MISSION NO. 174 Nagoya MICROSCOPE 4

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| Brief of Field Order | Telecon | FN-13-5 | | 130627Z | HH |
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TELECON MSG FN-13-5 P TOP SECRET 13062Z

FROM: EMAY COMGENBOMCOM -1

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20

SUBJECT: BRIEF OF FIELD ORDER XOR 14 MAY STRIKE.

THE XXI BOM COM HAS SCHEDULED APPROXIMATELY 600 AIRCRAFT TO STRIKE THE

NORHERN SECTION OF NAGOYA CITY IN A MAXIMUM EFFORT DAYLIGHT INCENDIARY

ATTACK. FIGHTERS ARE SCHEDULED TO COVER THE TARGET AREA DURING MIDDLE OF STRIKE.

ROUTE:

BASE

IWO JIMAQ WING REASSEMBLY POINT

3458N - 1355430E (BEPARTURE POINT)

3511N - 13606E (IP)

TARGET

LANDS END [illegible] 3438N - 13717E AVOIDING FLAK AREAS.

IWO JIMA

BASE

AXIS OF ATTACK 91 DEGGEES TRUE. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK IS 16,000 TO 18,000 FEET.

BOMB LOAD: E-46 CLUSTERS FUSED TO OPEN 5,000 FEET ABOVE THE TARGET, INTERVALOMETER SETING MINIMUM.

TIME OF FIRST TAKEOFF: 131500Z

TIME OF FIRST STRIKE: 132313

TIME OF FIRST LANDING: 140550Z

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TOD:..130841Z

ROGER V WCR 130841Z

RPTING LINE 3 UNDER PARAGRAPH 2 TELECON MSG FN-13-6 DESCRIBED IN PAR C UNTIL EARLY JUNE. INCENDIARY ATAXXXXX ATTAVKS WIL ONE MORE

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| 1st Take off Report | Telecon | FN-13-14 | | 131427Z | NT |
| Consolidated Take-off. | " | FN-1315 | | 131810Z | C.V.S. |

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SPEICAL CONFERENCE 051319152 SECRET
PRESENT HERE: LT C W STEVENS
STATION: YAMG
SUBJECT: 20 AF MATTERS

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-13-15 OP SECRET 131810Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR MISSION 174 TARGET NAGOYA URBAN AREA FLOWN 14 MAY 1945.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. UNITS: | XXI B.C. | 58 | 73 | 313 | 314 |
| 2. A/C SCHEDULED: | 553 | 146 | 166 | 83 | 158 |
| 3. A/C AIRBORNE: | 524 | 141 | 160 | 79 | 144 |
| 4. 1ST A/C OFF: | 131415Z | 131442Z | 131434Z | 131457Z | 131415Z |
| 5. LAST A/C OFF: | 131644Z | 1316 4Z | 131609Z | 131628Z | 131600Z |
| 6. EARLY RETURNS | | | | 2 | 2 |

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7. REMARKS: 1 EARLY RETURN OF 314TH WING CRASH LANDED AND BURNED. 4 SURVIVORS REPORTED. 4 SUPERDUMBOS AIRBORNE IN ADDITION TO ABOVE FIGURES.

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TELECON MSG FN-13-14 SECRET 131427Z OP OP

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEP COMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: FIRST TAKE OFF REPORT ON MICROSCOPE FOUR GR-125

FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT 131415Z

WEATHER EXPECTED:

BASE AT TAKE OFF: 4/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 1500 TOPS 6 TO 9000 WITH FEW SCATTERED SHOWERS AND SCATTERED UPPER CLOUD.

ROUTE TO TARGET: BASE CONDITIONS TO 20 DEG NORTH TMEN FRONT WITH SOLID CLOUD FROM 1000 TO 20000 FEET, MODERATE TURBULENCE AND RAIN TO 24 DEG NORTH. CEILINGS IN RAIN DOWN TO 500 FEET. FRONT TO JAP COAST DECREASING CLOUD TO 5/10 LOW BASE 2000 TOPS 6000 WITH SCATTERED HIGH AND MIDDLE.

TARGET: 2 TO 3/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 3000 TOPS 6000 TO 5/10 THIN HIGH CLOUD AT 25000 FEET. VISIBILITY 8 TO 10 MILES IN HAZE.

BASES ON RETURN: 6/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 1200 TOPS 1000 WITH INTERMITTENT LIGHT TO MODERATE SHOWERS. SHOWERS EXPECTED TO BE OF 10 TO 15 MINUTE DURATION OF INSTRUMENT CONDITIONS WITH 3/4 TO 1 HOUR BETWEEN SHOWERS OF 10 MILES VISIBILITY.

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| 1st Bombs Away | Telecon | FN-13-17 | | 132345Z | HH |
| Consolidated Bombs Away | Telecon | FN-14-10 | | 140225Z | HH |
| Return Report | " | FN-14-11 | | 141610Z | BSR |
| Naval Observation | " | FN-14-12 | | 141627Z | BSR |
| DAAS | Ditto | | 14 May | | BSR |
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ADDITIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT SECRET 14 May 1945

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 174 14 May 1945
Date

Targets Bombed: Total A/C Bombing: 483

Nagoya Urban Area 478

Other 5

Time Over Target: 140817 - 141000 Theater Time

~~Damage:~~

Results: Unobserved to Excellent

Tactics: Daylight attack by visual and radar methods from 17,000 to 18,500 ft.

