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MISSION NO. 40 Tokyo MEETINGHOUSE 2

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Ray G. Baker, Capt. A. G.

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Mission Plan	Telecon	FN-08-6		081731Z	EGR

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

TELECON MSG FN-08-6 OP OP OP TOP-SECRET 8 MARCH '45

FROM: BOMCOM XXI 081502Z

TO : COMGEN 20 AF

INFO: DEP COM 20 AF

SUBJ: INTENTIONS GR280

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1st Take off Report #2	Telecon	FN-09-5		0908532	[illegible]
Take off Rpt. for Mettinghouse	"	FN-09-9		091206	[illegible]
" " " " "	"	FN-09-10		091303	[illegible]

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-09-10 (SECRET) 091155Z (OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY)

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20

INFO: DEPCOMAF20(POA)

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SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR MEETINGHOUSE TWO, STRIKE 40, 9 MARCH 1945

313TH BOMBARDMENT WING, TINIAN

1. GROUP	504	505	6	9
2. A/C SCHEDULED:	21	32	35	33
3. A/C AIRBORNE:	20	26	32	32
4. FIRST A/C:	090853Z	090815Z	090853Z	090815Z
5. LAST A/C:	091018Z	090920Z	090946Z	090848Z

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6. HOMING A/C: 2 FIRST AIRBORNE 090645Z LAST AIRBORNE 090648Z.

73RD BOMBARDMENT WING, SAIPAN

1. GROUP	497	498	499	500
2. A/C SCHEDULED:	36	42	42	42
3. A/C AIRBORNE:	36	42	40	40
4. FIRST A/C	090815Z	090818Z	090815Z	090817Z
5. LAST A/C:	090911Z	090929Z	090902Z	090853Z

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6. SUPERDUMBOS: 3 FIRST AIRBORNE 090938Z. LAST AIRBORNE 090957Z.

7. HOMING A/C: 2 FIRST AIRBORNE 090750Z. LAST AIRBORNE 090751Z

EARLY RETURNS: 73RD WING: 6

313TH WING: 1

314TH WING: 2

73RD WING SUPERDUMBOS: 2 RETURNED EARLY.

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PRESENT HERE: LT. MAHAN
SUBJECT: SPECIAL

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21
TELECON MESSAGE FN-09-9 (SECRET) 091049Z (OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY)

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20

INFO: DEPCOMAF20(POA)

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SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR MEETINGHOUSE TWO, STRIKE 40, 9 MARCH 1945

314TH BOMBARDMENT WING, GUAM.

1.	GROUP:	29	19
2.	A/C SCHEDULED:	27	28
3.	A/C AIRBORNE:	26	28
4.	FIRST A/C:	090736Z	090803Z
5.	LAST A/C:	090802Z	090830Z

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BALANCE OF REPORT WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

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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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TELECON MSG FN-09-5 OP OP FECRET 090745Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20

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SUBJECT: FIRST TAKEOFF REPORT ON MEETINGHOUSE TWO.

FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT 090736Z ON MEETINGHOUSE TWO.

WEATHER EXPECTED: MODERATE SHOWERS AT SAIPAN BASE FOR TAKEOFF OR JUST AFTER, LIGHT SHOWERS AT GUAM BASE. ROUTE TO HAVE SCATTERED TO BROKEN LOW CLOUDS WITH BASE AT 2000 FT, TOPS AT 5/7000 FT. TARGET TO HAVE 3/10 LOW CLOUD. BASES ON RETURN TO HAVE LIGHT SHOWERS.

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Bombs Away Report	Telecon	FN-09-12		091655Z	HR
Consolidated Bomb Away	"	FN-09-13		091920Z	BSR
Additional Info on BA	"	FN-09-14		091922Z	BSR
Meteorological 2.	Telecon	FN-12-19		121816Z	BR

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TELECON MESSAGE FN12-19 OP OP SECRET 121816Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO: COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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Bomb Load

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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON MEETINGHOUSE TWO AND MICROSCOPE TWO.

REFERENCE YOUR TELECON NO. G-12-4 DTG 121535Z.

1. MEETINGHOUSE TWO

A. 73RD WING: 3 A/C, 12,880 LBS = 4.24.6 T/Ac

ALL OTHERS, 14,000 LBS = 7 T/Ac

313TH WING: 12,839 LBS

314TH WING: 9 A/C, 9,350 LBS

ALL OTHERS, 10,200 LBS

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B. 4 A/C DITCHED

C. 3 A/C LOST OVER TARGET

D. 12 A/C MISSING, 5 OF WHICH ARE DUE TO UNKNOWN REASONS.

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TELECON MSG FN-09-14 OP OP OP SECRET 091812Z

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FROM BOMCOM XXI

TO COMAF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: ~~DIRRUOTIONAL~~ ADDITIONAL INFO ON CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY, MEETINGHOUSE TWO, STRIKE 40, 9 MARCH 1945.

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5 MORE LEAD A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY.

1. 4 A/C REPORTED BOMBING PRIMARY VISUALLY THRU 1/10 TO 6/10 CLOUD WITH OBSERVED RESULTS OF SEVERAL LARGE FPRES TO GENERAL CONFLAGRATION.

ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION NONE. FLAK MEAGER TO MODERATE. 1 A/C REPORTED BOMBING PRIMARY BY RADAR THRU 8/10 CLOUD WITH OBSERVED RESULTS OF MANY FIRES. NO ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION. FLAK NONE. BOMBING TIME FROM 091508Z TO 091654Z LAST A/C BOMBING FISUALLY REPORTED GENERAL CONFLAGRATION.

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THIS REPORT FRAGMENTARY AND NOT FOR RECORD PURPOSES.

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SUBJECT: CONTINUATION OF PREVIOUS CONFERENCE

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TELECON MSG FN-09-13 OP OP OP SECRET 091733Z

FROM BOMCOM XXI

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TO COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY FOR MEETINGHOUSE TWO, STRIKE

40, 9 MARCH 1945.

1. 19 LEAD A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY (SEE NOTE)
10 A/C REPORTED BOMBING PRIMARY VISUALLY THRU 1/10 TO 5/10 CLOUD WITH OBSERVED RESULTS OF MANY FIRES, LARGE FIRES AND GENERAL CONFLAGRATION. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION NONE TO SLIGHT. FLAK MODERATE TO HEAVY.
9 A/C REPORTED BOMBING PRIMARY BY RADAR THRU 3/10 TO 8/10 CLOUD WITH OBSERVED RESULTS OF MANY FIRES TO LARGE FIRES TO GENERAL CONFLAGRATION. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION NONE TO SLIGHT. FLAK MEAGER TO MODERATE TO HEAVY.
2. 19 A/C RETURNED EARLY.
NOTE: BOMBS AWAY REPORTS FROM 1 A/C PER SQUADRON. THIS REPORT IS INCOMPLETE AND SUBJECT TO CORRECTION. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

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TELECON FN -09-12 OP OP SECRET 091615Z
FROM BOMCOM XXI
TO COMAF 20
INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (PCA)
BOMBS AWAY REPORT MEETINGHOUSE TWO. FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET BY RADAR THROUGH 2 TO 3/10 CLOUDS AT 091508Z.

SEVERAL LARGE FIRES REPORTED.

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Spray Flash Reports	Teleon	FN-10-1		100413Z	KSR
Prelim Landing Report	"	FN-10-2		100413Z	KSR
Returns Report	"	FN-10-7		100813Z	KSR
Briefers' Report	Ditto			101100Z	KSR
Prel. Mission Report	Ditto	None	100930Z		SK.
Prel Mission Rept to NBC	Teleon	K-10-4	110114Z		SK.

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Washington, D. C.

PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 40 - 10 MARCH 1945

"WESTINGHOUSE 2"

Targets:	Primary - Urban Area, Tokyo
Take-off:	090415 - 090618 Washington; 091715 - 091918 Theatre (090815Z - 091018Z)
Time Over Target:	091008 - 091346 Washington; 092308 - 100246 Theatre (091408Z - 091746Z)
Aircraft:	Total Bombing 294 Primary 285 Other Targets 9
A/C Lost or Missing:	2 a/c lost to enemy action over target 3 a/c ditched on return - crew of one ditched a/c rescued
Casualties:	0 killed; 4 wounded; 44 missing
Bomb Load:	Approximately 4½ tons per a/c - 3 squadrons carried M-47 fused instantaneous nose, balance of squadrons carried M-46 and M-28 incendiary clusters
Tactics:	Night bombing both visually and by radar at an altitude of from 5,000 to 9,000 ft. Attack made by individual a/c with minimum time interval between a/c
Weather:	1/10 to 7/10 cloud
Fighter Opposition:	Slight
Flak:	Light to Heavy Caliber - Meager to Intense and Inaccurate to Accurate
Claims:	None
Results:	Good to Excellent - General conflagration, smoke to 18,000 ft. Fires seen 150 miles out from target. Pilot of Photo Recon flight reported fires still burning over target at 100100Z and smoke column up to 1600 ft.
Observations:	S/L picked up most a/c from landfall to target. All s/l - estimated 75 to 100 beams went off during some of the bombing. Rockets observed over target area, barrage balloons observed ahead and to right of course in target area.
Other Information:	7 B-29 a/c reported to have landed on Iwo Jima
Remarks:	This information is fragmentary and is subject to change, therefore should not be used for official records.

As of 0930, 10 March 1945

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

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TELECON MSG NO ((K-10-4)) SECRET 031101 04Z

SUBJECT ~~OF MSG (K-10-4) IS~~

SUBJECT PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND OPERATION ~~NO. 40 - 10 MARCH~~ 1945.

TO COMGEN BOM COM 20 FROM COMAF 20

TARGETS: PRIMARY - URBAN ~~AREA,~~ TOKYO

TAKE-OFF: 090415 - 090618 WASHINGTON: 091715 - 091918 THEATRE (090815Z - 091018Z)

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TIME OVER TARGET: 091008 091346 WASHINGTON: 092308 -100246 THEATRE (091408Z - 091746Z)

AIRCRAFT: TOTAL BOMBING 294
PRIMARY 285
OTHER TARGETS 9

A/C LOST OR MISSING: 2 A/C LOST TO ENEMY ACTION OVER TARGET
3 A/C DITCHED ON RETURN - CREW OF ONE DITCHED A/C RESCUED

CASUALTIES: 0 KILLED: 4 WOUNDED: 44 MISSING

BOMB LOAD: APPROXIMATELY 4 1/2 (FOUR AND ONE HALF TONS PER A/C
3 SQUADRONS CARRIED M-47 FUSED INSTANTANEOUS NOSE, BALANCE OF SQUADRONS CARRIED E-46 AND E-28 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS

TACTICS: NIGHT BOMBING BOTH VISUALLY AND BY RADAR AT AN ALTITUDE OF FROM 5,000 TO 9,000 FT. ATTACK MADE BY INDIVIDUAL A/C WITH MINIMUM TIME INTERVAL BETWEEN AC

WEATHER: 1/10 TO 7/10 CLOUD

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FIGHTER OPPOSITION: SLIGHT

FLAK: LIGHT TO HEAVY CALIBER - MEAGER TO INTENSE AND INACCURATE TO ACCURATE

CLAIMS: NONE

RESULTS: GOOD TO EXCELLENT - GENERAL CONFLAGRATION SMOKE TO 18,000 FT. FIRES SEEN 150 MILES OUT FROM TARGET. PILOT OF PHOTO RECON FLIGHT REPORTED FIRES STILL BURNING OVER TARGET AT 100100Z AND SMOKE COLUMN UP

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TO 1600 FT.

OBSERVATIONS: S/L PICKED UP MOST A/C FROM LANDFALL TO TARGET. ALL S/L - ESTIMATED 75 TO 100 BEAMS WENT OFF DURING SOME OF THE BOMBING. ROCKETS OBSERVED OVER TARGET AREA, BARRAGE BALLONS OBSERVED AHEAD AND TO RIGHT OF COURSE IN TARGET AREA.

OTHER INFORMATION: 7 B-29 A/C REPORTED TO HAVE LANDED ON IWO JIMA

REMARKS: THIS INFORMATION IS FRAGMENTARY AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. THEREFORE SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR OFFICIAL RECORDS.

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Information for Briefing on ~~XXI~~ Bomber Command
Mission No. 40 - 10 Mar 45
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Mission Code Name "MEETINGHOUSE 2" (As of 1000Z - 10 Mar 45)
Date

Targets: Primary - Urban Area, Tokyo

Secondary -

Last Resort -

Take-off Times: 090415 - 090618 Washington (090815Z - 091018Z)

Time Over Primary Target: 091008 - 091346 Washington, 092308 - 100246 Theater (091408 - 091746Z)

Tactics: Night bombing visually and by radar at an altitude of from 5,000 to 9,000 ft. Attack made by individual a/c with min. time interval between a/c

Aircraft Bombing: 294

Primary Target - 285
Secondary Target -
Other Targets - 9

Bomb Load: approx. 4½ tons per a/c - 3 squadrons carried M-47 fused instantaneous nose, bal of squadrons carried E-46 and E-28 incendiary clusters to open 2,500 ft and 2,000 ft respectively above target

Losses: 2 a/c lost over target to enemy action, 3 a/c ditched on return - crew members of one ditched a/c rescued.

Target Weather: 1/10 to 7/10 cloud

Fighter Opposition: slight and ineffective

Anti-Aircraft Encountered: light to heavy caliber - meager to intense and inaccurate to accurate

Claims: None

Results of Bombing: Good to excellent - general conflagration, smoke to 18,000 ft. Fires seen 150 miles out from target.

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

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TELEDON MSG FN-10-9 OP SECRET 100650Z
FROM BOMCOM XXI
TO COMAF 20

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INFO DEPCOMAF20 (POA)

GP 330

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT, MEETING HOUSE TWO, STRIKE 40, 9 MARCH45.

1. NAME OF PRIMARY: URBAN AREA TOKYO.

2. NAME OF SECONDARY: NONE

3. NAME OF LAST RESORT: NONE

4. TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY ATTACKED:

1 A/C BOMBED CHOSHI PT VISUALLY DROPPING 28 X 500 LB E46 IB AT 091705Z

1 A/C BOMBED KATSUORA BY RADAR DROPPING 31 X 500 LB E46 IB AT 091718Z

1 A/C BOMBED KASUMIGAURA A/F DROPPING 30 X 500 LB E46 IB AT 091640Z

6 A/C BOMBED CHICHI JIMA, HAHA JIMA, HACHIJO JIMA AND LANDFALL TO TOKYO DROPPING 236 X 500 LB IB BY RADAR FROM 091554Z TO 091608Z

5. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 285 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY BY VISUAL AND RADAR MEANS THRU 1/10 - 7/10 CLOUD FROM ALTITUDE 5,000 FT - 9,000 FT AT 091408Z - 091746Z DROPPING 3678 X 100 LB IB M47 AND 8772 X 500 LB IB E46

6. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: NONE

7. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: NONE

8. A/C ATTACKING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: SEE PARAGRAPH4

9. NO. A/C TAKING OFF: 325 A/C AIRBORNE 090736Z - 091018Z

10. NO. A/C RETURNED EARLY : 26 A/C

11. NO. AFXC LOST OR MISSING: 13 A/C AS FOLLOWS -

2 B-29 A/C LOST OVER TARGET TO ENEMY ACTION

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3 A/C DITCHED ON RETURN

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8 A/C MISSING REASONS UNKNOWN, UNREPORTED

12. BOMBING RESULTS: PRIMARY FROM OBSERVATIONS OF CREWS, GOOD TO XXC-ELLENZ. GENERAL CONFLAGR

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T ATION SMOKE TO 18,000 FT. FIRES SEEN 150 MILES OUT FROM TARGET.

K TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: FIRES REPORTED ON CHICHI JIMA, HAHA JIMA, HACHIJO JIMA AND FROM LANDFALL TO TOKYO. OTHERS UNOBSERVED.

KAQEM PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: KILLED NONE; WOUNDED, 4; MISSING 150

14. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: SLIGHT INEFFBCTIVE.

15. FLAK: LIGHT TOCHEAVY CALIBER- MEAGE TO INTENSE, INACCURATE TO ACCUTATE

16. FIGHTER SUPPORT: NONE.

17. WEATHER: 1/10 TO 7/10 OVER TARGET.

18. IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS : S/L PICKED UP MOST A/C FROM LANDFALL TO TARGET DURING SOME BOMBING ALL S/L WENT OFF ESTIMATED 75 - 100 BEAMS. SOME ROCKETS OBSERVED OVER TARGET AREA. BARRAGE BALLOONS OBSERVED AHEAD AND TO RIGHT OF COURSE IN TARGET AREA.

