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XXI BOMBER COMMAND

MISSION #34 "ERADICATE 4" - MITSUBISHI ENGINE PLANT, NAGOYA
15 Feb. 45

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SECRET 5-8-46 By Authority of
C. G. AAF, by Ray G. Baker
Ray G. Baker, Capt. A. C.

MISSION #34 - MITSUBISHI ENGINE-"ERADICATE 4"
PLANT, NAGOYA 15 Feb. 45

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SPECIFIC SUBJECT	TYPE OF MESSAGE	MESSAGE NO.	DATE AND TIME SENT	DATE AND TIME REC'D	INITIALS
Request for Date	Telecon	G-14-1	141912Z		BSR

9-53940-105

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TELECON CONFERENCE MS NR G-14-1 TOP SECRET 141910Z

TO COMGENBOMCOM 21 FROM COMAF 20

SUBJECT: TIME STATUS OF NEXT DAY MISSION

1. WE ARE NOT CLEAR ON THE TIME OF YOUR NEXT STRIKE AGAINST JAPAN.

W. PLEASE GIVE US BY RETURN MESSAGE THE DATE TIME RXXRPT GROUP AND TARGET ON YOUR NEXT STRIKE.

END

TOD: 021419122 EBH AT WCR

ROGER: NR G -14-1 AT 021419122 BY YAF

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Brief of Field Order	Telecon	FN-14-6		1419172	M

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

TELECON MSG FN-14-6 SECRET OP OP OP 140658Z

FROM COM GEN XXI BOM CMD

TO COM GEN AF 20

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DEP COM AF 20
GR 105
SUBJECT: BRIEF FO NO 29 ERADICATE NO 4
ELEVEN SQUADRONS OFF AT 142045Z TO ATTACK ERADICATE AT 150600Z LAND

1512002. ROUTE: 1700N - 14515E, 2500N - 14230E, 2715N - 14053E, 2930N - 13737E, 3447 N - 13737E, 3508N - 13719E, TARGET, ~~ETOPN~~ 3510N - 13645E, 3443N - 13645E, 3400N - 13800E, 2700N - ~~14339N~~,

[redacted] 14330N, BASE.
BOMBING FROM 26,000 FEET ON AXIS 281 [redacted] DEGREES TRUE. 9 SQUADRONS CARRYING 6,000 POUNDS 500 POUND GP 0.1 SEC NOSE [redacted] AND NON DELAY TAIL. 2 SQUADRONS CARRYING M-17-A1 I B'S MINIMUM INTERVALOMETER, ALL AVAILABLE SEARCH GEAR ABOARD. 6 SQUADRONS AP 123069 AND 5 SQUADRONS 086064 AP USING OUR LITHO MOSAIC NO 90.20-193. FIVE LIFEGUARDS, 2 DUMBOS, ONE DESTROYER ON STATION
~~IN 6TH TINE WORD AFTER 0.1 SEC IS NOSE RPT NOSE~~
END
~~CCN 3RD LINE LST GR SHOURROXXXRPT SHOULD READ 3510N RP T 3510N~~

TOD 0755Z RM

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TOD: 141917Z CC AT YAF

ROGER 141917Z EDH AT WCR

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Evaluate 4- Request for Home bases	Telecon	G-14-3	021420262		[illegible]
First Take-Off Report	Telecon	FN-14-20		1423052	[illegible]
Tentative Consolidate TO Rept	Telecon	FN-14-21		1500492	[illegible]
Consolidated take-off	Telecon	FN-15-1		1504362	[illegible]
Correction on "	Telecon	FN-15-3		1505102	[illegible]
Info to XXBC	Telecon	K-14-5	1502112		[illegible]

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TELCON MSG NR: K-14-5 [redacted] (TOP SECRET)

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SUBJECT: XXI BC MISSION 34 - ERADICATE 4

TO: COM GEN BOMCOM XX FROM: COMGENAF 20

B 5- YFK

APPROXIMATELY 116 B-29'S TOOK OFF FROM SAIPAN AND TINIAN BEGINNING AT 142046Z TO ATTACK THE MITSUBISHI A/C. ENGINE PLANT AT NAGOYA. THE 73RD AND 313TH BOMBARDMENT WINGS ARE PARTICIPATING.

END

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TOD: 150211Z WCR [redacted] SECRET

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RELAY FROM DEPCOMAF 20(GUAM)

TELECON MSG FN-15-3 OP SECRET 150146Z

TO: COMAF 20

FROM BOMCOM XXI

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

GR 43 BT

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SUBJECT: CORRECTION TO TAKE OFF REPORT FOR ERADICATE FOUR, 15 FEB 45.

73RD BOMBARDMENT WING, SAIPAN

1. TAKE OFF LAST A/C SHOULD READ:

	497	498	499	500
(5)	142117Z	142132Z	142057Z	142108Z

2. A/C AIRBORNE UNDER 499TH GROUP SHOULD READ 22 RPT 22 INSTEAD 21

THIS MESSAGE DISPATCHED FROM 21 BOMCOM CONTROL ROOM AT 150146Z

END

TOD 150503Z RT

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END

TOD 150510Z MR

ROGER 150510Z WCR

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SUBJECT : 20 AF MATTERS

PRESENT HERE LT HENRY

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021428Z RPT 02150427Z

RELAY FROM DEPCOMAF 20 (GUAM)

TELECON MSG FN-15-1 SECRET 150020Z OP OP

FROM BC XXI RPT XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR ERADICATE FOUR, 15 FEB 45.

73RD BOMBARDMENT WING, SAIPAN,

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GR 66

1. GROUP:	500	497	498	499	
2. A/C SCHEDULED:	21	24	24	24	93
3. A/C AIRBORNE:	20	24	22	23	89
4. FIRST A/C :	142109X	142117Z	142046Z	142058Z	
5. LAST A/C :	~~1420577~~ 142117Z	~~1421087~~ 142132Z	~~1427177~~ 142057Z	~~1421327~~ 142108Z	

313TH BOMBARDMENT WING, TINIAN

1. GROUP :	504	505	
2. A/C SCHEDULED:	13	21	34
3. A/C AIRBORNE	13	15	28
4. FIRST A/C :	142157Z	142135Z	
5. ~~LAST A/C :~~	~~142293~~		

Total Scheduled 127

Airborne 119

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5. LAST A/C : 142203Z ~~142135Z~~ XXXXXXXXX 142145Z

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END

TOD 150346Z RT

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END

TOD 150436Z MR

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21
QUOTE:

TELECON MSG FN-14-21 OP OP SECRET 142245Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

SECRET

TO : COMAF 20..

