE POSITION

C ~~FOUR~~ <sup>16</sup> DITCHED AT ONE ~~SIX~~ <sup>53</sup> DEGREES FIVE FIVE MINUTES NORTH ~~ONE~~ FIVE DEGREES ONE FIVE MINUTES EAST

D UNKNOWN

END

TOD: 160811Z CB

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TOD 162342Z NT

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TELECON MSG 15-C SECRET OP OP OP OP 142357Z

FROM: DEPCOMAF 20

TO : COMAF 20

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FROM: CINCPOA

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*Mission 19  
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*a/c lost remaining*

INFO: COMINCH COMGEN AAFPOA

OPERATIONS 14TH ((JAN)) X 12 PA ((L)) AU CORSAIRS HIT LIGHTHOUSE SUNK

BARGE BABLETHUAP X 1 CORSAIR LOST PILOT RESCUED X 4 SURVIVORS

B 29 STRIKE 14TH RESCUED BY DE MARSH X HIGH ALTITUDE SNOOPER

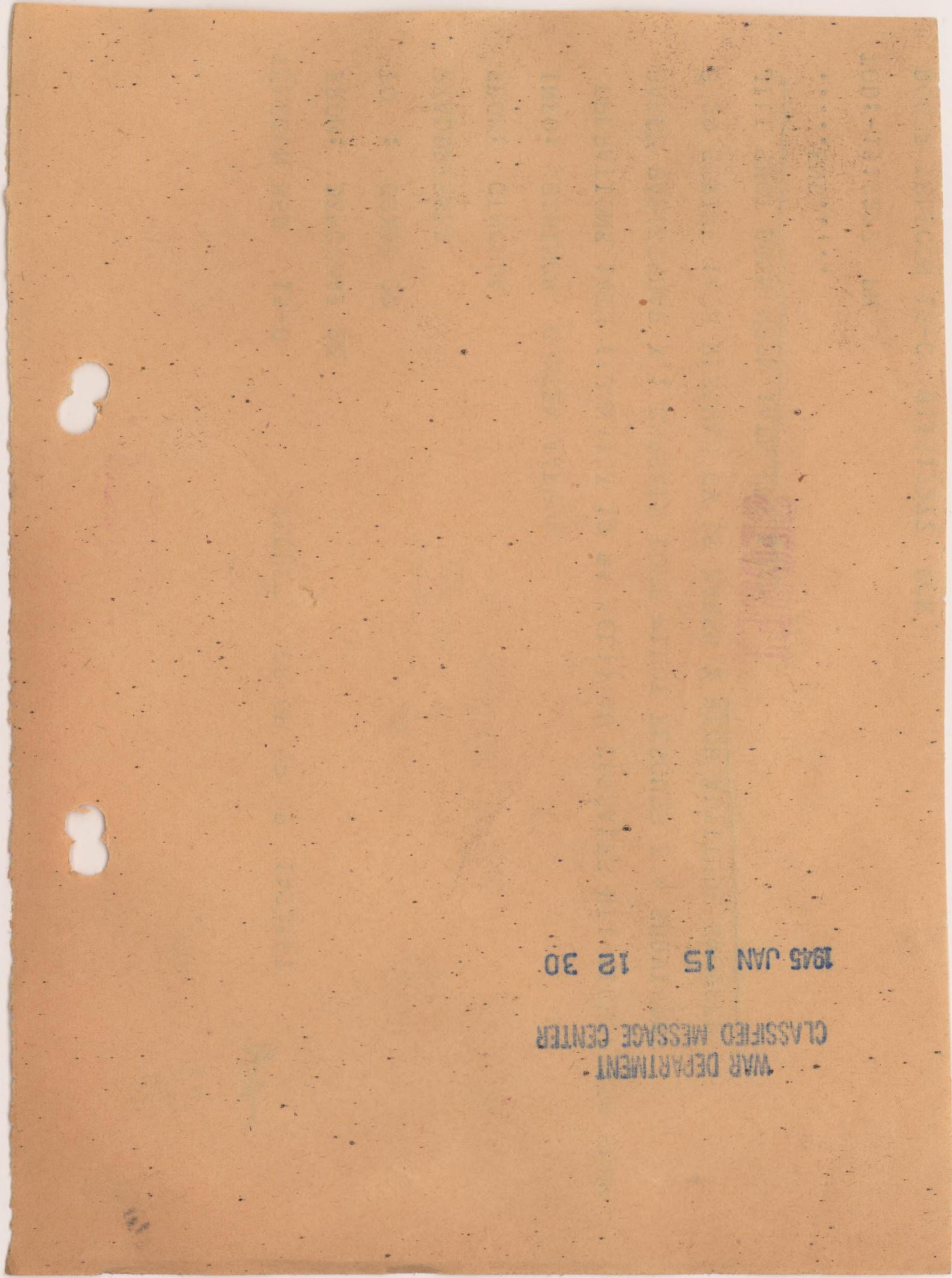
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ROGER TELECON 15-C 01151227Z WCR



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RELAY FROM COM GEN BOM COM 21  
QUOTE  
TELECON MSG FN-14-25 OP OP SECRET 141532Z

FROM: COM GEN BOM COM 21

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TO : COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM 20

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SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT, S-20, HESITATION NO. 2, 14 JANUARY 1945.