A/C Lost or Missing: 7 (2 a/c lost in target area, 2 a/c ditched, 3 missing)

Weather: 0 to 4/10 cloud

Fighter Composition: Weak to moderate - Unaggressive

Flak: Medium and heavy caliber - Meager to moderate and inaccurate to accurate

Claims: ~~xxxxxxx~~

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Observations:

A/F with 75 a/c directly E of Nagoya
" " 30 S/E a/c W of Nagoya
" " 40 S/E a/c 34/50 N - 137/07 E
" " 60 - 100 a/c 34/46 N - 135/40 E
" " 50 - 75 a/c 34/12 N - 136/50 E
" " 50 - 75 a/c 34/11 N - 137/02 E
8 Seaplanes and 20 a/c Toyohashi A/F
3 Seaplanes at anchor near Ramp 34/35 N - 137/28 E.
Airstrip at Iako - 50 E/A
Considerable activity in marshalling yards between 34/58 N - 135/54 E and target.

Naval Observations:

9 ships, probably merchant vessels, at 34/38 N - 137/43 E, course 270, speed 15 knots
25 ships near Marosaki at approximately 34/41 N - 136/59 E.
More than 50 barges off Daio-Zaki (34/15 N - 136/54 E).
4 small ships near Toyohashi (34/45 N - 137/15 E)
12 small ships near Owashi (34/04 N - 136/14 E)
18 ships at 34/11 N - 136/27 E).

Fighter Support:
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TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: NAVAL OBSERVATIONS - MISSION 14 MAY 1945.

1. NINE SHIPS, PROBABLY MERCHANT VESSELS, AT 34/38 N - 137/43 E, COURSE 270, SPEED 15 KNOTS. -- SENT OUT TO Z9G. ONE PLANE REPORTED THESE AS WARSHIPS INCLUDING ONE POSSIBLE CVE.

2. AROUND 25 SHIPS NEAR MOROSAKI AT APPROXIMATELY 34/41 N - 136/59 E.

3. MORE THAN 50 BARGES OFF DAIO-ZAKI, 34/15 N - 136/54 E.

4. FOUR SMALL SHIPS NEAR TOYOHASHI, 34/45 N - 137/15 E.

5. TWELVE SMALL SHIPS NEAR OWASHI, 34/04 N - 136/14 E.

6. EIGHTEEN SHIPS AT 34/11 N - 136/27 E.

7. PROBABLE PATROL VESSEL AT 34/07 N - 136/25 E, MAY HAVE BEEN DD.

TIME 132241Z.

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-14-11 OP SECRET 141355Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT, MISSION NO. 174 TARGET NAGOYA URBAN AREA FLOWN 14 MAY 1945.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. UNIT: | XXI BOMCOM | 58 | 73 | 313 | 314 |
| 2. A/C RETURNED: | 468 | 129 | 149 | 67 | 123 |
| 3. A/C AWAY: | 46 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 18 |
| 4. KNOWN LOSSES: | 7 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| A. TARGET AREA: | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| B. DITCHED: | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| C. OTHERS: | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 5. A/C MISSING: | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1H |
| 6. TIME DOWN FIRST: | 140443Z | 140555Z | 140443Z | 140550Z | 140625Z |
| 7. TIME DOWN LAST: | 140844Z | 140801Z | 140730Z | 140819Z | 140844Z |
| 8. A/C NOT BOMBING: | 41 | 14 | 12 | 6 | 9 |
| 9. A/C BOMBS UNKNOWN: | 23 | 8 | 6 | 0 | 9 |

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| 10. TARGETS ATKD. | NO. A/C | CLOUD | ALTITUDE | METHOD | RESULTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAGOYA URBAN AREA | 455 | 0-4/10 | 17,000-18,500 | VIS-RAD | UNOBS-EXCEL |
| NAGASHIMA | 2 | ----- | -------- | VISUAL | EXCELLENT |
| UJI YAMADA | 1 | ----- | -------- | " | GOOD |
| NISHO | 1 | ----- | -------- | " | UNOBSERVED |
| SETA | 1 | ----- | -------- | " | EXCELLENT |

11. E/A OPPOSITION: WEAK TO MODERATE -- UNAGGRESSIVE.

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12. FLAK: CALIBER INTENSITY ACCURACY

NAGOYA-- MEDIUM AND HEAVY, MEAGER, MODERATE, INACC. AND ACCURA

HAMAMATSU - HEAVY MEAGER INACCURATE

KUJUSO - HEAVY " "

13. OBSERVATIONS LOCATION

LA/F WITH 75 A/C DIRECTLY EAST OF NAGOYA

WEST OF NAGOYA

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" #" H 30 S/E A/C
" " 40 - 0 S/E F 34/50 N - 137/07 E
" " 60 - 100 A/C 34/36 N - 135/40 E
" " 50 - 75 A/C 35/12 N - 136/50 E
" " 50 - 75 A/C 35/11 N - 137/02 E
8 SEAPLANES & 20 A/C ( 2 LIZ) TOYOHASHI A/F
AIRSTRIP AT IAKO -- 50 E/A PENINSULA
LARGE DAM 35/05 N - 136/00 E
3 SEAPLANES AT ANCHOR NEAR RAMP 34/35 N - 137/28 E
CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY IN MARSHALLING YARDS BETWEEN 34/58 N - 135/54/30 E AND TARGET.

