MISSION NO. 233 HAGI, KOBE, OSAKA AND NIIGATA
27 June 1945 MINING MISSION NO. 28

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HAGI, KOBE, OSAKA AND NIIGATA
MINING MISSION NO. 28
MISSION NO. 233
27 June 1945

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FROM: KISSNER COMGENBOMCOM21 260612Z

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TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 POA.
GR.95.

AIMCR-6142..SUBJECT: BRIEF OF MINING MISSION 28.
BRIEF OF MINING MISSION FOR NIGHT OF 27 JUNE. HAGI, KOBE, OSAKA AND NIIGATA ARE SCHEDULED TO BE MINED AT 271551Z, 271505Z AND 271603Z BY 30 A/C LAYING 290 MINES.

TARGET	FORCE	NO OF MINES
FIELD X: HAGI	14	118
FIELD A: KOBE,OSAKA	8	76
FIELD U: NIIGATA	8	96

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

ROUTES:

FIELD X: BASE, IWO, 3230N 13230E, 3344N 1314220E, 343940N 13137E (IP), TARGET, LEFT TURN TO 15000 FT, 3344N 1314220E, 3230N 13230E, IWO, BASE.

FIELD A: BASE, IWO, 3330N 13450E, 341640N 13500E (IP), TARGET, RIGHT TURN TO 15000 FT, 3354N 13612E, IWO, BASE.

FIELD U: BASE, IWO, 3630N 14000E, 374830N 13813E, 3805N 1381530E, 3805N 1383340E (IP), TARGET, LEFT TURN TO 15000 FT, 3759N 13913E, 3620N 14100E, IWO, BASE.

GENERAL SCHEME OF ATTACK: BY INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT UNESCORTED AT NIGHT AT AN TLTITUDE OF 6000 AND 8000 FT USING RADAR RELEASE.

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WCR V YAMF NR 31 OP OP SECRET

FN-27-18

FROM: KISSNER COMGENBOMCOM 21 260907Z

RPT DTG 270907Z

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA) (OP)

Mission 233

AIMCR 6213 SUBJECT: FIRST TAKEOFF REPORT ON MINING MISSION 28. FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT 270752Z.

WEATHER EXPECTED:

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BASE AT TAKEOFF: SCATTERED LOW AND MIDDLE CLOUDS.

ROUTE OUTGOING: TO 38 DEG NORTH: SCATTERED LOW, MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUDS WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS.

TO (38 DEG NORTH - 139 DEG EAST): 33 DEG NORTH TO 37 DEG NORTH: BROKEN LOW; OVERCAST MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUDS, LIGHT RAIN.

TARGETS: 38 DEG NORTH - 139 DEG EAST: 5/10 LOW CLOUDS, BASE 2000 FT, TOP 8000 FT; 10/10 MIDDLE CLOUDS, BASE 9000FT; TOP 15,000 FT; 10/10 HIGH CLOUDS AT 23,000 FT; LIGHT RAIN REDUCING VISIBILITY FROM 10 TO 2 MILES, WINDS 8000 FT- 270 DEG AT 28 KNOTS.

34 DEG NORTH - 135.3 DEG EAST : 7/10 LOW CLOUDS, BASE 1800 FT TOPS 5000 FT; 3/10 MIDDLE CLOUD, BASE 13,000 FT, TOP 14,000 FT; VISIBILITY 15 MILES; WINDS AT 6000 FT -W 240 DEG AT 20 KNOTS.

C34 DEG NORTH - 132.2 DEG EAST: 5/10 LOW CLOUDS, BASE 2000 FT, TOP

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INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA) (OP)

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BASES ON RETURN: SCATTERED LOW AND MIDDLE CLOUDS.

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TOD..271105Z LC

ROGER V WCR 1105Z

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FN-27-22

FROM: BOMCOM XXI 271203Z

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TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

AIMCR 6220 SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR MISSION NO.233 TARGET HAGI-KOBE-NIIGATA AREAS FLOWN 27 JUNE 45.

1. UNITS: 313TH WING

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2. A/C SCHEDULED: 30

3. A/C AIRBORNE: 30

B

4. 1ST A/C OFF: 270752Z

5. LAST A/C OFF: 270914Z

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TOD..271216Z LC

ROGER V WCR 1216Z

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ACTION:	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S TM&E	DC/S P&A	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans	Air Insp	PRO	Comm.
	Op Anal	Stat Con	Anti-Acft	FSO	A.G.	Surg							
INFORMATION:	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S TM&E	DC/S P&A	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans	Air Insp	PRO	Comm.
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PASS TO COMAF 20 AS FM-28-07

FROM: BOMCOM XXI 280335Z

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA) (SPAAD)

AIMCR 6240

SUBJECT: LANDING REPORT, MISSION 233, JAP HOME WATERS, FLOWN 27-28 JUNE 1945.1. UNIT: 313TH WING

2. LANDED HOME BASE: 28

3. LANDED AWAY: 2(IWO)

4. FIRST LANDING: 272034Z LAST: 280024Z

5. MISSING: NONE

6. EARLY RETURNS: 1.

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SUMMARY

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE 28 June 1945

REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 233 - 27/28 June 1945
Date

Mining Mission No. 28

Mined
Targets ~~XXXXXX~~

Mining
Total A/C ~~XXXXXXX~~ 29

Hagi 14

Osaka Bay 8

Niigata 7

Time Over Target: 27/2315 - 28/0126 Theater Time

Mine Tons Dropped
~~XXXXXXXXX~~ 178.5 tons

~~XXXXXXX~~

Tactics: Mine laying by individual a/c from anx altitude of 6,500 to 8,400 ft.

