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MISSION # 43 KUALA LUMPUR "BANDOG 2"
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TELECON MESSAGE NUMBER E-1887 (SECRET)

SUBJECT: CHANGE TO FIELD ORDER NO. 43 *YRBC*

FROM: ~~DEPCOMAF~~ 20 IB&C TO: COMAF 20

1. THE FOLLOWING CHANGES ARE MADE IN FIELD ORDER NO. 43. REFERENCE OUR TELECON E-1871.

A. THREE AIMING POINTS WILL BE USED, WITH 10 AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED TO EACH AIMING POINT. THESE AIMING POINTS ARE:

- (1) CENTER OF ROUND HOUSE
- (2) CENTER OF LARGER REPAIR BUILDING COMPLEX NORTH EAST OF ROUND HOUSE
- (3) NORTH WEST CORNER OF LARGE STORAGE BUILDING SOUTH OF MARSHALLING YARDS.

B. AXES OF ATTACK WILL VARY BETWEEN 40D AND 50D MAGNETIC.

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TOD:03090123Z YFK

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

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TELECON MESSAGE NR. E-1873

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SUBJECT: MISSION PLAN:

TO: COMAF 20

FROM: DEPCOMAF 20 IB&C

CODE NAME FOR MISSION OUTLINED IN OUR TELECON NUMBER E-1871
IS BANDO. D-DAY IS 10 MARCH 1945.

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TOD: 0208Z (YFK)

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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 Plans
ACTION	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm	Cp Anal	Stat	Con	
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TELECON MESSAGE NR. E-1871

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SUBJECT: MISSION PLAN: *Bandoq*

TO: COMAF 20

FROM: DEPCOMAF 20 IB&C

1. THE FOLLOWING IS OUR PLAN FOR BOMBING MISSION AGAINST KUALA LUMPUR, FIELD ORDER NUMBER 43.

- D-Day 10 Mar '45*
- A. EFFORT: 30 AIRCRAFT.
 - B. PRIMARY TARGET: AAF TARGET NO. AO. D-ED (92.161) (Kuala Lumpur RR Yards-South)
 - C. SECONDARY TARGET: AAF TARGET NO. AO.D-D (92.1-1) (Alor Star Airport)
 - D. LAST RESORT: KHAO HUAGANG, VICTORIA POINT, THAILAND 10DEG 11'N, 98DEG 43'E).
 - E. ROUTE: BASE AREA TO ASSEMBLY POINT (CP RPT CAPE BANGSI 02DEG 42'N, 100DEG 12'E) - IP (SENEBOEI ISLAND 02DEG 18'N, 101DEG 00'E) TO TARGET TO BASE AREA.
 - F. TIME OVER TARGET: 0230Z.
 - G. AXIS OF ATTACK: 40DEG MAGNETIC.
 - H. AIMING POINT: CENTER OF ROUND HOUSE.
 - I. BOMBIG ALTITUDE: 10000' PRESSURE ALTITUDE.
 - J. INTERVALOMETER SETTING: MINIMUM TRAIN.
 - K. BOMBING LOAD: MINIMUM OF 15 FIVE HUNDRED POUND GP BOMBS PER AIRCRAFT FUZED .1 SECOND NOSE AND .025 TAIL.
 - L. AVERAGE FLIGHT TIME: 15 HOURS 45 MINUTES.
 - M. TOTAL DISTANCE: 3378SM
 - N. 468TH BOMB GROUP WILL FURNISH 30 AIRCRAFT.

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From: CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur India

To: War Department
CG Pacific Ocean Areas, Guam
General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Areas,
Forward Echelon, Manila P.I.
CG US Army Air Forces India Burma Sector, Calcutta India
CG 10th Air Force, Bhamo India
General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Areas Leyte P.I.

Nr: CMDX 0575D 9 March 1945

COMAF 20 from COMGENBOMCOM 20 info DEPCOMAF 20
POA MacArthur Stratemyer Davidson CMDX 0575D

Bombing mission 43 now under way with 29 B-29s
airborne.

Primary target is railroad marshalling yard at
Kuala Lumpur Malaya, secondary Alor Star Airport Malaya
and last resort Hutteo Area Khao Huangang, Victoria Point
Thailand.

First off at 091746Z and last off at 091925Z.

Bomb load is approximately 16 500 pound GPs fuzed
.1 nose and .025 tail per aircraft.

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ACTION: CG AAF

INFORMATION: OPD
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To: War Department
CG Pacific Ocean Areas, Guam
General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area,
Forward Echelon, Manila P.I.
CG US Army Air Force, India Burma Sector, Calcutta India
CG 10th Air Force, Bhamo India
General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte P.I.
Date: 02X 0230
9 March 1945

COMB 30 from COMBOMBOM 30 into DECOMB 30
FOR information Strateger Davidson OX 0230
Bombing mission 43 now under way with 29 B-29s
airborne.
Primary target is railroad marshalling yard at
Tuaia Lumpur, Malaya, secondary Air Base at Kuala Lumpur
and East Coast Borneo Area Kuching, Victoria Point
Thailand.
First off at 0215G and last off at 0235G.
Bomb load is approximately 16,500 pounds of fuel
and 1,000 lbs of bombs.

