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Reporting Infor Strike	Telecon	6-23-3	231813Z		BGR
24 hour Delay	"	FN-23-8		232324Z	BGR
Intention on Strike	"	FN-23-9		240004Z	BGR

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21
TELECON FN-23-9

T O P S E C R E T OP

FROM: 21 BOMCOM 232235Z

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: MAJOR STRIKE

GR 35 BT

PRESENT INTENTIONS ARE TO RUN EITHER MICROSCOPE NO. 2 OR ATTACK TARGET NO. 357 ON 25 FEBRUARY ~~WEATHERPT~~ WEATHER PERMITTING. FIRM DECISION AND BRIEF OF PLAN WILL BE GIVEN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WEATHER BRIEFING 1400 24 ~~FEBRARPT~~ FEBRUARY.

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TOD 2331Z RM

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TOD:232340Z AC
ROGER:232340 Z JSS

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TELECON MSG FN-23-8 OP OP SECRET 232150Z
TO
FROM: COMGEN BOMC XXI
TO : COMAF 20

SECRET

INFO : DEP COM AF 20 (POA)

MISSION AGAINST TOKYO OR NAGOYA AREA SCHEDULED 24 FEBRUARY POSTPONED TWENTY FOUR HOURS. ROUTE AND TIMES WILL BE GIVEN WITH FINAL DECISION EXPECTED 1400K 24 FEBRUARY.

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TOD 2207Z RM

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TOD:232311Z AC

ROGER:232311Z WCR

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TELECON MSG NO G-23-3 ((TOP SECRET)) ((231656Z))

SUBJECT: TIME OF ATTACK

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

IF INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE , REQUEST TARGET DESIGNATION, TIME OF ATTACK AND WHETHER MISSION WILL BE 24 OR 25 FEBRUARY. REQUEST DETAILED PLAN WHEN AVAILABLE.

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TOD: 231813Z WCR

RECD G-23-3 231813Z VF

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ORIGINATOR OF MESSAGE _____

DISTRIBUTION

	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans
ACTION	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm	Op Anal	Stat Con		
	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans
INFORMATION	A.G	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm	Op Anal	Stat Con		

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Opin Supply Detachment	Telecon	FN-24-4		241825Z	BSR
Briefing FD	"	FN-24-5		241828Z	BSR

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TELECON MSG FN-24-5 OP OP OP (TOP SECRET) 240747Z

FROM:- COMGEN BOMCOM 21

TO :- COMGEN AF 20

INFO

:- DEPCOMGENAF 20 (POA)

Telecon FN-24-11
Take - JJ 242050Z

BRIEF OF FIELD ORDER NO 39 MEETINGHOUSE 1

GR 125 BT

APPROXIMATELY 210 B-29 SCHEDULED TO ATTACK MEETINGHOUSE NR 1 (U)

ON 25 FEBRUARY. ROUTES: BASE IN GUAM, TINIAN, AND SAIPAN TO

2500N - 14300E TO 2715N-14033E TO 2900N - 13737E TO 3447N - 13737E TO 3540N - 13834E TO TARGET TO 3500N - 14300E TO 2600N-14500E TO BASE. FOUR AIMING POINT SELECTED - CENTER OF THIS AREA IS

IS 35 41' 45"N 139 48'E. ATTACKING BY SQUADRON IN COLUMN WITH

MINIMUMIN INTERVAL BETWEEN SQUADRONS A MEAN AXIS OF ATTACK 86

DEGREE AT BASE ALTITUDE OF 25,000 FEET. MAXIMUM BOMB LOAD; ONE 500 LB GP BOMB FUSED 1/10 SEC DELAY AND 1/40 SEC DELAY TAIL

FUSE. BALANCE OF LOAD E-46 INCENDIARY CLUSTER FUSED WITH LONG

FUSE TO OPEN 5,000 FT ABOVE TARGET AND SHORT FUSE TO OPEN 2 SEC

LATER. AIR SEA RESCUE FACILITIES REQUESTED.

THIS MESSAGE DISPTACHED FROM 21 BOMCOM CONTROL ROOM AT 240747Z

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TOD :- Ø835Z JF

ROGER FN-24-5 Ø835Z GES.

