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MISSION #24 MUSASHINO "ENKINDLE 3"  
Nakajima A/C Eng Plant  
27 Jan 1945

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MISSION #24 MUSASHINO "ENKINDLE 3"  
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TELECON MESSAGE FN-27-10 SECRET 270456Z (OP OP OF)

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FROM : XXI BOM COM

TO : COM GEN 20 AF

INFO: DEP COM AF 20 (POA0

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REFERENCE FIELD ORDER NO. 21 IN FLIGHT MESSAGE INDICATES  
DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO FOLLOW PLAN A TARGET ENKINDLE 3.  
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TOD: 270503Z CB

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TOD/270508Z MR

ROGER 270508Z DRY

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ORIGINATOR OF MESSAGE

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ROGER MSG AT 261849Z WCR

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-26-12 OP ~~TOP~~ SECRET 260528Z

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FROM: COM GEN XXI BOM CMD

TO: COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM GEN AF 20 (POA)

SECRET BY AUTHORITY OF COL WILSON

SUBJECT: BRIEF OF FIELD ORDER NUMBER 21.

APPROXIMATELY 80 AIRPLANES SCHEDULED TO ATTACK EITHER ENKINDLE OR ERADICATE ON 27 JANUARY. TWO B-29'S WILL PRECEDE THE MAIN FORCE AND MAKE WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE AT BOTH TARGET AREAS AND REPORT VIA LIASON RADIO TO THE MAIN FORCE INSTRUCTIONS TO EXECUTE PLAN "A" WHICH WILL BE ATTACK ON ENKINDLE OR PLAN "B" FOR ERADICATE.

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THE WEATHER AIRPLANES WILL BE TIMED SO AS TO ENABLE RECONNAISSANCE TO BE MADE AND ORDER FOR EXECUTION BE SENT AT THE TIME LEAD GROUP REACHES OEEEEPN - 13800E ON ROUTE IN. ROUTES: PLAN "A" - BASE,

1700N - 14400E TO 2900N - - 13800E TO 3447N - 13737/3 59 3540N - .

13835E TO TARGET TO 3400N - 14115 TO 2700N - 14330E TO BASE. PLAN

"B" - BASE 1700N - 1440E TO 2900N - 13800E 3447N - 13737E TO 3505N

- 13709E TO TARGET TO 2700N - 14330E TO BASE. FIRST PLANE OFF

262055Z OVERTARGET 270500Z ETA BASE 271110Z. SECONDARY: PLAN

"A" P AND U MEETINGHOUSE. PLAN "B" P AND U MICROSCOPE. LAST

RESORT ANY INDUSTRIAL CITY. AXIS AND ALTITUDE OF ATTACK; "PLAN

"ABZ , 88 DEGREES TRUE AT 25,000 FT. PLAN "B", 295 DEGREES AT ZESE

ALTITUDE OF 25,000 FT. METHOD OF ATTACK: BY SQUADRONS IN COLSNW

ATTACKING WITH A MINIMUM TIME INTERVAL BETWEEN COMBAT SQUADRONS. BOMB

LORD, 7m:1ed Load

AD, 67 PER CENT 500 LB GP'S 0.10 SEC NOSE AND

0.025 SEC TAIL FUSE AND 33 PER CENT MAUY INCENDIARY BOMBS. ~~1382Z~~ 4FF

GUARD, DUMBO AND DESTROYER REQUESTED

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TELECON MESSAGE NO K-26-15  
 270431Z

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SUBJECT MISSION O N

SUBJECT : MISSION ON EITHER "ENKINDLE" OR " ERADICATE"

TO: COM GEN BOM COM 20 **SECRET** FROM COM GEN AF 20

XXI BC HAS 74 A/C ON WAY TO "ENKINDLE 3" OR ERADICATE 4" DEPENDENT ON WEATHER IN TARGET AREA.

FIRST OFF: 262055Z LAST OFF: 262502Z ?

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2 WEATHER SHIPS AIRBORNE 262007Z FOR RECONNAISSANCE OF TARGET AREA  
 BOMB LOAD: MIXED LOAD OF 67 PERCENT 500LB. GP'S 0.10 SEC NOSE AND  
 0.025 SEC TAIL FUSE AND 33 PERCENT IBS

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TOD 270448Z

ORIGINATOR OF MESSAGE

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INFORMATION	C/S	DC/S Opr	A-1	A-2	A-3	Tng	A-3	OC&R	A-4	A-5	Plans
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TELECON MESSAGE FN-26-31 OP OP OP SECRET 262307Z

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TO COM GEN AF 20

INFO DEP COM 20 POA

SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT, STRIKE 22, TOKYO OR NAGOYA DEPENDENT ON WEATHER OBSERVATION, 27 JANUARY 1945.

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|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. GROUP:         | 500                            | 497     | 498     | 499     |
| 2. SCHEDULED:     | 12                             | 22      | 21      | 22      |
| 3. AIRBORNE:      | 13                             | 19      | 21      | 21 74   |
| 4. FIRST A/C OFF: | 262055Z<br><i>26 1655 Wind</i> | 262103Z | 262116Z | 262127Z |
| 5. LAST A/C OFF:  | 262502Z<br><i>26 2102 Wind</i> | 262111Z | 262145Z | 262138Z |

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TOD 262338Z PH

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-26-30 (SECRET) 262114Z (OPERATIONAL PRIORITY)

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FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20 INFO: DEPCOMAF20 (POA)

THIS MESSAGE IS BEING SENT BY OTHER MEANS TO THE FOLLOWING INFO

ADDRESSEES: CTF 93, CTF 94, CTU 94.4.2, CTG 93.2, CTG 17.7

CTU 30.5.2, AND CTU 30.5.3

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XXX FIRST ACFT AIRBORNE 262055Z ON ENKINDLE THREE OR ERADICATE FOUR  
DEPENDANT UPON WEATHER IN TARGET AREA. WEATHER EXPECTED FOR TARGETS:  
ENKINDLE 6/10 LOW CLOUD DECREASING DURING AFTERNOON. ERADICATE, 3/10  
LOW CLOUD. ROUTE SCATTERED TO BROKEN CLOUD EXCEPT SHOWERS IN FRONT  
NEAR 22 DEGREES N. BASE GOOD FOR TAKE OFF, LIGHT SHOWERS FOR RETURN.  
TWO WEATHER SHIPS AIRBORNE 262007Z FOR RECONNAISSANCE OF TARGET AREA.

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TOD: 262150Z FER

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TOD 262307Z PH







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LECON MSG. FN-27-33 OP SECRET 270952Z

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FROM: COM GEN BOM COM 21

TO : COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM AF 20.

**SECRET**

SUBJECT: IN FLIGHT REPORTS, S-22, ENKINDLE THREE, 27 JAN 45.

OUR CONSOLIDATED IN FLIGHT REPORT DISPATCHED 270847Z DOES NOT GIVE AN ACCURATE PICTURE OF TODAY'S MISSION. FURTHER IN FLIGHT REPORTS JUST RECEIVED INDICATE THAT THERE IS DUPLICATION OF REPORTS FROM DIFFERENT A/C IN FLIGHT. COMPILATION OF LATEST FIGURES SHOW 9 IN FLIGHT REPORTS RECEIVED ACCOUNTING FOR 138 A/C. 74 A/C WERE AIRBORNE OF WHICH 7 RETURNED EARLY. IT IS EVI  
ENT THAT THESE FIGURES DO NOT ADD UP.

WE ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN THE CORRECT PICTURE AND WILL RUSH SAME TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THIS MESSAGE DISPATCHED FROM 21 BOM COM CONTROL ROOM 270952Z.

END.....

TOD:271026Z JG  
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TOD 271029Z HS

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LLVYON MSG FN27-27 OP OP SECRET 270847Z

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TO COM GEN AF 20

FROM COM GEN BOM/COM 21  
AINFO DEP COM AF 20

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED IN FLIGHT REPORT, ENKINDLE THREE. 27

JAN 45

IN FLIGHT REPORTS RECEIVED ACCOUNTING FOR 62 A/C.

1 8A/C BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY THRU 5/10 CLOUD. RESULTS UNOBSERVED. FIGHTER OPPOSITION MEDIUM. FLAK SLIGHT, ACCURAGE. REPORT 1 A/C LOST TO ENEMY ACTION OVER TARGET.

2. 52 A/C BOMBED SECONDARY BY RADAR THRU 6/10-8/10 CLOUD. RESULTS UNOBSERVED. FLAK SLIGHT, INACCURATE TO SLIGHT TO MEDIUM, ACCURATE. FIGHTER OPPOSITION HEAVY. 3A/C RETORTED LOST OVER TARGET DUE TO ENEMY ACTION.

