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TELECON MESSAGE FN-22-6 (TOP SECRET) ~~SECRET~~ (OPERATIONAL PRIORITY)

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMGNAF20 INFO: DEPCOMGENAF20

BRIEF OF FIELD ORDER "B" SHAKE DOWN MISSION STARLIT NO. 1.

APPROXIMATELY 44 B-29 A/C SCHEDULED IN A COORDINATED ATTACK WITH

CRUISER DIVISION FIVE AND UNITS OF CTF 93 AGAINST AIRFIELD ON

STARLIT NO 1 ON 24 JAN 45. COURSE 1517N-1455E TO 171 2330,
HERE IS RPT OF LINE AGAIN.

STARLIT NO 1 ON 24 JAN 45. COURSE 1517N-14550E TO 2330N

14405E TO 2336N - 14200E TO 2421N - 14056E TO TARGET TO BASE.

TAKE OFF FIRST PLANE 232000Z OVER TARGET 232400Z ETA BASE

240330Z. SECONDARY TARGET NONE. LAST RESORT PAGAN AIRSTRIPS.

TARGETS WILL BE ATTACKED BY SQUADRON IN COLUMN AT BASE ALTITUDE OF

26,000 FEET. AXIS OF ATTACK 40 DEGREES TRUE. BOMB LOAD:

12,000 LBS PER A/C 500 LB GP BOMB FUSED 1/10 SEC AND 1/100 SEC

TAILSFUSE. THIS IS TO BE CONSIDERED AS A SHAKEDOWN PRACTICE

MISSION FOR 313TH BOMB WING

END

TOD: 220215Z FEB

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END

TOD: 220235Z WB

ROGER FN -22-6 220235Z WCR JMJ

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C/S	DC/S OPR	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plan
AG	Surge	Air Insp	PRO	COMM OP	ANAL	STAT	CON	
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ACTION

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SPECIFIC SUBJECT	TYPE OF MESSAGE	MESSAGE NO.	DATE AND TIME SENT	DATE AND TIME REC'D	INITIALS
T.O. Report.	Telecon	FN-23-31	232350Z	0010Z	JRD.
" "	"	FN. 24-1	24 ³² 10 00 Z	241040Z	JRD

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-24-1 (SECRET) 240111Z (OPERATIONAL PRIORITY)

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMGEN AF20 INFO: DEPCOM20

CONSOLIDATED TAKE OFF REPORT STARLIT ONE, 24 JAN 1945 DELAYED DUE TO
CIRCUIT TROUBLE WILL FORWARD AS SOON AS AVAILABLE
END
TOD 240228Z FER

UNQUOTE

END

TOD 240136Z PH

ROGER 240136Z WRC

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-23-31 OP OP SECRET 232310Z

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FROM XXI BOMBER COMMAND

TO COMGEN AF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20

CTF 93 CTF 94 CTU 94.4.2 CTFXX CTG 93.2 CTG 17.7 CTU 30.5.2

CTU 30.5.3

BT

FIRST ACFT AIRBORNE AT 232301 ON STARLIT ONE. WEATHER EXPECTED AT
TARGET 3-5/10 LOW CLOUD WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS. BASE GOOD FOR TAKE
OFF. LIGHT SHOWERS FOR RETURN

END

TOD 232344Z DM

UNQUOTE

END

TOD 232350Z PH

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Bombs Away	Telexon	FN-24-9	240547Z	240502Z	GRD
" "	"	FN-24-3	240453Z	240502Z	GRD
Consolidated In Flight Report	"	FN-24-16	240654Z	240710Z	GRD
" "	"	FN-24-16	240838Z	240850Z	GRD
In Flight Reports - Marked one	"	FN-24-22		240837	Am
In Flight Reports	Telexon	FN-24-32		241445	159R

BOMB STRIKE REPORTS

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QUOTE

TELECON MESSAGE FN-24-32 OP SECRET 240842Z

T-WAR

FROM: COM GEN BOM COM 21

TO: COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM AF 20

SUBJECT: STARLIT ONE, 24 JAN 45

1. ONLY THREE IN FLIGHT REPORTS RECEIVED FROM A/C WHILE IN FLIGHT INDICATING 10 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY. RESULTS: HEAVY EXPLOSIONS. NO FIGHTER OPPOSITION. FLAK SLIGHT TO MEDIUM INACCURATE. NO LOSSES.