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20; (POA)

SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR ERADICATE FOUR, 05 FEB 45 73RD

BOMBARDMENT WING SAIPAN

1. GROUP	497	498	499	500
2. A/C AIRBORNE	21	23	20	24

3. FIRST A/C AIRBORNE AT 142046Z.

313TH BOMBARDMENT WING TINIAN.

1. GROUP	504	505
2. A/C AIRBORNE	13	15

3. FIRST A/C AIRBORNE AT 142135Z.

THIS REPORT IS TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE UPON RECEIPT OF

CONSOLIDATED TAKE OFF REPORT FROM WINGS.

THIS MESSAGE DISPATCHED FROM 21 BOM COM CONTROL ROOM AT 142245Z.

END..

TOD:142318Z HVM.

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UNQUOTE:
TOD: 150049Z VF

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TELETYPE CONFERENCE 142302Z

SUBJECT: 20 AR MATTERS

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PRESENT HERE: LT SLAVIAN

WAR V YAF

RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

QUOTE:

TELECON MSG FN-14-20 SECRET SECRET OP 142158Z
FROM XXI BC
TO COM GEN AF 20
INFO: DEP COM AF 20 (POA)
GR 60

FIRST ACFT AIRBORNE AT 142046Z ON ERADICATE FOUR. WEATHER EXPECTED AT TARGET 2/10 LOW CLOUD, 3/10 MIDD LEC OUD WITH 2/10 HIGH CLOUD JUST ABOVE BOMBING ALTITUDE. ROUTE PASSES UNDER FRONT WITH LIGHT TO MODERATE SHOWERS AT 23-25 DEGREES N AND THRU ZONE, OF 5/10 MIDDLE CLOUD IN CLIMB PHASE. BASES 4-6/10 LOW CLOUD WITH SCATTERED LIGHT SHOWERS FOR TAKE OFF AND RETURN. FIRST T.O. BY 73RD WING.

END....

TOD --142214Z T.A.S. SECRET

UNQUOTE:

TOD: 142305Z VF

ROGER 142305Z WCR

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TELECON CONFERENCE MSG NR G-14-3 TOP SECRET 142025Z

TO COMGENBOMCOM 21 FROM COMAF 20

SUBJECT: "ERADICATE 4"

WHEN SUBMITTING THE TAKE-OFF REPORT AT 142300Z PLEASE INCLUDE INFORMATION AS TO FROM WHICH HOME BASES THE SQUADRONS ARE TAKING OFF.

END

TOD: 02142026Z EBH AT WCR

ROGER: G-14-3 AT 02142026Z CC AT YAF

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Faint Bombs Away Mpt	Telecon	FN-15-6		150713Z	MK
Consolidated Bombs Away	Telecon	FN-15-9		150943Z	MK
Additional Bombs Away	Telecon	FN-15-18		151429Z	BGR
Request for Landing & BA on PT	Telecon	Note	151432Z		BGR

BOMB STRIKE REPORTS

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YAF 5-21

TO COMGEN BOMCOM 21

FROM COMGEN AF 20

REQUEST LANDING REPORTS.

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ALSO, REQUEST FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF PLANES THAT BOMBED THE PRIMARY TARGET.

PLS QUERY GUAM FOR IMMEDIATE REPLY.

...END...

TOD: Ø2151430Z

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RECD TELECON NOTE 9// Ø2151430Z YAF

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GELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

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TELECON MSG FN-15-18 SECRET OP OP 1511437

TO COMAF 20

FROM BOM COM XXI

INFO ~~30:0~~ DEPCOMAF ! 20 7POA)

GR 66

ADDITIONAL BOMBS AWAY FOR ERADICATE FOUR, 15 FEB 45.

73 RD BOMBARDMENT WING.

1. 1 LEAD A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY.

2. 6 A:

/C BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.

313TH BOMBARDMENT WING

1. 3 LEAD A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY.

2. 4 A/C BOMBED LAST RESORT BY NAVIGATIOV WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.

3. 1 A/C BOMBED TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY BY NAVIGATION WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.

4. NO FURTHER REPORTS RECEIVED.

END WL

TOD 15

END

TOD:-1512237 RH

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END

TOD 1514297 HS AT YAF

RECD MSG AT 1514297 WCR

~~NOW THAT IS ALL I HAVE DO YOU WANT TO QJZ WHILE WE TRY TO~~

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~~ET YOUR QUERY IN TO GUAM~~

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM21
ECON MSG FN-15-9 OP OP OP SECRET 150830Z
FRM BOMCOM XXI
TO COMAF 20
INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)
SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY FOR ERADICATE FOUR, 15 FEB 45.
GR148
73RD BOMBARDMENT WING, SAIPAN
1. 37 LEAD A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY.
2. 21 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY WITH UNOBSERVED TO EXCELLENT RESULTS.
3. 20 A/C BOMBED TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY VISUALLY WITH UNOBSERVED TO GOOD
12 A/C BOMBED TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY BY RADAR WITH UNOBSERVED TO GOOD
1 A/C BOMBED TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY BY NAVIGATION WITH POOR RESULTS.
6 A/C BOMBED LAST RESORT, 5 VISUAL AND 1 BY RADAR WITH UNOBSERVED TO FAIR RESULTS.
4. 9 A/C RETURNED EARLY.
313TH BOMBARDMENT WING, TINIAN.
1. 12 LEAD A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY.
2. 17 A/C BOMBED TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY, 9 VISUAL, 5 BY RADAR AND 3 BY NAVIGATION WITH UNOBSERVED TO GOOD RESULTS.
3. TW A.C BOMBED LAST RESORT, 1 BY RADAR AND 1 VISUALLY WITH UNOBSERVED TO GOOD RESULTS.

BOMBS AWAY REPORTS ON 29 A/C NOT RECEIVED. WILL FORWARD. WHEN RECEIVED

END
TOD 150900Z WL
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END
TOD 150943Z HS AT YAF
RECD MSG AT 150943Z WCR
WE ARE UNAL UNABLE TO CONTACT GA GUAM AND DO NOT KNOW WHEN WE WIL
DO YOU WANT TO STAND BE WHILE WE TRY TO GET THE IMFORMATION FOR YOU??

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CONFERENCE: 0214//// 021507Z07Z

PRESENT HERE LT HENRY

SBJECT TWENTIETH AIRFORCE MATTERS

RELAYED FROM BOMCOM 21

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QUOTE

TELECON MSG FN-15-6 OP OP SECRET 150640Z

FROM: XXI BOMCOM.

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TO : COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COHF 20 (POA)

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GR 52..... BOMBS AWAY REPORT ERADICATE FOUR.

