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Brief of Mining Opn.	Telecon	FN 31-16		1255 Z	MB
Brief of Mining Miss.	"	FN 01-6		010750 Z	MB

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-01-6 TOP SECRET OP 010715Z

FROM: BOM COM 21
TO : COM AF 20

INFO: DEP COM AF 20 (POA)

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GR.51
SUBJECT: BRIEF OF MINING MISSION 1 APRIL 1945.
SIX B-29 AIRCRAFT ARE SCHEDULED TO MINE KURE HARBOR IN COORDINATION WITH PLAN ICEBURG. TARGET IS GRID ~~HOW~~ H NUMBER ONE. ROUTE: BASE AT TINIAN TO IWO JIMA TO KURE RETURNING DIRECT TO BASE. TAKE OFF TIME 1600K 1 APRIL 1945. METHOD OF ATTACK: RADAR LAYING BY SINGLE PLANES. MINE LOAD 8 MK 36 MINES. AIR SEA RESCUE FACILITIES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED.

THIS MESSAGE DISPATCHED FROM CONTROL ROOM AT 010725Z.

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TOD:010750Z
ROGER FN-01-6 010750Z WCR.
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ACTION	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans
	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm Op	Anal	Stat Con		
INFORMATION	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans
	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm. Op	Anal	Stat Con		

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-31-16 OP OP SECRET 311210Z

FROM: COM GEN XXI BOM COM

TO : COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEPCOM GEN AF 20 (POA)

GR.80

SUBJECT: BRIEF OF MINING OPERATION STARVATION 3.

APPROXIMATELY SIX B-29'S SCHEDULED TO MINE KURE HARBOR. TARGET IS GRID HOW ONE. ALTITUDE 25,000 FEET.

ROUTE: BASE AT TINIAN TO IWO JIMA TO TARGETS VIA BUNGO SUIDO. RETURN FROM TARGET TO BASE. TAKE OFF TIME 010600Z OVER TARGET 011400Z, RETURN TO BASE 012030Z. METHOD OF ATTACK RADAR LAYING BY SINGLE PLANES. AIR SEA RESCUE FACILITIES REQUESTED.

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TOD:311255Z

ROGER FN-31-16 1255Z WCR

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Take off Report	Telecon	FN01-5		010755 Z	MB
Take off Report	"	FN01-7		010758 Z	MB

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-01-7 OP OP TOP SECRET 010725Z
FROM: BOMCOM XXI
TO : COMAF 20
INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)
SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT, STARVATION THREE, MISSION NO. 52, 1 APRIL 1945 XXI BOMBER COMMAND.

1. WING: 313

2. A/C SCHEDULED: 6

3. A/C AIRBORNE: 6

4. FIRST A/C: 010600Z.

5. LAST A/C: 010614Z.

THIS MESSAGE DISPATCHED FROM XXI BOM COM CONTROL ROOM AT 010725Z.

TOD:010758Z

ROGER FN-01-7 0758Z WCR

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

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-01-5 OP OP TOP SECRET 010710Z

FROM: XXI BOM COM

TO : COM AF 20

INFO: DEP COM AF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: FIRST TAKE OFF FOR STARVATION THREE

FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT 010600Z

WEATHER AT TWKE OFF: 5/10 SCATTERED MIDDLE CLOUDS.

ROUTE TO TARGET: SCATTERED MIDDLE CLOUDS OVER ENTIRE ROUTE SCATTERED TO BROKEN LOW CLOUDS BECOMING OVERCAST LIGHT SHOWERS BETWEEN 18 DEG N AND 27 DEG N

TARGET: 4/10 LOW CLOUDS, 12 MILES VISIBILITY.
THIS MESSAGE DISPATCHED FROM THE CONTROL ROOM AT 010710Z.

TOD:010755Z

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GER FN-01-5 010755Z WCR.

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

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SPECIFIC SUBJECT	TYPE OF MESSAGE	MESSAGE NO.	DATE AND TIME SENT	DATE AND TIME REC'D.	INITIALS
Return Report	Telecon	FN-01-22		012205Z	[illegible]

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TELBCON MESSAGE FN-[illegible] OP ~~T O P~~ S E C R E T 012117Z
FROM: BOMCOM XXI
TO : COMAF 20

INFO : DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

GR47

SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT FOR STARVATION THREE, MISSION 52, 1 APRIL 1945.