2. FURTHER QUERY BY PHONE BEFORE INTERROGATION OF CREWS INDICATES THAT 10 MORE A/C BOMBED PRIMARY. 5 MORE A/C WERE LATE DUE TO WEATHER AND DID NOT BOMB BECAUSE OVER DEADLINE. 3 A/C WERE EARLY RETURNS. NO LOSSES. THE FIRST A/C LANDED AT 240625Z. THE LAST A/C AT 240609Z 3. TB IS FRAGMENTARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE. DO NOT USE FOR RECORD PURPOSE. WILL FORWARD MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

...END...

TOD:240908Z IK

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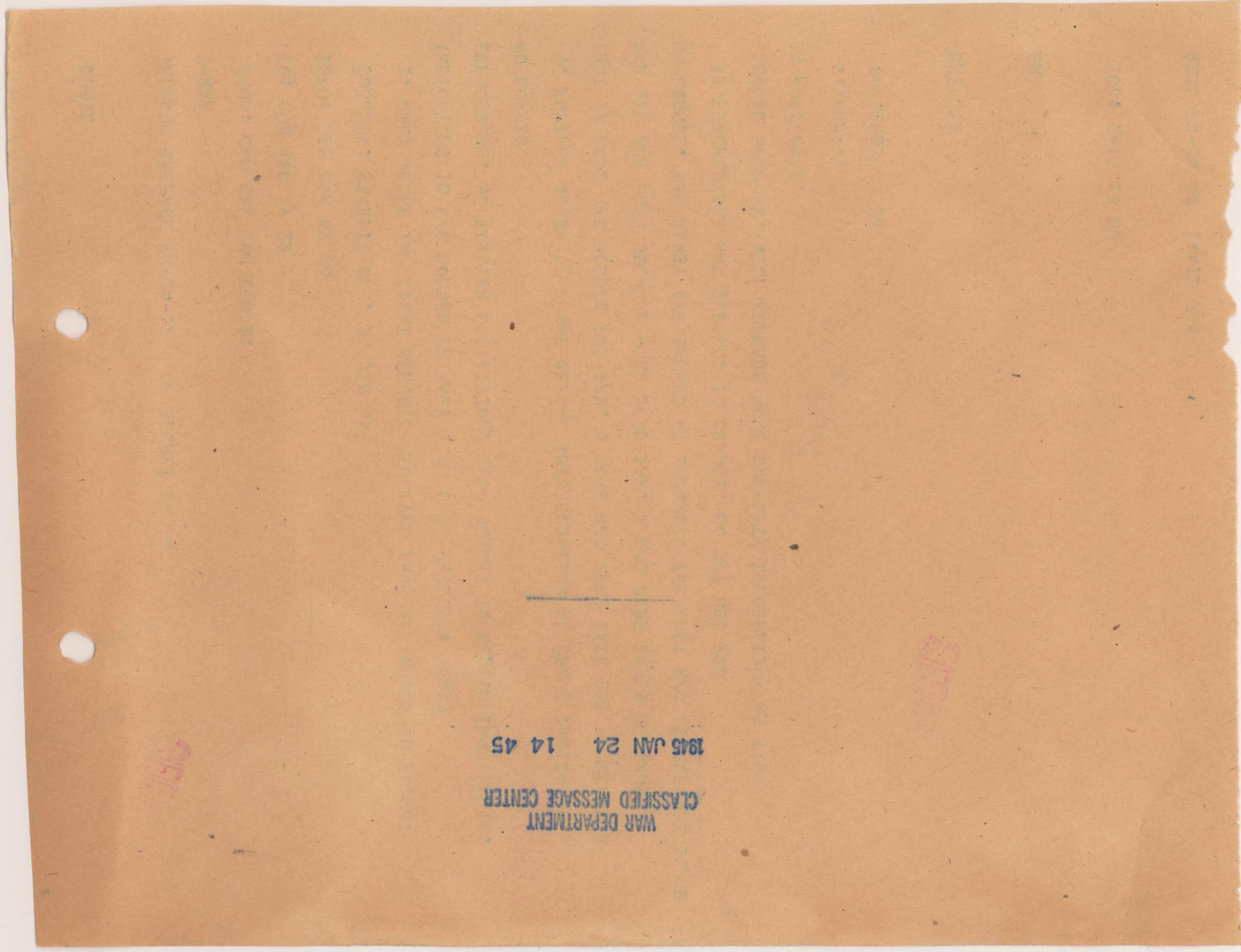
TOD: 241441Z LW

RECD FN-24-32 1441Z WCR

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-24-22 OP SECRET 240725Z
T-WAR

FROM: COM GEN BOM COM 21
TO: COM GEN AF 20
INFO: DEP COM AF 20

SUBJECT: IN FLIGHT FXXXXX REPORTS, STARLIT ONE, 24 JAN 45.
HAVE NOT RECEIVED REST OF FLIGHT REPORT DUE TO CIRCUIT TROUBLE.
HAVE REQUESTED IT BE EXPEDITED AND WILL FORWARD SAME IMMEDIATELY IT
ARRIVES. ALL A/C RETURNED BASE 240659Z.

