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Brief of Field Order No. 82	Telecon	FN-01-15		012313Z	HA
Brief of Osaka Strike	Telecon	FN-05-13		050623Z	PR
Operational Intentions	Telecon	FN-05-6		050426Z	PR
Brief of Strike on Osaka	Telecon	FN-0605		060615Z	PR

2-52-45-29

MISSION PLAN

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TELECON MSG FN-06-05 TOP SECRET

FROM: LEMAY COMGENBOMCOM 21 060615Z

TOP SECRET

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 POA
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AIMCR 5202 SUBJECT: BRIEF OF STRIKE ON OSAKA URBAN FOR 7 JUNE.

REFERRING TO OUR MESSAGE AIMCR 5040 NUMBER FN 01-15, AND MESSAGE AIMCR 5158.

DUE TO NECESSITY OF CONTINUING MINING PROGRAM, ONE GROUP WAS TAKEN FROM MPI 118062, LEAVING A TOTAL OF 85 AIRCRAFT WITH 6.5 TONS PER AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED THAT MPI.

D-DAY AND D-HOUR: 070200Z.

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TOD:060648Z

ROGER FN-06-05 V WCR.

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Ray G. Baker, Capt. A. C.

Miss Rosenberg change plan
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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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TELECON MSG FN-05-6 OPOP SECRET

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FROM: LEMAY COMGENBOMCOM 21 050426Z.

TO : COMAF 20..INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 POA.

AIMCR 5150...SUBJECT: OPERATIONAL INTENTIONS.

CURRENT ESTIMATE TO TAKE OFF ON NIGHT OF 6/7 JUNE TO STRIKE OSAKA WITH INCENDIARIES ON 7 JUNE WITH MAXIMUM EFFORT IN FORMATION AT HIGH ALTITUDE. WEATHER PERMITTING, FIGHTER ESCORT WILL BE AVAILABLE.

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Ray G. Baker, Capt. A. C.

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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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~~CONFERENCE 060505 58Z~~
~~PRESENT HERE: LT.S.M.GLASS.~~

SUBJECT: A.A.MATTERS.
TELECON NOTE OP OP SECRET 050525Z
FROM: OIC YAMG TO: OIC WCR
ON OUR MSG FN-05-6, DTG 050426Z, THE CLASSIFICATION SHOULD BE "TOP SECRET."
TOD:050527Z
ROGER V 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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TELECON MSG FN-05-[illegible] TOP SECRET OPOP
FROM: LEMAY COMGENBOMCOM 21 050623Z

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TO : COMAF 20 FN-05-13

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20

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AIMCR 5158 SUBJECT: BRIEF OF STRIKE ON OSAKA URBAN FOR 7 JUNE.

REFERRING TO OUR MESSAGE AIMCR 5040 NUMBER FN 01-15 SAME PLAN SCHEDULED (attached)

FOR 7 JUNE WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

MPI	FORCE	TONNAGE PER A/C.
119106	65 A/C	5.5 TONS
119113	65 A/C	5.5 TONS
117124	115 A/C	6.5 TONS
123087	115 A/C	6.5 TONS
118062	~~115~~ A/C * 85	6.5 TONS

MPI'S WERE CHANGED DUE TO DESTRUCTION ACCOMPLISHED ON PREVIOUS OSAKA MISSION. 445

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TOD:050630Z HM
ROGER V WCR.

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* 1 gp taken for mining mission -

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	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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TELECOM MESSAGE FN-01-15 PP TOP SECRET

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FROM: LEMAY COMGENBOMCOM 21 0123132

TO : COMAF 20
INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 POA
AIMCR 5040
SUBJECT: BRIEF OF FIELD ORDER NO. 82

[redacted] SECRET

OSAKA URBAN AREA IS SCHEDULED TO BE ATTACKED ON 3 JUNE 45 WITH MAXIMUM EFFORT (APPROX 475 A/C). CONTROL TIME WILL BE SENT LATER, AFTER WEATHER FORECAST IS RECEIVED.

MPI	FORCE	TONNAGE PER A/C BOMBING
119106	65 A/C	5.5 TONS
119113	65 A/C	5.5 TONS
123087	115 A/C	6.5 TONS
117124	115 A/C	6.5 TONS
097122	~~115~~ 85 A/C	6.5 TONS

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MPI REFERENCE: XXI BOMCOM LITHO-MOSAIC "OSAKA AREA" . BOMB LOAD: THREE GROUPS 2,000 LB GP'S AND 1 GROUP 1,000 LB GP'S, 1/100 NOSE AND 1/100 TAIL; 6 GROUPS, M-47 INCENDIARY BOMBS FUSED INSTANTANEOUS NOSE AND 6 GROUPS, E-46 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS CONTAINING M-69 BOMBS FUSED TO OPEN 5,000 FEET ABOVE THE TARGET. ROUTE: BASES TO IWO JIMA TO 340030N - 13438E (DEPARTURE POINT) TO 3413N - 13443E TO 3420N - 13455E (IP) TO TAGGET TO 3440N - 13545E TO IWO JIMA TO BASE. GENERAL SCHEME OF ATTACK: THE FIRST GROUP OF EACH WING WILL ATTAC TWO MPI'S SURROUNDING THE OSAKA ARSENAL WITH 2,000 LB GPS. THE SECOND, THIRD, AND FOURTH GROUPS OF EACH WING WILL STRIKE THE 2ND, 3RD AND 4TH MPI'S RESPECTIVELY USING INCENDIARIES. EACH GROUP WILL PASS THROUGH DEPARTURE POINT EVERY 4 MINUTES WITH A 4 MINUTE BREAK BETWEEN EACH COMPOSITE WING. BASE ALTITUDES OF ATTACK: 1ST AND 3RD GROUPS OF EACH COMPOSITE WING, 18,000 FEET. 2ND AND 4TH GROUPS, 20,000 FEET. FIGHTER ESCORT WILL GIVE TOP COVER FROM THE IP TO TARGET AREA. O END