3. 2A/C BOMBED TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY VISUALLY THRU 0/10-2/10 CLOUD. FLAK SLIGHT, INACCURATE. FIGHTER OPPOSITION NIL. RESULTS: 1A:C UNOBSERVED. 1 MEDIUM FIRES.

THE ABOVE REPORT IF FRAGMENTARY AND NOT TO BE USE FOR RECORD PURPOSES.

THIS MESSAGE DISPATCHED FROM 21 BOM COM CONTROL ROOM 270847Z.

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TOD 270909Z JG

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TELECON MSG FN-27-23 OP OP ~~SECRET~~ SECRET 270628Z

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TO COM GEN AF 20

FROM COM GEN BOM COM 21

INFO DEP COM AF20

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY, ENKINDLE THREE' 27 JAN 45  
GA/C REPORTING BOMBS AWAY.

1A:C BOMBED TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY VISUALLY THRU 0/10 CLOUD AT 270518Z  
1A/C BOMBED SECONDARY TARGET BY RADAR THRU 8/10 CLOUD AT 270522Z.  
1A/C BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY THRU 3/10 CLOUD AT 270529Z.  
1A/C BOMBED SECONDARY BY RADAR THRU 9"10 CLOUD AT 270532Z.  
1A/C BOMBED SECONDARY BY RADAR THRU 9/10 CLOUD AT 270610Z.  
1A/C BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY THRU 9/10 CLOUD AT 270611Z.  
EXACT NUMBER OF A/C ACCOUNTED FOR ON EACH TARGET NOTKNOWN AT THE  
TIME. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE SENT FORWARD IMMEDIATELY UPON BECOMING  
AVAILABLE THIS HQ.

THIS MESSAGE DISPATCHED FROM 21 BOM COM CONTROL ROOM 270628Z.

TOD 270645Z JG

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TOD:2707XXXXX 270647Z NH

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-27-11 URGENT SECRET 270533Z

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FROM: XXI BOMBER COMMAND

TO: COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM AF 20

BOMB AWAY REPORT ENKINDLE THREE. FIRST ACFT BOMBED TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY VISUALLY NO CLOUDS AT 270513Z.

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TOD: 270545Z JG

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TOD 270548Z MR

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CG Twentieth AF

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

29 Jan. 45 *GR*  
Date Initials

Washington, D. C.

PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 24 - 73RD WING - 27 JANUARY 1945

"ENKINDLE 3"

Targets: Primary - Nakajima A/C Eng. Plant, Fuseshino, Tokyo, Japan  
Secondary - Harbor Facilities and Urban Area, Tokyo, Japan  
Target of Opportunity - Iwo Jima

Take-Off: 262055Z - 262145Z (270555 - 270645 Theatre Time)  
(261655 - 261745 Washington Time)

Time Over Target: 270505Z - 270558Z (271405 - 271458 Japan Time)  
(270105 - 270158 Washington Time)

<u>Aircraft:</u>	Total Bombing	65
	Primary	0
	Secondary	59 (16 visually; 43 by radar)
	Other Targets	6 (4 visually; 2 by radar)

Lost or Missing: 5 to Enemy action over ST; 2 ditched on return - Total 7.

Casualties: 0 killed, 19 wounded, 78 missing

Bomb Load: 3 tons per e/c - mixed - 67% - 500 lb GP's (fuzed .1 sec nose  
and .025 sec tail)  
33% - 500 lb Incendiary Bombs

Bomb Tons Dropped: 193 (129 tons GP and 64 tons Incendiary Bombs)

Tactics: Visual and Radar bombing by Squadrons in column with minimum  
time interval between Combat Squadrons from an altitude of  
24,500 to 28,000 ft.

Weather: PT - 10/10 cloud. Secondary - 4/10 to 8/10 cloud.

Fighter Opposition: Approximately 1050 attacks. First Group over target reported  
approximately 550 to 575 attacks - intensity started in vicinity  
of IP and lasted past target. Approaches predominating level to  
high from ahead with attacks extremely aggressive and  
fire generally more accurate than past missions, Tonys, Tojos,  
Zekes, Dicks and Irvings, with Tonys predominating.

Flak: Moderate, accurate to inaccurate with continuously pointed and  
barrage types. Fire was accurate in altitude but inaccurate in  
lateral deviation.

Claims: 57 e/a destroyed; 21 probably destroyed; 41 damaged over ST  
1 e/a destroyed and 3 e/c damaged on ground at Iwo Jima

Results: Unobserved

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

Revised as of 1000, 29 January 1945

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

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL  
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BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND  
WASHINGTON PARTIES

DATE 29 January 45  
INITIALS JGR

TERMINAL PARL  
KHARAGPUR 29 January 1945

TELECON MESSAGE NO. Lt. Col. Hewitt  
SUBJECT Mission 24 XXI BC  
Colonel Herman  
Relay to XX BC  
BGR

K-29-9 Revisions on Preliminary Mission Report of XXI BC Mission 24 75rd Wing  
(To: COMGENBOMCOM 20 From: CONGENAF 20)

The following are revisions to be made to the Preliminary Mission Report sent to your Headquarters on 28 January:

Aircraft: Total Bombing 65  
Primary 0  
Secondary 59 (16 visually; 43 by radar)  
Other 6 (4 visually; 2 by radar)

Casualties: 0 killed, 19 wounded, 78 missing

Bomb Tons Dropped: 193 tons (129 tons GP & 64 tons Incendiary Bombs)

Fighter Opposition: Approximately 1050 attacks. First Group over target reported approximately 550 to 575 attacks - intensity started in vicinity of IP and lasted past target. Approaches predominating level to high from ahead with attacks extremely aggressive and fire generally more accurate than past missions - Tonys, Tojos, Zekes, Nicks, and Irvings, with Tonys predominating.

Flak: Moderate, accurate to inaccurate with continuously pointed and barrage types. Fire was accurate in altitude but inaccurate in lateral deviation.

Claims: 57 e/a destroyed; 21 probably destroyed; 41 damaged over ST  
1 e/a destroyed and 3 e/a damaged on ground at Iwo Jima

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

ORIGINATOR: DC/S Opr (Capt Rosenberg)

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DC/S Opr: A-2: Stat Control

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	None	

ORIGINATOR: DC/S Obr (Capt Rosenport)

DC/S Obr: V-S: Staff Control

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Remarks:

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Claims:

1 ea destroyed and 2 ea damaged on ground at Iwo Jima  
 2 ea destroyed; 21 properly destroyed; 41 damaged over 21 in target deviation.

Loss:

Moderate accuracy in increments but inaccurate and losses. Fire was accurate in altitude but inaccurate.

Target Description:

Approximately 1050 attacks. First group over target reported  
 to high from speed with attacks extremely aggressive and fire of 16 and lasted half target. Approaches predominantly level approximately 250 to 500 attacks - intensity started in vicinity of Iwo Jima.

Counties:

0 killed, 10 wounded, 13 missing  
 (4 missing; 3 ea refer.)  
 (10 missing; 42 ea refer.)

Altitude:

Target bombing

sent to your headquarters on 29 January:  
 The following are revisions to be made to the Preliminary Mission Report

(to: COMBOMBOMCOM SO from: COMCENTAL SO)

K-52-9

Revisions on Preliminary Mission Report of XXI BC Mission on 29 Jan 1952

TELECOM MESSAGE NO. *Message 54 XXXI BC*

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 BY *J. H. [Signature]*  
 AUTHORITY: [Signature]  
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TELECON MSG K-WUAI //RP T K-27-8

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TO: COMGENBOMCOM 20

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE WASHINGTON, D. C.

INFORMATION FOR BRIEFING ON XXI BOMBER COMMAND

MISSION NO. 24 - 27 JANUARY 1945

MISSION CODE NAME "ENKINDLE 3" (AS OF 2400Z - 27 JAN 45)

TARGETS: PRIMARY- NAKAJIMA AIRCRAFT ENG. FACTORY, MUSASHINO PLANT,  
TOKYO, JAPAN

SECONDARY- HARBOR FACILITIES AND URBAN AREA, TOKYO, JAPAN

TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY - IWO JIMA

LAST RESORT - ANY INDUSTRIAL CITY, JAPAN.

TAKE-OFF TIMES: 262055Z - 262145Z

26//RPT 270555 - 270645 THEATRE TIME

261655 - 261745 WASHINGTON TIME

TIME OVER PRIMARY TARGET: 270505Z - 270558Z

271405 - WUQRTI JAPAN TIME

270105 - 270158 WASHINGTON TIME

TACTICS: VISUAL AND RADAR BOMBING BY SQUADRONS IN COLUMN WITH MIN-  
UMUM TIME INTERVAL BETWEEN COMBAT SQUADRONS FROM AN ALTITUDE OF

24,500 TO 28,000 FT. (2 A/C PRECEDED STRIKE FORMATION FOR PURPOSE OF  
WEATHER OBSERVATIONS AND RECONNAISSANCE.)

