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Brief of F.O.	Telecon	FN-10-17		101128Z	BGR

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FROM LEMAY COMGENBOMCOM 21

SUBJECT: BRIEF ON FIELD ORDER FOR 11 MAY 1945

Eight Squadrons are scheduled to attack a/c Assembly Plant in Kobe on Honshu, and 6 squadrons are scheduled to attack A/F and Installations on Kyushu on 11 May 1945, unescorted.

Code Name	Primary Target	Force Required
LEAFSTALK	Kawanishi A/C Co	8 squadrons
CAMLET	Oita A/F	2 "
COCKROW	Saeki A/F	1 "
BUSHING	Nittegahara A/F	1 "
NECKCLOTH	Miyazaki A/F	1 "
DRIPPER	Miyakonojo A/F	1 "

Route for Kyushu Strikes are: Base, Iwo Jima, Target, Iwo Jima, Base.

Route for LEAFSTALK Strike is: Base, Iwo Jima, 34/16 N- 135/04 E I. P., Target, 34/54 N - 135/ 23 E, 34/46 N - 135/ 50 E, Iwo Jima, Base.

Bomb Load is 500 lb GP's fused 1/100 Nose and non-delay tail for LEAFSTALK Strike. Bomb Load for Kyushu Strikes is same as specified for previous Kyushu Strikes.

	Take Off	Target	Return
Northern Kyushu	101500Z	102300Z	110600Z
LEAFSTALK	101700Z	110100Z	110800Z
Southern Kyushu	102200Z	110600Z	111300Z

Altitude of attack is 15,000 ft for Kyushu Strikes and 16,000 ft to 20,000 ft. for LEAFSTALK

Air Sea Rescue Facilities Requested

TOD 101128Z

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1st a/c airborne	Telecon	FN-10-26		101740Z	BGR
Consolidated Take Off	"	FN-10-31		102222Z	BGR

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

TELECON MSG FN-10-31 OP SECRET 101939Z
(PASS TO COMAF 20)
FROM: BOM COM XXI
TO: COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT ~~F94~~

FOR MISSION 172 TARGET KAWANISHI

A/C CO. KOBE FLOWN 11 MAY 45.

1. UNIT:	73	314	58	XXI B.C.
2. A/C SCHEDULED:	22	44	44	110
3. A/C AIRBORNE:	22	42	38	102
4. 1ST A/C OFF:	101654Z	101626Z	101632Z	101626Z
5. LAST A/C OFF:	101706Z	101651Z	101758Z	101758Z

6. REMARKS: 1 A/C FROM 314 WING CRASHED AFTER TAKE OFF:

END

TOD 102052Z PA

ROGER 102052Z EW

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TOD: 102222Z SD

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-10-26 OP SECRET 101640Z

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FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOM F 20

SUBJECT: FIRST TAKE OFF REPORT ON LEAFSTALK ONE

FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT 101626Z

SAME WEATHER AS ON CAMLET 8 AND COCKCROW 4

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TOD:1740Z IK

ROGER 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							
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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1st Bombs Away	Telecon	FN-11-3		110136Z	BGR
Consolidated Bombs Away	"	FN-11-7		110525Z	BGR
Return Report	"	FN-11-20		111450Z	HH

BOMB STRIKE
RETURN RPTS

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DLNO TELECON MSG FN-11-3 OPOP SECRET 110124Z
FROM COMGEN BOMCOM 21
TO COMAF 20 DEPCOM 20(POA)
SUBJECT : FIRST O RPT RI

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////////////// FIRST BOMBS AWAY REPORT FOR LEAFSTALK NO. 1

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FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBED PRIMARY TAUVGET VISUAL Y WITH FAIR

RESULTS AT 170002Z, ACCOUNTING FOR 10 AIRCRAFT.

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TOD 110136Z
ROGER V WCR FOR FN-11-3 AT 110136Z

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-1[illegible]Ø OP SECRET 111450Z
FROM: COMGEN BOMCOM 21
TO : COMAF 2Ø
INFO: DEPCOMAF 2Ø (POA)

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SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT, MISSION NO. 172 TARGET KAWANISHI A/C CO., KOBE FLOWN 11 MAY 1945.