FIRST ACFT BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY AT 150452Z. FIRST BOMBS

AWAY REPORT INDICATES 18 ACFT BOMBED TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY VISUALLY,

7 ACFT BOMBED LAST RESORT TARGETS VISUALLY AND 4 ACFT BOMBED

INDIVIDUALLY, VISUALLY ON PRIMARY TARGET.

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TOD:150655Z. H.V

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TOD 150713Z MR

ROGER 150713Z WCR

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Briefers Report	Ditto		151045Z		M
Return Report	Telecon	FN-15-19		151744Z	BGR
No. Bombing Primary	Telecon	Note		151746Z	BGR
Preliminary Mission Rpt	"	FN-15-21		158324Z	WFP
Preliminary Mission Rpt-Hq 20AF	Ditto		161200Z		BGR
Additional Info. on Preliminary Report	telecon	FN-16-14		021616 40Z	um

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By authority of
CG Twentieth AF
12 Feb. 45 BGK
Date Initials

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Washington, D. C.

PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 34 - 15 FEBRUARY 1945

"ERADICATE 4"

Targets:	Primary - Mitsubishi Aircraft Engine Plant, Nagoya, Japan Last Resort - Urban Industrial Areas, Nagoya, Japan
Take-Off:	141646 - 141803 Washington (1420462 - 1422032)
Time Over Target:	150105 - 150155 Washington, 151405 - 151455 Theater, (1505052 - 1505552)
Aircraft:	Total Bombing 98 Primary 33 Other Targets 65
A/C Lost Or Missing:	1 A/C missing
Casualties:	11 missing
Bomb Load:	6,000 lbs per a/c (9 Sqs. carried 500 lb GP's fused .1 sec. nose; non-delay tail), (3 Sqs. carried 500 lb M-17 A-1 IB's)
Tactics:	Daylight visual and radar bombing accomplished from altitude of 23,300 to 34,000 ft.
Weather:	CAVU to 3/10 cloud cover
Fighter Opposition:	Slight to moderate
Flak:	Meager to moderate and generally inaccurate
Claims:	None reported
Results:	Unobserved to excellent
Remarks:	This information it fragmentary and is subject to change, therefore should not be used for official records.

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

As of 0800, 16 February 1945

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PRESENT HERE: LT. VANDERBURG
CONFERENCE 021616Z
SUBJECT SPECIAL

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-16-14 SECRET 161345Z OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM BOMCOM XXI

TO COMAF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

GP:90

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT, MISSION 34, 15 FEB 1945. XXI BC

1. APPARENT REASON FOR HIGH PERCENTAGE OF SCATTERED INDIVIDUAL BOMBS (68 A/C OF FORHATIONS OF LESS THAN 5 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY) AND FAILURE TO REACH PRIMARY TARGET APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DUE TO DEFINITE FRONT ENCOUNTERED 28 DEG N AND 139 DEG E TO LANDFALL. 3 LAYERS OF CLOUDS 500 FT TO 15,000 FT, 16,000 FT TO 25,000 FT AND CI BASED AT 26,000 FT. RAIN SQUALLS, SEVERE TURBULENCE, VISIBILITY 1/2 MILE.

2. CLAIMS:

	73RD WING	313TH WING	TOTAL
DESTROYED:	8	1	9
PROBABLES:	9	0	9
DAMAGED:	10	2	12

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3. NO FURTHER REPORT ON MISSING A/C 10V756 FROM 4 SEARCH A/C DISPATCHED 16 FEB.45.

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TOD 161648Z HS AT YAF

RECD MSG AT 161648Z WCR

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QUOTE:

TELECON MESSAGE FN-15-21 OP OP OP SECRET 152053Z

FROM COMGEN BOMCOM XXI

TO COMAF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20

B-29 YAF

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT, MISSION 34, 15 FEB 45.

1. DESIGNATION OF UNIT:		73RD WING	313TH WING	TOTAL
2. NO A/C TAKING OFF:		89	28	117
3. TIME OF TAKE OFF:	FIRST A/C	142046Z	142135Z	142046Z
	LAST A/C	142132Z	142203Z	142203Z
4. NO A/C EARLY RETURNS:		11	7	18
5. TIME OF LANDING:	FIRST A/C	151014Z	151044Z	151014Z
	LAST A/C	151324Z	151225Z	151324Z
6. NO A/C LANDED HOME BASE:		89	27	116
7. NO A/C LOST ON MISSION:		0	1	1
A. LOST OVER TARGET TO E/A		0	0	0
B. DITCHED ON WAY BACK:		0	0	0
C. UNKNOWN:		0	1	1
8. NO A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY:		29	4	33
9. NO A/C ATE S TTACKING SECONDARY:		0	0	0
10. NO A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT:		44	0	44
11. NO A/C ATTACKING TARGETS OF OPP:		5	16	21

12. NO BOMBS ON TARGETS	500GP	500 IB	500 GP	GP	IB
A. PRIMARY	247	130	40	287	130
B. SECONDARY	0	0	0	0	0
C. LAST RESORT	429	143	0	429	143
D. TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY	26	39	160	186	39

73RD WING: 4 TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY UNKNOWN.
313TH WING: HACHIJO JIMA, MAISAKA, KAKOTSUKI, FUKUDA, HAMMAMATSU, JAUASAKI, UJII YAMADA AND SHIRASUKA

13. BOMB METHOD:	73RD WING	313TH WING	TOTAL
PRIMARY	VISUALLY	VISUALLY	VISUALLY
SECONDARY	0	0	0
LAST RESORT	VISUALLY	0	VISUALLY
TARGETS OF OPP	VIS & RADAR	VIS & RADAR	VIS & RAD

14. ALTITUDE OVER:			
PRIMARY	23,200734,000	27,000	23200-34000
SECONDARY	0	0	0
LAST RESORT	20,000-34,300	0	13000-34800
TARGET OF OPP	UNKNOWN	13000-29300	13000-29300

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15. CLOUD COVERAGE:	PRIMARY	CAVU - 3/10	CAVU	CAVU - 3/10
	OTHERS	CAVU -10/10	10/10	CAVU -10/10
16. TIME OVER TARGETS:		150505Z	150555Z	150505Z
	PRIMARY	150513Z		150555Z
	SECONDARY	0	0	0
	LAST RESORT	150445Z	0	150445Z
		150517ZI		150517Z
	TARGET OF OPP:	NOT REPORTED	150529Z 150558Z	150529Z 150558Z
17. BOMBING RESULTS	PRIMARY	UNOB-FAIR	UNOBS	UNOB-FAIR
	SECONDARY	0	0	0
	LAST RESORT	UNOB-EXCEL	0	UNOB-EXCEL
	TARGET OF OPP	UNOB	UNOB-EXCEL	EXCEL

18. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES	73RD WING	313TH WING	TOTAL
KILLED	0	0	0
WOUNDED	3	0	A
MISEING	0	11	11

19. EMEMY AIR OPPOSITION: PRIMARY SLT TO MOD LIGHT

LAST RESORN NONE TO MOD ---

TARGET OF OPP NONE 8 FIGHTERS OBSERVED
4 ATTACKED

20. A A FIRE:

N PRIMARY MEAGER TO MOD HVY -MEAGER

INT TO ACC LOW INAC

LAST RESORT: NONE TO MEAGER- INAC TARGET OF OPP: NONE

21. FIGHTER SUPPORT NONE

WWM WEA

22. THER: PRIMARY CAVU-3/10 105- CAVU
120K FROM 280 DEG

LAST RESORT NO REPORT NO REPORT

TARGET OF OPP NO REPORT 9/10-10/10 CLOUD

23. OBSERVATIONS: NONE HEAVY SHIPPING
IN ISEWAN SEA

THIS REPORT IS FRAGMENTARY NOT TO BE USED FOR RECORD PURPOSES.

END ...

TOD ...152216Z DEL KK SECRET

ROGER 152216Z AO

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

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TELECON NOTE SECRET

FROM XXI BOMCOM

TO COMAF 20

LANDING REPORT SENT BY FM-15-19, DTG 151430Z,

OUR INFORMATION HAS 27 A/C BOMBING PRIMARY TARGET. FURTHER INFORMATIO WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

END

TOD 1555Z WNM

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END

TOD: 151745Z JFB

ROGER 151745Z WCR

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OUR INFORMATION HAS 27 A/ C BOMBING

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OTELECON MSG FN-15-19 OPERATIONAL PRIORITY-SECRET 151430Z

FROM: XXI BOM COM

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

GR136

SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT FOR ERADICATE FOUR, 15 FEB 45.

73RD BOMBARDMENT WING

1.	GROUP	497TH	498TH	499TH	500TH
2.	AIRBORNE:	20	24	22	23
3.	LANDED HOMSE BASE:	20	24	22	23
4.	LANDED AWAY FROM BASE:	0	0	0	0
5.	TIME OF LANDING:				
	FIRST A/C:	15101 Z	151032Z	151014Z	151017Z
	LAST A/C:	151135Z	151127Z	151324Z	151315Z

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6. MISSING:NONE

313TH BOMBARDMENT WING

1.	GROUP:	504TH	505TH
2.	AIRBORNE:	13	15
3.	LANDED HOME BASE:	12	15
4.	LANDED AWAY FROM BASE:	0	0
5.	TIME OF LANDING:		151043
	FIRST A/C:	151044Z	MJQTQPREZ
	LAST A/C:	151115Z	151225Z +

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6. MISSING: 504TH GP: A/C: NO. 10V756 SERIAL NO: 42-63499 REASON:

BELIEVED

DITCHED LOCATION: 29-03N, 141-15E (LAST CONTACT WITH A/C.)

REASON THAT A/C BOMBED TARGETS INDIVIDUALLY WAS THAT DEFINITE FRONT ENCOUNTERED28 DEG N AND 139 DEG E. 3 LAYERS OF CLOUDS 500 FT TO 15,000 FT; 16,000 FT TO 25,000 FT AND CI BASED AT 26,000 FT. RAIN SQUALLS, SEVERE TURBULANCE. VISIBILITY 1/2 MILE.

END.

TOD:1513 "JG

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Information for Briefing on XXI Bomber Command
Mission No. 34- 15 February 1945
Date

Mission Code Name "ERADICATE 4" (As of 1045Z - 15 Feb 45)
Date

Targets: Primary - Mitsubishi A/C Engine Plant, Nagoya, Honshu, Japan

Secondary -

Last Resort -

Take-off Times: 142046Z - 142203Z) From Saipan
150546 - 150722 Theatre Time) and Tinian
141646 - 141822 Washington Time)

Time Over Primary Target: 150452Z
151352 Japan Time
150052 Washington Time

Tactics: Visual and Radar Bombing. Visual bombing planned from altitude of 26,000 ft. on axis of 281 degrees true.

Aircraft Bombing: 79 reported (Bombs Away Reports not yet received from ~~all~~ a/c)

Primary Target - 21 (Visually) 27 29

Secondary Target -

Other Targets - 58 (35 Visually; 19 by Radar; 4 by Navigation) 63

Bomb Load: 3 Tons per a/c. (9 Sqs. 500 lb GP's fuzed .1 sec. nose; non-delay tail. (2 Sqs. 500 lb M-17-A1 IB's, minimum intervalometer.

Losses: Not reported

Target Weather: Not reported

Fighter Opposition: Not reported

Anti-Aircraft Encountered: Not reported

Results of Bombing: Primary Target: Unobserved to Excellent
Other Targets: Unobserved to Good

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

* Note: Bombs Away reports on 29 a/c not received.
9 Early Returns reported.

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FW-17-5	Mission 34 - XXI BC Mission Report, Eradicate Four, 15 Feb 45.	17 Feb 1945

(To: CONAF 20 Info: DEPCOMAF 20 From: COMGENBOMCOM 21)

1. Designation of Unit:	73rd Wing	313th Wing	Total
2. Time take off:	1420Z	1421Z	1420Z
	1421Z	1422Z	1422Z
3. Time return:	1510Z	1510Z	1510Z
	1513Z	1512Z	1512Z
4. No. A/C Airborne:	9	28	117
5. No. A/C attacking primary:	29	4	33
6. No. A/C attacking secondary:	0	0	0
7. No. A/C attacking last resort:	45	17	62
8. No. A/C attacking targets of opportunity:	5	0	5
9. No. A/C which failed to bomb designated target:	10	7	17
Reasons: Mechanical:	9	6	15
Weather:	1	0	1
Personnel:	0	1	1
10. No. A/C lost to flak:	0	0	0
11. No. A/C lost to E/A:	0	0	0
12. No. A/C lost by accident:	0	0	0
13. No. A/C lost to reasons unknown:	0	1	1
14. Time of attack: Primary:	1505Z	1505Z	1505Z
	1505Z	1505Z	1505Z
Last resort:	1504Z	1505Z	1504Z
	1505Z	1505Z	1505Z
Targets of opportunity:	1423Z		1423Z
	1506Z		1506Z
15. Altitude of attack: Primary:	25,500 ft	27,000 ft	15,500 ft
To	34,000 ft		34,000 ft
Last Resort:	24,300 ft	26,500 ft	24,300 ft
To	34,800 ft	30,000 ft	34,800 ft
Targets of opportunity:	9,000 ft	18,000 ft	9,000 ft
To	24,500 ft	30,000 ft	9,000 ft
16. Bombs on targets: Primary:	500 GP	500 IB 500 GP	500 GP 500 IB
	240	135 40	280 135
Last Resort:	424	154 160	584 154
Targets of Opportunity:	26	42 None	26 42