TOD: 020019Z WL
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1st A/C Off & Weather	Telecon	FN-06-15		061949Z	BGR
Consolidated Take Off	"	FN-06-19		062310Z	BGR

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TELECON MSG FN-06-19 OPOP SECRET

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FROM COMGEN BOMCOM XXI 062145Z

TO COMAF 20

INXO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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AIMCR 5223 (TAKE OFF REPORT FOR MISSION NO. 189 TARGET OSAKA URBAN Area ~~AREA~~ FLOWN 7 June 45

1945.

1. UNITS;	XXI B.C.	58 WING	73 WING	313 WING	31& WING
2.A/C SCHEDULED:	465	118	137	83	127
3.A/C AIRBORNE:	449	115	13-	83	119
4. 1ST A/C OFF:	061805Z	061821Z	061825Z	061813Z	061805Z
5. LAST A/C OFF:	061940Z	061939Z	061940Z	861932Z	061924Z

6. REMARKS: 3 SUPERDUMBOS AIRBORNE - NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE FIGURES.

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TOD...062310Z WW

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	A-5 Plans	Air Insp	PRO	Comm.	Op Anal	Stat Con	Anti-Acft	FSO				
	A.C.	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.C.	Surg										

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-06-15 OPOP SECRET

FROM COMGENBOMCOM 21 061829Z

TO COMAF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

AIMCR 5218 SUBJECT: FIRST TAKE OFF REPORT ON STRIKE ONE EIGHTY NINE

FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE 061805Z.

WEATHER EXPECTED:

BASE ON TAKE OFF: 2 TO 4/10 LOW CLOUD, VISIBILITY 15 MILES.

ROUTE TO TARGET: 2 TO 4/10 LOW CLOUD INCREASING VERY SLOWLY NORTHWARD TO FRONT BETWEEN 26 DEG AND 30 DEG NORTH. FRONT IS BROAD ZONE OF OVERCAST LOW MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUD WITH TOPS TO 30,000 FEET, MODERATE TURBULENCE, HEAVY RAIN AND CEILINGS OFTEN ON SURFACE. NORTH OF FRONT ALL CLOUD SLOWLY DECREASING IN AMOUNT AND THICKNESS TO 5 TO 8/10 LOW CLOUD 1400 TO 5000, 6/10 MIDDLE CLOUD 14 - 16000 AND 4/10 HIGH CLOUD 27 - 30000 FEET IN ASSEMBLY AREA JUST OFF COAST.

TARGET: 3/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 2000 TOPS 5000 AND 3/10 HIGH CLOUD 28 TO 30,000 FEET. VISIBILITY 12 MILES; WIND AT BOMBING LEVEL 260 DEGREES, 50 KNOTS AT SURFACE 360 DEGREES 8 KNOTS.

BASE ON RETURN: 4/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 1600 TOPS 7000 FEET WITH VISIBILITY 12 MILES.

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TOD 060619492 FER

R FN-06-15 WCR

C/S DC/S Opr DC/S TM&E DC/S P&A A-1 A-2 A-3 Trng A-3 OC&R A-4

INFORMATION: A-5 Plans Air Insp PRO Comm. Op Anal Stat Con. Anti-Aoft. ISO A.G. Surg

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1st Bombs Away	Telecon	FN-07-03		070322Z	B/K
Consolidated Bombs Away	Telecon	FN-07-05		070607Z	B/K
Return Report	Telecon	FN-07-14		071545Z	B/K
Naval Observation	Telecon	FN-07-		071625Z	B/K
Return Report	Telecon	FN-07-16		071650Z	B/K
Corrections to FN-07-	Telecon	FN-09-11		090455Z	B/K

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TELECON MSG FN-09-11

FROM: BOMCOM XXI 090455Z

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA) (PRECEDENCE SAME AS ACTION)

BOMWGS 58 73 313 314 315 ATTN: A-2 T TO GROUPS

AIMCR 5339 SUBJECT: CORRECTION TO MISSION SUMMARY, STRIKE 189,

TARGET OSAKA URBAN AREA, FLOWN 7 JUNE 1945.

OPPORTUNITY TARGET GORA LISTED UNDER PAR. 5 A, DISPOSITION OF BOMBS, SHOULD BE QUOTE GOBO (33/53 N 135/10 E) UNQOUTE.

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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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TELECON MESSAGE FN-07-16 OPOP SECRET

FROM COMGENBOMCOM 21 071650Z

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TO COMAF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA) COMGENBOMWG 58 ATTN: A-2

COMGENBOMWG 73 ATTN: A-2 COMGENBOMWG 313 ATTN: A-2

COMGENBOMWG 314 ATTN: A-2 COMGENBOMWG 315 ATTN: A-2

AIMCR 5260 SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENT TO RETURN REPORT, MISSION NUMBER 189, TARGET OSAKA URBAN AREA, FLOWN 7 JUNE 1945.