1. UNIT:	XXI BOM COM	58	73	314
2. A/C RETURNED:	85	31	17	37
3. A/C AWAY:	16	7	5 (IWO)	4
4. KNOWN LO SES:	1	NONE	NONE	1
OTHERS:	1			1
5. A/C MISSING:	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
6. TIME DOWN FIRST:	110706Z	I110726Z	110706Z	110800Z
7. TIME DOWN LAST:	110945Z	110935Z	110945Z	110938Z
8. A/C NOT BOMBING:	9	2	5	2
9. A/C BOMBS UNKNOWN:	1	NONE	NONE	1

10. TARGETS ATKD.

	NO. A/C	CLOUD	ALTITUDE	METHOD	RESULTS
KAWANISHI A/C CO.	52	4 - 8/10	17,500	VISUAL	UNOBS TO EXCEL.
KAWANISH A/C CO.	39	7 - 9/10	18,500	RADAR	UNOBSERVED
OPPORTUNITY TARGET	1	---	17,500	VISUAL	"

11. E/A OPPOSITION: WEAK TO HEAVY.

12. FLAK:

CALIBER	INTENSITY	ACCURACY
HEAVY	MEAGER TO INTENSE	INACCURATE TO ACCURATE

ROPE USED IN THE TARGET AREA WAS REPORTED TO HAVE EFFECTED THE ACCURACY OF THE AA.

13. OBSERVATIONS:

OBSERVATION	ALTITUDE	LOCATION
CIRCLE OF HEAVY SMOKE	25,ØØØ FT	OVER TARGET AREA

RESEMBLED A VAPOR TRAIL, AND A DEFINITE BEGINNING AND ENDING OF THE CIRCLE WAS APPARENT -- POSSIBLY MADE BY PLANE OVER TARGET TO GUIDE ANITAIRCRAFT FIRE.

14. A/C LISTED AS LOS CRASHED IN WATER UFTER TAKE OFF -- NO SURVIVORS. THIS REPORT IS FRAGMENZARY AND SUBJECT TO CORRECTION.

..END..

TOD: 111545Z IK

ROGER WCR

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-11-7 (SECRET) 110409Z (OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY)

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20

INFO: DEPCOMAF20(POA)

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY FOR MISSION NO. 172 TARGET

N KAWANISHI A/C CO., KOBE FLOWN 11 MAY 1945.

1. 10 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY ACCOUNTING FOR:

2.

NO. A/C	TARGET	METHOD	RESULTS	TIME
17	PRIMARY	VISUAL	FAIR TO POOR	110053Z
14	PRIMARY	VISUAL	UNOBSERVED	110053Z
11	PRIMARY	RADAR	FAIR	110056Z
49	PRIMARY	RADAR	UNOBSERVED	110036 - 110103Z
1	TGT OF OPP	VISUAL	UNOBSERVED	110215Z

3. A/C RETURNED EARLY: 6

4. REMARKS: NO SURVIVORS REPORTED ON A/C OF 314TH WING WHICH CRASHED AND EXPLODED ON TAKE OFF.

END

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E FOLLOWING SHOULD BE INSERTED:
THIS REPORT IS FRAGMENTARY AND SUBJECT TO CORRECTION.
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TOD 110525Z
ROGER V WCR FOR FN-11-7 AT 110525Z
ONE MORE

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PRELIMINARY REPORT

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

11 May 1945

REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 172 - 11 May 1945
Date

Targets Bombed: Total A/C Bombing: 92 a/c

Kawanishi A/C Co. - 52 a/c Visual - 39 a/c Radar

Other - 1 a/c Visual

~~Time Over Target:~~ ~~Theater Time~~

Bomb Load: 500 lb. GP's

Results: Unobserved to Excellent

Tactics: Daylight Visual and Radar bombing by squadrons at 18,000 ft.

A/C Lost or Missing: 1 a/c lost on take-off - no survivors

Weather: 4 to 9/10 clouds

Fighter Opposition: Weak to Heavy

Flak: Heavy - Meager to Intense - Inaccurate to Accurate.
Rope used in the target area was reported to have effected the accuracy of the AA.

~~Claims:~~

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Observations: Circle of heavy smoke 25,000 ft. over target area resembled a vapor trail, and a definite beginning and ending of the circle was apparent. -- possibly made by plane over target to guide anti-aircraft fire.

