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FROM: LEMAY COMGEN BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20

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SUBJECT: BRIEF OF F.O. NO. 58 AIRFIELDS ON KYUSHU

12 SQUADRONS SCHEDULED TO ATTACK AIRFIELD INSTALLATIONS ON ISLAND OF KYUSHU ON 17 APRIL

	PRIMARY VISUAL TARGET	AXIS OF ATTACK	PRIMARY RADAR	FORCE
1.	BULLISH	310 DEGREES TRUE	BARRANCA	2 SQDNS.
2.	AGHAST	270 DEGREES TRUE	FEARLESS	2 SQDNS.
3.	BARRANCA	306 DEGREES TRUE	SAME	2 SQDNS.
4.	FAMISH	61 DEGREES TRUE	BARRANCA	2 SQDNS.
5.	BUSHING	13 DEGREES TRUE	NECKCLOTH	1 SQDNS.
6.	CHECKBOOK	310 DEGREES TRUE	BARRANCA	3 SQDNS.

ROUTE: BASE TO IWO JIMA TO TARGETS TO IWO JIMA

BOMB LOAD: 8 SQUADRONS 260 LB FRAG BOMBS FUSED INSTANTANEOUS NOSE. 4 SQUADRONS 500 LB FRAG CLUSTERS FUSED TO OPEN 1,000 FT BELOW AIRCRAFT - METHOD OF ATTACK BY SQUADRONS - THE PRIMARY VISUAL TARGET WILL BE ATTACKED BY VISUAL BOMBING METHODS IF POSSIBLE AND BY THE PRIMARY RADAR TARGET WILL BE ATTACKED BY RADAR BOMBING METHOD IF NECESSARY. AIR SEA RESCUE FACILITIES REQUESTED. TAKE OFF 162130Z OVER TARGETS 160600Z RETURN BASE 161215Z. ..END...

TOD: 1625 162359Z

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Ray G. Baker, Capt. A. C.

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Take Off Report	Telecon	FN16-21		162343Z	MB
First Takeoff Report	"	FN16-17		162342Z	MB

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TELECON MSG FN-16-21 OPOP SECRET

FROM BOMCOM XXI 162326Z

TO COMAF 20

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SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR KYUSHU STRIKES , MISSIONS 74-75, 17 APRIL 1945.

1. TARGET:	NITTAGAHARA A/F (BUSHING - 1)	KANOYA A/F (CHECKBOOK - 2)
2. WING:	314	314
3. A/C SHEDULED:	11	33
4. A/C AIRBORNE:	10	34
5. FIRST A/C:	1806 162206Z	162131Z
6. LAST A/C	1818 162215Z	162216Z

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TELECON MESSAGE FN 16-17 OP SECRET 162136Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO: COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: FIRST TAKE OFF FOR BUSHING NO. 1 AND CHECKBOOK NO. 2

1. FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT 162131Z.

BASES ON TAKE OFF: 3 TO 5/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 1800 FEET

VISIBILITY 8 TO 12 MILES

ROUTE TO TARGETS: 3 TO 5/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 2000 TOPS 6000 FEET WITH OCCASSIONAL TOPS TO 8000 EXCEPT IN WEAK FRONT FROM 22 TO 24 DEG NORTH WHERE 9/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 1000 TOPS 7 TO 10000 FEET AND 9/10 MIDDLE CLOUD IN LAYERS 11000 TO 14000 FEET. VISIBILITY 10 MILES OR BETTER EXCEPT 1 TO 2 MILES IN RAIN IN FRONTAL ZONE

TARGETS: 2/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 2500 TOPS 5000 VISIBILITY 12 MILES IN LIGHT HAZE. POSSIBILITY OF 3/10 MIDDLE CLOUD OVER EXTREME WESTERN KYUSHU AT 16 TO 17000 FEET

BASE ON RETURN : 5/10 LOW CLOUD WITH SCATTERED LIGHT TO MODERATE SHOWERS. CLOUD BASE 1500 FEET 500 IN SHOWERS; VISIBILITY 10 MILES, 1 MILE IN SHOWERS.