13. OBSERVATIONS: BARRAGE BALLOON AT 21,000 FT OVER KUSHIMOTO. A LONG BLACK OBJECT, THREE TIMES THE LENGTH OF THE BALLOON WAS HANGING FROM IT.

PHOSPHORUS BURSTS IN VICINITY OF KUSHIMOTO, 34/00N 134/38E, AND OVER TARGET.

FLARES IN WATER REPORTED AT 15/43N 145/20E.

AIRFIELD AT 33/30N 133/55E, WITH NO E/A ON IT.

4 PARACHUTES, 070147Z, 33/20N 134/30E, FROM 17,700 FT.

SEA MARKER, 062153Z, 1 1/2 TO 2 MILES NORTH OF MINAMI IO JIMA FROM 3,800 FT.

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FROM COMGENBOMCOM 21 071625Z

TO COMAF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

AIMCR 5259 SUBJECT: NAVAL OBSERVATIONS, 7 JUNE 1945.

1. 25 TO 30 MV ANCHORED IN HARBOR AT KOCHI 33/31N 133/34E.
2. 15 STATIONARY FREIGHTERS AT 33/50N 134/40E.
3. 4 MEDIUM VESSELS AT 33/17N 134/07E.
4. POSSIBLE WARSHIP IN DRYDOCK OR RIVER MOUTH AT 33/33N 135/54E.
5. 2 FREIGHTERS ANCHORED AT 33/40N 135/20E.
6. MANY SMALL VESSELS IN HARBOR AT NOBEOKA.
7. 1 LARGE MV IN SAEKI HARBOR.
8. 16 TRANSPORT TYPE VESSELS IN NIIHAMA.
9. PROBABLE CARRIER IN SHIDO WAN.
10. 4 VESSELS IN TANABE WAN.
11. 4 SMALL VESSELS AT 33/30N 135E/10E
12. 3 SMALL VESSELS SIMILAR TO LANDING CRAFT AT 33/36N 136/13E.
13. 1 LARGE, PLUS 3 SMALLER WARSHIPS IN HARBOR AT NAGASAKI, NOT MOVING.

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AA FN-07-15 WCR

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-07-14 OPOP SECRET

FROM COMGENBOMCOM 21 071545Z

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TO COMAF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA) COMGENBOMWG 58 ATTN: A-2

COMGENBOMWG 13 ATTN: A-2 COMGENBOMWG 313 ATTN: A-2

COMGENBOMWG 314 ATTN: A-2 COMGENBOMWG 315 ATTN: A-2

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AIMCR 5258 SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT, MISSION 189, TARGET OSAKA URBAN AREA, FLOWN 7 JUNE 1945.

1.	UNIT:	XXI BOMCOM	58	73	313	314
2.	A/C RETURNED:	344	82	120	53	89
3.	A/C AWAY:	103	33	12	29	29
4.	KNOWN LOSSES:	1	0	0	0	1
	A. TARGET AREA:	0	0	0	0	0
	B. DITCHED:	0	0	0	0	0
	C. OTHERS:	1	0	0	0	1
5.	A/C MISSING:	1	0	0	1	0
6.	TIME DOWN FIRST:	070802Z	070846Z	070843Z	070802Z	070825Z
7.	TIME DOWN LAST:	071136Z	071028Z	071021Z	071055Z	071136Z
8.	A/C NOT BOMBING:	35	8	10	4	13
9.	A/C BOMBS UNKNOWN:	63	4	1	30	28

10.	TARGETS ATKD:	NO. A/C	CLOUD	ALTITUDE	METHOD	RESULTS
	PRIMARY	349 (43 392)	10/10	18,500-22,000	RADAR	UNOBS.

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TAR. OF OPPORTUNITY:

TOKUSHIMA	1	10/10	18,000	RADAR	UNOBS.
KOCHI	1	4/10	12,340	VISUAL	EXCELL
CITY OF NONE (33/30N 134/15E)	1	2/10	14,300	VISUAL	GOOD
CHICHI JIMA	1	8/10	17,000	VISUAL	GOOD
33/45N 135/52E H	1	10/10	19,000	RADAR	UNOBS.
UNKNOWN TAR. OPP.	2	.....	.....	.....	.....

11. E/A OPPOSITION: NIL TO MEAGER -- UNAGGRESSIVE.

12.	FLAK:	CALIBER	INTENSITY	ACCURACY
	OSAKA	HEAVY	NIL TO MEAGER	INACCURATE
	CHICHI JIMA			

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COMGENBOMWG 13 ATTN: A-2 COMGENBOMWG 313 ATTN: A-

COMGENBOMWG 314 ATTN: A-2 COMGENBOMWG 315 ATTN: A

AIMCR 5258 SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT, MISSION 189, TARGET [redacted]

AREA, FLOWN 7 JUNE 1945.