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NAME OF GROUP:	497TH	498TH	499TH	500TH
NO. LANDED HOME BASE:	19	21	20	8
NO. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE:	0	0	0	1

(ISLEY NO. 2)

TIMES OF LANDING: 2730 0430

FIRST AIRCRAFT: 141059Z 141137Z 141043Z 141206Z

LAST AIRCRAFT: 141240Z 141359Z 141153Z 141251Z

NUMBER MISSING: 2 1 1 0

497TH:

NO. 24807 - DITCHED 3128N - 13904E

NO. 24595 - DITCHED AT 141929Z POSITION 1758N - 14403E.  
SIX SURVIVORS BEING CIRCLED BY SEARCH PLANE WITH DD ENROUTE TO RESCUE.

498TH:

NO. 24763 - DITCHED. (POSITION NOT CLEAR IN WING REPORT)

499TH:

NO. 24763 - SOS RECEIVED CREW ABANDONING A/C AT 1655N -

14515E.

THIS MESSAGE DISPATCHED FROM 21 BOM COM CONTROL ROOM AT 141532Z.

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TOD 141731Z/HE

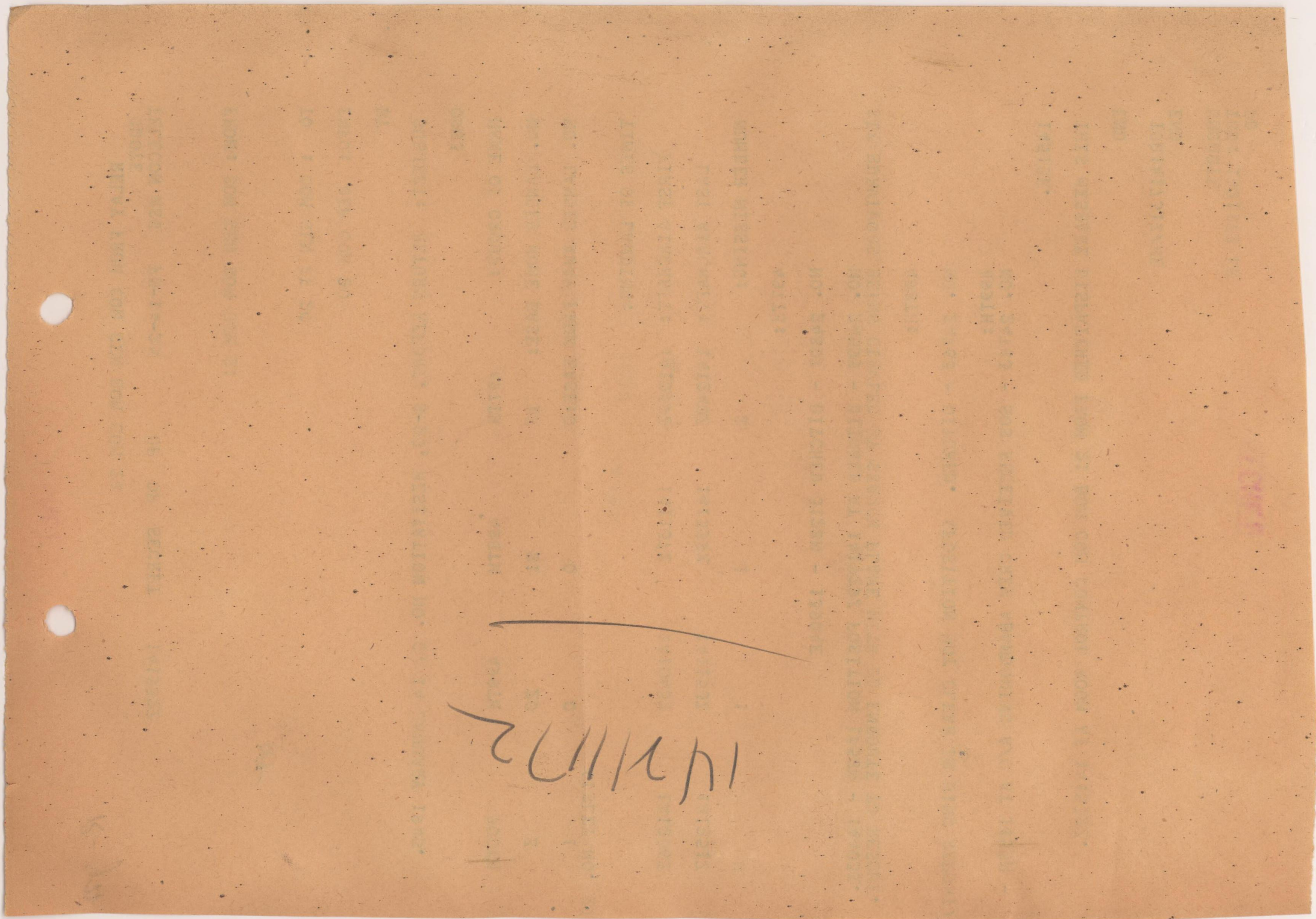
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Colonel Ankenbrandt Colonel Herman

RELAY FROM COMGEN BOMCOM 21

~~UNQUOTE~~ ECON SG M FN-14-35 N OP OP SSRET 141845Z

FROM: COM GEN BOMCOM 21

TO : COM GEN AF 20

INFO : DEP COM 20

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**SECRET**

SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT LOST ON S-20, HESITATION NO. 2, 14 JAN 1945.