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Fighter Support:

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Consolidated Rpt. of Observations on Naval Mission Report	Telecon	FN-11-21		12 May	HH
"	Telecon	FN-12-8		121335Z	KSR
" Summary for DAAS	Ditto		12 May		KSR

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SUMMARY

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12 May 1945

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND
172 11 May 1945
OPERATION NO. Date

Targets Bombed: 93
Total A/C Bombing:
Kawanishi A/C Co., Kobe - 92
Other Targets - 1

Time Over Target: 110936 - 111003 Theater Time

Bomb Load: xxxxxx Dropped: 1860 AN-M-64, 1/10 sec nose and no tail

Results: Unobserved

Tactics: Daylight bombing by visual and radar methods from an altitude of 16,750 to 18,500 ft.

A/C Lost or Missing: 1 a/c crashed on take-off

Weather: 8/10 to 9/10 cloud

Fighter Opposition: The first Wing over the target encountered 79 E/A between IP and target, 24 encounters over target and 42 between target and Lands' End. Second Wing over target encountered 30 E/A with up to 103 attacks with peak of intensity during last part of bomb run. Last Wing over encountered 20 - 30 E/A which attacked aggressively from Landfall to Lands' End. E/A identified as Oscars, Jacks, Nicks, ABC's, Georges, Tonys, Judys, Mikes, Tojos, and Zekes. Two ineffective air to air phosphorous bombings by Jacks reported. U/I S/E reported firing flexible gun mount on top of fuselage.

Flak: Meager to moderate and continuous pointed barrage on approach to target. Moderate to intense - predicted and barrage at target. Leaving target - meager and inaccurate, continuously pointed and barrage. All heavy caliber.

Claims: 11 - 25 - 21

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TELECON MSG FN-12-3 ~~OF OF~~ SECRET 121111Z

FROM BOMCOM XXI

TO COMAF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: MISSION SUMMARY FOR MISSION NO 172 TARGET KAWANISHI A/C CO., KOBE, FLOWN 11 MAY 45.

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1. UNITS:	XXI BOMCOM	58 WG	73 WG	314 WG
2. TAKE OFF:				
1ST :	101626Z	101632Z	101654Z	101626Z
LAST:	101758Z	101758Z	101706Z	101651Z
3. A/C AIRBORNE:	102	38	22	42
4. BOMBS AIRBORNE:				
A. NO. & TYPE:	2131 AN-M64	714 AN-M64	583 AN-M64	834 AN-M64
B. FUSINGS:		1/10 SEC. NOSE-ND TAIL	.01 SEC. NOSE-ND TAIL	1/10 SEC. NOSE-ND TAIL

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5. DISPOSITION OF BOMBS:				
A. TARGETS:	NO A/C-BOMBS	A/C-BOMBS	A/C-BOMBS	A/C-BOMBS
KAWANISHI A/C CT:	92 1838'	35 626	17 446	40 766'
SAKINOHAMA (OPP)	1 22	1 22		
B. JETTISONED:	14 212	8 27	5 137	1 48
C. RETURNED: (CAPTING ABOVE LINTE))	~~2 39~~	~~2 39~~	~~0 0~~	-
C. RETURNED:	2 39	2 39	0 0	0 0
D. CRASHED:	1 20	NONE	NONE	1 20
6. A/C NOT BOMBING:	9	2	5	2
A. MECHANICAL:	7	2	4	1
B. PERSONNEL:	1	0	1	0
C. CRASHED:	1	0	0	0

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7. AVERAGE BOMB ALTITUDE:				
A. PRIMARY:	17580'	17500'	16750'	18500'
8. TIME BOMBS AWAY:				
A. PRIMARY: FIRST:	110036Z	110054Z	110053Z	110036Z
LAST:	110103Z	110103Z	110055Z	110103Z
9. METHOD OF BOMBING:				
A. PRIMARY:	32 VISUAL 60 RADAR	15 VIS 20 RAD	17 VIS	40 RADAR
B. OTHERS:	1 VISUAL	1 VIS	0	0
10. TIME OF RETURN:				
FIRST:	110706Z	110726Z	110706Z	110800Z

