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TELECON MSG FN-25-6 OPOP TOP SECRET

FROM LEMAY COMGENSBOMCOM 21 250720Z

TO COMAF 20 INFO DEPCOMAF 20(POA)
SUBJECT BRIEF OF MISSION STARVATION 16

30 A/C FROM THE 313 BW ARE SCHEDULED TO LAY 220 MINES IN THE EASTERN

ENTRANCE TO SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS, FUSHIKI FUKUOKA AND KARATSU.

A. 7 A/C 49 MINES IN FIELD L SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS - EAST

ROUTE : BASE , IWO , 3230N 13230E, 332130N 1212120E (IP), TARGET,

RIGHT TURN TO 16000 FEET, 3230N 13230E, IWO TO BASE.

B. 17 A/C 124 MINES IN FIELD C FUKUOKA , KAUTSU

(CCN IN LAST LINE THE LAST GP OF LAST LINE IS KARATSU RPT KARATSU
ROUTE: BASE, IWO, 3020N 13053E, 3115N 13013E, 3311N, 1292130E, 3326N

1292530E, 332815N 12930E (IP), TARGET, RIGHT TURN TO 16000 FEET, 3328E

13055E, 322930N 1314330E, IWO TO BASE,

CM
C ~~A~~. 6 A/C 47 MINES IN FIELD N FUSHIKI

ROUTE: BASE, IWO, 3439N 13759E, 3730N 13800E, 3727N 13722E, 372020N

1371610E (IP), TARGET, LEFT TURN TO 16000 FEET, 3519N ~~135////// RPTV~~

13605E, 3357N ~~1360XXXXXX RPT~~ 13616E, IWO TO BASE.

D
M TIME OF TAKE OFF: 260800Z.TIME OVER TGT: 261700Z. TIME OF RETURN:

262300Z.

E. METHOD OF ATTACK: RADAR LAYING, SINGLE AIRCRAFT AT NIGHT.

F. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK: 5000-8000.

G. FIGHTER ESCORT WILL NOT BE PROVIDED.

H. AIR SEA RECUE RPT RESCUE HAS BEEN REQUESTED.

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C. 6 A/C 47 MINES IN FIELD N FJXXXXXX FUSHIKI
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TELECON MESSAGE FN-26-15 OPOP SECRET 261450Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR MISSION NO. 184, TARGET JAPANESE HOME WATERS, FLOWN 26 MAY 1945.

1. UNIT: 313TH WING

2. A/C SCHEDULED 30

3. A/C AIRBORNE: 30

4. FIRST A/C OFF: 260800Z

5. LAST A/C OFF: 261835Z

6. EARLY RETURNS: 1

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-26-12 (SECRET) 260845Z (OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY)

FROM: LEMAY COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20

INFO: DEPCOMAF20(POA)

SUBJECT: FIRST TAKEOFF REPORT ON MINING MISSION ~~NO. 16~~.

SECRET

1. FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT 260800Z.

BASES AT TAKEOFF: SCATTERED LOW AND MIDDLE CLOUDS.

ROUTE: SCATTERED LOW AND MIDDLE CLOUDS TO 20 DEG NORTH. FROM 20 DEG NORTH TO 21 DEG NORTH THERE WILL BE BROKEN LOW CLOUDS, SCATTERED MIDDLE CLOUDS AND SCATTERED SHOWERS. FROM 21 DEG NORTH TO 30 DEG NORTH THERE WILL BE SCATTERED LOW, MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUDS. BETWEEN 30 DEG NORTH AND 31 DEG NORTH THERE WILL BE OVERCAST LOW MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUDS WITH MODERATE SHOWERS. FROM 31 DEG NORTH TO 33 DEG NORTH THERE WILL BE BROKEN LOW AND HIGH CLOUDS AND OVERCAST MIDDLE CLOUDS.

TARGET 34X131, 34X130.5: 5/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 2500 FT, TOP 5,000 FT; 2/10 HIGH CLOUD AT 30,000 FT; VISIBILITY 12 MILES; WINDS AT 16,500 FT WILL BE 290 DEGREES AT 40 KNOTS AND AT 6,000 FT WILL BE 350 DEGREES AT 25 KNOTS.

