MISSION #31 IWO JIMA "STARLIT 3"
313th Wing 12 Feb 1945

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SPECIFIC SUBJECT	TYPE OF MESSAGE	MESSAGE NO.	DATE AND TIME SENT	DATE AND TIME REC'D	INITIALS
Brief of Field Order	Telecon	FN 11-24		110903Z	MB
Operations Scheduled for 12 Feb.	Telecon	FN-11-31		111754Z	am

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21
TELECON MSG FN-11-31 OP OP OP ~~TOP~~ SECRET SMQQQPRTZ
TO : COMGENAF 20

INFO : DEPCOMGENAF 20

FROM [redacted]
: COMGENBOMCOM 21

[redacted]
OPERATIONS SCHEDULED MOR 12 FEB 45 (LOCAL TIME).

1. SHAKEDOWN MISSION, STARLIT THREE. SCHEDULED FOR TAKE OFF AT 112200Z. OVER TARGET 120145Z, TARGET IWO JIMA.

2. 3 PRM NO 45 TAKES OFF 111700Z OVER TARGET 120030Z TARGET TOKYO.
3. WSM NO 193 TAKES OFF 120221Z FOR TOKYO.
WSM [redacted] NO 194 TAKES OFF 120730Z FOR TOKYO.
WSM NO 195 TAKES OFF 120940Z FOR OSAKA.
4. NO FIGHTER ESCORT MISSION SCHEDULED.

TOD 111131Z WAH

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TOD 111754Z PH

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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
	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
	A.G	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm	Op Anal	Stat Con		

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TELECON MSG FN-11-24 ~~TOP~~ SECRET OP OP OP 110725Z

FROM COMGENXXI BOMCOM

TO COMGEN AF 20

INFO DEPCOMGEN AF 20

SUBJECT: BRIEF OF FIELD ORDER "F" SHAKEDOWN MISSION STARLIT NR 3.

GR 108

APPROXIMATELY 44 B-29'S OF THE 313TH BOMB WING WILL CONDUCT A SHAKEDOWN MISSION ATTACK ON STARLIT ON 12 FEBRUARY. COURSE 2320N 14137E, 2441N-14152E TARGET TO BASE. PRUMARY TAJGET: HEAVY GUN EMQLACEMENTS. SECONDARY TARGET: NONE. LAST RESORT: AIRSTRIP ON PAGAN ISLANDS. METHOD OF ATTACK: SQUADRON IN COLUMNS WITH MINIMUM INTERVJL BETWEEN SQUADRONS. AXIS AND ALTITUDE OF ATTACK: 280 DEGREES TRUE AT BASES ALTITUDE OF 24,000 FEET. FIRST A/C OFF 112200Z OVER TARGET 120145Z ETR 120515Z. BOMB LOADS10,000 LB QER A/C. 500 LB GP FUSED INSTANT NOSE AND NON-DELAY TAIL. AIR-SEA RESCUE FACILITIESSWILL BE AVAILABLE.

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Take off Report	Telecon	FN 11-36		112346Z	MB
Take off Report	"	FN 12-3		120216Z	MB

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RELAY FROM DEPCOMAF 20 (GUAM)

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TELECON MSG FN-12-3 OP OP SECRET 120204Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

SECRET

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR STARLIT THREE, 12 FEB 45

313TH BOMBARDMENT WING

1. GROUP: 9TH
2. A/C SCHEDULED: 22
3. A/C AIRBORNE: 21
4. FIRST A/C 112229Z
5. LAST A/C 112252Z

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ACTION	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm	Op Anal	Stat Con		
	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans
INFORMATION	A.G	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm	Op Anal	Stat Con		

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TELECON MSG FN-11-36 SECRET OP OP OP OP OP 112254Z

FROM 21 BC

TO COM GEF AF 20

INFO DEP COMAF 20

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FIRST ACFT AIRBORNE AT 112229Z ON STARLT THREE. TARGET WEATHER ESTIMATED AT FOUR TENTHS LOW CLOUD ENROUTE AND OVER TARGET. SCATTERED SHOWERS AT BASE FOR TAKE OFF AND CLEAR AT BASE UPON RETURN.

