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Strike No. 181 Postponed	Telecon	FN-21-13		212335z	HH
Brief of Operational Plan	"	FN-22-8		220850z	HH

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-22-8 OPOP TOP SECGET
FROM: LEMAY COMGENBOMCOM 21 220850Z

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 POA

SUBJ: BRIEF OF OPERATIONAL PLAN. (FIELD ORDER 78)

1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO OUR MESSAGE FN-22-5

A. TARGET: TOKYO ~~URGA~~

~~XXXX~~ URBAN AREA.

B. TIME OF STRIKE: 231730Z

C. SIZE OF FORCE: APPROX 555 A/C.

D. AIMING POINTS, FORCE, AND BOMB TONNAGE:

(REFERENCE XXI BOMCOM LITHO MOSAIC - TOKYO SOUTH)

MPI	FORCE	TONNAGE
066038	115 A/C	920 TONS
081063	65 A/C	520 TONS
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087088	80 A/C	720 TONS
060086	80 A/C	720 TONS
074112	150 A/C	900 TONS
TOTALS	555 A/C	4300 TONS

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E. TYPE BOMBS: PATHFINDER A/C : M-47A2 IB, MAIN FORCE:
E-46 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS.

F. ROUTE:
BASE
IWO JIMA
3436N - 13814E
3532N - 13912 E (IP)
TARGET
3535N - 14040E
IWO JIMA
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TELECON MESSAGE FN-21-13 OP SECRET 212335Z

FROM: COM GEN LEMAY XY BOMCOM
TO : COMAF 20
INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: STRIKE NR. 180 POSTPONED.

STRIKE 180 (TARGET TOKYO) POSTPONED REPEAT POSTPONED FOR 24 HOURS DUE TO TARGET WEATHER.

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TOD 212318/// 212342Z DM

ROGER WCR

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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		
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1st Take-off Report	Telecon	FN-23-7		230946Z	HH
Take off Report	"	FN-23-9		231240Z	HH
Corrections to TO Report	"	FN-23-11		231414Z	WP

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TELECON MSG FN-23-12 OPOP SECRET

FROM BOMCOM XXI 232045Z

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TO COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

BOMWG 58 ATTN: A-2

BOMWG 73 ATTN: A-2

BOMWG 313 ATTN: A-2

BOMWG 314 ATTN: A-2

GR-25

SUBJECT: CORRECTION TO TAKE OFF REPORT FOR MISSION 181, TARGET TOKYO URBAN AREA FLOWN 23 MAY 1945.

127 AIRCRAFT OFF FROM 58TH WING MAKING TOTAL OF 558 FOR THE XXI BOMBER COMMAND.

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TOD...232142Z WW

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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		
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SPECIAL CONFERENCE 052313302 RECORD COPY
PRESENT HERE: LT C W STEVENS
STATION:; ~~C.&~~YAMG
SUBJECT: 20 AF MATTERS
TELECON MESSAGE FN-23~~9~~ (SECRET ~~(93:435)~~ 231240Z (OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY

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FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO:; COMAF ~~:9.-~~20

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INFO: DEPCOMAF20(POA) BOMWG58 ATTN: A-2 BOMWG73 ATTN: A-2
BOMWG313 ATTN: A-2 BOMWG314 ATTN: A-2

SUBJECT: TAKE ~~TAE~~ OFF REPORT FOR MISSION NO. 181; TARGET TOKYO URBAN AREA FLOWN 23 MAY 1945.

1.	UNITS:	XXI BOMCOM	58	73	313	314
2.	A/C SCHEDULED:	582	132	174	111	165
3.	A/C AIRBORNE:	556	125	168	103	160
4.	FIRST A/C OFF:	230924Z	230942Z	231010Z	230948Z	230924Z
5.	LAST A/C OFF:	231133Z	231113Z	231131Z	231133Z	231126Z
6.	EARLY RETURNS:	16	3	3	5	5

7. REMARKS: 2 SUPERDUMBO A/C AIRBORNE AT 231051Z AND 231047Z, NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL.

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TOD:- 231333Z WL
ROGER 231333Z WCR

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	A.G.	Surg									

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TELECON MESSAGE 23-7 OPOP SECRET

FROM: LEMAY COMGENBOMCOM XXI 230946Z

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: FIRST TAKEOFF REPORT ON STRIKE NR181.

1. FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT 230924Z.

BASES FOR TAKEOFF: SCATTERED TO BROKEN LOW CLOUD WITH FEW SCATTERED SHOWERS, VISIBILITY 15 MILES.

ROUTE TO TARGET: BROKEN LOW CLOUDS WITH SCATTERED MIDDLE CLOUDS EXCEPT IN COLD FRONT 200 MILES WIDE NEAR IWO JIMA WITH NEARLY SOLID CLOUD FROM 1000 FEET TO 25000 FEET AND MODERATE RAIN AND IN SECOND FRONT NEAR 31 DEG NORTH WITH SIMILAR CONDITIONS.

TARGET: 9/10 LOW CLOUD BREAKING SLOWLY WITH TOPS 6000 FEET AND 5/10 MIDDLE CLOUD 14-16000 FEET. VISIBILTY UNRESTRICTED EXCEPT IN CLOUD.

BASES ON RETURN: BROKEN LOW CLOUD BASE 1200 FEET WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS VISIBILTY 12 MILES FALLING TO 1/2 MILE IN SHOWERS.

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ROGER: FN-23-7 231020Z WCR

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1st Bombs Away	Telecon	FN-23-10		2317553	HX
Consolid. Bombs Away	"	FN-23-11		2321402	WP
Answer to Query on Bombs Away	"	FN-24-4		2405502	WP
Return Report	"	FN 24-6		2409552	WP
Bombs Away Reports	"	G-24-14	2404483		HX

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TELECON MSG G-24-14 SECRET OP OP

FROM COMAF

TO COMGENBOMCOM 21

SUBJECT: BOMBS AWAY REPORTS

TELECON FN-23-11 REPORTING BOMBS AWAY RECEIVED FROM 25 LEAD AIRCRAFT ACCOUNTS FOR ONLY APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF OF TOTAL FORCE AIRBORN.

PARAGRAPH 4 OF SAME TELECON STATES THAT ADDITIONAL REPORTS WOULD FOLLOW. PLEASE CHECK ON ADDITIONAL INFO AS IT IS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR OUR A.M. REPORTS.