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TELECON MESSAGE NUMBER D-1893 (((SECRET)))

SUBJECT: PRELIM DATA & TAKEOFF INFO MISSION NO. 43. B

TO COMAF 20 FROM COMGENBOMCOM 20

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1. TARGETS:

A. PRIMARY TARGET: RAILROAD MARSHALLING YARDS AT KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYA.

B. SECONDARY TARGET: ALOR START RPT STAR AIRPORT, MALAYA (96 RPT
(06DEG 12'N-100DEG 25'E).

C. LAST RESORT TARGET: HUTTED AREA, KHAO HUANGANG, VICTORIA POINT,
THAILAND.

2. BOMB LOAD:

A. AVERAGE OF 16-500 POUND G.P. FUZED .1 SECOND NOSE AND .025TAIL, PER
AIRCRAFT.

3. TAKE-OFFS:

A. 468TH GROUP: 29AIRCRAFT: FIRST OFF AT 091746Z - 1346
LAST OFF AT 091925Z

B. 468TH GROUP IS ONLY GROUP PARTICIPATING IN THIS MISSION.

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10 Mar 45
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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE
Washington, D. C.

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Information for Briefing on XX Bomber Command
Mission No. 43 - 10 Mar 45
Date

Mission Code Name "BANDOG 2" (As of 0600^Z - 10 Mar 45)
Date

Targets: Primary - Railroad Marshalling Yd, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya
Secondary - Alor Star Airport, Malaya
Last Resort - _____

Take-off Times: 091346 - 091525 Washington (091746Z - 091925Z)

Time Over Primary Target: Not given - approximately 100230 - 100345Z

Tactics: Daylight visual bombing at pressure altitude of 10,000 ft

Aircraft Bombing: 27

Primary Target - 26
Secondary Target - _____
Other Targets - 1

Bomb Load: 16- 500 lb GP fused .1 sec nose and .025 tail per a/c

Losses: Not reported

Target Weather: " "

Fighter Opposition: So far 7 a/c reported encounters with from 1 to 6 EA/C in target area

Anti-Aircraft Encountered: Not reported

Claims: Not reported

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 MESSAGE NUMBER D-1896 ((SECRET))

SUBJECT: BOMBS AWAY MSG- MISSION NO. 43

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TO COMAF 20 FROM COMGENBOMCOM 20

AS OF 100345Z WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING BOMBS AWAY MESSAGES:

PA1: 17

PA2: 06

PB4: 02

PB5: 01

LB4: 01

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WE HAVE RECEIVED FIGHTER ATTACK MESSAGES FROM 7 AIRCRAFT WHICH
REPORT ENCOUNTERS WITH FROM ONE TO SIX ENEMY FIGHTERS IN THE TARGET AREA.

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10 Mar 45 *DFP*
Date Initials

Washington, D. C.

PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XX BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 43 - 10 MARCH 1945

"BANDOG 2"

Targets: Primary - Railroad Marshalling Yd., Kuala Lumpur, Malaya

Take-off: 091346 - 091525 Washington; (091746Z - 091925Z)

Time Over Target: 092203 - 092336 Washington; 101003 - 101136 Theatre
(100203Z - 100336Z)

Aircraft: Total Bombing 27
Primary 24
Other Targets 3

A/C Lost or Missing: None

Casualties: None

Bomb Load: 16 - 500 lb. GP fused .1 sec nose and .025 tail per a/c

Tactics: Daylight visual bombing at a pressure altitude of from
8,700 ft. to 10,600 ft.

Weather: CAVU

Fighter Composition: Weak

Flak: Nil

Claims: 1 destroyed; 0 probably destroyed; 1 damaged

Results: Unobserved to Excellent

Observations: 8 Vals or Nates over primary target pressed numerous
attacks without firing but dropped stovepipe type
aerial bombs, with small silver objects falling from
ends of bombs
Convoy of 64 small boats sighted at 03 deg. 10 min N -
99 deg. 50 min E at 0255Z on a true course of due N,
speed not estimated.

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

As of 1100, 10 March 1945

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

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From: CG 20th Bomber Command Kharagpur India

To: War Department
Deputy Commander 20th Air Force Guam
CG US Army Forces in the Far East Advanced Manila PI
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CG US Army Air Forces India Burma Sector Calcutta India
CG 10th Air Force Bhamo
CG US Army Forces India Burma Theater New Delhi India
CG US Army Forces China Theater Chungking China
CG 14th Air Force Kunming China

Nr: CMDX 0634 D Mission 43 10 March 1945 Prelim Rpt XX BC

COMAF 20 from Remy info DEPCOMAF 20 POA ADMIN,
MacArthur, Stratemyer, Davidson, Sultan, Wedemeyer, Chennault
CMDX 0634 D.