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ROGER 111234Z JFB

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TOD: 112346Z VF

ROGER 112346Z WCR

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Consolidated Bombs Away	Telecon	FN 12-14		1204462	MB.
Briefer's Report	Ditto			12 Feb	MB
Corrected Consolidated B.A.	Telecon	FN-12-33		1219233	BJR

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-12-33 SECRET 121050Z OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: COM GEN BOM COM 21

TO : COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM AF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: CORRECTED CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY REPORT STARLIT NO. 3. 12 FEB 45.

~~GR: 33~~

1 LEAD A/C REPORTS 10 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY, VISUALLY AT 120249Z WITH GOOD RESULTS.

1 LEAD A/C REPORTS 10 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY, BY RADAR AT 120249Z WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.

1 A/C WAS AN EARLY RTURN.

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TOD:1214////121503Z JF
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TOD: 021219252 CC
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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE
Washington, D. C.

Information for Briefing on XXI Bomber Command
Mission No. 30 - 12 February 1945
Date

Mission Code Name " STARLIT 3 " (As of Z - 12 Feb 1945)
Date

Targets: Primary - Heavy Gun Emplacements - IWO JIMA

Secondary -

Last Resort - Airstrip, PAGAN ISLANDS

Take-off Times: 112229Z - 112252Z; 111829 - 111852 Washington

Time Over Primary Target: 120249Z; 112249 Washington

Tactics: Squadrons in columns with minimum interval between squadrons - Altitude 24,000 ft

Aircraft Bombing:

Primary Target - 19

Secondary Target -

Other Targets -

Bomb Load: 10,000 lbs per a/c. 500 lb GP fused instantaneous nose and non-delay tail.

Losses: Not reported

Target Weather: 4/10ths low cloud enroute and over target

Fighter Opposition: Not reported

Anti-Aircraft Encountered: Not reported

Results of Bombing: Good to Unobserved

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

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SUBJECT 20TH AF MATTERS 120503Z

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-12-14 "OP" SECRET 120403Z

FROM: COM GEN BOM COM 21

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TO : COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM AF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY REPORT STARLIT NO.3, 12 FEB. 45.

1 LEAD A/C REPORTS 9 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY, VISUALLY AT 120249Z WITH GOOD RESULTS. 1 LEAD A/C REPORTS 1Ø A/C BOMBED PRIMARY, BY RADAR AT 120249Z WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. 2 A/C WERE EARLY RETURNS.

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Return Rpt	Telecon	FN-12-32		121921Z	BSR
Prelim Mission Rpt.	"	FN-12-36		121458Z	BSR
" " "	Ditto-Hq 20AF		122000Z		BSR

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12 Feb. 45 GHT
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PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

313TH WING OPERATION NO. 31 - 12 FEBRUARY 1945

"Starlit No. 3"

Targets:	Primary - Heavy Gun Emplacements - Iwo Jima
Take-Off:	111829 - 111852 Washington Time (112229Z - 112252Z)
Time Over Target:	112211 - 112249 Washington Time, 121111 - 121149 Theater Time (120211Z - 120249Z)
Aircraft:	Total Bombing 21 Primary 21
A/C Lost or Missing:	None
Casualties:	None
Bomb Load:	10,000 lbs per a/c. 500 lb GP fused instantaneous nose and non-delay tail
Bomb Tons Dropped:	105 short tons
Tactics:	Daylight visual and radar bombing by squadrons in column with minimum interval between squadrons at an altitude of 24,000 ft.
Weather:	2/10 to 3/10 dense cloud - wind 250 deg. at 80 knots
Fighter Opposition:	None
Flak:	Heavy, meager & inaccurate
Claims:	None
Results:	Good to excellent
Remarks:	This information is fragmentary and subject to change, therefore should not be used for official records.

As of 1600, 12 February 1945

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

NOTE:- There will be no distribution of Missions #30 and #32 as they are Search Missions.

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-12-36 (SECRET) 121328Z (OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY)

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20 DEPCOMAF20(POA)

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT, MISSION NO. 31, STARLIT NO. 3, 12 FEB 45.

