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13/14 April PERDITION 1

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Brief of Field Order	Telecon	FN-12-10		120838Z	B.S.R

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-12-10 ((TOP SECRET)) OPERATIONAL PRIORITY 1

FROM: BOM COM XXI

TO: COMAF 20

DEPUTY COMAF 20 (POA)

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BRIEF OF FIELD ORDER NO 56 PERDITION NO 1

BRIEF OF INCENDIARY STRIKE AGAINST PERDITION NO 1

TOP SECRET

APPROXIMATELY 360 B-29'S ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTACK PERDITION (TOKYO ARSENAL COMPLEX) ON NIGHT OF 13/14 APRIL.

COURSE: MARIANA BASES TO IWO JIMA TO 3450N - 14000E TO 3518N - 1402430E TO 3532N - 1400430E (IP) TO TARGET TO 3550N - 13953E TO 3537N - 14033E TO IWO JIMA TO MARIANA BASES.

BOMB LOAD: ALL A/C 1 500 LB GP (TO HARASS FIRE FIGHTERS), 310 A/C CARRYING IB'S CONTAINING M-69 BOMBS AND 50 A/C CARRYING M-47 IB'S.

ALTITUDE ENROUTE: 7000 TO 9500 FEET OR 500 FEET ON TOP.

BOMBING ALTITUDE AND MEAN AXIS OF ATTACK: 7000 TO 9800 FEET AND 309 DEGREES TRUE.

EACH OF THE THREE WINGS IS ASSIGNED AN AIMING POINT; 6 PATHFINDERS FROM EACH WING WILL PRECEED MAIN FORCE TO PIN-POINT THEIR RESPECTIVE AIMING POINTS.

METHOD OF ATTACK IS BY INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT WITH MINIMUM INTERVAL.

TIME OF ATTACK, 131615Z; TIME OF TAKE OFF 130800Z; TIME OF RETURN, 1322500Z. AIR SEA RESCUE FACILITIES REQUESTED. 1215

END

TOD: 120838Z YAMFG

TOP SECRET

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

Ray G. Baker, Capt. A. C.

A.G. Surg Air Insp PRO Comm. Op Anal Stat Con

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First Take-off	Telecon	FN-13-8		130756Z	NA
Take off Report	"	FN-13-18		131126Z	NA

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-13-18 SECRET OPERATIONAL PRIORITY 131126Z.

FROM BOMCOM XXI

TO COMAF 20
INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)
SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR PERDITION ONE, STRIKE 67, 12 AXXX
RPT 67, 13 APRIL 1945

1. WING:	73	313	314	BOM COV X
2. A/C SCHEDULED:	121	120	124	365
3. A/C AIRBORNE:	120	115	113	349
4. FIRST A/C:	130751Z	130800Z	130720Z	130720Z
5. LAST A/C:	130857Z	131017Z	130959Z	131017Z
6. EARLY RETURNS:	4	1	3	8

7. 2 SUPER DUMBOS FROM 73RD WING AIRBORNE NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE FIGURES

~~END~~
~~CCN RPTING FIRST LINE~~

~~PLS REPEAT WHAT YOU WISH CCN ON WE DID NOT PILE UP HERE~~

~~RPTING FIRST LINE OF MSG~~

1. WING	73	313	314	BOMCOM XXI

~~GA PLS~~

TOD: 131155Z CB V YAMFG

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-13-8 SECRET OPERATIONAL PRIORITY 130756Z.
FROM XXI BOM COM

TO COMAF 20

SECRET

INFO DEP COM AF 20 (091XXX (POA)

SUBJECT: FIRST TAKE OFF FOR PERDITION ONE

1. FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT 130720Z.

BASES AT TAKE OFF: 4 TO 6/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 1800 FEET TOPS 6-8000 WITH SCATTERED LIGHT SHOWERS. ROUTE TO TARGET: VARIABLE THREE TO 5/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 2000 TOPS 5 TO 7000 EXCEPT IN TWO WEAK FRONTS LOCATED AT 19 DEG. NORTH AND 29 DEG. NORTH. BOTH TO HAVE 100-150 MILE ZONE OF 10/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 1200 TOPS 8 TO 12000 WITH MODERATE RAIN SHOWERS AND 6 TO 7/10 LAYERED MIDDLE CLOUD FROM 11000 TO 14000 FEET. TARGET: 4/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 3000 TOPS 6000 FEET WITH HAZE IN AREA LIMITING VISIBILITY TO 8 MILES. BASES ON RETURN: 4 TO 6/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 1800 TOPS 6 TO OCCASIONALLY 12000 FEET WITH POSSIBILITY OF SHOWERS AT GUAM ONLY.

END

TOD: 130824Z CB V YAMFG

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Fort Bombs Away	Telecon	FN-13-19		131619Z	NJ
Additional Bombs Away	Telecon	FN-13-21		131817Z	[illegible]
additional Bombs away	Telecon	FN-13-23		131820Z	[illegible]
A/C Bombing	"	FN-14-11		141338Z	HT

BOMB STRIKE
RETURN RPTS

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TELECON MESSAGE MLN-14-11 OP SECRET 141338Z
FROM: BOMCOM XXI
TO: COMAF 20
INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)
GR 64
SUBJECT: MISSION 67, PERDITION ONE.
REFERENCE YOUR TELECON G-14-4

303 A/C BOMBED TOKYO ARSENAL AREA.

1 A/C DROPPED 20 E-46 IB ON CHOSI POINT

1 A/C DROPPED 1 M-64 GP AND 22 E-46 IB ON HACHIJO JIMA

1 A/C DROPPED 1 M-64 GP AND 22 E-46 IB ON TARGET BELIEVED TO BE MATSUDO A/F, NE TOKYO.

NO REPORTS RECEIVED FROM 21 A/C LANDING AT IWO JIMA.

THIS MSG DISPATCHED FROM XXI BOM COM CONTROL ROOM AT 141338Z

END

TOR...1418037Z JK

ROGER WCR

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-13-23 OP SECRET 131725Z

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

GR 70

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL BOMBS AWAY FOR PERDITION ONE, STRIKE 67
13 APRIL 1945.