THIS MESSAGEORIGINATED 21 BOM COM CONTROL ROOM 240725Z

...END...

TOD: 240744Z JG

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TOE 240838Z MR

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-24-16
T-WAR
FROM: COM GEN BOM COM 21

TO: COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM AF 20

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED IN FLIGHT REPORT, STARLIT ONE, 24 JAN 45.
INFORMATION FROM 3 IN FLIGHT REPORTS RECEIVED INDICATE 10 A/C BOMBED
PRIMARY VISUALLY THRU 0/10 TO 1/10 CLOUD. RESULTS: HEAVY EXPLOSIONS.
FLAK: SLIGHT TO MEDIUM, INACCURATE. FIGHTER OPPOSITION: NIL. A/C LOST
NIL. THIS REPORT FRAGMENTARY. FURTHR IN FLIGHT REPORTS STILL DUE. WILL
FORWARD SAME WHEN RECEIVED.

...END...

TOD: 2406012Z JG

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END

TOD 25/// 240654Z MR

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-24-3 OP OP OP SECRET 240241Z
FROM 21 BOM COM
TO COM GEN AF 20
INFO: DEP COM AF 20
BOMB AWAY REPORT STARLIT ONE. FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBED

PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY 0/10 CLOUD AT 240235Z.

TOD: 240255Z CB

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TOD:240453Z NH

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-24-9 OP OP OP SECRET 240315Z

FROM COM GEN BOM COM 21

TO COM GEN AF 20

INFO DEP COM AF 20

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY REPORT FOR STARLIT ONE, 24 JAN 45
3 LEAD A/C REPORTING BOMBS AWAY. ALL BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY THRU

0/10-1/10.

CB

TOD: 240328Z CB

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X TOD 240547Z NH

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-24-8 (SECRET) 240259Z (OPERATIONAL PRIORITY)

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMGENAF20 INFO: DEPCOMAF20

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED D TAKE OFF REPORT FOR STARLIT ONE, 24 JAN 45.

TOTAL AIRBORNE: 28 A/C

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| 1. GROUP | 504 | 505 |
| 2. SCHEDULED | 12 | 22 |
| 3. AIRBORNE | 11 | 17 |

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|--------------|---------|---------|---------------|
| 4. FIRST A/C | 232301Z | 232317Z | 231901-231939 |
| LAST A/C | 232313Z | 232339Z | |

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TOD: 240313Z FER
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Consolidated Landing Report	Telecon	FN-24-37		241437Z	BGR
Preliminary Mission Report	Telecon	FN-24-38		241430Z	BGR
Additional Info	Telecon	FN-24-41		241433Z	BGR
Preliminary Mission Report	Ditto-20RF	Report	241300		BGR

PRELIMINARY MISSION RP

Combat Oper.
(6 copies)

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By authority of
CG Twentieth AF

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

24 Jan. 45
Date Initials

Washington, D. C.

PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 23. 313TH WING - 24 JANUARY 1945

"STARLIT" 1

Target: Primary - Airfields No. 1 and 2, Iwo Jima

Take-off: 231901 - 231939 Washington (232301Z - 232339Z)

Time of Attack: 232228 - 232330 Washington, 241128 - 241230 Theater
(240228Z - 240330Z)

Aircraft: Bombing Primary 20

Aircraft Lost or Missing: None

Casualties: None

Bomb Load: 12,000 lbs. per A/C - 500 lb. GP Bomb fused 1/10 second and
1/100 second tailfuse.

Bomb Tons Dropped: Approximately 117 short tons.

Tactics: Daylight visual and radar bombing by squadrons in column at
27,000 ft.

Weather: 1/10 to 10/10 cumulus cloud, visibility 10 miles.

Fighter Opposition: None

Flak: Heavy, meager and inaccurate.

Claims: None

Results: Unobserved to excellent

Remarks: This information is fragmentary and subject to change,
therefore, should not be used for official records.

As of 1500, 24 January 1945

Lauris Norstad
LAURIS NORSTAD
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Washington, D. C.

Washington, D. C.