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Details: 1 A/C Maisak	0	0	10	10	0
16 A/C Hamamatsu	92	84	30	122	84
A/C Akateuki	0	0	10	10	0
1 A/C Fukuda	0	0	10	10	0
6 A/C Shizuoca	13	14	40	53	14
9 A/C UJI Yamada	48	14	40	88	14
1 AGXC Kawasaki	0	0	10	10	0
4 A/C Toyohashi	52	0	0	52	0
3 A/C Matsuzaka	39	0	0	39	0
3 A/C Nagoya	39	0	0	39	0
3 A/C Akenogahara	28	0	0	28	0
2 A/C Kogh	0	28	0	0	28
1 A/C Yokosuka	13	0	0	13	0
1 A/C Yokohama	11	0	0	11	0
1 A/C Maikazuri	0	14	0	0	14
1 A/C Kinomoto	13	0	0	13	0
1 A/C Wakayama	13	0	0	13	0
1 A/C Iraka	13	0	0	13	0
1 AGXC KU Himoto	13	0	0	13	0
1 A/C Owahi	13	0	0	13	09
1 A/C Owase	13	0	0	13	0
1 A/C Hama Jima	13	0	0	13	0
A. Bombs loaded:	843	336	280	1123	336
B. Bombs unaccounted for:	0	0	0	0	0
17. No. A/C jettisoning bombs:		5	7	12	
Bombs ettisoned:	8	1	70	78	1
18. No. A/C bringing bombs back:			4	0	4
19. Personnel casualties: Killed:			0	0	0
Slightly Wounded:			7	0	7
Seriously Wounded:			1	0	1
Missing:			0	11	11
20. No. E/A destroyed:			8	1	9
Probably Destroyed:			8	0	8
Damaged:			15	2	17

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21. Remarks:

	Medium	Light	Medium
A. Enemy Air Opposition:	Aggressive	Aggressive	Aggressive
(1) Over primary:	35 enemy A/C 120 attacks	15 enemy A/C 10 attacks	50 130
(2) Targets of opportunity:	25 enemy A/C 10 attacks 1 air phosphorus bomb	16 enemy A/C 10 attacks	41 20 1

Majority of attacks were from 25,500 to 27,200 ft. Crew at 33,200 ft observed 3 E/A which appeared to have difficulty in climbing above 30,000 ft. Attacks not pressed very close range. Attacks predominated by Tonys, Tojos, Zekes and Irvings from level to above from ahead with higher proportion from the rear than on recent missions. Twin - inline - engine fighter again observed. One air-to-air phosphorus bombing ineffective.

B. Flak:

(1) 73rd Wing at Primary Target: 4 A/C formation at 30,000 ft, moderate - accurate between continiously pointed and barrage type.

11 A/C formation at 26,800 to 28,200 ft, moderate - accurate with all types of fire control used CM.

8 A/C formation at 26,350 to 27,500 ft, moderate - inaccurate 5 & 6 A/C bombing individually at 28,200 to 33,200 ft, meager - inaccurate and 1tr.

(2) 313th Wing:

(A) Over Primary:

4 A/C encountered moderate - accurate to inaccurate at 27,000 ft. continiously pointed.

(B) Last Resort:

At Hamamatsu, meager - inaccurate of both predicted concentration and continuously pointed.

At Uji Yamada, heavy, meager and inaccurate predicted concentration. Felt to be radar laid.

At Matsuka and Fukuda heavy, meager and inaccurate to accurate continuously pointed.

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Chichi Jima, NW Section, 2 guns, accurate (14,000 ft) to inaccurate.
At Haha Jima, heavy meager, accurate at 14,000 ft.

		73rd Wing	313th Wing	Total
C.	A/C lost or in distress:	0	1	1
D.	A/C severely damaged: or crashed on return:	0	0	0
E.	A/C battle damage	12	5	17
	A/C ready for combat within 2 days	4	1	5
	A/C ready for combat within 3 days	2	2	4
	A/C ready for combat within 4 days	2	0	2
	A/C ready for combat within 5 days	1	1	2
	A/C ready for combat within 6 days	0	1	1
	A/C ready for combat within 7 days	1	0	1
	A/C ready for combat within 12 days	1	0	1
	A/C ready for combat within indefinite days	1	0	1

F. Observations:

73rd Wing:

Observation	Location	Altitude Observed
1 wrecked Zeke	Nishina Jima	1,300 ft
large fire	34 - 50 N 137 - 10E	27,000 ft
20 small vessels	Chichi Jima	23,000 ft
2 DD	27 - 20 N 142 - 10E	23,000 ft

313th Wing: None.

G. Target 193 (35/11 N -136/57 E) Mitsubishi Aircraft Engine Plant: Bombing results poor. Eight direct hits on west main assembly building (H7.6-V3.9) (Photo 3PR4M 17 - 2:15), eight hits among miscellaneous buildings in plant area to north of west assembly building; 10 bursts in residential area to N of west main assembly building. 40 bursts 2,000 - 4,000 ft south of aiming point in residential

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area; five bursts 4,000 ft southeast of aiming point: 85 bursts in open country 12,000 - 14,000 ft southeast of aiming point. Smoke obscures south and east portions of west main assembly building and all building (H8.5-V3.6). Akenogahara A/F (34/32N - 136/40 E): 22 bursts on airfield within 1,500 ft of hangars and one hit in building area. No airplanes dispersed in area of bursts on field. Hamamatsu (34/40 N- 137/28 E); Clouds obscure any hits made. No photographs received from 313th Wing. Undercast.

H. Crew comments: None.

I. Weather: General: Weather at the target was better than forecast while that at the bases was somewhat worse. Frontal conditions at 28 deg N were considerably worse than forecast causing formations to break up. Base on takeoff: 6/10 cumulus, bases, 2000 ft, tops 3000 ft. Visibility was 15 miles.

Route Out: 6/10 cumulus to 16 deg decreasing to 1/10 at 27 deg N, bases 1500 ft, tops 5000 ft, solid bank of clouds at front at 28 deg N. From 28 deg N to 34 deg N 9/10 cumulus, bases at 4-800 ft, tops 10,000 ft 2/10 cumulonimbus bases 600 ft, tops 1500 ft, 10/10 altostratus bases at 11,000 ft at 34 deg N and thinning to 5/10. 10/10 cirrostratus at 30,000 ft thinning to 3/10 over empire. Moderate rain, light rime icing and severe turbulence were reported between 28 deg N and 30 deg N.