1. 11 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY ACCOUNTING FOR:

2. 1 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY THRU NO CLOUDS REPORTING MANY FIRES.

3. 10 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY BY RADAR THRU 0-10/10 CLOUDS REPORTING UNOBSERVED TO GENERAL CONFLAGRATION AS RESULTS.

4. E/A OPPOSITION: NIL TO MODERATED. 1 A/C REPORTED HEAVY.

5. FLAK: NIL TO HEAVY

6. ABOVE FIGURES BASED ON FRAGMENTARY REPORTS.

END

SECRET

TOD...131820Z WW

ORIGINATOR OF MESSAGE _____

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Trng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans	
	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm Op Anal	Stat Con				
INFORMATION	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Trng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans	
	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm. Op Anal	Stat Con				

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CGTWIQKTELECON MSG FN-13-21 OP OP SECRET 131710Z

FROM BOM COM XXI

TO COMAF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

GR-73

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SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY FOR PERDITION ONE, STRIKE 67, 13 APR 1945

1. 34 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY ACCOUNTING FORC
2. 5 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY THRU 0-3/10 CLOUDS REPORTING MANY TO SEVERAL LARGE FIRES.
3. 29 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY BY RADAR THRU 0-10/10 CLOUDS REPORTING UNOBSERVED TO GENERAL CONFLAGRATION AS RESULTS.
4. 1 A/C EACH SQUADRON REPORTING BOMBS AWAY.
5. 13 A/C RETURNED EARLY.
6. ABOVE FIGURES BASED ON FRAGMENTARY REPORTS.

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5TOD....131817Z WW
ROGER V WCR

ORIGINATOR OF MESSAGE _____

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Trng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans	
	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm	Op Anal	Stat Con			
INFORMATION	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Trng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans	
	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm.	Op Anal	Stat Con			

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SPECIAL CONFERNCE : 131611Z
STATION YAMFG
PRESENT HERE: LT. E. B. WICKHAM
SUBJE CT: 20TH AAF MATTERS

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-13-19 OP SECRET 131505Z
FROM: LEMAY COMGENBOMCOM XXI
TO: COMAF 20
INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)
GR 15
SUBJECT: FIRST BOMBS AWAY REPORT ON PERDITION ONE.
FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY AT 121420Z
THROUGH NO CLOUDS WITH SEVERAL LARGE FIRES OBSERVED.
END
TOD...131619Z WW
ROGER V WCR

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Reflector Report	Telecon	FN-14-6		1401372	HH
Briefers Report	Report			14April	HH
Prel. Mission Report	Telecon	FN-14-8		1406222	HH
Prel. Mission Report	Ditto			16 apr	MB

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CG Twentieth AF
16 April 1945 OFP
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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Washington, D. C.

PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 67 - 13/14 APRIL 1945

"PERDITION 1"

Target: Tokyo Arsenal Complex, NW Tokyo

Take-Off: 130320 - 130628 Washington; (130720Z - 131028Z)

Time Over Target: 130957 - 131329 Washington; (1313572 - 1317292)

Aircraft: Total Bombing: 332
Primary 328
Other 4

A/C Lost or Missing: 7 - reasons unknown.

Casualties: 0 killed; 7 wounded; 78 missing.

Bombs Dropped on PT: Approximately 6.82 tons per A/C as follows:
320 x 550 lb. AN M-64 GP 9054 x 425 lb. E-46 IB
6447 x 70lb. M-47 IB 4 x 1040 lb. M-65 GP
43 x 100 lb. M-46 Photo Flash

Tactics: Night attack, visual and radar bombing from altitudes of 5,500 to 35,000 feet.

Weather: Clear at primary, except for smoke from fires.

Fighter Opposition: Estimated 135 e/a sighted. Approx. 85 attacks, majority during latter part of bomb run by e/a orbiting above while B-29's illuminated by s/l's. Several balls of fire reported, 6-8-12 inches in diameter, red/orange color at approx. 7000 feet. One followed B-29 level for 30 miles, made steep dive, hit ground, with bright explosions seen.

Flak: Heavy and medium caliber reported as meagre considering known defenses of target area. Meagre to moderate, accurate and inaccurate over target. Moderate to intense and accurate over NE Tokyo. All types of control reported. Over 100 s/l's, concentrating on assisting fighters, accuracy considered poor with many pick-ups due to sector scanning. Desynchronization of props believed effective against sonic controlled s/l's.

Claims: 6 destroyed; 0 probably destroyed; 2 damaged.

Observations: Airfield (35/55N - 140/15E) with runway lit and 4 T/A taking off. At IP from 7400 feet a yellowish flare burst and burned 300 feet off B-29 right wing. Immediately automatic weapons fire from ground was seen. B-29 made left turn and second yellow flare burst 600 feet off right wing. No e/a observed at time. Flares burned at B-29 altitude for 3 minutes, lighting area and ground for 2 mi.

Results: Post-strike photography shows new visible damage to the extent of 10.7 sq.miles. Smoke from smouldering fires still obscures a portion of the burned area making an exact assessment of damage impossible. Total visible damage to Tokyo now approximately 27.5 sq. miles.

Remarks: Report subject to change and not for official records.

As of 0930, 16 April 1945

for William F. Lemnitzer
LAURIS NORSTAD
Brigadier General, U. S. Army
Chief of Staff

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SPECIAL CONFERENCE 041406522
STATION YAMFG
PRESENT HERE: LT.S.M GLASS..
SUBJECT: A A A F MATTERS.

TELECON MESSAGE FN-14-8 OP OP SECRET 140622Z

FROM: BOM COM XXI

SECRET

TO : COMAF 20.

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT, PERDITION ONE, MISSION 67, 13 APRIL 1945.