14. REMARKS: 4 A/C LANDING AWAY FROM BASE, 31 LANDED AT ~~IOW~~ IWO, 9 LANDED AT SAIPAN, 5 LANDED AT TINIAN AND 1 ON GUAM 10 A/C LOST TOTAL 1 A/C CRASH LANDED AND BURNED JUST AFTER TAKE OFF, 4 SURVIVORS. 1 A/C DITCHED 8 MILES NORTH OF BASE ON RETURN, AIR SEA RESCUE ALERTED. 1 A/C CREW BAILED OUT OVER ~~IOW~~ IWO ON RETURN, AIR SEA RESCUE ALERTED. 1 A/C SHOT DOWN OVER ISE BAY ON RETURN, 9 CHUTES OBSERVED. 1 A/C DITCHED NEAR BASE ENROUTE, ALL CREW RECOVERED. 1 A/C CREW BAILED OUT OVER ~~IOW~~ IWO.

~~(4TH WD IS IWO RPT IOW)~~

10 CREW MEMBERS PICKED UP. 1 A/C SHOT DOWN OVER TARGET AREA. 3 A/C MISSING, REASONS UNKNOWN, UNREPORTED.

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-14-1 OPERATIONAL PRIORITY-SECR 140225Z

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FROM: BOM COM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY FOR MISSION NO. 174 TARGET NAGOYA URBAN AREA FLOWN 14 MAY 1945.

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1. 40 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY ACCOUNTING FOR:

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| NO. REPORTS | ARGET | METHOD | RESULTS | TIME |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12 | PRIMARY | VISUAL | GEN CONFLAG | 132317Z-140001Z |
| 10 | " | VISUAL | SEV LG FIRES | 132200Z-140029Z |
| 6 | " | VISUAL | FEW SMALL FIRES | 132304Z-132357Z |
| 3 | " | VISUAL | UNOBSERVED | 132343Z-132307Z |
| 5 | " | RADAR | GEN CONFLAG | 132325Z-132352Z |
| 1 | " | RADAR | SEV LG FIRES | 132357Z |
| 3 | " | RADAR | UNOBSERVED | 132324Z-132358Z |

3. A/C RETURNED EARLY: 23

4. REMARKS: (A) NUMBER REPORTS INDICATE APPROX ONE PER SQUADRON ACCOUNTING FOR ABOUT 440 A/C. (B) RADAR BOMBING REPORTS INDICATED 0-10/10 CLOUD, VISUAL 0-8/10 CLOUD. (C) E/A AND FLAK REPORTED AS NONE TO MODERATE.

THIS REPORT IS FRAGMENTARY AND SUBJECT TO CORRECTION.

TOD:140336Z HM.
ROGER V WCR 8336Z

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INFORMATION: [redacted]
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TELECON MSG FN-13-17 OP OP SECRET 1323457

FROM BOMCOM XXI

TO COMAF 20

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INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: FIRST BOMBS AWAY REPORT ON MICROSCOPE NO. 4

FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY WITH 1/10 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 132306Z. FEW SCATTERED FIRES OBSERVED. FIGHTER OPPOSITION MEAGER, FLAK MODERATE.

FIGHTER ESCORT WAS CANCELED DUE TO WEATHER CONDITION WHICH MADE FIGHTER TAKE OFF IMPOSSIBLE.

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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 | | | | | | | | | |
| INFORMATION: | 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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| Supplement to Capt. Return | Teleco | FN-14-15 | | 15 May | HH |
| Supplement to Capt. Return | " | FN-15-3 | | 15 May | HH |
| Summary | DOAS | | | 15 May | HH |
| Mission Summary | Teleco | FN-15-09 | | 15 1745Z | BSK |
| Supplement to Mission Summary | " | FN-17-10 | | 171040Z | HH |

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TELECON MSG FN-17-10 OP SECRET 171040Z

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FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAX 20 (POA)O
SUB3:5: SUPPLEMENT TO MISSION SUMMARY, MISSION 174, TARGET NORTH NAGOYA URBAN AREA, FLOWN 14 MAY 1945.

3 A/C OF 314TH WING DROIPED 63 X 500 LB E-46 IC, ON PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY AND BY RADAR, 2 A/C REPORTING UNOBSERVED RESULTS AND 1 A/C GOOD RESULTS. 3 NICKS, 1 TOJO AND 2 S/E E/A SIGHTED - NO ATTACKS OR CLAIMS. FLAK REPORTED AS HEAVY, MEAGER TO MODERATE, INACCURATE BS 2 A/C. ONE OF THESE A/C DITCHED - 2 CREW MEMBERS MISSING. CREW BAILED OUT OF ANOTHER A/C OVER IWO - ALL SAFE.