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SUBJECT: 20 AF MATTER
TELECON SSAGE FN-24-6 OI

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FROM: BOMCOM XXI 240832Z
TO : COMAF 20
INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA) BOMWG 58 BOMWG 73 BOMWG 313 BOMWG 314
CTF 94 CINCPOA ADV HQ COMAIRPACSUBCOMFWD
SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT,. MISSION 181, TARGET TOKYO SOUTH URBAN AREA

FLOWN 24 MAY 1945.

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1. UNIT:	XXI BC	58	73	313	314
2. A/C RETURNED:	488	116	150	84	138
3. A/C AWAY:	55	8	12	16	20
4. KNOW LOSSES: 1 SEE PAR 14		1	Ø	Ø	Ø
A. TARGET AREA:	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
B. DITCHED:	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
C. OTHERS:	1	1	Ø	Ø	Ø
5. A/C MISSING	13	2	6	3	2
6. TIME DOWN FIRST:	232243Z	232344Z	232328Z	232243Z	240014Z
7. TIME DOWN LAST:	240246Z	240219Z	240222Z	240215Z	240246Z
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			19	19	

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HAMAMATSU (OPP)	1	Ø/10	12,200'	RADAR	GOOD

11. E/A OPPOSITION: NIL TO WEAK - AGRESSIVE. 1 B-29 OBSERVED COLLIDING WITH BAKA OVER TARGET. 8-10 BAKAS SIGHTED IN TARGET AREA

12. FLAK: CALIBER INTENSITY ACCURACY
PRIMARY TGT HVY-LIGHT MEG-INTENSE ACC-INACCURATE
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TELECON MSG FN-24-4 OF SECRET 240530Z

FROM BOM COM XXI

TO: COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: BOMBS AWAY REPORT YOUR MSG G-24-14

GP 102

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OUR FN-23-11 CONTAINED ALL IN FLIGHT REPORTS RECEIVED THIS HQ 2 A/C PER GROUP ARE SENDING IN FLIGHT REPORTS INSTEAD OF 1 A/C PER SQUADRON AS INDICATED. ON RECEIPT OF YOUR FIRST TELECON QUERY WE CHECKED ALL REPORTS RECEIVED FOUND FIVE ADDITIONAL REPORTS HAS BEEN INTERCEPTED AND ARE REPEATED HERE.

1 LEAD A/C PRIMARY VISUAL GENERAL CONFLAG 231656Z

1 A/C PRIMARY VISUAL MANY SMALL FIRES 231734Z

2 A/C PRIMARY RADAR GENERAL CONFLAG 231809Z

1 A/C PRIMARY VISUAL SEVERAL LARGE FIRES 231752Z

RETURN REPORTS ARE NOW COMING IN AND SHOULD GO FORWARD WITHIN TWO HOURS.

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TOD... 240550Z IK

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	A-5 Plans	Air Insp	PRO	Comm.	Op Anal	Stat Con	Anti-Acft	FSC			
	A.G.	Surg									
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TELECON MSG FN-23-11 OP SECRET

FROM BOMCOM XXI 232035Z

TO COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

BOMWG 58 ATIN: A-2

BOMWG 73 ATIN: A-2

BOMWG 313 ATIN: A-2

BOMWG 314 ATTN: A-2

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SUBJECT CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY FOR MISSION NO. 181, TARGET TOKYO URBAN AREA, FLOWN 23 MAY 1945.

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1. 25 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY ACCOUNTING FOR:

2. NO. A/C	TARGET	METHOD	RESULTS	TIME
3	PRIMARY	VISUAL	GEN. CONFLAG.	231656Z - 231759Z
1	"	"	MANY SMALL FIRES	231724Z
1	"	"	FEW SCATTERED FIRES	231650Z
10	"	RADAR	GEN. CONFLAG.	231652Z - 231709Z
7	"	"	SEV. LARGE FIRES	231709Z - 231745Z
3	"	"	UNOBSERVED	231728Z - 231733Z

3. A/C RETURNED EARLY: 25

4. REMARKS: A. ONLY LEAD A/C REPORTING BOMBS AWAY. B. CLOUD COVER 0/10 - 8/10. E/A NONE TO MODERATE. FLAK MEAGER TO INTENSE. ADDITIONAL REPORTS TO FOLLOW. THIS REPORT IS FRAGMENTARY AND SUBJECT TO CORRECTION.

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TOD...232140Z WW
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ACTION:	A-5 Plans Air Insp PRO Comm. Op Anal Stat Con Anti-Acft FSO
	A.G. Surg
	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
INFORMATION:	A-5 Plans Air Insp PRO Comm. Op Anal Stat Con Anti-Acft FSO
	A.G. Surg

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SPECIAL CONFEREDCE: 231857Z
STATION YAMG
PRESENT HERE: LT. E. B. WICKHAM

SUBJE CT 20TH AAF MATTERS

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~~RPTPLS — RPT PLS K~~

TELECON MSG FN -23-10 OP OP SECRET 231755Z

FROM COMGEN LEMAY XXI BOMCOM

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TO COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

GR-14

SUBJECT: FIRST BOMBS AWAY REPORT ON STRIKE NO. 181.

FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBED PRIMARY VISUAL THROUGH 1/10 CLOUD,

WITH FEW SCATTERED FIRES AT 231650Z.

..END...

TOD..231900Z WW
ROGER V WCR

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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		
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Mission Report	Telecon	FX-25-01		251300Z	K9R
DAPS Report	Ditto		25 May		K9R

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SUMMARY

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

25 May 1945

REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 181 - 24 May 1945
Date

Targets Bombed: Total A/C Bombing: 522

Tokyo Urban Area 514

Other Targets 8

Time Over Target: 240139 - 240334 Theater Time

Bomb ~~Load~~ Dropped: 3959.93 tons (13864 E-46, 22540 M-47's, 195 M-17, 92 M-46, 701 E-36), E-46 fused 17.5 - 25 sec tail.

Results: Visible damage 3.2 square miles - most damage in North half of target area. Assessment of damage based on 6 in. oblique photos is severely limited by haze and possibly some smoke. Considerable additional damage probable. Total damage to Tokyo City now totals 39.5 square miles.

Tactics: Visual and radar bombing by individual a/c from an altitude of 9,500 to 12,300 ft.