1. NAME OF PRIMARY: TOKYO ARSENAL AREA.
2. NAME OF SECONDARY: NONE.
3. NAME OF LAST RESORT: NONE.
4. TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: CHOSI POINT - HACHIJO JIMA - MATSUDO A/F, NE TOKYO.
5. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 303 AC DROPPED 8832 X 425 LB E-46, 5446 X 70 LB M47, 292 X 550 LB M-64 AND 73 X 100 LB M-46 BOMBS BY RADAR AND VISUAL MEANS CAVU TO 8/10 CLOUD FROM 5500 FT TO 9900 FT FROM 131422Z TO 131736Z.
6. AJXC ATTACKING SECONDARY: NONE. SECRET
7. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: NONE.
8. A/C ATTACKING TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: 3 A/C DROPPED 64 X 425 LB E-46 AND 2 X 550 LB M-64 BOMBS ON OPPORTUNITY TARGETS BY VISUAL AND RADAR MEANS THROUGH HAZE TO 8/10 CLOUD FROM 8,000 TO 9,200 FT FROM 131500Z TO 131550Z.
9. NO. A/C TAKING OFF: 348 A/C AIRBORNE AT 130720Z TO 131028Z.
10. NO. A/C EARLY RETURN: 15 A/C RETURNED EARLY, OF WHICH NO A/C BOMBED TARGETS.
11. NO. A/C LOST OR MISSING: 7 A/C ARE MISSING:
1 A/C DITCHED ON WAY BACK - 6 A/C MISSING TO UNKNOWN REASONS.
12. BOMBING RESULTS: PRIMARY: CREWS REPORTED GOOD TO EXCELLENT.
TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: SECRET
TARGET: CHOSI POINT CREWS REPORTED GOOD RESULTS.
TARGET: HACHIJO JIMA & MATSUDO A/F CREWS REPORTED UNOBSERVED.

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13. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: KILLED: Ø WOUNDED: 6 MISSING: 67

14. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: APPROXIMATELY 1ØØ E/A SIGHTED WITH ABOUT 3Ø ATTACKS. GENERALLY UNAGGRESSIVE AND INEFFECTIVE. FLARES USED TO ILLUMINATE B-29.

15. AA FIRE: LIGHT, MEDIUM AND HEAVY CALIBER, MEAGER TO INTENSE, ACCURATE TO INACCURATE. MOSTLY CONTINIOUSLY POINTED AND BARRAGE TYPES.

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16. FIGHTER SUPPORT: NONE.

17. WEATHER: CAVU TO 8/1Ø CLOUD. WINDS FROM 3Ø5 DEG AT 27 KNOTS. 1Ø/1Ø SMOKE REPORTED BY LATE A/C OVER TARGET. ROPE AND DESSYNCHRONIZATION APPEARED TO BE EFFECTIVE AGAINST S/L'S.

18. IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS: 4 BALLS OF FIRE REPORTED IN TARGET AREA, 1 ENROUTE. 1 B-29 DOWN IN FLAMES AND CRASHED 3558N - 14Ø15E AT 131553Z. 5-6 VERY LARGE AND 8 SMALLER VESSELS BY RADAR 3412N - 14Ø55E AT 131619Z. AT 131418Z, ALTITUDE 1Ø,ØØØ-11,ØØØ FT POSITION OVER TARGET TAIL GUNNER AND BOMBARDIER SAW A BALL OF FIRE 1,ØØØ YARDS TO REAR, IT CLOSED TO 8ØØ YARDS, B-29 TOOK EVASIVE ACTION, WHEN TURNING FROM SIDE TO SIDE ONE AND ZWO BALLS OF FIRE ALTERNATELY COULD BE SEEN. OBJECT FOLLOWING HAD STREAMLINED PATTERN. AT 1315ØØZ, ALTITUDE 9,ØØØ FT, POSITION 3543N-14Ø17E BOMBARDIER, NAVIGATOR AND PILOT SAW A POSSIBLE B-29 ENVELOPED IN FLAME AND BEING FIRED UPON BY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AS IT DESCENDED. A/C EXPLODED ABOUT 1,ØØØ FT ABOVE THE GROUND. AT 14Ø215K, ALTITUDE 9,2ØØ FT, 28Ø DEGREE HEADING $3&433 3-$8,& - TAIL GUNNER SAW AN AIRCRAFT APPROXIMATELY 2 MILES AWAY HIT GROUND AND EXPLODE. AT 14Ø215K, ALTITUDE 9,2ØØ Ft, 28Ø ~~FTSDGN28Ø~~ DEGREE HEADING - RIGHT GUNNER SAW AN UNIDENTIFIED A/C ENVELOPED IN FLAME. A B-29 APPEARED TO CRASH N OF TOKYO AFTER ATTACK BY FIGHTERS, 131457Z. A B-29, TRACKED BY S/L, WENT INTO VERTICAL DIVE BANKING TO LEFT. 2 E/A ATTACKING A/C AT TIME. 1 E/A FOLLOWED B-29 DOWN. TAIL GUNNER SAW A/C CRASH S/E OF TARGET, 131504Z.

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19. ESTIMATE CLAIMS: DESTROYED: 2. PROBABLY DESTROYED: Ø. DAMAGED: Ø.

2Ø. OTHER INFORMATION: 21 B-29'S BELIEVED TO HAVE LANDED AT IWO JIMA.

THIS REPORT IS FRAGMENTARY AND SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR RECORD PURPOSES.

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE
Washington, D. C.

Information for Briefing on XXI Bomber Command
Mission No. 67 - 13/14 April 1945
Date

Mission Code Name " PERDITION 1 " (As of Z - 14 April 45)
Date

Targets: Primary - Tokyo Arsenal Complex, NW Tokyo

Secondary -

Last Resort -

Take-off Times: 130720Z - 131017Z
130320 - 130617 Washington
132020 - 132317 Theatre

Time Over Primary Target: 1314222 to 1317362

Tactics: Night incendiary attack by individual a/c with minimum interval from an altitude of 7,000 to 9,800 ft.; axis of attack 309 deg. true. Visual and radar.

Aircraft Bombing: 306

Primary Target - 305
Secondary Target -
Other Targets - 3

Bomb Load: All a/c carried one 500 lb. GP (to harass fire fighters). Incendiary bombs were carried by all a/c in ratio of 6 a/c carrying M-69 bombs to one a/c carrying M-47 bombs.

Losses: Seven missing

Target Weather: CAVU to 8/10

Fighter Opposition: 100 A/C sighted 30 attacks

Anti-Aircraft Encountered: Meagre to intense accurate to inaccurate

Claims: 2-0-0

Results of Bombing: Good to excellent

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-14-6 OPERATIONAL PRIORITY-SECRET 140137Z

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FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO : COM AF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)
GR70

SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT PERDITION 1, STRIKE 67, 13 APRIL 1945.