1 B-29 SEEN HIT BY FLAK OVER TARGET, BURST INTO FLAMES, PEELED ODW SPUN INTO GROUND AND CRASHED. BELIEVED TO HAVE~~IX~~ Bombed

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BEFORE BEING HIT.

1 B-29 REPORTED EXPLODED NORTH OF TOKYO AT 091556Z WAS ATTACKED BY 2 FIGHTERS ALTITUDE 6,000 FT. NO CHUTES SEEN.

19. ESIMATED CLAIMS: NON.

20. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: FRAGMENTARY REPORT INDICATES SEVEN B-29 A/C ON IWO JIMA INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. 2

SUPER DUMBOS STILL AIRBORNE. ~~HOINGXXRPT~~ HOMING A/C LANDED AT BASES. THIS REPORT IS FRAGMENTARY AND NOTOFOR RECFRBA WRPOSES.BX

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TOD:100830Z YAF
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REALIZE YOU NEED OR WILL PROBALBY NEED FEW CORRECTIONS IF YOU WILL ROGER FOR THIS AND WHEN TOT IS FIXED WILL FIX ALL CORRECTIONS UP KKKK

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-10-7 OP OP OP SECRET 10 MARCH 45

FROM BOM COM XXI 100540Z

TO COMAF TWENTY

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT RETURN REPORT FOR MEETINGHOUSE TWO, STRIKE 40, 9 MAR 45.

73RD BOMBARDMENT WING

1. GROUP	497	498	499	500
2. AIRBORNE	57	42	41	41
3. LANDED HOME BASE	36	41	41	39
4. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE	1	0	0	2
5. TIME OF LANDING				
FIRST A/C	092204Z	092300Z	092157Z	092306Z
LAST A/C	100039Z	100227Z	100056Z	100112Z
6. MISSING N	0	1	0	0
7. EARLY RETURNS	2	3	1	5

8. TWO HOMING A/C AND TWO SUPER DIMBOS RETURNED TO BASE. TWO SUPER DUMBOS STILL AIRBORNE.

9. A/C MISSING DUE TO REASONS UNKNOWN, UNRET XRPT UNREPORTED.

NOTE: CORRECTION IN A/C AIRBORNE THESE ARE CORRECTED FIGURES JUST RECEIVED.

314TH BOMBARDMENT WING

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1. GROUP	29TH	19TH
2. AIRBORNE	26	28
3. LANDED HOME BASE	20	19
4. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE	0 1?07	3
5. TIME OF LANDING		
FIRST A/C	092253Z	902245Z
LAST A/C	100049Z	100050Z
6. MISSING	5	4
7. EARLY RETURNS	1	2

2 A/C LANDED IWO JIMA, 1 A/C LANDED TINIAN, 9 A/C MISSING DUE TO REASONS UNKNOWN, UNREPORTED.

313TH BOMBARDMENT WING

1. GROUP	6TH	9TH	504TH	505TH

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2. AIRBORNE	32	32	20	26
3. LANDED HOME BASE	32	27	18	20
4. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE	Ø	2	Ø	Ø
5 TIME OF LANDING				
FIRST A/C	902341Z	902245Z	902336Z	902441Z
LAST A/C	100121Z	100212Z	100110Z	100207Z
6. MISSING	Ø	2	Ø	1
7. EARLY RETURNS	Ø	1	2	5

1 A/C DITCHED AT 1839 N - 14551 E ON RETURN

1 A/C DITCHED AT 1910 N - 14530 E ON RETURN

1 A/C DITCHED BESIDE LIFEGUARD DESTROYER 11 CREW MEMBERS RESCUED, ON RETURN

2 A/C LANDED IWO JIMA

THIS REPORT IS FRAGMENTARY AND SUBJECT TO CORRECTION.

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CONF 100247Z
PRESENT HERE: LT. KINSLER
SUBJECT: SPEC CONF

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TELECON MSG FN-10-2 OP SECRET 10 MARCH 45

FROM: XXI BOMCOM 105203Z SECRET

TO : COM AF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

AT THIS IME ALL EXCEPT 18 A/C ARE ON THE GROUND. 1 A/C WAS OBSERVED TO GO DOWN OVER TARGET. SOME LANDINGS HAVE BEEN MADE AT IWO. WILL FORWARD COMPLETE INFO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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OELECON MSG FN-10-1 OP OP OP OP SECRET 100124Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

SECRET

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: FRZGMENTARY FLASH REPORTS, MEETINGHOUSE TWO 9 MARCH 45.

1. BRIEF INTERROGATION OF FIRST CREWS OF 314TH WING RETURNING FROM MISSION INDICATES WIDESPREAD CONFLAGRATION CENTERED URBAN AREA TOKYO PD THE A-2 OFNICER 314TH WING OBSERVED ATTACK FROM HIGH ALTITUDE UNDER EXCELLENT CONDITIONS OF VISIBILITY AND REPORTS LARGEST FIRES COVERED AT LEAST A THOUSAND BLOCKS IN CENTER OF BUSINESS DISTRICT AND MANY SMALLER FIRES STARTING TO MERGE INTO GENERAL CONFLAGRATION PD HIS OBSERVATIONS WERE MADE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF ENTIRE FORCE AT TARGET. SMOKE FROM FIRES HAD READHED 25,000 FT AT TIME OF HIS OBSE
VATION PD GLOW OF FIRES COULD BE SEEN CLEARLY AT A DISTANCE OF 150 MILES FROM TOKYO PD OUR LOSSES NOT YET DETERMINED PD FRAGMENTARY REPORTS IN
ICATE ENEMY DEFENSES DISORGAINIZED AND GENERALLY INEFFECTIVE PD MORE COMPLETE DETAIL WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS SHIPS HAVE LANDED AND INTERROGATION COMPLETED PD

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ROGER 100202Z V YAF

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Mission Report	Telecon	FN-11-19		111604Z	M

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CONFERNCE, 031115452
PRESENT HERE: LT. EDWARD B. WICKHAM
SUBJECT: SPECIAL CONFERENCE
CTELECON MSG FN-11-19 OP OP SECRET 111347Z

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FROM BOMCOM XXI

TO COMAF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (IOA)

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SUBJECT: MISSION REPORT FOR MEETINGHOUSE TWO, 9 MARCH 1945, STRIKE 40

1. DESIGNATION OF UNIT: XXI BOMBER COMMAND

2. TIME OF TAKE OFF: 090736Z TO 091010Z

3. TIME OX RETURN: 092241Z TO 100227Z

4. NO. A/C AIRBORNE: 325

5. NO. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 282

6. MO. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: NONE

7. NO. A/C ATTACKIMG TARGETS OF LAST RESORT: NONE

8. ~~GIM~~ NO. A/C ATTCNG TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: ~~22~~ 17 (Telecon FN-11-37) MA/C last file

TARGET A/C ALTITUDE TIME 500I LB ~~IB~~ ~~LXXXX~~ 100 IB XM LB

CHOSI POINT 5 6,400~~0~~
091554Z 144 36
7,300
FT 091705Z
TATEYAMA - 9JO 1 8.000 FT 091602ZI 40
SENDAI 7 8,850 FT 091700)" 40 MITO 1
7,600 FT 090735Z 40
NIKKO 1 R ,005 FT 090742Z 40
EASTO OF PRIMARY - 7,600 FT 091600Z PYR
KATSURRA
6,500 FT 090718Z M 31
MAUG 1 7,000 FT I 091130Z 6
KASUMIGUGA A/F ;1 6,400 FT 091640Z 30
HAHA & CHICHI JIMA - 10,000 FT 090050Z 30
AGRIGAN 1 4,500 F 090819Z 30
GUGUAN 1. 4,500 FT 091104Z 30

9. NO. A/C WHICH FAILED TO BOMB DESIGNATED TARGET: ~~25~~ 26 REASONS:
MECHANICAL25 (Early Returns — 26 — FN-17-37 MA/C list file

10. NO. A/C LOST TO FLAK: 1 R 11. NO. A/C LOST TO E/A: NONE

12. NO. A/C LOST BY ACCIDENT:0 ,9,3

13. NO. A/C LOST BY REASONS UNKNOWN: 11 (INCLUDING 4 DITCHINGS)

14. TIME OF ATTACK: PRIMARY TARGET: 091507Z .091800Z
TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY:0 33 0-4-&4-0 8

15. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK: PRIMARY: 5,000 TO 11,000 FT

