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Mission #57 Tachikawa MODELLER 1
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TELECON MESSAGE FN-03-6 OP OP ~~TOP~~ SECRET 030759Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO TO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: BRIEF OF MODELLER NO. 1, FURIOUS NO. 1 AND UPCAST NO. 1;

JOINT WING OPERATION.

A. MODELLER NO. 1: APPROX 120 B-29'S OF 73RD BOMB WING SCHEDULED TO ATTACK MODELLER NO. 1 ON NIGHT OF 3/4 APRIL. ROUTE: SAIPAN TO NISHINO SHIMA TO 3136N - 13857E TO 3432N - 1391630E TO 351845N - 1392215E (IP) TO TARGET TO 3436N - 13903E TO 3130N - 13835E TO IWO JIMA TO SAIPAN. ALTITUDE ENROUTE OUT: 5000 TO 5500 FEET OR 500 FEET ON TOP. ALTITUDE AND AXIS OF ATTACK: 6000 TO 6800 FEET ON 7 DEGREES TRUE. MPI IS 088042 ON XXI BOMCOM LITHO-MOSIAC 90.17-2009. TIME OVER TARGET 031835Z, TIME OF TAKE OFF 031115Z, TIME OF RETURN 040120Z. BOMB LOADING: EACH A/C WILL CARRY 2 ANM-26 FLARES USED TO IGNITE AT 2000 FEET AND LOADED TO DROP AFTER THE 34 X 500 LB GP'S FUSED 1/100 NOSE, NON-DELAY TAIL. THE 73RD WING WILL ATTEMPT TO SIGHT BY MOONLIGHT ILLUMINATION; HOWEVER, IF THIS IS IMPRACTICAL, FLARE ILLUMINATION WILL BE UTILIZED BY DROPPING THEM AT 1 SEC INTERVALS AFTER BOMBS AWAY.

Classification Changed to
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C. G. AAF, by Ray G. Baker
Ray G. Baker, Capt. A. C.

030924Z

ORIGINATOR OF MESSAGE

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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
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First Take-off	Telecon	FN-03-21		031344Z	M
Take-Off Report	Telecon	FN-03-24		031330Z	M

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-03-24 OP OP SECRET 031305Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20 INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT& TAKE OFF REPORT FOR MODELLER ONE, MISSION 57, 3 APRIL 45.

1. WING: 73RD

2. A/C SCHEDULED: 115

3. A/C AIRBORNE: 113

4. FIRST A/C: 031108Z

5. LAST A/C : 031235Z

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TOD:031330Z WCR

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ROGER FN-03-24 1330Z WCR

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-Ø3-21 OP OP SECRET Ø311592

FROM: XXI BOM COM

TO : COM AF 2Ø

INFO: DEP COM AF 2Ø (POA)

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GR.12Ø.

SUBJECT: FIRST TAKE OFF FOR MODELLER ONE.

1. FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT Ø311Ø8Z.

BASES AT TAKEOFF: 6/1Ø LOW CLOUD WITH INFREQUENT LIGHT TO MODERATE SHOWERS. ROUTE TO TARGET: VARIABLE 5 TO 9/1Ø LOW CLOUD WITH SHOWERS, LIGHT TO MODERATE TURBULENCE AND TOPS OF 1/2 OF CLOUD TO 14,ØØØ FT. IN ZONE FROM 22 TO 27 DEG N. OTHERWISE TOPS NEAR 6ØØØ FT.

MIDDLE CLOUD THIN AND WELL BROKEN EXCEPT IN SHOWER ZONE WHERE LAYERED FROM 1Ø,ØØØ FEET TO 2Ø,ØØØ FT. THINNING TO SMALL AMOUNTS NORTH OF 33 DEG. N.

TARGETS: 2/1Ø LOW CLOUD, NO MIDDLE CLOUD, 7/1Ø HIGH CLOUD VISIBILITY 8 MILES IN LIGHT HAZE. BASES ON RETURN: RVEL 6/1Ø LOW CLOUD WITH SCATTERED MIDDLE CLOUD, NO SHOWERS.
END.

