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Mission No. 201 Shimonoseki Straits - No. 20

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Brief of Mining Mission	Telecon	FN-10-7		100515Z	[illegible]

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WCR V YAMF NR16 PRIORITY TOP SECRET 10 JUNE 1945Z

TOP SECRET

PASS TO COMAF 20 AS [illegible]10-7 GROUP TOP SECRET

FROM: LEMAY COMGENBOMCOM 21 100515Z

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 POA

GR.180.

AIMOR 5394 SUBJECT: BRIEF OF MINIG MISSION 20

BRIEF OF MINING MISSION FOR NIGHT 11 JUNE
WEST ENTRANCE TO SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS AND TSURUGA BAY ARE SCHEDULED TO BE MINED ON THE NIGHT OF 11 JUNE AT 111533Z AND 111550Z WITH 28 AIRCRAFT DROPPING 196 MINES.

TARGET	FORCE	NO. OF MINES
FIELD M: SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS WEST	15 A/C	105
FIELD Z: TSURUGA BAY	13 A/C	91

Classification Changed to SECRET 5-8-46 By Authority of C. G. AAF, by Ray G. Baker
Ray G. Baker, Capt. A. C.

ROUTE TO TARGET:

FIELD M: BASE, IWO, 3230N - 13230E, 3344N - 1314215E, 3425N - 1310810E (IP), TARGET, RIGHT TURN TO 10,000 FT, 3344N - 1314215E, 3230N - 13230E, IWO JIMA, BASE.

FIELD L: BASE, IWO, 3416N - 13645E, 350730N - 1355630E, 3531N - 1354310E (IP), TARGET, LEFT TURN TO 16000 FT 3531N - 1354310E, 350730N - 1355630E, 3416N - 13645E, IWO, BASE.

GENERAL SCHEME OF ATTACK: BY INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT UNESCORTED, AT NIGHT, AT AN ALTITUDE OF 7000 - 8000 FT USING RADAR RELEASE.

TOD:100546Z HM

ROGE
ROGER 100546Z PA

END
TOD 0555Z GES
ROGER 0555Z V WCR
SAY OM MAKE THIS MSG A OP OP RPT OPERATIONAL PRIORITY OK TNX

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Take off Report	Telecon	FN-11-18		111004Z	
First Take off Report	Telecon	FN-11-19		110830Z	

TAKE OFF REPORTS

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WCR V YAMF NR 54 OP OP SECRET 11 JUNE 45

COPRS

TELECON FN-11-19

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FROM COMGENBOMCOM 21 110830Z

TO COMAF 20

~~INFO: CTF 95..CTG-95.2..CTG-95.4..CTU-94.33333333333333333333333333333~~

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INFO: CTF 95..CTG-95.2..CTG-95.4..CTU-94.11.3..ISCOM IWO ..Z9X..

INTERPRON-2..CINCPOA ADV HQ..CINCPOA REAR..CTU-94.1.3 BOTH HQ..
CTU-94.4.1..CTG-94.11..CTU-94.1.2..CTU-94.7.3..XXI BOMCOM
COMBAT ST
AGING CENTER IWO COMSUBPAC ;.DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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AIMCR 5451 SUBJECT: FIRST TAKEOFF FOR MINING MISSION20.

FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT 110801Z

WEATHER EXPECTED:

BASES AT TAKEOFF: SCATTERED LOW, MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUDS LIGHT SHOWERS.

ROUTE TO TARGET: TO 18 DEG N: SCATTERED LOW, MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUDS SHOWERS. 18 DEG N TO 25 DEG N: SCATTERED LOW CLOUDS. 25 DEG N TO TARGETS: OVERCAST LOW, MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUDS WITH LIGHT TO MODERATE RAIN.

TARGET: SHIMONOSEKI: 8/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 1800 FT, TOP 6,000 FT; 10/10 MIDDLE CLOUDS IN LAYERS BETWEEN 12,000 AND 20,000 FT; 10/10 HIGH CLOUDS AT 25,000 FT; LIGHT RAIN; WINDS AT 7,000 FT WILL BE 240 DEG AT 22 KNOTS.

56 DEG N - 135.5 E: 8/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 2000 FT, TOP 6000 FT; 10/10 MIDDLE CLOUD, BASE 14,000 FT, TOP 21,000 FT; 10/10 HIGH CLOUD AT 25,000 FT; WINDS AT 7000 FT WILL BE 250 DEG AT 22 KNOTS.

ROUTE RETURNING: SAME AS ROUTE OUTGOING.

BASES ON RETURN: 4/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE, 1800 FT TOP 6000 FT.

..END..

~~CCN: 7TH LINE FM END 1ST WD CHUD RD HIGH INSTEAD OF HIGHT PLS FIX~~

TOD: 0943Z FER

ROGER 0943Z VF

END...

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C
D: 111113Z AO

ROGER 111113Z WCR

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WCR V YAMF NR 33 OP OP SECRET SECRET 11 JUNE 45

TELECON FN-11-18

FROM COMGENBOMCOM 21 111004Z

TO COMAF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

AIMCR 5457 SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR MISSION NO. 201 TARGET JAPANESE HOME WATERS FLOWN 11 JUNE 1945.

OPRS

1. UNIT: 313TH WING
2. A/C SCHEDULED: 28
3. A/C AIRBORNE: 27
4. FIRST A/C OFF: 110801Z
5. LAST A/C OFF: 110827Z
6. REMARKS: NONE

END

TOD 111040Z FER

ROGER 1040Z VF

END...

