Mission No. 188 Kobe Urban Area

5 June 1945

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SECRET Kobe Urban Area

MISSION NO. 188

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Brief of Strike on Xobe U.A.	Telecon	FN-04-7		040825 z	[illegible]
Aiming Points	Cable	Cm Sn 5638		060421 z	ER

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From: Headquarters, 21st Bomber Command, Guam
To: War Department
Nr: 0371 6 June 1945

From COMGEN BOMCOM 21 to COMAF 21 AIGBI 0371. Mission Plan

Aiming Points for Mission 188 is subject (Urad 060423102, G-5-12) refer to AAF target chart 9025-5, geographic coordinates of aiming points are in:

135-15-40 east, 34-42-50 north,
135-14-00 east, 34-42-40 north,
135-12-55 east, 34-42-00 north,
135-11-47 east, 34-41-07 north,
135-08-15 east, 34-38-55 north.

Lithomosiac of Kobe area B will be dispatched by air approximately 7th June, suggest you confirm location of aiming points upon receipt.

End.

ACTION: 20th AF

Action Copy sent to Col Posey

CM-IN-5638 (6 Jun 45) DTG 060421Z fs

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-04-7 OPOP T O P - S E C R E T

FROM: LEMAY COMGENBOM[illegible] 21

TO : COMGENAF 20 040825Z

INFO: DEPCOMGENAF 20

TOP SECRET

AIMCR 5126 SUBJECT: BREIF OF STRIKE ON KOBE URBAN AREA.

1. KOBE URBAN AREA IS SCHEDULED TO BE ATTACKED ON 5 JUNE 45
AT 042215Z WITH MAXIMUM EFFORT (APPROX 475 A/C)

MPI	NUMBER OF A/C	TONS PER A/C
139142	95	6 1/4
111132	95	6 1/4
091110	95	6 1/4
074090	95	6 1/4
024024	95	6 1/4

MPI REFERENCE XXI BOM COM LITHO MOSIAC "KOBE URBAN AREA B".

2. ROUTE

BASE
ASSEMBLY ZONE I

DEPARTURE LINE 3350N BETWEEN 13445E AND 13505E

3417N - 1350030E (IP)
TARGET

3455N - 13520E

3440N - 13600E

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BASE

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

3. BOMB LOAD AND FUSING:

58TH WING: 2 GROUPS E-46 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS
1 GROUP M-47 INCENDIARY BOMBS
1 GROUP M-17 CLUSTERS

73RD WING: 2 GROUPS M-47 I.B.'S
1 GROUP E-46 CLUSTERS
1 GROUP M-17 CLUSTERS

313TH WING: 2 GROUPS E-46 CLUSTERS
1 GROUP M-47 I.B.'S
1 GROUP M-17 CLUSTERS

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314TH WING: 2 GROUPS M-47 I.B. 'S

1 GROUP M-17 CLUSTERS

1 GROUP E-46 CLUSTERS

FUSING: ALL CLUSTERS FUSED TO OPEN 5,000 FEET ABOVE TARGET.

M-47 I.B.'S: INSTANTANEOUS NOSE.

4. GENERAL SCHEME ATTACK: THREE GROUPS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO ATTACK EACH MPI EXCEPT THE LAST WHICH HAS 4 GROUPS WITH EACH GROUP PASSING THE DEPARTURE POINT EVERY 4 MINUTES WITH AN ADDITIONAL BREAK OF 4 MINUTES BETWEEN EVERY 3 GROUPS.

TIME CONTROL: D-DAY AND D-HOUR: 042200Z.

FIRST TAKE OFF	FIRST STRIKE	FIRST RETURN
041345Z	042215Z	050430Z

THERE WILL BE NO FIGHTER ESCORT FOR THIS MISSION.

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TOD: 040925Z GW
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1st a/c off at weather	Telecon	FN-04-9		041554Z	BJR
Consolidated Take Off	"	FN-04-11		042047Z	BJR
Correction to Take Off	"	FN-05-05		050357Z	BJR

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TELECON MSG FN-0[illegible]05 OPOP SECRET

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FROM BOMCOM XXI 050348Z

TO COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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AIMCR 5146 CORRECTION TO TAKE OFF REPORT FOR MISSION 188, TARGET KOBE URBAN AREA, FLOWN 5 JUNE 1945 (REFER OUR FN-04-11)

1. UNITS:	~~XXX~~ XXI BOMCOM	58	73,313,314
2. A/C SCHEDULED:	548	128	NO CHANGE
3. A/C AIRBORNE:	524	119	

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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.C.	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.	Op Anal	Stat Con	Anti-Acft	FSO	A.C.	Surg			

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-04-11 OPOP SECRET

FROM: BOMCOM XXI 041825Z

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

AIMCR 5135 SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR MISSION NO. 188, TARGET KOBE URBAN AREA, FLOWN 5 JUNE 1945.

1. UNITS	XXI BOMCOM	58	73	313	314
2. A/C SCHEDULED:	546	126	154	132	134
3. A/C AIRBORNE:	525	120	152	125	128
4. FIRST A/C OFF:	041421Z	041458Z	041445Z	041454Z	041421Z
5. LAST A/C OFF:	041651Z	041651Z	041559Z	041623Z	041551Z
6. EARLY RETURNS:	19	5	6	4	4

7. REMARKS: 3 SUPERDUMBOS AIRBORNE BY 041504Z.

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TOD: 060420472 YAMG

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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.	Op Anal	Stat Con	Anti-Acft	FSO	A.G.	Surg						

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-04-9 GROUP SECRET

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FROM COMGENBOMCOM 21 041428Z

TO COMAF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

AIMCR 5133 SUBJECT: FIRST TAKEOFF REPORT ON NO. 188 (KOBE URBAN AREA)

FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT 041421Z

BASES AT TAKEOFF: 4/10 LOW CLOUD, VISIBILITY 12 MILES LOW SCATTERED SHOWERS IN AREA.