XXI BOMBER COMMAND

1. WING: 313
2. AIRBORNE: 6
3. LANDED HOME BASE: 6
4. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE: Ø
5. TIME OF LANDING:

FIRST A/C: Ø1191ØZ

LAST A/C: Ø1195ØZ

THIS MESSAGE DISPATCHED FROM XXI BOM COM CONTROL ROOM AT Ø1217ZZ.

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TOD 812205Z DM

~~MIN~~

~~NO THAT IS ALL WE HAVE NOW PUT ME LOWER AND TKS K~~

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SPECIFIC SUBJECT	TYPE OF MESSAGE	MESSAGE NO.	DATE AND TIME SENT	DATE AND TIME REC'D.	INITIALS
Rpt'g Minelaying Ops	Telecon	FN-02-13		040214132	BJR
Mission Rpt	"	FN-02-12		040214122	BJR
Mission Rpt	Hq 20 AF -	Ditto	040214302		BJR

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2 Apr 45 WLD
Date Initials

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Washington, D. C.

MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 52 : 1 APRIL 1945

"STARVATION 3"

Targets: Kure Harbor - Mine Field H

Take-off: 010200 - 010214 Washington; (010600Z - 010614Z)

Time Over Target: 010902 - 010933 Washington; 012202 - 012233 Theatre; (011302Z - 011333Z)

Aircraft: Total Mining 6

A/C Lost or Missing: None

Casualties: None

Mine Load: 8 MK-36 mines 24 TONS

Tactics: Mining by individual a/c from an altitude of 25,700 ft. to 26,450 ft. True air speed at mine release - 250 to 260 knots. Length of mine run - 3:20 to 6:30 minutes.

Weather: CAVU. Wind over target - 280 deg. at 90 knots. Altitude of moon - 7 deg.

Fighter Opposition: Nil

Flak: Several ground flashes reported in vicinity of Kure.

Claims: None

Observations: Radar observations - unevaluated: 5 to 6 unidentified large vessels at 34/06 N - 133/15 E.

Visual observations - unevaluated: 1 CL, 2 DD's at 34/03 N - 132/29 E, 3 large vessels in single file at Sukumo Harbor.

Fires observed - 5 at 34/20 N - 132/18 E and 5 at 34/11 N - 132/27 E.

Remarks: It is estimated that as a result of this mining serious disruption of shipping in Kure Harbor will take place for a period of several days. Sweeping close to ships and in confined waters is a very slow process. If ships are moved prior to thorough sweeping, sinkings are expected.

Note: This report is subject to change and should not be used for official records.

As of 1430, 2 April 1945

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

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TELETYPE CONFERENCE 040214107

FROM STATION YAMFG

TOP SECRET OPNS

PRESENT HERE LT. C.W. STEVENS

SUBJECT: 20TH AIR FORCE MATTERS

YAMFG STILL STANDING BY

TELECON MSG FN-02-12 OP TOP SECRET 021130Z

FROM BOMCOM XXI
TO COMAF 20, -AC, AS INT.
INFO: DEPCOMAF20 (POA)
SUBJECT: MISSION REPORT FOR STARVATION THREE, STRIKE 52, 1 PARIL 1945