Target: 1/10 cumulus, 3/10 C irrus at 30,000 ft. Haze giving 15 mile visibility. Heavy persistent contrails were reported.

Return route: Same as route out except tops in frontal zones had dropped to 20,000 ft and there was 8/10 cumulus with scattered showers in the area of the bases. Bases on return: 7/10 cumulus, bases 1-1500 ft. Visibility 10 miles dropping to 1-2 miles in scattered showers.

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Mech failures of Airborne A/C	Telecon	FN04-3		4 Mar.	SK.

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[illegible]-04-3	Mechanical Failures of Airborne A/C to Bomb Primary Targets	4 March 194[illegible]

Abortives -

(To: COMAF 20 From: BOMCOM 21)

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See your telecon C-4-6. Mission 34 - reports for 73rd Wing and 313th Wing.

A. Reasons for Failure
B. Local corrective action taken
C. No. of U/R submitted

313th Wing
504th Bomb Group
42-24864 - A - No. 18 short exhaust stack blown loose, plus hole in No. 14 exhaust caused No. 3 engine to over heat and cowling to become red hot. Heat caused burning up of several spark plug heads.

B - Defective equipment replaced.

C - U/R No. not reported.

505th Bomb Group
42-24809 - A - Fluxgat compass out, oil leak No. 3 propeller.
B - U/R submitted on flux gate compass.
C - Number of U/R not reported.

42-24913 - A - Oil leak in No. 4 engine, No. 2 fuel booster pump out. No. 1 propeller governor stuck.
B - Defective material repaired.
C - U/R not reported.

42-62517 - A - Pilots artificial horizon out. V. I. F. out, auto pilot turn control out.
B - Instruments were replaced.
C - U/R No. no reported.

73rd Bomb Wing
497th Bomb Group
42-93858 - A - cause unknown. Engine had also previously backfired at all throttle settings at low altitude.

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FN-04-3	Mech. Failures of Airborne A/C (Cont.)	4 March 1945

B - Test flight scheduled, turned over to Air Inspector for investigation.
C - None

42-24593 - A - Metal found in sump. Filings found in prop distributor valve.
B - Changed engine.
C - U/R 45-166

498th Bomb Group

42-24755 - A - Oil in distributor rotor housing.
B - Seal to be replaced, turned over to Air Inspector for investigation.
C - None.

42-93881 - A - Propeller head malfunctioned due to contact switch sticking.
B - Turned over to Air Inspector for investigation: replaced electric propeller head.
C - U/R 45-165

499th Bomb Group

42-63483 - A - Pressure transmitter lines checked but nothing found. Probable cause was air transmitter line.
B - Memo published giving procedure for filling transmitter lines. Turned over to Air inspector for investigation.
C - None

42-24754 - A - No. 2 engine fuel pressure climbed continuously: In 15 minutes reached 241/2 P. S. I. and still continuing. No cause determined except possibly air in transmitter lines.
B - Turned over to Air Inspector: Memo published for filling transmitter lines.
C - None.

500th Bomb Group

42-63875 - A - Started to climb, No. 3 engine rough, smoking and backfiring, possible engine valve malfunction.
B - Turned over to Air Inspector for Investigation.
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42-24652 - A - Burst pushrod housing hose on No. 1 engine.
B - Pushrod housing hose replaced.
C - None.

42-65247 - A - Carbon vanes on fuel transfer pumps sheared.
B - Fuel transfer pumps replaced.
C - U/R 43-236

42-65221 - A - Valve adjusting screw on exhaust rocker box and locked the exhaust valve in the open position.
B - Replaced the rocker.
C - None submitted: The adjusting screw had not been properly torqued at last valve check.

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TELECON MSG NR FN-15-20 OP OP SECRET 151630Z

FROM BOMCOM XXI

TO COMAF JWPH

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

REFERENCE OUR MESSAGE FN 15-19; 151430Z RETURN REPORT FOR

ERADICATE FOUR, 15 FEB 45 PD CHANGE REASON: INPARAGRAPH 6 UNDER 313TH WING TO READ" "BELIEVED DITCHED" REPEAT "BELIEVED DITCHED" INSTEAD OF DITCHED.
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TOD 151654Z PA

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(To: COMGENBOMCOM 21 From: COMAF 20)

To McKelway from Rees.

It is now 2000 Greenwich time and some 12 hours have elapsed since the last plane landed from Eradicate IV. The effect of this delay is obvious. No communique can be issued until the preliminary mission report is received. Correspondents accredited to you will be unable to put out their stories until you receive the communique. The resultant delays seriously affect the press handling of releases from both this headquarters and Guam. In the meanwhile the news interest in operations is watered pretty thin by numerous reports of Jap broadcasts. The story of the operations of the XXI Bomber Command loses their punch.

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TELECON MESSAGE NO. G-15-11 RESTRICTED

SUBJECT: COMMUNIQUE NUMBER 59

TO: COMGENBOMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOMAF 20 POA FROM: COMAF20

RELEASING FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE 160200Z:

SUPERFORTRESSES OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE ATTACKED THE MITSUBISHI AIRCRAFT FACTORY AT NAGOYA IN A DAYLIGHT MISSION TODAY (FEBRUARY 15, JAPANESE TIME). BOMBING WAS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH AN OVER-CAST WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS, 20TH AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS ANNOUNCED. FIGHTER OPPOSITION WAS MODERATE AND ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE MEAGER. NONE OF THE SUPERFORTRESSES OF THE SIZEABLE FORCE WAS LOST TO ENEMY ACTION, MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE XXI BOMBER COMMAND, REPORTED TO HEADQUARTERS.

(TO MCKELWAY INFO WIPPOLD FROM REES)

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TOD: . 160259Z WCR

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	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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	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 NO. K15-5 RESTRICTED

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TO: COMGENBOMCOM 20 FROM: COMAF 20

RELEASING FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE 160200Z:

SUPERFORTRESSES OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE ATTACKED THE MITSUBISHI AIRCRAFT FACTORY AT NAGOYA IN A DAYLIGHT MISSION TODAY (FEBRUARY 15, JAPANESE TIME). BOMBING WAS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH AN OVERCAST WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS, 20TH AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS ANNOUNCED. FIGHTER OPPOSITION WAS MODERATE AND ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE MEAGER. NONE OF THE SUPERFORTRESSES OF THE SIZEABLE FORCE WAS LOST TO ENEMY ACTION, MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE XXI BOMBER COMMAND, REPORTED TO HEADQUARTERS.