ROUTE TO TARGET: 3 TO 5/10 LOW CLOUD WITH SCATTERED MIDDLE CLOUD TO 28 DEG NORTH WHERE FRONT BEGINS. CLOUD IN FRONT SOLID TO 30,000 FEET EXTENDING TO 29 AND 1/2 DEG NORTH. THEN BECOMING LAYERS WITH HORIZONTAL BREAKS AND BREAKING RAPIDLY AT COAST TO OVERCAST HIGH CLOUD AT 23,000 FEET WITH BROKEN MIDDLE CLOUD 14 - 16,000 AND SCATTERED LOW CLOUD.

TARGET: 2/10 LOW CLOUD 2 TO 5,000 FT WITH 3/10 MIDDLE CLOUD 14 TO 16,000 FEET AND OVERCAST HIGH CLOUD 23,000 FEET. VISIBILITY 12 MILES.

BASES ON RETURN: 4/10 LOW CLOUD WITH SCATTERED LIGHT SHOWERS.

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ROGER V WCR FN-04-9 041554Z

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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.	Op	Anal	Stat	Con	Anti-Acft	FSO		
	A.G.	Surg												

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First Bombs Away	Telecon	FN 04-1K		2352Z	MB.
Consolidated Bomb Away	"	FN-05-1		0255Z	KSK
Additional Bombs Away	"	FN-05-04		0358Z	KSK
Return Report	"	FN-05-18		1445Z	KSK
Daas Report			5 June		KSK

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ADDITIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 188 - 5 June 1945
Date

Targets Bombed: Total A/C Bombing: 450 (incomplete)

Kobe Urban Area 446

Other Targets 4

Time Over Target: 050728 - 050848 Theater Time

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Results: Unobserved to excellent

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A/C Lost or Missing: 8 a/c (7 lost in target area, 1 missing)

Weather: 0/10 to 8/10 cloud

Fighter Opposition: Weak to moderate and aggressive. 1 a/c reported rammed by e/a

Flak: Heavy caliber, meagre to intense and generally accurate.

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Observations:

Twin Boom A/C seen on Tamara A/F

Naval Sightings:

4 large and 10-15 small and medium merchant ships in Kobe Harbor.
2 probable CV's off Dock Area in Kobe Harbor
Over 25 ships at Nagashima 34/12N-136/20E
10 ships approx. 34/17N-135/01E including possible DE
7 large merchant ships 34/05N-134/40E.
1 u/i Naval vessel near shore about 15 mi. SSW of Osaka Harbor.
18 u/i vessels and many possible small barges, apparently moored together in long rows at Owashi
50-60 small raft like craft between Owashi and Nagashima
10 larger ships off shore in same area.
1 large ship and 2 possible DD heading 75 deg. at 33/54N-136/06E.
2 possible DD anchored at 34/03N-136/16E.
5 small and 2 medium MV at 34/17N-134/12E
15-20 small MV anchored 34/07N-136/15E.

Flight Surgeon XXXXXXXXXXXXC

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-05-18 OPOP SECRET

FROM: BOMCOM XXI 051327Z

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-05-18 OPOP SECRET

FROM COMGENBOMCOM 21 051327Z

TO COMAF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA) COMGENBOMWG 58 ATTN: A-2

COMGENBOMWG 73 ATTN: A-2 COMGENBOMWG 313 ATTN: A-2

COMGENBOMWG 314 ATTN: A-2 COMGENBOMWG 315 ATTN: A-2

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SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT, MISSION NO. 188 TARGET KOBE URBAN AREA FLOWN 5 JUNE 1945.

1. UNIT:	BOMCOM	58WG	73WG	313WG	314WG
2. A/C RETURNED:	471	105	144	115	107
3. A/C AWAY:	47	11	7	9	20
4. KNOWN LOSSES:	7	3	1	1	2
A. TARGET AREA:	7	3	1	1	2
B. DITCHED:	0	0	0	0	0
C. OTHERS:	0	0	0	0	0
5. A/C MISSING:	1	1	0	0	0
6. TIME DOWN FIRST:	050403Z	050504Z	050403Z	050459Z	050535Z
7. TIME DOWN LAST:	050806Z	050721Z	050719Z	051719Z	050806Z

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7. TIME DOWN LAST:	050806Z	050721Z	050719Z	051719Z	050806Z
8. A/C NOT BOMBING:	43	8	13	9	13
9. A/C BOMBS UNKNOWN:	33	4	2	9	18

10. TARGETS ATKD.	NO. A/C	CLOUD	ALTITUDE	METHOD	RESULTS
KOBE URBAN	446	0-8/10	14-16600'	VIS&RAD	UNOBS-EXCEL
WAKAYAMA (OPP)	1	CAVU	13000 FT	VISUAL	UNOBSERVED
KOMATSUSHIMA (OPP)	1	2/10	17,500 FT	VISUAL	EXCEL
SHINGU (OPP)	1	2/10	15,500 FT	VISUAL	EXCEL
TAKAT SUKI (OPP)	1	2/10	15,000 FT	VISUAL	EXCEL

11. E/A OPPOSITION: WEAK TO MODERATE AND AGGRESSIVE.

1 A/C OF THE 73RD WING WAS REPORTED AS HAVING BEEN RAMMED BY E/A.

12. FLAK:	CALIBER	INTENSITY	ACCURACY
KOBE -	HEAVY	MEAGER-INTENSE	GENERALLY ACCURATE
WAKAYAMA -	NIL		
KOMATSUSHIMA -	NIL		

13. OBSERVATIONS: EVALUATED NAVAL OBSERVATIONS TO FOLLOW.
TWIN BOOM A/C SEEN ON TAMARA A/F.

14. REMARKS: CORRECT NUMBER A/C AIRBORNE FOR 58TH WING SHOULD BE 120 AND 314TH WING 129, MAKING BOMCOM TOTAL 526 AIRBORNE. 4 SURVIVORS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN RESCUED BY SUBMARINE. 2 A/C OF 314TH WING UNDER A/C NOT BOMBING, 1 A/C WAS WEATHER OBSERVER, 1 A/C WAS MASTER OF CEREMONIES

THIS REPORT IS FRAGMENTARY AND SUBJECT TO CORRECTION.

