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Brief of Mining Opn.	Telecon	FX-29-16	291404Z		HH

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SUBJECT: 20 AF MATTE[illegible]

TELECON MSG FN-29-10 OP T O P S E S CX R E T 29-1307Z

FROM: BOM COM XXI

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TO : COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM GEN AF 20

BRIEF OF MINING OPERATION STARVATION TWO

APPROXIMATELY 102 B-29 SCHEDULED TO COMPLETE MINING OF EASTERN APPROACHES TO SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS, KURE-HIROSHIMA, AND SASEBO IN COORDINATION WITH PLAN ICEBERG. TARGETS ARE LOVE' JIG, ITEM, AND ROGER. ROUTE: BASE AT TINIAN TO IWO JIMA TO TARGETS VIA BUNGO SUIDO FOR GRIDS LOVE, ITEM, AND JIG. IWO TO TARGET FOR GRID ROGER. RETURN FROM TARGET TO BASE.

TAKE OFF TIME 300600Z OVER TARGET 301340Z RETURN TO BASE 302030Z.

METHOD OF ATTACK RADAR LAYING BY SINGLE PLANES. MINES LOAD 6 MK25 OR MK36. AIR SEA RESCUE FACILITIES REQUESTED.

THIS MESSAGE DISPATCHED 21 BOM COM CONTROL ROOM 291305Z.

Classification Changed to SECRET 5-8-46 By Authority of XXXX G. AAF, by Kay S. Baker Kay S. Baker, Capt. AC

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TOD 291408Z WL

ROGER WCR 1408Z

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First Take-off	Telecon	FN-30-7	300845Z		HH
Take-off Report	"	FN 30-12	301010Z		HH
Additional Take-off Rpt.	"	FN 30-13	301040Z		HH

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-30-13 OP SECRET 301040Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

GR.30.

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL TAKE OFF REPORT FOR STARVATION TWO, MISSION 49, 30 MARCH 45. ONE ADDITIONAL A/C AIRBORNE FROM 313TH WING MAKING TOTAL 93 REPEAT 93.

END.

TOD:301043Z

ROGER 1043Z WCR.

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-30-12 OP SECRET 301010Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI
TO : COMAF 20

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INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)
GR.50.
SUBJECT: TAKEOFF REPORT FOR STARVATION TWO, MISSION 49, 30 MARCH 1945.

XXI BOMBER COMMAND

1. WING: 313

2. A/C SCHEDULED: 102

3. A/C AIRBORNE: 92

4. FIRST A/C 300800Z

5. LAST A/C 300920Z.

END.

TOD 301029Z

ROGER 1029Z WCR

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-30-7 OP OP SECRET 300845Z

FROM: BOM COM XXI

TO : COM AF 20
INFO: DEP COM AF 20 (POA)
GR.85.
SUBJECT: FIRST TAKE OFF FOR STARVATION TWO

FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT 300800Z

WEATHER AT TAKE OFF: 6/10 LOW CLOUDS VISIBILITY 8 TO 12 MILES.
ROUTE TO TARGET: 5-7/10 LOW CLOUD EXCEPT ZONE OF SHOWERS NEAR 23

NORTH INCREASING LOW CLOUD TO 9/10 VISIBILITY TO 0 IN SHOWERS

TARGET: 6/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 3000 TOPS 6000 AND 4/10 MIDDLE CLOUD

TO 11000 TO 14000.
BASE ON RETURN: 6/10 LOW CLOUD WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS.
INSTRUMENT CONDITIONS EXPECTED IN SHOWERS 10 PERCENT OF LANDING PERIOD.
END.
TOD:300850Z
ROGER 300850Z WCR

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Landing Report	Telecon	FN-31-5		310920Z	BGR

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-31-5 OP OP SECRET 310222Z.

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FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: LANDING REPORT FOR STARVATION 2 STRIKE NO. 49 30 MARCH 1945.