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CANCEL LAST PARAGRAPH OF OUR FN 14-25 (RETURN REPORT). THE FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE DETAILS OF THE FOUR (4) A/C LOST ON S-20, HESITATION NO. 2, 14 JANUARY 194:

- 1 B-29 DITCHED AT 140703Z POSITION (3128N - 13904E) 24807
- 1 B-29 DITCHED ON RETURN AT POAITION 100 MILES, BEARING 270 DEGREES FROM HACHICO SHIMA. (EXACT QIME OF DITCHING UNKNOWN HERE)
- 2 B-29'S COMMENCE SEARCH OF ABOVE AREA AT 142200Z
- 1 B-29 CRASHED IN FLAMES AT 132330Z POSITION (1755N - 14410E). BETWEEN 140900Z AND 141050Z A DESTROYER RESCUED FOUR (4) SURVIVORS, 2 OF WHOM ARE CRITICALLY INJURED, AND IS RUSHING THEM TO SAIPAN.
- 1 B-29 DITCHED AT 141026Z, POSITION 1655N - 14515E. AIR SEA RESCUE A/C WILL SEARCH THIS AREA FOR SURVIVORS. 24763

CAUSES OF THE DITCHING OF THE ABOVE AIRCRAFT ARE NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME

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TOD: 142129Z LW

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Rec'd at 142129Z

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SPECIFIC SUBJECT	TYPE OF MESSAGE	MESSAGE NO.	DATE AND TIME RECD	INITIALS
Mission Rpt Armed Recon	Telecom	FN-14-5	141121Z	BGR
Post Strike Photo Mission	Telecom	FN-14-14	141144Z	BGR
Photo Recon	Telecom	F-1477	140559Z	BGR
F-13's sent for Photo Recon	Cable <sup>PAR</sup> <del>NTT</del> <del>TA9</del> B-0927		14 Jan	BGR
Photo Coverage of Results	Cable	Com In 12906	14 Jan	R
Strike Photo - Mission # 19	Cable <sup>PAR</sup> <del>NTT</del> <del>TA9</del>	1014	15 Jan 151057Z	am
Photo Coverage Nagoya	Telecom	H-16-1	161340Z	am
Photo Coverage of Strike	Telecom	FN 24-49		am
Photo Recon Mission	Telecom	FN-20-38	20 Jan	ER
Photo Coverage of Nagoya	Telecom	Y-14-8	15 Jan	ER
Damage Assessment	Sheet	#9020-114DA24 Feb		ER

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Date 24 February 1945  
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Mission 19 - XXI KC  
SUMMARY ECONOMIC DAMAGE ASSESSMENT REPORT NO. 5

Mission Folder

Obj Folder 90.20  
Obj Area 90.20  
AAF Target No. 90.20-194

Place Nagoya (Japan) Lat: 35° 05'N  
Air Target System Aircraft Long: 136° 54'E  
Alt: 15 feet

mitsubishi AIRCRAFT WORKS

PARTICULARS OF ATTACK

On 18 Dec 44 this plant was attacked by 63 B-29's of the XXI Bomber Command. 19 of these planes bombed visually, the remaining 44 by instruments. 593 x 500 lb GP and 24 x 500 lb 18 bombs were dropped from 28,000 - 32,000 feet - a total of 154 tons. The plant was re-attacked on 14 Jan 45 by 40 B-29's. 15 planes bombed visually and 25 by instruments. 377 x 500 lb GP bombs - 94.25 tons - were dropped from 29,000 - 32,000 feet.

PREVIOUS REPORTS

None.

PLANT FUNCTION

The largest airframe plant in Japan in size; this plant makes both Navy and Army types. The plant is divided into 5 sections: Area A, in which Navy fighters (Jack, Zeke/Sam) and bombers (Betty) are fabricated; Area B, devoted to the production of Army bombers and reconnaissance planes (Dinah, Sonia, Peggy, Taizan, etc.); Area C, a new plant believed to be just coming into production of unidentified type or types; Area D, engaged in production of unknown types as well as possibly supplying wings for Area B and housing apprentice school, etc.; Area E, general parts fabrication, storage.

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

1. The following damage has been done to this plant:

Area	Total Plan Size (1000 sq ft)	Structural Damage		Superficial Damage	
		1000 sq ft	% Area	1000 sq ft	% Area
A	1817.7	169.2	9	245.5	14
B	1472.3	32.4	2	186.3	13
C	1045.6	189.2	18	204.2	20
D	767.0	72.0	9	0	0
E	574.7	10.0	2	0	0
Total	5677.3	472.8	8	636.0	11

2. This has resulted in the following estimates of output loss:

Betty	3 weeks net loss	35 - 40 planes
Jack	3 weeks net loss	35 - 40 planes
Zeke/Sam	2 weeks net loss	60 planes
Army Bombers and Recce	1 weeks net loss or possibly more	35 planes
New Planes of Unknown Type	2 - 3 months net loss	number unknown

3. Despite widespread superficial damage, little or no repair activity is apparent one month after the first attack, which suggests dispersal from the damaged section and possibly from the undamaged sections as well.