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LAST:	111232Z	110935Z	111232Z	110933Z
11. CLAIMS:				
A. DESTROYED:	11	1	6	4
B. PROBABLES:	25	5	3	17
C. DAMAGED:	21	6	6	9
12. CASUALTIES:				
A. KILLED:	11	NIL	NIL	11
B. WOUNDED:	5	NIL	5	0
C. MISSING:	0	NIL	NIL	0
13. NO. A/C LOST:	1	NONE	NONE	~~1~~
A. UNKNOWN:	1	0	0	1
14. A/C DAMAGED:	30	7	9	14
A. MAJOR:	6	2	2	2
B. MINOR:	24	5	7	12

PART B: NARATIVE:

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1. AIR OPPOSITION: THE 314TH WING WHICH WAS OVER THE TARGET FIRST ENCOUNTERED 79 E/A BETWEEN THE IP AND THE TARGET. 24 ENCOUNTERS WERE REPORTED OVER THE TARGET AND 42 BETWEEN TARGET AND LANDSEND. THE 73RD WING WHICH WAS OVER NEXT REPORTED 30 E/A ENCOUNTERED WITH UP TO 103 ATTACKS WITH PEAK OF INTENSITY DURING LAST PART OF BOMB RUN. THE 58TH WING ENCOUNTERED 20-30 E/A WHICH ATTACKED UNAGGRESSIVELY FROM LANDFALL TO LANDSEND. ~~IDENTIFIED E/A WERE OSCARS, IRVINGS,5 :-:(,3:(~~ ((RPTING ABOVELINE))

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LANDFALL TO LANDSEND. IDENTIFIED E/A WERE OSCARS, IRVINGS,5 / JACKS NICKS, ~~ABC'S, GEORGES, TONYS, JUDYS,5 .8(3 RPTING))~~

ABC'S, GEORGES, TONYS, JUDYS,MIKE, TOJOS AND ZEKES. TWO INEFFECTIVE AIR TO AIR PHOSPHORUS BOMBINGS BY JACKS WERE REPORTED. UNIDENTIFIED S/E WAS REPORTED FIRING FLEXIBLE GUN MOUNTED ON TOP OF FUSELAGE.

2. FLAK: MEAGER INACCURATE ENEMY AA WAS FIRST ENCOUNTERED IN THE VICINITY OF THE ENTRANCE TO KITON STRAIT. FLAK WAS ENCOUNTERED IN THE TARGET AREA:

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	GENERAL LOCATION	CALIBER	INTENSITY	ACCURACY	TYPE
A.	KOBE-OSAKA WATERFRONT	HEAVY	MEG-MOD	INAC-ACC	CONT PTD-BARRAGE
B.	NORTH OUTSKIRTS OF OSAKA	HEAVY	MEG-MOD	INAC-ACC	CONT PTD-BARRAGE

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C. OVER TARGET	HEAVY	MOD-INT	INAC-ACC	PRED & BARRAGE
D. OGURA A/F	HEAVY	MEAGER	INACCURATE	CONT.PTD& BARRE
E. KYOTO	HEAVY	MEAGER	INACCURATE	CONT. POINTED
F. KORIYAMA A/F	HEAVY	MEAGER	INACCURATE	BARRAGE

3. WEATHER: BASES ON TAKEOFF: OVERCAST LOW CLOUD WITH HEAVY SHOWERS IN THE AREAWM VISIBILITY LOWERED TO ONE HALF MILE IN SHOWERS AND CEILIS LOWERED TO 300 FEET. ROUTE TO TARGET: CONDITIONS AS IN VICINITY OF BASS EXTENDED TO 20 DEGREES NORTH WITH LOW CLOUD SLOWLY INPROVING TO BROKEN AND CEILINGS SLOWLY LIFTING TO GENERALLY 1000 FEET. CLEAR ZONE EXTENDED FROM 20 TO 21 AND ONE HALF DEG. NORTH. FROM THERE THERE WAS A BAND TO

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MILES NORTH TO 5 TO 8/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 1800 FEET TOP TO 5-7000 FT. WITH OVERCAST MIDDLE CLOUD BASE 10000 TOPS UNKNOWN. FROM END OF THIS ZONE TO THE TARGET AREA THERE WAS LITTLE LOW CLOUD EXCEPT IN BANDS WHIH AMOUNTED TO 5-8/10 COVERAGE AND OVER THE LAST END OF THE ROUTE THERE WS INCREASING HIGH CLOUD AT 22000 FT. WHICH BECAME OVERCAST AT TARGET. TARGET: OVERCAST HIGH CLOUD AT 22000 FT. AND 4/10 LOW CLOUD WERE FOUND BY THE FIRST UNITS TO THE AREA, ~~BUT LATER UNITS FOUND THE LOW CLOUD IN-~~

