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7 November 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR

SUBJECT: Plan for Mission #5, 73rd Wing of the XXI Bomber Command.

Target: 2 airfields on Iwo Jima.

Scheduled Take-off: 061930 Washington time (072330Z).

Number of Aircraft: 18.

Tactics: Daylight precision bombing, altitude between 26,500 and 27,000 feet.

Bomb Load: 20-500 lb. GP bombs.

Remarks: Although this is considered a Training shake-down mission, it will be of great value in neutralizing these two enemy airfields.

Note: Results of Mission #4 (first attack on Iwo Jima) have as yet not been received by this headquarters, but will be distributed upon receipt.

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SUBJECT

Mission Report 5-B 8 November 1944

(From Harmon to Norstad)

The following Telecon 12-9 was received from Hansell and is passed to you:

"Mission Report 5-B 8 November 1944

1. 73rd Bom Wing
2. First A/C 072330Z Last A/C 072347Z
3. First A/C 080615Z Last A/C 080722Z
4. 17 1A/C
5. 6 A/C
6. None
7. None
8. None
9. Eleven
10. None
11. None
12. One-motor burned up. Ditched en route target. Sank at once.
13. None
14. 080325Z
15. 28,000 Ft.
16. 180, five hundred LB GP
17. Nine A/C
18. None
19. Ten missing in A.C ditched
20. None
21. Remarks
 - (1) 3 Zekes and 6 A/C possibly Tojos target area altitudes 26,000 to 27,000 Ft. No passes.
 - (2) Flak at IWO Jima inaccurate heavy meager. At Haha Jima inaccurate, heavy, moderate
 - (3) Information on ditched A/C in separate report pending complete interrogation two rescued survivors of crew.
 - (4) None

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- (5) None
- (6) None
- (7) Visibility poor. Results observed 1st Sqdn. good.
- (8) None
- (9) 4 A/C 1st Sqdn. never airborne. Through navigational error 2nd Sqdn. overreached target and arrived over Haha Jima. All bombs 2nd Sqdn. jettisoned outside target area.

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SUBJECT

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Abortive Report Mission No. 5-B, 8 November 1944

H: (From Harmon to Norstad)

Quoted here with is Telecon Message FL 09-1 from Hansell.

"Abortive report Mission No. 5-B, 8 November 1944.

- (1) 73rd Bomb Wing (Group)
- (2) Two (Number of abortives)
- (3) Mechanical (Classification)
- (4) A/C NBR 24655 internal engine failure engine NBR 2
A/C NBR 24529 loss of power engine NBR 2" (Detail reason for aborts by a/c)

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