A/C Lost or Missing: 16 a/c (12 a/c missing - all believed due to enemy action in target area, 1 a/c ditched, 1 a/c crash landed at base on return, 1 a/c returned early with engine on fire, 1 a/c crash landed at Iwo)

Weather: 1-2/10 low cloud, top 6,000 ft.; 6/10 high cloud, base 25,000 ft; visibility unrestricted except for smoke from f ires, winds at 9,000 ft. 285 deg. at 28 knots at 12,000 ft. 265 deg. at 35 knots.

Fighter Opposition: 58th Wing: Weak - 20 E/A seen S/E and T/E. Some fighters reported equipped with S/L's. Some evidence of air-to-air bombing. Balls of fire sighted. 2 Bakas claimed destroyed (included in claims).

73rd Wing: 30 aggressive attacks from 25 E/A encountered. Majority attacks over target and after, concentrated against B-29's in S/L's. 18 Balls of fire reported mostly trailing B-29's and burning out. 1 B-29 observed with Baka and going down over target (included in losses).

313th Wing: 40 attacks from 60 E/A encountered mainly from target to land's end. Rocket firing fires reported. Majority of attacks from side and rear aggressive. Ftr. S/L co-ordination observed with ftr. coming up the beams which blinded gunners. Approx. 40 balls of fire reported in target area, flames trailing 30 ft. behind them, 3 attacks made by Bakas - all 3 destroyed. In general, Bakas stayed about 1200 ft. from a/c, though 1 observed to ram B-29. 1 crew observed large bright orange flame hanging in air over target, believed suspended from balloon, flame about 3 ft. in diameter and 20 min. duration.

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314th Wing: 14 unaggressive attacks from 68 E/A encountered. 20-30 balls of fire observed. In general, ftr. opposition characterized as meager to moderate, unaggressive to aggressive. Tonys, Tojos, Oscars, Nicks, and Bakas identified with several U/I T/E planes observed.

Claims ~~xxxxxxx~~ 11-0-2

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Flak:
~~Observations~~

58th Wing: Heavy and medium caliber, moderate to intense, but inaccurate, both sides Suruga Bay on way to IP, some at IP and target. Automatic weapons from vessels at 34/45 N - 140/25 E. 75 - 100 S/L's reported. Poor S/L and AA coordination. 25 S/L's at 35/35 N - 140/08 E. Ground rockets in pairs seen coming from 35/30 N - 140/55 E.

73rd Wing: West of Numazu, heavy caliber, meager and inaccurate barrages. Target - medium and heavy, barrage and pointed, meager to intense when a/c coned, inaccurate to accurate. Coordination reported as good against this wing. Ground rockets also observed.

313th Wing: Same as above with indication of approximately 200 S/L - major lights directing. Ground to air rockets reported coming from Kawasaki.

314th Wing: Generally same as above. Heavy and medium AA, meager and inaccurate from Shizuoka, Numazu and bend of Tuji River. In general rope and desynchronization of engines reported effective against enemy S/L's and flak.

Fighter Support:
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TELECON MESSAGE FN-26-11 (SECRET) 260810Z (OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY)

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20

INFO: DEPCOMAF20(POA)

COMGENBOMWG58 ATTN: A-2 COMGENBOMWG313 ATTN:A-2

COMGENBOMWG314 ATTN:A-2

SUBJECT: CORRECTION IN MISSION SUMMARY, MISSION 181, TARGET TOKYO URBAN AREA, FLOWN 23 MAY 1945.

1. UNIT: 73RD WING.

2. CHANGE PAR 5 A TO:

PRIMARY: A/C - BOMBS

E-46 156 - 4246

E-56 - 701

M-46 - 42

M-47 - 7121

3. CHANGE 1ST LINE PAR 5 C TO:

E-46 8 - 379

4. CHANGE PAR 6 A TO:

MECHANICAL - 10

5. CHANGE PAR 9 A TO:

5 VISUAL - 151 RADAR.

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FROM: BOMCOM XXI 250612Z

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA) BOMWG 58 ATTN A-2. BOMWG 73 ATTN A-2.
BOMWG 313 ATTN A-2. BOMWG 314 ATTN A-2.

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SUBJECT:MISSION SUMMARY FOR MISSION NO.181, TARGET SOUTHERN TOKYO URBAN AREA, FLOWN 23 MAY 1945.

1. UNITS:	XXI BOMCOM	58 WG	73 WG	313 WG	314 WG.
2. TAKE OFF:					
FIRST:	230924Z	230942Z	231010Z	230945Z	230924Z
LAST:	231133Z	231113Z	231131Z	231133Z	231126Z
3. A/C AIRBORNE:	558	127	168	103	160
4. BOMBS AIRBORNE:	40,273	6800	12703	9184	11586
A. NO.&TYPE:					
E 46	15,034	4012	4745	2107	4170
M 47	24,159	2752	7131	6917	7359
M 17	196	36	Ø	160	Ø
M 46	102	Ø	45	Ø	57
E 36	782	Ø	782	Ø	Ø
B. FUSINGS:					
E 46	17.5-25 SEC TAIL	18.9-23.8	S 20.7-23.8	17.5-19.5	23-2
M 47	INST-NOSE...	INST NOSE	INST NOSE	INST.NOSE.	INSTNOSE
D 17		T-73	----	17.5SEC..	Ø
M 46		----	29-32.5NOSE	-----	-----
E 36		----	20.7-22.7TAIL	-----	-----

5. DISPOSITION OF BOMBS:

A.

PRIMARY	NO A/C- BOMBS	A/C BOMBS	A/C BOMBS	A/C BOMBS	A/C BOMBS
E 46	514-13605	118-3758	155-4206	94-1875	147-3766
M 47	-- 22540	-- 2384	-- 7121	-- 6387	-- 6[illegible]
M 17	-- 164	-- 36	-- Ø	-- 128	-- Ø
M 46	-- 91	Ø	-- 42	Ø	-- 49
E 36	-- 701	Ø	-- 7015	Ø	Ø

B. OPPORTUNITY:

SAGARA (E 46)	1-39	1-39	Ø	Ø	Ø
SHIZUOKA (E 46)	3-113	1-34	2-79	Ø	Ø

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HAMAMATSU (E 46)	1-39	8.31 Ø	Ø	Ø	1-39
(M 46)	--1	.25 Ø 6.5.135	Ø	Ø	--1
UNKNOWN (E 46)	3-68	17 Ø	Ø	3-68	Ø
(M 17)	--31	9.75 Ø	Ø	--31	Ø