AIRCRAFT BOMBING: 67

PRIMARY TARGET - 0

SECONDARY TARGET- 61 (17//RPT 16-;87-

SECONDARY TARGET -61 (16- VISUALLY; 45 BY RADAR)

OTHER TARGETS- 6 (4- VISUALLY ; 2 BY RADAR)

BOMB LOAD : MIXED- 33 PERCENT - 500 LB INCENDIARY BOMBS  
67 PERCENT - 500 LB GP'S (FUZED .1 SEC  
NOSE AND .025 SEC TAIL)

BOMB TONS DROPPED: 201 (134 TONS GP AND 67 TONS INCENDIARY  
BOMBS)

LOSSES: 7 A/C (5 TO ENEMY ACTION OVER TARGET; 2 DITCHED ON RETURN

CASUALTIES: 9 - WOUNDED; 78 - MISSING

TR//TARGET WEATHER: PT - 10/10 CLOUD. SECONDARY - 4/10 TO 8/10

ALTO CUMULUS TOP 15.000 TO 2/10 CIRRUS TOPS 28.000 FT. WIND 120



KNOTS, 281 DEGREES.

OTHER TARGETS - CAVU TO 7/10

FIGHTER OPPOSITION: 5 SQS. REPORTED "HEAVY"; 2 SQS. REPORTED MODERATE. 150 TO 200 E/A IN AIR. ATTACKS WERE AGGRESSIVE, MOSTLY INDIVIDUAL, SOME COORDINATED.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED: MODERATE TO INTENSE, ACCURATE TO INACCURATE.

CLAIMS: 30 E/A DESTROYED; 10 PROBABY/// PROBABLY DESTROYED; 31 DAMAGED OVER ST. 1 E/A DESTROYED AND 3 E/A DAMAGED ON GROUND AT

IWO JIMA.

RESULTS OF BOMBING : ST - UNOBSERVED; OTHER TARGETS - UNOBSERVED TO GOOD.

REMARKS: THIS INFORMATION IS FRAGMENTARY AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE SO SHOULD NOT BE USED OR PRESENTED AS FINAL

OBSERVATIONS:

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SO SHOULD NOT BE USED OR PRESENTED S/// AS FINAL.

OBSERVATIONS: FREIGHTER AT 39 DEGREES 55 RPT 55°N - 137 DEGREES 22' E FIRED ON THE B-29'S. COURSE OF FREIGHTER 220 DEGREES; SPEED 8-10 KNOTS. GUNS OBSERVED: 1-75 MM AND 3-40 MM IN BOW AND 3-40 MM AMIDSHIP. NO DM/// DAMAGE TO OUR AXC RPT A/C. LARGE FIRE OBSERVED ON PAGAN.

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TOD: WI/// 280525Z WCT - RESRPT WCR - RES

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CG Twentieth AF

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE  
Washington, D. C.

Information for Briefing on XXI Bomber Command  
Mission No. 24 - 27 January 1945

Mission Code Name " EMKINDLE 3 "                      "                      (As of 2400Z - 27 Jan 45)                      Date                     

Targets: Primary - Nakajima Aircraft Eng. Factory, Musashino Plant, Tokyo, Japan

Secondary - Harbor Facilities and Urban Area, Tokyo, Japan

Target of Opportunity - Iwo Jima

Last Resort - Any Industrial City, Japan.

262055Z - 262145Z

270555 - 270645 Theatre Time

261655 - 261745 Washington Time

270505Z - 270558Z

271405 - 271458 Japan Time

270105 - 270158 Washington Time

Visual and Radar bombing by Squadrons in column with minimum time interval between Combat Squadrons from an altitude of 24,500 to 28,000 ft. (2 a/c preceded strike formation for purpose of weather observations and reconnaissance.)

Aircraft Bombing: 67 \*(74 a/c airborne)

Primary Target - 0

Secondary Target - 61 (16 - visually; 45 by radar)

Other Targets - 6 (4 - visually; 2 by radar)

33%-500 lb Incendiary Bombs

Bomb Load: Mixed - 67%-500 lb GP's (fuzed .1 sec nose and .025 sec tail)

Bomb Tons Dropped: 201 (134 Tons GP and 67 Tons Incendiary Bombs)

Losses: 7 a/c. (5 to enemy action over target; 2 ditched on return)

Casualties: 9 - Wounded; 78 - Missing

Target Weather: 15,000 to 2/10 cirrus tops 28,000 ft. Wind 120 knots, 281 degrees.  
Other targets - Cavu to 7/10.

Fighter Opposition: 5 Sqs. reported "heavy"; 2 Sqs. reported "moderate".  
150 to 200 e/a in air. Attacks were aggressive, mostly individual, some coordinated.

Anti-Aircraft Encountered: Moderate to intense, accurate to inaccurate.

Claims: 30 e/a destroyed; 10 probably destroyed; 31 damaged over ST.

1 e/a destroyed and 3 e/a damaged on ground at Iwo Jima.

Results of Bombing: ST - unobserved; Other Targets - unobserved to Good.

Remarks: This information is fragmentary and is subject to change so  
Should not be used or presented as final.

Observations: Freighter at 39° 55'N - 137° 22' E fired on the B-29's.

Course of freighter 220°; speed 8-10 knots.

Guns observed: 1-75 mm and 3-40 mm in bow and 3-40 mm amidship.

No damage to our a/c. Large fire observed on Pagan.

\*Note: 1 a/c sustained 2 collisions with e/a but returned to base and crash landed - 9 injured.

\* These items appear only on file copy.

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

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TELECON MESSAGE

FN-27-48

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FROM: 21 BOM COM

TO : COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM AF 20

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT, MISSION 22, ENKINDLE NO 3,

27 JANUARY 1945

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1. NAME OF PRIMARY: NAKAJIMA A/C ENGINE FACTORY MUSASHINO PLANT, TOKYO.
2. NAME OF SECONDARY : HARBOR FACILITIES AND BUILT UP AREA OF TOKYO.
3. NAME OF LAST RESORT: ANY INDUSTRIAL CITY.
4. TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: IWO JIMA
5. A:C ATTACKING .PRIMARY: NONE
6. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: (1) A/C DROPPED 128 X 500 GP AND 64 X 500 IB  
VISUAL MEANS AND (4) A/C DROPPED 360 X 500 GP AND  
180 X 500 IB BY RADAR MEANS THROUGH 4/10 - 10/10  
CLOUDS FROM 24,500 FT TO 28,000 FT AT 270505Z TO  
270558Z.
7. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: 2 A/C DROPPED 16 X 500 GP AND 8 X 500 IB  
HAMAMATSU BY VISUAL MEANS THROUGH 0/10 - 5/10  
" : 097\$ 149. 25,300

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HERE IS NO. 7 OVER AGAIN

7. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: (2) A/C DROPPED 16 X 500 GP AND 8 X 500 IB  
HAMAMATSU BY VISUAL MEANS THROUGH 0/10 - 5/10  
CLOUD FROM 25,300 FT TO 25,500 FT AT 270439Z TO  
270450Z, (1) A/C DROPPED 8 X 500 GP AND 4 X 500  
IB ON KUSHIMOTO BY VISUAL MEANS THROUGH 0/10  
CLOUD FROM 31,500 FT AT 270554Z.
8. A/C ATTACKING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: (2) A/C DROPPED 16X 500 GP AND  
8 X 500 IB ON IWO JIMA BY VISUAL MEANS THROUGH  
0/10 CLOUD FROM 14,300 FT AND 20,000 FT AT  
270598Z AND 270533Z. (1) A/C DROPPED 8 X 500  
GP AND 4 X 500 IB ON IWO JIMA BY RADAR  
MEANS THROUGH 7/10 CLOUD FRO.. 23,500 FT AT  
270627Z.

9. NO. A/C TAKING OFF: 74 A/C AIRBOREN AT 262055Z TO 262145Z.
10. NO. -/C EARLY RETURNS: 12 A/C RETURNED EARLY OF WHICH 3 A/C BOMBE

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TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY AND 2 A/C BOMBED TARGET OF LAST  
RESORT.

11. NO. A/C LOST OR MISSING: 7 A/C MISSING.

5 A/C LOST OVER TARGET TO ENEMY ACTION.

2 A/C DITCHED ON WAY HOME TO BASE.

(THE REMAINDER IS FORTHCOMING IN FEW MINS)  
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10. NO. -/C EARLY RETURNS: 12 A/C RETURNED EARLY OF WHICH 3 A/C BOMBED

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TARGETS IF IOOXX OPPORTUNITY ETC.