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1st Bomb Away	Telecon	FN-13-10		170757Z	VSR
Briefers Report	Ditto		17 Apr		MB
Consolidated Bomb Damage	Telecon	FN-17-9		170755Z	R
Returns Report	Telecon	FN-17-24		171706Z	R

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TELECON MSG FN-17-24 OP SECRET 171630Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT FOR CHECKBOOK TWO, MISSION 75 AND BUSHING ONE, MISSION 74, 17 APRIL 1945.

XXI BOMBER COMMAND

	BUSHING ONE	CHECKBOOK TWO
1. WING:	314	314
2. AIRBORNE	10	34
3. LANDED HOME BASE:	8	31
4. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE:	2 (IWO)	3 (2 IWO - 1 DEPOT FLD GUAM)
5. FIRST A/C:	171212Z	171207Z
LAST A/C:	171318Z	171303Z
WX6. EARLY RETURNS:	2 H	3

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TELECON MSG FN-17-9 OP SECRET 170740Z
FROM : BOMCOM XXI
TO : COMAF 20
INFO : C
DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)
SUBJECT: CONSLOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY FOR BUSHING-1, STK 74 AND CHECKBOOK-1, STRIKE 75, 17 APRIL 9145.

1. 58 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY ACCOUNTING FOR:

2. 9 A/C BOMED NITTAHAHARA A/F (BUSHING-1) VISUALLY WITH FAIR RESULTS.
3. 29 A/C BOMBED KANOYA A/F (CHECKBOOK-1) VISUALLY WITH FAIR TO EXCELLENT RESULTS.

4. 5 A/C RETURNED EARLY.

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Washington, D. C.

Information for Briefing on XXI Bomber Command
Mission No. 74 - 17 APRIL 1945
Date

Mission Code Name "BUSHING 1" (As of 0800 Z - 17 Apr 45)
Date

Targets: Primary - NITTAGAHARA AIRFIELD, KYUSHU

Secondary - NONE

Last Resort - NONE

Take-off Times: 161806 - 161815 Washington; (1622062 - 1622152)

Time Over Primary Target: 170210
172020 Washington; (1706102)

Tactics: Visual bombing - Method of attack by Squadrons

Aircraft Bombing: 9

Primary Target - 9
Secondary Target -
Other Targets -

Bomb Load: 260 lb fragmentation bombs, fused instantaneous nose; and 500 lb fragmentation clusters fused to open 1000 ft. below aircraft

Losses: Not Reported

Target Weather: 2/10 low cloud, base 2500 tops 5000 ft. Visibility 12 miles in haze.

Fighter Opposition: Not Reported

Anti-Aircraft Encountered: Not Reported

Claims: Not Reported

Results of Bombing: Fair

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

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TELECON MSG FN-15-10 OP SECRET 170752Z SECRET

FROM : BOMCOM 21

TO : COM GEN 20

INFO : DEPCOMAF W/// 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: FIRST BOMBS S

AWAY REPORT ON BUSHING NUMBER 1.

FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET AT 170610Z.

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LY WITH GOOD RESULTS.

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-17-29 (SECRET) 171940Z (OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY)

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20

INFO: DEPCOMAF20(POA)

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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT FOR BUSHING ONE, MISSION 74 AND CHECKBOOK TWO, MISSION 75, 17 APRIL 1945.