C. JETTISONED:

E 46	32-1093	6-180	9-379 ~~9-419~~	6-164	11-330
M 47	-- 1429	-- 184	-- 4	-- 530	-- 711
M 46	-- 7	Ø	-- 1	Ø	-- 6
M 17	-- 1	Ø	Ø	-- 1	Ø
E 36	-- 39	Ø	-- 39	Ø	Ø

D. RETURNED:

E 46	3-42	1-1	5 -1641	Ø	Ø
M 47	- 6	Ø	- 6	Ø	Ø
M 46	- 2	Ø	- 2	Ø	Ø
E 36	- 42	ØØ	-42	Ø	Ø

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E 46	1 -35	Ø	Ø	&Ø	1-5
M 46	- 1	Ø	Ø	Ø	" - 1
M 47	2-184	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø

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6. A/C NOT BOMBING:	34	11 XXXXX 6	6 XXX 11	6	11
A. MECHANICAL:	32	5	11	6	10
B. PERSONNEL:	1	1	Ø	Ø	Ø
C. WEATHER C Y C	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
D. OTHER	1	Ø	Ø	Ø	1
7. AVERAGE BOMB ALTITUDE:					
A. PRIMARY:	9500-12,300 FT	10,000	11,600	9500	12,300
B. SECONDARY:	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
C. OTHERS:	8100-12,200 FT	81-8400	11,850	UNKNOWNSCA	12,200
8. TIME BOMBS AWAY:					
A. PRIMARY:	231639Z 231834Z	231639Z 231829Z	231717Z 231820Z	231647Z 231818Z	231646Z 231834Z
B. SECONDARY:	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
C. OTHERS:	231709Z	231716Z	231709Z	UNKNOWN	231735Z

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	231735Z		231734Z		
9. METHOD OF BOMBING:					
A. PRIMARY:	VIS & RAD	VIS & RAD	VIS & RAD	5VIS-150RAD	13VIS-8[illegible]RAD
B. SECONDARY:					
REPEATING CAN CORRECTING:					
A. PRIAMARY:	VIS & RAD	VIS &RAD	5VIS-150RAD	13VIS-81RAD	VIS&RAD
B. SECONDARY:	NIL	NIL	S NIL	NIL	NIL
C. OTHERS:	RADAR	RADAR	RADAR	UNKNOWN	RADAR
10. TIME OF RETURN:					
FIRST:	232328Z	232344Z	232328Z	232243Z	230014Z
LAST:	240246Z	240219Z	240222Z	240215Z	240246Z
11. CLAIMS:					
A. DESTROYED:	11	3	0	3	5
B. PROBABLES:	0	0	0	0	0
C. DAMAGED:	2	0	0	2	0
12. CASUALTIES:					
A. KILLED:	2	0	0	1	1
B. WOUNDED:	16	0	9	4	3
C. MISSING:	141	12	67	39	23
13. NO. A/C LOST:	14	3	6	3	2
A. TO E/A:	0	0	0	0	0
B. TO AA:	0	0	0	0	0
C. TO ACCIDENT:	0	0	0	0	0
D. TO DITCHING:	1	1	0	0	0
E. OPERATIONAL:	1	1	0	0	0
F. UNKNOWN:	12	1	6	3	2
14. A/C DAMAGED:	66	6	22	16	22
A. MAJOR:	10	0	1	4	5
B. MINOR:	56	6	21	12	17

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XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX PART B: NARRATIVE:

1. AIR OPPOSITION : VARIED REPORTS FROM ALL WINGS:

A. 58TH WING: AIR OPPOSITION WEAK. 20 E/A SEEN, S/E AND T/E. SOME FIGHTERS REPORTED EQUIPPED WITH SEARCHLIGHTS. SOME EVIDENCE OF AIR-TO-AIR BOMBING. BALLS OF FIRE SIGHTED. TWO BAKAS CLAIMED DESTROYED.

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B. 73RD WING: 25 E/A ENCOUNTERED, 30 ATTACKS MAJORITY OVER TARGET AND AFTER, CONCENTRATED AGAINST B-29'S IN S/L'S. ATTACKS AGGRESSIVE. 18 BALLS OF FIRE REPORTED MOSTLY TRAILINRGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGG REPEATING

BALLS OF FIRE REPORTED MOSTLY TRAILING B-29'S AND BURNING OUT. ONE B-29 OBSERVED ~~WITH BAKA AND GOING DOWN OVER TARGET.~~ exploding

C. 313TH WING: 60 E/A ENCOUNTERED WITH 40 ATTACKS MAINLY FROM TARGET TO LANDS END. ROCKET FIRING FIGHTERS REPORTED. MAJORITY OF ATTACKS FROM SIDE AND REAR AGGRESSIVE. ONE POSSIBLE NICK REPORTED FIRING FROM TWIN FLEXIBLE MOHNT AFT. FIGHTER, S/L COORDINATION OBSERVED WITH FIGHTERS COMING UP THE BEAMS WHICH BLINDED GUNNERS. APPROXIMATELY 40 BALLS OF FIRE REPORTED IN TARGET AREA, FLAMES TRAILING 30 FT BEHIND THEM 3 ATTACKS MADE BY BAKAS, ALL THREE DESTROYED. IN GENERAL, BAKAS STAYED ABOUT 1200 FT FROM A/C, THOUGH ONE OBSERVED TO RAM B-29. ONE CREW OBSERVED LARGE BRIGHT ORANGE FLAME HANGING IN AIR OVER TARGET, BELIEVED SUSPENDED FROM BALLOON, FLAME ABOUT 3 FT IN DIAMETER AND 20IMINUTE DURATION.

CON: FLAME ABOUT 3 FT IN DIAMETER ANJ 20 MINUTE RUT 20 MINUTE DURATN
F. 314TH WING: 68 E/A ENCOUNTERED, 14 ATTACKS, UNAGGRESSIVE. 20-30 BALLS OF FIRE OBSERVED. IN GENERAL, FIGHTER OPPOSITION CHARACTERIZED AS MEAGER TO MODERATE, UNAGGRESSIVE TO AGGRESSIVE. TONYS, TOJOS, OSCAR NICKS, AND BAKAS IDENTIFIED, WITH SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED TWIN ENGINE PLANS ALSO OBSERVED.