4. The target value of the plant is considerably reduced but unless more complete intelligence shows very great dispersion of production formerly carried on here, it must still be considered one of the important assembly plants in Japan.

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TELECON MSG G-14-8 (TOP SECRET)

TO: COMGENBOMCOM 21

FROM: COMGEN AF 20

SUBJECT: PHOTO COVERAGE OF NAGOYA

Photo 1945  
XII-BC

REFERENCE YOUR CABLE B-0927 DATED 14 JANUARY REQUEST RESULTS  
OBTAINED BY THE 2 F-13'S SENT TO GAIN REQUIRED COVERAGE.

...END...

TOD 0115

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HEADQUARTERS, TWENTIETH AIR FORCE  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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\*\* SECRET \*\*  
\*\* By authority of CG, \*\*  
\*\* Twentieth Air Force \*\*  
\*\* 20 Jan 45 88 \*\*  
\*\* (Date) (Initials) \*\*  
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EXTRACT OF TELETYPE CONFERENCE BETWEEN  
WASHINGTON AND GUAM

Washington Parties

Lt. Col. Hewitt

Telecon No. FH-20-38

Guam Parties

Colonel Ankenbrandt

Subject: Photo Reconnaissance Mission No. 18 (Part I)

*Mission 19*  
*XXX BC*  
*Photo Damage*

(From COMSOPCOM 21 To: COMSOPCOM 21 Info: DEPCOMAF 20)

- A. PREM No: 18
- B. Date time of take off: 181642Z
- C. Date time of landing: 190525Z
- D. Target or reconnaissance area: 194, Nagoya and targets of opportunity  
Osaka, Nagoya Area.
- E. Weather at D above: Calm
- F. Altitude at D above: 33,000 ft
- G. Enemy air opposition: 3
- H. Flak encountered: moderate
- I. Observations and crew comments:
  - (1) Fifty small and medium ships in Osaka Harbor. Smoke screen over rest of harbor.
  - (2) Single, big reflector at airstrip near Hamamatsu, to the east.
  - (3) Near Hamamatsu, and to the east, approximately 70 S/E aircraft A/C on field near large RR terminal.
- J. Photographic coverage and quality: Excellent
- K. First phase interpretation: Target 194 (3505N-13654E) Mitsubishi Aircraft works. New damage to target 194 includes: one building (1000,000 sq ft) destroyed; one building (220,000 sq ft) previously damaged, 35 percent of building nearly damaged; one power plant destroyed (possibly old damage); new minor damage to three other buildings previously damaged, minor damage to two buildings. (Prints 3L: 139, 140, 141, 142). Target 1722 (3505N - 13651E) Aichi Aircraft Works, Eitoku Plant: Aircraft visible: Seven single engine. All in plant area. Prints 2:69,70,71, Sano Airfield (3423N - 13519E) partial cloud cover. Aircraft visible: 12 single engine. Prints 2:12, 13.
- North Mikatagahara Airfield (3446N - 13744E) aircraft visible: 48 twin engine, 23 single engine. Total 91. Prints 2:83, 84, 85.
- North Mikatagahara Airfield (3446N - 13744E) aircraft visible: 22 single engine, 41 twin engine. Total 70. Prints 2:83, 84, 85.
- Hanshin Osaka Field (3436N - 13535E) aircraft visible: 102 single engine five twin engine. Total 107. Prints 2:36, 37, 38.
- Nagoya Airport (3504N - 13651E) aircraft visible: 24 single engine one unoperational single engine, 11 twin engine. Total 36. Prints 2:69, 70, 71. Cape Wada Seaplane Base (provisional) (3400N - 13438E) total aircraft visible: one seaplane. Komatsushima seaplane anchorage (3400N - 13436E) no aircraft visible. Unidentified airfield west of Yokkaichi (3456N - 13630E). Print 1V:50. Unidentified airfield west of Kanbe (3453N - 13629E) print 1R:50. Okazaki Airfield (3439N13707E) (approx.). Print 1R:61.

DISTRIBUTION:

Action: None  
Info : C/S; DC/S Opr (2 cys); A-2 (10 cys); A-5 Plans (2 cys);  
Stat Control (2 cys); Anti-Aircraft (1 cy); Op Analysis (1 cy);  
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TELECON NOTE NO 29

RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

QUOTE

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TELECON MESSAGE FN24-49 240610Z SECRET  
HANSELL COMBOM TWO ONE TO COMGEN AF20 INFO DEP COMGEN AF20  
CTF 94, CTF95, COM 3RD FLEET  
~~PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT~~  
PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT

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1. MISSION 19-B THIRD PHOTO RECON SQ.