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	C. OTHERS:	1	0	0	0	1
5.	A/C MISSING:	1	0	0	1	0
6.	TIME DOWN FIRST:	070802Z	070846Z	070843Z	070802Z	070825Z
7.	TIME DOWN LAST:	071136Z	071028Z	071021Z	071055Z	071136Z
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10.	TARGETS ATKD:	NO. A/C	CLOUD	ALTITUDE	METHOD	RESULTS
	PRIMARY	349	10/10	18,500-22,000	RADAR	UNOBS.
	TAR. OF OPPORTUNITY:					
	TOKUSHIMA	1	10/10	18,000	RADAR	UNOBS.
	KOCHI	1	4/10	12,340	VISUAL	EXCELL
	CITY OF NONE					
	(33/30N 134/15E)	1	2/10	14,300	VISUAL	GOOD
	CHICHI JIMA	1	8/10	17,000	VISUAL	GOOD
	33/45N 135/52E H	1	10/10	19,000	RADAR	UNOBS.
	UNKNOWN TAR. OPP.	2	.....	.....	.....	.....

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11. E/A OPPOSITION: NIL TO MEAGER -- UNAGGRESSIVE.

12.	FLAK:	CALIBER	INTENSITY	ACCURACY
	OSAKA	HEAVY	NIL TO MEAGER	INACCURATE
	CHICHI JIMA AND 33/45N 135/52E	.....	NIL TO MEAGER	INACCURATE

13. OBSERVATIONS: SUPPLEMENT REPORT TO FOLLOW.

14. REMARKS: 1 A/C OF 313TH WING MISSING TO UNKNOWN REASON. CREW OF 314TH WING REPORTED BAILED OUT AT 14/07N 144/37E. A/C RAN OUT OF GAS. RESCUE FACILITIES ALERTED.

OF A/C LANDING AWAY FROM HOME BASES, 94 LANDED IWO, 5 AT SAIPAN, 3 AT TINIAN, AND 1 AT HARMON FIELD, GUAM.

THIS REPORT IS FRAGMENTARY AND SUBJECT TO CORRECTION.

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TELECON MSG FN-07-05 OPOP SECRET
FROM: BOMCOM XXI 070609Z
TO: COMAF 20
INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)
AIMCR 5240
SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY FOR MISSION NO. 189 TARGET OSAKA FLOWN 7 JUNE 1945.

1. 55 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY ACCOUNTING FOR:

2.

NO. A/C	TARGET	METHOD	RESULTS	TIME
421	PRIMARY	RADAR	UNOBS.	070211Z-070320Z
5	OPPORT.	3VIS-2RAD	GOOD-UNOBS	070152-070235Z

3. A/C RETURNED EARLY: 19.

4. REMARKS: A. WEATHER: 10/10 CLOUD.

B. FIGHTER OPPOSITION: 46 A/C REPORTED NONE, 6 SLIGHT, 1 MODERATE.

C. FLAK: 13 A/C REPORTED NONE, 39 MEAGER, 1 MODERATE.

D. NO A/C HAVE BEEN REPORTED AS DOWN.

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	Comm.	Op Anal	Stat Con	Anti-Acft	FSO	A.C.	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.C.	Surg					

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SUBJECT: 20 AF MATTER

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-07-03 OPOP SECRET

FROM: LEMAY COMGENBOMCOM 21 070305Z

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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AIMCR 5232

SUBJECT: FIRST BOMBS AWAY ON OSAKA STRIKE.

FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET AT 070209Z BY RADAR THROUGH TEN TENTHS CLOUDS WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS WITH FIGHTER ESCORT. FIGHTER OPPOSITION NIL, FLAK MEAGER.

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ROGER TEL MSG FN-07-03 0703222Z WCR 10/10

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	Op Anal	Stat Con	Anti-Acft	FSO	A.C.	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.C.	Surg							

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Preliminary Report	Ditto		7 June		HF

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Mission Summary	Telecon	FN-08-13		081407Z	JR
DAAS Info			8 June		BJR
Correction to Telecon FN-08-13	"			090044Z	HA

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 189 - 7 June 1945
Date

Target Bombed: Total A/C Bombing: 419

Primary - Osaka Urban Area 409

Other Targets 10

Time Over Target: 071055 to 071230 Theater Time

Tons Dropped:
Bomb XXXX: 2780.54 tons -(360 M-65, 30965 M-46, 2747 E-46, 238 T4E4, 807 E-48, 114 E-36, 622 M-66, 119 M-64.)

Results: Photos available show pattern of incendiaries falling on North side of Osaka castle and in NW portion of Osaka Arsenal. Smoke was observed billowing, up thru undercast of 20,000 ft.

Tactics: Radar bombing from an altitude of 18,500 to 20,500 ft.

A/C Lost or Missing: 2 a/c - (1 a/c was abandoned northwest of Guam.
(1 a/c down NW of Tinian - 14 survivors on both.

Weather: 8/10 to 10/10 middle cloud with tops to 16,000 ft and scattered upper cloud. Scattered low cloud was visible thru breaks in middle cloud. Visibility 15 miles.

Fighter Opposition: Approx. 50 e/a encountered, 15-20 unaggressive attacks resulted.

Flak: Heavy, meager to moderate, inaccurate. Continuously pointed and barrage type. 8 phosphorous bombs observed in target area.

Claims: 0/0/3

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Observations:

Barrage balloon at 21,000 ft. over Kushimoto. A long black object, three times the length of the balloon was hanging from it.
Phosphorous bursts in vicinity of Kushimoto, 34/00N - 134/38E, and over target.
Flares in water reported at 15/43N-145/20E.
Airfield at 33/30N-133/55E, with no e/a on it.
Sea marker, 0621532, 1 1/2 to 2 miles North of Minami Io Jima from 3,800 ft.

