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Mission No. 177 STARVATION 12
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MISSION NO. 177 STARVATION 12
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Brief of Mining Mission	Telecon	FN-17-6		170641Z	NF

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TELECON MSG FN-17-6 OP TOP SECRET 170641Z

FROM: LEMAY COMGENBOMCOM 21
TO: COMAF 20
INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (IOA)
GR 132
SUBJEVT: BRIEF OF MINING MISSION STARVATION 12

~~TOP~~ SECRET

34 A/C OF THE 313 BOMWG ARE SVHEDULED TO LAY 216 MINES IN IMLAND SEA AND NORTH HONSHU VOAST ON 15-16 MAY. A/C WILL MINE AS FOLLOWS:

A. 22 A/C 132 MINES IN FIELD L EAST APPROACH TO SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS

ROUTE: BASE TO IAO, 3230N 13230E, 325630M 1314930E, 335610N 1314210E (IP), TARGET, 3239N 13147E, IAO TO BASE.

B. 12 A/C 84 MINES IN FIELD Z TSURUGA BAY

ROUTE: BASE TO IAO, 3414N 13630E, 350730N 1344539E, 316N 13533E, 3531N 13543E (IP), TARGET, 3540N 13618E, 3407N 13618E, IAO TO BASE.

TIME OF TAKE OFF: 187300K.0 ESTIMATED TIME OVER TARGET 190130K. ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL AT BASE 190830K.

METHOD OF ATTACK: RADAR LAYING BY SINGLE PLANES AT NIGHT.

ALTITUDE OF ATTACK: 6000-6500 FEET.

AIR SEA RESCUE FACILITIES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED.

END

TOD... 170730Z IK

ROGER WCR

MIN PLS

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By Authority of C. G. AAF, by Ray G. Baker
Ray G. Baker, Capt. A. C.

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1st Take off Report	Telecon	FN-18-9		180816Z	NO
Take off Report	"	FN-18-12		181033Z	NO

TAKE OFF REPORTS

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-18-12 OP SECRET 181003Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA) BOMWG 314 BOMWG 73 BOMWG 58

GR-36

SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR MISSION NO. 177 TARGET INLAND SEA AND NORTH COAST HONSHU FLOWN 18 MAY 1945.

1. UNITS: 313TH

2. A/C SCHEDULED: 34

3. A/C AIRBORNE: 34

4. 1ST A/C OFF: 180800Z

5. LAST A/C OFF: 180841Z

6. REMARKS: NONE

..END..

TOD: 181046Z IK

ROGER WCR

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ACTION:	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S TM&E	DC/S P&A	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4		
	A-5 Plans	Air Insp	PRO	Comm.	Op Anal	Stat Con	Anti-Acft	FSO			
	A.C.	Surg									
INFORMATION:	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S TM&E	DC/S P&A	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4		
	A-5 Plans	Air Insp	PRO	Comm.	Op Anal	Stat Con	Anti-Acft	FSO			
	A.C.	Surg									

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-18[illegible] OP [illegible] SECRET 1808[illegible]Z

FROM: LEMAY COMGENBOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SECRET

SUBJECT: FIRST TAKE OFF ON MINING MISSION NO. 12.

1. FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT 180800Z.

BASEU AT TAKE OFF: SCATTERED LOW AND MIDDLE CLOUDS.

ROUTE: SCATTERED LOW AND MIDDLE CLOUD TO 23 DEG NORTH WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS FROM 20 DEG NORTH. FROM 23 DEG NORTH TO 27 DEG NORTH THERE WILL BE OVERCAST LOW, MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUDS WITH MODERATE RAIN. FROM 27 TO 28 DEG NORTH THERE WILL BE BRGKEN LOW AND MIDDLE CLOUDS WITH SCATTERED HIGH CLOUDS. TO 34 DEG NORTH THERE WILL BE SCATTERED LOW AND HIGH CLOUDS.

TARGETS: 34 DEG NORTH 131 DEG EAST: 3/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 2500 FEET, TOP 4000 FEET, 1/10 HIGH CLOUD AT 30,000 FEET; VISIBILITY 10 MILES IN HAZE. 36 DEG NORTH 136 DEG EAST: 5/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 2000 FEET TOP 6000 FEET; VISIBILITY 8 MILES IN HAZE.

BASES ON RETURN: 4/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 1600 FEET, TOP 6000 FEET; VISIBILITY 15 MILES.

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TOD: 180850Z DM

ROGER 180850Z WCR

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	A-5 Plans	Air Insp	PRO	Comm.	Op Anal	Stat Con	Anti-Acft	FSO		
	A.C.	Surg								
INFORMATION:	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S TM&E	DC/S P&A	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	
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RETURN RPTS

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-19-5 OPERZTIONAL PRIORIRTY-SECRET 190225Z

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FROM: BOMCOM XXI

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TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

GR40

SUBJECT: LANDIMG REPORTORRMISSION 177, TARGET JAPANESE HOME WATERS, FLOWN 18 MAY 1945.

1. WING: 313

2. LANDED HOMA
HOME BASE: 33

3. LANDED AWAT
AWAY FROM BASE: 1 (IWO JIMA)

4. FIRST A/C: 182214Z

5. LAST A/C: 190101Z

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6. MISSING: NONE

7. EARLY RETURNS: 4

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ROGER TEL MSG FN-19-5 180240Z WCR..

