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MISSION # 35 "PANHANDLE #4" TRUK
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XXI BOMBER COMMAND
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Mission being run 17 Feb.	Telecon	FX-16-13	161329Z	161652Z	EGK.

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PRIOR PLANNING

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SECRET

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WAR V YAF
RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

TELECON MESSAGE FN-16-13 SECRET 161329Z I OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM COM GEN XXI BOM COM

TO COM GEN AF 20

INFO DEP COM GEN AF 20 (POA)

THIS IS IN ADDITION TO OUR FN -16-12 AND -OR OUR X-16-7. PRACTICE MISSION BY 73
RD WING TAKES OFF 170300Z TARGET TRUK.

END

CB

SECRET

TOD 161400Z WAH

UNQUOTE
END
TOD 161652Z HS AT YAF
RECD MSG AT 6/// 161652Z WCR

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1st A/c Off	Telecon	FN-17-3		170540z	BGR
Take Off Report	"	FN-17-4		170540z	BGR

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SECRET

RELAY FROM DEPCOMAF 20 ~~(4, &7)~~ (GUAM)))
QUOTE
TELECON MSG FN-17-4 OPERATIONAL PRIORITY SECRET 17 FEBRUARY 1945

FROM: BOMCOM XXI 170405Z
TO : COMAF 20
INFO: DEPCOMAF 20
GR 25 BT
SUBJECT: GR TAKE OFF REPORT FOR ~~APNA~~PAN HANDLE IV, S 35, 17 FEB 45.
1. GROUP: 497TH

B

2. A/C SCHEDULED:

12

3. A/C AIRBORNE: 9

4. FIRST A/C : 170302Z

5. LAST A/C GC 170306Z

BT 170405Z

TOD: 170435Z LS

SECRET

UNQUOTE
END
TOD 170533Z B WB
ROGER 170533Z WCR

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SECRET

RELAY FROM C

DEPCOMAF 20 (GUAM)

QUOTE

TELECON MSG FN 17-3 OP OP OP SECRET 170347Z

FROM BOMCOM XXI

TO COM GEN 20 AF

INFO DEP COM AF 20 (POA) DISTRIBUTION "A/"

BT

GR ER FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT 170302Z ON PANHANDLE FOUR.
BASE WEATHER 3/10 CUMULUS, BASES 2000 FT, TOPS 5000. FT. ROUT AND

TARGET 510 CUMULUS, BASES 1800 FT TOPS 6000 FT WITH 1/10 TO 8000 FT.
VISIBLILITY 15 MILES.

BT 170347Z

OTOD : 170517Z LS

UNQUOTE

END

TD

TOD 160536Z WB

ROE

ROGER 170536Z WCR

SECRET

PLS CHANGE O TOD TO 170536 INSTEAD OF 160536Z OK 170540

~~TNX LOTS~~

~~PLS STAND BY FOR A MIN WILL CK TO SEE IF THEE IS ANY MORE FOR U~~

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Consolidated Bombs Away	Telecon	FN-17-9			

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WAR V YAF
RELAY FROM BOMCOM 20

TELECON MSG FN-17-9 SECRET OP OP 170745Z
~~F DJEYQUT TUHHLDIPVOM COM~~ FRIM: COM GEN XXI BOMCOM
TO COM GEN 20 AF
INFO FCXXX DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)
GR 34
SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY FOR PANHANDLE 4 MISSION 35
17 FEB 45. 73 RD BOMBARDMENT WING

1. ONE LEAD A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY.

). NINE A/C T 170646Z BOMBED PRIMARY BH VISUAL MEANS WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS.

END

VROD 170821Z W H

UNQUOTE

END

TOD 171926Z HS

FECD

RECD MSG AT 171026Z WCR

SECRET

171029

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Return Report	TeleconN	FN-17-20		171831Z	BGR
Delay in Preliminary Mission Rpt.	"	FN-17-22		172343Z	

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MISSION RPT

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

QUOTE

TELECON MESSAGE FN-17-22
REGULAR CONFERENCE 172325Z

SECRET

PRESENT HERE: LT. SLAVIN

SUBJECT: 20TH AF MATTERS

RELAY FROM BOMCOM GWS 21

QUOTE

TELECON MESSAGE FN-17-22 OPERATIONAL PRIORITY SECRET 171900
FROM COM GEN XXI BOM COM
TO COMGEN AF 20
INFO C
DEPCOMGEN AF 20 (POA)
GR GEP BT
SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT, MISSION 35, 17 FEB 1945

SUBJECT REPRT NOT RECEIVED AT THIS HEADQUARTERS. WING CONTROL UNABLE TO CONTACT S-2 OF GROUP. FINAL REORT WILL FOLLOW IMMEDI TELY UPON RECEIPT.