THOSE OF WHICH TWO DOTS ABOVE ARE IWO JIMA

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12. BOMBING RESULTS: SECONDARY UNOBSERVED. LAST RESORT, HAMAMATSU,  
UNOBSERVED GOOD RESULTS AT KUSHIMOTO. TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY IWO

JIMA: 1 E/A DESTROYED AND 3 E/A DAMAGED ON GROUND.

13. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: KILLED: 0

WOUNDED: 9

MISSING: 78

INJURED IN CRASH: 9

14. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: 5 SQ - HEAVY, 2 SQ - MODERATE. 150 TO 200 E/A  
IN AIR, ATTACKS

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THOUGH SOME WERE COORDINATED.

15. ANT -AIRCRAFT FIRE: MODERATE TO INTENSE, ACCURATE TO INACCURATE.  
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16. FIGHTER SUPPORT, NONE.

17. WEATHER: PRIMARY 10/10 : 97\$. SECONDARY: 4/10 TO 8/10 ALTO CUMULUS

TOP 15,000 TO 2/10 CIRRUS TOPS 28,000 FT. WIND 120 KNOTS 281 DEGREES.

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OPPORTUNITY: IWO JIMA 0/10 TO 7/10 CLOUD, TO AND BACK FROM

TARGET: ONE FRONTAL ZONE ENCOUNTERED FROM 2630N - 28 DEGREES  
NORTH SOME SHOWERS IN FRONTAL ZONE.

(LAST 3 WORDS OF 1ST LINE THIS PGH SHLD RD ALTO CUMULUS TOP)

18. IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS: FREIGHTER AT 3955N - 13722E FIRED ON OUR AC

COURSE OF FREIGHTER 220 DEGREES SPEED 8-10 KNOTS. GUNS OBSERVED:

1-75 MM AND 3 40MM IN BOW AND 3 40MM AMID SHIP. NO DAMAGE TO

OUR A/C. LARGE FIRE OBSERVED ON PAGAN.

ESTIMATED CLAIMS: 30 DESTROYED, 10 PROBABLY DESTROYED, 31 DAMAGED.



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THOSE OTHER TWO SPOTS ABOVE ARE WIP ONE

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19. ESTIMATED CLAIMS: 30 DESTROYED, 10 PROBABLY DESTROYED, 31 DAMAGED.

20. OTHER INFORMATION: 2 A/C PRECEDED STRIKE FORMATION FOR PURPOSE OF

WEATHER OBSERVATIONS AND RECONNAISSANCE. REPORTED

IN WSM NOS. 145 AND 146.

1 AIRCRAFT SUSTAINED TWOCOLLISIONS WITH E/A BUT RETURNED TO BASE AND CRAB  
LANDED.

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Information for Briefing on XXI Bomber Command

Mission No. 24- 27 Jan 45 \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Mission Code Name "ENKINDLE 3" \_\_\_\_\_ (As of 2 - 27 Jan 45)  
Date

Targets: Primary - Musashino A/C Engine Plant, Tokyo  
Secondary - Port & Urban Areas, Tokyo  
Last Resort - \_\_\_\_\_

Take-off Times: 26205Z - 262145Z

Time Over Primary Target: 270522Z

Tactics: Visual & radar by squadron in column with minimum time interval between combat squadrons

Aircraft ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 62

Primary Target - 8 visually

Secondary Target - 52 radar

Other Targets - 2

Bomb Load: Mixed - 67% 500 lb GP's 0.10 sec nose & 0.025 sec tail fuse & 33% IB's

Losses: 1 possibly lost over PT, 3 possibly lost over ST

Target Weather: PT - 5/10 cloud, ST - 6/10 - 8/10 cloud

Fighter Opposition: PT - Moderate, ST - Heavy

Anti-Aircraft Encountered: PT - slight & accurate, ST slight to moderate & inaccurate to accurate

Results of Bombing: Unobserved

Remarks: This information is fragmentary and is subject to change so should not be used or presented as final.

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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
FN-23-7	<u>XXI BC</u> MISSION REPORT, 5-25, 27 January 1945 <u>#24</u>	5 March 1945

(TO: COMENAF 20 FROM: COMENBOMCOR 21 INFO: DEFCOMAF 20 POA)

1. Designation of unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
2. Time of take off: 262055Z -- 272145Z
3. Time of return: 271029Z -- 271334Z
4. No A/C taking off: 74
5. No A/C attacking primary target: 0
6. No A/C attacking secondary target: 59 (43 by Radar -- 16 visually)
7. No A/C attacking last resort target: 3
8. No A/C attacking targets of opportunity: 3
9. No A/C which failed to bomb target: 9 (mechanical)
10. No A/C lost to flak: 0
11. No A/C lost to E/A: 5
12. No A/C lost by accident: 1
13. No A/C lost by reasons unknown: 2
14. Time of attack:  
Primary target: 0  
Secondary: 270505Z -- 270558Z  
Last resort: (Hamamatsu) 270439Z -- 270450Z  
Last resort: (Kshimoto) unknown  
Target of opportunity: (Iwc Jima) 270508Z -- 270533Z
15. Altitude of attack:  
Secondary: 24,500 -- 26,500 ft. (1)

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Last resort: (Hamamatsu) 25,300 - 25,500 ft.  
Last resort: (Kushimoto) unknown  
Target of opportunity: (Iwo Jima) 14,400 - 20,000 ft.

16. Bombs on each target:  
Primary - 0  
Secondary - 460 X 500 GP 281 X 500 IB  
Last resort - 24 X 500 GP 12 X 500 IB  
Opportunity: 23 X 500 GP 8 X 500 IB
- A. Bomb loadings: 592 X 500 GP 298 X 500 IB  
B. Bombs unaccounted for: 8 X 500 GP 4 X 500 IB  
(One aircraft exploded before target)
17. No A/C jettisoning bombs: 10 - 57 X 100 GP 33 X 500 IB
18. No A/C bringing bombs back: 5 - 20 X 500 GP 10 X 500 IB
19. Personnel casualties: Killed: 0  
seriously wounded: 2  
slightly wounded: 17  
missing: 78
20. No E/A destroyed: 57  
Probably destroyed: 21  
Damaged: 41
21. Remarks:  
A. Fighter opposition:  
1. Approximately 1,050 attacks. 48th group first over target reported approximately 550 to 575. Attacks started at Landfall and continued as far as 60 miles past Lands end. Intensity starting in vicinity of IP and lasting past target.  
II. Approaches predominating level to high from ahead with aggressive attacks to extremely aggressive with fire generally more accurate than past missions. Tonys, Tojos, Zekes, Nicks and rvings, with Tonys predominating.

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III. Coordinated attacks in evidence with many indiscriminate "hopped up" pilots closing in without regard to other efforts. Third group over target tentatively reported 160 attacks which appeared to be well organized coordinated attacks by large groups.

IV. Majority of attacks were fly throughs. Pursuit curve efforts remained feeble unusual tactics included one fighter flying above on each side. One would feint in and when the turret was turned the other would close. Undulating fighters were felt at 6 o'clock who attempted to knock out tail gunner and close in without danger from other guns. This is believed to have been accomplished in one instance. Silver and Grey Tonys making high attacks out of cirrus clouds were very hard to detect.

V. Number three A/C in fourth flight of 497th at 25,500 ft. sustained 2 collisions. Fighter coming in from 11 o'clock above, hit top of number two nacelle stripping it and damaging flaps. Fighters wing destroyed aileron control and fluxgate compass. Almost immediately fighter from 6 o'clock above sheared off left stabilizer knocked out tail guns and destroyed rudder control. B-29 crash landed at Isley No. 2.

VI. Probably intended collisions involved B-29 leading third flight of 497th GP. Wing men went down due to fighters and he was near the above B-29. Tony from 5 o'clock above let down right wheel and came over number three engine. If left gear had been down it would have hit propeller. Tony from 12 o'clock rolled up on right wing and missed by about ten feet. Tony following at 2000 yds for 60 to 75 miles past landsend closed and rolled up on left wing going over left stabilizer and down between wing and stabilizer with scoop passing within inches of left blister. B-29 rolled on left wing and destroyed Tony with fire from upper turret. Attacks with air-to-air bombs were tentatively set at three.

B. Flak:

I. First encountered at landfall at Himizu and Hamamatsu on approach to IP. Moderate accurate to inaccurate with continuous pointed and barrage type.

II. From IP to target heavy merger to intense. Accurate to inaccurate continuously pointed and barrage types. Fire was accurate in altitude but inaccurate

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in lateral deviation. Most bursts were black with about 10 per cent white.