1. NAME OF PRIMARY:
PRIMARY VISUAL: NITTAGAHARA A/F AND KANOYA A/F
PRIMARY RADAR: MIYAZAKI A/F AND KIKUBU A/F
2. NAME OF SECONDARY: NONE

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3. NAME OF LAST RESORT: NONE
4. NAME OF OPPORTUNITY: NONE
5. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: MISSION 74, SIX A/C DROPPED 84 X 500 LB T4E4 FRAG W/S/T 8.5 T-71 NOSE AND NO TAIL FUSING ON PRIMARY BY VISUAL MEANS THRU 0/10 CLOUDS FROM 18,000 TO 18,500 FT AT 170610Z.
MISSION 75, 26 A/C DROPPED 306 X 500 425 LB T4E4 FRAG S/T-71 NOSE AND NO TAIL FUSING ON PRIMARY BY VISUAL MEANS THRU 0/10 CLOUDS FROM 18,000 TO 19,400 FT AT 170539Z TO 170545Z.
6. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: NONE
7. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: NONE
8. A/C ATTACKING TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: NONE

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9. NO. A/C TAKING OFF: MISSION 74, 10 A/C AIRBORNE AT 162206Z TO 162215Z
MISSION 75, 34 A/C AIRBORNE AT 162131Z TO 162245Z
10. NO. A/C EARLY RETURN: MISSION 74, 2 A/C RETURNED EARLY AND BOMBED NO TARGETS. MISSION 75, 3 A/C RETURNED EARLY AND BOMBED NO TARGET
11. NO. A/C LOST OR MISSING: MISSION 74, NONE. MISSION 75, 1 A/C MISSING TO UNKNOWN REASON (THIS A/C WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS

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LANDING AT IWO. UNCONFIRMED) THIS IS CORRECTION TO RETURN REPORT

12. BOMBING RESULTS: GOOD TO EXCELLENT ON BOTH

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13. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: 11 MISSING ON MISSION 75

14. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: MISSION 74, NIL, MISSION 75, 17 E/A SIGHTED

15. AA FIRE: MISSION 74, NIL, MISSION 75, HEAVY MEAGER AND INACCURATE

16. FIGHTER SUPPORT: NONE

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17. WEATHER: CAVU, AND SLIGHT HAZE.

18. IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS: MISSION 74, TWO LARGE WHITE SPLASHES SEEN AT 170055Z FROM 9,000 FT AT 2140N - 14215E WEATHER CLEAR AND SEA CALM. MISSION 75, POSSIBLE CV AT 2140N - 13445E FROM 17,000 FT AT 170640Z. COURSE 290 T. ONE DD TWENTY MILES DISTANT, PLANE ALTERED COURSE TO PASS TO LEFT OF CV. GOOD BEAM AND STERN OBSERVATION. ESTIMATED 4 E/A SEEN ON GROUND AT TARGET. HANGARS AND ADMINISTRATION BLDG BOMBED.

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19. ESTIMATE CLAIMS: NONE.

20. OTHER INFORMATION: A/C LANDING AT IWO NOT INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT THIS REPORT IS FRAGMENTARY AND SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR RECORD PURPOSES.

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Mission Report	Telecon	FN-1828		182213Z	BGK
Mission Report	Ditto		18 Apr	"	MB

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MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 74 - 17 APRIL 1945

"BUSHING 1"

Target:	Nittagahara Airfield, Kyushu
Take-Off:	161805 - 161815 Washington; (162205Z - 162215Z)
Time Over Target:	170210 Washington; (170610Z)
Aircraft:	Total Bombing: 6
A/C Lost or Missing:	None
Casualties:	None
Bombs Dropped:	84 x 500 lb. T4E4 frag. S/T-71 nose and no tail fusing.
Tactics:	Daylight visual bombing from an altitude of 18,000 - 18,500 feet by squadron.
Weather:	CAVU with slight haze.
Fighter Opposition:	None
Flak:	None
Claims:	None
Observations:	Two large white splashes seen at 170055Z at 21/40N - 142/15E.
Results:	Good to Excellent.
Remarks:	This report is subject to change and should not be used for official records.

As of 0800, 18 April 1945

for William L. Norstad
LAURIS NORSTAD
Brigadier General, U. S. Army
Chief of Staff

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-18-28 (SECRET) 1822Z (OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20

INFO: DEPCOMAF20(POA)

SUBJECT: MISSION REPORT FOR BUSHING ONE, MISSION 74, 17 APRIL 1945.