1. WING:	73RD	313TH	314TH	TOT BOMCOM XXI
2. AIRBORNE:	120	115	113	348
3. LANDED HOME BASE:	115	107	101	323
4. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE:	2(IWO)	7(IWO)	7(IWO)	16(IWO)
5. MISSING:	3	1	5	9
6. TIME OF LANDING: FIRST A/C:	132047Z	132012Z	132109Z	
LAST A/C:	132322Z	132345Z	132450Z	
7. EARLY RETURNS: (INCLUDED IN ABOVE TOTALS)	5	3	7	15

8. MISSING A/C: 9 A/C REPORTED MISSING ARE UNACCOUNTED FOR AT THIS TIME

NO INFORMATION OR REASONS RECEIVED.

THIS REPORT IS FRAGMENTARY AND SUBJECT TO CORRECTION. FURTHER INFO WILL FOLLOW AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

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TOD:130211Z

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ACTION	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3	Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5Plans
	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm	Op Anal	Stat Con			
INFORMATION	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3	Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5Plans
	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm.	Op Anal	Stat Con			

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. TELECON MESSAGE FN-15[illegible]3 (SECRET) 151642Z (OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY)

SECRET

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20

INFO: DEPCOMAF20(POA), COMGENBOMWG73, COMGENBOMWG313, COMGENBOMWG314

(GR890)

SUBJECT: MISSION REPORT FOR PERDITION ONE, MISSION 67, 13 APRIL 1945.

1. DESIGNATION OF UNIT: XXI BOMBER COMMAND.

2. TIME OF TAKE OFF: 130720Z TO 131028Z.

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3. TIME OF RETURN: 132045Z TO 140146Z.

4. NO. A/C AIRBORNE: 348.

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5. NO. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 328.

6. NO. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: 0.

7. NO. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT TARGETS: 0

8. NO. A/C ATTACKING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: 4.

NO. A/C	TARGET	TIME	ALTITUDE	BOMBS DROPPED
1	CHOSI POINT	131500Z	8600 FT	20 X 425 LB E-46 IC
1	MATSUDO A/F	131545Z	9200 FT	22 X 425 LB E-46 IC
				1 X 550 LB M-64 GP
				1 X 100 LB M-46 PF
1	HACHIJO JIMA A/F	131640Z	8000 FT	23 X 425 LB E-46 IC NF
				1 X 550 LB M-64 GP
1	XXI BC TGTS	131550Z	9000 FT	5 X 425 LB E-46 IC
				1 X 100 LB M-46 PF
				1 X 550 LB M-64 GP

9. NO. A/C WHICH FAILED TO BOMB DESIGNATED TARGETS: 16

REASONS: MECHANICAL 16.

10. NO. A/C LOST TO FLAK: 0.

11. NO. A/C LOST TO E/A: 0

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12. NO. A/C LOST BY ACCIDENT: 0

13. NO. A/C LOST BY REASONS UNKNOWN: 7.

14. TIME OF ATTACK:

PROPS EFFECTIVE AGAINST SONIC CONTROLLED S/L'S.

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PRIMARY TARGET: 131357Z - 131729Z

TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: (SEE PARAGRAPH EIGHT.)

15. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK:

PRIMARY: ~~55020~~ FT TO 25,000 FT. 5500 (see correction following) RLP

TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: (SEE PARAGRAPH EIGHT.

16. BOMBS ON EACH TARGET:

PRIMARY: 320 X 550 LB AN M-64 GP. 9054 X 425 LB E-46 IC
6447 X 70 B M-47 IB 4 X 1040 LB M-65 GP
43 X 100 LB M-46 PHOTO FLASH

TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: (SEE PARAGRAPH EIGHT.)

A. BOMB LOADINGS:

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NUMBER	WEIGHT	TYPE	FUSING
105	X 550 LB	AN M-64 GP	T 50 NOSE- AN M101 A2 ND TAIL
210	X 550 LB	AN M-64 GP	INST NOSE, ND TAIL
29	X 550 LB	AN M-64 GP	AIRBURST NOSE, ND TAIL
3769	X 425 LB	E-46 I.C.	20 - 22 SEC.
2274	X 425 LB	E-46 I.C.	2 TAIL FUSES DELAYED 19 AND 21 SEC.
1235	X 425 LB	E-46 I.C.	2 TAIL FUSES DELAYED ~~SIXUMO~~ 17.9 AND 19.9 SEC.
1102	X 425 LB	E-46 I.C.	2 TAIL FUSES DELAYED 18.8 AND 20.8 SEC.
146	X 425 LB	E-46 I.C.	INST. NOSE T73 21.5 TAIL
961	X 70 LB	M-47 IB	INST. NOSE
5788	X 70 LB	M-47 IB	M 126A1 INST NOSE, ND TAIL
~~4~~	~~X 1045 LB~~	~~AN M-65 GP~~	~~M 139 A1 INST NOSE, AN M101~~

~~THAT SHUD READ 2 TAIL FUSES DELAYED 17.9 AND 19.9 SEC.~~ YES

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4	X 1045 LB	AN M-65 GP	M 139 A1 INST NOSE, AN M101 A2, ND TAIL
54	X 100 LB	M-46 PHOTO FLASH	M 111-25 NOSE, T-73 21.5 TAIL
39	X 100 LB	M-46 PHOTO FLASH	21.5 SEC DELAY NOSE
10	X 100 LB	M-46 PHOTO FLASH	17.2 SEC. DELAY NOSE

B. BOMBS UNACCOUNTED FOR:

TYPE:	M-64	E-46	M-46	M-47	M-65
NO :	2	21	1	122	0

18. NO. A/C BRINGING BOMBS BACK: 9

TYPE: M-64 E-46 - M-46 - M-47

DELETE THE ABOVE TWO LINE RPT ABOVE TWO LINES

17. NO. A/C JETTISON ING BOMBS: 46

TYPE:	M-64	E-46	M-46	M-47	M-65
NO:	20	542	11	178	0

18. NO. A/C BRINGING BOMBS BACK: 9

TYPE:	M-64	E-46	M-46	M-47	M-65
NO :	2	84	2	1	0

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20.8 SEC.