Primary target for India based B 29's on mission 43 was railroad marshalling yards at Luaia Lumpur Malaya with secondary target Alor Star airport Malaya and last resort target the hutted area at Khao Huagang, Victoria point Thailand. Aircraft were carrying average of 16-500 pound GP's per aircraft fuzed point one second nose and .025 tail. 24 aircraft visually bombed the primary with unobserved to excellent results, mostly excellent, dropping 102.6 tons from altitudes 3700 to 10600 feet. Four tons were dropped on last resort target by one aircraft with poor results and nine tons by two aircraft on target of opportunity, a freighter in channel leading to harbor at Sweetenham, 0259 north-10122 east with poor results. Weather was CAVU at primary, seven tenths to eight tenths at last resort target and CAVU at Sweetenham. Formations at primary were 2, 3 and 4 aircraft. Vals or Nates

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From: CG 20th Bomber Command Kharagpur India

Nr: CMDX 0634 D 10 March 1945

gave weak opposition at primary, no fighters being met elsewhere. Antiaircraft was nil at all targets. All B 29's returned safely to base. Strike damage assessment will be sent later. Composite sightings have been sent to interested addresses. This report is preliminary and subject to change.

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PRESENT HERE: LT. WEBSTER
W.W. HILL (OIC)

Mission 43
XVBC
Prelim Mission Rpt

SUBJECT: SPECIAL CONFERENCE// CONFERENCE .

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TELECON MESSAGE NUMBER D-1904 (SECRET)
SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF MISSION NO. 43
FROM: COMGENBOMCOM 20 TO: COMGENAF 20

1. DESIGNATION OF UNIT: XX BOMBER COMMAND
2. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT TAKING OFF: 29 *091346 091525 Wash*
3. TIME OF TAKE-OFF (FIRST TO LAST): 091746Z - 091925Z
4. TIME DOWN LAST PLANE (OF MAIN FORMATION): 101148Z
5. TIME OVER PRIMARY TARGET (FIRST AND LAST): 100203Z - 100336Z
6. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK ON PRIMARY TARGET: 8,700 *092303 - 092336 Wash* - 10,600 *101003 - 101136 Wash* FEET PRESSURE
7. WEATHER OVER PRIMARY TARGET: CAVU
8. NUMBER OF A/C BOMBING (ALL TARGETS): 27
9. NUMBER OF A/C BOMBING PRIMARY: 24
10. NUMBER OF A/C BOMBING SECONDARY: 0 (1 A/C DROPPED ONLY 6 BOMBS ON

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PRIMARY TARGET DUE TO A RACK
MULFUNCTION: THE OTHER 10 BOMBS
WERE LATER DROPPED ON THE SECON-
DARY TARGET)

11. NUMBER OF A/C BOMBING LAST RESORT: 1
12. NUMBER OF A/C BOMBING T OF O: 2 (FREIGHTER IN CHANNEL LEADING TO
HARBOR AT SWEETENHAM 02D29'N -
~~10117~~ 101D22'E)
13. NUMBER OF A/C UNKNOWN AS TO BOMBING: 0
14. NUMBER OF A/C FAILING TO BOMB: 2 (1 JETTISONED AND 1 RETURNED BOMBS)
15. NUMBER OF A/C LOST TO ENEMY OPPOSITION: 0
16. NUMBER OF A/C LOST TO ENEMY AA: 0
17. NUMBER OF A/C LOST BY ACCIDENT: 0
18. NUMBER OF A/C MISSING: 0
19. DISPOSITION OF BOMBS: (SHORT TONS) (ESTIMATED)
 - A. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON ALL TARGETS: 118.4
 - B. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON PT: 102.6
 - C. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON ST: 2.6
 - D. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON LRT: 4.4
 - E. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON T OF O: 8.8
 - F. TOTAL TONNAGE UNREPORTED AS TO DISPOSITION: 0
 - G. TOTAL TONNAGE JETTISONED: 4.4
 - H. TOTAL TONNAGE RETURNED TO BASE: 4.4
20. OBSERVED RESULTS OF BOMBING:

PRIMARY: UNOBSERVED TO EXCELLENT, MOSTLY EXCELLENT
LAST RESORT: POOR
TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: POOR
21. METHOD OF BOMBING:
 - A. PRIMARY: 24 VISUALLY
 - B. LAST RESORT: 1 BY DEAD RECKONING
 - C. OPPORTUNITY: 2 VISUALLY
22. CASUALTIES: KILLED: 0 WOUNDED: 0 MISSING: 0
23. CLAIMS: DESTROYED: 1 PROBABLY DESTROYED: 0 DAMAGED: 1