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TOD:Ø313
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READS: BASES ON RETURN: 4 TO 6/1Ø LOW CLOUD WITH
TOD:Ø3134ØZ

ROGER FN-Ø3-21 Ø3134ØZ WCR

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First Bombs away	Telecon	FN-03-28		031949Z	RS
Consolidated Bombs Away	Telecon	FN-03-30		032010Z	RS
Return Report	Telecon	FN-04-6		040422Z	RS

BOMB STRIKE
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TELECON MESSAGE FN-04-6 (SECRET) 040347Z (OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY)

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20

INFO: DEPCOMAF20(POA)

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(GR40)

SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT FOR MODELLER ONE, MISSION 57, 3 APRIL 1945.

XXI BOMBER COMMAND

1. WING: 73
2. AIRBORNE: 113
3. LANDED HOME BASE: 106
4. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE: 6
5. FIRST A/C: 032336Z
   LAST A/C: 040232Z
6. EARLY RETURNS: 4
7. MISSING: A/C NO. SERIAL NO. REASON
   500TH GP: 31V609 UNKNOWN UNKNOWN

5 A/C LANDING AWAY FROM BASE LANDED AT IWO

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TOD:-040404527 FER

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ROGER TELECON MESSAGE FN-04-6 040404527 WCP

ORIGINATOR OF MESSAGE _____

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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	
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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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~~AND CONSOLIDATED RPT SHOULD BE READY IN TWO OR THREE MINS. K~~

TELECON MESSAGE FN-03-30 OP SECRET 031959Z
FROM: BOMCOM XXI
TO : COMAF 20
INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)
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SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY FOR MODELLE K ONE, MISSION 57, 3 APR 45

1. 9 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY.
2. 5 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY BY RADAR WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.
3. 5 A/C BOMBED SECONDARY BY RADAR WITH UNOBSERVED TO GOOD RESULTS.
4. 4 A/C RETURNED EARLY.
5. WEATHER: 8-10/.0. E/A OPPOSITION: NONE. FLAK: MEAGER.

NOTE: ONLY ONE AIRCRAFT PER SQUADRON REPORTING BOMBS AWAY. THIS REPORT FRAGMENTARY AND SUBJECT TO CORRECTION. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW UPON RECEIPT.

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TOD 032010Z DM

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-03-28 OP SECRET 031853Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SECRET

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SUBJECT: FIRST BOMBS AWAY REPORT ON MODELLER ONE.

FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET BY RADAR THROUGH 10/10 CLOUDS WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS AT 031803Z. NO FIGHTER OPPOSITION WITH MEAGER FLAK.

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TOD 031949Z DM

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Preliminary Mission Report	FN-04-11		0409422		[illegible]
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4 Apr 45 GGD
Date Initials

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Washington, D. C.

PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 57 - 4 APRIL 1945

"MODELLER 1"

Targets: Primary - Tachikawa A/C Co., Honshu, Japan
Secondary - Industrial Area, Kawasaki

Take-off: 030708 - 030835 Washington; (031108Z - 031235Z)

Time Over Target: 031345 - 031532 Washington; 040245 - 040432 Theatre; (031745Z - 031932Z)

Aircraft: Total Bombing 108
Primary 60
Secondary 48

A/C Lost or Missing: 1 a/c missing - no word since take-off

Casualties: 0 killed; 0 wounded; 11 missing

Bombs Dropped: Primary: 37 AN-M-64 fusing no nose, 6 hour delay tail.
36 AN-M64 fusing no nose, 1 hour delay tail.
105 AN-M-64 fusing no nose, 15 minute delay tail.
1776 AN-M-64 fusing 0.01 sec nose, non delay tail.
60 AN-M-26 fusing 23.7 to 25.8 sec nose.
368 M-47A2 instantaneous nose.
Secondary:
1513 AN-M-64 fusing 0.01 sec nose, non delay tail.
37 AN-M-26 23.7 to 25.8 sec nose.
552 M-47A2 instant nose.
8 M-90 19.8 sec nose.