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SUMMARY

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 174 - 14 May 1945
Date

Targets Bombed: Total A/C Bombing: 477

Nagoya Urban Area - 471 (408 visual)

Other Targets - 6

Time Over Target: 140806 - 140917 Theater Time

Bombs Dropped: 12548 E-46 and 260 E-36 Incendiary Bombs

Results: See Preliminary Report

Tactics: Daylight bombing by radar and visual methods from an altitude of 17,300 ft. to 18,500 ft.

A/C Lost or Missing: 10 a/c lost (2 to enemy action, 3 ditched, 3 missing, 2 operational)

Weather: 1/10 low cloud, base 2000 ft. top 4000 ft.; 8/10 middle cloud, base 21,000 ft.

Fighter Opposition: 142 E/A encountered - 181 attacks from Nicks, Tonys, Irvings, Franks, Tojos, Oscars, Zekes, Georges, ABC's, Jacks, Dinahs, Hamps, Bettys, and 2 Seaplanes. Attacks were generally unaggressive, uncoordinated, and ineffective. 3 silver U/I S/E with extremely small wing span approached B-29's of 73rd Wing, but did not fire. Rate of closure extremely fast and first thought to be jet propelled, but no jets observed.

Flak: Heavy caliber - Meager to intense, and accurate to inaccurate.

Claims: 23 - 12 - 36

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Observations: Previously reported

Fighter Support: [redacted]

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TELECON MSG FN-15-09 OP SECRET 251353Z
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TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20

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SUBJECT: MISSION SUMMARY FOR MISSION NO. 174 TARGET NAGOYA URBAN AREA FLOWN 14 MAY 45.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | UNITS: | XXI BC | 58WGH | 73 WG | 313 WG | 314 WG |
| 2. | TAKE OFF: | | | | | |
| | 1ST: | 131415Z | 131442Z | 131433Z | 131457Z | 131415Z |
| | LAST: | 131644Z | 131644Z | 131608Z | 131628Z | 131558Z |
| 3. | A/C A/B: | 524 | 141 | 160 | 79 | 144 |
| 4. | BOMBS A/B: | 14237 | 3501 | 4944 | 2410 | 3382 |
| A. | NO & TYPE: | 13917-E46 320-E36 | 3501-E46 | 4624-E46 320-E36 | 2410-E46 | 3382-E46 |
| B. | FUSINGS: TAIL: | | 29.7&32.7 34 SEC | 29 SEC- | 30,5 SEC- 32.5 SEC | 32-33 SEC |
| | NOSE: | | NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE |
| 5. | DISPOSITION OF BOMBS: | | | | | |
| A. | TARGETS: | A/C-BOMBS | A/C-BOMBS | A/C-BOMBS | A/C-BOMBS | A/C-BOMBS |
| NAGOYA: | E-46: | 462-12358 | 125-3010 | 137-4212 | 68-2039 | 132-3097 |
| | E-36: | 9 -260 | Ø | 9 -260 | Ø | Ø |
| KOROMO | | 1 -36H | 1 -36 | Ø | Ø | Ø |
| SETA | | 1 -30 | Ø | Ø | 1 -30 | Ø |
| NAGASHIMA | | 2 -64 | Ø | Ø | 2 -64 | JØ |
| NISHIO | | 1 - 29 | Ø | Ø | 1 -29 | Ø |
| UJIYAMADA | | 1 -31 | Ø | Ø | 1 -31 | Ø |
| B. | JETTISONED: | | | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NO. A/C: | 39 | 72 | 13 | 6 | 8 |
| BOMBS: | 59 E-"6 | 378 E-46 | 59 E-36 | 217 E-46 | 196 E-46 |
| H | 1172 E-46 | | 381 E-46 | | |
| C. | RETURNED: | | | | |
| NO. A/C: | 4 | 2 | 1 | Ø | 1 |

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| BOMBS: | 85 | 51 | 31 E-46<br>1 E-36 | Ø | 2 |
| LB. UNACCOUNTED: | 3 - 36 | Ø | Ø | Ø | 3 - 36 |
| E. LOST BEFORE TGT: | 2 - 50 | 1 - 26 | Ø | Ø | 1 - 24 |
| 6. A/C NOT BOMBING: | 44 | 15 | 14 | 6 | 9 |
| A. MECHANICAL: | 41 | 12 | 14 | 6 | 9 |
| B. PERSONNEL: | Ø | Ø | Ø | Ø | Ø |
| C. WEATHER: | Ø | Ø | Ø | Ø | Ø |
| D. OTHER: | 3 | 3 | Ø | Ø | Ø |
| 7. AVERAGE BOMB ALTITUDE: | | | | | |
| A. PRIMARY: | 17,700 | 17,500 | 17,300 | 17,500 | 18,500 |

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8. TIME BOMBS AWAY:

A. PRIMARY:

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FIRST: | 132306Z | 132312Z | 132306Z | 132317Z | 132324Z |
| LAST: | 140025Z | 132400Z | 132358Z | 140025Z | 140017Z |

9. METHOD OF BOMBING:

A. PRIMARY:

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| VISUAL: | 408 | 95 | 146 | 61 | 106 |
| RADAR: | 53 | 20 | Ø | 7 | 26 |
| BLIND: | 9 | 9 | Ø | Ø | Ø |
| B. OTHERS: | VISUAL | VISUAL | NIL | VISUAL | NIL |