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HAHA & CHICHI JIMA - 10,000 FT 090050Z 30

CORRECTION ON OUR FN-11-19

UNDER PARA 8. 12TH LINE SHUD READ AS FOLLOWS:

HAHA & CHICHI JIMA 1 10,000 FT 090050Z 30

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14. TIME OF ATTACK: PRIMARY TARGET: 091507Z .091800Z

TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY:0 33 0-4-&4-0 8

15. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK: PRIMARY: 5,000 TO 11,000 FT

TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: SEE PARAGRAPH 8

16. BOMBS ON EACH TARGET: PRIMARY: 8556 M 500 LB IB AND 3683 X 100 LB ~~IB~~ TARGETS OF OPPORTUNTY: S E PARAGRAPH 8

A. BOMB LOADINGS: 10,097 X 500 LB IB AND 4,620 X 100 LB IB

B. BOMBS UNACCOUNTED FOR: NONE

17. NO. A/C JETTISONING BOMBS: 64 - 927 X 500 LB IB AND 557 X 100 LB IB

18. ~~NN~~ NO. A.C BRINGING BOMBS BACK: 18 A/C 125 X 500 LB IB AND 196 X 100 LB IB

19. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: KILLED: NONE, SERIOUSLY WOUNDED: 1, SLIGHTLY WOUNDED: 8, MISSING: 92

20. NONE E/A CLAIMS: NONE

21. REMARKS.

A. ENEMY OPPOSITION: WEAK AND INENFECTIVE.

B. FLAK: LIGHT TO HEAVY; MEAGR TO INTENSE; MOSTLY INACCURATE. I

ISTRESS:I12 INCLUDES 3 OBSERVED CRASHING AT

TARGET AND 3 KNOWN DITCHINGS (40 CREW MEMBERS PICKED UP BT NAVY)

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D. A/C SERIOUSLY DAMGED
OR CRASHED ON RETORN: 2 (INCLUDING 1
CRASH LANDED IWO JIMA)

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E. A/C BATTLE DAMAGE: NO, A/C — DARYS TO REP IR

29 — 1
13 — 2
1 — 3
3 — NDE INITE

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TTONS: NONE

G. PHOTO INTERPRETATION: REFER TO OUR TELECON FN-11-Ø,. 11 MARCH

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H. CREW COMMENTSOC NON

I. WEATHER SUMMARY: BASES AT T KE OFF: 4/1Ø CUMULUS, BASES AT

2,ØØØ FT ROUTE PUTGOING: 5/7Ø CUM LUS, BASES 15ØØ FT, TOPS 4ØØØ FT, WITH WIDLY SCATTERED SHOWERS TO 22 N. FROM 22 N TO 3Ø , 8/1Ø STRATOCUMULUS, BASIS 15ØØ FT,. 59Ø 5,ØØØ FT WITH WIDELY SCATTERS SHOTERSLM FROM 3Ø N TO 34 N THERE WAS ~~HQPXQP~~ STRATO CUMULUS ~~H AND ST~~

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AND STRATOCUMULUS, BASES 1ØØØ FT, TOPS 12,ØØØ FT. THERE WAS MODERATE TO HEAVY RMIN WITH MODERATE TURBLENCE. SCATTERED THUNDERSTORMS WERE REPORTD. FROM 3
N TO THE TARGET AREA THNRE

LAS 7/1Ø STRATOCUMULUS, BASES 1ØØØ FT, TOPS 9ØØØ FT.

TARGET: 2/1Ø STRATOCUMULUS, BASES 3,ØØØ FT, TOPS 5,ØØØ FT; AND ~~2/1Ø ALTOCUMULUS , BASES 7,ØØØ FT, TOPS 1Ø,ØØØ FT.~~ SMOKE WAS REPORTED AS RISING TO 23,ØØØ FT. SIERE TURBULENCE WAS REPORTED OVER THE FIRES, SHIPS HAVING BEEN LIFTED UPTARD BY THE TERMAL DCAFTS AS MUCH AS 5,ØØØ FT. VISIBILITY OITSIDE OF THE SMOKE WAS 15 MILES. WINDS WERE REPORTED AS BEING 25Ø DEG AT 4Ø KNOTS.

ROUTE RETURNING: SAME AS ROUTE OUT EXCEPT THAT THERE WAS LESS THUNDERSTORM ACTIVITY.

BASES ON RETURN: 3/1Ø CUMULUS BASES 15ØØ FT,8 59Ø 6ØØØ FT.

END.
~~CCN UNDER ITEM 8 LINE READING TARGET LAST GROUP SHD READ~~
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CRASH LANDED IWO JIMA)

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~~CCN UNDER ITEM 8 LINE READING TARGET LAST GROUP SHD READ 1ØØLB IB~~
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// - 111604Z IK
ROGER ~~HOW ABOUT SOME INITIALS ON THAT ROGER~~

* See Memo + Last A/C Section of file

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A/C Lost Report	Telecon	FN-10-15		102502	M
A/C Loss Report	Telecon	FN-11-5		1112392	M
Request for clarification	Telecon	G-11-3	112182		M.
Correction on Loss Rpt	Telecon	FN-11-37		120182	M
Army Number 2-A/C Loss Rpt	Telecon	FN-12-7		12 Mar	DK
Army Number 1-A/C Loss Rpt	Telecon	FN-11-3		12 Mar	DK

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INITIALS	
CHIEF OF STAFF	
DC/S ADM.	
DC/S OPR.	MB
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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
FN-11-3	ANNEX NUMBER 1 AIRCRAFT LOSS REPORT 19 MISSION 40	12 March 1945

(To: COMAF 20 From: BOMCOM 21 Info: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA) (ADMIN))

A. B-29 42-93905 previously reported in error as 93095
B. Missing, believed shot down by enemy action
C. Believed to be over Tokyo
D. 11 crew members and 1 observer missing

A. B-29 42-65311
B. Ditched due to enemy action
C. Ditched approximately 75 miles off Saipan.
D. All 11 men picked up.

A. B-29 44-69691, 42-63564, 42-65301
B. Missing, believed due to enemy action.
C. 2 aircraft were seen going down over target by 73rd Wing crew members.
D. 11 crew members missing from each aircraft plus 1 observer from 65301.

A. B-29 42-63569, 44-69686, 42-65310
B. Missing, no word
C. Unknown
D. 11 crew members and 1 observer missing from each aircraft.

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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
FN-12-7	ANNEX NUMBER 2 AIRCRAFT LOSS REPORT 19 MISSION 20. a/c Lost or Missing XXI BC	12 March 1945

(To: COMAF 20 From: BOMCON 21 Info: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)(ADMIN)

A. B-29 42-63482
B. Ditched apparently due to flight conditions and radar malfunctions which caused plane to become lost over Honshu and consume excessive fuel.
C. Ditched at 19 DEG 30 Min north 145 DEG East.
D. 11 man crew rescued.

A. B-29 42-24875
B. Ditched, same reason as above.
C. Ditched approximately at 20 deg North 145 deg East.
D. 11 man crew rescued.

A. B-29 42-65298
B. Ditched, same reason as above.
C. Ditched at 19 deg 10 min. North 145 deg 30 min. East.
D. 9 crew members rescued, 3 still missing.

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BOMCOM 21

TELECN FN-11-37 OPERATIONAL PRIORITY SECRE 112334E

FROM BOMCOM XXI

TO COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOM AF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: CORRECTIONS TO MEETINGHOUSE 2, 9 MARCH 1945. (RE YOUR TELECON G-11-3).9 1. 12 LOST OR MISSING IS CORRECT.

2. 3 OBSERVED CRAS ING AT TARGE, INCLUDING 1 TO FLAK IS CORRECT.

3. BITCHED A/C SHOULD BE 4 REPEAT 4 INSTEAD OF 3. (48 CREW MEMBERS RESCUED.)

4. 5 A/C ARE MISSING.

ATITIONAL CORRECTIONS TO FINAL MISSIOM REPORT.