1. DESIGNATION OF UNIT: 313TH WING, XXI BOM COM

2. TIME OF TAKE OFF: 010600Z TO 010614Z

3. TIME OF RETURN: 011910Z TO 011956Z

4. NO A/C AIRBORNE: 6

5. NO A/C OVER MINEFIELD: M/F HOW 6 A/C LAID 48 MARK 36

6. TYPE OF FORMATION OVER TARGET: INDIVIDUAL A/C [redacted] TOP SECRET

7. NO A/C JETTISONING MINES: NONE

8. NO A/C RETURNING MINES TO BASE: NONE

9. NO A/C LOST TO FLAK : NONE

10. NO A/C LOST TO E/A: NONE

11. NO A/C LOST TO ACCIDENT: NONE

12. NO A/C LOST TO RESONS UNKNOWN: NONE

13. TIME OF ATTACK: 011302Z TO 011333Z - 010902-010933W - 012202-012233

14. ALTITUDE OVER TARGET: 26450 FT TO 25,700 FT.

15. TAS AT MINE RELEASE: 250 TO 260

16. LENGTH OF MINE RUN: 3:10 TO 6:30 min.

17. WIND OVER TARGET: 280 DEG AT 90 K.

18. VISIBILITY: CAVU

19. AITITUDE OF MOON: 7 DEG [redacted] TOP SECRET

20. CLOUDS: NONE

21. PERSONAL CASUALTIES: NONE

22. ENEMY A/C CONTACTED: 1 E/A FOLLOWED OUR A/C FROM MINE RUN TO YANAI - 25,000' AT 011330Z. NO ATTACKS

23. AA: SEVERAL GROUND FLASHES REPORTED VICINITY OF KURE.

24. ENEMY RCM NOTED AND EFFECT: NONE

25. OBSERVATIONS: (FOLLOWING UNEVALUATED)

VESSELS:	LOCATIONS:	TIME	ALT	RADAR OR VISUAL
1 CL	34/03' -132/29'	011335Z	25,000'	VISUAL
2 DD	34/03' -132/29'	011335Z	25,000'	VISUAL
5-6 LARGE VESSELS	34/06' -133/15	011315Z	25,000'	RADAR

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UNIDENTIFUED TO 133/20' -

UNIETERMINED NO. 34/05'-132/45' 011324Z 25,000' RADAR

UNIDENTIFUED VESSELS

3 LARGE VESSELS SINGLE SUKUMO HARBOR 011345Z 25,000' VISUAL

FILE IN HARBOR 32/55'N-132/40'E

FIRES:

FIVE OBSERVED AT 34/20' - 132/18' FROM 25,000'

FIVE OBSERVED AT 34/11'-132/27' FROM 25,000'

OTHER: LIGHT FLASHING ON SEA-TWO DASHES SEEN-2

-5'N-136/

REPEATING:

FIVE OBSERVED AT 34/20' - 132/18' FROM 25,000'

FIVE OBSERVED AT 34/11' - 132/27' FROM 25,000'

OTHER: LIGHT FLASHING ON SEA-TWO DASHES SEEN -29/25' N - 163/// RPT -29/25' N - 136/50E FROM 5,000 AT 011139Z

26. RADAR SCOPE PHOTOS TAKEN ON BOMB RUN: 18

27. REMARKS: IT IS ESTIMATED AS A RESULT OF THIS MINING OF MINEFIELD HOW, THAT SERIOUS DISRUPTION OF SHIPPING IN KURE HARBOR WILL TAKE PLACE FOR A PERIOD OF SEVERAL DAYS. SWEEPING CLOSE TO SHIPS AND IN CONFINED WATERS IS A VERY SLOW PROCESS. IF SHIPS ARE MOVED PRIOR TO THOROUGH SWEEPING SINKINGS ARE EXPECTED.

END

CCN : REPEATING PAR 5.

5. NO A/C OVER MINEFIELD: M/F HOW 6 A/C LAID RPT LAID 48 MARK 36. ALSO REPEATING PAR 15.

15. TAS AT MINE RELEASE: RPT RELEASE: 250 TO 260.

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TELECON MS FN-02-13 TOP SECRET OI 021200Z

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FROM BOMCOM XXI

TO A C, AS INTELLIGENCE HQ, AAF, COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: REPORT OF MINELAYING OPERATIONS, STARVATION THREE, STRIKE 52, 1 PARIL 1945.

1. 6 B-29'S LAID MINES IN MINEFIELD HOW, KURE AREA FROM 011302Z TO 011333Z

2. DEFINITE DESIGNATION OF CHANNEL OR LINES LAID ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME .

3. A. THE FOLLOWING MK - 26 OR M K - 36 MINES WERE LAID IN MINEFIELD HOW.

40 Q 21 - B 9; 8 C OR D 21 - B 9

B. TOTALS LAID: MK 26 OR 36: 48

C. MINES AIRBORNE: MK 26 OR 36: 48

D. MINES JETTISONED: NONE

E. MINES BROUGHT BACK: NONE

THIS REPORT SUBJECT TO CORRECTION. REFER TO OUR MISSION REPORT ON STARVATION THREE. MESSAGE NUMBER FN-02-12, FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

END

TOD: 021410Z CB

ROGER V WCR

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