C. A/C lost or in distress:

One A/C exploded in mid air before IP under heavy E/A attack. One seen to bail out. One A/C developed gas leak due to E/A attacks and had to ditch (2607N -14455E). 1 A/C disappeared over target with fire coming out of bomb bay. 1 A/C under heavy E/A attack decended with one and four engines smoking. Believed to have ditched near Ochoi point. 1 A/C last seen on bomb run under heavy E/A attack. 2 A/C still lost for reasons unknown. One of these is known to have ditched half way back. Other was last seen over target.

D. A/C seriously damaged or crashed upon return: 1 A/C crashed on landing due to serious battle damage. A/C unrepairable.

E. A/C battle damage: 30 A/C

4	will be ready for combat within	1 day
2	" " " "	2 days
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1	" " " "	5 "
1	" " " "	6 "
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16	" " " "	23 "
3	indefinite days.	

F. Observations:

- (1) Two vessels, 1 possibly DD - 270816Z -3000N 13720E, 600 ft.
- (2) Number of red lights on north tip of Pagan Island at 270825Z from 17,500 ft.

G. Photo interpretation:

Photos with large amount of cloud cover from 3 squadrons show following (print ref - 3PR 4M4-2:48)

- (1) 8 hits visible along 4 RR 28,000 ft SW of target Jetum, 4 small fires between Sumda and ARA rivers at V4.7 H10.4, V6.6, H11.2, V6.7, H10.4, V7.3
- H9.4. Concentration of 60 hits visible east side of BDO river 1 mile south of 3 bridges near parade grounds. Concentration of 55 hits visible 2,600 ft south and slightly east of above concentration. 20 hits visible along water front

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FM-29-7

MISSION REPORT, S-24, 27 January 1945

5 March 1945

8 miles east of imperial palace.

H. Comments: 0

I. (1) 2 A/C (WSM 145-146) flew over the empire to report weather conditions for the main mission. Left Isley Field 262007Z and 26 (2008Z) flew at altitude of 33,000 over mainland. Carried no bomb load and no cameras had no E/A opposition and saw no flak. Decision was made to attack the Tokyo targets.

(2) 2A/C off immediately after first group and flea formation until target selection was given then remained at station as sea search A/C. 5300N - 13840E.

### (5) Weather Summary:

Base at take off: scattered clouds, ten scattered showers. Route to target: Broken cloud with 1 weak front crossed at 18 degrees N. A second band of increased cloud was met from 24 degrees N to 30 degrees causing near overcast and occasional light rain. In climbing through this overcast and through another higher layer light rime ice was ENC<sup>o</sup> entered in the second but formations were not disrupted.

Target: four to five tenths low cloud with seven tenths of patchy middle cloud above prevented visual sightings on the primary target for all but one squadron. Targets of opportunity nearby were bombed visually by a few aircraft most of the force bombed secondary by radar.

Return route: similar to outgoing route.

Base on return: scattered to broken low cloud with few light showers.

Remarks: the weather scout plane which preceded the main force by approximately 1-1/2 hours reported Nagoya as having 1 to tenths low cloud and Tokyo 2-3/10 both places had larger amounts of cloud than in nearby areas which appeared to be relatively static low cloud formations.

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Colonel Ankenbrandt

Telecon Message No. FN-30-2

SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT LOSS REPORT NO. 10 MISSION NO. ~~24~~  
(From: BOMCOM 21 To: COMGENAF 20 Info: DEPCOMGENAF 20 POA)

A. B-29 42-24616.  
B. Missing, no word. Heavy fighter attacks from the coast to target. Flames were seen coming out of bomb bay and aircraft was last seen making left turn out of formation of bomb run and apparently under control  
C. Over target.  
D. Unknown.

A. B-29 42-24619.  
B. Missing, no word. Heavy fighter attacks from the coast to target. Aircraft suffered hits from these fighters and was last seen over target.  
C. Over target.  
D. Unknown.

A. B-29 42-63423.  
B. Lost due to enemy action. Heavy fighter attacks from the coast to target. No. 1 engine caught on fire and aircraft lost altitude but was still under control and exploded over the target.  
D. Over target.  
D. Unknown.

A. B-29 42-63541.  
B. Ditched due to enemy action. Fuel systems shot up causing loss of fuel and was forced to ditch.  
C. 26 degrees 15 min N - 144 degrees 55 min E.  
D. Unknown.

A. B-29 42-65246.  
B. Crashed due to enemy action. One enemy fighter collided with aircraft damaging left wing and destroying one nacelle. Another enemy fighter collided with aircraft knocking out tail guns and damaging severely the right and left elevator and the horizontal stabilizer. Aircraft was destroyed on crash landing at Isley Field No. 1.  
C. Isley Field No. 1, Saipan, Marianas Islands.  
D. None lost.

A. B-29 42-63501.  
B. Aircraft was heavily attacked by fighters after leaving the target. No. 1 engine was shot out and aircraft was losing altitude as many fighters continued to attack. Last seen going into cloud near coast followed by fighters.  
C. Near coast of Honshu.  
D. Unknown.

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- A. B-29 42-24767.
- N. Ditched due to enemy action. Two engines, fuel system, and electrical system  
shot out and was forced to ditch from lack of fuel.
- C. 29 degrees 29 min N - 143 degrees 20 min E.
- D. Unknown.
- A. B-29 42-24769.
- B. Crashed due to enemy action. Enemy fighters heavily attacked aircraft near  
target and No. 4 engine began smoking immediately after bombs away. No. 1 engine  
also started smoking and aircraft was seen to go into half roll. It recovered from  
the roll but had lost altitude and was attacked by fifteen enemy fighters. Aircraft  
was seen to crash on land. There was no visible explosion or fire.
- C. Near target.
- D. Unknown.

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FROM: BOMCOM 21

*Mission 24  
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TO : COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM GEN AF 20 POA

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SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT LOSS REPORT NUMBER 10 MISSION NUMBER 24 *XXI B C*  
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A. B-29 42-24616 ✓

B. MISSING, NO WORD. HEAVY FIGHTER ATTACKS FROM THE COAST TO TARGET.

FLAMES WERE SEEN COMING OUT OF BOMB BAY AND AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN MAKING LEFT TURN OUT OF FORMATION ON BOMB RUN AND APPARENTLY UNDER

CONTROL.

C. OVER TARGET.

D. UNKNOWN

A. B-29 42-24619 ✓

B. MISSING, NO WORD. HEAVY FIGHTER ATTACKS FROM THE COAST TO TARGET. AIRCRAFT SUFFERED HITS FROM THESE FIGHTERS AND WAS LAST SEEN OVER

TARGET.

C. OVER TARGET.

D. UNKNOWN

A. B-29 42-63423 ✓

B. LOST DUE TO ENEMY ACTION. HEAVY FIGHTER ATTACKS FROM THE COAST TO TARGET. NUMBER ONE ENGINE CAUGHT ON FIRE AND AIRCRAFT LOST ALTITUDE BUT WAS STILL UNDER CONTROL AND EXPLODED OVER THE TARGET.

C. OVER TARGET..

D. UNKNOWN A. B-29 42-63541 ✓

*SHOT*

B. DITCHED DUE TO ENEMY ACTION. FUEL SYSTEMS ~~SHOT~~ UP CAUSING LOSS OF FUEL AND WAS FORCED TO DITCH.

C. 26 DEG 15 MIN NORTH 144 DEG 55 MIN EAST

D. UNKNOWN

A. B-29 42-65246 ✓

B. CRASHED DUE TO ENEMY ACTION. ONE ENEMY FIGHTER COLLIDED WITH AIRCRAFT DAMAGING LEFT WING AND DESTROYING ONE NACELLE. ANOTHER ENEMY FIGHTER COLLIDED WITH AIRCRAFT KNOCKING OUT TAIL GUNS AND DAMAGING SEVERELY THE RIGHT AND LEFT ELEVATOR AND THE HORIZONTAL STABILIZER. AIRCRAFT WAS DESTROYED ON CRASH LANDING AT ISLEY FIELD NUMBER ONE.

C. ISLEY FIELD NUMBER ONE, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS.



TARGET.  
C. OVER TARGET.

D. UNKNOWN

A. B-29 42-63423 ✓

B. LOST DUE TO ENEMY ACTION. HEAVY FIGHTER ATTACKS FROM THE COAST TO TARGET. NUMBER ONE ENGINE CAUGHT ON FIRE AND AIRCRAFT LOST ALTITUDE BUT WAS STILL UNDER CONTROL AND EXPLODED OVER THE TARGET.