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13. NUMBER OF A/C UNKNOWN AS TO BOMBING: 0
14. NUMBER OF A/C FAILING TO BOMB: 2 (1 JETTISONED AND 1 RETURNED BOMBS)
15. NUMBER OF A/C LOST TO ENEMY OPPOSITION: 0
16. NUMBER OF A/C LOST TO ENEMY AA: 0
17. NUMBER OF A/C LOST BY ACCIDENT: 0
18. NUMBER OF A/C MISSING: 0
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 - TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: POOR
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 - B. LAST RESORT: 1 BY DEAD RECKONING
 - C. OPPORTUNITY: 2 VISUALLY
22. CASUALTIES: KILLED: 0 WOUNDED: 0 MISSING: 0
23. CLAIMS: DESTROYED: 1 PROBABLY DESTROYED: 0 DAMAGED: 1
24. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:
- A. PRIMARY: WEAK
 - B. LAST RESORT: NIL
 - C. OPPORTUNITY: NIL
25. ENEMY HEAVY ANTI-AIRCRAFT:
- A. PRIMARY: NIL
 - B. LAST RESORT: NIL
 - C. OPPORTUNITY: NIL
26. STATUS OF A/C LANDED AT THEIR HOME BASE: ALL A/C LANDED AT HOME BASE
27. CREW OBSERVATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE ITEMS OF INTEREST:
- A. 8 VALS OR NATES OVER PRIMARY TARGET PRESSED NUMEROUS ATTACKS WITHOUT FIRING BUT DROPPED STOVEPIPE TYPE AERIAL BOMBS, WITH SMALL SILVER OBJECTS FALLING FROM ENDS OF BOMBS.
 - B. CONVOY OF 64 SMALL BOATS SIGHTED AT 03D10'N - 99D50'E AT 0255Z ON A TRUE COURSE OF DUE NORTH. SPEED NOT ESTIMATED.
28. PRELIMINARY STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHS: LATER, IF ANY.
- THIS REPORT IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO REVISION. A FINAL INTELLIGENCE STATISTICAL SUMMARY WILL BE SENT ON D-DAY PLUS FIVE.

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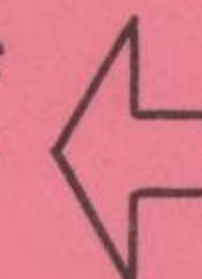
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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
YB-1934	AIRBORNE A/C FILING TO BOMB PRIMARY TARGET ON MISSION NUMBER 43 <i>Mission 43</i> <i>XX BC</i> <i>Abortures</i>	16 March 1945

(To: CONGENAF 20 From: CONGENBOMCOM 20)

Airborne A/C failing to bomb primary target on mission no. 43, 10 March 1945

Target - Kuala Lumpur, Malaya (468th Group only participating)

GROUP A/C SER NO.	SPECIFIC MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION	LOCAL ACTION TAKEN TO PREVENT RECURRENCE	UNSATISFACTORY RPT SUBMITTED
468th 65279	Oil leak due to loose fittings on prop feathering line no. 3 engine.	Fittings tightened	None
65227	Nose oil pressure line broken on no. 2 engine	Replaced oil pressure line	UR 45-143
63424	Internal failure no. 2 engine	Engine change	UR-45-140

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DISTRIBUTION →	ACTION	Stat Control (2 cys)
	INFORMATION	c/s DC/S Opr; DC/S T&E; A-4 (4 cys); FSO (2 cys)

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Press Flash	Telex	9-10-1	100529		JK
Press Flash (Relay)	Telex	K-10-1	100532		JK
Press Flash	Telex	K-10-3	101625		JK

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To Operations

TELETYPE CONFERENCE

10 March 1945

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LT J R THOMPSON

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Following is a detailed description of enemy fighter opposition encountered on Mission No. 43.

I. JAPANESE FIGHTER TACTICS - MISSION NO. 43
TARGET: KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYA

TIME: DAY MISSION

DATE: 10 MARCH 1945

1. General

A. Enemy air opposition, as in the previous mission to this target (Mission No. 37, 19 February 1945), was rated very weak. Of the 27 B-29's bombing all targets, 17 reported interception, all of which occurred in the primary target area. A total of 38 individual encounters resulted from 22 single plane attacks, and 7 coordinated attacks. No B-29's were lost due to enemy action nor were any damaged. Preliminary claims against enemy aircraft were 1 destroyed and 4 damaged. The enemy interception force was estimated as 10 Vals (some possibly Nates), 3 Oscars, 1 Zeke and 1 unidentified single-engine fighter.