2. FLAK

A. 58TH WING: HEAVY AND MEDIUM ~~AA,~~ caliber MODERATE TO INTENSE, BUT INACCURATE, BOTH SIDES SURUGA BAY ON WAY TO IP, SOME AT IP AND TARGET. AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FROM VESSELS AT 34/45 N - 140/25 E. 75-100 S/L'S REPORTED. POOR S/L AA COORDINATION. 25 S/L'S AT 35/35 N - 140/08 E. GROUND ROCKETS IN PAIRS SEEN COMING FROM 35/30 N - 140/55 E.

B. 73RD WING: WEST OF NUMAZU, ~~HEAVY,~~ caliber MEAGER, INACCURATE BARRAGES. TARGET, MEDIUM AND HEAVY, BARRAGE AND POINTED, MEAGER TO INTENSE WHEN A/C CONED, INACCURATE TO ACCURATE. COORDINATION REPORTED AS GOOD AGAINST THIS WING. GROUND ROCKETS ALSO OBSERVED.

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C. 313TH WING: SAME AS ABOVE WITH INDICATION OF APPROXIMATELY 200 S/L- in MAZER LIGHTS DIRECTING. GROUND TO AIR ROCKETS REPORTED COMING FROM KAWASAKI.D

D. 314TH WING: GENERALLY SAME AS ABOVE. HEAVY AND [illegible] AA, MEAGER

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D. 314TH WING: GENERALLY SAME AS ABOVE. HEAVY AND MEDIUM AA, MEAGER AND INACCURATE FROM SHIZUOKA, NUMAZU AND BEND OF TUJI RIVER. IN GENERA ROPE AND DESYNCHRONIZATION OF ENGINES REPORTED EFFECTIVE AGAINST ENEMY S/L'S AND FLAK.

3. WEATHER: BASE AT TAKE OFF: 4/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 2.00 FT, TOP 500 FT

15. ROUTE OUTGOING: TO 24 N: 2-3/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 1800 FT, TOP 4000 FT WITH 6/10, TOP -5,000 FT AT 21 N. 24 N TO 26 N: 6/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 2000 FT, TOP 4-6000 FT. 26 N TO 30 N: 10/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 1000 FT, TOP 5000 FT BCOMING 9000 FT; 10/10 MIDDLE CLOUD, BASE 9000 FT, TOP 11000 FTSBEKOMING 15,000 FT, AND ANOTHER LAYER, BASE 15,000 FT TOP 20,000 FT STARTING AT 28 N: LIGHT TURBULENCE AND RIME ICING; VISIBILITY 15 MILES LOWERING TO 1 MILE IN RAIN BETWEEN 28 N AND 30 N. 30 N TO 34 N: XXXXXXXXXXX 9/10 LOW CLOUD, TOP 6000 FT; 10/10 MIDDLE CQOUD, BASE 9000 FT, TOP 12,000 FT; 8/10 MIDDLE CLOUD, BASE 15,000 FT, TOP 19,000 FT. 34 N TO TARGET: 9/10 LOW CLOUD, TOP 6,000 FT; 6/10 MIDDLE CLOUD, BASE 9000 FT, TOP 10,000 FT; 6/10 MIDDLE CLOUD, BASE 18,000 FT, TOP 20,000 FT. RCUGANUGPNSF!),;-,:26NMAQKELT PHMOFIH W
WBAQWN
FJR CQFSSBQK
VN PATCH U ZACK AS SMON AS IT IS CLEARUOD WVP
MV W

34 N TO TARGET: 9/10 LOW CLOUD, TOP 6,000 FT; 6/10 MIDDLE CLOUD, BASE 9000 FT, TOP 10,000 FT; 6/10 MIDDLE CLOUD, BASE 18,000 FT, TOP 20,000 FT. TARGET: 1-2/10 LOW CLOUD, TOP 6000 FT; 6/10 HIGH CLOUD, BASE 25,000 FT; VISIBILITY UNRESTRICTED EXCEPT FOR SMOKE FROM FIRES; WINDS AT 9000 FT, 285 DEG AT 28 KNOTS, AT 12,000 FT, 265 DEG AT 35 KNOTS. ROUTE RETURNING: SAME AS ROUTE OUTGOING. BASE ON RETURN: 6/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 1800 FT. OCCASSIONAL LIGHT SHOWERS.

4. AIR SEA RESCUE: 58TH WING: ONE SUPERDUMBO AIRBORNE AND COMPLETED MISSION. NEGATIVE REPORT.

73RD WING: 2 SUPERDUMBOS AIRBORNE AND COMPLETED MISSION, ENCOUNTERED LIGHT ACCURATE FLAK FROM HAHA JIMA. SEARCHED FOR SURVIVORS OF

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313TH WING: 1 SUPERDUMBO AIRBORNE, RETURNED EARLY WITH ENGINE AFIRE AN CRASH LANDED, CREW SAFE, A/C SURVEYED.

314TH WING: NONE.

11 OF 12 CREW MEMBERS OF ONLY REPORTED DITCHING RESCUED. SEARCH CONTINUES.

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5. FIGHTER ESCORT: NONE.

6. BOMBING RESULTS: BASED ON POST STRIKE PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE. VISIBE DAMAGE FROM XXI BC MISSION 181 OF 23/24 MAY TOTALS ABOUT 3.2 SQUARE MILES (86,000,000 SQ FT; 2050 ACRES). MOST DAMAGE IS IN NORTH HALF OF TARGET AREA. ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGE IS BASED ON SIX-INCH OBLIQUE PHOTOS, IS SEVERELY LIMITED BY HAZE AND POSSIBLY SOME SMOKE. CONSIDERABLE ADDITIONAL DAMAGE IS PROBABLE. TOKYO CITY DAMAGE NOW TOTALS: 35.9 SQ MILES (23,000 ACRES; 995,826,000 SQ FT).

7. REMARKS: TOTAL 16 A/5:

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7. REMARKS: TOTAL 16 A/C LOST, 12 TO UNKNOWN REASONS AS UNREPORTED. ALL BELIEVED DUE TO ENEMY ACTION IN TARGET AREA, FLAK AND FIGHTERS.

NUMEROUS REPORT OF B-29'S BEING HIT BY BOTH AND GOING DOWN, IMPOSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL A/C. 1 A/C DITCHED, 11 OF 12 CREWMEN RESCUED. 1 A/C CRASH LANDED AT BASE UPON RETURN, NO CASUALTIES, 1 A/C, SUPERDUMBO, EARLY RETURN, CRASH LANDED AT BASE, NO CASUALTIES. 1 A/C CRASHED ON LANDING IWO, 5CREWMEN OF THIS A/C BAILED OUT OVER TARGET AREA. LAST TWO A/C NOT INCLUDED ON STATISTICS. UNDER CLAIMS FOR 314TH WING, 5 DESTROYED WHICH INCLUDES 3 BALLS OF FIRE.