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FROM : BOM COM XXI
TO : COMAF 2Ø

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INFO : DEPCOMAF 2Ø (POA)

AIMCR 5145

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL BOMBS AWAY FOR MISSION NO. 188 TARGET KOBE URBAN

AREA FLOWN 5 JUNE 1945.
1. 21 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY ACCOUNTING FOR :

2.

NO.A/C	TARGET	METHOD	RESULTS
25	PRIMARY	VISUAL	GENERAL CONFLAGRATION
24	PRIMARY	VISUAL	SEVERAL LARGE FIRES
19	PRIMARY	VISUAL	MANY SMALL FIRES
38	PRIMARY	VISUAL	UNOBSERVED
6	PRIMARY	RADAR	SEVERAL LARGE FIRES
38	PRIMARY	RADAR	UNOBSERVED
1	OPPORTUNITY	VISUAL	GENERAL CONFLAGRATION

3. REMARKS: NO CHANGE IN CLOUD COVER, TIMES OR OPPOSITION. THIS REPORT IS FRAGMENTARY AND SUBJECT TO CORRECTION.

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TELECON MSG FN-05-1 OPOP SECRET

FROM BOM COM XXI 050136Z

TO COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

AIMCR 5141 SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY FROM MISSION NO. 188 TARGET KOBE URBAN AREA FLOWN 5 JUNE 1945

1. 55 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY ACCOUNTING FOR:

2. NO A/C	TARGET	METHOD	RESULTS	TIME
146 A/C	BOMBED	PRIMARY VISUALLY	REPORTING GEN CONFLAG	042228Z
				042348Z
48 A/C	BOMBED	PRIMARY VISUALLY	REPORTING SEV LARGE FIRES	042228Z
			HS	042348Z
55 A/C	BOMBED	PRIMARY VISUALLY	REPORTING UNOBS RESULTS	042228Z
				042348Z

4 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY BY RADAR REPORTING GENERAL CONFLAG

11 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY BY RADAR REPORTING SEVERAL LARGE FIRES

17 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY BY RADAR REPORTING UNOBSERVED RESULTS

3. A/C RETURNED EARLY: 31

4. REMARKS: WEATHER OVER TARGET REPORTED AS 0/10 TP 0 8/10 CLOUD. FLAK REPORTED MEAGER TO MODERATE TO INTENSE. FIGHTER OPPOSITION REPORTED SLIGHT TO MODERATE TO HEAVY GENERALLY MODERATE. BOMBING TIME 042228Z TO 042348Z. THIS REPORT IS FRAGMENTARY AND SUBJECT TO CORRECTION: ABOVE TOTALS COVER ALL INFLIGHT REPORTS RECEIVED AT THIS TIME 050110Z FURTHER REPORTS ARE EXPECTED AND WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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TELECON MSG FN-Ø4-1[illegible]POP SECRET
FROM: BOMCOM XXI Ø422[illegible]Z

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TO : COMAF 2Ø

INFO: DEP COM AF 2Ø (POA)

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AIMCR 5136...SUBJECT: FIRST BOMBS AWAY REPORT ON STRIKE ONE EIGHTY EIGHT

FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY AT Ø42215Z THROUGH 2/1Ø CLOUD COVER REPORTING SEVERAL LARGE FIRES, MODERATE ENEMY FIGHTERS AND MODERATE FLAK.
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	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.	Op Anal	Stat Con	Anti-Acft	FSO	A.G.	Surg				

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Mission Summary	Telecon	FN-06-12		061340Z	[illegible]
Info to DAAS	Ditto	—	6 June		[illegible]

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6 June 1945

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 188 - 5 June 1945
Date

Target Bombed: Total A/C Bombing: 474

Kobe Urban Area 468

Other Targets 6

Time Over Target: 050723 - 050847 Theater Time

Bombs XXXXXX Tons Dropped 3079.33 tons (E-46, T4E4, M-47, M-17)

Results: Strike photos reveal fires scattered throughout entire target area. Half of city obscured by smoke. Crew reports indicate excellent results.

Tactics: Daylight bombing by visual and radar methods from an altitude of 14,750 to 16,000 ft.

A/C Lost or Missing: 9 a/c lost (5 a/c to E/A, 3 to AA, 1 Operational)

Weather: 3-5/10 high cloud at 22,000 ft. Visibility 15 mi. in light haze. Winds at 15,000 ft. were 270 deg at 35 knots.

Fighter Opposition: 470 attacks sustained, generally unaggressive. Few reports of E/A flying thru B-29 formations and some coordinated attacks. A B-29 was rammed by a George after being hit by flak over target and straggling behind formation.

Flak: Kobe - meager to intense and generally accurate. Target to Land's End - meager to moderate and inaccurate.
Osaka - meager to intense and accurate to inaccurate.
Ogura A/F, Wakayama, Kushimoto, Tambaichi A/F - meager and inaccurate. All heavy caliber.