1. WING: 313.

2. AIRBORNE: 95.

3. LANDED HOME BASE: 81.

4. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE: 6 (IWO JIMA)

5. TIME OF LANDING: 302145Z FIRST A/C.
   TIME OF LANDING: LAST A/C 310025Z.

6. MISSING: 0.

7. EARLY RETURNS: 7.

8. 1 A/C CRASHED, AFTER TAKE OFF, ATTEMPTING TO LAND. 2 SURVIVORS.

THIS MESSAGE DISPATCHED FROM XXI BOM CON CONTROL ROOM AT 310222Z.

TOD:310917Z

ROGER FN-31-5 0917Z W.C.R.

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ORIGINATOR OF MESSAGE _____

DISTRIBUTION

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	
	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm Op	Anal	Stat Con			
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	
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Mission Report	Telecon	FM31-18		312035Z	MB
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Mission Report	Report			1April	MB

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Washington, D.C.

SECRET
By authority of
CG Twentieth AF
1 Apr 45 Date Initials

MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 49 - 31 MARCH 1945

"STARVATION 2"

Targets: Shimonoseki Straits - Mine Fields L, J, I, and R

Take-off: 300400 - 300520 Washington; 301700 - 302200 Theater; (300800Z - 300920Z)

Time Over Target:

	Washington	Theater	Greenwich
M/F-L	301134 - 301245	310034-310145	301534Z-301645Z
M/F-J	301053 - 301141	302353-310041	301453Z-301541Z
M/F-I	301124 - 301348	310024-310248	301524Z-301748Z
M/F-R	301203 - 301302	310103-310202	301603Z-301702Z

Aircraft:

Total Mining		87	
Mine Field L	39	- 233	Tons
Mine Field J	11	- 59	"
Mine Field I	28	- 168	"
Mine Field R	9	- 54	"

A/C Lost or Missing: 1 a/c returning early crashed at unknown location off Tinian. 2 survivors.

Casualties: 10 killed; 3 wounded; 0 missing

Mine Load: 608 MK-36 and 210 MK-25 Mines

Tactics: Radar mining by individual a/c from an altitude of 4700 ft to 8200 ft. True air speed at mine release - 198 to 250 K. Length of mine run - 2-1/2 to 16 minutes.

Weather: 0/10 to 8/10 cloud cover. Wind over target - 210 to 340 deg, 14 to 38 K. Visibility 3 to 20 miles. Altitude of moon - 43 deg 08 min to 49 deg 36 min.

Fighter Opposition: 28 E/A contacted (1 unidentified T/E, 1 unidentified T/E with twin tail, 26 unidentified S/E) - 1 attack

Flak: Light and heavy - meager to moderate and inaccurate to accurate. 46-58 S/L's - non effective.

Enemy RCM: No electronic jamming, communications interference moderate, slight indication of gun laying radar, 1 night signal picked up.

Claims: None

Observations: Radar observations - unevaluated and containing possible duplications: 12 surface craft off Ashizuri Point; 18-20 surface craft off Ya-shima; 2 surface craft off Sada-misaki; 30 surface craft in Iyo Sea; 30 surface craft off O shima; 3 surface craft at 30/30N-134/20E; 25 ships near 33/05N - 129/30E; 10 unidentified at 33/57N - 132/09E; 12 unidentified at 32/43N - 129/47E; 50 unidentified at 33/07N - 130/15E; 25 ships at Ube Harbor; 6 ships at 33/50N - 131/35E; 4 ships at 33/45N - 131/50E; 4 ships at 33/10N - 132/10E; 12 ships at 33/50N - 131/20E; 20 ships in Bungo Strait (sub net noted); 15-20 ships at Kure; Unidentified convoy at Misaki.

Visual observations - 5 unidentified ships at 32/43N - 132/35E; 4 unidentified ships at 32/24N - 131/39E; 1 large unidentified ship at 32/38N - 130/20E.

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Remarks: It is estimated that as a result of this mining that M/F L eastern entrance of Shimonoseki Straits should be closed to enemy shipping for approximately two weeks. As a result of M/Fs J and I, traffic should probably be restricted to and from Hiro shima and Kure for about one week. M/F R will restrict the passage of large vessels to Sasebo for approximately one week.

