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Mission No. 244 - Shimonoseki Straits
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Brief of Mining Mission #30	Telecon	FA-30-13		300215Z	HA

MISSION PLAN

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WCR V YAMF NR 18 [illegible] OP OP TOP-SCECRET [illegible] JUNE '45
FN-30-13

FROM: KISSNER COMGENBOMCOM 21 300715Z

TOP SECRET

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 POA

AIMCR 6381 SUBJECT: BRIEF OF MINING MISSION 30

BRIEF OF MINING MISSION FOR NIGHT OF 1 JULY. SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS EAST ENTRANCE, NANAO AND FUSHIKI ARE SCHEDULED TO BE MINED AT 011440Z AND 011537Z BY 30 AIRCRAFT LAYING 260 MINES.

TARGET	FORCE	NO OF MINES
FIELD L: SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS EAST	12	99
FIELD N: NANAO, FUSHIKI	18	161

Classification Changed to SECRET 5-9-46 By Authority of C. G. AAF, by Ray G. Baker
Ray G. Baker, Capt. A. C.

ROUTES:

FIELD L: BASE, IWO, 3230N 13230E, 3344N 13142E, 342530N 1311930E (IP), TGT, TURN LEFT CLIMBING TO 15000 FT, 3344N 1314220E, 3230N 13230E, IWO BASE.

FIELD N: BASE, IWO, 3440N 14000E, 3515N 13910E, 3737N 1372130E (IP), TARGET, (14 A/C TURN LEFT AND 4 A/C TURN RIGHT CLIMBING TO 15000 FT). 3645N 13650E, 3439N 13810E, IWO, BASE.

GENERAL SCHEME OF ATTACK: BY INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT AT NIGHT AT AN ALTITUDE OF 7000 AND 8000 FT USING RADAR RELEASE.

..END...

CC : IN FIELD N: FIRST LINE UNDER ROUTE SHD READ 3727N RPT 3727N INSTEAD OF 3737N THIRD LINE UNDER THAT SHD READ 13801E RPT 13801E INSTEAD OF 13810E

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R NR 18 V WCR 0750Z K

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1st Take off Report	Telecon	FN-01-13		010800Z	HZ
Take off Report	Telecon	FN-01-21		011055Z	HZ

TAKE OFF
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WCR V RGE ~~NR 26~~ ~~OPOP~~ SECRET

PASS TO COMAF 20 AS FN-01-21

OPRS

SECRET

LFROM BOMCOM XXI 011055Z

TO COMAF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA) ~~(PRECEDENCE SAME AS ACTION)~~

AIMCR 5040 SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR MISSION NO. ~~217~~: 244

TARGET SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS, NANAO AND FUSHIKI, FLOWN 1 JULY 1945.

1. UNIT(313 WING

2. A/C SCHEDULED: 29

3. A/C AIRBORNE; 28

A4. FIRST A/C OFF: 010700Z

5. LAST A/C OFF: 010840Z

6. REMARKS: NONE

END...

TOD:

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WCR V RGE NR 18 NOP OP SECRET 1 JULY 45

PASS TO COMAF 20 AS FN-01-~~12~~ 13

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FROM: COMGENBOMCOM 21 010800Z

TO : COMAF
WP

OPB

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 POA

AIMCR 5032 SUBJECT: FIRST TAKEOFF REPORT ON MINING MISSION NR 30
FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT 010700Z.
WEATHER EXPECTED:
BASE ON TAKEOFF, ROUTE TO TARGET AND BASE ON RETURN SAME AS
OUR AIMCR 5030 DTG 010744Z.

TARGETS:

SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS (313TH WG): 4/10 LOW CLOUD AND 2 TO 4/10
MIDDLE CLOUD AT 15,000'.

NANAO & FUSHIKI (313TH WG): 6/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 1,800'
TOPS 8,000' WITH 10/10 LAYERS OF MIDDLE CLOUD WITH BASE
14,000'£590 20,000'.

END

TOB.. 010907Z AO

SECRET

ROGER 010907Z WCR

DISTRIBUTION

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	FSC	
	A.C.	Surg								
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Info to WAAS-	~~Telecon~~ Infod	Per-			[illegible]

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~~FRAGMENTARY~~

REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 244 - 1/2 July 1945
Date

Mined

~~XXXXXXX~~ Targets ~~Bombed~~: Total A/C Bombing: 24

Shimonoseki Straits,
Nanao, Fushiki

Time Over Target: Approx. 012340-020037
Mines Dropped Theater Time

~~XXXXXXXX~~ Bomb Load: Approx 144 Tons

~~XXXXXXX~~ Results:

Tactics: Minelaying by individual aircraft at night from altitudes of 7000 and 8000 ft.

A/C Lost or Missing: None

~~XXXXXXXX~~ Weather:

~~XXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Fighter Opposition:

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Flak:

Claims:

Observations:

Fighter Support:

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WCR V RGE NR2 OP OP SECRET 02 JULY 1945Z

PASS TO COMAF 20NAKXFN-02-01

FROM: BOMCOM XXI 020014Z

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

AIMCR 5057 SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED LANDING REPORT FOR MISSION NO.244

TARGET SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS, NANAO, FUSHIKI FLOWN 1 JULY WKU

1. UNIT: 313TH WING
2. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE: 2

3. LANDED HOME BASE: 26

4. TIME FIRST LANDING: 012033Z

5. TIME LAST LANDING: 012""9Z

6. MISSING: 9
Ø RPT Ø

7. EARLY RETURNS: 4

..END...