146 X 425 LB E-46 I.C. INST. NOSE T73

961 X 70 LB M-47 IB INST. NOSE

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~~4 X 1045 LB AN M-65 GP M 139 A1 INST NOSE, AN M101~~

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TYPE:	M-64	E-46	M-46	M-47	M-65
NO :	2	84	2	1	0

19. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: KILLED: 0. SERIOUSLY WOUNDED: 0
SLIGHTLY WOUNDED: 7. MISSING: 78

20. NO. E/A DESTROYED: 6 PROBABLY DESTROYED: 0 DAMAGED: 2

21. REMARKS:

A. ENEMY OPPOSITION: ESTIMATED 135 E/A SIGHTED FROM WHICH APPROXIMATELY 85 ATTACKS RESULTED. MAJORITY OF ATTACKS DURING LATTER PART OF BOMB RUN OVER TARGET AREA FROM E/A ORBITING ABOVE WHILE B-29'S ILLUMINATED BY S/L'S.
ABOUT 1/3 WERE RATED AS AGGRESSIVE ALTHOUGH INEFFECTIVE. SEVERAL BALLS OF FIRE REPORTED. 6-8-12 INCHES IN DIAMETER, RED OR ORANGE IN COLOR AT APPROXIMATELY 7,000 FT. ONE FOLLOWED B-29 LEVEL FOR 30 MILES, MADE STEEP DIVE, HIT GROUND, 5 DISTINCT BRIGHT WHITE EXPLOSIONS SEEN.

B. FLAK: HEAVY AND MEDIUM CALIBER REPORTED AS MEAGER CONSIDERING THE KNOWN DEFENSES OF THE AREA. ALL TYPES OF CONTROL USED. MEAGER TO MODERATE, INACCURATE AT I.P. MEAGER TO MODERATE, ACCURATE AND INACCURATE OVER TARGET. MODERATE TO INTENSE AND ACCURATE OVER N.E. TOKYO. MODERATE AND ACCURATE TO INACCURATE OVER DOCK AREA. OVER 100 S/L'S REPORTED WITH EFFORT CONCENTRATED ON ASSISTING FIGHTERS. ACCURACY CONSIDERED POOR, MANY PICK-UPS DUE TO SECTOR SCANNING. DESYNCHRONIZATION OF PROPS EFFECTIVE AGAINST SONIC CONTROLLED S/L'S.

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C. A/C LOST OR IN DISTRESS: 7 A/C UNHEARD FROM SINCE TAKE OFF. SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED B-29 WERE OBSERVED GOING DOWN OVER TARGET.

D. A/C SERIOUSLY DAMAGED OR CRASHED ON RETURN: NONE

E. A/C BATTLE DAMAGE: 45 A/C DAMAGED.

27 A/C READY FOR COMBAT IN 1 DAY.

2 A/C READY FOR COMBAT IN 2 DAYS.

2 A/C READY FOR COMBAT IN 3 DAYS.

3 A/C READY FOR COMBAT IN 7 DAYS.

11 A/C READY FOR COMBAT IN INDEFINITE DAYS.

F. OBSERVATIONS: (ADDITIONAL TO PRELIMINARY REPORT):

(1) AIRFIELD WITH RUNWAY LIT AND FOUR E/A TAKING OFF 35/55N - 140/15E AT 131530Z. ALT/OBS 9,000 FT.

(2) AT IP AT 131444Z FROM 7,400 FT A YELLOWISH FLARE WAS SEEN TO BURST AND BURN 200 FT OFF RIGHT WING. IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM GROUND WAS SEEN.

B-29 MADE LEFT TURN AND SECOND YELLOW FLARE BURST 600 FT OFF RIGHT WING. NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED AT TIME. FLARES BURNED AT B-29 ALTITUDE FOR 3 MINUTES, LIGHTING GROUND AND AREA AROUND FOR 2 MILES. SOUCH UNKNOWN, NO STREAMERS SEEN. TWO OTHER B-29'S IN AREA CAUGHT IN SEARCHLIGHTS.

G. PHOTO INTERPRETATION: CONTAINED IN FN-14-12, 141520Z. ADDITIONAL PHOTO FLASH REPORTS WILL FOLLOW ON RECEIPT.

H. CREW COMMENTS: NONE.

I. WEATHER: BASE ON TAKEOFF: GUAM: 5/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 1,800 FT TOP 6,000 FT. SAIPAN: 6/10 LOW CLOUDS, BASE 1,600 FT, TOP 8,000 FT WITH LIGHT SCATTERED SHOWERS. ROUTE OUTGOING: TO 19 N: 4/10 LOW CLOUDS, BASE 1,500 FT, TYP 5-6,000 FT. 19 N TO 21 N: 6/10 LOW CLOUDS, BASE 1,500 FT, TOP 8,000 FT; 2/10 MIDDLE CLOUDS, BASE 10,000 FT; LIGHT RAIN. 21 N TO 24 N: 3/10 LOW CLOUDS BASE 1,500 FT, TOP 6,000 FT. 24 N TO 27 N: 10/10 LOW CLOUDS, BASE 1,000 FT, TOP 8,000 FT; 9/10 MIDDLE CLOUDS, BASE 12,000 FT, TOP 15,000 FT; MODERATE RAIN AND TURBULENCE. 27 N TO 29N: 8/10 LOW CLOUDS, BASE 2,000 FT, TOP 6,000 FT; 3/10 MIDDLE CLOUDS, BASE 12,000 FT, TOP 15,000 FT. 29 N TO 31 N: 10/10 LOW CLOUDS, BASE 1,000 FT, TOP 8,000 FT; 7/10 MIDDLE CLOUDS, BASE 12,000 FT, TOP 15,000 FT; HEAVY RAIN AND MODERATE TURBULENCE. 31 N TO THE COAST: 4/10 LOW CLOUDS, BASE 2,000 FT, TOP 5,000 FT; 2/10 MIDDLE CLOUDS, BASE 12,000 FT TOP 14,000 FT. TARGET: CLEAR; VISIBILITY UNRESTRICTED EXCEPT IN SMOKE RISING FROM FIRES. WINDS AT 8,500 FT WERE 285 DEGREES AT 30 KNOTS,. ROUTE RETURNING: SAME AS ROUTE OUTGOING. BASES ON RETURN: GUAM: 6/10 LOW CLOUDS, BASE 1,500 FT; VISIBILITY 12 MILES. SAIPAN: 4/10 CUMULUS, BASE 1,500 FT, VISIBILITY 12 MILES.