B. All encounters were in the primary target area, at altitudes from 10,000 to 10,600 feet. Action extended over a period of 1 hour and 37 minutes, from 0216Z to 0353Z. Nineteen encounters (50 per cent) were before bombs away, 1 (3 per cent) during bombs away, and 18 (47 per cent) after bombs away.

C. Enemy air strength and tactics on this mission were very similar to those on the previous mission to Kuala Lumpur, Mission No. 37. Although crews reported sighting about 6 Oscars and several Tojos in the target area, only 3 Oscars were estimated to have been engaged. Most of the fighter opposition was from the same type of plane previously encountered, namely, Val, a type rated in the near-obsolescent class. Comparatively few Japanese pilots opened fire, and pilot aggressiveness was noticeably lacking, the majority of enemy planes breaking away at distances of 500 yards and more. Coordinated attacks for the most part seemed poorly executed, and several crews indicated that some of the attacks reported as coordinated may not have been planned as such, but may have been coincidental in regard to their timing. RCM intercepts indicated that the B-29's were picked up about 60 minutes before they entered the target area, but, even considering the inability of the enemy to determine the intended target at the time of the first intercepts, it is significant that the first B-29 formation over the target encountered no air opposition, nor did they see any fighters

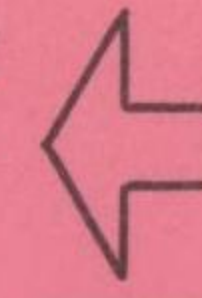
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airborne at bombing altitude. The first fighter attack was made on the second formation over the target, and occurred 13 minutes after the previous formation had dropped its bombs.

D. It is interesting to note that most of the air opposition was centered directly over the target itself, and occurred within one or two minutes of the times of bombs away. In view of the ineffectiveness of the fighter opposition in regard to the inflicting of actual damage on the B-29's, it is possible that the enemy's efforts were chiefly devoted toward creating diversions in the hope that bombing runs would be unsteady and the explosives miss the target.

E. The type of fighter opposition encountered in this target area to date does not compare in skill and aggressiveness to what B-29's have met on missions flown from China bases. It should be noted that this type of air opposition is not indicative of first-line Japanese interception and cannot be correctly used as a measure of enemy equipment and ability.

2. Direction and level of approach

A. The frontal quarter was again the favorite for enemy pilots with 53 per cent of the encounters originating from this direction. This compares very closely to Mission No. 37 in which approaches from the frontal quarter were 56 per cent of the total. Of the remainder on Mission No. 43, 18 per cent came from the right quarter, 18 per cent from the rear, and 11 per cent from the left.

B. As to level of attack the pattern set in Mission No. 37 was followed in the present mission. Eighty-seven per cent of the encounters originated high, 5 per cent level, and 8 per cent low. On Mission No. 37 the percentages were 92 per cent, 4 per cent and 4 per cent respectively.

C. B-29's again bombed from low altitudes (8700 to 10,600 feet over the PT) and Japanese fighter planes had little altitude trouble in their attacks. The speed of the B-29, however, in comparison to that of the near-obsolescent Val, the predominating type engaged, was evidently the determining factor in producing the large percentage of frontal attacks.

D. A summary of directions and levels of approach for all encounters follows in Table No. 1 and Table No. 2.

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TABLE NO. 1 - DIRECTIONS AND LEVELS OF APPROACH

Direction of Encounter	Front			Right			Rear			Left			TOTAL
	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9	9	10	
High Level	8	6	5	4	-	1	1	3	1	1	2	1	33 (87 Pc)
Low Level	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	3 (8 Pc)
TOTAL	8	6	6	5	1	1	2	3	2	1	2	1	58 (100 Pc)

TABLE NO. 1 - LEVELS OF APPROACH

Level of Approach	Front	Right	Rear	Left
High Level	19 (95 Pc)	5 (72 Pc)	5 (72 Pc)	4 (100 Pc)
Low Level	1 (5 Pc)	1 (14 Pc)	-	-
TOTAL	20 (100 Pc)	7 (100 Pc)	7 (100 Pc)	4 (100 Pc)

3. Exchange of Fire

A. Japanese pilots were known to have opened fire in only 11 attacks of the total of 38, 94, 29 per cent, again an extremely low percentage. In 19 other encounters crews reported no enemy fire, and in the remaining 8 encounters enemy fire was undetermined. B-29's, on the other hand, opened fire in 36 of the 38 encounters, or, 95 per cent, about an average figure for B-29's.