10. TIME OF RETURN:

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FIRST: | 140443Z | 140555Z | 140443Z | 140550Z | 140625Z |
| LAST: | 140844Z | 140758Z | 140730Z | 140818Z | 140844Z |

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| 11. CLAIMS: | | | | | |
| A. DESTROYED: | 23 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 2 |
| B. PROBABLES: | 12 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 2 |
| C. DAMAGED: | 36 | 14 | 8 | 10 | 4 |
| 12. CASUALTITES: | | | | | |
| A. KILLED: | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| B. WOUNDED: | 12 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| C. MISSIONG: | 51 | 22 | 2 | 4 | 23 |
| 13. NO. A/C LOST: | 10 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| A. TO E/A: | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| B. TO AA: | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| C. TO ACCIDENT: | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| D. TO DITCHING: | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| E. OPERATIONAL: | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| F. UNKNOWN: | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 14. A/C DAMAGED: | 64 | 19 | 28 | 9 | 8 |
| A. MAJOR: | 11 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| B. MINOR | 53 | 15 | 25 | 6 | 7 |

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PART B: NARRATIVE:

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1. AIR OPPOSITION:

| WING | 1ST A/C OVER TGT | E/A ENCOUNTERED | NO. ATKS | AREA |
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| 58TH | 132312Z | 20 | FEW | ASSEMBLY PT TO TGT |
| 313TH | 132317Z | 82 | 82 | ASSEMBLY PT TO TGT |
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2. FLAK:

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| TANABE AND SHINGU | HEAVY | MEAGER | INACC | CONT. PTD. |
| OSAKA | HEAVY | MODERATE | ACC-INACC | CONT. PTD. |
| KYOTO | HEAVY | MODERATE | ACC-INACC | CONT. PTD. |
| NAGOYA | HEAVY | MGR TO INT | ACC-INACC | ALL TYPES |
| TOYAHASHI | HEAVY | MEAGER | ACC-INACC | CONT. PTD |

ALSO HEAVY, MEAGER AND INACCURATE FLAK AT KOFU, OKAZAKI, TAWARA, YOKOSUKA AND TOKAICHI.

3. WEATHER: BASES AT TAKE OFF: SAIPAN: 8/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 1000 FT WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS REDUCING VISIBILITY TO THREE MILES. ALL OTHER BASES: 2-3/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 1800 FT, TOP 5000 FT. ROUTE OUTGOING: TO 20N: 3-5/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 1800 FT, TOP 8-12000 FT: 3/10 MIDDLE CLOUD, BASE 13,000 FT, TOP 14000 FT; VISIBILITY 15 MILES LOWERING TO 1-3 MILES IN LIGHT SHOWERS. 20N TO 27N: 8-10/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE UNKNOWN, TOP 8000 FT WITH OCCASSIONAL BUILD UPS TO 20000 FT; 8-10/10 MIDDLE CLOUD IN LAYERS BETWEEN 10,000 AND 21,000 FT; LIGHT RIME ICING VISIBILITY LOWERING FROM 15 MILES TO 0-1 MILE IN MODERATE RAIN. 27N TO 30N: 8/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 1500 FT, TOP 5000 FT BECOMING 3/10; 10/10 MIDDLE CLOUD, BASE 14000 FT BECOMING 8/10 BASE 17,000 FT; VISIBILITY 15 MILES, LIGHT HAZE. 30N TO THE TARGET AREA: 3/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 1500 FT,

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TARGET: 1/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 2000 FT, TOP 4000 FT; 8/10 MIDDLE CLOUD, BASE 21,000 FT; VISIBILITY 15 MILES WITH LIGHT HAZE OUTSIDE OF SMOKE; SMOKE TO 18,000 FT; WINDS AT 18,000 FT WERE 280 DEGREES, AT 35 KNOTS.

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ROUTE RETURNING: SAME AS ROUTE OUTGOING.

BASE ON RETURN: 5/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 1500 FT, TOP 6-8000 FT; VISIBILITY 12 MILES LOWERING TO 1 MILE IN SCATTERED SHOWERS.

REMARKS: WIND FORECAST WAS POOR. 313TH WING ARRIVED AT ASSEMBLY AREA ONE HOUR EARLY. FRONT WHICH WAS FORECAST AS A COLD FRONT SEEMS TO HAVE BECOME A WARM FRONT THOWING UP CONSIDERABLE MORE CLOUDINESS TO THE NORTH THAN WAS FORECAST.

4. AIR SEA RESCUE:

A. TWO SUPERDUMBOS BY 73RD WING STATIONED OVER LIFEGUARD SUBMARINE. CARRIED OUT UNSUCCESSFUL 40 MILES SEARCH FOR REPORTED SURVIVORS. 10 CREW MEMBERS PICKED UP NEAR IWO AFTER BAILING OUT. DUMBOS DIRECTED SURFACE CRAFT TO DITCHING 100 MILES FROM SAIPAN WHERE ENTIRE CREW WAS RESCUED.