TARGET 37X138: 9/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 2000 FT, TOP 5000 FT; 10/10 MIDDLE CLOUD BASE 14,000 FT, TOP 21,000; 10/10 HIGH CLOUD AT 23,000 FT WINDS AT 12,000 FT WILL BE 240 DEGREES AT 25 KNOTS.

BASES ON RETURN: SCATTERED LOW AND MIDDLE CLOUDS.

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TOD: 052609 18Z YAMG

ROGER 052609 18Z 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.G.	Surg			
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1. Designation of Unit: 313th Wing, XXI Bomber Command.
2. Time of Take Off: 260800Z - 260832Z.
3. Time of Return: 262204Z - 270053Z.
4. Number of A/C Airborne: Thirty (30).
5. Number A/C Over Primary Minefield: M/F "N", six (6) aircraft laid thirty-three (33) MK-25 and twelve (12) MK-26-36. M/F "L", seven (7) aircraft laid forty-nine (49) MK-25. M/F "C", fourteen (14) aircraft laid ninety-eight (98) MK-25. M/F "M", two (2) aircraft laid fourteen (14) MK-25.
6. Number A/C Over Alternate Minefield: None.
7. Number and Location of Mines Jettisoned by A/C: Two (2) aircraft jettisoned two (2) MK-25 and twelve (12) MK-26-36 mines as follows:

At 3355N - 13613E, Two (2) M-31-B8
At 1530N - 14615E, Five (5) Q31-A8
Five (5) Q21-A8
One (1), Q41-A8
At 1528N - 14623E, One (1), Q41-A8

8. Number A/C Returning Mines to Base: None
9. Number Mines unaccounted for and reason: None
10. Number A/C Lost: None
11. Time of Attack: M/F "N" 261602Z - 261625Z;
M/F "L" 261552Z - 261625Z;
M/F "C" 261644Z - 261730Z;
M/F "M" 261643Z - 261706Z.

12. Altitude Over Target: M/F "N", 8,000 Ft - 8,200 Ft
M/F "L", 6,450 Ft - 6,850 Ft
M/F "C", 5,900 Ft - 6,500 Ft
M/F "M", 6,500 Ft - 6,800 Ft

13. True Air Speed at Mine Release: M/F "N", 200 - 248 Kts;
M/F "L", 219 - 228 Kts;
M/F "C", 210 - 225 Kts;
M/F "M", 219 - 220 Kts.

14. Length of Mine Run: M/F "N", 9 Minutes - 12 minutes, 14 seconds

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M/F "L", 3 minutes, 40 seconds - 12 minutes, 24 seconds
M/F "C", 5 minutes, 56 seconds - 13 minutes, 36 seconds
M/F "M", 3 minutes, 30 seconds - 12 minutes, 54 seconds

15. Wind Reported Over Target: M/F "N", 220 degrees at 24 Kts
M/F "L", 280 degrees at 22 Kts
M/F "C", 300 degrees at 25 Kts
M/F "M", 290 degrees at 24 Kts.

16. Clouds and Visibility: M/F "N", 3/10 clouds
M/F "L",)
M/F "C",) 0/10 Clouds
M/F "M",)
Visibility over fifteen (15) miles all forces.

17. Personnel Casualties: None.
18. Enemy Air Opposition: M/F "N" and "M", no sightings. M/F "L", two (2) aircraft sighted; M/F "C", one (1) aircraft sighted.
19. AA: M/F "N", Nil; M/F "L", six (6) or seven (7) aircraft received heavy AA and medium tracers. Meager to intense, inaccurate to accurate. M/F "C" scattered tracer fire in Western Kyushu. Heavy and medium fire from Fukeuka Harbor. M/F "M", heavy and medium fire from Strait Area, meager and accurate.
20. Enemy RCM Noted and Effect: None.

21. Observations: M/F "N", Visual: One (1) large ship 3715N - 13705E; One (1) large ship 3657N - 13702E; three (3) ships Toyama Bay at approximately 3655N - 13715E.
M/F "L", Visual: Six (6) ships 3345N - 13105E; One (1) ship 3342N - 13140E; One ship 3321N - 13205E; one (1) ship 3005N - 13220E; one (1) ship 3356N - 13130E; one (1) large ship CA or CL, 3321N - 13131E; one (1) large ship 3352N - 13101E; thirteen (13) ships near east shore of Kyushu from Maji 3357N - 13058E S for ten (10) miles; two (2) ships 3350N - 13058E; one (1) CVE 3325N - 13159E. RADAR: Twelve (12) ships 3355N - 13130E; one (1) ship 3325N - 13145E; one (1) large ship 3258N - 13215E. RADAR AND VISUAL: Seven (7) ships 3355N - 13117E; two (2) ships 3345N - 13135E; one (1) ship 3340N - 13140E.