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Summary	Report			19 May	Ht
Mission Report	Sellecon	FN-19-11		19 May	Ht

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DC/S OPR.	
AG	

TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
FN-19-11	Mission Report for Mission No. 177, Flown 18 May 1945.	19 May 1945.

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

1. Designation of Unit: 313th Wing
2. Time of Take-Off: 180600Z - 180841Z
3. Time of Return: 182210Z - 190101Z
4. Number A/C over primary minefield:
   M/F Love: 18 A/C laid 108 MK 25. Includes 1 A/C landed Iwo Jima and not yet returned to base, and assumed to have mined primary field.
   M/F Zebra: 12 A/C laid 84 MK 25.
5. Number A/C over alternate minefield: None
6. Number and location of mines jettisoned by A/C: 4 A/C jettisoned 24 MK as follows: At 1545N-1460330E 1 M31-G8, 1 Q41-A8, 1 N41-B8, 1 Q21-A8, 1 11-B8, 1 Q31-A8. At 151930N-14606 1 M31-B8,1 N41-B8, 1 M31-M8, 1 Q31-A8, 1 V11-B8, 1 Q41-A8. At 2216N-14246E 5 V11-B8. At 2503N-14045E 1 X51-B8, 1 N41-B8, 1 V11-B8, 1 M11-I8, 1 X71-B8, 1 D11-B8.
7. Number A/C returning mines to base: None
8. Number mines unaccounted for and reason: None
9. Number A/C lost: None
10. Time of attack: Love 181552Z-181648Z. Zebra 181606Z-181709Z.
11. Altitude over target: Love: 5808-6500 feet. Zebra: 6280-6700 feet.
12. True air speed at mine release: Love: 214-235 Kts. Zebra: 210-226 Kts
13. Length of mine run: Love: 5 min 30 sec.- 10 min. Zebra: 3 min 30 sec - 8 min.
14. Wind reported over target: Love: 280 deg at 25 kts. Zebra: 300 deg at 24 kts.
15. Clouds and visibility: Love: 7/10-10 miles, Zebra 0/10-10 miles.
16. Personnel casualties: None
17. Enemy air Opposition: Love: 4 U/I A/C in vicinity of mine field. No attacks. Zebra: 3 U/I A/C in vicinity of mine field. Made 1 coordinated attack. Each launched rocket projectile.
18. AA: Love: Meager, inaccurate reported by 2 A/C. Zebra: Meager, inaccurate reported by all A/C mining.
19. Enemy RCM noted and effect: None
20. Observations: 10 ships at 3400N-13135E; Large, undetermined number of ships by radar in Osaka Harbor. 3 ships SW of Nagashima; 3 ships in Biwa Lake, 5 ships in Tsuruga Bay; 3 large ships at Maizuru; 1 ship lit with 3 Red Crosses in Tsuruga Bay and also had green and white lights. 1 A/C reported Ball of Fire

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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
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TO:	INFO:	FROM:

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followed for 10 minutes, never was nearer than 800 yards and flickered several times.

21. Number mines airborne: 216 MK 25

22. Number and types of mines laid in minefields:

TYPE	LOVE	ZEBRA
D-11-B8	3	None
D-12-B8	2	None
D13-B8	2	None
M11-I8	2	8
M11-M8	2	8
M13-G8	2	8
M13-K8	1	8
M31-B8	6	23
M31-G8	4	10
M31-K8	4	9
M31-M8	2	10
N41-B8	12	None
N41-I8	6	None
Q21-A8	7	None
Q31-A8	7	None
Q41-A8	5	None
V11-B8	29	None
X11-B8	3	None
X51-B8	6	None
X71-B8	3	None
	108	84

23. Minefield Love was remined to maintain the recent high rate of damage to shipping and to insure continued blockage. A strong minefield Zebra was established at the important diversionary port of Tsuruga Harbor on the north Honshu Coast. Closure of both areas for several days will be achieved, followed by probable losses of six to ten ships. Please pass this information to CNO Washington.

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	ACTION	DC/S Opr (4)
	INFORMATION	C/S; DC/S TM&E; DC/S P&A; Gen Hodges (2); Gen Bissell; Gen Wilson; Gen Vorstad; Capt Stroop; Stat Control

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SUMMARY

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19 May 1945

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. ~~177~~ - ~~19 May 1945~~ Date.

MINING OPERATION

Targets Bombed: Total A/C ~~Bombing~~ Mining: ~~30 a/c~~

~~Inland Sea - 12 a/c~~

~~Shimonoseki Straits - 18 a/c~~

Time Over Target: ~~190052 - 190209~~ Theater Time

~~Bomb~~ Mine Load: ~~6 tons per a/c~~

Results: ~~xxxxxxx~~

Tactics: ~~Radar laying by single a/c at night between 5800 to 6700 ft.~~

A/C Lost or Missing: ~~None~~

Weather: ~~Inland Sea - CAVU~~
Straits - 7/10 clouds - 10 miles visibility.

Fighter Opposition: ~~Straits - 4 U/I a/c in vicinity of mine field - no attacks.~~
Inland Sea - 3 U/I in vicinity - made one coordinated attack.
Each a/c launched rocket projectile.

Flak: ~~Inland Sea and Straits - Meager - inaccurate.~~

Claims: ~~None~~

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Observations:

10 ships at 34/00 N - 132/03 E.
2 ships at 33/57 N - 131/23 E
5 ships at 33/45 N - 131/35 E.
Large, undetermined number of ships by radar in Osaka Harbor.
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Fighter Support:

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