Naval Observations:
25 to 30 MV anchored in harbor at Kochi 33/31N-133/34E.
15 stationary freighters at 33/50N-134/40E.
4 medium vessels at 33/17N-134/07E.
Possible warship in drydock or river mouth at 33/33N-135/54E.
2 freighters anchored at 33/40N-135/20E.
Many small vessels in harbor at Nobeoka.
1 large MV in Saeki Harbor.
16 transport type vessels in Niihama.
Probable carrier in Shido Wan.
4 vessels in Tanabe Wan.
[redacted]
3 small vessels similar to landing craft at 33/36N-136/13E.
1 large, plus 3 smaller warships in harbor at Nagasaki, not moving.

[redacted]

Fighter Support:

Approx. 144 P-51's airborne. Observed to destroy 2 e/a and probably 1 other. No fighters were reported in distress or lost.

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-08-13 OPOP SECRET

FROM COMGENBOMCOM 21 081407Z

TO COMAF20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA) COMGENBOMWG 58 ATTN: A-2

COMGENBOMWG 313 ATTN A-2 COMGENBOMWG 315 ATTN A-2

COMGENBOMWG 314 ATTN A-2 COMGENBOMWG 73 ATTN A-2

AIMCR 5305

SUBJECT: MISSION SUMMARY FOR MISSION NO. 139 TARGET OSAKA URBAN AREA

FLOWN 7 JUNE 1945.

1. UNITS:	BOMCOM	58 WG	73 WG	313 WG	314 WG
2. TAKE OFF:					
1ST:	061805Z	061821Z	061825Z	061908Z	061805Z
~~LAST:~~	~~061940Z~~	~~061939Z~~	~~061940Z~~	~~061932Z~~	~~061924Z~~

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LAST:	061940Z	061939Z	061940Z	061932Z	061924Z
3. A/C AIRBORNE:	449	115	132	83	119

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4. BOMBS AIRBORNE:

A. NO. & TYPE:

M-64	32	0	0	0	32
M-65	372	372	0	0	0

C. OTHERS: 16,100' 19,000' 14,300' 15,000' UNKNOWN

IS STILL MISSING. ONE A/C OF THE 313TH WING DOWN NORTHWEST OF TINIAN

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M-47	32044	4514	12170	5008	10352
E-46	3281	1050	615	799	817
E-48	833	656	177	0	0
T4E4	264	84	98	51	31
E-36	153	0	153	0	0
M-66	625	0	231	224	170

B. FUSINGS:

M-64 .01 SEC NOSE - .01 SEC TAIL

M-65 .01 SEC NOSE AND TAIL

M-47 INST NOSE

E-46 OPEN AT 5,000 FEET

E-48 OPEN AT 5,000 FT

T4E4 OPEN 3,000 FEET BELOW A/C

E-36 34.5 SEC NOSE.

M-66 .01 SEC. NOSE AND TAIL

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5. DISPOSITION OF BOMBS:

A. TARGETS:

PRIMARY:		409 A/C	107 A/C	120 A/C	77 A/C	105 A/C	
M-65	965	324	324	0	0	0	156.33
M-47	70	30413 +18	4336	11620	4465	9892	1065.08
E-46	425	2713	1014	462	646	591	565.5
E-48	520	782	605	177	0	0	203.3

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T4E4 -425	233	79	88	43	23	49.51
E-36 - 360	114	0	114	0	0	20.52
M-66 2052	617	0	210	223	184	633.04
M-64 510	27	0	0	0	27	6.89
						2700.17

OPPORTUNITY:	A/C	M-66	M-47	M-64	M-65	E-48	T4E4	E-46
58TH WING								
CHICHI JIMA	1	0	0	0	12	0	0	0
3345N-13552E	1	0	0	0	0	25	1	0
SHIRASHIMA A/D	1	0	178	0	0	0	1	0
TOKUSHIMA CITY	1	0	0	0	12	0	0	0
TOWN OF NOE								
XXX NONE	1	0	0	0	12	0	0	0
73RD WING								
TOWN OF NONE	1	0	178	0	0	0	1	0
313TH WING:								
KOCHI	1	0	178	0	0	0	1	0
TOKUSHIMA	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	34
314TH WING:								
GORA	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
KINOMOTO $	1	0	0	92	0	0	0	0
BOMCOM TOTALS:	10	5 6.12	534 18.69	92 23.46	36 12.37	25 6.5	5 1.0	34 2.23

Total 2780.54T

80.37

$ BOMBED BOTH PRIMARY AND OPPORTUNITY TARGETS.

B. JETTISONED: BOMCOM 58 WG 73 WG 313 WG 314 WG

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E-36 - 360	114	0	114	0	0	
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B. JETTISONED:

	BOMCOM	58 WG	73 WG	313 WG	314 WG
	31 A/C	3 A/C	11 A/C	4 A/C	13 A/C
E-46	497	36	152	119	190
E-48	26	26	0	0	0
M-65	12	12	0	0	0
T4E4	26	3	9	6	8
M-47	1005	0	372	265	368
M-66	39	0	21	1	17
E-36	39	0	39	0	0
M-64	5	0	0	0	5