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SUBJECT: SPECIAL CONFERENCE

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15. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK:
PRIMARY: 5500 FT TO 25,000 FT.
TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: (SEE PARAGRAPH EIGHT.

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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
FN-10-12	ENEMY FIGHTER REACTION MISSION NO. 67.	May 10, 1945

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 POA	LEMAY COMGEN BOMCOM 21

On this three wing night mission against the Tokyo arsenal area, enemy air opposition was slight to moderate. The enemy fighters made 102 attacks, almost all of which were by unidentified aircraft. Thirty-seven attacks were from the tail, 29 from the nose, 21 from the right and 15 from the left. Half of allattacks were from level. Improved coordination between fighters and searchlights was noticeable. No B-29 was reported as lot to enemy aircraft alone. However, five were lost to unknown causes and one to enemy aircraft plus flak. There were many instances of balls of fire. The number of B-29's lost to unknown causes on night missions where there are many encounters with balls of fire seems of significance. We destroyed three T/E, one S/E and two balls of fire, and damaged one S/E and one unidentified.

The following data on balls of fire supplements that contained in our message FN-16-3, 170454Z April: At 131541Z at 9.5000 feet just before bombs away one aircraft reported three sets of six or eight red balls being launched from another aircraft. They reached 8,000 feet and disappeared. No tails were seen. One aircraft encountered one as it was crossing the coast on the way home. The "ball" was weaving crazily around; it disappeared without an explosion and without attempting to follow the aircraft. Another reported a "ball", first seen in the air, level and far behind in the target area, which trailed out and was extinguished without following any aircraft. One aircraft reported two "balls of fire" in the area of the target. Neither seemd to follow any aircraft, and both were seen to hit the ground. One looked there like a gasoline fire. One aircraft reported two "balls" wandering aimlessly around over the city southeast of the target area. Both were seen to explode and trail to the ground. Another aircraft saw a "ball" at Choshi Point. It was approaching at 12 o'clock. When the aircraft turned south, the "ball" was off the left wing and trailing a thousand yards. It followed the plane a while in that position, then petered out. Another aircraft reported a ball north of the target, after the turn-out. It followed the plane off its left wing and an estimated 7,000 feet below, through a climb of several thousand feet and through a number of turns, but did not get any closer. It finally lost altitude, exploded in the air, and was seen no more.

One attack by two balls of fire was observed.

The general report on the appearance of the balls was that they were circular or

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spherical in shape, left a faint trail until they exploded or began to disintegrate when they either disappea red entirely or trailed off in several streamers, sometimes seeming to whirl. One crew thought them about half the diameter of a B-29 fuselage, another estimated "six or seven time the size of a tracer bullet".

One B-29 sent tracers into a ball of fire, saw it burn, go down and explode on the ground. Another 29 opened fire on two balls of fire. The leading ball of fire crashed and exploded.

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIQUE NO. 85

TO: COMGENBOMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOMAF 2Ø POA

INFO: COMGENBOMCOM 2Ø (ATTENTION: GLASS))

FROM: COMAF 2Ø

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THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WILL BE RELEASED HERE AT 141600Z.

"A CONCENTRATED INDUSTRIAL AREA IN THE CENTER OF TOKYO, WHICH INCLUDES THE IMPORTANT TOKYO ARSENAL COMPLEX, WAS THE TARGET OF YESTERDAY'S (APRIL 14, JAPANESE TIME) SUCCESSFUL SUPERFORTRESS ATTACK ON THE JAPANESE HOMELAND. A VERY LARGE TASK FORCE OF B-29'S, FLYING FROM BASES OF MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND IN THE MARIANAS, DROPPED HEAVY LOADS OF INCENDIARY BOMBS IN THE TARGET AREA AND RETURNING CREWS TOLD OF GREAT EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES.

"FIGHTER OPPOSITION WAS ENCOUNTERED AND THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE. SIX OF OUR AIRCRAFT ARE MISSING. OUR CLAIMS OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED HAVE NOT YET BEEN FIRMLY ESTABLISHED."

END

TOD: Ø41423ØZ

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TO COMGENBOMCOM 21 FROM COMAF 20

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TO COMGENBOMCOM 21 FROM COMAF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 POA

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THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WILL BE RELEASED HERE AT 131830Z

"B-29'S IN VERY GREAT STRENTH DELIVERED AN INCENDIARY ATTACK UPON MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL TARGETSIN TOKYO TODAY (14 APRIL JAPANESE TIME). THE ATTACK WAS MOUNTED BY SUPERFORTRESSES OF THE XXI BOMBER COMMAND UNDER MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY AND STRUCK THE JANANESE CAPITAL SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY HEADQUARTERS OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE IN WASHINGTON WHEN THE BOMBERS RETURN TO THEIR BASES IN THE MARIANAS."

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(ATTENTION: REES INFO WIPPOLD FROM HADDOCK)

(INFO PRO'S ALL WINGS)

ON FN13-21 NAND 23 RXXX ARE THE FIRST PARA CORRECT ??

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ON YOUR FN13-21 AND 23 ARE THE FIRST PARAGRAPHS COMPLETE ???

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FN-19-5	FLASH REPORT - SUPPLEMENT 3PR5M 148, 17 APRIL 1945.	19 Apr 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 FOA BOMB WING 73 BOMB WING 313 BOMB WING 314	COMGENBOMCOM 21

Flash Report No. 148 - Supplement, damage to industries in Tokyo, Kawasaki, Yokohama, 3PR5M 148, Target Area: Tokyo, Mito, 17 April 1945.