OPERATION NO. 31 EIGHT NINE - ONE SIX SEVEN ONE

REMARKS

Primary - Altitude No. 1 and 2, 100 ft

Remarks: SERGEANT - SERGEANT (SERGEANT - SERGEANT)
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Altitude: Pumping pressure 30

Altitude of fuel or nitrogen: none
Circuit: none
Bomb load: 15,000 lbs per V/C - 800 lb. of bomb fused 1/10 second and

Remarks: Approximate 115 short tons.
1/10 second fuse.

Remarks: 1/10 to 10/10 cumulus clouds, visibility 10 miles.
25,000 ft.

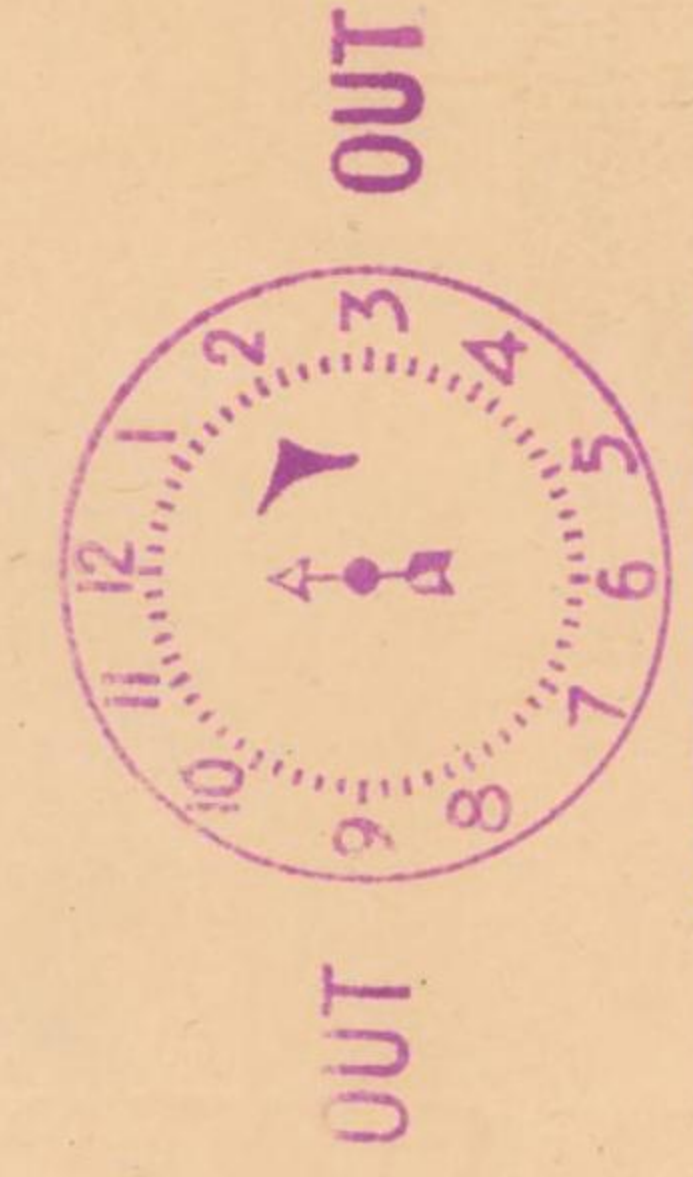
Remarks: Heavy weather and turbulence.

Remarks: None
Remarks: Unobserved to excellent

Remarks: This information is fragmentary and subject to change.

1000 JAN 24 1945

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CATEROR
Chief of Staff
Brigadier General, U.S. Army



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TELECON MSG FN -24-41 OP SECRET 241358Z

TO COM GEN AF 20

INFO DEP COMAF 20

FROM COM GEN BOM COM W//21

SUBJECT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON STARLIT ONE, 28 JAN 45
REFER TO PAR 10 OF PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF 3 EARLY RETURNS,
3 RETRUNED TO BASE BECAUSE BAD WEATHER CAUSED FAILURE TO LOCATE FORMATION
AND 3 A/C IN THE FIRST WAVE WERE NOT CLEARED TO BOMB AFLXXX AFTER
DEADLINE OF 230245Z. THEY THEREFORE RETURNED TO BASE WHEN TI BECAME
APPARENT THEY COULD NOT REACH TARGET BEFORE THAT TIME.

CCN IN LINE OF SUBJECT READS 24 RPT 24 JAN.

TOD 241413Z TAS

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TOD: 241432Z LW

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-24-38 OP SECRET 241148Z

T-WAR

FROM: COM GDN BOM COM 21

TO: COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM AF 20

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT, STARLIT ONE, 24 JAN 45.