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

As of 0830, 1 April 1945

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

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-31-19 OP SECRET 311950Z

FROM BOMCOM XXI

TO: AC, AS INTELLIGENCE HQ AAF

COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

GR230

SUBJECT: REPORT OF MINELAYING OPERATIONS, STARVATION TWO, STRIKE 49 XXI BOMBER COMMAND, 30 MARCH 1945.

1. 87 B-29'S LAID MINES IN MINEFIELDS LOVE, ROGER, ITEM AND JIG, SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS AREA FROM 301453Z TO 301748Z.

2. DEFINITE DESIGNATION OF CHANNEL OR LINES LAID ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

3. A. THE FOLLOWING MK-26 OR MK-36 MINES WERE LAID IN MINEFIELD LOVE: 373 Q21B9; 32C11B9; 8 C12B9; 23 D11B9; 10 D12B9; 15 D21B9; ~~T D~~ 5 D 22B9.

TOTAL: 466 MK-36.

B. MINE FIELD ROGER: 50 Q21B9; 1 M11G9; 1 M11I9; 1 M11L9; 1 M11N9; ALL MK-25. TOTAL: 54 MK-25.

C. MINE FIELD ITEM: MK36; 56 Q21B9; 1 C23I9; 2 D11G9; 2 D21E9; 1 C13N9; 1 D11L9; 1 C21I9; 1 D21H9; 2 C11H9; 1 C21L9; 1 D11I9; 2 C11N9; 1 D21J9; 2 C13H9; 1 D13I9; 1 C21G9; 2 C11E9; 1 D11H9; 1 D21N9; 1 D13L9; 1 C23I9;. TOTAL 84 MK-36. MK-25. 73 Q21B9; 3 M11G9; 4 M11H9; 3 M11I9; 4 M11E9; 4 M11J9; 5 M11L9; 2 M11N9; 3 M12E9; 4 M12N9; 3 M12H9; 3 M12J9; 3 M12G9; 2 M12L9; 2 M12I9; 1 M13I9; 1 M13L9; 1 M13G9; 1 M13E9; 2 M13N9; TOTAL: 126 MK-25.

D. MINE FIELD JIG. MK-36. 38 Q21B9; 1 C11J9; 1 C11E9; 2 D11G9; 1 D21N9; 1 C23G9; 1 C11H9; 2 D11I9; 1 C13N9; 1 C11N9; 1 D23H9; 1 D11L9; 1 B13L9; 1 C13E9: 1 D13G9; 1 C21G9; 1 C21B9; 1 D23E9; 1 C11J9; . TOTAL: 58 MK-36.

MK-25: 17 Q21B9; 1 M12I9; 1 M13G9; 2 M11J9; 1 M12N9; 2 M11H9; 1 M11N9; 1 M12H9; 1 M11L9; 1 M11E9; 1 M12J9; 1 M13L9. TOTAL: 30 MK-25.

E. TOTALS LAID: MK-26 OR 36: 608

MK 25 : 210

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F. MINES AIRBORNE: MK 26 OR 36: 675.

MK-25 : 224

G. MINES JETTISONED: MK-26 OR 36: 66

MK-25 : 14

H. MINES BROUGHT BACK: 1 MK-36.

THIS REPORT SUBJECT TO CORRECTION. REFER TO OUR MISSION REPORT ON STARVATION TWO. MESSAGE NUMBER FN-31-18, FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-31-18 OP SECRET 311830Z
FROM BOMCOM XXI
TO: COMAF 20, - AC, AS INT. HQ AAF
INFO: DPECOMAF 20 (POA)
GR590
SUBJECT: MISSION REPORT FOR STARVATION TWO, STRIKE 49, 30 MARCH 1945.