Claims: 62-48-65

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TELECON MSG FN-06-20 OPS SECRET

FROM BOMCOM XXI 062310Z

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TO COMAF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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AIMCR 5225

SUBJECT: CORRCTION TO MISSION SUMMARY, STRIKE 188, TARGET KOBE FLOWN 5 JUNE 1945.

PARAGRAPH 9A, METHOD OF BOMBING SHOULD READ:

PRIMARY: BOMCOM 423V-45R 58TH WING 75V-32R

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CCN SUBJECT CORRECTION TO MISSION SUMMARY ETC::

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	A-5 Plans	Air Insp	PRO	Comm.	Op Anal	Stat Con	Anti-Acft	FSO				
	A.G.	Surg										
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	A.G.	Surg										

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TELECON MSG FN-Ø6-12 O..P SECRET
FROM: BOMCOM XXI Ø61115E
TO: COMAF 2Ø
INFO: DEPCOMAF 2Ø (POA)
AIMCR 5215
SUBJECT: MISSION SUMMARY FOR MISSION NO. 188 TARGET KOBE URBAN AREA FLOWN 5 JUNE 1945.

PART A. STATISTICS:

1. UNITS:	XXI B.C.	58 WG	73 WG	313	314
2. TAKE OFF: 1ST:	Ø4123ZZ	Ø4145ZZ	Ø4144ZZ	Ø4145ZZ	Ø4123ZZ
LAST:	Ø4165ZZ	Ø4165ZZ	Ø4155ZZ	Ø4162ZZ	Ø4151ZZ
3. A/C AIRBORNE:	526	12Ø	152	125	129

4. BOMBS AIRBORNE:

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A. NO.& TYPE:					
M-47	35,479	4725	14123	6806	9825
E-46	5,386	1883	1100	1595	808
T4 E4	396	87	151	36	122
M-17	4,235	955	1180	1093	1007

B. FUSINGS:

M-47 INST NOSE - NO TAIL
E-46 OPEN AT 5,ØØØ FT ALTITUDE
T4 E4 OPEN 3ØØØ FT. BELOW A/C
M 17 OPEN AT 5,ØØØ FT ALTITUDE

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5. DISPOSITION OF BOMBS:

A. PRIMARY TARGETS	A/C - BOMBS	A/C - BOMBS	A/C-BOMBS	A/C-BOMBS	A/C-BOMB
E-46 -425	468 - 4651 988.33	107-1571	139-962	114-1437	108-681
T4 E4 -425	- 350 74.38	-75	-134	-35	-106
M-47 -70	-32396 1153.86	-4354	13244	-6243	-8555
M-17 -463	-3724 862.10	-926	1003	-982	-813

B. OPPORTUNITY TARGETS: 3038.67

58TH WING	A/C	E-46	T4 E4	M-17
SHIZUKI:	1	33	1	Ø
WAKAYAMA:	1	29	1	Ø
KOMATSUSHIMA:	1	Ø	Ø	29
313TH WING:				
SHINGU:	1	3Ø	Ø	Ø
TAKATSUKI:	1	3Ø	1	Ø
314TH WING				
FUTAMINOWA A/F:	1	Ø	1	31
BOM COM TOTALS:	6	122	4	6Ø

total tons dropped 3079.33

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ATTACKS. A B-29 WAS RAMMED BY A GEORGE AFTER BEING HIT BY FLAK OVER

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B.JETTISONED;	XXI B.C. A/C-BOMBS	58 WG A/C-BOMBS	73 WG A/C-BOMBS	313 WG A/C-BOMBS	314 WG A/C-BOMBS
M-47	41 -2311	10-370	13-839	8-379	10-723
T4 E4	-33	-10	-16	Ø	- 7
E-46	-533	-250	-133	-98	-52
M-17	-393	Ø	-177	-110	-106
C. RETURNED:					
M-17	5 -4	Ø	5-Ø	-1	-3
T4 E4	-1	Ø	-1	-Ø	-Ø
M-47	-40	Ø	-40	-Ø	-Ø
E-46	-Ø	Ø	-5	-Ø	-Ø
D. UNACCOUNTED FOR:					
E-46	8-75	Ø	Ø	1-Ø	7-75
M-47	-553	-1	Ø	-184	-368
M-17	-54	Ø	Ø	Ø	-54
T4 E4	-7	Ø	Ø	Ø	-7
E. ACCIDENTALLY RELEASED:					
M-47	1-179	Ø	Ø	Ø	1-179
T4 E4	-1	Ø	Ø	Ø	-1
6. A/C NOT BOMBING:					
A. MECHANICAL	~~36~~ 38	9	11	~~7~~ 9	9
B. PERSONNEL:	1	Ø	Ø	1	Ø
C. WEATHER:	NIL				
D. OTHER:	1	Ø	Ø	1	Ø
7. AVERAGE BOMB ALTITUDE:					
A.PRIMARY:	15,530'	16,000'	15,700'	14,750'	15,662'
B.SECONDARY:	NIL				
C.OTHERS:	15,125'	15,250	Ø	15,000'	--
8. TIME BOMBS AWAY:					
A.PRIMARY:	Ø42223Z	Ø42231Z	Ø42223Z	Ø42228Z	Ø42223Z
	Ø42347Z	842334Z	Ø42309Z	Ø42345Z	Ø42347Z
B.SECONDARY:	NIL				
C.OTHERS:	Ø42302Z	Ø42303Z	Ø	Ø42302Z	---
	Ø42331Z	Ø42331Z		Ø42327Z	
9. METHOD OF BOMBING:					
A.PRIMARY:	424V-45R	78V-32R	139-V	109V-5R	100V-8R
B.SECONDARY:	NIL				
C.OTHERS:	VIS	VIS	Ø	VIS	VIS
10. TIME OF RETURN:					