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TOD:241828Z AC

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KELAY FROM BOMCOH 21

[redacted] SECRET

TELECON MSG FN-24-4 OPERATIONAL PRIORITY TOP SECRET

240550Z

TMC : COMAF 20

FROM : 21 BOM COM

INFO : DEPCOMAF 20

SUBJECT : OPERATION IN SUPPORT OF DETACHMENT

GR 114

1. WEATHER FORECAST FOR 25 FEB FOR JAPANESE MAINLAND INDICATES COMPLETE LOW CLOUD COVERAGE OF NAGOYA PLUS MIDDLE CLOUD OVERCAST WITH TOPS AT 17,000 FEET PLUS SOLID CIRRUS LAYER NEAR BOMBING ALTITUDE. FOR TOKYO AREA FORECST INDICATES BROKEN TO SOLID LOW CLOUDS PLUS BROKEN MIDDLE CLOUD WITH TOPS AT 17,000 FEET PLUS BROKEN CIRRUS WITH BASE AT 27,000 FEET. CIRRUS CLOUD NOT EXPECTED TO REACH TOKYO AREA UNTIL LATE AFTERNOON.

2. SEE LITTLE POSSIBILITY FOR VISUAL BOMBING AGAINST MUSASHINO. WEATHER AT NAGOYA INDICATES POSSIBILITY OF HIGH CLOUDS INTERFERING WITH OUR FORMATIONS.

3. DECISION IS TO STRIKE TOKYO URBAN AREA WITH INCENDIARY ATTACK. BOMB LOAD WILT BE MAXIMUM LOAD OF E-46 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS WITH ONE 500-LB GP BOMB IN EACH AIRCRAFT FOR SPOTTING PURPOSES.

END [redacted] S E C R E T

TOD 0635Z JF

ROGER FN-24-4 0635Z GES. [redacted] SECRET

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TOD:241825Z AC

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Takeoff Flash	Tele	FN-24-12		242149Z	[illegible]
Takeoff Rpt	"	FN-24-14		250122Z	[illegible]

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QUOTE
RELAY FROM BOMCOM TWO ONE
NOTELECON NOTE FN-24-14 OP OP SECRET 242348Z
FROM: BOM COM XXI
TO : COMAF 20
INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (IOA)
BT
GRP 105
MESSAGE: SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR MEETINGHOUSE ONE,

STRIKE 38, 25 FEB 45

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31 BOMBARDMENT WING

1. GROUP:	6TH	9TH	504TH	505TH
2. A/C SCHEDULED	22			
	[redacted]	33	22	23
3. A/C AIRBORNE:	21	32	21	19
				[redacted]
4. FIRST A/C:	242113Z	242130Z	242050Z	242101Z
5. LAST A/C :	242124Z	242147Z	242101Z	242123Z

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73RD BOMBARDMENT WING

1. GROUP:	497TH	498TH	499TH	500TH
2. A/C SCUHEDULED:	~~ZWR~~ 24	36	23	35
3. A/C AIRBORNE:	24	37	21	32
4. FIRST A/C:	242100Z	242110Z	242126Z	242137Z
5. LAST A/C:	242110Z	242125Z	242136Z	242153Z

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2 SUPER DUMBOS AIRBORNE 242153Z

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314TH BOMBARDMENT WING

1. GROUP:	19TH	29TH
2. A/C SCHEDULED:	11	11
3. A/C AIRBORNE	11	11
4. FIRST A/C:	242113Z	242126Z
5. LAST A/C:	242124Z	242136Z

TOTAL A/C AIRBORNE: 229.

BT 242348Z
TOD 0105Z JAG
ROGER 0105Z HE
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TOD:250115Z AC

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RELAYF FROM BOMCOM 21

TELECON MESSAGE FN 24-12 OP OP SECRET 242053Z
FROM COMGEN BOMCOM 21
TO COM GEN AF 20
INFO DEP COM AF 20 (POA)
GR 65

SECRET

FIRST ACFT AIRBORNE AT 242050Z ON MEETINGHOUSE ONE. TARGET WEATHER ESTIMATED OVERCAST OF LOW AND MIDDLE CLOUDS WITH FEW BREAKS. LAYERS OF MIDDLE CLOUD EXPECTED IN CLIMB WITH TOP AT 18000'. REMAINDER OF ROUTE BROKEN LOW AND SCATTERED MIDDLE CLOUD EXCEPT FOR 100 MILE WIDE ZONE OF SHOWERS NEAR 17 DEGREES N. BASES BROKEN LOW CLOUD AND SCATTERED MIDDLE CLOUD ALL DAY. SLIGHT POSSIBILITY OF SHOWER ZONE MOVING SOUTH OVER SAIPAN TINIAN BASES ON RETURN.