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C. RTURNED E-46: 1 0 1 0 0

D. UNACCOUNTED FOR: 0 0 0 0 0

6. A/C NOT BOMBING:

A. MECHANICAL: 30 3 11 3 13

B. PERSONNEL: 1 0 0 1 0

C. 23-5#34: WEATHER: 0 0 0 0 0

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D. OTHER: 0 0 0 0 0

7. AVERAGE BOMB ALTITUDE:

A. PRIMARY: 19250' 18,500' 19,500' 18,500' 20,500'

B. SECONDARY: NIL

C. OTHERS: 16,100' 19,000' 14,300' 15,000' UNKNOWN

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8. TIME BOMBS AWAY:

A. PRIMARY:	070208Z	070208Z	070225Z	070226Z	070220Z
	070330Z	070310Z	070315Z	070320Z	070330Z
B. SECONDARY:	NIL				
C. OTHERS:	070155Z	070155Z	070220Z	070234Z	UNKNOWN
	070304Z	070304Z		070237Z	

9. METHOD OF BOMBING:

A. PRIMARY:	RADAR	RADAR	RADAR	RADAR	RADAR
B. SECONDARY:	NIL				
C. OTHERS:	VIS-RAD	VIS-RAD	VIS	VIS-RAD	VISUAL

10. TIME OF RETURN:

FIRST:	070802Z	070842Z	070843Z	070802Z	070825Z
LAST:	071136Z	071028Z	071021Z	071055Z	071136Z

11. CLAIMS:

A. DESTROYED:	0	0	0	0	0
B. PROBABLES:	0	0	0	0	0
C. DAMAGED:	3	2	0	0	1

12. CASUALTIES:

A. KILLED:	2	0	0	0	2
B. WOUNDED:	0	0	0	0	0
C. MISSING:	6	0	0	5	1

13. NO. A/C LOST:

A. TO E/A:	0	0	0	0	0
B. TO AA:	0	0	0	0	0
C. UNKNOWN:	2	0	0	1	1

14. A/C DAMAGED:

A. MAJOR:	1	0	0	1	0
B. MINOR:	6	0	1	2	3

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PART B: NARRATIVE:

1. AIR OPPOSITION: OF APPROXIMATELY 50 E/A ENCOUNTERED, 15-20 UNAGGRESSIVE ATTACKS RESULTED.

2. FLAK:

LOCATION	CALIBER	INTENTISITY	ACCURACY
REASSEMBLY AREA	HEAVY	MEAGER	INACCURATE
LANDFALL TO IP	HEAVY	MEAGER	INACCURATE
TARGET	HEAVY	MGR TO MOD	INACCURATE
TARGET TO LANDSEND	HEAVY	MGR TO MOD	INACCURATE

MOSTLY CONTINIOUSLY POINTED AND BARRAGE TYPE.

SIX B-29'S WERE DAMAGED BY FLAK. 8 PHOSPHORUS BOMBS WERE OBSERVED IN TARGET AREA.

3. WEATHER:

BASES AT TAKEOFF: 2 TO 3/10 LOW CLOUD AT 2,000 FT WITH 15 MILES VISIBILITY AND FEW SCATTERED SHOWERS IN AREA.

ROUTE TO TARGET: BASE TO 23 DEG. N SCATTERED LOW CLOUD INCREASING SLOWLY TO VARIABLE 5 TO 7/10 LOW CLOUD WITH BANDS OF MIDDLE CLOUD

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A. TO E/A:	0	0	0	0	0
B. TO AA:	0	0	0	0	0
C. UNKNOWN:	2	0	0	1	1
14. A/C DAMAGED:					
A. MAJOR:	1	0	0	1	0
B. MINOR:	6	0	1	2	3

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TARGET: 8 TO 10/10 MIDDLE CLOUD WITH TOPS TO 16,000 FT AND SCATTERED UPPER CLOUD. SCATTERED LOW CLOUD WAS VISIBLE THRU BREAKS IN MIDDLE CLOUD. VISIBILITY 15 MILES.

RETURN ROUTE: SIMILAR TO ROUTE OUT EXCEPT A/C PENETRATED FRONT AT HIGH LEVEL AND FOUND ONLY INTERMITTENT INSTRUMENT CONDITIONS IN SCATTERED THUNDERHEADS BUILT UP INTO HIGH CLOUD DECKS AND INTERMITTENT LIGHT ICING.

BASES ON RETURN: VARIABLE LOW CLOUD FROM 1 TO 6/10 WITH BASE AT 1,800 FT AND OCCASSIONAL SHOWERS IN AREA, BUT NONE REPORTED AT BASES. VISIBILITY 15 MILES.

4. AIR SEA RESCUE: 5 SUPER DUMBOS, 4 DUMBOS, 3 SURFACE CRAFT AND 4 LIFEGUARD SUBS COVERED MISSION ROUTE. ONE A/C OF THE 314TH WING WAS ABANDONED NORTHWEST OF GUAM. 8 HAVE BEEN RESCUED, 2 WERE KILLED, 1 IS STILL MISSING. ONE A/C OF THE 313TH WING DOWN NORTHWEST OF TINIAN

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6 SURVIVORS RESCUED, 5 MISSING.

5. FIGHTER ESCORT: OF 144 P-51'S AIRBORNE FROM THE 7TH FIGHTER COMMAND AT IWO, APPROXIMATELY 40 TO 60 P-51'S WERE OBSERVED IN THE TARGET AREA. B-29 CREWS OBSERVED THEM DESTROY 2 E/A AND PROBABLY 1 OTHER. NO FIGHTERS WERE REPORTED IN DISTRESS OR LOST.