C. OVER TARGET..

D. ~~UNKNOWN~~ ✓  
A. B-29 42-63541

B. DITCHED DUE TO ENEMY ACTION. FUEL SYSTEMS ~~SHOT~~ UP CAUSING LOSS OF FUEL AND WAS FORCED TO DITCH.

C. 26 DEG 15 MIN NORTH 144 DEG 55 MIN EAST

D. UNKNOWN

A. B-29 42-65246 ✓

B. CRASHED DUE TO ENEMY ACTION. ONE ENEMY FIGHTER COLLIDED WITH AIRCRAFT DAMAGING LEFT WING AND DESTROYING ONE NACELLE. ANOTHER ENEMY FIGHTER COLLIDED WITH AIRCRAFT KNOCKING OUT TAIL GUNS AND DAMAGING SEVERELY THE RIGHT AND LEFT ELEVATOR AND THE HORIZONTAL STABILIZER. AIRCRAFT WAS DESTROYED ON CRASH LANDING AT ISLEY FIELD NUMBER ONE.

C. ISLEY FIELD NUMBER ONE, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS.

D. NONE LOST.

A. B-29 42-63501 ✓

B. AIRCRAFT WAS HEAVILY ATTACKED BY FIGHTERS AFTER LEAVING THE TARGET. NUMBER ONE ENGINE WAS SHOT OUT AND AIRCRAFT WAS LOSING ALTITUDE AS MANY FIGHTERS CONTINUED TO ATTACK. LAST SEEN GOING INTO CLOUD NEAR COAST FOLLOWED BY FIGHTERS.

C. NEAR COAST OF HONSHU.

D. UNKNOWN

A. B-29 42-24767

B. DITCHED DUE TO ENEMY ACTION. TWO ENGINES, FUEL SYSTEM, AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEM SHOT OUT AND WAS FORCED TO DITCH FROM LACK OF FUEL.

C. 29 DEG 29 MIN NORTH 143 DEG 20 MIN EAST.

D. UNKNOWN.

A. B-29 42-24769

B. CRASHED DUE TO ENEMY ACTION. ENEMY FIGHTERS HEAVILY ATTACKED AIRCRAFT NEAR TARGET AND NUMBER FOUR ENGINE BEGAN SMOKING IMMEDIATELY AFTER BOMBS AWAY. NUMBER ONE ENGINE ALSO STARTED SMOKING AND AIRCRAFT WAS SEEN TO GO INTO HALF ROLL. IT RECOVERED FROM THE ROLL BUT HAD LOST ALTITUDE AND WAS ATTACKED BY FIFTEEN ENEMY FIGHTERS. AIRCRAFT WAS SEEN TO CRASH ON LAND. THERE WAS NO VISIBLE EXPLOSION OR FIRE.

C. NEAR TARGET.

D. UNKNOWN

TOD: 300228Z HM.  
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TOD: 302342Z WB  
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TELECON MSG FN-27-47 OPER PRTY (SECRET) WUQRTTZ

271453Z

FROM: COM GEN 21 BOM COM

**SECRET**

TO : COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COMAF 20

SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT ENKINDLE THREE, <sup>27</sup> JANUARY 1945.

1. GROUP	497	1198	ROI	499	500	TPP
2. AIRBORNE	19	21	WQ	21	13	QE
EM AIRCRAFT LANDING		19	QO	20	13	QE
HOME BASE.	15					
4. A/C LANDING AWAY						
FROM BASE.						
5. TIMES OF LANDING:						
FIRST A/C	271029Z	271051Z	WUQQPYZ	271106	271112Z	
LAST A/C	271334Z	271320Z		271250Z	271317Z	

6. MISSING: 4 R 2 W 1 Q

497TH GROUP 230531-EAST SEEN OVER TARGET 1  
 220531-LAST SEEN OVER TARGET 2  
 460531-DITCHED 3 **SECRET**  
 280531-EXPLODED OVER TARGET 4  
 498TH GROUP-20532-NO WORD 5  
 100532-DITCHED 6  
 499TH GROUP-270533-LOST OVER TARGET 7

THIS REPORT FRAGMENTARY MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

END.

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TOD: 271519Z JAW.

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QUOTE

OEELECON FN-27-39 SECRET OP 271327Z

FROM COM GEN BOM COM 21

TO COM GEN AF 20

INFO DEP COM AF 20

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SUBJECT : STATUS OF MISSION ENKINDLE THREE ,27 JAN 45 AS OF 271235Z

MESSAGE

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1. 55A/C LANDED HOME BASE (INCLUDING 13 EARLY RETURNS)
2. 1 A/C DESTROYED ON CRASH LANDING DUE TO TAIL ASSEMBLY DAMAGE FROM ENEMY ACTION ( INCLUDED IN PAR 1 )
3. 2 A/C DITCHED ( AIR SEA RESCUE ALERTED )
4. 16 A/C STILL AIRBORNE
5. 3 A/C IN TROUBLE (INCLUDED IN PAR4)
6. 1 Q A/C REPORTED EXPLODING OVER TARGET

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WILL RUSH FURTHER REPORTS AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. ABOVE REPORT IS FRAGMENTARY AND NOT FOR RECORD PURPOSES.

~~GEN 2 FROM LAST LINE~~

WILL RUSH FURTHER REPORTS ASSXXX AS SOON AS

TOD 261

UQERUZ TAS.

UNQUOTE

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TD 271518Z HS

RECD FN-27-39 WUOTQIZ WCR

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Communique #51		K-27-7	280445Z		AM
add	51 to XNBC	G-27-17	280115Z		MA
add "	51 to XX/BC	H-29-1	291952Z		MB

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 RELEASES



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CONFERENCE 01291952Z

PRESENT: CAPT G G OPPENHEIM

SUBJECT: SPECIAL CONFERENCE

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TLELECON MSG NO. H-29-1 (RESTRICTED) JAN 29 1954Z  
SUBJECT ADD COMMUNIQUE NUMBER 51.  
TO COMGENBOMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOMAF 20 POA FROM COMAF 20

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WILL BE RELEASED HERE AT 291900Z  
QUOTE COMPLETE REPORTS ON THE XXI BOMBER COMMAND'S JANUARY 27  
MISSION TO TOKYO SHOW THAT BAKER TWO NINE GUNNERS DESTROYED OR  
DAMAGED ONE ONE NINE EMXXRPT ENEMY FIGHTERS IN AN AERIAL BATTLE  
LASTING MORE THAN AN HOUR, GENERAL OF THE ARMY, H. H. ARNOLD,  
COMMANDING GNXXRPT GENERAL OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE, ANNOUNCED  
AT WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS TODAY. EMPLOYING PRACTICALLY ALL TYPES  
OF JAPANESE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT, THE ENEMY MADE A STRONG EFFORT TO  
DIVERT THE SUBSTANTIAL FORCE OF BAKER TWO NINES FROM THEIR  
OBJECTIVE. PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW, HOWEVER, THAT THE SUPERFORTRESSES  
BOMBED THEIR TARGETS IN THE TOKYO AREA WITH GOOD RESULTS. THE  
CLAIMS OF FIVE SEVEN DESTROYED, TWO ONE POXXRPT PROBABLY DESTROYED  
AND FOUR ONE DAMAGED REPRESENTS THE LARGEST NUMBER OF JAPANESE  
AIRCRAFT EFFECTIVELY HIT BY GUNNERS IN A SIGNXXRPT SINGLE TWENTIETH  
AIR FORCE MISSION. THESE FIGURES, ESTABLISHED AFTER CAREFUL  
SCREENING OF ALL CREWS PARTICIPATING IN THE ATTACK, SUPERCEDE THE  
PRELIMINARY REPORT OF SEVEN FIVE ENEMY FIGHTERS DESTROYED OR  
DAMAGED. OUR LOSSES ON THIS MISSION REMAIN AS ORIGINALYXXRPT  
ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED: FIVE BAKER TWO NINES MISSING UNQUOTE.

(TO MCKELWAY INFO HARTWEL FROM REES)

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SUBJECT: ADD COMMUNIQUE NUMBER 51.

TO : COMGENBOMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOMAF 20 FROM: COMAF 20

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WILL BE RELEASED HERE 28029//40RPT  
280200Z.

QUOTE ADDITIONAL REPORTS FROM TWENTIETH AIR FORCE SUPERFORTRESSES  
ON THE DAYLIGHT

MISSION AGAINST THE TOKYO INDUSTRIAL AREA, 27 JANUARY 45 (JAPANESE  
CALENDAR) REVELRPT REVEAL THAT THE XXI BOMBER COMMAND B-29 CREWS,  
FENDING OFF HEAVY ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION ON THE WAY TO THE TARGET,  
TURNED IN CLAIMS FOR SEVENTNAXXRPT SEVENTY-FIVE JAPANESE  
PLANES. THIS IS THE LARGEST NUMBER OF ENEMY PLANES TO BE DESTROYED  
OR DAMAGED IN A SINGLE MISSION BY THE SPERFORTRESSES, GENERAL OF THE  
ARMY H. H. ARNOLD, COMMEXXRPT COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE TWENTIETH AIR  
FORCE ANNOUNCED AT THE WAR DEPARTMENT.