B. TWO A/C OF 58TH WING STOOD BY AT IWO. REPORTS OF THEIR ACTIVITIES NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

C. OF THREE A/C KNOWN TO HAVE DITCHED, 27 SURVIVORS WERE RESCUED.

5. FIGHTER ESCORT: CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER AT FIGHTER BASE.

6. RESULTS: (BASED ON FLASH STRIKE ATTACK REPORT) AVAILABLE STRIKE PHOTOS SHOW FIRES EXTENDING FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED INDUSTRY ABOUT 2000 YDS WNW OF NAGOYA CASTLE CLEAR ACROSS N PART OF CITY TO A POIN IMMEDIATELY BELOW RESERVORS ADJACENT TO TARGET 193. FIRES ARE SEEN ALSO IN AREAS N OF CASTLE UP TO SHONAI RIVER, MOST STRIKE PHOTOS SHOW SMOKE OBSCURING ENTIRE N AND CENTRAL PART OF CITY.

FIRES HAVE BEEN STARTED IN TARGET 254, MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC MANUFACTURING COMPANY, AND IN UNDAMAGED SW PART OF TARGET 193, MITSUBISHI AIRCRAFT ENGINE PLANT. THE WIND IS BLOWING FROM THE NW.

7. REMARKS: IN ADDITION TO THE 10 A/C LOST, ONE A/C CRASHED ON LANDING AT IWO.

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| | Supplement to return report, Mission 174, 1 | |

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| 7N-15-3 May 45: | DEPCOMAF 20 POA<br>CTF 94<br>CINCPOA ADV HQ<br>COMAIRPACSUBCONFWD | 15 May 45 |
| COMAF 20 | | BOMCOM 21 |

Camouflaged A/F at 3442N - 13547E with 15 A/C 20 SEF. Fukue A/F at 3437N - 73708E with 15 SEF. Kiyosu A/F at 3512N - 13648E no aircraft seen. Large A/F at Yokosuka south of PT - no aircraft seen. Airdrome south of Nagoya with 5 aircraft. 5 TEF on ground at Hamamatsu A/F. 2 large flying boats on Biwa Lake 3458N - 13554E. Large fires with black smoke seen at 3539N - 13714E and 3446N - 13713E at 140009Z. Also column of black smoke at 3445N - 13645E, at 132356Z which was probably B-29 which crashed.

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| FN-14-15 | Supplement to return report, Mission 174, flown 14 May 45. | 15 May 45 |

| TO: | INFO: | FROM: |
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| COMAF 20 | DEPCOMAF 20 POA | BOMCOM 21 |

A. A/C K57 at 131846Z from 7,000' sighted a fire on the water at 2251N - 14138E. Sighting was made by the pilot and left blister gunner.

B. At 3415N - 13630E crews of the 330th Bomb Group observed what appeared to be eight (8) phosphorus bombs--burst was bright white to silver flash, but did not have white trails typical of phosphorus projectiles.

C. A/C 685 observed friendly plane at 132325Z from 19,100' on course of 150 Deg hit by enemy flak, which burst into flames at once, appeared out of control, went down, then in control, then into wide left turn, still descending, then broke up, six chutes were seen to open, reported by 12 A/C.

D. An A/F was seen at Kofu from 19500' at 132336Z, an enemy plane was seen to land there, believed to be a transport type.

E. 7 Barrage Balloons at Morosake altitude 5,000' seen from 20,000' at 132330Z on course of 152 Deg.

F. Two to three balloons were seen at Nara Hung at 3,000 - 4,000' and were seen from 20,000' at 132300Z.

G. A/C 018 observed island 1/2 mile from shore SW of Toyohashi. 4 A/C observed on ground. 5 black top runways, spoke shaped. Hangars on East side.

H. A/C 763 observed 1 at 3345N - 13600E 2 fires with grayish white smoke 2-runway at 3435N - 13705E on point of land.

I. A/C 079 observed an unidentified A/F believed new at 3443N - 13715E on an island at Atsuni.

J. A/C 369 observed an unidentified A/C explode and spin at 3442N - 13736E.

K. A/C 788 saw an A/C going down smoking heavily at 3446N - 13710E. A/C could have been a B-29.

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| | INFORMATION | C/S; DC/S TWE, P&A; A-2 (14); A-3 OC&R (7); A-5 Plans (2); Op Anal; Stat Con (2); AA; A-2 Collecting. |

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| A/C Losses on Mission 174 | Telecon | FN-15-6 | | 15 May | BGR |
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| FN-15-6 | A/C Losses on Mission 174, Flown 14 May 1945. | 15 May 45 |

| TO: | INFO: | FROM: |
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| COMAF 20 | DEPCOMAF 20 POA | BOMCOM 21 |

73rd Wing: 1 A/C ditched - entire crew rescued.
1 A/C abandoned over Iwo - 2 missing.

313th Wing: 1 A/C ditched - 6 survivors rescued.
1 A/C abandoned over Iwo - entire crew rescued.
1 A/C crash landed at Iwo - no casualties.

314th Wing: 1 A/C crash landed base (Early return) - 4 survivors.
1 A/C lost over target (E/A).
1 A/C abandoned over Iwo - entire crew rescued.
1 A/C ditched - 10 survivors rescued.