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6. RESULTS: ONLY PHOTOS AVAILABLE SHOW PATTERN OF INCENDIARIES FALLING ON NORTH SIDE OF OSAKA CASTLE AND IN NW PORTION OF OSAKA ARSENAL. SMOKE WAS OBSERVED BILLOWING UP THROUGH UNDERCAST TO 20,000 FT.

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7. REMARKS: 21 AN-M47A2 BOMBS CARRIED FOR ASSEMBLY MARKERS, WERE NOT USED FOR INTENDED PURPOSE. 18 WERE DROPPED ON TARGET. THESE ARE NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE FIGURES.

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TOD: 081727Z YAMG

ROGER 081727Z WCR

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(OPRS)

TELECON NOTE SVC OPOP SECRET SECRET
T-COMAF 20
FROM : BOMCOM 21 SIG CEN.
TO : COMAF 20 DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

REFERENCE OUR AIMCR 5305, 081407Z, SUBJECT MISSION SUMMARY FOR MISSION NO189. FIRST PART, PARA 5 (DISPOSITION OF BOMBS) A. TARGETS, SECOND LINE UNDER PRIMARY SHOULD READ QUOTE:"

M-47 30413 4336 11620 4565 9892 UNQUOTE.

NEXT TO LAST GROUP SHOULD BE 4565 RPT 4565 INSTEAD OF 4465. .

END.

TOD 090044Z RM

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ROGER 0044Z 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.C.	Surg						
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Press Flash	Telecon	G-17-12-HK	062312Z		MP
Communique	"	G-8-8MK	080132Z		BSR

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TELECON MESSAGE NO G-8-8-M-K RESTRICTED

TO COM GEN BOM COM 2.

INFO DEP COM AF 20 POA

INFO COM GEN BOM COM 20

FROM COMAF 20

RESTRICTED

HEADQUARTERS TWNXXXRPT TWENTIETH AIR FORCE RELEASED AT 2300

COMMUNIQUE NO. 111 7 JUNE 1945

RESTRICTED

STRIKING THROUGH A HEAFY RPT HEAVY OVERCAST, B-29'S OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE CONTINUED THEI RPT THEIR DESTRUCTION OF THE JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL CITY OF SXXXRPT OSAKA IN A LARGE SCALE ATTACK WEDNESDAY, 6 JUNE EWT (7 JUNE JAPANESE TIME). BOMBING WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY INSTRUMENT AND RESULTS WERE UNOBSERVED. THE SUPERFORTRESSES DROPPED BOTH INCENDIARY BOMBS AND HIGH EXPLOSIVES, THE LATTER ON THE CITY'S GROUP OF ARSENALS. CONSIDERABLE ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE WAS REPORTED BUT FIGHTER OPPOSITION WAS DESCRIBED AS " UNAGGRESSIVE". TWO OF OUR AIRCRAFT ARE MISSING.

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TOD 080132Z WCR

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TELECON MSG NO G-17-12-MK RESTRICTED 062312Z

OPRS

FROM COMAF 20

TO COMGENBOMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOMAF 20 POA

SUBJECT PRESS FLASH

INFO COMGENBOMCOM 20 (ATTENTION: GLASS)

THE FOLLOWIN G PRESS FLASH WILL BE RELEASED HERE AND SIMULTANEOUSLY BY YOU ONE HOUR AFTER REDEIPT OF FIRST BOMBS AWAY IS ACKNOWLEDGED:

"B-29'S OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE MADE A RETURH ATTACK ON OSAKA, JAPAN'S SECOND LARGEST CITY' TODAY 6 JUNE EWT '(7 JUNE, JAPANESE TIME), FOLLOWING UP LAST THURSDAY'S MISSION IN WHICH THREE SQUARE MILES OF THE WAR PRODUCTION CENTER WERE BURNED OUT. IT WAS ANOTHER INCENDIARY ATTACK AIMED AT INDUSTRIAL AREAS AND A VERY LARGE FORCE OF SUPER-FORTRESSES OF MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND PARTICIPATED.

"GENERAL OF THE ARMY #H. # RPT H. H. ARNOLD, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE, ANNOUNCED THE NEW MISSION AT HIS HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON AND SAID THAT COMPLETE DETAILS WOULD BE MADE KNOWN WHEN OPERATIONAL REPORTS OF THE STRICKE ARE RECEIVED.

"AS A RESULT OF TWO PREVIOUS MISSIONS, 11.5 SQUARE MILES OF ASAKA ARE IN RUINS."

(ATTENTION: REES INFO WIPPOLD FROM DOULENS)

(INFO PRO'S ALL WINGS)

...END...

TOD 062331Z

ROGER YAMF

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A.C. Surg

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Had Strike Attack	Telecon	TV-07-17		8 June	SK
Supplement to above	Telecon	TV-08-1		8 June	SK
Photo Interpretation	"	AIMCR-5383		10 June	BGR

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HQ TWENTIETH AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

INCOMING MESSAGE

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SECTION	INITIALS	COPY NO.
CHIEF OF STAFF		38
DC/S OPRS		DIST. BY
DC/S P&A		FJB 6819
DC/S TME		TYPED BY
A.G.		la

TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
AIRCH 5383	Photo Interpretation 3PR5M 276 & 277 Flown 9 June 45:	10 June 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 POA	DOMCOM 21

Mission 189

092335Z

Mean time of Photography: 1404K (277) 1204K (276) Altitude: 29,600 (277) 31,000 (276)

Damage to Osaka: 21 BC Mission 189, 7 June 1945. Partial coverage of Osaka through clouds show about 1.25 Sq. miles of the city destroyed to the north and west of the castle. No coverage available of the castle or to the east and south of the castle. Destroyed area is located as follows on 21 BC Litho-Mosaic, Osaka Area:

Area bounded by: 120134, 111117, 108122, 110125, 107126, 108129, 113129, 120134. Through small areas at: 106113, 106106, 102090.