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M-17	-54	Ø	Ø	Ø	
T4 E4	-7	Ø	Ø	Ø	-7
E. ACCIDENTALLY RELEASED:					
M-47	1-179	Ø	Ø	Ø	1-179
T4 E4	-1	Ø	Ø	Ø	-1
6. A/C NOT BOMBING:					
A. MECHANICAL	~~36~~ 38	9	11	~~7~~ 9	9
B. PERSONNEL:	1	Ø	Ø	1	Ø
C. WEATHER:	NIL				
D. OTHER:	1	Ø	Ø	1	Ø
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B.SECONDARY:	NIL				
C.OTHERS:	Ø42302Z	Ø42303Z	Ø	Ø42302Z	---
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9. METHOD OF BOMBING:					
A.PRIMARY:	424V-45R	78V-32R	139-V	109V-5R	100V-8R
B.SECONDARY:	NIL				
C.OTHERS:	VIS	VIS	Ø	VIS	VIS
10. TIME OF RETURN:					
FIRST:	Ø50403Z	Ø50504Z	Ø50403Z	Ø50459Z	Ø50535Z
LAST:	Ø50806Z	Ø50721Z	Ø50719Z	Ø50718Z	Ø50806Z
11. CLAIMS:					
A.DESTROQED:	62	6	15	21	20
B.PROBABLES:	48	9	14	11	14
C.DAMAGED:	65	9	15	18	23
12. CASUALTIES:					
A.KILLED:	1	Ø	Ø	1	Ø
B.WOUNDED:	17	4	2	10	1
C.MISSING:	84	44	7	11	22
13. NO.A/C LOST:	9	5	1	1	2
A.TO E/A:	5	2	1	1	1
B.TO AA:	3	2	Ø	Ø	1
C.TO ACCIDENT:	NIL				
D. TO DITCHING:	NIL				
E.OPERATIONAL:	1	1	Ø	Ø	Ø
F.UNKNOWN:	NIL				
14.A/C DAMAGED:	180	25	61	47	47
A.MAJOR:	18	8	4	1	5
B. MINOR:	162	17	57	46	42

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PART B. NARRATIVE:

1.AIR OPPOSITION: 470 ATTACKS SUSTAINED, GENERALLY UNAGGRESSIVE. A FEW REPORTS OF E/A FLYING THROUGH B-29 FORMATIONS AND SOME COORDINATED ATTACKS. A B-29 WAS RAMMED BY A GEORGE AFTER BEING HIT BY FLAK OVER

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TARGET AND STRAGGLING BEHING FORMATION. 5 CHUTES OBSERVED BEFORE A/C CRASHED IN WATER.

2. FLAK:

LOCATION	CALIBER	INTENSITY	ACCURACY
KOBE	HEAVY	MEG TO INTENSE	GENERALLY ACCURATE
TGT TO LANDS END	HEAVY	MEG TO MODERATE	INACCURATE
OSAKA	HEAVY	MEG TO INTENSE	ACC TO INACCURATE
OGURA A/F	HEAVY	MEAGER	INACCURATE
WAKAYAMA	"	"	"
KUSHIMOTO	"	"	"
TAMBAICHI A/F	"	"	"

3. WEATHER: BASES AT TAKEOFF: TINIAN AND SAIPAN: 4-5/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 2000', VISIBILITY 15 MILES. GUAM: 1-2/10 CLOUD LOW, BASE 2000 FT; VISIBILITY 15 MILES. ROUTE OUTGOING: TO 26 N: 3-4/10 LOW CLOUDS, BASE 2000 FT, TOP 5-6000 FT; 2-3/10 HIGH CLOUD BASE 25,000 FT; TQWERING CUMULUS AND THUNDERHEADS TO AN ESTIMATED 30,000 FT WERE SEEN BETWEEN 22 AND 24N. 26 N TO 31 N: 8-10/10 LOW CLOUDS, BASE UNKNOWN, TOPS 6-18000 FT; 10/10 MIDDLE CLOUD, BASE 8000 FT; VISIBILITY 0-1 MILE IN MODERATE TO HEAVY RAIN THUNDERSTORMS AND LIGHTING; LIGHT RIME ICE ABOVE 15,000 FT, LIGHT SNOW REPORTED AT ALTITUDES ABOVE 10,000 FT. 31 N TO 33 N: 7/10 LOW CLOUDS BASE UNKNOWN TOP 7000 FT BECOMING 4/10 WITH TOP 5,000 FT/10/10 MIDDLE CLOUD BASE 10,000 FT TOP 16,000 FT CLEARING OUT BY END OF ZONE; 8/10 HIGH CLOUD AT 22,000 FT; VISIBILITY 10 MILES IN LIGHT HAZE. 33 N TO TARGET 2-3/10 LOW CLOUD, TOP 5,000 FT; 8-10/10 HIGH CLOUD, BASE 22,000 FT; VISIBILITY 15 MILES. TARGET: 3-5/10 LOW CLOUD, TOP 4-5000 FT, 7-9/10 HIGH CLOUD AT 22,000 FT; VISIBILITY 15 MILES IN LIGHT HAZE; SMOKE BUILT UP TO 20,000 FT; WINDS AT 15,000 FT WERE 270 DEG AT 35 KTS. ROUTE RETURNING: SAME AS ROUTE OUTGOING. BASES ON RETURN: 4/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 1800 FT, TOP 5,000 FT, VISIBILITY 15 MILES.