2. ONE F213A

3. TARGET PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF STRIKE SAN ANTONIO 1 TOKYO AREA

4. TAKE OFF 232350Z LANDED 241410Z OVER TAGEET 240700Z

5. ALTITUDE OVER ~~TARGET~~ TARGET 33000 INDICATED SPEED 190 MILES  
~~INDICATED~~

6. RESULTS PHOTOS PROBABLY POOR DUE ~~SHADOWS~~ CAUSED BY LATENESS IN DAY  
AND HAZE DIFFICULT TO LOCATE GROUND THROUGH VIEW ~~XXXX~~ X FINDER

7. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION APPROX 75 FIGHTERS ATTEMPTED INTERCEPTION  
NEAREST PASS 1000 FT BELOW BY PROBABLE TOJO ~~AIR~~ AIRCRAFT EITHER BELOW  
MAKING FRONTAL PASS ~~ATTEMPTS~~ ATTEMPTS OR PASSES FROM 3 AND 9 BUT FELL  
AWAY DUE ~~TO~~ TO SPEED OF B29 NOT CLOSE ENOUGH FOR IDENTIFICATION

8. NO AA OBSERVED

9. NO CASUALTIES

10. WEATHER 2/10 OVER TARGET AND VERY HAZY

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11. OBSERVATIONS TWO OR THREE FIRES ALONG NORTH EDGE TOKYO BAY IN DOCK  
AREA NO LARGE COLUMNS OF SMOKE OBSERVED NO OTHER FIRES IN TOLYT OR INLAND  
END

TOD WR 240618Z JB K

TOD: 250056Z H

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TOD 250324Z RM

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RECD MSG NR FN-16-22 AT 161340Z WCR

TELECON MESSAGE H-16-1

S TOP SECRET 01161343Z

FROM COM GEN AF 20

TO DEPCOM AF 20 POA

SUBJECT PHOTO COVERAGE OF NAGOYA

RESULTS OF F-13 SENT TO TAKE POST STRIKE PHOTOS OF NAGOYA HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS. IN CABLE NR. 1014 (TOPSECRET) COM GEN BOM COM 21 STATED THIS INFORMATION SAS RPT WAS CONTAINED IN MISSION REPORT OF PHOTO AFNCB MISSION RPT MISSION NR. 13 SENT R RPT FROM HIS HQ AT 150925Z. HAVE YOU RECEIVED SAID MESSAGE, IF SO PLEASE SEND TO US WITHOUT DELAY. IF NOT, REQUEST MESSAGE FROM COM GEN BOM COM 21 AND RELAY TO US.

END  
TOD: 01161349Z

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*X1 BC* | 41  
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TELECON MESSAGE NUMBER 7-1477 ((SECRET))

**SECRET**

SUBJECT: PHOTO RECON MISSIONS

TO COMGENAF 20 FROM COMGENBOMBCOM 20

THE FOLLOWING PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS TOOK OFF AT THE TIMES INDICATED.

1. FORWARD AREA

A. SORTIE NUMXER 197.

B. TOOK OFF AT 2142 Z 13 JANUARY

C. TARGET AREA IS FORMOSA. ~~THIS~~ THIS IS A COMBINATION PHOTO AND WEATHER FLIGHT AS THE PLANE IS SCHEDULED TO BE OVER THE PRIMARY TARGET ONE HOUR PRIOR TO ARRIVAL STRIKE FORCE.

2. REAR AREA

A. SORITE NUMBER 29.

B. TOOK OFF AT 1839Z ON 13 JANUARY.

C. TARGET AREA IS SINGAPORE AND LINGGA ARCHIPELAGO. THIS IS A COMBINATION POST STRIKE PHOTO MISSION AND SEARCH FOR ENEMY NAVAL UNITS.

3. REAR AREA

A. SORTIE NUMBR EP RPT 30.

B. TOOK OFF AT 2020Z ON 13 JANUARY.

C. TARGET AREA WAS EASTERN GULF OF SIAM. THIS PLANE WAS PRIMARILY SEARCHING FOR ENEMY NAVAL UNITS. IN ADDITION IT WAS TO PHOTOGRAPH OPPORTUNITY TARGETS AND PORTIONS OF THE WESTERN COAST OF SIAM AND FRENCH INDO-CHINA. PLANE ABORTED AND RETURNED TO BASE AFTER 3 RPT 2:40 FLYING TIME.

THIS MISSION IS BEING RESCHEDULED FOR 142030Z TAKE-OFF.

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TOD: 0558Z CW

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RELAYED FROM BOM COM 21  
QUOTE

TELECON MESSAGE FN-14-14 OP OP OP SECRET 141127Z  
FROM XXI BOM COM PHOTO  
TO COMAF 20

NBR 0957

POST STRIKE PHOTO MISSION 73RD BOMB WING 13 JAN  
UNSUCCESSFUL DUE TO CLOUD COVER. TO COMAF 20 ATTN DC/S  
OPN FROM HANSELL.