Tactics: Night bombing by radar from an altitude of 5000 to 9000 ft. 9 a/c carried 2 AN-M-26 flares loaded to drop after the GP's.

Weather: 9/10 undercast. Winds estimated 250 deg. 28 knots.

Fighter Opposition: Slight

Flak: Medium and light - meager to moderate and inaccurate of continuously pointed and barrage type. S/L ineffective due to clouds. Inaccurate ground to air rocket at primary.

Claims: None

Observations: Bright glow of light at about 6800 ft. seen half-way between Oshima and landfall, light was not moving on course of a/c, came to high intensity and appeared to burn out as it dropped. Blinkers seen operating on coast at 34/55 N - 139/10 E. 1 large and 1 small ship at 33/00 N - 138/40 E.

Results: Unobserved

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

As of 1115, 4 April 1945

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

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Washington, D. C.

Information for Briefing on XXI Bomber Command
Mission No. 57 - 3/4 April 1945
Date

Mission Code Name "MODELLER 1" (As of 1100Z - 4 April 45 Date)

Targets: Primary - Tachikawa Aircraft Company, Honshu, Japan

Secondary - Industrial area of Kawasaki

Last Resort - None

Take-off Times: 031108Z - 031235Z
030708 - 030835 Washington Time; 032008 - 032135 Theatre Time

Time Over Primary Target: 031755Z - 031847Z
031355 - 031447 Wash.Time; 040255 - 040347 Japan Time

Tactics: Night bombing by radar from altitude of 5700 to 7200 feet on 7 degrees true axis of attack.

Aircraft Bombing: 108

Primary Target - 60 (6 visually; 54 by radar)
Secondary Target - 47 (1 visually; 46 by radar)
Other Targets - 1

Bomb Load: 34 - 500 lb GP's fused 1/100 nose, non-delay tail per a/c plus 2 ANM-26 flares fused to ignite at 2000 feet at 1 second intervals after bombs away.

Losses: 1 a/c missing with no word since take-off. (Not included in a/c bombing)

Target Weather: 9/10 - 10/10 undercast. Estimated winds - 250 degrees, 28 knots.

Fighter Opposition: None

Anti-Aircraft Encountered: Medium and light, meager to moderate and inaccurate. All AA continuously pointed and barrage. S/L ineffective/ due to cloud. Inaccurate ground to air rocket observed at PT.

Claims: None

Results of Bombing: Generally unobserved, but glow through undercast at both targets reported. Few crews reported fires and explosion over PT with smoke 4000 to 7000 ft. At ST individual burning buildings observed but no concentration.

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

Observations: Bright glow of light at about 6800 ft seen at 031836Z halfway between O Shima and landfall. Light not moving on course of observing a/c. Came to high intensity and appeared to burn out as it dropped. Blinkers seen operating on coast 34/55 N - 139/10 E at 031838Z. One large and one small ship 33/00 N- 138/40 E from 13,000 ft at 031924Z. Special report on possible rocket a/c following.

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-04-11 OP OP SECRET 040505Z

FROM : BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT, MODELLER ONE, MISSION 57, 3 APRIL 1945.

1. NAME OF PRIMARY: TACHIKAWA AIRCRAFT COMPANY 90.17-792.

2. NAME OF SECONDARY: INDUSTRIAL AREA OF KAWASAKI.

3. NAME OF LAST RESORT: NONE.

4. TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: SHIZUOKA, HACHIJO JIMA.

5. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 60 A/C DROPPED ON THE TACHIKAWA A/C CO. 9/10 TO 10/10 CLOUDS, 6 VISUALLY, 40 BY RADAR, 14 BY NAVIGATION, FROM 5,700 TO 7,200 FT AT 031755Z TO 031847Z THE FOLLOWING BOMBS:

NO.	TYPE	FUSING.
37 X 550 LB	AN-M64	NO NOSE, 6 HR DELAY TAIL.
36 X 550 LB	AN-M64	NO NOSE, 1 HR DELAY TAIL
105 X 550 LB	AN-M64	NO NOSE, 15 MIN DELAY TAIL
1776 X 550 LB	AN-M64	0.01 SEC NOSE, NON-DELAY TAIL
27	AN-M26	25.8 SEC NOSE
30	AN-M26	24 SEC NOSE
3	AN-M26	23.7 SEC NOSE
368 X 70 LB	M47A2	INST NOSE

6. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: 47 A/C DROPPED ON INDUSTRIAL AREA OF KAWASAKI, 9/10 TO 10/10 CLOUDS, 46 BY RADAR, 1 VISUALLY, FROM 5,200 TO 5,000 FT AT 031745Z TO 031932Z THE FOLLOWING BOMBS:

1475 X 550 LB AN-M64	0.01 SEC NOSE, NON-DELAY TAIL.
7 AN-M26	25.8 SEC NOSE
30 AN-M26	23.7 SEC NOSE
552 X 70 LB M47A2	INST NOSE
8 M-90	19.8 SEC NOSE

7. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: NONE.

8. A/C ATTACKING TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: 2 A/C DROPPED ON SHIZUOKA AND HACHIJO JIMA FROM 6,200 12,400 FT AT 031810Z AND 031930Z THE FOLLOWING BOMBS:

38 X 550 LB AN-M64 0.01 SEC NOSE, NON DELAY TAIL.

NOTE: 1 OF THESE A/C ALSO BOMBED PRIMARY. IT IS ALSO INCLUDED IN PAR 5.

9. NO. A/C TAKING OFF: 115 A/C AIRBORNE, 113 STRIKE A/C FROM 031100Z TO 031235Z. TWO SUPERDUMBOS AT 031152 AND 031451Z.

10. NO. A/C EARLY RETURN: 4 A/C RETURNED EARLY, OF WHICH NONE BOMBED TARGETS.

11. NO. A/C LOST OR MISSING: 1 A/C IS MISSING WITH NO WORD SINCE TAKE OFF. (NOT INCLUDED AS BOMBING ANY TARGET.)

12. BOMBING RESULTS: MOST CREWS UNABLE TO OBSERVE RESULTS BUT REPORTED GLOW THOURH UNDERCAST AT PRIMARY AND SECONDARY. FEW CREWS REPORTED FIRE IN PRIMARY TARGET AREA WITH SMOKE 4,000 TO 7,000 FT. ONE CREW REPORTED FIRE AND EXPLOSION AT IRIMARY AND FEW FIRES THREE-

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368 X 70 LB M47A2 INST NOSE

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1475 X 550 LB AN-M64 0.01 SEC NOSE, NON-DELAY TAIL.

7 AN-M26 25.8 SEC NOSE
30 AN-M26 23.7 SEC NOSE
552 X 70 LB M47A2 INST NOSE
8 M-90 19.8 SEC NOSE

7. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: NONE.

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13. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: NONE KILLED, NONE WOUNDED, 11 MISSING.

14. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: SLIGHT. (SEE PAR 18 D)

15. AA FIRE: IP AND PRIMARY TARGET, MEDIUM AND LIGHT, MEAGER TO MODERATE AND INACCURATE. SECONDARY TARGET, MEDIUM AND LIGHT, MEAGER AND INACCURATE. ALL AA CONTINUOUSLY POINTED AND BARRAGE. SEARCH-LIGHTS INEFFECTIVE DUE TO CLOUDS. INACCURATE GROUND TO AIR ROCKET OBSERVED AT PRIMARY TARGET.