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M/F "C", one (1) large ship, twenty-five (25) medium and small in Fukuoka Bay 3337N - 13023E; five (5) small ships 3235N - 12945E; two (2) ships 3237N - 12930E; two (2) ships 3300N - 12925E; two (2) ships 3300N - 12920E; one (1) ship 3319N - 12932E; one (1) ship 3120N - 13050E; one (1) ship 3145N - 13010E; one (1) ship 3145N - 13010E; six (6) ships 3207N - 12952E; six (6) ships Nagasaki Harbor; two (2) ships in Sasebo Harbor; 20-30 ships in Ariake Bay 3305N - 13020E. VISUAL: One (1) large ship 3238N - 12947E; two (2) ships 3303N - 12937E; one (1) large ship 3314N - 12925E; one (1) CVE 3225N - 12945E; four (4) small ships 3120N - 12930E; RADAR AND VISUAL: One (1) ship 3055N - 13045E; three (3) ships 3108N - 13030E; two (2) ships 3109N - 13043E; three (3) ships 3112N - 13042E; one (1) ship 3120N - 13042E; one (1) ship 3110N - 13021E; one (1) ship 3325N - 12924E; two (2) ships 3325N - 12957E; one (1) ship 3331N - 13004E.

M/F "I", thirty (30) ships in Sukume Bay 3253N - 13240E visual.

22. Number Mines Airborne: 196 MK-25 and 25 MK-26-36.

23. Number and Type of Mines Laid in Minefields:

TYPE	M/F "N"	M/F "L"	M/F "C"	M/F "I"
C31-B8	3	None	None	None
C33-B8	2	None	None	None
C41-B8	7	None	None	None
D11-B8	5	8	26	2
D12-B8	3	4	12	1
D13-B8	2	2	11	1
M11-B8	None	None	None	2
M11-X8	None	None	3	None
M11-M8	None	None	3	None
M13-G8	None	None	2	None
M13-K8	None	None	3	None
L31-B8	2	8	None	2
M31-G8	None	2	3	1
M-31-K8	None	4	1	1

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TYPE	M/F "N"	M/F "L"	M/F "C"	M/F "H"
M31-M8	5	None	None	None
M41-B8	7	None	None	None
M41-I8	9	None	None	None
X11-B8	None	None	None	1
X31-B8	None	7	19	2
X51-B8	None	7	9	1
X71-B8	None	None	6	None
V11-B8	None	7	None	None
	45	49	98	14

24. The mines laid on this mission are expected to discourage ships from anchoring just off Ho Saki in the Eastern entrance of Shimonoseki Straits. Fushiki in Toyama Wan on the North Coast of Honshu will probably be closed to ships for a few days. Fukuoka and Karatsu on the West Coast of Kyushu will no doubt experience several ship sinkings and will be in a state of confusion for many days. Please pass this information to CNO, Washington.

DIST — ACTION: DC/S Opns 4 cys

INFO: C/S - DC/OPRS - DC/S P&A - DC/S TME; Generals Norstad, Hodges, Wilson and Bissell, one copy each; Captain Stroop, one copy; SCO, one copy; File, five cys.

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REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 184 - 26/27 May 1945
Date

Mining Operation #16

Total A/C Mining: 29

Targets:

~~Primary:~~ Fushiki, Shiminato, Nanao — 6 A/C

~~Secondary:~~ Shimonoseki Straits — 9 A/C

~~Other:~~ Kyushu, Northwest Coast — 14 A/C

Time Over Target: 270032/270230 Theater Time

~~Aircraft:~~

~~Total Bombing~~

~~Primary~~

~~Secondary~~

~~Other~~

A/C Lost or Missing: 0

Bomb Load: ~~194 MK-25, 12 MK-26-36~~ Approximately 200 tons

Tactics: Mines laid by single a/c by night from an altitude of 5900 feet to 8200 feet.