To Maj Rosenberg

Hq. Twentieth AF
Deputy Chief of Staff
Operations

Executive Section	Combat Plans	Combat Operations
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1. DESIGNATION OF UNIT: 314TH WING, XXI BOMBER COMMAND.
2. TIME OF TAKE OFF: 162206Z TO 162215Z
3. TIME OF RETURN: 171212Z TO 171320Z
4. NO. A/C AIRBORNE 10
5. NO. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 7 1 a/c ret Jw.
6. NO. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: NONE
7. NO. A/C ATTACKIN LAST RESORT TARGETS: NONE (N)
8. NO. A/C ATTACKING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: NONE
9. NO. A/C WHIC FAILED TO BOMB DESIGNATED TARGETS: 2 A/C OF WHICH NONE BOMBED TARGETS.
10. NO. A/C LOST TO FLAK: NONE
11. NO. A/C LOST TO E/A: NONE
12. NO. A/C LOST BY ACCIDENT: NONE
13. NO. A/C LOST BY REASONS UNKNOWN: NONE
14. TIME OF ATTACK: PRIMARY TARGET: 170610Z
15. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK: PRIMARY: 18,000 FT TO 18,500 FT
16. BOMBS ON EACH TARGET: PRIMARY: 98 X 500 LB FRAG. (T4E4) FUSED 8.5 - T-71 NOSE, NO TAIL.
    A. BOMB LOADINGS: 140 X 500 LB FRAG. (T4E4) FUSED SAME AS ABOVE.
    B. BOMBS UNACCOUNTED FOR: 14 X 00 LB FRAG. (T4E4) FUSED SAME AS ABOVE.
17. NO. A/C JETTISONING BOMBS: 2 A/C.
    28 X 500 LB FRAG. (T4E4) FUSED SAME AS ABOVE.
18. NO. A/C BRINGING BOMBS BACK: NONE
19. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: NONE
20. NO. E/A DESTROYED: NONE. PROBABLY DESTROYED: NONE. DAMAGED: NONE.
21. REMARKS:
    A. ENEMY OPPOSITION: NIL.
    B. FLAK: AT MIKAKANOJO, HEAVY, MEAGER AND INACCURATE.
    C. A/C LOST OR IN DISTRESS: NONE
    D. A/C SERIOUSLY DAMAGED OR CRASHED ON RETURN: NONE.
    E. A/C BATTLE DAMAGE: NONE
    F. OBSERVATIONS: APPROXIMATELY 4 TO 6 E/A WERE SIGHTED IN DIGRE

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F. OBSERVATIONS: APPROXIMATELY 4 TO 6 E/A WERE SIGHTED IN DISPER
AL AREAS AT TARGET.

G. PHOTO INTERPRETATION: SEE OUR MSG FN-18-9, 180645Z

H. CREW COMMENTS: NONE.

I. WEATHER: SEE OUR MSG FN-18-24, 181616Z

NOTE: 1 A/C LANDING AT (DELETE THIS LINE)

NOTE: 1 A/C LANDING AT IWO NOT INCLUDED IN PARAGRAPHS 5 AND 16.

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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
FM-19-03	SUPPLEMENTS TO FLASH STRIKE ATTACK REPORTS, BOMBER COMMAND MISSIONS 74 AND 75, 17 APRIL 1945	19 Apr 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 POA BOMBWING 73 BOMBWING 313 BOMBWING 314	COMGENBOMCOM 21

Supplement to Flash Strike Attack Report No. 23, Target 2531 Nittagahara A/F 32/06N - 131/26E XXI Bomber Command Mission 74, Target area Kyushu E, 17 April 1945.

Strike photos show five patterns of bursts at E side of field, on NE-SE runway, on Tarmac; in and around hangars in E section of field. No planes visible in areas covered by bursts.