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TO: COMGENBOMCOM 21

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 POA

INFO COMGENBOMCOM 20 (ATTENTION: GLASS)

FROM: COMAF 20

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WILL BE RELEASED HERE AT 052519OOZ:

"PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS ARE THAT GOOD RESULTS WERE OBTAINED IN WEDNESDAY'S (23 MAY EWT, 24 MAY JAPANESE TIME) INCENDIARY ATTACK ON TOKYO BY A VERY LARGE FLEET OF SUPERFORTRESSES OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE. AN APPRAISAL OF DAMAGE WILL BE MADE LATER ON THE BASIS OF PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE. TWELVE OF OUR PLANES WERE LOST TO ENEMY ACTION IN THE TARGET AREA DUE PRIMARILY TO A HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF ANTIAIRCRAFT IN THE JAPANESE CAPITAL. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION WAS LESS SEVERE. THE MISSION WAS MOUNTED BY B-29'S OF MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND WHICH IS BASED IN THE MARIANAS."

(ATTENTION: REES INFO WIPPOLD FROM DOULENS)

(INFO PRO'S ALL WINGS)

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	A.G.	Surg									
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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 LARGE FORCE OF B-29'S STRUCK AT TOKYO TODAY, 23 MAY EWT (24 MAY, JAPANESE TIME) AND DROPPED SEVERAL THOUSAND TONS OF INCENDIARY BOMBS ON THE JAPANESE CAPITAL. TAKING OFF LAST NIGHT FROM BASES IN THE MARIANAS ISLANDS, THE SUPERFORTRESSES FIRST APPEARED OVER THE CITY IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THIS MORNING. RESTRICTED

"GENERAL OF THE ARMY HENRY H. ARNOLD ANNOUNCED THE NEW MISSION AT HEADQUARTERS OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE IN WASHINGTON, AND SAID THAT COMPLETE DETAILS WOULD BE MADE KNOWN WHEN THE PLANES FROM MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR HOME BASES."

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(INFO PRO'S ALL WINGS)

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	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		
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Damage to Tokyo City:

Complete 6" and Partial 24" coverage of Tokyo City shows extensive damage as a result of XXI Bomber Command missions 181 and 183, 24-26 May 1945. Damage from these Missions total about 18.6 sq. miles (516,000,000 Sq ft; 11,904 acreas). A definte proportion of the damage cannot be allocated to either mission although the major portion was caused by mission 183. Damage is seen primarily in those portions of the city to the S and W of the Palace. Numerous buildings within the Palace grounds are destroyed as well as areas adjacent to the Palace.

Industrial damage includes 31 numbered Targets damaged or destroyed.

Total damage to Tokyo City is now approximately 51.3 sq. miles (1,420,000,00 sq. ft.; 33,000 acreas) which represents about 46 per cent of the built-up portion of the city.

The following Industries show damage:

TARGET NO.	NAME	EXTENT OF DAMAGE
XXI 3709	Probable Powder Plant	50 per cent of buildings destroyed.
2105	Kokusan Elec. Co, Toshima Plant	40 per cent of Bldgs, destroyed.
880	Konishi Photo Works	3 small buildings destroyed.
1574	Shinjuku Station & RR Junctions	1 warehouse gutted.
214	Armory	40 per cent of buildings destroyed.
352	Army Arsenal & Engineer School	20 per cent of Bldgs. destroyed.
1419	Navy Department Towers	Destroyed.
1340	Harley-Davideon Motorcycle Co,	Destroyed.
367	Tokyo Central Station	Gutted.
1424	Central Meteorological Observatory	Destroyed.
327	Mitsubishi A/C Co. - Shibaura Plant	80 per cent destroyed.
336	Minode-Cho Pier	15 per cent of buildings destroyed.
326	Nippon Electric Co. - Factory No. 2	1 small bldg. destroyed.
383	Ikegai Motor Plant	90 per cent destroyed.
1545	Tokyo Municipalaty Steam Plant	1 wet Gasometer severely damaged, 1 wt Gasometer lightly damaged.

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TELECON MSG NO.: FW-28-14

SUBJECT: PHOTO INTERPRETATION SPRGM 248 FLOWN 28 MAY 1945.

DATE: MAY 28, 1945

TO: Cont. from page 1

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TARGET NO.	NAME	EXTENT OF DAMAGE
889	Nippon Electric co. - Factory No. 3	70 per cent destroyed.
888	Oki Electric Co. (Plant No. 1)	50 per cent destroyed.
1861	Kokusan Machinery Co.	Reported Location, destroyed.
XXI 5112	Ebisu Beer Co.	70 per cent damaged or destroyed.
XXI 5113	Navy Technical Research Laboratory-1	1-975 ft. Bldg. Gitted.
1881	Kayaba Engineering Co.	4 small bldgs destroyed.
887	Shibaura Wharf	29 small bldgs destroyed.
2109	Shinagawa Mfg. Co.	Tokyo Plant, reported area - 30 per cent destroyed.
561	Hodensha Electrical Equipment Co. (Factory No. 1)	25 per cent destroyed.
1855	Japan Steel Bearing Co.	4 small bldgs destroyed
870	OI Railroad Works	4 small bldgs destroyed.
799	Mitsubishi A/C Co. - Oimachi Plant	20 per cent destroyed.
852	Nakajima Seaplane Worksds	Reported Location - 6 small bldgs destroyed.
531	Tokyo Gas & Electrical Engineering Co.	1 bldg. destroyed
536	Japan Special Steel Co.	3 small buildings destroyed.
2110	Tanaka Instrument Mfg. Co.	Reported Location- 80 per cent destroyed

END

DIST ACTION: DC/S Opr

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

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FN-25-24	Photo Interpretation, 3 PRM's 231 and 3 PRM 235 Flown 25 May 1945	25 May 1945

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 POA BomWg 58 BomWg 313 BomWg 73 BomWg 314	COMGENDOMCOM 21

Mission 181
Photo

3 PRM 231: Mean time of photography 250336Z.

DAMAGE TO TOKYO CITY

Visible damage from XXI BC, Mission 181 of 24 May 1945, totals about 3.2 square miles (86,000,000 square feet; 2050 acres).