(TO GLASS FROM REES)

CCN: COMMUNIQUE NO. IS 59 RESTRICTED

TOD: 160223Z WCR

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TELECON MESSAGE NO.K-15-2 RESTRICTED 152308Z

SUBJECT: PRESS FLASH

TO: COMGENBOMCOM 20 FROM: COMAF 20

THE FOLLOWING PRESS FLASH WILL BE RELEASEDHERE AT 1010002.

" TWENTIETH AIR FORCE SUPERFORTRESSES IN A DAYLIGHT ATTACK STRUCK AT JAPANSES INDUSTRIAL TARGETS ON THE ISLAND OF HONSHU, JAPAN TODAY (10 FEBRUARY 45. JAPANSES CALENDAR). GENERAL OF THE ARMY H. H. ARNOLD, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE ANNOINCED THATTHE MISSION WAS CARRIED OUT BY MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY'S MARIANAS BASEF XXI BOMBER COMMAND. AEDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE RELEAUED AS SOON AS THE INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE."

(TO GLASS FROM REES)

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TOD: 160111Z WCR

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SUBJECT: PRESS FLASH RESTRICTED

TO: COMGENBOMCOM 21 INFO COMGENAAFPOA DEPCOMGEN AF 20POA

FROM: COMAF 20

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THE FOLLOWING PRESS FLASH WILL BE RELEASED HERE AT 150900Z:

" SUPERFORTRESSES OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE ATTACKED INDUSTRIAL TARGETS ON THE JAPANESE HOMELAND ISLAND OF HONSHU TODAY (15 FEBRUARY JAPANESE TIME) GENERAL OF THE ARMY H. H. ARNOLD IN HIS CAPACITY OXXXX RPT AS COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE ANNOUNCED AT WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS. THE MISSION WAS FLOWN BY A FORCE OF B-29'S FROM MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND IN THE MARIANAS. ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE RELEASED AS SOON AS OPERATIONAL INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE."

(TO MC KELWAY INFO WIPPOLD FROM REES)

TOD: 150755Z

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

EXTRACT OF TELETYPE CONFERENCE BETWEEN

WASHINGTON AND GUAM

INITIALS

CHIEF OF STAFF	
DC/S ADM.	
DC/S OPR.	
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INCOMING MESSAGE

Mission 34
XXI BC

TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
FN-18-13	Photo Recon Mission Report, PRM 51, 52, 17 Feb 45. Photo	20 Feb 45

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

		PRM 51	PRM 52
A.	PRM No:	PRM 51	PRM 52
B.	Date time takeoff:	161848Z	161854Z
C.	Date time return:	170900Z	170940Z
D.	Designated recon area:	Nagoya	Kobe and Osaka
E.	Area covered:	Hamamatsu to Sakashita to South Nagoya	Kobe and Osaka
F.	Weather at target:	4/10 to 8/10	6/10 to 7/10
G.	E/A encountered:	None	2 S/E fighters radial engines square wing tips (no attacks)
H.	Flak:	Heavy accurate	None reported
I.	Altitude at target	34,000 feet	32,500 feet

J. 1st phase photo interpretation: PRM 51: A/C visible at Hamamatsu A/F: 22 S/E 54 T/E. About 1,500,000 sq. feet of small industry and business section in Hamamatsu destroyed just south of SW end of railroad tracks. Damaged area is between V7.0-H0.0; 7.1-0.6; 7.7-0.5; 7.8-0.0. on print 3 PR4L2 4:16 damaged inflicted by XXI Bomber Command mission 34 15 Feb 45.
PRM 52: Tambaichi A/F (34/35N - 135/48 E) location confirmed on 6" vertical photography. Osaka Harbor: 6" oblique, partial cover. 8 ships, 400 to 500 feet, numerous smaller vessels; none identifiable also observed by crew.

K. Observations: PRM 51: Reflectors seen near Hamamatsu fighters observed taking off Hamamatsu A/F. One SS 170240Z at 34 deg 26 min N - 137 deg 28 min E heading south.
PRM 52: A/F with no planes observed at Nansan. One reflector seen here. 30 to 40 vessels of all sizes observed at 18 deg 32 min N 143 deg 35 min E heading 330 deg no wake visible two unidentified boats seen west of Iwo Jima. 42-ship convoy sighted at 17 deg 25 min N 145 deg 50 min E going NW about 10 to 12 knots.

DISTRIBUTION		
	ACTION	None
	INFORMATION	C/S DC/S Opr;(2 cys); A-2 (14); A-5 Plans (2); SCO (2); AA; Op An

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Mission Map—Mission #34	—	—		15 Feb.	bmc

MIS. MAP AS PLANNED & EXECUTED

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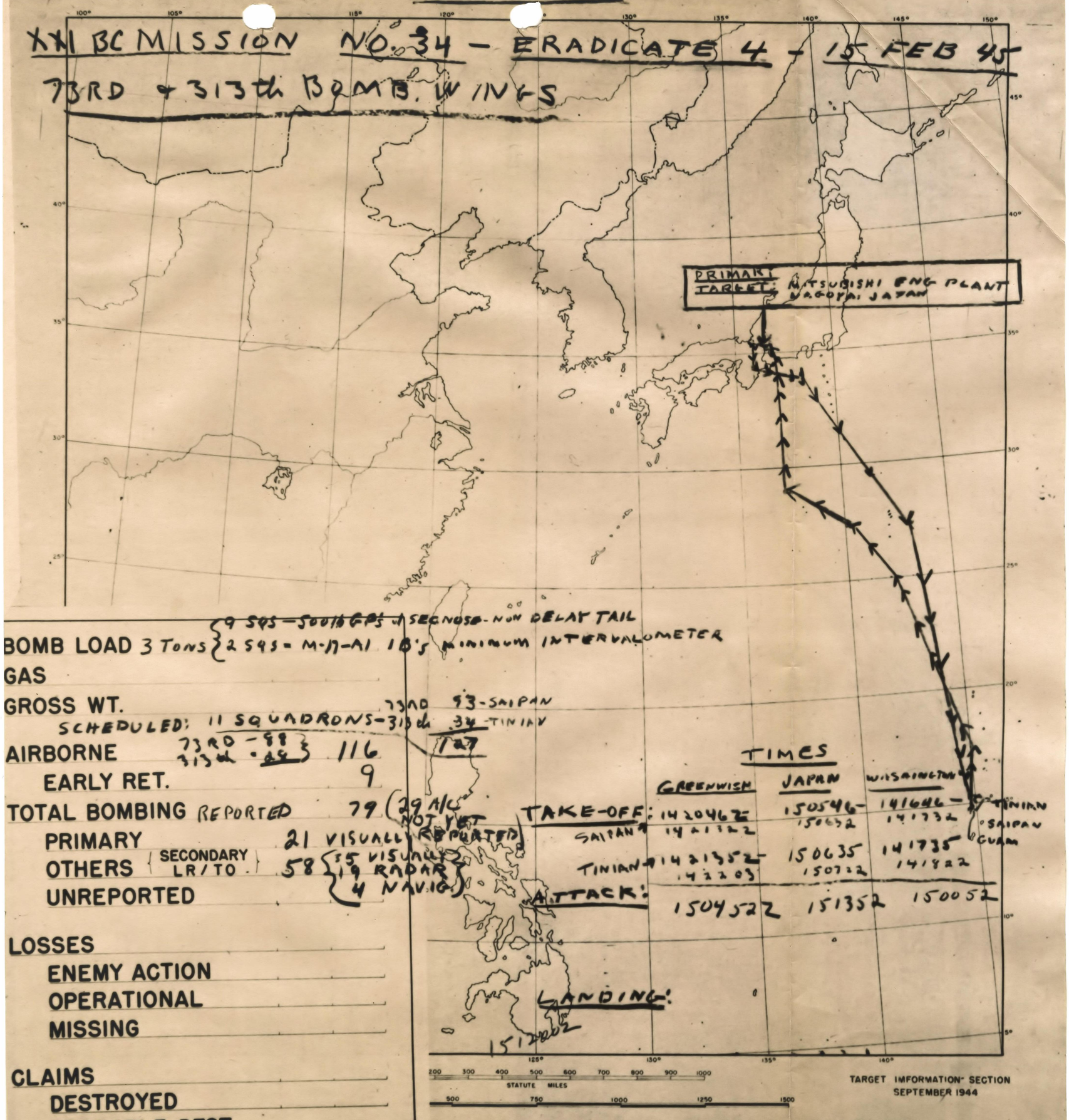
XXI BC MISSION NO. 34 - ERADICATE 4 - 15 FEB 45