TOD..020023Z DM K
ROGER 0200323Z KH

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Mission Summary	Telecon	7N-02-27		2 July	EK

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FN-02-27	MISSION SUMMARY MISSION NO. 244, TARGET E. SHIMONOSEKI STS, NANAO, FUSHIKI, FLOWN 1/2 JULY 45	JULY 2, 1945

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

AIMCR 5109 021341Z

MINING MISSION # 30

COPY TO CHIEF OF STAFF

1. Unit: 313th Wing
2. Time of Take Off: 010701Z to 010840Z
3. No. A/C Airborne: 28
4. Mines Airborne: 133 MK 25 and 108 MK 26-36
5. Disposition of Mines Airborne:

PRIMARY FIELDS	LOVE 9 A/C	NAN 15 A/C
MK-25, X31-B7	18	0
X11-B7	3	0
X51-B7	13	0
X71-B7	15	0
N21-B8	0	8
D11-B7	0	11
N31-B8	0	6
D13-J7	0	10
Q21-G8	0	8
N33-G8	0	6
S31-G8	0	2
D31-B7	0	2
D35-G7	0	1
D23-G7	0	1
N23-G7	0	8
Q21-J8	0	7
MK26-36, D11-B7	5	13
D31-B7	5	11
D15-B8	2	0
D33-B7	5	5
D15-B7	3	3

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

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TO:	INFO:	FROM:

D43-B7	2	0
D21-B7	1	2
D25-J7	1	2
Q21-A8	0	3
Q21-G8	0	5
D33-G7	0	1
S31-J7	0	7
D25-B7	0	2
D21-B8	0	4
D43-B8	0	1
D43-G8	0	1

Love Field Observations: 8V4778, Run 1, Parachute failure no. 8 mine. 65V9989, Run 4, 1 mine exploded on land. 66V4839, Run 7, 3 mines savloed on land. 39V5257, Run 8, 1 mine exploded on land at 3357N - 1[illegible] 131E. 38V4827, Run 11, 2 mines exploded on lnad.

B. Alternate Fields: Nil
C. Jettisoned: 1 A/C Jettisoned MK 25 2 X31-B7, 1 X11-B7, 2 X51-B7, 2 X71-B7 at 2310N -14112E.
1 A/C Jettisoned Mk 25 1 N21-B8, 3 D11-B7, 1 N31-B8, 1 N13-J7, 1 Q21-G8, 1 N23-J8, 1 Q21-J8 at 2245N - 14152E.
1 A/C Jettisoned MK 26-36 2 D11-B7, 1 Q21-A8, 3 D31-B7, 1 D15-B7, 1 D33-G7, 1 S31-J8, 1 D41-B7, 1 D25-B7, 1 D21-B8, 5 at 1512N - 14630E.

D. Returned: Nil
3. Unaccounted for: Nil
6. No. A/C Failing to mine and reasons: 4 A/C Mechanical.
7. Time of Attack: Force 1: 011502Z to 011543Z
Force 2: 011453Z to 011633Z
8. Altitude over field: Force 1: 7,000 to 7350 ft.
Force 2: 8,000 to 8500 ft.
9. True air speed at mine release: Force 1; 224 to 230 knots
Force 2: 15 to 228 knots
10. Length of mine run: Force 1: 6 min to 11 min
Force 2: 6 min to 10 min, 44 sec.
11. Wind reported over field: Force 1: 14 kts from 250 Deg to 30 kts from 290 Deg.

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TO:	INFO:	FROM:

Force 2: 20 kts from 235 Deg to 29 Kts from 303 Deg.
12. Clouds and Visiblity: Force 1: 4/10 to 10/10 visibility Nil to 30 miles. Force 2: 7-1-/1- visibility, Nil to 12 miles.
13. Time of Return: 012033Z to 012223Z.
14. No. of A/C Lost: None
15, Personnel Casulaties: None
16. E/A Opposition: Force JQG one U/I E/A observed, No attacks. Force 2: None observed
17. Enemy AA: Force 1: Two crews report heavy, meager, inaccurate flak Force 2: Nil.
18. Enemy RCM noted and effect: None.
19. Radar scope photographs obtained: Force: 34. Force 2: 72.
20. Observations: Force 1: Late planes over Love Field observed fires at Dure, Moji, Sasebo and Ube. Ube seemed to be completely engulfed in flams. Four vessels reported just off Ube Peninsula. One route coming out of Straits three orange colored flashes or flares trailing sparks hung at 17,000 ft. for one minute then trailed down slowly. Force 2: Six ships observed 15 miles due South of Hamamatsu.
2. Remarks: It is estimated that shipping will be flushed from He Saki Anchorage no. 2 and subsequently this anchorage will be undafe for shipping for several weeks. It is believed that Fushiki Harbor and both entrances to Nanao Harbor have been mined to complete closure and will remain closed for a few days. The mines however will continue to be active for several weeks.

END.

TOD:.. 021609Z

DIST	ACTION	INFO	C/S - DC/OPRS - DC/S P&A - DC S TME
			Gen Norstad, Gen Hodges, Gen Wilson, Gen Bissell, Capt. Anderson, Stat. Con (2).

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