B. The following table shows comparisons of B-29 and enemy aircraft gunfire:

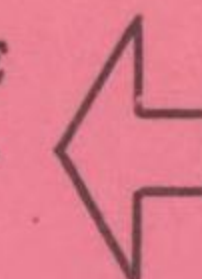
TABLE NO. 3 - DISTANCES OPENED FIRE

Distance (Yards)	Enemy Fire		B-29 Fire	
	No. of Attacks	Percent	No. of Attacks	Percent
0 to 499	1	9	2	6
500 to 799	2	18	1	3
800 to 999	4	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	13	36
1000 and over	4	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	20	55

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Total 11 100 Pz 36 100 Pz

4. Aggressiveness of Enemy Pilots

A. The same reluctance to press home their attacks noted on Mission No. 37 was again evident on Mission No. 43, and several crews reported that enemy attacks were executed in a "half-hearted" manner. Only one attack came as close as 100 feet, the majority were broken off between 500 and 1000 yards. In a number of attacks, enemy pilots turned away as soon as the B-29's opened fire.

B. Table No. 4 shows distances to which attacks were pressed.

TABLE NO. 4 - DISTANCES TO WHICH ATTACKS WERE PRESSED

Distance	No. of Encounters	Percent
1000 and over	4	11
800 to 999	9	24
500 to 799	11	30
250 to 499	4	11
0 to 249	9	24
TOTAL	37	100

"-Breakaway distance in one encounter was unreported.

5. Aerial Bombing Attacks.

Aerial bombs were employed in 9 attacks (24 per cent of the total). None, however, resulting in damage to B-29's. Most of the bombs were "dropped" from high above formations, rather than "flipped" from close quarters, and some fighters dropped as many as 2 and 3. The "stovepipe" type aerial bomb which, in some slightly different forms, B-29's have seen from time to time, was much in evidence. One such bomb was described as about 8 feet long, and 2 inches by 6 inches in cross-section. Sometimes 2 of these appeared tied together and seemed to revolve around each other. Fragments of all types spilled out of the ends; square silver colored objects, small particles looking like scrap metal, and, in one instance, what appeared

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6. Coordinated attacks.

A. There were 7 coordinated attacks, resulting in 16 individual encounters (42 per cent of the total). Five attacks were by elements of 2 fighters and 2 were by elements of 3 fighters. All were identified as Vals except one Zeke which coordinated its attack with 2 Vals in one of the 3 plane elements.

B. None of the attacks were aggressively pressed nor were any unusual tactics observed. Aerial bombs were employed in 3 of the 2 plane coordinated attacks.

7. Ramming attacks

There were no reports of enemy attempts to ram, nor were any instances of near collisions.

8. Rocket attacks: None

9. Evasive action by B-29's: None

10. New Aircraft

One enemy aircraft believed to be a Frank was reported. No further observations were made other than the wing marking, which was described as "white stripes, about 2 inches wide, running parallel out to tip of wing."

11. New weapons: None.

12. New or unusual tactics: None.

13. Claims against Enemy Aircraft:

Following are details of combat or preliminary claims of 1 destroyed and 4 damaged:

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TABLE NO. 5 - DETAILS OF COMBAT - PRELIMINARY CLAIMS

Enemy Aircraft	Claim	No. of B-29's in Formation	Direction and Level of Approach	B-29's Opened Fire (yards)	Distance E/A Brokeaway or Disintegrated (Yards)
Val	Destroyed	2	12 High	500	50
Val	Damaged	2	11 High	1000	100
Val	Damaged	2	9 High	1000	800
Val	Damaged	4	2 High	800	500

14. Summary

A. Air opposition was very weak, with a total of 38 individual encounters all occurring in the primary target area. No B-29's were lost or damaged due to enemy fighter action. Preliminary claims against enemy aircraft were 1 destroyed and 4 damaged. An estimated force of 15 enemy fighters, mostly Vals, opposed the mission. Enemy tactics and strength were very similar to those encountered on the previous mission to this target, Mission No. 37.

B. Again the high frontal approach was the favorite for Japanese fighters, although no attacks were very aggressively pressed. Enemy fighters fired in only 29 per cent of the encounters while B-29's fired in 95 per cent. Aerial bombs were employed in 9 attacks, and there were 7 coordinated attacks utilizing 2 and 3 plane elements.

C. There were no ramming attempts, rocket attacks, new weapons nor tactics.

15. Markings of Enemy Aircraft

COLOR	ENEMY AIRCRAFT	DISTINGUISHING MARKINGS
Green		
Camouflage	Nate or Val	White stripes across horizontal stabilizer.
Silver	Nates or Vals	Roundels. Yellow and black stripes on wings.
Yellowish-grey	Zoke	Two white vertical stripes around fuselage on each side of red roundel.

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COLOR	ENEMY AIRCRAFT	DISTINGUISHING MARKINGS
Camouflaged top	Oscar	Horizontal stabilizer had yellow and black stripes running longitudinally. No markings observed.
Black fuselage with silver wings	Tojos	
	Possible Franks	2" white stripes running parallel out to wing tips.