73RD + 313th BOMB. WINGS



BOMB LOAD 3 TONS { 9 SQS - 500 lb GPS w/ SEC NOSE - NON DELAY TAIL
2 SQS - M-17-A1 1B's MINIMUM INTERVALOMETER

GAS

GROSS WT.

SCHEDULED: 11 SQUADRONS - 73RD 93 - SAIPAN
313th 34 - TINIAN
127

AIRBORNE 73RD - 88, 313th - 28 } 116

EARLY RET. 9

TOTAL BOMBING REPORTED 79 (29 A/C NOT YET REPORTED)

PRIMARY 21 VISUALLY REPORTED

OTHERS { SECONDARY LR/TO } 58 { 35 VISUALLY, 19 RADAR, 4 NAVIG. }

UNREPORTED

LOSSES

ENEMY ACTION

OPERATIONAL

MISSING

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLE DEST.

DAMAGED

TIMES

	GREENWICH	JAPAN	WASHINGTON
TAKE-OFF:	1420462	150546	141646
SAIPAN	1421322	150632	141732
TINIAN	1421352	150635	141735
	142203	150722	141822
ATTACK:	1504522	151352	150052

LANDING: 1512002

TACTICS: VISUAL AND RADAR BOMBING FROM ALTITUDE OF 26,000 FT ON AXIS 281 DEGREES TRUE

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Request for Report	Telecon	G-15-4	152127Z		BGR
" for Add. Info.	"	G-16-1	161235Z		BGR
Answer to Telecon G-16-1	telecon	FW-17-7		170555Z	AM

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TMON MESSAGE FN 17-7 OPERATIONAL PRTY 170555Z

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FROM COMGEN XXI BOMCOM

TO COMGEN AF 20

INFO DEP COM AF 20 (POA)

GR 101

SUBJECT: ANSWER TO YOUR TELECON G-16-1.

1. SUBJECT PARAGRAPH 1 CLAIMS OF ENEMY FIGHTERS SENT OT AS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO OUR PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT IN OUR MESSAGE NUMBER FN-16-14.

2. INFORMATION AS TO TARGETS OF LAST RESORT ACTUALLY BOMBED WASNOT AVAILABLE AT TIME PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT DISPATCHED. REPORT FORWARDED RATHER THAN DELAY BY HOLDING. INFORMATION IS INCLUDED COMPLETE IN FINAL MISSION REPORT FORWAREDED TODAY. LAST RESORT TARGETS DESIGNATED WERE ANY INDUSTRIAL CITIES IN JAPAN PROPER.

3. DUE TO ERROR IN REPORTING SECTION, FORMS BEING DRAWN UP FOR VAPPROVAL WERE USEDIN PREPARING PRELIMINARY AND FINAL MISSION REPORT INSTEAD OF CORRECT 55-1 FORMS.

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TELECON MSG NO G-16-1 ((SECRET)) ((1612292))

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ERADICATE 4

TO: CONGENBOMCOM 21 FROM: COMAF 20

1. YOUR PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT MAKES NO MENTION OF CLAIMS ON ENEMY FIGHTERS. PLEASE FURNISH THIS INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBE RPT POSSIBLE AND IF NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT ARE CLAIMED PLEASE SO STATE.

2. WE CAN FIND NO MENTION EITHER IN YOUR MISSION PLAN OR SUBSEQUENT TELECONS

2. WE CAN FIND NO MENTION EITHER IN YOUR MISSION PLAN RPT PLAN OR SUBSEQUENT TELECONS OF WHAT WAS DESIGNATED AS LAST RESORT TARGET. WE ASSUME THAT IT WAS THE SAME AS IN THE PAST ERADICATE MISSIONS. PLEASE CONFIM THIS OR GIVE US POOPER RPT PROPER LAST RESORT TARGET.

3. YOUR PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT DOES NOT CONFROM WITH MANUAL 55-1. ALL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISION OF REPORTING FORMS ARE NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BUT UNTIL ANY REVISIONS ARE APPROVED THE FORMS AS STATED IN MANUAL 55-1 WILL BE ADHERED TO.

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TOD: 161235Z WCR

CCNS: ADDRESS IS TO : COMGENBOMCOM 21

FIRST LINE PARA 1

1. YOUR PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT MAKES NO MENTION OF CLAIMS RPT CLAIMS

SECOND LINE PARA 3

55-1 . ALL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISION OF REPORTING FORMS ARE NOW

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TELECON MSG NR G-15-4 ((SECRET))

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT ON ERADICATE 4

TO COMGENBOMCOM 21 FROM COMGENAF 20

HOW SOON CAN WE EXPECT PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT ON ERADICATE 4.

REQUEST REPLY THIS CONFERENCE.

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