1. NAME OF PRIMARY: IWO JIMA, HEAVY GUN EMPLACEMENTS, SULPHER ISLAND
2. NAME OF SECONDARY: NONE.
3. NAME OF LAST RESORT: NONE
4. TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: NONE
5. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 21 A/C, 10 A/C DROPPED 160 X 500 LB GP BY VISUAL MEANS THRU 2/10 TO 3/10 CLOUD AND 11 A/C DROPPED 176 X 500 LB GP BY RADAR THRU 2/10 TO 3/10 CLOUD FROM 24,000 FT. AT 120211Z TO 120245Z. 112211 — 122249 Wash 121111 — 121149 Theater
6. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: NONE.
7. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: NONE.
8. A/C ATTACKING TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: NONE.
9. NO. A/C TAKING OFF: 21 A/C AIRBORNE AT 112229Z TO 112252Z.
10. NO. A/C EARLY RETURNS: NONE.
11. NO. A/C LOST OR MISSING: NONE
12. BOMBING RESULTS: PRIMARY: CREWS REPORTED GOOD TO EXCELLENT.
13. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: NONE KILLED, NONE WOUNDED, NONE MISSING.
14. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: NONE.
15. AA FIRE: HEAVY, MEAGER, INACCURATE.
16. FIGHTER SUPPORT: NONE.
17. WEATHER: 2/10 - 3/10 WINDS 260 DEG at 80 KNOTS.
18. IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS: NONE.
19. ESTIMATE CLAIMS: DESTROYED NONE, PROBABLY DESTROYED NONE, DAMAGED NONE.
20. OTHER INFORMATION: NONE.

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

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-12-32 SECRET 121050Z OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT FOR MISSION 31, STARLIT NO. 3, 12 FEB 45.

313TH BOMBARDMENT WING (((GR: 33)))

1. GROUP: 9TH.

2. AIRBORNE: 21.

3. LANDED HOME BASE: 21 (1 EARLY RETURN)

4. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE: NONE.

5. TIME OF LANDING: FIRST A/C 120545Z. LAST A/C 120710Z.

6. MISSING : NONE.

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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By authority of CG, Twentieth Air Force
13 Feb 45 (Date) (Initials)

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Washington Parties	Guam Parties
Lt. Col. Hewitt	Col. Ankenbrandt

Telecon Message No. FN-13-6 SUBJECT: Mission Report for Mission No. 31, 12 Feb 45.

Mission Folder

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

1. Designation of unit 313th Bomb Wing.
2. Time of take off: 112229Z to 112252Z.
3. Time of return: 120545Z to 170710Z.
4. No. A/C airborne: 21.
5. No. A/C attacking primary: 21.
6. No. A/C attacking secondary: None.
7. No. A/C attacking last resort targets: None.
8. No. A/C attacking targets of opportunity: None.
9. No. A/C which failed to bomb designated targets: None.
10. No. A/C lost to flak: None.
11. No. A/C lost to E/A: None.
12. No. A/C lost by accident: None.
13. No. A/C lost by reasons unknown: None.
14. Time of attack: Primary target: 120211Z - 120550Z.
15. Altitude of attack: Primary: 24,000 ft.
16. Bombs on each target primary: 336 X 500 LB GP.
    A. Bomb Loading: 336 X 500 LB GP.
17. No. bombs unaccounted for: None.
18. No. A/C bringing bombs back: None.
19. Personnel casualties: None.
20. No. E/A destroyed: None.
    Probably destroyed: None.
    Damaged: None.
21. Remarks:
    A. Enemy opposition: None.
    B. Flak: Heavy meager - inaccurate.
    C. A/C lost in distress: None.
    D. A/C seriously damaged or crashed on return: None.
    E. A/C battle damage: None.
    F. Observations: None.
    G. Photo Interpretation: None.
    H. Crew comments: None.
    I. Narrative: 21 A/C attacked the primary target dropping a total of 336 X 500 LB GP bombs. 176 bombs were dropped visually and 160 by radar. 3/10 cloud and incomplete photographic coverage limits the scoring of bombs dropped visually. 60 percent of visual bombs have been identified and of that number 23 bombs are more than 1000 ft from the briefed MPI. Interpretation of specific damage to installations impossible due to smoke and cloud. The site of batteries assigned as targets seem thoroughly covered. Both runway and linking taxiway are cratered.

DISTRIBUTION:
Action: None
Information: C/S; DC/S-Opr; A-2 (14 cys); A-3 OC&R (6 cys); Op Anal; Stat Con (2 cys); A-4; Note: 5 extra copies for file.