~~Fighter Support:~~ None

Weather: Clouds 0/10 to 3/10 coverage, visibility over 15 miles, wind 22 to 25 knots.

Fighter Opposition: Shimonoseki Straits - two a/c sighted, Kyushu Northwest Coast - one a/c sighted.

Flak: Fushiki, Shiminato, Nanao - nil.

Shimonoseki Straits - inaccurate to accurate, heavy aa and medium tracers received by 6 or 7 a/c.

Kyushu Northwest Coast - scattered tracer fire in W. Kyushu, heavy & medium fire from Fukuoka Harbor.

Claims: None

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Fushiki, Shiminato, Nanao - Visual: one large ship 37/15 N, 137/05 E; one large ship 36-57 N, 137-02 E; 3 ships Toyama Bay at approx. 36-55 N, 137-15 E.

Observations:

Shimonoseki Straits - Visual: six ships 33/45 N - 131/05E; one ship 33/42 N - 131/40 E; one ship 33/21 N - 132/05 E; one ship 30/05 N - 132/20 E; one ship 33/55 N - 131/30 E; one large ship CA or CL, 33/21 N - 131/31 E; one large ship 33/52 N - 131/01 E; 13 ships near east short of Kyushu 33/57 N - 130/58 E south by 10 miles; two ships 33/50 N - 130/58 E; one CVE xxxxxx 33/25 N - 131/59 E. Radar: 12 ships 33/55 N - 131/30 E; one ship 33/25 N - 131/45 E; one large ship 32/58 N - 132/15 E. Radar and visual: 7 ships 33/55 N - 131/17 E; 2 ships 33/45 N - 131/35 E; one ship 33/40 N - 131/40 E. 30 ships in Sukume Bay 32/53 N - 132/40 E (visual).

Kyushu Northwest Coast - Visual: one large ship, 25 medium and small in Fukuoka Bay 33/37 N - 130/23 E; 5 small ships 32/35 N - 129/45 E; 2 ships 32/53 N - 129/30 E; two ships 33/00 N - 129/25 E; 2 ships 33/00 N - 129/20 E; one ship 33/19 N - 129/32 E; 1 ship 31/20 N - 130/50 E; one ship 31/45 N - 130/10 E; 1 ship 31/45 N - 130/10 E; 6 ships 32/07 N - 129/52 E; 6 ships Nagasaki Harbor; 2 ships in Sasebo Harbor; 20-30 ships in Ariake Bay 33/05 N - 130/20 E; one large ship 32/38 N - 129/47 E; 2 ships 33/03 N - 129/37 E; one large ship 33/14 N - 129/25 E; 1 CVE 32/25 N - 129/45 E; 4 small ships 31/20 N - 129/30 E; Radar and Visual: one ships 30/55 N - 130/45 E; 3 ships 31/08 N - 130/30 E; two ships 31/09 N - 130/43 E; 3 ships 31/12 N - 130/42 E; one ship 31/20 N - 130/42 E; one ship 31/10 N - 130/21 E; one ship 32/25 N - 129/24 E; two ships 33/25 N - 129/57 E; one ship 33/31 N - 130/04 E.

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TO : COMAF 20 (ACAS INTELLIGENCE)

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: MISSION REPORT FOR MISSION NO. 184, 26/27 MAY 1945.

1. DESIGNATION OF UNIT: 313TH WING, XXI BOMBER COMMAND.

2. TIME OF TAKE OFF: 260800Z - 260832Z.

3. TIME OF RETURN: 262204Z - 270053Z.

4. NO. A/C AIRBORNE: 30

5. NO. A/C OVER PRIMARY MINEFIELD: M/F NAN, 6 A/C LAID 33 MK-25 AND 12 MK-26-36. M/F LOVE, 7 A/C LAID 49 MK-25. M/F CHARLIE, 14 A/C LAID 98 MK-25. M/F MIKE, 2 A/C LAID 14 MK-25.

6. NO. A/C OVER ALTERNATE MINEFIELD: NONE.

7. NO. AND LOCATION OF MINES JETTISONED BY A/C: 2 A/C JETTISONED 2 MK-25 AND 12 MK-26-36 MINES AS FOLLOWS: AT 3355N - 13613E, 2 M-31-B8. AT 1530N - 14615E, 5 Q31-A8, 5 Q21-A8, 1 Q41-A8 AT 1528N - 14623E, 1 Q41-A8.