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TOD: 141142Z CB  
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TOD: 141144Z WCK



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RELAYED FROM BOM COM 21

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-14-5 OP OP OP SECRET 131939Z

FROM COM GEN BOM COM 21  
TO COM GEN AF 20

INFO DEPCOM AF 20 CTF 93  
CINCPOA COM 3RD FLEET  
COMAIRPAC CTG 93.2

CTF 94

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**SECRET**

*#14*

SUBJECT: MISSION REPORT ARMED RECON NAGOYA 13 JAN 45.

1. SEVEN B-29 A:C 73RD BOMB WG AIRBORNE 122024Z TO 122046Z OBJECT TO MISSION TO OBTAIN AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF A/C FACTORY AT AKASHI, OSAKA AND CITY OF NAGOYA. NO BOMBS WERE CARRIED. 3 A/C RETURNED EARLY FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. 24V534 BLEW CYLINDER NO.2 ENGINE TURNED BACK 271 MILES FROM BASE

LANDED 122345Z.

B. 27V534 FAILURE NO. 4 ENGINE TURBO SUPERCHARGER CONTROL TURNED BACK APPROX 28 DEG 00 MIN N- 137 DEG 35 MIN E LANDED 130604Z

C. 28V534 LOST NO. 1 ENGINE FEATHERED TURNED BACK 29 DEG 46 MIN N - 136 DEG 45 MIN E LANDED 130732Z.

2. RESULTS OF MISSION: 4A/C REACHED MAINLAND OF JAPAN BUT ALL DID <sup>NOT COUNT</sup> ~~NOT~~

*OUT* ASSIGNED JOB.

**SECRET**

A. 21V534 AFTER MAKING LANDFALL TURNED BACK APPROX 33 DEG 24 MIN N

- 134 DEG 53 MIN E AT 130425Z DUE TO EXCESSIVE GAS CONSUMPTION AND NOT ENOUGH FUEL LEFT FOR RETURN TO BASE. NO PHOTOS TAKEN. LANDED 131015Z

B. 30V534 REACHED MAINLAND AND PROCEEDED TO TAKE PHOTOS OF A/C FACTORY AT AKASHI 130453Z AT 33,250 FT. CLOUD COVER IN AREA MADE PHOTOGRAPHY QUESTIONABLE. DID NOT CONTINUE TO OTHER TARGETS AS FUEL GETTING LOW. TURNED BACK ON WAY OUT TOOK PHOTOS OF CITY OF WAKAYAMA AND ADJACENT

AIRFIELD. RADAR INOPERATIVE. NO SCOPE PHOTOS OBTAINED. LANDED 131131Z

C. 31V534 REACHED THE MAINLAND AND TOOK ABOUT 46 AERIAL PHOTOS OF AKASHI 130418Z AT 32,000 FT, OSAKA 130425Z AT 32,000 FT AND NAGOYA 130440Z AT 32,000 FT ALSO 8 RADAR SCOPE PHOTOS OF ASSIGNED TARGETS. LANDED 131030Z.

D. 22V534 REACHED THE MAINLAND BUT TOOK NO AERIAL PHOTOS OVER AKASHI 130450Z 31,000 FT, OSAKA 130455Z 31,000 FT COMPLETELY CLOUD COVERED.

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Authority

*NND 760 063*

By *AB* NARA Date *9/19/05*

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TURNED BACK BEFORE REACHING NAGOYA. TOOK 29 RADAR SCOPE PHOTOS.

LANDED 131108Z

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3. NO ENEMY A/C ENCOUNTERED BY ANY OF OUR PLANES.

4. NO FLAK ENCOUNTERED BY ANY OF OUR PLANES.

5. NO CASUALTIES.

6. OBSERVATIONS: 2 CREWS REPORTED HUGE AMOUNT OF SMOKE AT 2 DIFFERENT POSITIONS. 34 DEG 10 MIN N - 134 DEG 15 MIN E DESCRIBED AS COMING

FROM SOMEWHERE IN MOUNTAINS. GREY IN COLOR. 1 GUNNER THOUGHT IT

VOLCANOE ERUPTING OTHERS THOUGHT IT WAS SMOKE SCREEN. ALT PLANE

31,000 FT. OTHER CREW REPORTED SMOKE FROM N END OF AWAJI ISLAND MOUNTAINS, SMOKE BLOWING SW ALT PLANE 32,000 FT. BELIEVE SAME OBSERVATION. ONE CREW REPORTS VESSEL IN OSAKA HARBOR BELIEVED TO BE CV.

7. WEATHER OUT 3 MILD FRONTS ENCOUNTERED ONE 100 MILES FROM BASE ANOTHER 180 MILES, THIRD 360 MILES. 9/10 STRATO CUMULUS OFF COAST JAPAN.

TARGET AREA SOLID UNDERCAST, BUT CITY OF NAGOYA CLEAR BUT VISIBILITY POOR DUE TO HAZE.

RETURN 9/10 STRAT GRADUALLY BROKE UP TO 5/10 25 DEG LAT. BUILT UP

AGAIN TO 9/10 AT 22 DEG THEN DIMINISHED CLEAR AT BASE. END.