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TOD 2115Z RM

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TOD:242147Z RJ

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1st A/C Bombs Away	Tele	FN-25-3		250835z	@
Cons Bombs Away	"	FN-25-8		250855z	@

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REALY FROM BOMCOM 21

QUOTE
TELECON MESSAGE FN-25-8 SECRET) 250810Z (OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY)

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMWF20

INFO: DEPCOMAF20(POA)

(GR163)

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY REPORT, MEETINGHOQSE ONE, S-38,
25 FEB 45

73RD BOMBARDMENT WING

1. 35 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY ACCOUNTING FOR 97 A/C.
2. 93 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY BY RADAR WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.
3. 2 A/C BOMBED LAST RESORT BY RADAR AND NAVIGATION WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.
4. 2 A/C BOMBED TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY BY RADAR WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS
5. 4 A/C RETURNED EARLY, 1 A/C REPORTED DITCHED ENROUTE TO TARGET.

313TH BOMBARMENT WING

1. 34 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY ACCOUNTING FOR 81 A/C.
2. 68 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY BY RADAR WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.
3. 1 A/C BOMBED LAST RESORT BY RADAR WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.
4. 12 A/C BOMBED TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY BY RADAR WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.
5. 10 A/C RETURNED EARLY.

314TH BOMBARDMENT WING

1. 2 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY ACCOUNTING FOR 22 A/C.
2. 21 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY BY RADAR WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.
3. 1 A/C BOMBED TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY BY RADAR WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS
4. NO A/C RETURNED EARLY.

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TOD: 250846Z FER
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TOD 250853Z HS
RECD MSG AT 250852Z WCR

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QUOTE
WECON MESSAGE FN-25-3 OP SECRET 250545Z
FROM XXI BOMCOM

TO COMGEN AF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

GR16

BOMBS AWAY REPORT MEETINGHOUSE ONE. FIRST ACFT BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET BY RADAR WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS AT 250528Z

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TOD 250618Z DM K

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TOD 250833Z HS

ROGER MSG AT 250833Z WCR

ORIGINATOR OF MESSAGE _____

DISTRIBUTION

	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans
ACTION	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm	Op Anal	Stat Con		
	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans
INFORMATION	A.G	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm	Op Anal	Stat Con		

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Briefers Memo	Ditto	–	0700	–	B
Return Report	Telecon	FN 25-11		260003Z	BGR
Prelim Rpt	"	FN 25-12		260010Z	BGR
Requesting Clarification	"	Note	260125Z		BGR
Reply to Query	"	Note		260311Z	BGR
Prelim Report	Ditto		260800		BGR

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Washington, D. C.

PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 38 - 25 FEBRUARY 1945

"MEETINGHOUSE 1"

Targets:	Primary - Urban Area, Tokyo
Take-off:	241650 - 241753 Washington (242050Z - 242153Z)
Time Over Target:	250118 - 250253 Washington; 251418 - 251553 Theatre; (250518Z - 250653Z)
Aircraft:	Total Bombing 202 Primary 167 Other Targets 35
A/C Lost or Missing:	2 a/c missing en route to target
Casualties:	0 killed; 0 wounded; 22 missing
Bomb Load:	6000 lbs. per a/c - E-46 Incendiary Clusters and 1 500 lb. GP
Tactics:	Daylight bombing by radar by squadron in column
Weather:	10/10 cloud cover
Fighter Opposition:	None
Flak:	Meager to Moderate - Inaccurate to Accurate
Claims:	None
Results:	Unobserved
Remarks:	This information is fragmentary and is subject to change, therefore should not be used for official records.

As of 0800, 26 February 1945

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Brigadier General, U. S. Army
Chief of Staff

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TELETYPE CONFERENCE 260311Z

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PRESENT: LT. VANDDXXXXX VANDERBURG

SUBJECT: CONTINUATION OF PRIVIOUS CONFERENCE
FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION YOU REQUESTED:

OF THE TOTAL OF 229 AIRBORNE THE FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE BREAKDOWN:

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196 BOMBED ONE TARGET OR ANOTHER

2 CRASHED

25 EARLY RETURNS

6 FROM THE 315TH AND 313TH WINGS LANDED AT SAIPAN AND HAVE NOT REPORTED WHAT THEY DID AS YET

229 TOTAL

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THE ABOVE REFERS TO PARA 9 OF FN-25-12

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REF FN -25-11 AND 25-12.