BT

TOD 171939Z AL

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ROGER 171939Z JFB

SECRET

UNQUOTE

TOD:172328Z JK

ROGER 172328Z WCR

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WASHINGTON PARTIES

KHARAGPUR - HONOLULU - GUAM PARTIES

RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

SECRET

QUOTE

TELECON MESSAGE FN-17-20 (SECRET) 171135Z (~~OPERATRXZUCQKLWUAUSIOOEOE~~ OPERATIONAL PRIORITY
F
R
OM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20

INFO: DEPCOMAF20POA

(~~GR39~~)

SUBJECT ~~80 '2"84, 430945 1945.889, 35~~ RETURN REPORT FOR MISSION 35, 17 FEB 1945

73RD BOMBARMENT WING

1. GROUP: 497

2. AIRBORNE: 9

3. LANDED HOME BASE: N9

4. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE: 0

5. TIME OF LANDING:

FIRST A/C: 170936Z

LAST A/C: 171002Z

END
FER
TOD: - 171521Z LS
ROGER V YAF 171521Z HH

QUOTE

TOD:171825Z JK

ROGER FN-17-20 171825Z WCR

SECRET

ORIGINATOR OF MESSAGE

DISTRIBUTION

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

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Mission Report	telecon	FN-18-6		180611Z	[illegible]

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

FN-18-6 OP OP OP SECRET 180500Z

FROM BOMCOM XXI

TO COMAF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

BT

SECRET

SUBJECT: MISSION REPORT FOR PANHANDLE 4, 17 FEB 45.

GR-267

1. UNIT: 497TH BOMB GROUP OF 73RD BOMBARDMENT WING

2. TAKE OFF: FIRST A/C 170301Z LAST A/C 170306Z

3. RETURN: FIRST A/C 170936Z LAST A/C 171002Z

4. NO. A/C TAKING OFF: 9

5. NO. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY TARGET (VISUAL): 9

TARGET: SUBMARINE NAVAL BASE, DUBLON ISLAND, TRUK.

6. NO. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY TARGET: NONE ASSIGNED.

7. NO LAST RESORT TARGET ASSIGNED.

8. NO TARGETS OF OPPORTUNIOY ATTACKED.

9. NO A/C FAILED TO BOMB TARGET

10. NO AIRCRAFT LOST TO FLAK

11. NO AIRCRAFT LOST TO ENEMY AIRCRAFT

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12. NO AIRCRAFT LOST BY REASONS UNKNOWN

13. 0 AIRCRAFT LOST BY ACCIDENT

14. TIME OF ATTACK: FIRST A/C 170646Z LAST A/C 170647Z

15. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK: 25,000 FT

16. BOMBS ON PRIMARY TARGET: 32 X 500 LB GP 8 X 500 LB IB

BOMBS ON SECONDARY, LAST RESORT , OPPORTUNITY: NONE

(1) BOMB LOADINGS: 6 X 500 LB GP 9 X 500 LB IB

(2) BOMBS UNACCOUNTED FOR: NONE

17. BOMBS JETTISONED: 1 A/C JETTISONED 4 X 500 LB GP AND 1 X 500 LB IB

18. BOMBS RETURNED: NONE

19. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: NONE

20. CLAIMS: NONE

SECRET

21. ~~REMARKS~~:

~~(1) FIGHTER OPPOSITION: NIL~~

~~(2) AA FIRE: HEAVY, MODERATE, ACCURATE AA FIRE ENCOUNTERED OVERDCXI~~
~~EBPKXIJXARFKO~~

~~MNU: 86:7,~~
~~S[illegible]SW~~

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21. ~~1 43. 4(~~: Remarks

(1) FIGHTER OPPOSITION: NIL

(2) AA FIRE:HEAVYN MODERATE,. ~~1:74-53~~ accurate AA FIRE ENCOUNTERED OVER TARGET. CONTINUOUSLY POINTED TYPE. DAMAGED ONE AIRCRAFT. PREDICTED ~~GTEN GO~~ CENSEN TRATION OF 25230 BURST OBSERVED LEVEL AND BEHIND OVER TARGET.

SECRET

(3) A/C LOST OR IN DISTRESS: NONE

(4) A/C SERIOUSLY DAMAGED OR CRASHED ON RETURN: NONE

(5) A/C BATTLE DAMAGE : 1 A/C WILL BE READY FOR COMBAT IN 1 DAY

(6) OBSERVATIONS: TEN HEAVY AA GUNS ON HILL IN WOODED SECTION IN NORTH CENTRAL PART OF DUBLON ISLAND. FOUR UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT ON MOEN ISLAND AIRSTRIP.

(7) FIRST PHASE PHOTO INTERPRETATION SHOWS APPROXIMATELY 25 BOMB IMPACTS WITH MEAN CENTER IMPACT ONE THOUSAND FEET SOUTHEAST OF AIMING POINT, THE CENTER OF SUBMARINE NAVAL BASE.

(8) CREW COMMENPS: NONE

END

TOD 0558Z RM

UNQUPTE

TOD:180611Z AC

ROGET:180611Z