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Press Flash	Telecon	G-12-1		120533Z	MB
Communique No. 58	Telecon	6-12-8	—	—	am

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TELECON MESSAGE NO G-12-8

SUBJECT: COMMUNIQUE NO. 58 RESTRICTED

TO COMGENBOMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOMAF 20 FROM COMAF 20

RELEASING FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE 122400Z:

TWENTIETH AIR FORCE SUPERFORTRESSES CONTINUED THEIR ATACK ON THE JAPANESE STRONGHOLD OF IWO JIMA WITH GOOD RESULTS IN A DAYLIGHT MISION TODAY (FEBRUARY 12. JAPANESE CALENDAR). MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE XXI BOMBER COMMAND, REPORTED THAT HIS FORCE OF B-29'S ENCOUNTERED ONLY MEAGER ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE AND NO FIGHTER OPPOSITION. ALL SUPERFORTRESSES RETURNED SAFELY TO THIER BASES IN THE MARIANAS.

(TO MCKELWAY INFO WIPPOLD FROM REES)

TELECON CONFERENCE MSG NR K-12-7 RESTRICTED 130024Z

TO COMGEMBOMCOM 20 FROM COMAF 20

SUBJECT COMMUNIQUE NO. 58

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(TO GLASS FROM REES).

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TOD: 021301487 EBH AT WCR

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TELCON MSG NR G-12-1 RESTRICTED 120528Z

SUBJECT : PRESS FLASH

TO COMGENBOMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOMAF 20 PAXXX RPT POA FROM COMAF 20

RELEASING FOLLOWING PEXXRPT PRESS FLASH 120630Z TWENTIETH AIR FORCE SUPERFORTRESSES CONTINUED THEIR ATTACKS ON ENEMY TARGETS IN A DAYLIGHT BOMBING OF JAPANESE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS ON THE ISLAND OF IWO JIMA (FEBRUARY 12, JAPANESE CLAXX RPT CALENDAR). THE MISSION WAS FLOWN BY A FORCE OF B-29'S FROM MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND IN THE MARIANAS. IWO JIMA IS LOCATED 750 MILES NORTH AND WEST OF SAIPAN. DETAILS OF THE ATTACK WILL BE RELEASED WHEN OPERATIONAL REPORTS ARE RECEIVED IN TWENTIETH [redacted] AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS AT WASHINGTON.

(TO MCKELWAY INFO HARTWELL FROM REES.)

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TOD: 120533Z WCR

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

EXTRACT OF TELETYPE CONFERENCE BETWEEN

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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CHIEF OF STAFF	
DC/S ADM.	
DC/S OPR.	
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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
YB 1742	Rates of Recovery	15 Feb 45

(To: COMGENAF 20 From: COMGENBOMCOM 20)

RATE OF RECOVERY FROM MISSION NO. 30, 31 and 32
AGAINST SINGAPORE AND SAIGON ON 25, 26 and 27 JANUARY 1945

Group	A/C on Mission	Lost on Mission	Capable of Recovery	Recovered by D Plus 11	Participated in 1 Feb Mission
40th	26	0	25	25	18
444th	24	0	24	24	19
462nd	26	0	26	26	23
468th	26	0	26	26	20
TOTAL	101	0	101	101	80

RECOVERY: NO. OF A/C COMBAT OPERATIONAL (CUMULATIVE)

Group											
40th	15	19	21	24	24	24	24	24	24	26	25
444th	11	14	18	23	23	24	24	24	24	24	24
462nd	12	21	24	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26
468th	20	23	24	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26
TOTAL	58	77	87	99	99	100	100	100	100	101	101

D DAY	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8	-9	-10	-11
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PERCENT OF THOSE CAPABLE
OF RECOVERY WHICH RECOVERED

57PC 76PC 86PC 98PC 99PC 99PC 99PC 99PC 100PC 100PC

These missions grouped because targets were similar. D-day for each group was as follows:

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INCOMING MESSAGE

INITIALS	
CHIEF OF STAFF	
DC/S ADM.	
DC/S OPR.	
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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
YB-1742	Rates of Recovery (Cont.)	13 Feb 45

	D-DAY	MISSION NO.
40th	27	32
444th	26	31
462nd	25	30
468th	26	31

D -1, D -2 etc. was computed from actual D-Day of each group.

DISTRIBUTION		
	ACTION	None
	INFORMATION	C/S DC/S Opr (2 cys); A-2 (2 cys); A-3 OC&R (6 cys); Op Anal; Stat Con (2 cys)

5-33, AF (REV 1 JAN 45)