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~~ABV THE FIRST UNITS TO THE AREA~~, BUT LATER UNITS FOUND THE LOW CLOUD E CREASED TO 8/10 AND A DECK OF MIDDLE CLOUD TO 6/10 AT 16000 FT. TEN MILES VISIBILITY IN HAZE. ROUTE RETURNING: AS ROUTE TO TARGET. BASE ON RETURN: 3 TO 5/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 2000 TOPS 6000 FT. WITH FEW SCATTERED TOPS TO 12000 FT. VISIBILITY TWELVE MILES.

4. AIR SEA RESCUE:

A. 73RD WING: 2 SUPER DUMBOS AIRBORNE WHICH COVERED LIFEGUARD POSITION. NO SEARCHES NECESSARY. ESCORTED ONE B-29 IN DISTRESS TO IWO.

B. 58TH WING: 2 A/C STOOD BY AT IWO FOR ASR PURPOSES. NO SEARCHES NECESSARY.

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5. FIGHTER ESCORT: NONE.

6. REMARKS: 5 A/C OF THE 73 RD WING LANDED AT IWO, 2 OF WHICH CONTAINED CASUALTIES. BATTLE DAMAGE CAUSED ONE A/C TO GO OFF END OF RUNWAY

7. BOMBING RESULTS: (BASED ON STRIKE PHOTOS)

~~A. 5855C 23,~~ &
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
~~A. 5855~~
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A. 58TH WING: PHOTOS SHOW TWO PATTERNS OF BURSTS IN URBAN AREA.

B. 73RD WING: CLOUD OBSCURED PHOTOS INDICATE POOR RESULTS. SEVERAL NEAR MISSES IN E. SIDE OF TARGET. FIRE ON SEAPLANE RAMP IN SE CORNER OF TARGET DUE TO HITS. TWO CONCENTRATIONS OF BURSTS IN URBAN AREAS E AND W OF TARGET.

C. 314TH WING: BOMBS COMPUTED AS FALLING APPROXIMATELY 26,000 FT. WEST, 18,000 FT. ENE AND 3,000 FT NW OF TARGET.

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TOD...121335Z WW

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THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE, AND THE TRANSMISSION OF THIS MESSAGE IN LITERAL PLAIN TEXT [illegible] AUTHORIZED SUBJECT TO NORMAL PROCEDU[illegible] FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF MILITARY I[illegible]ATION.

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- AG

INCOMING MESSAGE

JB

TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
FN-11-21	CONSOLIDATED REPORT ON NAVAL OBSERVATIONS	May 12, 1945

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 (POA) Mission 172	BOMCOM XXI

1. One possible carrier with 3 tankers nearby 3 miles woutheast of Kobe. View indistinct because of distance and clouds.
2. One possible BB and 3 probable DD at Kobe docks. View indistinct.
3. One possible OCA and three DD in Saeki Harbor.
4. Fourteen small Merchant vessels at approximately 34-59 N 138-30 E heading North Time 102321Z.

END

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DISTRIBUTION		
	ACTION	DC/S Opr (2) DC/S TM&E (1) DC/S P&A (1) A-2 (1)
	INFORMATION	C/S

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Press Flash	Telecon	FN-11-12-HK		120133Z	HK
Communique No. 102	"	G-12-9-HK		120133Z	HK

PRESS
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TELECON MSG NR G-12-9-HK RESTRICTED RESTRICTED 11220

Mission 172

1122002

SUBJECT : COMMUNIQUE NR 102

TO: COMGENBOMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOMAF 20 POA

INFO : COMGENBOMCOM 20 (ATTENTION : GLASS)

FROM : COMAF 20

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WILL BE RELEASED HERE AT 112400Z

"THE KAWANISHI AIRCRAFT PLANT AT FUKAE NEAR KOBE, ON THE ISLAND OF HONSHU WAS THE TARGET OF THURSDAYS 10 MAY(11MAY, JAPANESE TIME), SUPERFORTRESS ATTACK ON THE JAPANESE HOMELAND. A LARGE FLEET OF B-29'S OF MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND PARTICIPATED IN THE MISSION FLYING FROM BASES IN THE MARIANAS. BOMBING WAS BOTH VISUAL AND BY INSTRUMENT AND OBSERVED RESULTS WERE REPORTED "GOOD."