Supplement to Flash Strike Attack Report No. 24 Target 1378 Kanoya A/F 31/22N - 130/50E, XXI Bomber Command Mission 75, Target area Kyushu S (90.38) 17 April 1945.

Strike photos show six patterns of burst. Four bursts are on N side of field; extend from center of field to hangars. Other two patterns are in and among hangars and buildings at N side of field. One damaged and four possibly damaged aircraft.

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	INFORMATION	C/S DC/S TM&E; A-2 (14); A-3 OC&R (6); A-5 Plans (2); Op Anal (1); Stat Con (2); AA (1)

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FN-18-9	FLASH STRIKE ATTACK PHOTO REPORTS, BOMBER COMMAND MISSIONS 70 THROUGH 75, 17 APRIL 1945	18 Apr 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 POA BOMWING 73 BOMWING 313 BOMWING 314	BOMCOM 21

Flash Strike Attack Report No. 19 Target 2512 Izumi A/F 32/05N - 130/19E, XXI BOMCOM Mission 70, Target Arza: Yatsushiro, 17 April 45, strike photos show about four patterns of bombs bursting on the NE quarter of the field and hangar area were several fires are visible. Several hits are apparent on 2 hangars. Approximately 4 additional patterns of bursts are seen concentrated on the W side of the field, and in the dispersal area to the SW. Aircraft visible: 60. 44 S/E, 16 T/E, 8 A/C probably damaged or destroyed not included in above total.

Flash Strike Attack Report No. 20, Target 1236, Tachiarai A/F 33/24N - 130/37E. XXI BOMCOM Mission 71, Target area Kurume. 17 April 1945 strike photos show 9 patterns of bombs bursting on the N half of the field running from the E edge across the field to the W edge, and into the revetments located there. Two planes are burning and 9 others are probably damaged. Six patterns of bomb burst appear at the center of the field, running 2500's, past the S edge of the field. Four planes in this area are probably damaged. Aircraft visible: 92. 48 S/E, 44 T/E, 15 A/C probably damaged or destroyed not included in above total.

Flash Strike Attack Report No. 21 Target 2520, Kokubu A/F 31/43N - 130/45E XXI BOMCOM Mission 72. Target area: Kyushu South 17 April 1945. Strike photos show 2 patterns of bombs bursting in the N section of the field, across the N end of the servicing strip, and in the hangar area. No visible hits on A/C. A/C visible 59 S/E, 1 T/E, 22 unidentified.

Flash Strike Attack Report No. 22, Target 2516, Kanoya East A/F 31/22/30N - 130/53/00E XXI BOMCOM Mission 73, Target Area: Kyushu South 17 April 1945. Strike photos show 6 patterns of bombs bursting on the field and in the hangar area: 1 in the hangar area, 3 between hangars and runways, 2 on opposite (S) side of runway. Aircraft visible: 63. 62 S/E, 1 T/E. 7 A/C probably damaged, not included in above total.

Flash Strike Attack Report No. 23, Target 2531, Otsgahara A/F 32/06N - 131/26E XXI BOMCOM Mission 74, Target Area: Nyypshu East 17 April 1945. Strike photos show bombs away and falling, but no bursts on the ground. A/C visible: 46, 26 S/E, 20 T/E, 6 A/C probably previously damaged not included in above total.

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FW-18-9	FLASH STRIKE ATTACK PHOTO REPORTS, BOMBER COMMAND MISSIONS 70 THROUGH 75, 17 APRIL 1945 (Cont'd)	18 Apr 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:

Flash Strike Attack Report No. 24, Target 1378, Kanoya A/F. 31/22N - 130/50E XXI BOMCOM Mission 75, Target Area: Kyushu South, 17 April 1945. No bomb bursts visible on strike photography. A/C visible: 156. 103 S/E, 53 T/E, 50 A/C previously damaged or destroyed, not included in above total.

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