1. PAR 8 SHOULD READ 17 A/C BOMBED TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITYWM

2. PAR 9 SHOULD READ 26 A/C RETURNED EARLY.

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TELECON MSG NO. G-11-3 SECRET 031121252

SUBJECT CLARIFICATION ON AIRCRAFT LOSS REPORT- MEETINGHOUSE2

TO [redacted] COMGENBOMCOM21-INFO DEPCOMAF 20 POA [redacted]

FROM COMAF 20

B

IS THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF LOSSES ON "MEETINGHOUSE 2"
CORRECT:

TOTAL - 12 LOST OR MISSING

3 OBSERVED CRASHING AT TARGET, INCLUDING 1 LOST
TO FLAK OVER TARGET

3 DITCHED - REASONS UNKNOWN (40 CREW MEMBERS RESCUED)

6 MISSING

IN ADDITION 2 OTHER AIRCRAFT CRASHED ON RETURN INCLUDING 1 CRASH LANDING AT IWO [redacted] JIMA

END

TOD: 031121282

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ORIGINATOR OF MESSAGE _____

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TELECON MSG 11-5 PRIORITY SECRET 110438Z
FROM BOMCOM 21
TO COMAF 20
INFO DEPCOMAF 20 POA ADMIN
GP 119..
SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT LOSS REPORT NUMBER 19 MISSION NUMBER 40. Meetinghouse 8

A. B-29 44-69747, 42-63569, 44-69686, 42-65310, 42-65311, 44-69691, 42-63564, 42-65301

B. MISSING, NO WORD

C. UNKNOWN

D. UNKNOWN

A. B-29A 42-93095

B. MISSING. BELIEVED SHOT DOWN BY ENEMY ACTION.

C. BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN OVER TARGET.

D. UNKNOWN.

A. B-29 42-63482

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B. ~~T~~

~~XXX~~ DITCHED. FURTHER INFORMATION UNAVAILABLE AS YET.

C. DITCHED AT 19 DEG 30 MIN NORTH 145 DEG EAST. ~~10~~
10 MAN CREW RESCUED

~~XX~~

~~QP~~

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~~10 MA~~

N CREW RESCUED.

~~A. B-29HJEAWRIIT~~

~~B.~~

~~RPT~~

A. B-29 [illegible]3-24885

B. DITCHED. REASON UNAVAILABLE,

C~~X~~ DITCHED AT 20 DEG ~~NOCXXX~~ RPT NORTH 145 EAST. B

D. 10 MAN CREW RESCUED.

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A. B-29 42-65298

B. DITCHED, REASON UNKNOWN.

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D. UNKNOWN

A. B-29A 42-93095

B. MISSING. BELIEVED SHOT DOWN BY ENEMY ACTION.

C. BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN OVER TARGET.

D. UNKNOWN.

A. B-29 42-63482

B. T

XXX DITCHED. FURTHER INFORMATION UNAVAILABLE AS YET.

C. DITCHED AT 19 DEG 30 MIN NORTH 145 DEG EAST. 10 MAN CREW RESCUED

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N CREW RESCUED.

A. B-29HJEAWRIIT

B.

RPT

A. B-29 '3-24885

B. DITCHED. REASON UNAVAILABLE,

C DITCHED AT 20 DEG NOCXXX RPT NORTH 145 EAST.

D. 10 MAN CREW RESCUED.

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A. B-29 42-65298

B. DITCHED, REASON UNKNOWN.

C.

C. DITCHED AT 19 DEG 10 MIN NORTH 145 DEG 30 MIN EAST.

D.

D. 10 MAN CREW STILL MISSING.

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TOD 0537Z RM

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TOD 111239Z PK

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TELECON MSG FN-10-15 OPERATIONAL PRIORITY SECRET 102105Z
FROM: COMGENBOMCOM XXI

TO : COMGEN AF 20)

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 POA

SUBJECT: LATEST REPORT ON A/C LOST ON MEETINGHOUSE NO. 2.

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FOUR A/C KNOW TO HAVE DITCHED. TWO CREWS RESCUED SO FAR.
NINE A/C MISIXXXXX MISSING. TOTAL OF 13 RPT THIRTEEN A/C LOST.
ALL SUPERDUMBOS ACCOUNTED FOR.

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TOD: 102045Z

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Mech. failures of Airborne A/C to Bomb Primary Target	Telecon	FN-17-6		17 Mar	SK

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FM-17-6	MECHANICAL FAILURES OF AIRBORNE AIRCRAFT TO BOMB PRIMARY TARGETS MISSION 40 10 March 1945 Operations XXI BC	17 March 1945

(To: COMAF 20 From: BOMCOM 21)
(See your telecon G-4-6)

497th Bomb Group

42-65231 A. P lead in junction box broken where soldered. Vibration during flight temporarily and intermittently grounded magneto. Junction box too light.
B. Heavier junction boxes have been and are being substituted with success.
C. 45-275 (this ship was a dumbo)

42-24623 A. Universal (1017915) frozen and screw (3-13225)which is factory lubricated was binding and in need of lubrication. Rudder trim tab would not turn.
B. Universal to be lubricated, screw to be checked.
C. 45-274 (this ship was a dumbo)

42-24591 A. NHR 1 cylinder blown at head all the way round. Head raised up pulling intake pipe and breather loose. Engineer reports engine reached 48" HG but only 2450 RPM on take off. MAP limit exceeded possibly causing failure. Visual check of prop head show okay.
B. Engine being changed.
C. 45-273

42-24604 A. Cable on dome disconnected. Radar was inoperative. Cable was bad set would not work with cable connected. Set was pre-flighted okay. Questionable.
B. Units being removed for bench check. Turned over to Air Inspector for investigation.
C. Awaiting results of investigation.

498th Bomb Group

42-24611 A. Nbr 2 engine began to lose oil at the rate of 25 gals per hr. Also backfiring in autolean. Internal failure of engine. Steel particles on sump plug.
B. Engine changed
C. 45-272

42-24749 A. Nbr 2 engine rear valves had no action. Internal failure. Metal on sump plugs. Backfired badly.
B. Engine changed.
C. 45-279 (1)

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42-63475 A. Nbr 3 engine backfiring badly. Hole burned through nbr 16 exhaust valve.
B. Cylinder changed.
C. 45-281

42-24607 A. Nbr 2 engine had used 350 gals, more than other 1 1/2 hrs from Japan, or in five hours time. Engine began to throw a stream of sparks. Outboard side glowed for one minute after engine feathered. Oil leak and intake pipes loose.
B. Intake stack hoses replaced.
C. None

499th Bomb Group

42-24674 A. Radar out. Bombardier released bombs early.
B. Turned over to Air Inspector for investigation.
C. None

500th Bomb Group

44-69725 A. Nbr 1 engine prop governor stuck at 2800 RPM immediately after take off.
B. Replaced governor
C. 45-327

44-69751 A. Oil temperature on nbr 1 engine went to 125 degrees C, engine then went to 3200 RPM. Oil temperature regulator inoperative.
B. Turned over to Air Inspector for investigation
C. None

42-93878 A. Nbr 14 cylinder blown onnbr 2 engine.
B. Replaced engine.
C. 45-328

42-63490 A. Forward bomb bay door lacked 6" of closing. Left nacelle door on right wheel nacelle would not close. Could only get 180 MPH airspeed. Crew could offer no probably cause.
B. Turned over to Air Inspector for investigation
C. None

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42-24770 A. Nbr 2 engine backfired excessively. Had to hold throttle with hand. Cause not yet determined.
B. None
C. None

498th Bomb Group

42-24544 A. Radar out. No other information
B. None
C. None

42-63944 A. Radar out. No other information.
B. None
C. None

500th Bomb Group

42-65249 A. Radar inoperative. Turned back before reaching target. Radar checked okay on ground. Questionable.
B. Turned over to Air Inspector for investigation.
C. None

9th Bomb Group

42-63556 A. Nbr 1 engine inter rocker box cross over tube broken nbr 2 engine prop governor sliding poppet valve stuck.
B. Not available
C. Not available

42-24840 A. Radar was inoperative
B. Not available
C. Not available

42-24835 A. Radar inoperative
B. Not available
C. Not available

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42-93892 A. Radar inoperative.
B. Factory representative investigating.
C. None

42-65298 A. Radar inoperative
B. Not available
C. Not available

504th Bomb Group

42-63506 A. Radar tube in AFC circuit in synchronizer inoperative. RF unit inoperative. Radio compass loop antenna defective.
B. Not available
C. Not available

42-65241 A. Oil leaks and sparks coming out of engine. Nbr 3 cylinder nbr 1 engine swa llowed exhaust valve, causing loss of oil through the exhaust.
B. Engine being changed
C. Not available

42-24814 A. Blown prop governor gasket. Oil leaked through gasket between cylinders onto hot exhaust stacks causing sparks noted by crew.
B. Prop governor base gasket removed and replaced.
C. Not available

42-6516 A. Radar inoperative
B. Not available
C. Not available

505th Bomb Group

42-63515 A. Fire in pilots aisle stand. Short found in position light resistors when on dim. Fuse not blown causing resistor to heat excessively and smoke. Nbr 1 engine rough on take off. Damaged prop blade tip nbr 1 engine. Large tear in sidewall of left inboard tire.
B. Defective resistor changed. Prop changed. Tire changed. Tip and tire damage being further investigated.
C. Not available.