A/C Lost or Missing: None

Weather: 0 to 10/10 cloud, visibility - 6 to 25 miles

Fighter Opposition: Hagi - 5 E/A observed - no attacks
Osaka and Niigata - None

Flak: Hagi - Light and medium, meager and accurate to inaccurate
Osaka - Light and medium, meager and inaccurate
Niigata - Heavy and medium, meager to moderate and accurate to inaccurate

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Enemy RCM: None

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Observations:

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Fighter Support:

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TELECON MSG NO. FN-28-21

SUBJECT: Mission Summary for Mission No. 233, flown 27 June 1945. Mining Mission No. 28

DATE: 28 June 1945

TO: COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 POA

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM 21

281420Z AIMCR 6266

1. Designation of unit: 313th Wing, XXI Bomber Command.
2. Time take off: 270752Z to 270914Z
3. No. A/C airborne: 30
4. Mines airborne: 93 MK 25 and 192 MK 26-36.
5. Disposition of mines airborne:
   A. Primary field: X 14 A/C A 8 A/C U 7 A/C

MK 25 Q21-J8	8	0	0
X31-B7	2	7	0
X51-B7	1	1	0
Q21-G8	7	0	0
X71-B7	1	5	0
N21-B8	7	0	0
D11-B7	10	0	0
N31-B8	6	0	0
N23-J8	6	0	0
D13-J7	11	0	0
N33-G8	6	0	0
D31-B8	1	0	0
S31-G8	1	0	0
D35-7	1	0	0
D11-B8	1	0	0
D35-G8	1	0	0
X51-B8	0	7	0
X11-B7	0	2	0
X11-B8	0	1	0
X31-B8	0	4	0
X71-B8	0	1	0
MK26-36 D31-B7	7	0	9
Q21-G8	7	5	10
D11-B8	4	0	0
Q21-A8	6	4	10
D33-B8	1	0	0
V25-J8	3	0	0
D21-B8	3	6	0
S31-J8	5	5	9

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TO:	INFO:	FROM:

D33-G7	3	2	0
S41-G8	1	1	3
D15-B7	0	4	13
D15-L8	5	0	0
D11-B7	0	6	13
D31-B8	0	6	3
D15-L7	0	2	0
D33-B7	0	3	12
D25-B7	0	3	2
D25-J7	0	1	0

Run No. 1 observed 5 mines exploding on water 34/27 N 131/23 E at 271600Z.

Run No. 3 observed 2 mines explode in minefield at 271549Z.
Run No. 6 observed 2 mines explode in minefield at 271542Z.
Run No. 8 observed 5 mines exploding in minefield.

B. Alternate minefields: Nil.
C. Jettisoned: Run No. 24 U Field, jettisoned the following mines at 15/00 N 146/15 E:

TYPE	NO.
MK 26-36 D31-B7	2
Q21 AG	2
D33-B7	2
D11-B7	1
Q21-G8	1
S41-G8	1
D15-B7	1
D25-B7	1
S31-J8	1

Run No. 2, X Field, jettisoned the following mines at 34/42 N 131/37E.

TYPE	NO.
MK26-36 D33-B7	1
D25-B8	1
D15-B7	1

DIST	ACTION	INFO	C/S - DC/OPRS - DC/S P&A - DC/S TME

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TO:	INFO:	FROM:

D. Returned: Nil
E. Unaccounted for: Nil
6. No. A/C failing to mine and reasons: 1 A/C mechanical.
7. Time of attack: Force 1: 271524Z to 271724Z. Force 2: 271451Z to 271559Z. Force 3: 271601Z to 271626Z.
8. Altitude over minefield: Force 1: 8,000 to 7,500 feet. Force 2: 6,500 to 6,900 feet. Force 3: 8,000 to 8,400 feet.
9. True airspeed at mine release: Force 1: 228 to 233 knots. Force 2: 213 to 232 knots. Force 3: 226 to 231 knots.
10. Length of mine run: Force 1: 3 min 30 sec to 6 min 48 sec. Force 2: 1 min 30 sec to 7 min 40 sec. Force 3: 5 min to 7 min.
11. Wind reported over minefields: Force 1: 16 knots at 235 deg to 34 knots at 275 deg. Force 2: 21 knots at 240 deg to 23 knots at 276 deg. Force 3: 25 knots at 276 deg to 19 knots at 318 deg.
12. Clouds and visibility: Force 1: 0/10 to 2/10, visibility 10 to 30 miles. Force 2: 0/10 to 7/10, visibility 6 to 25 miles. Force 3: 9/10 to 10/10, visibility 4 to 15 miles.
13. Time of return: 272034Z to 280034Z.
14. No. A/C lost: None.
15. Personnel casualties: None
16. Enemy air opposition: Force 1: Observed 5 E/A--No attacks. Force 2: None. Force 3: None.
17. Flak: Force 1: Light and medium, meager, accurate to inacc. Force 2: Light and medium, meager, inaccurate. Force 3: Heavy and medium, meager to moderate, acc. to inacc.
18. Enemy RCM noted and effect: None.
19. Radar scope photos obtained: Force 1: 56 Force 2: 57. Force 3: 31.
20. Observations: None.
21. Remarks: It is estimated that Hagi and adjoining anchorage and Niigata have been mined to complete closure and will remain closed to ships of 1,000 tons and over for several days. Shipping will, however, continue to be disrupted, sunk, and damaged in these areas and in the Kobe Osaka Area for several weeks.

Please pass this information to CNO, Washington.

TOD: 1525Z

DIST	ACTION	INFO
	None	C/S - DC/OPRS - DC/S P&A - DC/S TME (4); Gen. Norstad; Gen. Hodges (2); Gen. Wilson; Gen. Bissell; Capt. Anderson; Stat Con (2)

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