OF THE ENEMY FIGHTERS CLAIMED BY THE B-29 CREWS, 31 WERE  
DESTROYED, 10 PROBABLY DESTROYED AND 34 OTHERS DAMAGED. BOMBING  
THROUGH BROKEN CLOUDS WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITH GENERALL Y RPT GENERALLY  
GOOD RESULTS. IN THIS OPERATION FIVE OF OUR B-19'S ARE REPORTED AS  
MISSING. UNQUOTE.

...END...

TOD: 01280115Z WCR

ROGERS G-27-17 01280115Z JF

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(((NO DTG)))



TELECON MSG #27-7 280238Z RESTRICTED

SUBJECT: ADD COMMUNIQUE NUMBER 51

TO COMGENBOMCOM 20 FROM COMAF 20

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WILL BE RELEASED HERE 280200Z.

QUOTE ADDITIONAL REPORTS FROM TWENTIETH AIR FORCE SUPERFORTRESSES ON

THE DAYLIGHT MISSION AGAINST THE TOKYO INDUSTRIAL AREA, 27 JANUARY 45

(JAPANESE CALENDAR) REVEAL THAT THE XXI BOMBER COMMAND B-29 CREWS,

FENDING OFF HEAVY ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION ON THE WAY TO THE TARGET,

TURNED IN CLAIMS FOR SEVENTY-FIVE JAPANESE PLANES. THIS IS THE LARGEST

NUMBER OF ENEMY PLANES TO BE DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN A SINGLE MISSION

BY THE SUPERFORTRESSES, GENERAL OF THE ARMY H. H. ARNOLD, COMMANDING

GENERAL OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE ANNOUNCED AT THE WAR DEPARTMENT.

OF THE ENEMY FIGHTERS CLAIMED BY THE B-29 CREWS, 31 WERE DESTROYED

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CLOUDS WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITH GENERALLY GOOD RESULTS. IN THIS OPERA-

TION FIVE OF OUR B-29'S ARE REPORTED AS MISSING. UNQUOTE.

END

TOD: 280445Z WCR

CORR: 8TH LINE GENERAL OF THE ARMY H.H. ARNOLD// ARNOLD, AND ETC

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PRESENT :

CAPT I. ISAACS

SUBJECT : SPECIAL CONFERENCE

PLS GIVE US HEADING

TELECON MSG NO. G-27-1

SUBJECT COMMUNIQUE NO. 51

TO COMGENBOMCOM 21

INFO DEPCOMAF 20

FROM COMAF 20

(RESTRICTED)

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WILL BE RELEASED HERE 272030Z:

QUOTE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE SUPERFORTRESSES CARRIED OUT TWO SEPARATE ATTACKS AGAINST THE JAPANESE TODAY (27 JANUARY 45, JAPANESE CALENDAR). THE XXI BOMBER COMMAND FROM BASES IN THE MARIANAS BOMBED INDUSTRIAL TARGETS IN THE TOKYO AREA WHILE THE XX BOMBER COMMAND FROM INDIA BASES ATTACKED MILITARY AND NAVAL INSTALLATIONS AT SAIGON, INDO-CHINA, GENERAL OF THE ARMY H. H. ARNOLD, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE ANNOUNCED AT THE WAR DEPARTMENT.

MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY'S B-29'S IN SUBSTANTIAL FORCE BOMBED THE TOKYO INDUSTRIAL AREA IN AN AFTERNOON ATTACK. ALTHOUGH VISUAL BOMBING WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY SOME ELEMENTS, OTHERS WERE FORCED TO USE INSTRUMENT METHODS DUE TO PARTIAL CLOUD COVER.

MODERATE TO HEAVY FIGHTER OPPOSITION WAS ENCOUNTERED BY THE SUPERFORTRESSES AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE WAS REPORTED AS MODERATE. INCOMPLETE PRELIMINARY REPORTS DO NOT REVEAL AIRCRAFT CLAIMS OR LOSSES. ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE RELEASED AS SOON AS THE INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.

BRIGADIER GENERAL ROGER M. RAMEY'S SUPERFORTRESSES OF THE XX BOMBER COMMAND STRUCK IN MEDIUM FORCE AT THE JAPANESE SAIGON INSTALLATIONS IN A DAYLIGHT ATTACKS AND GOOD RESULTS WERE REPORTED FROM THE INSTRUMENT BOMBING. NO ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION OR ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE WAS ENCOUNTERED AND ALL OF THE B-29'S ON THIS MISSION RETURNED SAFELY TO THEIR BASES IN INDIA. UNQUOTE  
(TO MCKELWAY INFO HARTWELL FROM REES)

... END .....

TOD : 01272037Z

PLS GIVE US FIRST WORD OF SEVENTH LINE

NAVAL INSTALLATIONS AT SAIGON, INDO-CHINA GENERAL OF THE ARMY H. H. ARNOLD COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE ANN

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SUBJECT: PRESS FLAS

TO COMGENBOMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOMAF 20  
FROM COMAF 20

FOLLOWING PRESS FLASH RELEASING 270830Z: MARIANAS-BASED SUPERFORTRESSES OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE BOMBED INDUSTRIAL TARGETS ON THE JAPANESE NOME LAND RPT HOMELAND ISLAND OF HONSHU TODAY (JANUARY 27, JAPANESE CALENDAR) GENERAL OF THE ARMY H.H. ARNOLD, IN HIS CAPACITY AS COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE, ANNOUNCED AT WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS. CREWS OF MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND WERE OVER THEIR TARGET IN DAYLIGHT. MISSION RESULTS WIL RPT WILL BE ANOUNCED AT 20TH AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS WHEN OPERATIONAL REPORTS ARE RECEIVED FROM GUAM. ( TO MCKELWAY INFO HARTWEL L RPT HARTWELL FROM REES )

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VD-5 PHOTOS IWO JIMA STARLIT ONE, 24 JAN 1945 *Mission 24*

*Photos* *XXI BC*

(From: COMBENBOMCOM 21 To: COMAF 20 Info: DEPCOMAF 20 P0A)

VD-5 photos Iwo Jima 240249Z airfield one NE-SE southern 3800 feet inoperative NE-SE inoperative NS southern 2800 feet inoperative. Airfield two both runways operative. Aircraft operative 6 SE fighters 7 SE bombers 1 SE recco. Two new DP 105.5-503.4. 1 new DP 103.8-505.9. 170 foot FTD anchored off east boat basin.

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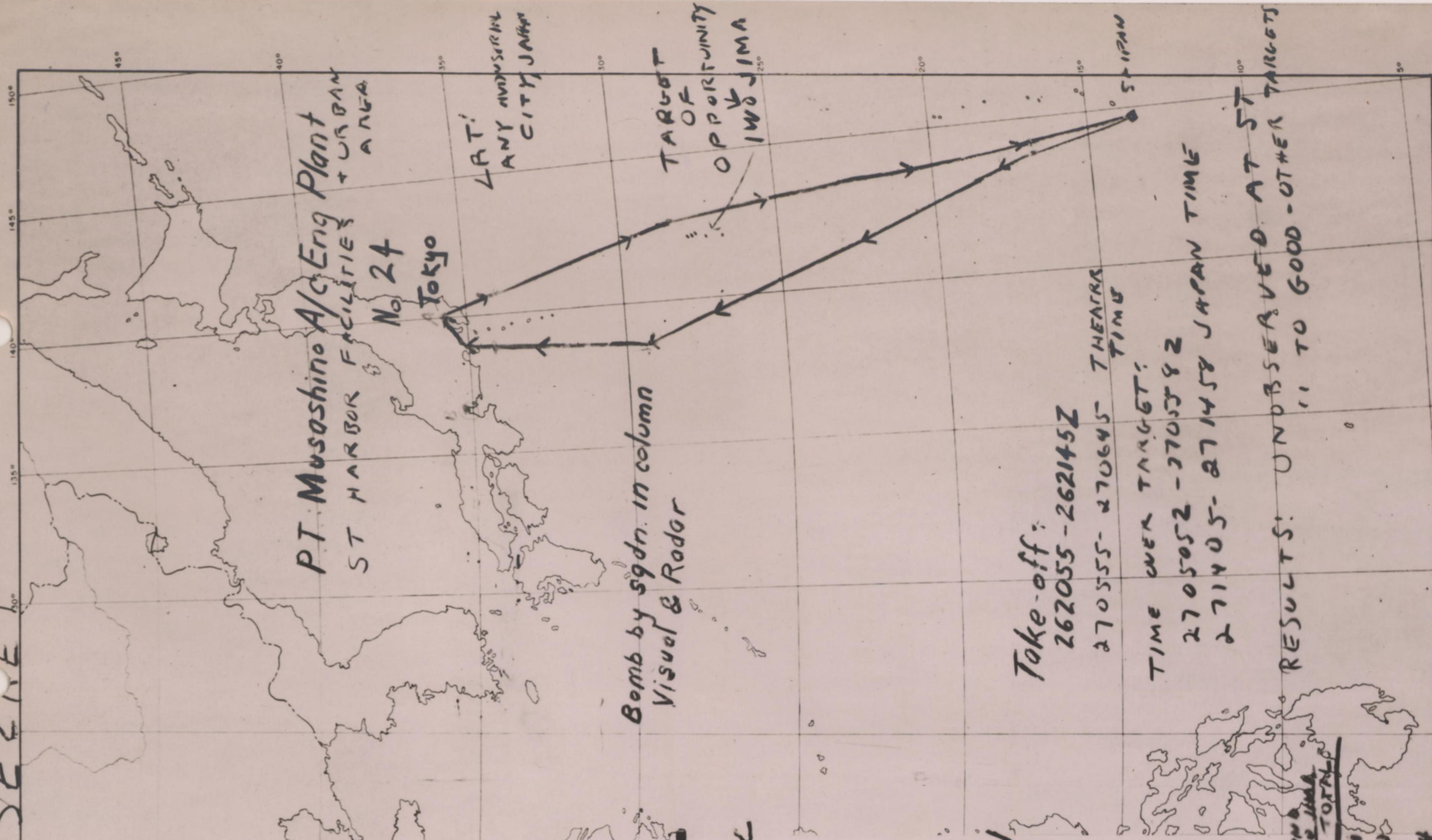
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"ENKINDLE 3" XXI BC