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

9. NO. MINES UNACCOUNTED FOR AND REASON: NONE.

10. NO. A/C LOST: NONE.

11. TIME OF ATTACK: M/F NAN 261602Z - 261625Z; M/F LOVE 261532Z - 261625Z; M/F CHARLIE 261644Z - 261730Z; M/F MIKE 261643Z - 261706Z.

12. ALTITUDE OVER TARGET: M/F NAN 8000 - 8200 FT. M/F LOVE 6450 - 6850 FT; M/F CHARLIE 5900 - 6500 FT; M/F MIKE 6500 - 6800 FT.

13. TRUE AIR SPEED AT MINE RELEASE: M/F NAN 200 - 248 KTS: M/F LOVE 219 - 228 KTS; M/F CHARLIE 210 - 225 KTS; M/F MIKE 219 - 220 KITS.

14. LENTH OF MINE RUN: M/F NAN, 9 MIN - 12 MIN. 14 SEC. M/F LOVE 3 MIN 40 SEC - 12 MIN 24 SEC. M/F CHARLIE 5 MIN 56 SEC - 13 MIN 36 SEC. M/F MIKE 3 MIN 30 SEC - 12 MIN 54 SEC.

15. WIND REPORTED OVER TARGET: M/F NAN 220 DEG AT 24 KTS; M/F LOVE 280 DEG AT 22 KTS; M/F CHARLIE 300 DEG AT 25 KTS; M/F MIKE 290 DEG AT 24 KTS.

16. CLOUDS AND VISIBILITY: M/F NAN 3/10 CLOUDS. M/F LOVE, CHARLIE AND MIKE 0/10 CLOUDS. VISIBILITY OVER 15 MILES ALL FORCES.

17. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: NONE.

18. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: M/F NAN AND MIKE NO SIGHTINGS. M/F LOVE 2 A/C SIGHTED, M/F CHARLIE 1 A/C SIGHTED.

19. AA: M/F NAN, NIL; M/F LOVE, 6 OR 7 A/C RECEIVED HEAVY AA AND MEDIUM TRACERS. MEAGER TO INTENSE, INACCURATE TO ACCURATE. M/F CHARLIE SCATTERED TRACER FIRE IN WESTERN KYUSHU. HEAVY AND MEDIUM FIRE FROM FUKEUKA HARBOR. M/F MIKE HEAVY AND MEDIUM FIRE FROM STRAIT AREA, MEAGER AND ACCURATE.

20. ENEMY RCM NOTED AND EFFECT: NONE.

21. OBSERVATIONS: M/F NAN VISUAL: 1 LARGE SHIP 3715N - 13705E; 1

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5. NO. A/C OVER PRIMARY MINEFIELD: 4
AND 12 MK-26-36. M/F LOVE, 7 A/C LAID 49 MK-25. M/F CHARLIE, Shimonoseki
A/C LAID 98 MK-25. M/F MIKE, 2 A/C LAID 14 MK-25. Shimonoseki

6. NO. A/C OVER ALTERNATE MINEFIELD: NONE.

7. NO. AND LOCATION OF MINES JETTISONED BY A/C: 2 A/C JETTISONED 2 MK-25 AND 12 MK-26-36 MINES AS FOLLOWS: AT 3355N - 13613E, 2 M-31-B8. AT 1530N - 14615E, 5 Q31-A8, 5 Q21-A8, 1 Q41-A8 AT 1528N - 14623E, 1 Q41-A8.

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

9. NO. MINES UNACCOUNTED FOR AND REASON: NONE.

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10. NO. A/C LOST: NONE.

11. TIME OF ATTACK: M/F NAN 261602Z - 261625Z; M/F LOVE 261532Z - 261625Z; M/F CHARLIE 261644Z - 261730Z; M/F MIKE 261643Z - 261706Z.

12. ALTITUDE OVER TARGET: M/F NAN 8000 - 8200 FT. M/F LOVE 6450 - 6850 FT; M/F CHARLIE 5900 - 6500 FT; M/F MIKE 6500 - 6800 FT.