"AT THE SAME TIME ANOTHER FORCE OF B-29'S FROM THE SAME COMMAND MADE A RETURN VISIT TO KYUSHU, STRIKING AT FIVE AIRFIELDS ON THE SOUTHERN ISLAND. THESE TARGETS WERE OITA, NITTAGAHARA, MIYAZAKI, MIYAKONOJO AND SAKEI.

" ALL OF OUR PLANES RETURNED SAFELY FROM BOTH MISSIONS. WHILE CONSIDERABLE ANTI-AIRCRAFT WAS ENCOUNTERED OVER ALL TARGETS, THERE WAS LITTLE OPPOSITION FROM ENEMY AIRCRAFT."

(ATTENTION: REES INFO WIPPOLD FROM DOULENS)

(INFO PRO'S ALL WINGS)

~~CCN: LINE TWO LAST WORD SHUD BE HONSHU RPT HONSHU.~~

~~LINE 11 THIRD WORD SHUD BE SAKEI RPT SAKEI.~~

...END.

TOD 120133Z

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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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TELCON MSG G-11-12-H ROUTINE RESTRICTED

SUBJECT PRESS FLASH

TO COMGENBOMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOMAF 20

FROM COMAF 20 Mission 172

INFO COMGENBOMCOM 20 (ATTENTION : GLASS)

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"TWO LARGE FLEETS OF B-29'S RETURNED TO JAPAN TODAY, 10 MAY (11MAY' JAPANESE TIME) TO STRIKE AT TARGETS HUNDREDS OF MILES APART. FLYING IN FORCE FROM BASES OF MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND IN THE MARIANAS' ONE ELEMENT BOMBED INDUSTRIAL TARGETS IN THE KOBE AREA. THE OTHER SUPERFORTRESSES CONTINUED THEIR ALMOST DAILY ATTACKS ON AIR INSTALLATIONS ON KYUSHU. FURTHER ~~(35-8) 28XXXRPT~~ DETAILS WILL BE MADE KNOWN WHEN COMPLETE OPERATIONAL REPORTS ARE RECEIVED."

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FN-12-2	Flash Strike Attack Report No. 47, XXI BC Mission 167, 11 May 1945.	12 May 1945

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
CG AAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 FOA	COMGENBOMCOM 21

Target 90.33-2080, Oita Naval Air Depot: 313th Wing reports bombing accuracy good with pattern extending across target. No damage to installation noted.
Target 90.33-2081, Oita Naval Air Depot, Airframe Section: 313th Wing reports excellent results indicated with all bombs in target area. Smoke obscures target.
XXI BC Mission 168, 11 May 45.
Target 90.33-1306, Saeki Airfield: 313th Wing reports 27 bursts blanketing S half of field. Two bursts on or near radio station across river. Aircraft visible: 42 S/E, one of which is probably damaged by this strike.
XXI BC Missions 169, 170, 171, 11 May 45: 313th Wing Reports:
Target 90.33-2531, Nittagahara Airfield: Cloud obscured
Target 90.38-2529, Miyazaki Airfield: Cloud obscured
Target 90.38-1379, Miyakonojo Airfield: Cloud obscured
XXI BC Mission 172, 11 May 1945.
Target 90.25-1702, Kawanishi Aircraft Company, Fukae Plant: 58th Wing reports radar bombing by all but one formation which bombed visually. Pnotos show two patterns of bursts in urban areas about 10,000 feet W of target.
73rd Wing reports strike photos with large amount of cloud cover indicate poor results. Several near misses in E side of target. Hits on seaplane ramp in SE corner of target, started a fire. Two concentrations of bursts in urban areas to immediate E and W of target. 314th Wing reports radar bombing by all squadrons. Bombs computed as falling approximately 26,000 Feet W, 18000Feet ENE and 3000 feet NW of target.
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