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42-65243 A. Runaway prop and oil leak nbr 1 engine. Nbr 1 engine frozen landing. (Homing aircraft)
B. Engine changed
C. Not available

42-63525 A. Nbr 4 engine prop governor stuck at 2150 RPM. Nbr 1 engine 2500 RPM on take off. Nbr 2 engine 3100 RPM on take off. Nbr 4 prop governor switch was sticking on ground check.
B. Prop governor head changed
C. Information not available

42-93958 A. Nbr 2 engine backfiring, would not run in auto lean. Oil seal on distributor broken allowing oil in the distributor.
B. Oil seal replaced
C. Not available

44-69674 A. Nbr 2 engine running hot, fuel transfer switch fused closed. Nbr 4 prop governor sluggish, bad oxygen leak in rear compartments. Wire came loose from stake on connection of engineer's forward transfer toggle switch. Nbr 4 prop governor action slow. Nbr 2 prop governor dead. Emergency filler valve on regulator in radar compartment in open position.
B. Nbr 2 engine undergoing further checking. Will report findings.
C. Not available

42-63484 A. Radar inoperative
B. Not available
C. Not available (super Dumbo)

42-24844 A. Push rod housings damaged. Further info not available.
B. Not available
C. Not available (Super Dumbo)

19th Bomb Group

42-69689 A. Aft bomb bay doors would not remain closed. Aft bomb bay door latch had slipped to the left throwing adjustment of doors out of alligment. Bomb bay doors would not remain in locked position.
B. New locking latch installed.
C. None

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29th Bomb Group

42-93928 A. Failure of fuel transfer pumps.
B. New transfer pump installed
C. 15-34

Note: Exluding superdumbos and homing planes this total is one less than published mission summary figures. One mechanical was changed to personnel.

497th Bomb Group

42-24593 A. Radar blacked out at landfall. Since ship was in overcast and unable to determine position, bombs were jettisoned.
B. Turned over to Air Inspector
C. None

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	INFORMATION	C/S; C/S Opr (2 cys); A-4 (3 cys); Flying Safety (2 cys)

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" " " DepCom	"	K-9-2	092330Z		BSR
" " to XX1 BC	"	6-9-3	092025Z		BSR
Communique.	Telecon	G-10-2	101030Z		BSR.
Communique (Relay)	Telecon	K-10-2	101407Z		BSR
Forthcoming Operations	Telecon	FN-09-3		9 Mar	BSR

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FN-09-3	Forthcoming Operation	9 March 1945

(From Norstad To: COMAF 20 for Spence)

Operations tonight will be largest yet if plan can be carried out. Its effect may be significant. If over three hundred aircraft take off you should release that number. In any event release fact that largest number participated if that proves to be a fact. In order to establish foundation for what may be an outstanding show you should leave no doubt that this is an important operation. We will give you further details as they may arise. Results are not certain until they can be seen so hold something back but it should be stressed that this is a big one.

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TELECON MSG K-10-2 (RESTRICTED) 031013462

SUBJECT 20TH AF COMMUNIQUE NO. 66

TO COMGENBOMCOM 20 FROM COMAF 20

Communique
XXI BC mission 40

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE TO BE RELEASED HERE AT 101030Z

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~~CORRECTION 3RD LINE FROM BOTTOM SHUULD READ~~
~~THE GLOW OF FIRES VISIBLE FOR A DISTANCE OF 150 MILES RPT MILES~~

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TO COMGENBOMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOMAF 20

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MISSION WAS MADE AT HEADQUARTERS OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE IN WASHINGTON. THE ATTACK WAS DIRECTED AGAINST INDUSTRIAL TARGETS AND DETAILS OF THE MISSION WILL BE RELEASED AFTER THE PLANES HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR BASES.

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Request for Info on Night Fighter Opposition	Telecon	G-21-3	21/3/45		PR
Your Telecons G-21-3 & WAR 54238	Telecon	JN-24-3		25/3/45	PR
RCM Information	Memo			3 May	HA

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Chief of Staff
Deputy C. of S. P & A
Deputy C. of S. Opn
Deputy C. of S. T.M.&S.
A. G.

XXI BOMBER COMMAND

3 May 1945

Mission No. 40 - 10 March 1945

Target: Tokyo (Night)

RCM INFORMATION

1. General

a. Two RCM observers searched for enemy transmissions in the frequency bands: 70-90 mcs, 90-120 mcs, 120-170 mcs, 170-300 mcs, 300-1000 mcs, and 1000-3000 mcs. While over the target, the search was concentrated on logging radar signals with high PRF and short pulse length characteristics.

b. A total of 51 signals was logged, but after analysis for repetition and ambiguity, this number was resolved into 30 different signals. The analysis included coincidence of the signals with enemy action, their possible transmission from particular enemy equipment and previous intercepts.

2. Results

a. Three Mark TA Model III type signals were present throughout the raid over the target. These signals tracked the aircraft at close range, but searched when the aircraft departed. The moderate flak in this area was associated with 10 cm GL radar rather than the Mark TA Model III type signals.

b. Radar-controlled searchlights may have been used since approximately 100 lights were pointed directly at planes when they were turned on. There were three signals of importance thought to have been associated with searchlight control. They were 196/3000/3-4, 200/1200/6, 198/2500/4. The latter was believed to have been shipborne.

c. Three 10-centimeter signals were intercepted on this mission. 3000/2000/6 is a signal bearing much importance in that it is one of few 10-centimeter radar signals received from the Japanese Empire. The characteristics indicate a probable Mark 51, 52 surface search with a power of 2 kw. No other information is available. This signal was intercepted in the Katsura area. Image was at 2950 mc and harmonics at 1460 and 1490 mcs. The signal, 3010/high/1-2, was logged in the Najima Zaki area and appeared to have a sweep rate of 6 rpm. It was weak and had a narrow beam width. The 3025/2500/.6-.8 signal was associated with accurate A/A fire between Katsura and Najima Zaki.

d. There were other signals logged in the target area with frequencies between 73 to 80 mcs, PRF's from 500 to 1000 and PL's ranging from 23-46 microseconds. The usual early warning type radars were also logged over the islands on the way to the Japanese homeland.

CC: ACO, Maj. Mallis
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AC/AS, Intelligence Comment: The three ten-centimeter signals appear to have been the first of this frequency intercepted with PRF and PL also being noted. Previous intercepts in this area indicated ten-centimeter frequency present but no further data on characteristics were obtained. Captured documents and equipment have revealed that the Japanese had ten-centimeter shipborne search radar, but accumulating evidence is now building up to support the belief that they are also using ten-centimeter radar for ground fire control.

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FN-24-3	Your Telecons G-21-3 and WAR 54238	25 March 45

Mission 40
XXI BC Enemy Flts

(To: COMAF 20 Info: DEPCOMAF 20 POA From: BOMCOM 21)

Data on fighter reaction to each night mission will be sent by telecon as received and compiled. This is data for Mission No. 40 Tokyo, 9 March: Enemy air opposition very weak, seventy-four enemy fighters were sighted. Forty attacks. No B-29's were damaged or lost due to enemy aircraft. Surprise apparently achieved. Little evidence of air-ground coordination or of knowledge of night fighting by enemy pilots Unidentified single-engine fighters made 13 attacks: Unidentified twin-engine made 9; Tojo two; Nick one; Zeke, one; Irving (possible) four; Jack (possible) one; Tony (possible) one; twin-boom one; unidentified seven. 23 attacks from the tail quarter, 7 from left, 4 from nose, six from right, attacks occurred while B-29's were illuminated by fire or searchlight and could be trailed. Some crews believed fighters were limited to visual searching and stumbled on our aircraft. We loaded no ammunition and relied on our speed and the enemy's lack of capable night fighters.