58th Wing: 1 A/C down in Ise Bay (E/A) - 9 chutes observed.
1 A/C missing - reasons unknown.

Total: 11 A/C lost. Exact status of personnel unknown.

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| Communique No. 103 | " | G-15-2-HK | 142133Z | | NH |

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TO COMGENBOMCOM 21

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 POA

INFO COMGENBOMCOM 20 (ATTENTION: GLASS)

FROM COMAF 20

SUBJECT COMMUNIQUE NO. 103

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THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WILL BE RELEASED HERE AT 142130Z "TWENTIETH AIR FORCE B-29'S ATTACKING IN THE GREATEST STRENGTH YET MOUNTED BY SUPERFORTRESSEES, BOMBED IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL TARGETS AT NAGOYA, ON THE JAPANESE HOMELAND ISLAND OF HONSHU, ON 13 MAY EWT (14 MAY, JAPANESE TIME). THE ATTACK WAS CARRIED OUT BY INSTRUMENT AND VISUAL MEANS AND CREWS REPORTED RESULTS AS EXCELLENT. FLYING FROM THEIR BASES IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS, MORE THAN 500 B-29'S OF MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND PARTICIPATED IN THE ASSUALT TO DEMOLISH VITAL TARGETS AT NAGOYA, WHICH IS JAPAN'S PRINCIPAL AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION CENTER. INCENDIARY BOMBS WERE USED IN THE MID-MORNING STRIKE, THE FIRST TIME SUCH AN ATTACK HAS BEEN MADE UPON JAPAN DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

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"ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION RANGED FROM WEAK TO MODERATE AND WAS NOT AGGRESSIVE. ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE GENERALLY WAS MEAGER. TWO OF OUR PLANES WERE LOST TO ENEMY ACTION."

(ATTENTION: REES INFO WIPPOLD FROM HADDOCK)

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TO COMGENBOMCOM XXI FROM CG 20TH AF

THE FOLLOWING PRESS FLASH WILL BE RELEASED HERE AT 140230Z

" A FORCE OF WELLL OVER 500 B-29S CARRYING ONE THE PACIFIC WAR'S GREATEST BOMBLOADS STRUCK THE JAPANESE CITY OF NAGOYA TODAY 13 MAY (14MAY, JAPANESE TIME). IT WAS AN INCENDIARY MISSION AND THE FIRST DAYLIGHT ATTACK OF ITS KIND. THE RECORD FLEET OF SUPERFORTRESSES FLEW FROM BASES OF MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND IN THE MARIANAS. IT WAS THE FIRST SUCH ATTACK ON NAGOYA SINCE 19 MARCH WHEN OVER 3 SQUARE MILES OF THE LARGE INDUSTRAIL CITY WAS REPORTED DESTROYED. COMPLETE INFORMATION ON TODAY'S STRIKE WILL BE MADE KNOWN WHEN BMXXXRPT BOMBER CREWS HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR BASES".

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| Flash Strike Attack | Telecon | FN-15-1 | | 15 May | HH |
| Photo Interpretation | " | FN-17-13 | | 18 May | HH |
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| FH-17-13 | Photo Interpretation, 3 PRM Nos. 216, 217, 219 and 220 flown 17 May 1945: | 18 May 45 |

| TO: | INFO: | FROM: |
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| COMAF 20 | DEPCOMAF 20 POA | BOMCOM 21 |

PRM 216: Mean Time of Photography 170423Z. Quality fair.

Target 2677 Nagoya East Airfield. Aircraft Visible: 62 S/E. Damage to Nagoya City: Assessment of damage is limited by clouds obscuring the portion of the city north of the castle and also east of the Hori River. Total area damage from 21 BOMCOM Mission 174 and 176, 14 May, 17 May 1945 visible is about 2.6 square miles (72,600,000 Sq Ft, 1670 Acres). Of this 41,600,000 Sq Ft is in the north portion of the city and results from 21 BOMCOM Mission 174. 31,000,000 Sq Ft of area damage was from Mission 176. Thirteen numbered industrial targets, including Target 194 Mitsubishi A/C Works (about 10 percent new damage) show damage. Four unnumbered targets show damage. Total area damage to Nagoya is now about 8.0 Sq Miles, (223,610,000 Sq Ft, 5126 Acres) which represents about 15.8 percent of the city. Nemerous buildings in the castle grounds are destroyed or damaged including the castle itself. Industries showing damage are:

Target 193, Mitisubishi Aircraft Works. About 10 percent of Plant area suffered new damage.

Target 241, Nippon Vehicle Manufacturing Co. Severely Damaged.

Target 247D, Daido Electric Steel, Minami Plant. Severely Damaged.

Target 251, Nagoya Harbor. Damaged.

Target 254, Mitsubishi Electric Mfg. Co. Damaged.

Target 461, Okima Iron Works, Ozoni Plant. Damaged.

Target 430, Toyoda Machinery Mfg. Co. Damaged.

Target 1790, Osaka Machinery Works, Severe Damage.

Target 1799, Hokoku Machinery Co., Kasadera Plant. Severely Damaged.

Target 1800, Daido Machinery Co. Severely Damaged.