13. TRUE AIR SPEED AT MINE RELEASE: M/F NAN 200 - 248 KTS: M/F LOVE 219 - 228 KTS; M/F CHARLIE 210 - 225 KTS; M/F MIKE 219 - 220 KITS.

14. LENTH OF MINE RUN: M/F NAN, 9 MIN - 12 MIN. 14 SEC. M/F LOVE 3 MIN 40 SEC - 12 MIN 24 SEC. M/F CHARLIE 5 MIN 56 SEC - 13 MIN 36 SEC. M/F MIKE 3 MIN 30 SEC - 12 MIN 54 SEC.

15. WIND REPORTED OVER TARGET: M/F NAN 220 DEG AT 24 KTS; M/F LOVE 280 DEG AT 22 KTS; M/F CHARLIE 300 DEG AT 25 KTS; M/F MIKE 290 DEG AT 24 KTS.

16. CLOUDS AND VISIBILITY: M/F NAN 3/10 CLOUDS. M/F LOVE, CHARLIE AND MIKE 0/10 CLOUDS. VISIBILITY OVER 15 MILES ALL FORCES.

17. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: NONE.

18. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: M/F NAN AND MIKE NO SIGHTINGS. M/F LOVE 2 A/C SIGHTED, M/F CHARLIE 1 A/C SIGHTED.

19. AA: M/F NAN, NIL; M/F LOVE, 6 OR 7 A/C RECEIVED HEAVY AA AND MEDIUM TRACERS. MEAGER TO INTENSE, INACCURATE TO ACCURATE. M/F CHARLIE SCATTERED TRACER FIRE IN WESTERN KYUSHU. HEAVY AND MEDIUM FIRE FROM FUKEUKA HARBOR. M/F MIKE HEAVY AND MEDIUM FIRE FROM STRAIT AREA, MEAGER AND ACCURATE.

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20. ENEMY RCM NOTED AND EFFECT: NONE.

21. OBSERVATIONS: M/F NAN VISUAL: 1 LARGE SHIP 3715N - 13705E; 1 LARGE SHIP 3657N - 13702E; 3 SHIPS TOYAMA BAY AT APPROX. 3655N - 13715E. M/F LOVE VISUAL: 6 SHIPS 3345N - 13105E; 1 SHIP 3342N- 13140E; 1 SHIP 3321N - 13205E; 1 SHIP 3005N - 13220E; 1 SHIP 3355N - 13130E; 1 LARGE SHIP CA OR CL, 3321N - 13131E; 1 LARGE SHIP 3352N - 13101E; 13 SHIPS NEAR EAST SHORE OF KYUSHU FROM MAJI, 3357N - 13058E S FOR 10 MILES; 2 SHIPS 3350N - 13058E; 1 CVE 3325N - 13159E.

RADAR 12 SHIPS 3355N - 13130E; 1 SHIP 3325N - 13145E; 1 LARGE SHIP

3258N - 13215E. RADAR AND VISUAL, 7 SHIPS 3355N - 13117E; 2 SHIPS

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3345N - 13135E; 1 SHIP 3340N - 13140E. M/F CHARLIE, 1 LARGE SHIP, 25 MEDIUM AND SMALL IN FUKUOKA BAY 3337N - 13023E; 5 SMALL SHIPS 3235N - 12945E; 2 SHIPS 3257N - 12930E; 2 SHIPS 3300N - 12925E; 2 SHIPS 3300N - 12920E; 1 SHIP 3319N - 12932E; 1 SHIP 3120N - 13050E; 1 SHIP 3145N - 13010E; 1 SHIP 3145N - 13010E; 6 SHIPS 3207N - 12952E; 6 SHIPS NAGASAKI HARBOR; 2 SHIPS IN SASEBO HARBOR; 20-30 SHIPS IN ARIAKE BAY 3305N - 13020E. VISUAL: 1 LARGE SHIP 3238N - 12947E; 2 SHIPS 3303N - 12937E; 1 LARGE SHIP 3314 N - 12925E; 1 CVE 3225N - 12945E; 4 SMALL SHIPS 3120N - 12930E; RADAR AND VISUAL: 1 SHIP 3055N - 13045E; 3 SHIPS 3108N - 13030E; 2 SHIPS 3109N - 13043E; 3 SHIPS 3112N - 13042E; 1 SHIP 3120N - 13042E; 1 SHIP 3110N - 13021E; 1 SHIP 3325N - 12924E; 2 SHIPS 3325N - 12957E; 1 SHIP 3331N - 13004E. M/F MIKE, 30 SHIPS IN SUKUME BAY 3253N - 13240E VISUAL.