1. DESIGNATION OF UNIT: 313TH WING, XXI BOM COM.

2. TIME OF TAKE OFF: 300800Z TM 300920Z. (300400 to 300530 Wash; 30 1700 ~~to~~ 30 2200 Tinian)

3. TIME OF RETURN: 302145Z TO 310025Z.

4. NO. A/C AIRBORNE: 94 (THIS IS CORRECTION TO OUR PRECEDING REPORTS.)

5. NO. A/C OVER MINEFIELD: M/F LOVE 39 A/C LAID 466 MK-36 MINES.

M/F JIG 11 A/C LAID 58 MK-36 AND 30 MK-25 MINES.

M/F ITEM 28 A/C LAID 84 MK-36 AND 126 MK-25 MINES.

M/F ROGER 9 A/C LAID 54 MK-25 MINES.

6. TYPE OF FORMATION OVER TARGET: INDIVIDUAL A/C.

7. NO. OF A/C JETTISONING MINES: 12 A/C JETTISONED MINES AS FOLLOWS:

1 A/C 2 X 1000 MK-36 AT 31-17N - 132-37E.

1 A/C 2 X 2000 MK-25 AT 26-58N - 139-05E.

1 A/C 6 X 2000 MK -25 AT 15-03N - 146-28E.

1 A/C 2 X 1000 MK-36 AT 31-40N - 134-05E.

1 A/C 12 X 1000 MK-36 AT UNKNOWN LOCATION OFF TINIAN, A/C CRASHED ON RETURN TO BASE ONE HOUR AND 16 MINUTES AFTER TAKE OFF.

1 A/C 12 X 1000 MK-36 AT 15-05-30N - 145-54-30E (ONE MINE EXPLODED)

1 A/C 12 X 1000 MK-36 AT 25-47N - 139-31E

1 A/C 1 X 1000 MK-36 AT 30-39N - 133-56E

1 A/C 1 X 1000 MK-36 AT 31-36N - 133-51E

1 A/C 12 X 1000 MK-36 AT 15-07N - 146-03E

1 A/C 12 X 1000 MK-36 AT 15-16N - 146-13E

1 A/C 6 X 2000 MK-25 AT 26-58N - 135-05E

8. NO. A/C RETURNING MINES TO BASE: 1 A/C - 1 X 1000 MK-36.

9. NO. A/C LOST TO FLAK: 0

10. NO. A/C LOST TO E/A: 0

11. NO. A/C LOST TO ACCIDENT: 0

12. NO. A/C LOST BY REASONS UNKNOWN: 1 A/C RETURNING EARLY CRASHED ON RETURN TO BASE, CAUSE NOT YET DETERMINED. 2 SURVIVORS.

13. TIME OF ATTACK:

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M/F LOVE	M/F ITEM	M/F JIG	M/F ROGER
301534Z	301524Z	301453Z	301603Z
TO	TO	TO	TO
301645Z	301748Z	301541Z	301702Z

14. ALTITUDE OVER TARGET:

M/F LOVE	M/F ITEM	M/F JIG	M/F ROGER
4850 FT	4700 FT	7800 FT	6900 FT
TO	TO	TO	TO
5150 FT	6000 FT	8200 FT	7450 FT

15. TAS AT MINE RELEASE: 198 - 255 KNOTS.

16. LENGTH OF MINE RUN: ~~21/2~~ 2 1/2 TO 16 MINUTES

~~THE FIRST NUMBER IN LINE 16 SHOULD READ 2 AND 1/2 RPT 2 AND 1/2~~

17. WIND OVER TARGET: 210-340 DEGREES - 14 - 38 KNOTS.

18. VISIBILITY: 3 TO 20 MILES.

19. ALTITUDE OF MOON: 43 DEGREES 08 MINUTES TO 49 DEGREES 36 MINUTES.

20. CLOUDS: 0/10 TO 8/10.

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21. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: KILLED: 10 SERIOUSLY WOUNDED: 3
SLIGHTLY WOUNDED: 0 MISSING: 0

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22. ENEMY A/C CONTACTED: 28 INCLUDING 1 TWIN ENGINE UNIDENTIFIED.
1 T/E UNIDENTIFIED WITH TWIN TAIL. 26 S/E UNIDENTIFIED ONE ATTACK.