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PRELIMINARY REPORT

ANTIAIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

MISSION NUMBER 43, (DAYLIGHT, 10 MARCH 1945)

Primary Target - R.R. MARSHALLING YARDS, KUALA LUMPUR, Secondary Target - ALOR SPAR AIRPORT, Target of Last Resort - KHAO HUAGANG

A. ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE ENCOUNTERED

1. KUALA LUMPUR (03°07'N-101°43'E)

Twenty-four aircraft bombed the primary target from 0203Z to 0336Z at altitudes of 8,700 feet to 10,600 feet through 2/10 to 8/10 undercast, but no antiaircraft opposition was encountered.

2. ALOR SPAR (06°12'N-100°25'E)

One aircraft bombed the secondary target at 0411Z from 10,400 feet true altitude under CAWU conditions but no antiaircraft opposition was encountered.

3. KHAO HUAGANG (10°11'N-98°43'E)

One aircraft bombed the target of last resort at 0222Z from 10,800 feet true altitude through 7/10 to 8/10 undercast but no antiaircraft opposition was encountered.

4. BELAWAN (03°46'N-98°41'E)

Two aircraft encountered antiaircraft opposition from this vicinity. Meager and accurate automatic weapons fire was encountered at 0115Z at 5,000 feet altitude through 5/10 undercast. Tracers and red and black bursts were observed, with 3 bursts occurring at one instant resulting in a total of 50 for the encounter. Deviations were level, abreast and behind, and in line with the aircraft. No enemy aircraft were reported on the same course and altitude. Evasive action consisting of a sharp turn to the right following appearance of first burst was taken to avoid damage.

Meager and inaccurate black heavy antiaircraft fire was encountered at 0126Z at 10,000 feet altitude through 5/10 undercast. Deviations were 4,000 feet below, abreast, and to the right. No enemy aircraft were reported on the same course and altitude.

5. Possible Ship, ARCE BAY (04°20'N-98°30'E)

Moderate and accurate black automatic weapons fire was encountered at 0105Z at 5,000 feet altitude through 5/10 undercast by one aircraft. A total of 30 bursts were reported with 4 occurring at any one instant. Deviations were level, behind, and to the left or in line with the aircraft. No enemy aircraft were reported on the same course and altitude. Evasive action consisting of a sharp turn to the right following appearance of first burst was taken to avoid damage.

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B. SMOKESCREENS, BARRAGE AND HIGH-ALTITUDE BALLOONS, GROUND-TO-AIR ROCKETS

None reported.

C. FLAK DAMAGE

None

D. WARNING NETS

Japanese early warning radar at PORT BLAIR and LEMANG (as determined from RCM Intercepts) were in operation and undoubtedly alerted the MALAYAN Peninsula. It is evident, however, that the enemy did not know of the pin-point location of the attack since the first fighter attack in the KUALA LUMPUR Area occurred 13 minutes following the first bombs away time.

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Here is word of 20th Bomber attack on Kyalaalumpur railway yards gleaned from strike photos of last formation over target bombing was excellent with many hits in target area. Roundhouse is one third destroyed. Turntable took several hits and all trackage serving roundhouse is destroyed. Large carriage shed is virtually all destroyed. Large warehouse about one third destroyed. Last formation placed compact pattern just north west of large government factory hitting factory several times as well as five other small shops. Six small miscellaneous railway shops in yard also destroyed. Several large areas of trackage are destroyed out of 415 rolling stock and six locos in yard 85 rolling stock and five locos were destroyed or damaged. Non-industrial damage includes destruction to two dormitory-like structure and eight large dwellings. Three dwellings and

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two dormitories were damaged. Large museum north of
roundhouse is half destroyed and remainder damaged.

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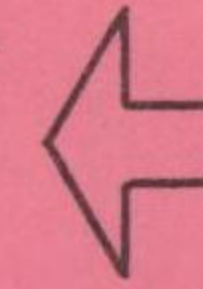
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(To: COMAF 20 From: COMGENBOLCOE 20)

Group	Mission No.	Total Tactical A/C on Mission	Lost on Mission	Capable of Recovery	Recovered by D plus 11	Participated in 12 March 1945 Mission
468th	43	29	0	29	26	0

Recovery: No. of aircraft combat operational (Cumulative)

Group:

468th	20	21	21	25	25	25	25	28	28	28	28
D-Day	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8	-9	-10	-11

Percent of these Capable of Recovery Which Recovered

69	72	72	86	86	86	86	86	97	97	97	97
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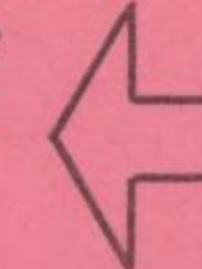
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TELECON MSG NO. D-1916	SUBJECT Intell. Stat Sum-Mission No. 43	DATE 14 March 1945
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(To: COMAF 20 From: COMGENBOMCOM 20)