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22. NO. MINES AIRBORNE: 196 MK-25 AND 24 MK 26-36.

23. NO. AND TYPE OF MINES LAID IN MINEFIELDS:

TYPE	M/F NAN	M/F LOVE	M/F CHARLIE	M/F MIKE
C31-B8	3	NONE	NONE	NONE
C33-B8	2	NONE	NONE	NONE
C41-B8	7	NONE	NONE	NONE
D11-B8	5	8	26	2
D12-B8	3	4	12	1
D13-B8	2	2	11	1
M11-B8	NONE	NONE	NONE	2
M11-I8	NONE	NONE	3	NONE
M11-M8	NONE	NONE	3	NONE
M13-G8	NONE	NONE	2	NONE
M13-K8	NONE	NONE	3	NONE
M31-B8	2	8	NONE	2
M31-G8	NONE	2	3	1
M31-K8	NONE	4	1	1
M31-M8	5	NONE	NONE	NONE
N41-B8	7	NONE	NONE	NONE
N41-I8	9	NONE	NONE	NONE
X11-B8	NONE	NONE	NONE	1
X31-B8	NONE	7	19	2
X51-B8	NONE	7	9	1
X71-B8	NONE	NONE	6	NONE
V11-B8	NONE	7	NONE	NONE
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24. THE MINES LAID ON THIS MISSION ARE EXPECTED TO DISCOURAGE SHIPS FROM ANCHORING JUST OFF HE SAKI IN THE EASTERN ENTRANCE OF SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS. FUSHIKI IN TOYAMA WAN ON THE NORTH COAST OF HONSHU WILL

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ARIAKE BAY 3305N - 13020E. VISUAL: 1 LARGE SHIP 3238N - 1[illegible]
SHIPS 3303N - 12937E; 1 LARGE SHIP 3314 N - 12925E; 1 CVE 3[illegible]
12945E; 4 SMALL SHIPS 3120N - 12930E; RADAR AND VISUAL: 1 SHIP [illegible]
13045E; 3 SHIPS 3108N - 13030E; 2 SHIPS 3109N - 13043E; 3 SHIPS
3112N - 13042E; 1 SHIP 3120N - 13042E; 1 SHIP 3110N - 13021E; 1 SHIP
3325N - 12924E; 2 SHIPS 3325N - 12957E; 1 SHIP 3331N - 13004E. M/F
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C41-B8	7	NONE	NONE	NONE
D11-B8	5	8	26	2
D12-B8	3	4	12	1
D13-B8	2	2	11	1
M11-B8	NONE	NONE	NONE	2
M11-I8	NONE	NONE	3	NONE
M11-M8	NONE	NONE	3	NONE
M13-G8	NONE	NONE	2	NONE
M13-K8	NONE	NONE	3	NONE
M31-B8	2	8	NONE	2
M31-G8	NONE	2	3	1
M31-K8	NONE	4	1	1
M31-M8	5	NONE	NONE	NONE
N41-B8	7	NONE	NONE	NONE
N41-I8	9	NONE	NONE	NONE
X11-B8	NONE	NONE	NONE	1
X31-B8	NONE	7	19	2
X51-B8	NONE	7	9	1
X71-B8	NONE	NONE	6	NONE
V11-B8	NONE	7	NONE	NONE
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24. THE MINES LAID ON THIS MISSION ARE EXPECTED TO DISCOURAGE SHIPS FROM ANCHORING JUST OFF HE SAKI IN THE EASTERN ENTRANCE OF SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS. FUSHIKI IN TOYAMA WAN ON THE NORTH COAST OF HONSHU WILL PROBABLY BE CLOSED TO SHIP FOR A FEW DAYS. FUKUSKA AND KARATSU ON THE WEST COAST OF KYUSHU WILL NO DOUBT EXPERIENCE SEVERAL SHIP SINKINGS AND WILL BE IN A STATE OF CONFUSION FOR MANY DAYS.

PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION TO CNO WASHINGTON.

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