THIS MESSAGE ORIGINATED 21 BOM COM 131939Z

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CORRECTION ON PAR 2. NEAR FRONT WD THAT PILED IS CARRY RPT CARRY

TOD: 140910Z CB

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TOD 141121Z WCK

ROGER FN-14-5

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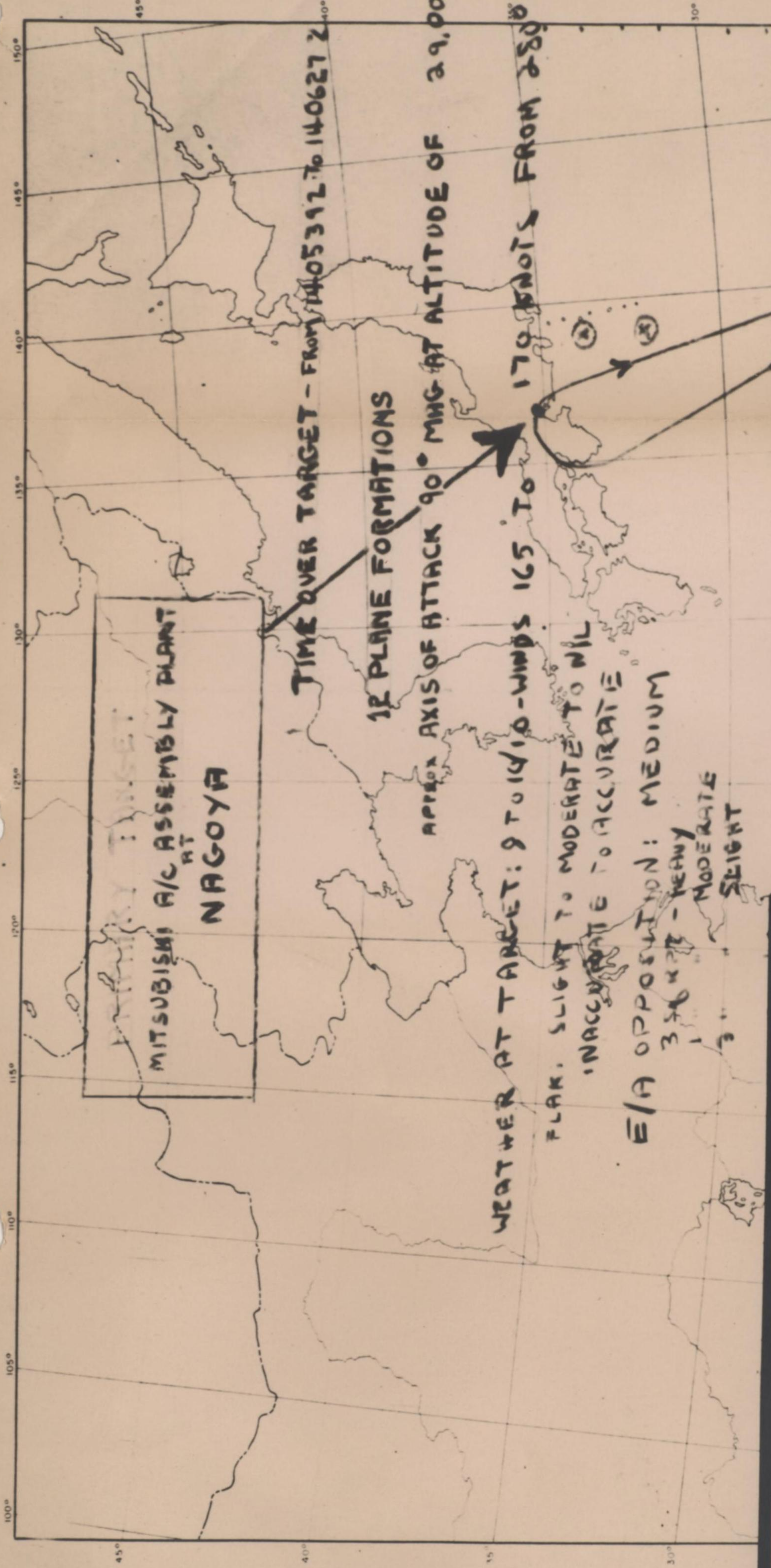
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# "HESITATION 2" MISSION No. 19 - XXI BOMBER COMMAND - 14 JAN.



## APPROX. BOMB LOAD 2 1/2 TONS (10 x 500 lb GP per a/c)

GAS	-
GROSS WT.	-
AIRBORNE	73
EARLY RET.	5
TOTAL BOMBING	68
PRIMARY	43
OTHERS	25
UNREPORTED	-
LOSSES	4
ENEMY ACTION OPERATIONAL	-
MISSING	-
4 A/C DITCHED - UNKNOWN WHETHER ANY DUE TO ENEMY ACTION	-
CLAIMS	-
DESTROYED	17
PROBABLE DEST. DAMAGED	12
CASUALTIES - 0 KILLED 8 WOUNDED 44 MISSING	37