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G-2145	REQUEST FOR INFO ON NIGHT FIGHTER OPPOSITION	21 March 1945

(To: COMGENBOMCOM 21 From: COMGENAF 20)

Would appreciate further analysis and evaluation of night fighter opposition to Middleman 2 and Microscope 3. How were so many enemy aircraft sighted in the darkness and how do you explain difference between numbers sighted and numbers making attacks. How was it possible to make such positive identification of types of enemy aircraft. Was the light from fires or moonlight sufficient to reveal these details. Are we to interpret the report of 280 enemy aircraft sighted in Middleman 2 as meaning that you estimate this number of aircraft actually airborne or does this represent the total number of aircraft sightings reported by individual crews without attempt to eliminate possible multiple sightings of same enemy aircraft by a number of planes. Please send us by telecon your full evaluation of these night fighter reactions.

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Photo Flash Report	Telecon	FN-11-24		12 Mar	DR
Flash Photo Int. Rpt	Telecon	FN-11-1		12 Mar	DR
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From: CG, 21st Bomber Command, Guam

To: War Department
CG, Army Air Force, Pacific Ocean Areas, Administrative
Hickam Field, T.H.

1513 24 March 1945

For Spence from Rees info Wippold, AIAPR 1513 from BOMCOM 21 to COMAF 20 info DEPCOMAF 20 Admin.

In summary received here of General Norstad press conference area burned out in Tokyo is listed as 13.2 square miles.

Latest assessment released to War Correspondents here several days ago, was 16.7 square miles in Tokyo.

XXI BOMCOM sends rest to General Norstad this date.

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FN-11-1	FLASH PHOTO INTERPRETATION REPORT ON 3PR5M 76, POST STRIKE	12 March 1945

(To: COMAF 20 From: BOMCOM 21 Info: DEPCOM 20)

Meetinghouse 2, 10 March 1945. Mean time of photography: 0136Z. Quality good. Target 1404 (35/42 N - 139/24 E) Tachikawa Airfield: count incomplete; field coverage 2/10 clouds. Aircraft visible: 116. 79 S/E, 36 T/E, 1 4/E. Narimasu airfield (35/46 N - 139/38E) aircraft visible: 45. 44 S/E, 1 T/E. Nijima Airfield (35/22 N - 139/16 E) no aircraft visible. Damage to Tokyo city: damage assessment resulting from XXI B.C. Mission 40, 9 March 45. Damage totals about 422,500,000 sq. ft. (9,700 acres or 15 sq. miles) of city area destroyed (27,000,000 sq. ft. of which is 2% damage). The destroyed area includes residential, business and industrial sections. Damage centered about 10,000 ft ENE of emperors palace. Eleven numbered industrial targets were destroyed or damaged. Many other unidentified industries were in the destroyed area. Damage was partially obscured by smoke from fires still burning at the time of photograph (0136Z). Vertical coverage was incomplete; part of interpretation was from oblique photography. List of damage: numbered targets 910 destroyed, 911 destroyed, 912 destroyed, 193 destroyed, 914 destroyed, 915 destroyed, 1342 burning, 1370 damage to sheds, 1366 burning, 1450 destroyed, 1449 destroyed. Area of 379,800,000 sq. ft. destroyed (reference AAFTC 90.17 - 330) (H8.1 - V7.3) (9.4-6.8) (9.7-7.6) 10.6-7.7) 10.6-8.1). AAFTC 205 (2.5-3.9 (2.5-4.5) (2.2-4.3). AAFTC 1394 (1.2-4.0) (1.5-2.8)(3.8-1.6) (4.8-1.0) (4.5-0.6)(4.5-2.0)(6.3-5.5)(6.0-6.4)5.4-6.6) (5.5-6.9)(5.0-7.1)(4.7-6.3)(3.9-6.8)(3.7-6.0)(4.4-5.3). AAFTC 205 (3.6-5.0)(4.0-3.9) (1.3-4.0). AAFTC 1394 (4.9-0.3)(5.5-0.0)(9.4-0.0)(9.6-1.3)(9.7-2.3)(9.0-3.0)(8.3-3.8) (9.4-4.0)(8.9-4.7)(9.5-4.0(8.9-5.5)(8.3-5.9)(7.6-6.6)(6.6-5.1)(7.3-5.8)(4.6-2.0). AAFTC 1394 area (3.2-3.6)(3.2-3.4)(3.6-3.1)(3.6-2.7)(4.2-2.5)(3.7-3.4) not damaged. Area 8,840,000 sq. ft. destroyed TC 205 (2.8-0.8)(3.9-0.2)(4.5-0.6). TC 1361 (12.4-11.2)(13.1-10.8)(13.7-10.2)(14.0-10.8)(13.3-11.6)12.5-11.7). Area 400,000 sq. ft. destroyed TC 1361 (11.9-10.2)(12.2-10.1)(12.3-10.3)(11.9-10.4). Area 400,000 sq. ft. destroyed TC 1361 (12.6-9.7). Area 325,000 sq. ft. destroyed TC 1361 (12.2-9.1) (12.5-8.9)(12.6-9.0)(12.4-9.3). Area 1,950,000 sq. ft. destroyed TC 330 (8.0-6.9) (8.7-6.5)(8.8-6.8)(8.2-7.1). Area 780,000 sq. ft. destroyed TC 1361 (10.9-9.5) (11.2-9.1)(11.1-9.6)(9.4-9.2). Area 861,900 sq. ft. destroyed TC 1361 (9.5-9.3) (9.6-8.9)(9.9-8.8)(10.3-8.9)(10.2-9.2)(10.0-9.2). Area 1,515,000 sq. ft. destroyed TC 1361 (8.4-12.9)(8.8-12.6)(9.0-12.7)(8.7-13.9)(9.2-12.6)(9.5-12.3)(9.7-12.7)(9.4-12.7). Area 780,000 sq. ft. destroyed TC 205 (7.0-3.7)(7.1-3.8)(7.6-3.3)(7.8- 3.4). Area 1,875,000 sq. ft. destroyed TC 1394 (0.9-5.6)(1.5-4.5)(1.5-5.3)(1.4-5.7)(1.5-5.8)(1.6-5.4)(2.0-6.2)(2.1-6.7)(2.4-6.0)(2.6-6.0). Area 1,452,000 sq. ft. destroyed TC 1394 (5.2-7.5)(6.7-7.5)(5.6-7.4)(5.5-7.9)(6.8-7.4). Area 13,000,000 sq. ft. destroyed TC 1394 (9.8-3.0)(10.4-3.9)(11.0-2.0)(10.9-3.0). Area 1,300,000 sq. ft destroyed TC X (12.7-8.1)(13.0-8.0)(13.0-8.3)(12.7-8.3)(Area 8,450,000 sq. ft. destroyed TC

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FN-11-24	Photo Flash Report 3PR5M 77, 12 March 1945. Post Strike Meetinghouse Two, 9 March 1945.	12 March 1945

(To: COMAF 20 Info: DEPCOMAF 20 POA; CTF 93; CTF 94; COMAF 7, COMAIR PAC; CINCPOA Rear; BOM WG 314; BOM WG 73; BOM WG 313; CINCPOA Adv Hq
From: COMCENBOMCOM 21)

Mean time of photography 0115Z quality of photographs excellent Tokyo Harbor (35/38 N - 139/45 E) vessels present in the harbor 2 small SS and 19 MVS over 200' in length (two in drydock) Tokyo City damage photographs show 38,650,000 sq ft (1.4 sq miles) additional damage not visible on previous coverage because of smoke. Few small fires are still burning. Total area destroyed is about 16.7 sq miles. Additional numbered targets which are damaged or destroyed are: 334,826, 907, 1350, 1448.

Additional damage located as follows: (Reference AAFTC 90.17 - 330) area 1 1,300,000 sq ft destroyed (V6.0 - H 0.6) (6.0 - 0.9) (5.8 - 0.8) (5.7 - 1.1)

Area 2: 550,000 sq ft destroyed at (6.3 - 5.3)

Area 3: 250,000 sq ft destroyed at (5.8 - 6.4)

Area 4A: 1,350,000 sq ft destroyed (5.7 - 8.0) (6.0 - 8.2) (5.2 - 8.6) (5.1 - 8.4)

Area 4B: 700,000 sq ft destroyed (5.1 - 8.4) (4.9 - 8.7) (4.7 - 8.6) (5.0 - 8.3)

Area 4C: 300,000 sq ft destroyed at (5.0 - 8.1)

Area 5: 22,500,000 sq ft destroyed south edge of previously reported damage is extended to: (7.8 - 7.8) (7.8 - 7.5) (7.0 - 7.9) (6.5 - 8.6) (6.7 - 9.9) (7.1 - 10.1) (6.9 - 10.5) (7.7 - 10.9) (7.3 - 12.1) (8.0 - 12.3)

Area 6: 1,000,000 sq ft destroyed. Previously reported area extended to: (7.2 - 13.0) (8.3 - 12.6) (8.4 - 13.1)

Area 7: 3,000,000 sq ft destroyed (9.2 - 12.2) (9.8 - 12.3) (10.1 - 12.6) (9.6 - 12.9)

Area 8: 7,700,000 SW ft destroyed (11.1 - 12.8) (11.6 - 12.1) (12.3 - 12-6) (12.0 - 13.2) (11.2 - 13.9).