16. FIGHTER SUPPORT: NONE.

17. WEATHER: 9/10 - 10/10 UNDERCAST AT PRIMARY AND SECONDARY TARGETS. WINDS ESTIMATED 250 DEG 28 KNOTS.

18. IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS: A. BRIGHT GLOW OF LIGHT AT ABOUT 6,800 FT. SEEN AT 031836Z HALFWAY BETWEEN O SHIMA AND LANDFALL. LIGHT NOT MOVING ON COURSE OF OBSERVING A/C. CAME TO HIGH INTENSITY AND APPEARED TO BURN OUT AS IT DROPPED.
B. BLINKERS SEEN OPERATING ON COAST 34/55 N - 139/10 ESAT 031838Z.
C. ONE LARGE AND ONE SMALL SHIP 33/00 N - 138/40 E FROM 13,000 FT AT 031924Z.
D. SPECIAL PRIORITY REPORT ON POSSIBLE ROCKET A/C FOLLOWING.

19. ESTIMATE CLAIMS: NONE.

20. OTHER INFORMATION: NONE.

THIS REPORT IS FRAGMENTARY AND SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR RECORD PURPOSES

THIS MESSAGE DISPATCHED FROM XXI BOM COM CONTROL ROOM AT 040905Z.
TOD:040944Z

ROGER FN-04-11 040942Z WCR.

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SPECIAL CONFERENCE 04051400Z

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STATION YAMFG

PRESENT HERE LT.A.STEVENS

SUBJECT: AAS MATTERS

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-05-16 OP OP SECRET 051335Z

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FROM: BOMCOM XXI.
TO : COMAF 20

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SUBJECT: MISSION REPORT FOR MODELLER ONE, MISSION 57, 3 APRIL 1945.

1. DESIGNATION OF UNIT: 73RD BOMBARDMENT WING, XXI BOMBER COMMAND.

2. TIME OF TAKE OFF: 031103Z TO 031235Z.

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3. TIME OF RETURN: 032351Z TO 040232Z

4. NO. A/C AIRBORNE: 61

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5. NO. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 61

6. NO. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: 48 (1 A/C ALSO BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET)

7. NO. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT AXX TARGETS: NONE

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8. NO. A/C ATTACKING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY:1 2.

A. TARGET: SHIZUOKA NO. A/C 1

B. TARGET: HACHIJO JIMA NO. A/C JY (ALSO BOMBED PRIMARY)

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9. NO. A/C WHICH FAILED TO BOMB DESIGNATED TARGETS: 4

REASONS: MECHANICAL 4

10. NO. A/C LOST TO FLAK: NTNE.
NO WQQM NO. A/C LOST TO E/A: NONE.

12. NO. A/C LOST BS ACCIDENT: NONE.

13. NO. A/C LOST BY REASONS UNKNOWN: 1

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REASONS: MECHANICAL 4

10. NO. A/C LOST TO FLAK: NTNE.
NO WQQM NO. A/C LOST TO E/A: NONE.

12. NO. A/C LOST BS ACCIDENT: NONE.

13. NO. A/C LOST BY REASONS UNKNOWN: 1

14. TIME OF ATTACK: PRIMARY TARGET: 031730Z 031906Z.

SECONDARY: 031745Z 031859Z.

TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY:

SHIZUOKA 031810Z

HACHIJO JIMA 031930Z

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15. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK: PRIMARY: 5,700 FT TO 7,200 FT.

SECONDARY: 5,200 FT TO 7,200 FT.

TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY:

SHIZUOKA 6,200 FT

HACHIJO JIMA 12,400 FT

16. BOMBS ON EACH TARGET:

PRIMARY:

37 X 550 LB AN-M64, NO NOSE, 6 HOUR DELAY TAIL

32 X 550 LB AN-M64, NO NOSE, 1 HOUR DELAY TAIL

105 X 50 LB AN-M64, NO NOSE, 15 MIN DELAY TAIL

1757 X 550 LB AN-~~M647~~ M64, .01 SEC NOSE, NON DELAY TAIL

27 X AN-M26 FLARES, 25.8 SEC DELAY NOSE

34 X AN-M26 FLARES, 24 SEC DELAY NOSE

1 X AN-M26, 23.7 SEC DELAY NOSE

8 X M90, 19.8 SEC DELAY NOSE

368 X 70 LB IB M47A2, INST NOSE

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SECONDARY:

1502 X 550 LB AN-M64, .01 SEC NOSE, NON DELAY TAIL

7 X AN-M26, ~~2598~~ 25.8 SEC NOSE, NON DELAY TAIL

34 X AN-M26 FLARES, 24 SEC DELAY NOSE

8 X AN-M26 FLARES, 23.7 SEC DELAYHNOSE

552 X 770 LB IB M47A2, INST NOSE

TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY:

SHIZUOKA: 34 X 550 LB AN-M64, .01 SEC NOSE, NON DELAY TAIL.
HACHIJO JIMA: 4 X 550 LB AN-M64, .01 SEC DELAY NOSE, NON DELAY TAIL

1 X AN-M26 FLARE, 23.7 SEC DELAY NOSE

A. BOMB LOADINGS:

37 X 550 LB AN-M64, NO NOSE, 6 HOUR DELAY TAIL.

36 X 550 LB AN-M64, NO NOSE, 1 HOUR DELAY TAIL
106 X 550 LB AN-M64, NO NOSE, 15 MIN DELAY TAIL

3450 X 550 LB AN-M64, NO NOSE, .01 SEC NOSE, NON DELAY TAIL

56 X AN-~~MNHY~~ M-26 FLARES, 25.8 SEC DELAY NOSE

102 X AN-M26 FLARES, 24 SEC DELAY NOSE
58 X AN-M26 FLARES, 23.75 SEC DELAY NOSE
8 X M90, 19.8 SEC DELAY NOSE
920 X 70 LB M47A2, INST NOSE

B. BOMBS UNACOUNTED FOR: NONE.

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36 X 550 LB AN-M64, NO NOSE, 1 HOUR DELAY TAIL
106 X 550 LB AN-M64, NO NOSE, 15 MIN DELAY TAIL

3450 X 550 LB AN-M64, NO NOSE, .01 SEC NOSE, NON DELAY TAIL

56 X AN-~~MNHY~~ M-26 FLARES, 25.8 SEC DELAY NOSE

102 X AN-M26 FLARES, 24 SEC DELAY NOSE
58 X AN-M26 FLARES, 23.75 SEC DELAY NOSE
8 X M90, 19.8 SEC DELAY NOSE
920 X 70 LB M47A2, INST NOSE

B. BOMBS UNACOUNTED FOR: NONE.

~~17. A/C~~
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17. AJXC JETTISONING BOMBS: (3 A/C ALL - 18 A/C PARTIAL LOADS)

4 X 50 LB AN M64, NO NOSE, 1 HOUR DELAY TAIL

1 X 550 LB AN-M64, NO NOSE, 15 MIN DELAY TAIL

131 X 550 LB AN-M64, .01 SEC NOSE, NON DELAY TAIL

4 X AN-M26 FLARES, 25.8 SEC DELAY NOSE

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9 X AN-M26 FLARES, 24 SEC DELAY NOSE

7 X AN-M26 FLARES, 23.7 SEC DELAY NOSE.

18. A/C BRINGING BOMBS BACK: (33 A/C PARTIAL LOADS)

22 X 550 LB AN-M64, .01 SEC NOSE, NON DELAY TAIL

18 X AN-M26 FLARES, 25.8 SEC DELAY NOSE

25 X AN-M26 FLARES, 24 SEC DELAY NOSE

41 X AN-M26 FLARES, 23.7 SEC DELAY NOSE

19. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: KILLED: NONE.

20. NO. E/A DESTROYED: NONE.

PROBABLY DESTROYED NONE.

DAMAGED: NONE.

21. REMARKS:

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POSSIBLE ROCKET A/C, REFER SUPPLEMENT PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT FN-04-18.