REQUEST CLARIFICATION OF NUMBER OF A/C THAT BOMBED TARGETS O N MISS NO. 28.

THERE WERE 229 AIRBORNE

167 BOMBED PRIMARY

27 " TARGET OF PXX OPPORTUNITY

2 " TARGET OF LAST RESORT

2 AIRCRAFT CRASHED.

198 TOTAL ENGAGED IN BOMBING

12 TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY

210 TOTAL OXX ACCOUNTED FOR OF THE 229 AORBORNE

CAN YOU GIVE US A FIX ON THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AIRBORNE AND A/C ACCOUNTED FOR IN YOUR MESSAGE. THIS FIGURE IS 19 AIR CRAFT.

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TOD: 0125Z

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RELECON MSG FN-25-2 OPERATIONAL PRIORITY SECRET 251945Z

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

SECRET

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT FOR MISSION 38, MEETINGHOUSE ONE, 25 FEB 1945.

1. NAME OF PRIMARY: URBAN AREA TOKYO.

2. NAME OF SECONDARY: SAME.

3. NAME OF LAST RESORT: ANY INDUSTRIAL CITY.

NAME OF LAST RESORT BOMBED: NAGOYA - 1 A/C.

YOKOHAMA - 1 A/C.

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4. TARGETS OF OPPORTU ITY BOMBED: EAST SIDE TOKYO BAY - 1 A/C

NAGATSURA 1 A/C

SHIMIZU 1 A/C

SHIZUOKA 1 A/C

TOYAHASI 1 A/C

NUMAZU 1 A/C

KAGA NAVAL BASE 1 A/C

HAMAMATSU 8 A/C

SHINGU 1 A/C

HACHIJO JIMA 1 /C

UNKNOWN (MAINLAND) 10 A/C

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5. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 167 A/C DROPPED 162 X 500 LB GP AND 2046 X 500 LB IB E 46 FUSED TO OPEN 5000 FT BY RADAR THRU 10/10 CLOUD FROM 24,000 TO 32,500 FT AT 250518Z TO 250653Z.

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6. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: NONE.

7. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: 2 A/C DROPPED 2 X 500 LB GP AND 19 X 500 LB IB BY RADAR THRU 10/10 CLOUD FROM 22,500 TO 25,000 FT AT 250514Z TO

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250605Z. SEE PARAGRAPH 3 FOR NAMES.

8. A/C ATTACKING TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: 27A/C DROPPED 25 X 500 LB GP AND 309 X 500 LB IB ON (SEE PARAGRAPH 4) BY RADAR THRU 10/10 CLOUD FROM

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19,000 TO 29,000 FT AT 250508Z TO 250626Z.

9. NO. A/C TAKING OFF: 229 -/C AIRBORNE AT 242100Z TO 242152Z.

10. NO. A/C EARLY RETURN: 25 A/C RETURNED EARLY, OF WHICH 13 A/C BOMBED TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY (SEE PARAGRAPH 4).

11. NO. A/C LOST OR MISSING: 2 A/C ARE MISSING.

0 B-29 A/C OVER TARGET TO ENEMY ACTION

0 A/C DITCHED ON WAY BACK

0 A/C MISSING TO UNKNOWN REASONS

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12. BOMBING RESULTS: UNOBSERVED ALL TARGETS.

13. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: KILLED: NONE
WOUNDED: NONE
MISSING: 22

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14. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: NONE.

15. AA FIRE: MEAGER TO MODERATE, INACCURATE TO ACCURATE. TYPE HEAVY, PRIMARY TARGET.

16. FIGHTER SUPPORT: NONE

17. WEATHER: 10/10 UNDERCAST.

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18. IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS: NONE.

19. ESTIMATE CLAIMS: NONE.

20. OTER INFORMATION: 2 A/C COLLIDED ASSEMBLY POINT ENROUTE TO TARGET. CRASHED INTO SEA. NO SURVIVORS.

THIS REPORT IS FRAGMENTARY AND SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR RECORD PURPOSES.

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TOD 2054Z RM

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TOD: 252344Z HS AT YAF

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TELECON MSG FN25-11 OP OP SECRET 251630Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

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INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT FOR MISSION 38, MEETINGHOUSE ONE, 25 FEB 1945.