167 TONS DROPPED - OF WHICH 107 1/2 ON PRIMARY

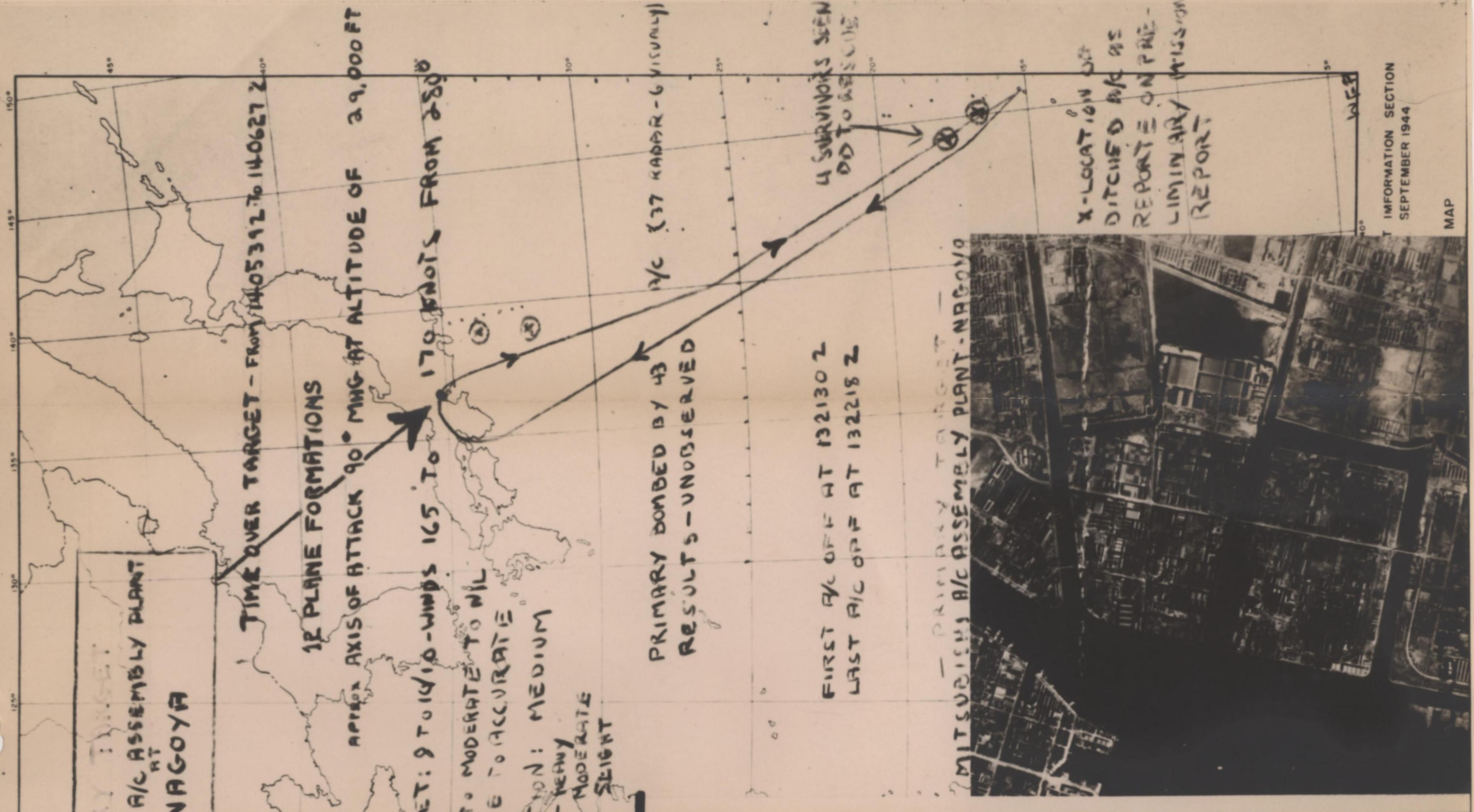


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SITUATION 2" MISSION No. 19 - XXI BOMBER COMMAND - 14 JAN. '45



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PLANE DROPPED - OF WHICH 107% OF PRIMARY	



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141956Z

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~~5~~: 20TH AIR FORCE MATTERS

PRESENT HERE: 1ST LT. W.R. KING ~~WA~~ HE

RELAY FROM BOMCOM XXI

QUOTE

TELECON MSG FN-14-18

OP OP SECRET 141308Z

**SECRET**

T-WAR

FROM: XXI BOMCOM

TO : COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM 20

**SECRET**

SUBJECT: TRANSMISSION OF REPORTS, S-20, HESITATION TWO, 14 JAN 1945.

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**SECRET**

1. TELECON CIRCUIT WITH SAIPAN HAS FAILED.

2. THE RETURN REPORT (WHICH IS NOW DUE) WILL BE CONSIDERABLY DELAYED  
DUE TO ENCODING, ~~4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100~~ \$ DECODING. EXPECT TO TRANSMIT

IT ABOUT 141530Z.

3. THE PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT WILL BE FLOWN TO THIS HEADQUARTERS.  
DO NOT EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO TRANSMIT IT TO YOU BEFORE 142000Z.

4. THIS MESSAGE DISPATCHED FROM 21 BOM COM CONTROL ROOM AT 141308Z.

BT

TOD 141342Z/HE

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TOD: 141630Z

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