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B. FLAK: IP: MEAGER, INACCURATE, LIGHT AND MEDIUM, MOSTLY CONTINUOUSLY POINTED AT PRIMARY TARGET, MEAGER TO MODERATE, INACCURATE, MEDIUM AND HEAVY, CONTINUOUSLY POINTED AND BARRAGE.

KAWASAKI, SIMILAR TO PRIMARY TARGET, EXCEPT ONE CREW REPORTED INTENSE, ACCURATE, PREDICTED CONCENTRATIONS.

SHIZUOKA: MEDIUM, INTENSE, ACCURATE, CONTINUOUSLY POINTED.

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A-2 only ONE CREW REPORTED FLARE-LIKE OBJECT COME UP OVER NOSE OF A/C. EXPLODED BELOW AND BEHIND. ALTITUDE 5,300 FT AT 30/01 N - 139/32 E. SAME TYPE EXPLOSION OBSERVED BENEATH ANOTHER A/C.

ONE CREW REPORTED WHAT WAS THOUGHT TO BE BARRAGE BALLOON AT 1,500 FT ACROSS BAY FROM KAWASAKI. OBSERVED THROUGH HAZE SO COLOR AND DEFINITE IDENTIFICATION IMPOSSIBLE.

C. A/C LOST OR IN DISTRESS: 1 A/C MISSING WITH NO WORD SINCE TAKE OFF.

D. A/C SERIOUSLY DAMAGED OR CRASHED ON RETURN: NONE.

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E. A/C BATTLE DAMAGE: NONE.

~~F. OBSERVATIONS: BKQL BRIGHT GLOW OF LIGHT A95 6,800 FT. SEEN AT 8318367 HAL~~

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A-2 only F. OBSERVATIONS: (1) BRIGHT GLOW OF LIGHT ABOUT 6,800 FT. SEEN AT 0318367 HALF WAY BETWEEN O SHIMA AND LANDFALL. LIGHT NOT MOVING ON COURSE OF OBSERVING A/C. CAME TO HIGH INTENSITY AND APPEARED TO BURN OUT AS IT DROPPED. (2) BLINKERS SEEN OPERATING ON COAST 34/55 N - 139/10 E AT 0318 38Z. (3) ONE LARGE AND ONE SMALL SHIP 33/00N - 138/40 E FROM 13,000 FT AT 031924Z.

G. PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION: NO PHOTOS OBTAINED DUE TO WEATHER

H. CREW COMMENTS: NONE.

I. WEATHEG: SAME AS OUR MESSAGE FN-05-7.

THIS MESSAGE DISPATCHED FROM XXI BOM COM CONTROL ROOM AT 051335Z.

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TELECON MESSAGE NR G-3-5-HK RESTRICTED 031604Z

SUBJECT: PRESS FLASH

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

INFO COMGENBOMCOM 20 (ATTENTION: GLASS)

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WILL BE RELEASED HERE AT 040321ØØZ:

"A VERY LARGE TASK FORCE OF SUPERFORTRESSES OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE STRUCK AT INDUSTRIAL TARGETS IN THREE JAPANESE CITIES TODAY(4 APRIL, JAPANESE TIME), TWO OF THEM FOR THE FIRST TIME. FLYING FROM BASES OF MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND IN THE MARIANAS, THE SKY FLEET DIVIDED INTO THREE FORCES OVER THE JAPANESE HOMELAND ISLAND OF HONSHU AND STRUCK AT SHIZUOKA, 85 MILES SOUTH OF TOKYO, TACHIKAWA, 20 MILES WEST OF THE CAPITAL AND KOIZUMI, 20 MILES NORTH OF TOKYO. THESE WERE FIRST SUPERFORTRESS VISITS TO TACHIKAWA AND KOIZUMI.

"ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW BLOWS AGAINST JAPANESE INDUSTRY WAS MADE AT WASHINGTON BY GENERAL OF THE ARMY H. H. ARNOLD, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE. ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE DISCLOSED WHEN COMPLETE OPERATIONAL REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE."