Mean time of photography: 161646Z Quality: hazy.
24 inch coverage shows the following industries damaged as a result of XXI B. C. Missions 67, 68, and 69.
Target 202 - Army central clothing depot (70 PC coverage on 24 inch prints).
Target 203 - Ordnance Supply Depot (Inadequate coverage).
Target 204 - Japan Artificial Fertilizer Co.
Target 205 - Army Arsenal and Military Gunpowder Works (Itabashi Powder Plant).
Target 206 - Oji Army Arsenal.
Target 207 - Military Gunpowder Works.
Target 208 - Army Branch Powder Factory.
Target 209 - Military Works (Takinogawa Army Arsenal)
Target 228 - Government Power Station.
Target 352 - Army Arsenal and Engineering School.
Target 1335 - Reported location of Naval Gunpowder Works.
Target 1364 - Physico-Chemical Industries Ltd.
Target XXI 3004 - Unidentified industry.
Target XXI 3062 - Unidentified industry.
Target XXI 3006 - Target XXI 3007 - Unidentified industries adjacent to Sugamo Prison.
Target 314 - Armory.
Target 224 - Tabata Nippori RR Yards.
Target XXI 3109 - Unidentified arsenal.
Target 1419 - Navy Department Towers.
Target 363 - Radio Station JOAK.
Target 365 - Shiodome Freight Yards.
Target 1448 - Tsukiji Market and Wholesale Warehouse.
Target 885 - Takeisha Pier.
Target XXI 3113 - Navy Technical Research Laboratory.
Target 327 - Mitsubishi Aircraft Co., Shibaura Plant.
Target 881 - Minode-Cho Pier.

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Target 889 - Factory No. 3 of Nippon Electric Co.
Target 887 - Shibaura Wharf.
Target 31 - Tokyo Gas and Electric Engineering.
Target 919 - Tokyo Measuring Instrument Works.
Target 918 - Niigata Iron Works.
Target 541 - Oriental Otis Elevator.
Target 1332 - Rolling Stock Co.
Target 573 - Miyata Engineering Works.
Target 1362 - Kitashin Electric Engineering Co.
Target 1357 - Tokyo Special Machine Mfg. Co.
Target XXI 3075 - Unidentified industry.
Target XXI 3058 - Unidentified industry.
Target XXI 3070 - Unidentified industry.
Target XXI 3069 - Unidentified industry.
Target 4011 - Electrical Instrument Plant.
Target 58 - Tokyo Special Steel and Chrome Works.
Target 487 - Meiji Sugar Factory.
Target 496 - Factory No. 1 of Tokyo-Shibaura Electric Co.
Target 106 - Railroad Transformer Station.
Target 105 - Kaaasaki Substation No. 1.
Target 488 - Factory No. 2 of Tokyo-Shibaura Electric Co.
Target 489 - Nippon Electric Wire and Cable Co.
Target 494 - Tokyo Electric Wire and Mfg. Co.
Target 485 - Fuji Spinning Mills.
Target 484 - Showa Wire Cable Co.
Target 141 - Yokohama Rubber Co.
Target 1399 - Hodogaya Soda.
Nisshin Spinning Co. (No target number)

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FN-15-27	Flash Photo Interpretation Report, 3PRSM 144, 15 Apr 45	15 Apr 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
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Damage to Tokyo City: Post strike reconnaissance shows extensive damage to North Tokyo as a result of XXI BOM COM Mission 67, 13-14 April 1945. Smoke from smouldering fires still obscures a portion of the burned area making an exact assessment of damage impossible. Visible new damage is set tentatively at 296, 000,000 sq ft (10.7 sq miles or 6,850 acres) pending more adequate cover. Seven numbered industries are damaged. Twenty numbered targets are within or adjacent to burned areas and may show damage when better photo coverage is obtained. No damage to Yokohama or Kawasaki is visible on Trimet Oblique photographs. Total visible damage to Tokyo is now approximately ~~765,346,000~~ 765,146,000 sq feet (27.5 sq miles or 17,650 acres). Extensive construction of fire breaks is visible throughout Tokyo, Yokohama and Kawasaki. Visible industrial damage is as follows: (tele FN-17-34)

Target 204, Japan Artificial Fertilizer Co: Fires seen in plant area on reconnaissance photography of 14 April 1945. Extent of damage can not be determined from present coverage.
Target 1364, Physico Chemical Industries, Ltd.: Major damage
Target 214, Armory: Minor Damage
Target 362, Army Arsenal and Engineering School: Minor damage.
Target XXI 3007, Unidentified industry: Major damage.
Target XXI 3006, Unidentified industry: Major damage.
Target XXI 3109, Unidentified Arsenal: Minor damage.

Smoke haze over area limits assessment of damage to some targets which are adjacent to or in burned out areas. Targets so obscured are:
Target 201, Akabane Powder Storage
Target 202, Army Central Clothing Depot
Target 203, Ordnance Supply Depots (Powder Magazines)
Target 205, Army Arsenal and Military Gunpowder works (Itabashi Powder Plant)
Target 206, Oji Army Arsenal
Target 207, Military Gunpowder Works
Target 208, Army Branch Powder Factory
Target 209, Military Works (Takinogawa Army Arsenal)

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Target 211, Inawashiro Transforming Station
Target 212, Asahi Electro Chemical Company
Target 213, Kinugawa Steam Power Station
Target 217, Powder Factory
Target 218, Ordnance Storehouse
Target 219, Powder Magazine
Target 224, Tabata Nippori Railroad Yards
Target 228, Government Power Station
Target 1335, Unconfirmed location of Naval Gunpowder Works
Target XXI 3008, Unidentified
Target XXI 3062, Unidentified
Target XXI 3004, Unidentified

Area damage is located as follows on the indicated target charts:
Reference: AAF Target Chart No. 90.17-205, February 1944.
For location of areas use standard grid and read right up.