1. NAME OF PRIMARY A/F NO. 1 & 2 IWO JIMA

2. NAME OF SECONDARY: NONE

3. NAME OF LAST RESORT: NONE

4. TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: NONE

5. A:/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 20 B-29 A/C DROPPED 444 X 500 LB. GP

1/10 - 1/100 FUSING BY VISUAL MEANS AND 24 X 500 LB. GP BY RADAR,

THRU 0 - 10/10 CLOUD FROM 26,000 - 27,000 FT AT 240228Z TO 240330Z

23222Y - 232330

241128 - 241230

6. A:/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: NONE

7. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: NONE

8. A/C ATTACKING TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: NONE

9. NO. A/C TAKING OFF: 28 B-29 A/C AIRBORNE 232301Z - 232339Z.

10. NO. A/C EARLY RETURNS: 8 B-29 A/C RETURNED EARLY OF WHICH NONE

BOMBED TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY.

11. NO. A/C LOST OR MISSING: NONE

12. BOMBING RESULTS: CREWS REPORT POOR TO EXCELLENT.

13. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: NONE

14. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: NONE

15. AA FIRE: HEAVY, MEAGER, INACCURATE (RANGE GOOD FROM LEVEL AND AHEAD TO LOW AND TRAILING)

16. FIGHTER SUPPORT: 8 P-38 A/C VARYING IN RENDEZVOUS BECAUSE OF SCATTERED FORMATIONS.

17. WEATHER: PRIMARY: 1 - 10/10 CUMULUS CLOUD, VISIBILITY TEN MILES TO UNRESTRICTED. ROUTE OUT: 3/10 CUMULUS 1600 FT. BASE 7000 TO 8000 FT.

TOP. CIRRUS AT 30,000 FT. RETURN: CUMULUS 8/10 BASE 2000 FT. TOP 12000 FT.

18. OBSERVATIONS: HEAVY EXPLOSIONS REPORTED IN TARGET AREA.

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19. ESTIMATED CLAIMS : NONE

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

THIS MESSAGE DISPATCHED FROM 21 BOM COM CONTROL ROOM 241148Z

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-24-37 OP SECRET 241108Z

T-WAR

FROM: COM GEN BOM COM 21

TO: COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM AF 20

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED LANDING REPORT, STARLIT ONE, 24 JAN 45.

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| 1. GROUP | 504 | 505 |
| 2. A/C AIRBORNE | 11 | 17 |
| 3. A/C LANDED HOME BASE | 11 | 17 |
| 4. A/C LANDING AWAY FROM
BASE | 0 | 0 |
| 5. TIMES OF LANDING: | FIRST A/C-240518Z | 240557Z |
| | LAST A/C 240556Z | 240653Z |
| 6. MISSING: | 0 | 0 |
| 7. EARLY RETURNS: | 504 GROUP 1 A/C LANDED HOME BASE 240116Z | 505 |
- GROUP 3 A/C LANDED HOME BASE 240014Z, 240015Z AND 240415Z.
(INCLUDED IN TOTALS PAR 2 AND 3)

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8. PRELIMINARY INFO: 20 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY VISUAL. RESULTS: ALL REPORT HEAVY EXPLOSIONS. FIGHTER OPPOSITION: NIL. FLAK: SLIGHT TO MEDIUM, INACCURATE.

9. FULL PRELIMINARY REPORT EXPECTED SHORTLY. WILL FORWARD IMMEDIATELY.

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Mission Report	Telecon	FN-25-41		26 Jan	BGR

MISSION REPORT

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THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE AND THE TRANSMISSION OF THIS MESSAGE IN LITERAL ITALIC TEXT AND AUTO. IZL. SUBJECT TO THE NORMAL PROCEDURE FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF MILITARY INFORMATION

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
WASHINGTON, 25, D. C.

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By authority of
CG, Twentieth Air Force

26 Jan 45
(Date)

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EXTRACT TELETYPE COMMUNICAL DETAIL WASHINGTON AND CUA:

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CUA PARTIALS

Lt. Col. Hewitt

Colonel Ankenbrandt

Telecon Message No. FN-25-41

SUBJECT: Final Mission Report - Starlit One, 24 Jan 1945

(From: COL. GLENN CO. 21 *Mission 23 JAN 45* To: COL. GEN. AF 20 Info: DEPCOMAF 20 POA - DEPCOMAF 20 IBC)