4. AIR SEA RESCUE: 4 SUPERDUMBOS, 7 DUMBOS, 3 SURFACE CRAFT, AND 4 LIFE GUARD SUBMARINES COVERED MISSION ROUTE. 31V607 SPUN IN AND EXPLODED ON WATER 2 MILES OFF LANDS END AFTER HIT BY FLAK AND BEING RAMMED BY A GEORGE. 4 SURVIVORS RESCUED. 40V752 ABANDONED AT 3419N-13632 E. 1 A/C (58 WG) CRASHED ON LANDING AT IWO JIMA. 1 CREW MEMBER SLIGHTLY INJURED. 53V753 49V753, 25V754, 50V527, 57V529, AND 3V757 LOST OVER TARGET. 2 SUPERDUMBOS, AIDED BY SUBMARINES, CONTINUE SEARCH FOR POSSIBLE SURVIVORS.

5. FIGHTER ESCORT: NIL

6. RESULTS: STRIKE PHOTOS REVEAL FIRES SCATTERED THROUGHOUT ENTIRE TARGET AREA. HALF OF THE CITY IS OBSCURED BY SMOKE. CREW REPORTS INDICATE EXCELLENT RESULTS.

7. REMARKS:

2 A/C, INCLUDED IN TOTAL AIRBORNE FROM 314 TH WING ACTED AS "MASTER OF CERMONIES" AND " WEATHER SHIP" AND DID NOT BOMB. 47 A/C LANDED IWO JIMA ON RETURN ROUTE FOR VARIOUS MECHANICAL REASONS. THIS REPORT IS PRELIMINARY AND IS NOT TO BE USED FOR RECORD PURPOSES.

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CCN: UNER 6. A/C NOT BOMBING: ADD THE FOLLOWING LINE BEFORE
A. MECHANICAL

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SUBJECT COMMUNIQUE NO 110

TO COMGENBOMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOMAF 20 POA FROM COMAF 20
INFO COMGENBOMCOM 20 (ATTENTION: GLASS)

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WILL BE RELEASE HERE AT 051830Z

" SUPERFORTRESSES CARRIED OUT THEIR THIRD INCENDIARY ATTACK ON KOBE, JAPAN'S SIXTH LARGEST CITY, MONDAY 4 JUNE ESTXXX RPT EWT (5 JUNE JAPNESE TIME) WITH RESULTS DESCRIBED AS EXCELLENT. A VERY LARGE TASK FORCE OF B-29S FROM MAJOR GENREA L CURTIS E. LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND MAKE XXX RPT MADE THE ATTACK DURING MID- MORNING BOMBER CREWS REPORTED UPON RETURN TO THEIR BASES IN THE MARIANAS THAT NXXX RPT JAPANESE AIR OPPSXXX RPT OPPOSITION WAS MODERATE AND THAT FLAK RANGED FROM MEAGER TO INTENSE AND WAS ACCURAT E.
EIGHT OF OUR PLANES ARE MISSING."
(ATTENTION: REES INFO WIPPOLD FROM DOULENS)
(INFO PRO'S ALL WINGS)
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SUBJECT PRESS FLASH

TO COMGENBOMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOMAF POA 20

INFO COMGENBOMCOM 20(-ATTENTION : GLASS)

FROM COMAF 20

THE FOLLOWING PRESS FLASH WILL BE RELEASED HERE AND SIMULTANEOUSLY BY YOU ONE HOUR AFTER RECEIPT OF FIRST BOMBS AWAY IS ACKNOWLEDGED:

" A VERY LAGE RPT LARGE FORCE OF B-29'S OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE RETURNED TO THE JAPANESE SHIPBUILDING CENTER OF KOBE TODAY, 4 JUNE EWT (5 JUNE, JAPANESE TIME), DROPPING INCENDIARY BOMBS ON THE STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT CITY. IT WAS THE IXXXRPT FIRST STRIKE AT KOBE SINCE 17 MARCH, WHEN THREE SQUARE MILES OF THE CITY WERE BURNED OUT.

" THE SUPERFORTRESSES OF MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY' S XXI BOMBER COMMAND IN THE MARIANEAS STRUCK AT THE KEY CITERPT CITY SHORTLY AFTER 7:00 A.M.

" GENERAL OF THE ARMY H. H. ARNOLD, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE, ANNOUNCED THE NEW MISSION AT HIS HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON AND SAID THAT FURTHER DETAILS WOULD BE RELASED RPT RELEASED WHEN COMPLETE OPERATIONAL REPORTS ARE RECEIVED.

" KOBE IS JUST WEST OF OSAKA, WHICH WAS SUCCESSFULLY ATACKED BY B-29' S LAST THURSDAY. IN ADDITION TO ITS SHIPBUKLDING RPT SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY, KOBE IS A CENTER FOR AIRCRAFT AND ORDNANCE PRODUCTION AND IS THE TERMINAL FOR ONE OF JAPAN'S LARGEST RAILWAYS".

(ATTENTION: REESINFO WIPPOLD FROM DOULENS)

(INFO PRO'S ALL WINGS)

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Correction	Telecon	Note		@1350Z	SK
Damage to Tobe	Telecon	FN-14-2		14 June	MH
Photo Intrep	"	AIMCR-5383		10 June	BJR
" "	"	FN-10-18		10 June	BJR

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FN-10-18	PHOTO INTERPRETATION, 3 PRM'S 278-279, FLOWN 10 JUNE 45	10 June 1945

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 POA	COMGENBOMCOM 21

PRM 278
Mean time of photography: 092356Z.
Altitude: 30,000 feet
Damage to Osaka: Complete 6" coverage of Osaka and partial 24" coverage shows about 3.4 square miles destroyed from 21st BC Mission 189, 7 June 1945. The new damage is located mainly to the north and northwest of Castle. No damage is visible to numbered industrial targets. In the Castle area, 12 barrack type buildings and 2 miscellaneous buildings are destroyed. Total damage to Osaka is now about 14.65 square miles or 24 percent of the built-up portion of the city. (City area is 74.8 square miles minus 14.2 square miles of sparsely built-up area, leaving 60.6 square miles this figure is slightly different from that used on Flash Report 260 due to an incorrect boundry between Amagasaki and Osaka).
Damage is located as follows on XXI BC Lithomosaic-Osaka:

Area bounded by: 069127, 069134, 073134, 072127, 069127.
Area bounded by: 073129, 073134, 080137, 082136, 085137, 073129.
Area bounded by: 093142, 091144, 092146, 094144, 093142.
Area bounded by: 096144, 092152, 095151, 096152, 100152, 096144.
Area bounded by: 098146, 097147, 099144, 100143, 098146.
Area bounded by: 112142, 119145, 121148, 125145, 112142.
Area bounded by: 093128, 093733, 103136, 105134, 10 132, 100129, 093128.
Area bounded by: 110110, 106125, 108131, 113131, 114137, 123136, 123133, 120131, 122120, 110110.
Area bounded by: 103110, 103115 106117, 109112, 103110.
Area bounded by: 101101, 101108, 109108, 109103, 101101.
Area bounded by: 078113, 076179, 081123, 083126, 887125, 083113, 083113.
Area bounded by: 101090, 103094, 104091, 101090.
Samll areas at: 104127, 101122, 111107, 108099, 187087.

Damage to Kobe: Complete 6" and almost complete 24" coverage of Kobe shows about 3.8 square miles of city area destroyed from XXI BC Mission 188, 5 June 1945. About 0.5 square miles of damage is found to the east of Kobe giving a total of 4.3 square miles of damage. Nine numbered industrial targets show damage. Total damage to Kobe is now about 8.0 square miles which represents about 51 percent of the built-up portion of the city. (Arbitarary limits of Kobe are the entire city area shown on XXI BC Litho-Mosaic, Kobe area B up to the road in the NE corner of the Mosaic.

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

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This includes at least a portion of Omikage. The total city area within these limits is 16.8 square miles ofshich 1.1 square miles is sparsely built-up, leaving 15.7 square miles of built-up area).
The following targets show damage:
Target No. 5 Kobe Steel Works - Samll ship buildings destroyed.
6 Kobe Steel Works - Several samll buildings destroyed.
11 Kawasaki Locomotive & Car Co. - 5 large buildings gutted.
17 Rising Sun Petroleum Oil Storage - 5 percent new damage.
538 I.G.R. Shops - 30 percent destroyed.
1719 Nippon Airbrake Co. 60 percent destroyed.
1745 Kawanishi Machine Shop - 10 percent new damage.
1762 Kawasaki Heavy Industry - 50 percent new damage.
7768 Kobe Steel Works - 4 samll buildings destroyed.
Damage is located as follows on XXI BC Litho-Mosaic, Kobe Area B:
Area bounded by: 046028, 049029, 046032, 045032, 045028,
Area bounded by: 03010, 029014, 028016, 022017, 021024, 023027, 027028,
Area bounded by: 025034, 021029, 016028, 015024, 014018, 018019, 017009, 028809, 030010.
Area bounded by: 051086, 094133, 099825, 098120, 097109, 085093, 082084. 068078, 075890, 863880, 07088, 07085, 057086.
Area bounded by: 187123, 019126, 117130, 119727, 109114, 181712, 101123.
Area bounded by: 113134, 113145, 119144, 124146, 136147, 135128, 125125, 118140, 113134.
Area bounded by: 141129, 143135, 147148, 150129, 141129.
Samll areas located at: 134125, 070031, 075035.

PRM 279
Mean time of photography: 108038Z.
Altitude: 32,000 Feet.
Target 7491, Kasumigaura Seaplane Station: 6" oblique photo shows dense billow of white smoke arising from Seaplane Station. Target is completely obscured and damage cannot be assessed for XXI BC Mission 195 and 199.

End--TOD 2344Z.

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	DC/S Opr (2)		C/S - DC/OPRS - DC/S P&A - DC/S TME ; A-2 (14); A-3 OC&R (7); A-5 Plans (2); OA; Stat Con (2); AA; A-2 Collection Div

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AIMCR 5383	Photo Interpretation 3PRSM 276 & 277 Flown 9 June 45:	10 June 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 POA	BOMCON 21

092335Z

Mean time of Photography: 1404K (277) 1204K (276) Altitude: 29,600 (277) 31,000 (276)

Damage to Osaka: 21 BC Mission 189, 7 June 1945. Partial coverage of Osaka through clouds show about 1.25 Sq. miles of the city destroyed to the north and west of the castle. No coverage available of the castle or to the east and south of the castle. Destroyed area is located as follows on 21 BC Litho-Mosaic, Osaka Area:

Area bounded by: 120134, 111117, 108122, 110125, 107126, 108129, 113129, 120134. Through small areas at: 106113, 106106, 102090.

Damage to Kobe: 21 BC Mission 188, 5 June 1945. Very spotty and limited coverage of Kobe shows damage in several areas through the city.

Partial coverage of Target 538: Imperial Government Railway Shops shows considerable damage. Damage can be seen at the following locations on 21 BC Litho-Mosaic, Kobe Area: B - 026025, 110118, 128133.

Target 18 Kawanishi Aircraft Co., Naruo Plant (34/42 N - 135/22 E): This Plant is almost completely destroyed or damaged from 21 BC Mission 191, 9 June 1945. Roof area damaged or destroyed totals 1,642,200 Sq. Ft., or approximately 78 percent of the total roof area at the time of the strike. 317,800 Sq. Ft. of roof area has been removed since 17 March 1945. 3 large reinforced concrete buildings (four floors), for fabricating and machining small parts, received twelve (12) direct hits, internal damage impossible to assess. The only other large building remaining is the aircraft assembly building which is 25 percent damaged. A four-story reinforced concrete office building remains undamaged. Reference used to identify these buildings is the AC/AS Intelligence Photographic Division Joint P/I Groups, " Building Construction Analysis", 11 April 1945. Photos were hazy and cloudy.