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| FW-1743 | Photo Interpretation: (Cont'd from page "1"): | 18 May 45 |

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Target 1818, Tokushu Light Metals Co., Otsuta Plant. Severely Damaged.

Target 1824, Tokai Electrode Co., Nagoya No. 2 Plant. Severely Damaged.

Target 1825, Tokai Electrode Co., Nagoya No. 3 Plant. Practically Destroyed.

Hattori Cotton Mill. Severely Damaged.

Hara Silk Mill. Severely Damaged.

Okamoto Aircraft Works. Severely Damaged.

Onoda Cement Plant. Severely Damaged.

Areas of damage are located as follows on AAF TC 90.20-250E, February 1944 (read horizontal, then vertical):

1. Area of 16,700,000 Sq Ft at 6.7-10.1; 7.0-10.8; 8.8-1-.6; 8.5-9.0.

2. Two areas totalling about 4,500,000 Sq Ft at 8.5-10.3; 9.9-10.0; 10.4-10.5 and 10.2-10.2.

3. Three areas totalling about 10,500,000 Sq Ft at 12.0-11.7 and 11.5-11.0 and 11.2-10.4; 11.2-9.8; 12.4-9.4; 12.4-10.5.

4. One area of about 7,200,000 Sq Ft at 12.8-8.3; 12.3-6.7; 11.7-6.8.

5. Five areas of about 7,000,000 Sq Ft at 10.5-2.2; 10.1-2.6; 11.1-2.9 and 11.5-2.1 and 10.8-2.2 and 9.2-3.0 and 9.1-4.2.

6. One area of about 19,800,000 Sq Ft at 9.3-2.0; 10.8-1.6; 9.2-0.0; 10.4-0.0.

7. Five areas totalling 4,200,000 Sq Ft scattered near the old damage. Area of 2,700,000 Sq Ft within the target area of Target 251.

PRM 217: Mean Time of Photography 170358Z. Quality Fair.





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Target 2658, Kameyama Airfield: Aircraft Visible (Minimum) 13 S/E 5 T/E. 4 inoperational aircraft not included. Two hangars completely dismantled. Two hangars three-fourths dismantled. 90 percent coverage.

Target 2659, Kamezaki Airfield; Aircraft Visible: 16 S/E, 5 T/E, Kobe Harbor 4 SS, 1 escort, 70 percent cloud cover. For damage to Nagoya see Flash Report 216.

PHM 219:

Mean Time of Photography: 170340Z. Quality Fair:

Yokosuka Naval Base; Naval vessels visible: 1 BB Nagato, 2 CA, 4 DD, 4 escorts.

Target 298, Yokosuka Airfield; Aircraft Visible: 44 S/E, 17 T/E.

Target 2808, Yokosuka Seaplane Station; Aircraft Visible: 1 S/E, 6 T/E, 2 4/E.

Target 1402, Yokohama Seaplane Station; Aircraft Visible: 9 S/E floatplanes, 5 4/E.

Target 1403, Tomioka Seaplane Station; Aircraft Visible: 8 S/E Floatplanes.

Target 1404, Tachikawa Airfield; Aircraft Visible: 29 S/E, 21 T/E, 1 4/E.

Target 2008, Tachikawa Army Air Arsenal: No damage visible from 21 BOMCOM Mission 126, 20 April 45.

PHM 220:

Mean Time of Photography: 170413Z. Quality Good:

Target 1306, Saeki Airfield, Aircraft Visible: 25 S/E, 14 T/E, 7 inoperative aircraft not included.

Target 2537, Saeki Seaplane Station; Aircraft Visible: None.



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Target 2666, Kushimoto Seaplane Station; Aircraft Visible: 5 S/E.

Target 2687, Shionomisaki Airfield; Aircraft Visible: 14 S/E.

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| ~~FW-16-1~~ | Flash Strike Attack Report No. 48 21 B. C. Mission 174, 14 May 45. | 15 May 45 |

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Unidentified industry about 2000 yards WNW of Nagoya Castle clear across N part of city to a point immediately below reservoirs adjacent to target 193 (from 061122 to 115120). Fires are seen also in areas N of Castle up to Shonai River, most Strike Photos show smoke obscuring entire N and central part of city. Fires have been started in target 254 Mitsubishi Electric Manufacturing Company, and in undamaged SW part of target 193, Mitsubishi Aircraft Engine Plant. The wind is blowing from the NW.

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-14-13 OP SECRET 141517Z

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TO : COMAF 20
INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON NAGOYA, MISSION 174, 14 MAY 1945.
APPROXIMATE FIGURE ON TOTAL DROPPED IS 2320.5 TONS RPT 2320.5 TONS.

NO EXACT FIGURES AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

CCN/ IN 2ND LINE INSERT TONNAGE AFTER TOTAL SO AS TO READ

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( TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED)

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TELECON MSG G-14-3 SECRET 141413Z

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TONNAGE DROPPD RPT DROPPED ON NAGOYA MISSION.

TO: COMGENBOMCOM 21 FROM COMAF 20

REQUEST TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON NAGOYA ON THIS LAST MISSION. IF EXACT FIGURES NOT AVAILABLE GIVE BEST APPROXIMATION AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. THIS IS URGENT.

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