Most damage is in N half of target area.

Assessment of damage is based on six-inch oblique photos, is severely limited by haze and possibly some smoke considerable additional damage is probable.

Tokyo City damage now totals: 35.9 square miles (23,000 acres; 995,826,000 square feet).

Damage is located as follows on AAF target chart 90.17 - 1361 February 1944:

Area bounded by 5.6—5.8, 4.7—3.9, 6.1—3.7, 6.1—2.6, 7.6—2.2, 8.0—3.0, 9.2—2.9, 8.4—3.7, 7.6—3.3, 7.9—4.2, 9.0—4.6, 7.2—5.3.

Four areas centered at 8.2—6.1, 9.0—5.6, 8.8—8.0 and 7.2—8.0.

DAMAGE TO HAMAMATSU CITY: Photos show about 2,780,000 sq. ft. (0.1 sq. miles; 64 acres) damage to Hamamatsu City from XXI BC, Mission 178, 19 May. Approximately 20 percent of target 1227, Suzuki Loom Works was destroyed. Total damage to Hamamatsu City is 11,595,000 square feet (0.41 square miles; 264 acres) which is about 9.3 percent of the city.

The new damage is scattered throughout the city area.

TARGET 1404 - TACHIKAWA A/F:

A/C visible: 36 T/E
80 S/E
1 4/E
2 Dummies
117 Total

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FM-25-24 (cont'd)		25 May 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:

TARGET 1707 - Showa A/F:

A/C visible: 15 T/E
5 S/E
20 Total - plus 7 T/E fuselages.

TARGET 2009 - Yokota A/F:

A/C visible: 38 T/E
52 S/E
90 Total

3 PRU 235: Mean time of photography 24235Z.

Damage resulting from XXI BC, Mission 172 - 11 May 1945 -

TARGET 1702 (34/43N - 135/17E) Kawanishi Aircraft Co.

Considerable damage to this plant - roof area damage totals 500,000 sq. ft., or 38 percent of total roof area. Damaged areas adjacent to plant total about 1,800,000 sq. ft.

Damage to target 1702 is located as follows on standard reference print for target (coordinates read right, then up).

Building at (9.6-3.7) - Roof Damage
" " (9.4-3.3) - Gutted
" " (9.3-3.4) - Destroyed
3 Buildings " (9.2-3.5) - Gutted
Building at (9.22.70) - Gutted
" " (9.3-4.3) - Roof Damaged
" " (9.0-4.0) - 60 Percent Gutted
" " (8.95-4.45)-Destroyed
" " (8.8-4.3) - Destroyed
2 Buildings " (8.65-4.10)-Severely Damaged.

In areas adjacent to and E of plant, all buildings destroyed within area - (9.15-4.10) (9.2-4.7) (8.6-4.8) (8.6-4.5).

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Burned out area adjacent to and N of plant, within points (8.8-2.4) (8.6-3.1) (8.3-3.0) (8.0-5.0) (7.3-2.9).

TARGET 2689 - Nishinomiya A/F:

A/C visible: 82
78 S/E
4 T/E

TARGET 1702 - Kobe S.S.:

A/C visible: None

TARGET 2650 - Akashi A/F:

A/C visible: 40 A/C

TARGET 2619 - Kurashiki A/F and

ADJACENT TARGET 1681:

A/C visible: 40
3 S/E
37 T/E Betty

KOBE HARBOR: 10 percent coverage on 24" prints - No 40" prints

NAVAL: 1 CVE
MERCHANT: 13 (approximate)

OSAKA HARBOR: 95 percent coverage on 24" prints - No 40" prints

NAVAL: 1 Escort
MERCHANT: 38

MITSUI TAMA SHIPYARD (32/28N - 133/56E) - 6" oblique only.

NAVAL: None visible
MERCHANT: 12 (Approximate).

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TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: FLASH STRIKE REPORT, MISSION 181, TARGET TOKYO, FLOWN 23/24 MAY 45.

58TH WING REPORTS NO PHOTOGRAPHS RECEIVED. 73RD AND 313TH WING REPORT NUMBEROUS FIRES AND SMOKE IN URBAN AREA; EXACT LOCATION OF SMOKE AND FIRES CAN NOT BE ASCERATINED. 314TH WING REPORTS FIRES LOCATED AS FOLLOWS: (REFERENCE XXI B.C. LITHOMOSAIC TOKYO, SOUTH 064142-070145, 062133-076140, 075123-084128, 010081-070081, AND ~~040025-040037, NUMBE~~

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040025-040035. NUMEROUS SMALL FIRES ARE LOCATED 4500 YARDS WEST OF TOKYO CASTLE.

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	A-5 Plans	Air Insp	PRO	Comm.	Op Anal	Stat Con	Anti-Acft	FSO				
	A.C.	Surg										
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FN-31-8	Further Report on Missions 181 and 183	31 May 1945

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

To message FN-29-7, 29 May 1945, reference is made. The following additional reports of objects reported as balls of fire and bakas appear to be classifiable as follows:

Flares. A. Twenty orange lights were seen hanging in midair over target, the light continuing for about 30 seconds.

B. Between IP and target A steady red light lasted for two minutes trailing sparks from 14,000 feet to the ground.

C. The balls of fire did not come closer than 300 yards and appeared as reddish-orange glow about the size of a basketball.

D. There were five balls of fire seen to disintegrate for no apparent cause.

E. In most all instances where balls of fire burned out there is a distinct brightening effect just prior to the disappearance of the missile.

F. The balls of fire remained stationary and in five instances were seen to swing 25 to 50 feet from a parachute.

G. Projectiles appeared to be fired in pairs. Two illuminated the air for about 7,000 yards, then disappearing.

H. A crew reported observing balls of fire apprently suspended by parachutes. When first observed they put forth a bright white light which changed to a dark red. Then after four or five minutes they would burst into three separate balls of flame and fall to the ground.

I. A Pathfinder crew observed three white balls of fire descend from about 2,000 feet above the Pathfinder and burn out in the air.

There were many instances reported substantially similar to the above.

Rockets. A. A ball of fire at land's end came in at six o'clock level closed to 1,000 yards and burned out.

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FN-31-8	Further Report on Missions 181 and 185 (Cont.)	31 May 1945

TO:	INFO:	FROM:

B. A ball of fire was sighted about 15 miles off in the distance while we were 30 miles off Honshu. It was traveling horizontally at a high rate of speed first toward this aircraft and then it turned left.