Two areas totaling 1,800,000 sq ft destroyed at (7.5-10.4) and (8.25-10.2).
Area totaling 10,400,000 sq ft destroyed at (6.8-9.2) 7.2-9.4) (7.35-9.2) (7.6-9.0) (6.8-8.4) (7.25-8.3) (7.25-7.9) (6.7-7.9) (6.5-9.95) (5.9-8.85).
Two areas totaling 2,100,000 sq ft destroyed at (5.5-7.9) and (6.1-8.0).
Area totaling 8,500,000 sq ft destroyed at (8.5-9.15) (8.8-8.4) (9.5-8.3) (8.5-7.8).
Area totaling 5,700,000 sq ft destroyed at (13.6-6.75) (14.0-6.05) (14.1-5.5) (13.3-5.7).
Area totaling 71,000,000 sq ft destroyed at (9.7-7.85) (10.2-7.85) (10.1-7.5) (13.2-5.0) (12.3-6.8) (12.5-6.5) (12.8-6.6) (13.45-5.35) (13.6-4.25) (13.35-4.05) (13.6-3.6) (9.5-6.4) (9.1-6.4) (9.0-5.9) (8.8-6.5) (8.0-6.0) (9.75-7.6).
Area totaling 134,000,000 sq ft destroyed at (6.0-7.0) (7.5-6.3) (8.0-5.5) (9.3-5.9) (9.45-5.5) (11.3-5.2) (12.1-4.2) (11.7-3.9) (11.25-4.25) (11.15-4.25) (10.65-3.6) (11.0-2.95) (9.2-3.8) (9.15-3.2) (8.85-3.45) (7.9-3.85) (7.1-3.0) (6.25-3.05) (6.05-2.85) (5.85-2.75) (5.8-3.0) (6.2-3.1) (6.4-3.7) (5.1-2.6) (3.8-3.5) (3.4-3.1) (66.55-5.3) (5.4-5.8) (5.85-6.1) (5.6-6.6).

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Area totaling 2,300,000 sq ft destroyed at (7.1-2.9)(6.9-1.9)(6.55-2.2).
Two areas totaling 3,800,000 sq ft destroyed at (6.2-1.7) and (5.35-1.9) (4.2-2.1).
Two areas totaling 2,300,000 sq ft destroyed at (3.25-1.4) and (3.6-1.4)
Area totaling 1,900,000 sq ft destroyed at (4.65-1.1).

Reference: AAF Target Chart Japan No. 1361, February 1944.
Two areas totaling 8,300,000 sq ft destroyed at (6.1-14.1) (55.55-12-55) (5.4-13.9) and (5.1-13.0).
Area totaling 17,400,000 sq ft destroyed at (6.35-13.5) (6.7-12.7)(7.15-13.3) (8.25-12.5)(8.1-11-6)(7.5-12.5)(6.9-12.5)(6.3-12.2).
Area totaling 2,300,000 sq ft destroyed at (8.6-11.7).
Two areas totaling 9,000,000 sq ft destroyed at (8.65-13.15) and (8.6-14.7) (9.6-14.6)(9.55-13.7)(8.6-14.1).
Two areas totaling 6,700,000 sq ft destroyed at (10.2-14.95)(11.2-14.15) and (10.5-13.85)(11.4-13.1).
Area totaling 400,000 sq ft destroyed at (11.55-12.0).

Reference:AAF Target Chart Japan No. 1394, February 1944.
Two areas totaling 6,000,000 sq ft destroyed at (4.1-10.2) and (5.2-11.2) (5.8-10.2)(5.0-10.1).
Two areas totaling 2,800,000 sq ft destroyed at (4.65-8.3) and (5.3-8.6).

Hamamatsu Airfield (34/45 N-137/43 E) Aircraft visible: 48S/E - 75 T/E.
Akenogahara Airfield (34/42 N - 136/40 E) Aircraft visible: 115 S/E - 8 T/E.
Toyohashi Airfield (34/43 N - 137/19 E) Aircraft visible: 8 S/E - 25 T/E. 5 T/E inoperative not included.
Nikatagahara Airfield 34/47 N - 137/44 E) Aircraft visible: 12 S/E - 48 T/E.
Kashiwa Airfield (35/54 N - 139/57 E) Aircraft visible: 125 S/E - 2 T/E.
Oitsu Airfield (34/42 N - 137-22 E) Aircraft visible: 4 S/E - 2 T/E.
Atsugi Airfield (35-27 N - 139/27 E) Aircraft visible: 280 S/E - 109 T/E - 2 4/E. 3 S/E and 5 T/E inoperative not included.

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FN-16-7	FLASH STRIKE ATTACK REPORT ON XXI BOMCOM MISSION 67, 13 APRIL 1945	16 Apr 45

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

Photo Strike

Target arsenal area- Tokyo City.

Available strike photos show numerous fires. The locations of these fires, with exception of a few small fires N of the Naka River, cannot be determined.

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FN-14-12	FLASH PHOTO INTERPRETATION REPORT, 3PR SM 143, 14 Apr	14 Apr 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
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Damage to Tokyo City: Post strike photography shows the northwest portion of the city obscured by smoke resulting from XXI BomCon Mission 67, 13-14 April 1945. Several areas of damage totaling about 16,350,000 sq ft (0.6 sq miles or 380 acres) are visible along the Naha river and two fires are seen in target 204, Japan artificial fertilizer producing chemicals for munitions and chlorine by-products. Smoke obscures any areas of damage to the south. Areas of damage are located as follows on 3PR SM 76 IV: 41:

1. Area of about 340,000 sq ft at (H2.6 - V2.6)
2. " " " 550,000 " " " (3.0 - 2.6)
3. " " " 680,00 " " " (3.3 2.9)
4. " " " 6,200,000" " " (7.4 - 3.6) (7.7 - 3.2)
5. " " " 3,100,000" " " (7.8 - 4.2) (8.1 - 4.2) (8.2 - 3.8) (7.8 - 3.9)
6. " " " 3,250,000" " " (6.8 - 5.1) (7.4 - 5.0) (7.1 - 4.7)
7. " " " 2,230,000" " " (6.4 - 4.7) (6.6 - 4.6) (6.8 - 4.3) (6.5 - 4.4)
8. Two fires in target 204 at (5.2 - 3.1)

Atsugi Airfield (35/27 N - 139/27 E) aircraft visible: 361. 253 S/E, 104 T/E, 2 probable T/E in hangar, 2 4/E. 7 S/E inoperative in boneyard and 4 T/E with wings dismantled not included in count. Some revetment areas are cloud obscured.

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