27 JAN 1945

MISSION No 24

IB LOAD 67% 500lb GP 3 TONS PER NC  
33% 1B 201 BOMB TONS DRUMMED

SS WT.

BORNE 74

EARLY RET. 7

AL BOMBING 67

PRIMARY 0

OTHERS { SECONDARY 61

UNREPORTED 6

SES 7

ENEMY ACTION 5

OPERATIONAL 2

MISSING 2

AIMS

DESTROYED 30

PROBABLE DEST. 10

DAMAGED 31

5 SOS-HEAV, 2 SGT-MODERATE.

150-200 E/R IN AIA. ATTACKS AGGRESSIVE + MOSTLY INDIVIDUAL.

- MODERATE TO INTENSE. ACC TO INACCURATE

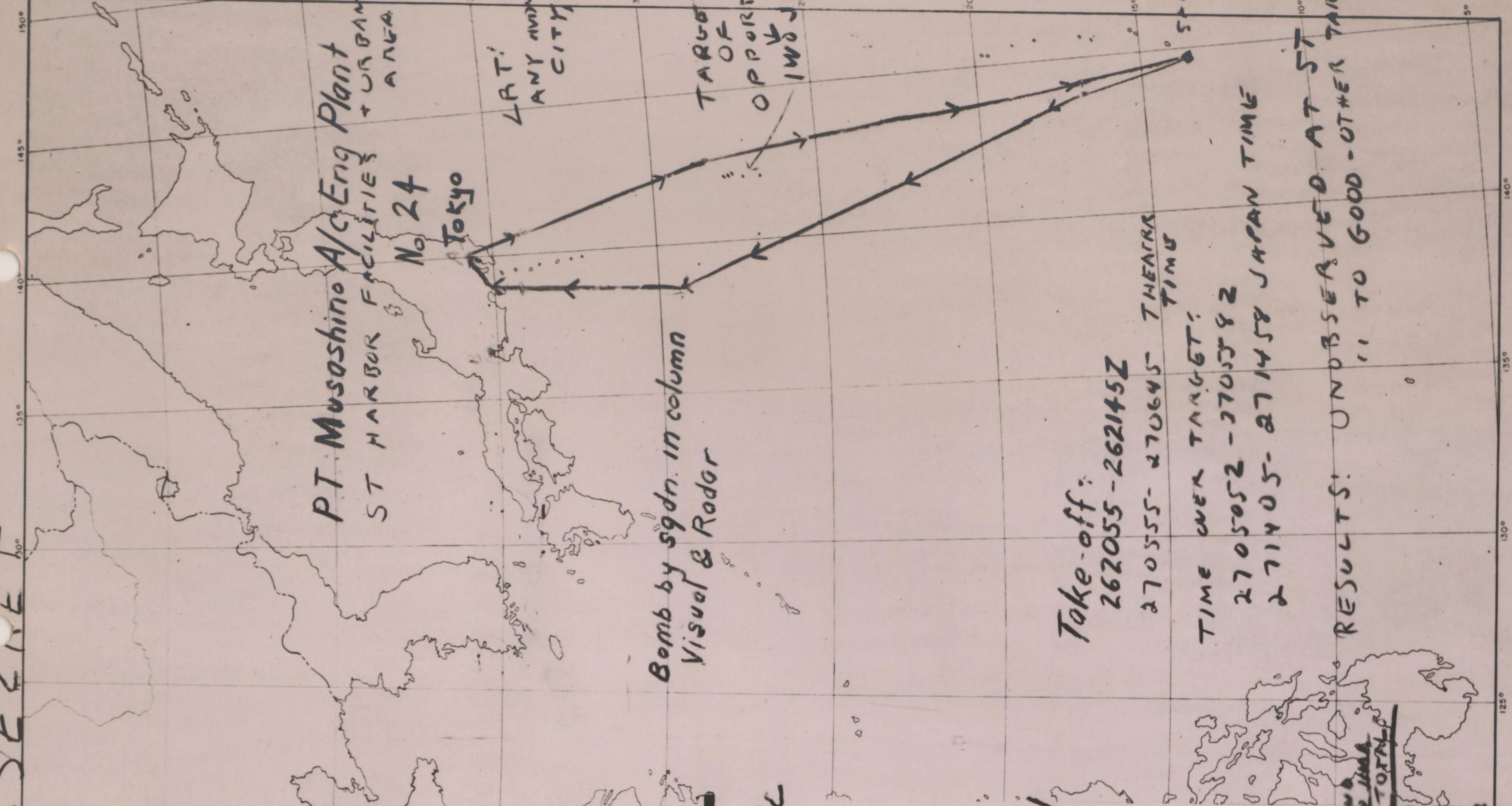
OVERST ONGROUND IN AIR AT IWOJIMA TOTAL 31 10 34

TARGET INFORMATION SECTION SEPTEMBER 1944

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"ENKINDLE 3" ~~XXI~~ BC

27 JAN 1945

MISSION No 24

POMB LOAD 67% 500lb GP 3 TONS PER NC  
GAS 33% 1B 201 BOMB TONS DRUMMED

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TOTAL BOMBING

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DESTROYED

PROBABLE DEST.

DAMAGED

E/A - 5 SCS-HEAV, 2 SCS - MODERATE.  
150-200 E/A IN AIR. ATTACKS  
AGGRESSIVE - MOSTLY INDIVIDUAL.

FLAK - MODERATE TO INTENSE. ACC TO INACCURATE

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0 60 Visual

61 61 Radar

6 61 Radar

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5

2 DITCHED

OVERST  
IN AIR

30

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ON GROUND  
AT 1450 HRS

1 30

10 10

34 34

TOTAL

Take-off:

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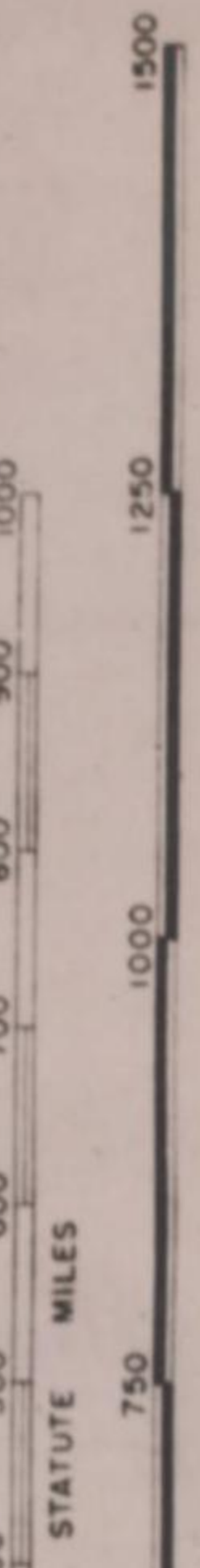
270555-270645Z THEATRE TIME

TIME OVER TARGET:

270505Z - 270542Z

271405Z - 271458 JAPAN TIME

RESULTS: UNOBSERVED AT 5700 FT TO GOOD - OTHER TARGETS



TARGET INFORMATION SECTION  
SEPTEMBER 1944

CLEAR BASE MAP