Intelligence Statistical Summary for Mission No. 43 follows:

INTELLIGENCE STATISTICAL SUMMARY - MISSION NO. 43
10 March 1945
(Based on preliminary statistics as of 121000Z)
(All times Zebra)
468th Bombardment Group only group participating

I. Disposition of Aircraft	468th
1. A/C airborne	29
2. Returned to base	29
II. Bombing Record:	
1. A/C bombing	27
2. PT - A	24
3. ST - B	0
4. LRT - C	1
5. T of O - D	2
6. Jettisoned bombs	1
7. Returned with bombs	1
8. Total airborne	29
9. Bombing altitudes	
A. At PT - low	8,700 feet
B. At ST -	10,600 feet
C. At LRT -	10,800 feet
D. At T of O -	10,450 feet

"1" A/C dropped only 6 bombs on PT due to a rack malfunction: The remaining 10 bombs were later dropped on the ST.

- A. R. R. Marshalling Yards at Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.
- B. Alor Star Airport, Malaya
- C. Hutted area, Khao Huangang, Victoria Point, Thailand.
- D. Freighter in channel leading to harbor at Sweetenham (02 degrees 59' 50"N-101 degrees 22' 00"E)

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III. Method of Bombing:

- All visual except one aircraft by STA at PT and one aircraft by STA at LRT.

VI. Disposition of Bombs "X"

1. On all targets	OREBQ
2. On Kuala Lumpur	373
3. On Alor Star	10
4. On Khao Huagang	16
5. On T of O	32
6. Jettisoned	16
7. Returned	16
8. Total Bombs	463
9. Total Tonnage on Targets	
A. All targets	116.45
B. PT	100.78
C. ST	2.70
D. LRT	4.32
E. T of O	8.65
10. Average No. of bombs per A/C airborne	16
11. Average tonnage per A/C airborne	4.52

"X" Bombs used were M64'S (actual weight) - 540.4 pounds) general purpose bombs fused .1 second nose and .025 tail.

V. Observed Results of bombing

1. PT	468	Unobserved to excellent
2. ST		Good
3. LRT		Poor
4. T of O		Poor

VI. Time and Weather

1. PT - First	100203
- Last	100836
2. ST	100411
3. LRT	100222
4. T of O	100353

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VII. Casualties
1. None

VIII. Claims

1. Destroyed	1
2. Probably destroyed	0
3. Damaged	4

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1 May 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR DC/S, Combat Operations

Subject: Analysis of Report of XX Bomber Command Mission No. 43

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In accordance with Hq Twentieth Air Force Memorandum dated 15 September 1944, Subject: Study and Analysis of Twentieth Air Force Combat Operations, comments on the employment of communications, radar and countermeasures during XX Bomber Command Mission No. 43 are submitted herewith.

1. RADAR

The PT was a M/Y in Malaya, and the ST an airport in Malaya. No radar targets were specified, since there were nowhere in this area any suitable radar targets. One group was used in this attack, and twenty-six (26) aircraft bombed the PT by visual methods. The AN/APQ-13 provided the usual aids to bombing and navigation. It was stated that radar cooperation was excellent in most cases, and extensive use was made of radar to identify adverse weather on the flight path. An island off the coast was selected as the IP, and was easily identified with the AN/APQ-13. Rivers and islands appeared clearly, and were of considerable aid on the bombing run.

No scope photographs were taken en route to the IP since complete coverage had been obtained on previous missions. It was stated that the quality of the photographs obtained between the IP and the target was inferior to those taken on previous missions, and that enough pictures were not taken. Information obtained from this report states that twenty-seven (27) aircraft bombed, only five (5) cameras were carried, and only four (4) of these were operative over the target, since one (1) aircraft aborted.

One hundred (100) per cent of the AN/APQ-13's were operational at take-off, and ninety-six (96) per cent operational at the target. All aircraft flew between the altitudes of 8700 and 10,600 feet.

2. RCM

One aircraft equipped with radar search equipment and two aircraft with Nisei radio observers participated.

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Subject: Analysis of Report of XX BomCom Mission No. 43.

The only intercepts were of EW radar signals en route to target. However, the fact that the initial fighter attack occurred thirteen minutes after first bombs away indicates possibility of poor raid reporting or misjudgement of the primary target. No suspected GL signals were intercepted.

Search of the 4 mc communications band was negative on account of atmospherics. Search of the 48-50 mc VHF communications band was negative.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

Communications on this mission, in which only one group participated, were good. Radio ranges, D/F facilities and air-to-air homing were not employed. Equipment malfunctions were routine.

It is noted in this report, as it was noted in several preceding mission reports, that a number of Radio Sets SCR-522 are being found inoperative in flight. These troubles are not reported in sufficient detail to permit determination of the cause.

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