23. AA: LIGHT AND HEAVY, MEAGER TO MODERATE INACCURATE TO ACCURATE.
46-58 S/L'S NONEFFECTIVE.

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24. ENEMY RCM NOTED AND EFFECT : NO ELECTRONIC JAMMING: COMMUNICATIONS
INTERFERENCE MODERATE. SLIGHT INDICATION OF GUN LAYING RADAR
ONE NIGHT SIGNAL PICKED UP.

25. OBSERVATIONS: RADAR (FOLLOWING UNEVALUATED AND CONTAINS POSSIBLE
DUPLICATIONS).

A. 12 SURFACE CRAFT OFF ASHIZURI POINT.
B. 18-20 SURFACE CRAFT OFF YA-SHIMA.
C. 2 SURFACE CRAFT OFF SADA-MISAKI.
D. 30 SURFACE CRAFT IN IYO SEA.
E. 30 SURFACE CRAFT OFF O SHIMA.
F. 3 SURFACE CRAFT AT 30-30N - 134-20E.
G. 25 SHIPS NEAR 33-05N - 129-30E.
H. 10 UNIDENTIFIED AT 33-57N - 132-09E.
I. 12 UNIDENTIFIED AT 32-43N - 129-47E.
J. 50 UNIDENTIFIED AT 33-07N - 130-15E.
K. 25 SHIPS AT UBE HARBOR.
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M. 4 SHIPS AT 33-45N - 131-50E
N. 4 SHIPS AT 33-10N - 132-10E
O. 12 SHIPS AT 33-50N - 131-20E.
P. 20 SHIPS IN BUNGO STRAIT (SUB NET NOTED)
Q. 15-20 SHIPS AT KURE.
R. UNIDENTIFIED CONVOY AT MISAKI.

VISUAL OBSERVATIONS:
5 UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS AT 32-43N - 132-35E.
4 UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS AT 32-24N -131-39E.
1 LARGE UNIDENTIFIED SHIP AT 32-38N - 130-20E.

26. RADAR SCOPE PHOTOS TAKEN ON MINE RUN: 216

27. REMARKS: IT IS ESTIMATED AS A RESULT OF THIS MINING THAT MINEFIELD LOVE EASTERN ENTRANCE OF SHIMONESEKI STRAITS SHOULD BE CLOSED TO TO ENEMY SHIPPING FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS. AS A RESULT MINEFIELD JIG AND ITEM TRAFFIC SHOULD PROBABLY BE RESTRICTED TO

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AND FROM HIRO SHIMA AND KURE FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK. THE RESULT OF

MINING FIELD ROGER WILL RESTRICT THE PASSAGE OF LARGE VESSELS TO SASEBO FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK.

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...TOD... 033124 03312045Z

ROGER V WCR AT 03312045Z

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TELECON MESSAGE [illegible]30-2-G 033019117 RESTRICTED

SUBJECT: COMMUNIQUE NO. 77

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TO COMGENBOMCOM 20 INFO COMGENBOMCOM 21

FROM COMAF 20 Mission 49

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THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WILL BE RELEASED HERE AT 033020302

"JAPANESE OIL STORES ON BUKUM ISLAND OFF SINGAPORE WERE BOMBED WITH GOOD RESULTS TODAY (30 MARCH, JAPANESE TIME) BY SUPERFORTRESSES OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE. CREWS RETURNING TO THEIR BASES IN INDIA REPORTED THEY LEFT TANKS CRUMBLING AND ABLAZE AND THE SEA NORTHWEST OF THE ISLAND COVERED WITH BURNING OIK. THE LAST CREWS OVER THE TARGET REPORTED FIRES BURINING AN HOUR AFTER THE FIRST BOMBING. ALL PLANES RETURNED SAFELY FROM THE MISSION WHICH WAS FLOWN BY BRIGADIER GENERAL ROGER M. RAMEY'S XX BOMBER COMMAND. THE STRIKE WAS CARRIED OUT BY VISUAL BOMBING AND ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION AND ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE WAS MEAGER."

(ATTENTION: GLASS FROM DOULENS)

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END

TOD. 301927Z