(ATTENTION: REES INFO WIPPOLD FROM DOULENS)

(INFO PRO'S ALL WINGS)

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TOD: Ø4Ø238Z

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FN-04-18	SUPPLEMENT TO PRELIMINARY MISSION RPT MODELLER ONE 3 Apr	4 April 1945

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)	BOMCOM XXI

OBSERVATIONS:

Z Square 19. Time: 1817Z, Place: Near Land's End after bombing secondary targeb. Altitude: 9,000 Ft. "Ball of Fire" first seen at 5 o'clock level about 300 yards behind B-29. Near as can be determined. Ball of Fire was about size of basketball. When evasive action taken in form of turns, Ball of Fire turned inside B-29 and kept following. Appeared that each time B-29 made a turn, Ball of Fire fell behind, but on straightway, would make up lost distance. B-29 lost altitude, going down to 6,000 ft. in order to gain air speed and finally attained air speed of 295 at which speed Ball of Fire fell behind and finally turned back toward coast. It was estimated that Ball of Fire followed for about five or six minutes. One crew member thought he saw short streamer behind Ball of Fire, which was faint and not steady. This light appeared to fade when Ball of Fire was making a turn, then increased in intensity after resuming straight course. Streamer of light was seen for about one minute after Ball of Fire headed back toward coast, when it faded abruptly. Blister gunner on this crew thought he saw wing in connection with Ball of Fire; and that wing had navigation light burning on left wing tip.

Z Square 50. B-29 Bombed secondary target at 1814Z from 6,100 ft. just after leaving secondary target on course of 120 deg and at 7,000 ft., observed what appeared to be Ball of Fire following at about 4 o'clock. B-29 immediately took evasive action gaining and losing 500 ft. and also changing course as much as 35 deg and carrying air speed from 205 to 250. As a result, B-29 lost Ball of Fire on three occasions when it passed through clouds, but each time B-29 emerged from clouds, Ball of Fire was on its tail. Fire appeared to be steady Phosphorescent glow and Ball of Fire stayed for about five minutes across Tokyo Bay and slightly beyond, when it disappeared.

Z Square 1. This B-29 bombed the secondary target at 1813Z from 6,500 ft. after leaving the secondary target, and flying across peninsula at Land's End on heading of 115 deg at 8,000 ft., waist gunner observed what he first

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TO:	INFO:	FROM:

thought to be amber colored search light on ground. Observed light was gaining on them and at same time it was gaining altitude, and apparently following them. Airplane Commander climbed to 12,000 ft. then came down to 10,000 ft., but a/c or Ball of Fire followed. At this time, Radar Operator piled up a/c about one mile behind. Tail Gunner observed stream of fire emanating from object following them, and come out in bursts. One burst about 24 inches long, and then about 6 inch break, followed by another burst of flame about 24 inches long. These spurts of flame kept up for about 6 to 8 minutes when fire went out altogether. No explosion was seen. Ball of Fire appeared to be about 12 inches in diameter. Continuing during course of this experience, Airplane Commander varied course from 115 deg to 150 deg and altitude from 8,000 ft. to 12,000 ft. but Ball of Fire followed them thr ough evasive action, although at time, Ball of Fire seemed to fall behind, then gain. Tail Gunner further reported flame appeared to gain and diminish in intensity, which may have been resulted from variation in observing distance. When last seen, Ball of Fire was about 25 to 30 miles beyond coast line over the ocean. There were other reports of sighting Balls of Fire, but above reports are the most complete observations made.

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5 April 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR C/S, TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Subject: Times on Mission Reporting

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The following is a report on transmission times for Mission No. 57, XXI Bomber Command:

	Staff Preparation	Guam-Washington Transmission Time	Total Elapsed Time
Take Off Message	:52	:03	:55
First Bombs Away	:50	:56	1:46
Consolidated Bombs Away	:56	:11	1:07
Return Report	1:15	1:05	1:20
Preliminary Report	6:33	:37	7:10

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