Damage to Kobe: 21 BC Mission 188, 5 June 1945. Very spotty and limited coverage of Kobe shows damage in several areas through the city.

Partial coverage of Target 538: Imperial Government Railway Shops shows considerable damage. Damage can be seen at the following locations on 21 BC Litho-Mosaic, Kobe Area: B - 026025, 110118, 128133.

Target 18 Mawanishi Aircraft Co., Maruo Plant (34/42 N - 135/22 E): This Plant is almost completely destroyed or damaged from 21 BC Mission 191, 9 June 1945. Roof area damaged or destroyed totals 1,642,200 Sq. Ft., or approximately 78 percent of the total roof area at the time of the strike. 317,800 Sq. Ft. of roof area has been removed since 17 March 1945. 3 large reinforced concrete buildings (four floors), for fabricating and machining small parts, received twelve (12) direct hits, internal damage impossible to assess. The only other large building remaining is the aircraft assembly building which is 25 percent damaged. A four-story reinforced concrete office building remains undamaged. Reference used to identify these buildings is the AC/AS Intelligence Photographic Division Joint P/I Groups, " Building Construction Analysis", 11 April 1945. Photos were hazy and cloudy.

Target 1547 Kawasaki Aircraft Co., Akashi Plant (34/39 N - 134/57 E): Reconnaissance photographs show little damage to Target 1547 from 21 BC Mission 192, 9 June 1945. Building number 45 was gutted to the extent of 15,000 Sq. Ft. Ref: AC/AS Intelligence Photographic Division Joint P/I Groups, Building Construction Analysis (See also Bldg. No. 14, CIU damage assessment Report No. 4, 22 January 1945). The area, 1,000 Ft to

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AIIGR 5383	Photo Interpretation 3PRSM 276 & 277 Flown 9 June 45:	10 June 45

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2,000 Ft SE of the SE end of the plant, was heavily hit by bombs.

Target 198 Atsuta Plant, Aichi Aircraft Works and Target 2010 Nagoya Plant, Aichi Aircraft Engine Works (35/07/24 N - 136/54/00 E): Photo reconnaissance shows that Targets 198 and 2010 to be heavily damaged as a result of 21 BC Mission 193, 9 June 1945. Target 198 is about 96 percent destroyed or damaged with every building excepting 2, (9A & 9B, unidentified) in the southern end being affected. Approximate roof area damaged or destroyed is 1,145,000 Sq. Ft. Target 2010 is 52 percent destroyed or damaged with every major building affected. All of those buildings on the south side of canal and which are probably part of the target, are damaged. Approximate roof area damaged or destroyed is 264,000 Sq. Ft. Ref: CIU Industrial Report No. 9, 27 March 1945.

Target 2040 Sumitomo Light Metal Mfg. Co., Nagoya (35/06/30 N - 136/55/00 E): Photo reconnaisance shows that 3 buildings of Target 2040 to be heavily damaged as a result of 21 BC Mission 193, 9 June 1945. The 3 buildings affected, 2 large and 1 small building are located in the northern section of the plant. The two large buildings are severely damaged and the small one sustained minor roof damage.

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FN-08-1	Flash Strike Attack Report No. 56-Supplement	8 June 1945

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20	DEPCOLAF 20 POA	CONGENDOMCOM 21

Target: Osaka City Mission: XXI BomCom Mission 182.
Date flown: 7 June 1945.... Further examination of strike photos shows pattern of incendiaries falling on N side of Osaka Castle and in NW portion of Osaka Arsenal, Target 90.25-382.

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FN-07-17	Flash Strike Attack Report No. 56:	8 June 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 FOA	BOMCOM 21

Target: Osaka

Mission: 21 BOMCOM Mission 189

Date Flown: 7 June 1945

Only 8 aircraft of 73rd Wing obtained photos due to undercast. Photos show fires at 107096, 108100 and 115119. Smoke observed rising above undercast.

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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
FN-09-07	189 Int NAVAL SIGHTINGS	JUNE 9, 1945

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

1. Large Freighter at Eishima. 34/40 N 134:56E, not moving. Time 2241Z.
2. 8 Merchant vessels anchored Kobe Harbor. time 2251Z.
3. One possible cruiser and 3 small unidentified vessels anchored in Bay at Kushimoto.
4. 1 SS sighted at 33/56 N 135/08 E at 0245Z from 18,500 Ft.
5. 2 small vessels 34/00 N 136/20 E at 070345Z. (Radar).
6. 8 Merchant vessels anchored 33/26 N 133/25 E at 070229Z . (Visual)
7. 6 Merchant vessels anchored 33/16 N 133/16 E at 070226Z . (Visual)
8. 12-15 small barges in cove 33/25 N 134/00 E at 070250Z . (Visual)

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