1. Designation of Unit: 313th Bomb Wing.
2. Time of Take Off: 232801Z - 232339Z.
3. Time of Return: 240545Z - 240653Z.
4. Number Taking Off: 28.
5. Number Attacking Primary Target: 20.
6. Number Attacking Secondary Target: None.
7. Number Attacking Last Resort Target: None.
8. Number Attacking Target of Opportunity: None.
9. Number which failed to bomb Target: 8.
505th GP A/C 243 prop gov gasket leak.
505th CF A/C 539 and 815 could not find formation due to bad weather, told by tower to return.
504th A/C 780 1 engine backfiring.
504th GP A/C 504 2 engine out.
504th GP A/C 788, 851 and 837 couldn't reach target by deadline.
10. Number Lost to Flak: None.
11. Number Lost to E/A: None.
12. Number Lost by Accident: None.
13. Number Lost by Reason Unknown: None.
14. Time of Attack: 240228Z - 240330Z.
15. Altitude of Attack: 26,000 - 26,500 - 27,000.
16. Bombs on Primary Target: 468 X 500 lb GP ANOM43 1/10-1/100.
A. Bomb Loading: 672 X 500 lb GP.
B. Bombs Unaccounted for: None.

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17. Number Jettisoning Bombs: 7. Number: 156 (includes A/C 265, 12 X 500 lb GP bombs hung IP over target due to rack malfunction)
18. Number Bringing Back Bombs: 2. Number: 48 X 500 lb GP.
19. Personnel Casualties: None.
20. Number E/A Destroyed: None.
21. Remarks: A. Fighter Opposition: None.
B. Flak: Heavy, meager and inaccurate. Two groups saw lattice pattern of barrage or concentration one thousand yards ahead fading and not repeated. Few black bursts of continuous pointed inaccurate.
C. A/C Lost or in Distress: None.
D. A/C seriously Damaged or Crashed: None.
E. A/C suffering battle damage: None.
F. Observations: During the bomb run of the 504th GP report a thick low hanging cloud and light colored smoke over large area of wooded north east section of island with intermittent explosions followed by occasional flame.
G. Strike Photography: Approximately 384 bomb bursts. Of this number approximately 99 bursts or 25.8 percent are within the target area and 44 bombs or 11.4 percent are within 1000 ft circular error. Four aircraft bombed the target and their bombs were not recorded by photos. Airfield No. 1 is badly cratered and unserviceable until repaired. Airfield No. 2 is undamaged. Preliminary estimate of damage indicates that one twin engine bomber, probably Betty, was destroyed and another probably destroyed. Three single engine fighters entering runway possibly damaged.
H. Crew Comments: None.
I. Brief Description of Mission: Take off was delayed two hours because of local weather conditions. Due to delay, crews were briefed not to bomb after 240245Z because of task force. Assembly was difficult because of weather and in one case, 504th group, three planes of E Squadron were joined by two planes of A Squadron at beginning of bomb run and in attempting to form properly, leader got off proper axis and bombed after short turn with no bombs near target. Only 2 planes of 504th GP could not join because of weather and their bombing results were good.

DISTRIBUTION: ACTION: None.

INFORMATION: CS; DC/S Opr (2); A-2 (10); A-3 OCCR (5); Stat Con (2);
AA (1); Op Anal (1); (5 file)

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Press Release	Telex	S-24-2	01241756Z		am

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TELECON MESSAGE NR G-24-2 (RESTRICTED) (01241756Z)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIQUE NUMBER 50.

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

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WILL BE RELEASED HERE 241900Z.

QUOTE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE SUPERFORTRESSES ATTACKING JAPANESE

MILITARY INSTALLATIONS ON THE ISLAND OF IWO JIMA TODAY 24 JANUARY

45. (JAPANESE CALENDAR) REPORTED GOOD RESULTS FROM THIS OPERATION,

GENERAL OF THE ARMY H. H. ARNOLD, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE TWENTIETH

AIR FORCE ANNOUNCED AT THE WAR CXXX DEPARTMENT.

NONE OF THE B-29'S WAS LOST ON THIS MISSION OF MAJOR GENERAL

CURITXXX CURTIS E. LEMAY'S MARIANA BASES XXXRPT BASED XXI BOMBER

COMMAND. NO FIGHTER OPPOSITION WAS ENCOUNTERED AND ENEMY ANTI-

AIRCRAFT FIRE WAS REPORTED AS SLIGHT TO MEDIUM. RETURNING B-29

CREWS REPORTED THAT VISUAL BOMBING WAS ACCOMPLISHED AND THAT HEAVY

EXPLOSIONS WERE BXXXRPT OBSERVED IN THE TARGET AREEXX AREA. UNQUOTE.