C. Saw pair of bright red flares similar to roman candles over Chiba Peninsula. They seemed to criss-cross in the air and dissolve.

D. A rocket passed over the B-29's tail and went for about 1-1/2 miles before going out, leaving a red trail.

E. Balls of fire were seen launched from ground near Chosi Point. The launching is accompanied by a blue flash of flame. They came up to 10,000 feet very quickly and cut inside turn of B-29's off landfall.

F. Some balls of fire seen to follow after B-29s.

In addition to the foregoing there were many more sightings which are believed to be properly classified as rockets.

Midget aircraft. A. An unidentified E/AC launched two Bakas at our plane; one of these came to within 500 yards, was hit and exploded. Wings and fuselage were seen on it.

B. There was one instance in which a Baka came close enough to a B-29 to almost ram it. The pilot of the B-29 succeeded in pulling up and the Baka slid underneath the B-29.

In addition to the above and the items reporyed in our FN-29-7 as Bakas, there were many reports of what could be midget aircraft of the Baka or some other type.

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FN-29-7	Intermediate Report on Balls of Fire and Bakas, Missions 181 and 183:	30 May 45

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

Complete reports on subject sightings not yet received. This report will be supplemented.

Mission 181: (1) After bombs away a Baka followed a B-29. The B-29 increased speed to 230 indicated. The Baka continued to gain. The tail gunner opened fire and the Baka broke off in a dive 500 yards behind, crashed on the ground and exploded.

(2) A Baka approached a B-29 from 11 O'clock level, tracers covered the Baka and it went into a shallow dive and hit the ground exploding with a bright glow which lasted for 30 seconds.

(3) A ball of fire in the target area had a flame about 20 feet behind. It suddenly shattered for no apparent reason and fell into flaming particles.

(4) An orange colored ball of fire at 11 O'clock level going away from a 29 broke into flame and disintegrated in its fall in a curve to the earth.

(5) A ball of fire approached a B-29 at two O'clock. When it was 300 yards away the bombardier opened fire and the ball appeared to get brighter and doubled in size. It floated down to earth like a flare with a thin stream of fire following. No explosion was observed.

(6) The pilot and the copilot observed an explosion in the air and a ball of fire streaked forward as if launched from another plane. The "explosion" simmered down to a reddish glow which followed the 29 for five minutes. It closed to 400 yards but had difficulty in staying on course when the 29 weaved. It was lost before reaching the target area.

(7) A Baka followed a B-29 for five to six minutes across Tokyo Bay gaining on straightaways but losing on turns. The orange flame from jets was clearly distinguishable.

Mission 183: (1) A b-29 increased speed to 270 indicated but was unable to outdistance a Baka.

(2) Balls of fire were described as several feet in diameter burning intensely with a bright red to a bright yellow flame with a small amount of trailing fire.

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(3) A crew of a B-29 coming off the target on a heading of 90 degrees over Tokyo Bay at 10,000 feet saw a glow in the clouds at 6,000 feet. As the B-29 headed SE at 285 indicated the glow climbed up out of the clouds and started to turn toward the nose of the 29. As the glow approached it was observed to be two balls of fire about 20 feet apart. They were rolling and spinning with tails of fire about 30 feet long. The 29 started to turn toward the balls in a climbing right turn whereupon one ball of fire went out and the other went into a spin. Soon after the glow in the cloud was first noticed a Betty emerged from the cloud.

Comments: (1) Bakas appeared to be able to find B-29's but they can not follow even in slight evasive action.

(2) In many instances Bakas exploded without being hit. Frequently the explosions were not violent and the pieces blown off seem to burn out before hitting the ground.

(3) Some Balls of Fire (Flares?) hang in the air stationary over the target area for several minutes; others appear to move about; some have been seen to crash and explode on the ground: others (Rockets?) seem to follow the B-29's.

(4) The Bakas and balls of fire were encountered in much greater numbers on these missions than on previous missions.

(5) The flight duration of the Baka appeared to vary from two to 14 minutes.

(6) Reports conflict as to what happened to Baka when the fuel exhausted. In several cases it went into a shallow dive and crashed; in other instances it seemed to explode. Is there a possibility of a mechanism which explodes the Baka in the air?

(7) Bakas appeared able to follow B-29's in a dive but were unable to follow in the pull out; the Bakas would continue down and in one instance was seen to crash.

(8) Many if not most Baka attacks came from behind and level or slightly high, sometimes following for five minutes or moore.

(9) One gunner reports that his tracers bounced off of the Baka.

(10) Most crewmen believe some balls of fire move too slowly for a rocket pro-

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jectile. It was thought, however, that they were controlled by some device. It was generally agreed that the ball appeared in the sky as if it were shot up by guns or launched from the air. The ball had a constant glow which varied in intensity and the glow continued throughout its descent. In some instances it was thought that the ball of fire was able to increase and decrease speed.

(11) Instances were reported of rockets being directed over our aircraft that did not appear to be fired from the ground, having no arched trajectory - rather a straight line of flight, trailing white smoke, burning with a red or purple flame and bursting with a large red or purple explosion and going out immediately without trailing a streamer of any kind.

Tentative Classification: Balls of Rire and Bakas as reported appear to fall into three classes:

(1) Illuminating flares. Their function is to light up thw sky and the B-29's; probably for the most part ground launched. They hang in the air and float.

(2) Rocket Projectiles. Their function is to hit and destroy B-29's; ground or air launched. Many probably electrically controlled.

(3) Midget aircraft. Jet propelled. Ground launched or launched from a mother aircraft. Pilot controlled (Baka) or electronically or sonimally controlled War Head. Possibly self-destroying mechanism.

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	DC/S Opr (2)	~~DC/S~~ DC/OPRS - DC/S P&A - DC/S TME; A-2 (2); A-3 OC&R (2); Op Anal.

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TELECO N MESSAGE NO. G-24-12 SECRET

SUBJECT BOMBS AWAY REPORTS ON MISSION NO. 181

FROM COMAF20

TO COMGENBOMCOM 21

HAVE NOT ~~RPT NOT~~ RECEIVED ANY BOMBS AWAY REPORTS FROM YOU SINCE YOUR TELECON FN-23-11. WOULD APPRECIATE CONSOLIDATED REPORT EARLIEST POSSIBLE.

TOD 240309Z

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	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
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