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Damage Assessment
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12 March 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL COMBS

Subject : Important Additional Industrial Installations in Burned-Over Tokyo Area

1. As result of detailed study of reconnaissance photography and a quick review of some former material which G-2's New York office prepared for the old Target section, some important additions can be made to today's brief summary of industrial installations in the burned-over area of Tokyo.

2. Attached is a draft of a memo to General Giles, which it is suggested might be advantageously handed to him in connection with details on the Nagoya incendiary attack.

3. The additional installations referred to have been indicated by brown grease pencil on the mosaic in the Operations Room, with an attached key identifying the installations by number.

Philip G. Bower
Lt. Colonel, AC

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Draft of a Memorandum To General Giles

Subject : Industrial Significance of Area Burned by 9 March 1945 Incendiary Attack on Tokyo

1. In addition to previously listed targets, the industrial significance of the area burned by the 9 March incendiary attack on Tokyo is considerably increased by a number of sizable plants which can be identified on reconnaissance photography, and a large number of smaller plants and factories whose location in the area is indicated by other intelligence.

2. Sizable plants in the area not previously listed as targets include : Nakayama Steel, Royal Celluloid, Nissan Chemical, Japan Military Goods (automatic weapon components), Japan Glycerine, Daido Textile, Japan Machinery (aircraft components), Kurihara Woolen, Shinohara Machinery (machine tools), Asano Warehouses, Senju Gas Works, Oana Engineering (machine tools), Asakusa Telephone Exchange. Of these, Japan Military Goods, Japan Glycerine, Daido Textile and Japan Machinery are closely proximate in an area which has been reported under Navy guard, indicating the importance of the auotmatic-weapon and aircraft components reported produced [redacted] plants and the probable importance of similar production in these factories. It is believed probable that both the Daido and Kurihara textile mills, which are large installations, have been converted to direct war products.

3. In addition to the larger installations, various sources of intelligence have indicated the location in the area of literally hundreds of smaller factories and shops which unquestionably add up to considerable aggregate industrial importance. For example, in one small industrial bloc south of Targets 910 and 912 (Rising Sun Petroleum and Nishin Spinning), there are about 30 small shops formerly producing sheet metal, household utensils, mining machinery, pipe, building materials, boilers, plating, and chemicals. In another typical industrial bloc south of Target 907 (Tokyo Gas branch plant) around 25 small factories have been identified as producing steel castings, oil switchgear, gears, boilers, small steam engines, locks, drums, mining machinery, and forgings. These and similar small-industry concentrations throughout the burned area are comparable to such sections in Cleveland and Detroit.

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SUBJECT FLASH BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT REPORT

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1. THERE FOLLOWS A FLASH REPORT OF DAMAGE TO TOKYO CITY RESULTING FROM MEETINGHOUSE TWO, OPERATIONS OF 10 MAR 45.

A. DAMAGE TOTALS ABOUT 422,00,000 SQ. FT. (9,700 ACRES, OR 15 SQ. MILES OF CITY AREA DESTROYED. THE DESTROYED AREA INCLUDES RESIDENTIAL, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL SECTION OF THE CITY. DAMAGE IS CENTERED ABOUT 10,000 FT. EAST-NORTHEAST OF THE EMPERORS PALACE.

B. EIGHT INDUSTRIES ASSIGNED TARGET NUMBERS WERE DESTROYED OR DAMAGED. MANY OTHER UNIDENTIFIED INDUSTRIES WERE IN THE DESTROYED AREA.

C. DAMAGE WAS PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY SMOKE FROM FIRES STILL BURNING AT TIME OF PHOTOGRAPHY (0136Z). VERTICAL COVERAGE WAS

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INCOMPLETE: PART OF INTERPRETATION WAS FROM OBLIQUE PHOTOGRAPHY.

2. REPORT CONTAINING GRID REFERENCES WILL BE FORWARDED ~~AER~~ AFTER THIS DATE.

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3. GENERAL LEMAY IS MAKING STATEMENT TO GUAM CORRESPONDANTS CONCERNING BOMB DAMAGE TO TOKYO CITY. STATMENT BEING MADE AT 101815Z , AND WILL BE CONSERVATIVE IN NATURE.

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SUBJECT: MEETINGHOUSE TWO OPERATION.

PILOT OF PHOTO RECON FLIGHT OVER TARGET AT 100100Z REPORTS FIRES STILL BURNING OVER LARGER AREA WITH SMIKE COLOMN UP TO 1600 FEET. POST STRIKE RECONNAISSANCE PHOTOS OBTAINED. ARE NOW BEING PROCESSED. MORE DETAILS LATER.

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FH-11-8	LOW ALTITUDE DATA Mission 40 XXI BC Misc.	11 Mar 45

(From: BomCom 21 (Norstad) To: COMAF 20 (Spence)

Appreciate value of release of low altitude data but cannot agree at this time due to security factor. LeMay will release this information at his discretion within the next week or ten days. Should appreciate that the mission of yesterday was actually one of a series. The plan calls for three more of a somewhat similar nature. Please guide yourself accordingly. The forces involved will probably not be as large but the strikes may be of equal significance. After study of the past attack photographs, it is very apparent that this last operation was most successful. The results far exceed my optomistic expectations.

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FT-11-11	"HOMING AIRCRAFT AND SUPER DUMBOS" Mission 40 XXIBC Misc	11 Mar 45

(From: BOMCON 21 To: COMAF 20 Info: DEPCOMAF 20 POA)

Subject is your telecon message No. G-9-2, "Homing Aircraft and Super Dumbos." Four homing aircraft dispatched to arrive over target at altitude of 24,000 to 27,000 feet 30 minutes prior to main force to transmit homing signals. One frequency assigned to each aircraft 280, 330, 424, and 524 KCSW each frequency is assigned an identification letter. Homing signals are continuous using identification letter and 2 twenty second dashes. Following equipment AN/ART-13 transmitter equipped with low frequency oscillation and antenna loading coil number 47281. Each aircraft has spare transmitter loading coil and liaison dynamotor. Signals received by striking force are received on radio compass SCR-269-G or AN/ARN-7.

Superdumbos act in capacity of a long range air-sea rescue aid: guards 4475KCS, 500KCS, channel C-VHF, 11080 KCS and 3145KCS. Usually stay in vicinity of submarines until receives distress calls. If possible leads crippled aircraft near a surface vessel. If aircraft has already ditched the superdumbo will orbit around crew, dropping emergency equipment until relieved by another dumbo or surface vessel. Super dumbos are equipped to send homing signals as well as receive distress calls.

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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
G-10-3	COMMENTS TO CORRESPONDENTS ON LAST MISSION	10 March 1945

Misc
Mission 40
XXI BC

(To: COMGENBOMCOM 21 From: COMAF 20)

For Norstad from Combs and Spence.

Suggest for your consideration authoritative voice LeMay's Hq commenting to correspondents in time for Sunday morning papers that this mission was flown at five to nine thousand feet and how tough this is for big ships like B-29's. Press feeling here is that B-29's had an easy time due to darkness and high altitude and if it is pointed out this was low-level attack that couldn't miss, coupled with any further proof of effectiveness shown by first photo recon evidence, such stories would have strong public relations value at this time. It might also be advisable to deviate this once only from custom and use the operational losses as proof of toughness of this type of mission.

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TELECON MESSAGE NO: G-12-4 SECRET

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

TO COMGENBOMCOM 21 -INFO DEPCOMAF 20 POA FROM COMAF 20

REQUEST THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON MEETINGHOUSE2:

A. BOMB LOAD IN POUNDS PER AIRCRAFT

B. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT DITCHED

C. AIRCRAFT DEFINITELY LOST OVER TARGET

D. AIRCRAFT MISSING

REQUEST THE ABOVE INFORMATION FOR MICROSCOPE2.

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