(TO MCKELWAY INFO HARTWELL FROM REES)

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TOD: 01241802Z

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TELECO N MSG NO G-24-1

SUBJECT PRESS FLASH

TO COMGENBOMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOMAF 20 FROM COMAF 20

THE O// FOLLOWING PRESS FLASH WILL BE RELEASED HERE 240630Z

QUOTE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE SUPERFORTRESSES FROM MAJOR GENERAL

CURTIS E. LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND ATTACKED MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

ON THE JAPANES I RPT JAPANESE IL// ISLAND OF IWO JIMA TODAY

(24 JANUARY JAPANESE CALENDAR), THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE

TWENTIETH AIR FORCE, GENERAL OF THE ARMY H. H. ARNOLD ANNOUNCED AT

THE WAR DEPARTMENT. A COMMUNIQUE ON THIS OPERATION FROM THE MARIN

RPT MARIANAS WILL BE ISSUED WHEN THE DETAILS BECOME AVAILABLE.

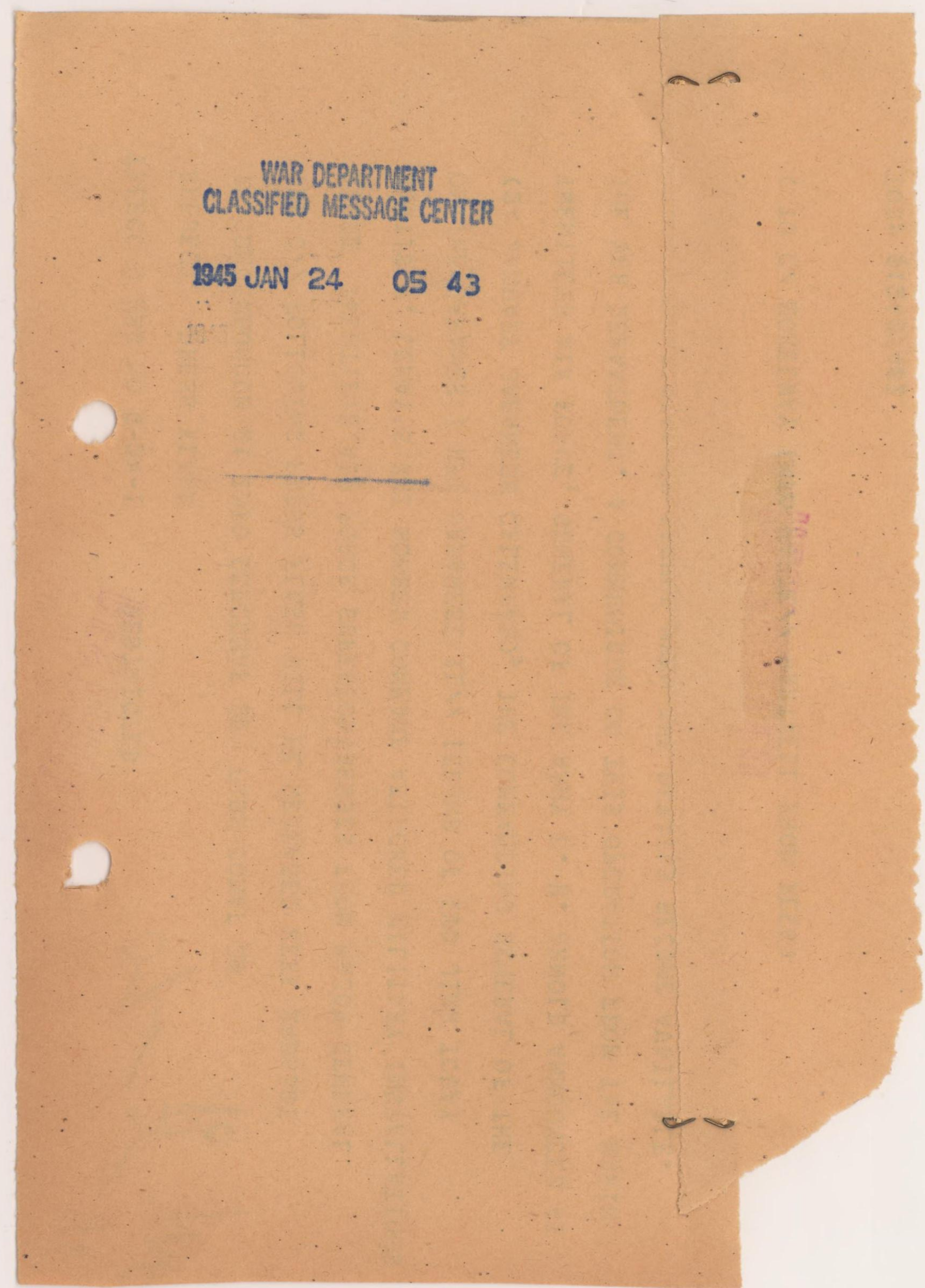
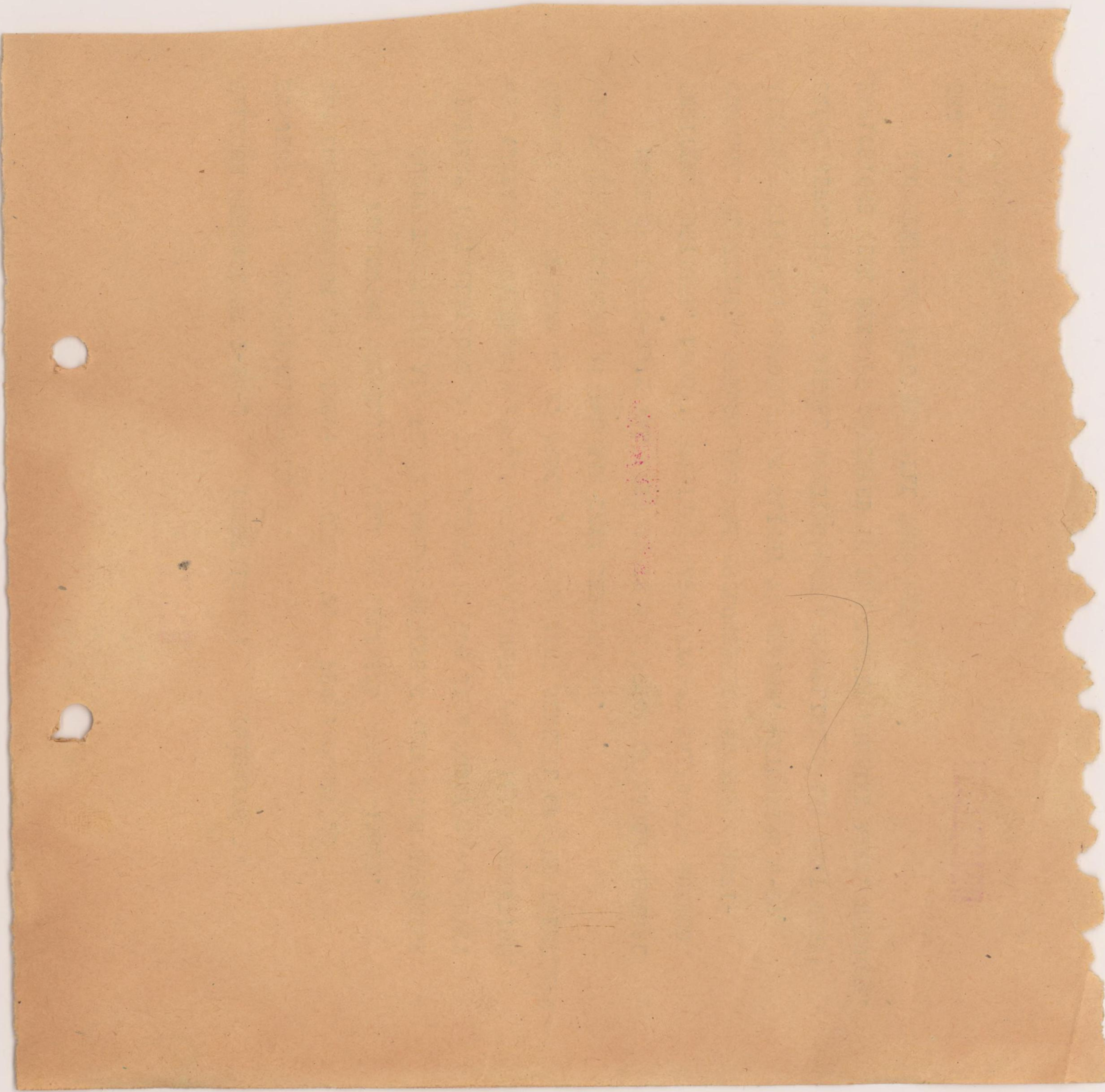
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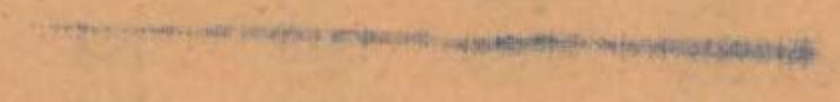
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