Target 1547 Kawasaki Aircraft Co., Akashi Plant (34/39 N - 134/57 E): Reconnaissance photographs show little damage to Target 1547 from 21 BC Mission 192, 9 June 1945. Building number 45 was gutted to the extent of 15,000 Sq. Ft. Ref: AC/AS Intelligence Photographic Division Joint P/I Groups, Building Construction Analysis (See also Bldg. No. 14, CIU damage assessment Report No. 4, 22 January 1945). The area, 1,000 Ft to

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AIIICR 5383	Photo Interpretation 3PR5M 276 & 277 Flown 9 June 45:	10 June 45

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2,000 Ft SE of the SE end of the plant, was heavily hit by bombs.

Target 198 Atsuta Plant, Aichi Aircraft Works and Target 2010 Nagoya Plant, Aichi Aircraft Engine Works (35/07/24 N - 136/54/00 E): Photo reconnaissance shows that Targets 198 and 2010 to be heavily damaged as a result of 21 BC Mission 193, 9 June 1945. Target 198 is about 96 percent destroyed or damaged with every building excepting 2, (9A & 9B, unidentified) in the southern end being affected. Approximate roof area damaged or destroyed is 1,145,000 Sq. Ft. Target 2010 is 52 percent destroyed or damaged with every major building affected. All of those buildings on the south side of canal and which are probably part of the target, are damaged. Approximate roof area damaged or destroyed is 264,000 Sq. Ft. Ref: CIU Industrial Report No. 9, 27 March 1945.

Target 2040 Sumitomo Light Metal Mfg. Co., Nagoya (35/06/30 N - 136/55/00 E): Photo reconnaisance shows that 3 buildings of Target 2040 to be heavily damaged as a result of 21 BC Mission 193, 9 June 1945. The 3 buildings affected, 2 large and 1 small building are located in the northern section of the plant. The two large buildings are severely damaged and the small one sustained minor roof damage.

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FN-14-2	Damage to Kobe:	14 June 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 POA	COMGENBOMCOM 21

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Reference your Telecon message 11-4 Subject: Damage to Kobe. AAF Target Charts available do not cover entire area. Damage is located as follows on Map 8, AAF 90.25 15 June 1944.

Area Bounded By: 049040, 048045, 056048, 052043, 053041, 049040.

Area Bounded By: 013016, 016023, 012026, 015030, 022040, 024030, 018029, 019024, 023027, 022015, 013016.

Area Bounded By: 054027, 053031, 055033, 056027, 054027.

Area Bounded By: 070026, 070028, 073028, 075030, 077030, 075026, 070026.

Area Bounded By: 068072, 068078, 071082, 072078, 071071, 068072,

Area Bounded By: 081080, 093098, 105108, 118120, 114108, 081072, 111093, 121106, 097078, 098087, 091088, 089083, 093075, 094070, 092067, 089069, 091072, 088077, 084075, 084072, 081072.

Area Bounded By: 100074, 100077, 102079, 103076, 100074.

Area Bounded By: 119096, 128107, 138108, 128093, 126092, 125097, 119696.

Area Bounded By: 143103, 145110, 141118, 134113, 138122, 162120, 162112, 155105, 143103.

Area Bounded By: 162104, 737108, 172108, 172103, 162104.

Area Bounded By: 114090, 112092, 113093, 116091, 114090.

Area Bounded By: 127103, 127106, 130108, 130106, 127103.

Small Areas Located At: 033021, 047022, 075081, 140105, 083091, 044057.

Along Line 041027, 044029, Narrow Width Burned Out. End... TOD 0144Z

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TO : COMAF 20
REF OUR MSG FN-06-06 DTG 060617Z
AIMCR 5204

IN SUBJECT BEGINNING, TARGET SHOULD READ TARGET KOBE URBAN AREA INSTEAD OF TARGET KOBE AREA.

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FN-06-06	FLASH STRIKE REPORT, MISSION 188, TARGET KOBE AREA, FLOWN 5 JUNE 1945.	JUNE 6, 1945

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 POA	BOMCOM XXI

Strike Photos show fires scattered throughout the entire length of the target area, although half of the city, nearest the mountain, is smoke obscured. Fires are observed in the vicinity of all five of the aiming points.

Numbered Targets in which fires are visible:

Target 5: Kobe Steel Works
6: Kobe Steel Works
7: Kawasaka Heavy Industry
11: Kawasaka Locomotive & Car Co.
17: Rising Sun Petroleum Oil Storage
22: Kobe Harbor District No. 1
169: Mitsubishi Heavy Industries
171: Kawasaki Heavy Industries Co.
538: I.G.R. Shops
1745: Kawasaki Machine Shops
1747: Oki Electric Co.
1762: Kawasaki Heavy Industry
1768: Kobe Steel Works
1775: Kawasaki Heavy Industry
2031: Higashi-Nada RR Yards
XXI 5039: Unidentified Industry
XXI 5093 : Unidentified Industry

Three areas of fire are visible NW of Kobe, near Target 1702, approximately 1 mile SW and 2 miles E of that target.

1. (045020) Ref: Litho-Mosaic, Kobe Area,
2. (073038) Kawasaki AGXC Co., Target
3. (130043) 90.25-1702
April 1945
A-2 Section, XXI BC

The wind is from the South (on shore)

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G-5-12	Aiming Points for Mission No. 188	5 June 1945

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
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Lithomosaic of Kobe Area B not available this Headquarters. Request that grid coordinates of aiming points of mission 188 be repeated referring to AAF Target Chart No. 90.25-5.

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