TOD: ~~1110~~ 1111 111102Z AO

ROGER 111102Z WCR

SECRET

DISTRIBUTION

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	
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Landing Report	Telecon	AN-12-4		120320Z	JR

BOMB STRIKE
RETURN RPTS

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WCR V YAMF[illegible] 2 OPOP SECRET

SECRET

T- COMAF 20 (AS FN-12-4)

FROM: BOMCOM XXI 120320Z

TO: COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

AIMCR 5475

SUBJECT: LANDING REPORT FOR MISSION NO. 201, TARGET JAPANESE HOME WATERS, FLOWN 11 JUNE 1945.

1. UNIT: 313TH WING
2. LANDED HOME BASE: 27
3. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE: NONE
4. TIME DOWN FIRST: 112112Z
5. TIME DOWN LAST: 112337Z
6. MISSING: NONE
7. REMARKS: NONE.

END

TOD 120330Z IK

ROGER 120330Z WNM

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TOD: 0335Z JF

ROGER NR 2 V WCR....

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Mission Report	Telecon	FN-12-10		12 June	HH
Mining Mission	Report			13 June	HH

MISSION REPORT

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

12 June

OPERATION NO. 201 - 11 June 1945
Date

Mining Mission 20

Mined
Targets ~~Bombed~~

Total A/C Bombing: 26

Shimonoseki Straits - 15

Tsuruga Bay - 11

Time Over Target: 120054 - 120139 Theater Time

Mine Tons Dropped
~~Bomb Load~~

182 tons

~~Results~~

Tactics: Night mining by individual a/c from an altitude of 7,000 to 8,300 ft.

A/C Lost or Missing: None

Weather: 2/10 - 10/10 cloud, visibility nil to 10 mi.

Fighter Opposition: Shimonoseki - 8 a/c sighted - no attack
Tsuruga Bay - 1 a/c - no attacks

Flak: Shimonoseki - None
Tsuruga Bay - Meager and inaccurate over Empire to target

Claims: None

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Tsuruga Bay near Bwa Lake lights were observed in shape of arrow approximately 500 ft. apart.

Observations: _____

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Fighter Support: _____

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A.G.		dn/6819

TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
FM-12-10	Mission Report for Mission No. 201, Flown 11 June 1945	12 June 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20 ACAS Intelligence	DEPCOMAF 20 FOA	COMGENBOMCOM 21

AMCR 5495 121132Z

1. Designation of Unit: 313th Wing, XXI Bomber Command.

2. Time of Take Off: 110801Z - 110827Z.

3. Time of Return: 112112Z - 112337Z.

4. No. A/C Airborne: 27.

5. No. A/C over Primary Minefield: M/F Mike, 15 A/C laid 105 MK-25 mines.
M/F Zebra, 11 A/C laid 77 MK-25 mines.

6. No. A/C over Alternate M/F: None.

7. No. and Location of Mines Jettisoned by A/C: 1 A/C jettisoned the following: 7 MK 25 mines at 1458N 14625E. 2 Q 21-F8 1 N33-H8, 1 D13-J8, 1 Q21-J8, 1 D11-B8, 1 N21-B8.

8. No. A/C Returning Mines to Base: None.

9. No. Mines Unaccounted for and Reason: None.

10. No. A/C Lost: None.

11. Time of Attack: M/F Mike 111540Z - 111639Z.
M/F Zebra 111607Z - 111632Z.

12. Altitude over Target: M/F Mike: 7800 - 8300 ft.
M/F Zebra: 7000 - 7300 ft.

13. True Airspeed at Mine Release: M/F Mike, 214 - 232 kts.
M/F Zebra, 213 - 245 kts.

14. Length of Mine Run: M/F Mike, 6 min 20 sec - 11 min.
M/F Zebra, 5 min - 8 min.

15. Wind Reported over Target: M/F Mike, 20 kts at 229 deg - 33 kts at 245 deg.
M/F Zebra, 25 kts at 246 deg - 29 kts at 260 deg.

DIST | ACTION | INFO: C/S - DC/OPRS - DC/S P&A - DC/S TME

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TO: | INFO: | FROM:

16. Clouds and Visibility: M/F Miko, 2/10 - 5/10, nil to 10 miles.
M/F Zebra, 10/10, nil to 3 miles.

17. Personnel Casualties: None.

18. Enemy Air Opposition: M/F Miko: 8 A/C sighted, no attacks.
M/F Zebra: 1 A/C, no attacks.

19. AA: M/F Miko: None.
M/F Zebra: Meager and inaccurate over empire enroute to target.

20. Enemy RCM Noted and Effect: None.

21. No. Mines Airborne: 189.

22. No. and Type of Mines Laid in Minefields:

TYPE	M/F Miko	M/F Zebra
D11-B8		11
D13-J8		11
D31-B8		2
D35-H8		2
N21-B8		7
N23-J8		10
N31-B8 S		8
N33-H8		6
Q21-F8		8
Q21-J8		9
S31-H8		3
X11-B8	19	
X31-B8	37	
X51-B8	33	
X71-B8	16	
TOTAL	105	77

23. Observations: M/F Zebra: Near Bwa Lake lights were observed in shape of arrow approximately 500 ft apart.

24. Remarks: It is estimated that the mining will maintain the block of Shimonoseki

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A.G.		

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FE-12-10 (Cont'd)		

TO:	INFO:	FROM:

Straits for an additional three or four days. It is estimated that this area has now been closed to shipping over 1000 tons since 17 June. The mining of Tsuruga Bay is expected to enforce complete blockade of this area for several days, and to continue to sink and damage ships for several days. Please give this information to CNO Washington.

End...

TOD: 1233Z

DIST | ACTION | INFO: C/S - DC/OPRS - DC/S P&A - DC/S TME (4)

Gen Norstad; Gen Hodges; Gen Wilson;
Gen Bissell; Capt Stroop; Stat Control

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