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73RD BOMBARDMENT WING, SAIPAN

1.	GROUP:	497	498	499	500
2.	AIRBORNE:	24	37	21	
3.	LANDED HOME BASE:	22	36	21	~~32~~ 14
4.	LANDED AWAY FROM BASE:	0	1 SAIPAN	0	0
5.	TIME OF LANDING:				
	FIRST A/C:	251113Z	251121Z	251129Z	251112Z
	LAST A/C:	251300Z	251330Z	251246Z	251344Z

6. MISSING:

	A/C NO.	SERIAL NO.	REASON	LOCATION
497TH GP:	44V606	4808	MID AIR COLLISION	2715N-14110E
U				
X				
497TH GP:	45V606	3431	MID AIR COLLISION ENROUTE TO TARGET	2715N-14110E

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314TH BOMBARDMENT WING, GUAM

1.	GROUP:	19	29
2.	AIRBORNE:	11	11
3.	LANDED HOME BASE:	8	8
4.	LANDED AWAY FROM BASE:	1 TINIAN 2 SAIPAN	1 TINIAN 2 SAIPAN
5.	TIME OF LANDING:		
	FIRST A/C:	251252Z	251257Z
	LAST A/C:	251446Z	251428Z

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6. MISSING: NONE

313TH BOMBARDMENT WING, TINIAN

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE
Washington, D. C.

Information for Briefing on XXI Bomber Command
Mission No. 38 25 Feb 1945
Date

Mission Code Name "Meetinghouse One" (As of Z - 251100 25 Feb 45)
Date

Targets: Primary - Tokyo urban industrial area

Secondary -

Last Resort -

Take-off Times: 241650-241753 Washington (242050z - 242153z)

Time Over Primary Target: First bombs away - 250128 Washington (250528z)

Tactics: Radar bombing

Aircraft Bombing: Over 200 aircraft took off

Primary Target - 182 (incomplete)
Secondary Target } - 18 (incomplete)
Other Targets - }

Bomb Load: Estimated 6000# per a/c - E46 incendiary clusters and one 500#gp

Losses: [redacted] 1 a/c reported ditched en route to target

Target Weather: Not reported to date

Fighter Opposition: Not reported to date

Anti-Aircraft Encountered: Not reported to date

Claims: Not reported to date

Results of Bombing: Unobserved

Remarks: This information is fragmentary and is subject to change so should not be used or presented as final.

Above based on consolidated bombs away report as of 250846z and correspondingly fragmentary and incomplete.

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As of 0700 (Wash) 25 Feb 45

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Mission Report for Meteinghouse II	Zebra	FN-26-5		270911z	EK.

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TELETYPE CONFERENCE

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WASHINGTON PARTIES

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QUOTE

TELECON NSG FN-26-5 OP OP OP SECRET 262149Z

FROM: BOMCOM 21

SECRET

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

Mission 38 XXI BC

SUBJECT: MISSION REPORT FOR MEETINGHOUSE ONE, STK. -38, 25 FEBRARY 45

GR 444

1. DESIGNATION OF UNIT: XXI BOMBER COMMAND.

2. TIME OF TAKE OFF: 242050Z TO 242153Z
3. TIME OF RETURN: 251112Z TO 251519Z
4. NO. A/C AIRBORNE: 229

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5. NO. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 171

6. NO. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: 0

7. NO. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT TARGETS: 11

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8. NO. A/C ATTACKING TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: 20

9. NO. A/C WHICH FAILED TO BOMB DESIGNATED TARGETS: 27

REASONS: MECHANICAL 2 PERSONNEL 4 WEATHER 2

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10. NO. A/C LOST TO FLAK: 0

11. NO. A/C LOST TO E/A: 0

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12. NO. A/C LOST BY ACCIDENT: 3

13. NO. A/C LOST BY REASON UNKNOWN: 0

14. TIME OF ATTACK: PRIMARY TARGET: 250518Z 250653Z

15. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK: PRIMARY: 24,000 FT TO 31,750 FT

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SECOFARY: 0 FEET TO 0 FEET

LAST RESORT: 22,600 FT TO 29,000

TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: 8,500 FT TO 31,000 FT

16. BOMBS ON EACH TARGETC
PRIMARY: 169 X 500 LB RP AND 2049 X 500 LB IB

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[redacted] SECONDARY: 0 LB GP AND 0LB IB

LAST RESORT: 10 X 500 LB TP AND 137 X 500 LB IB

TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY 19 X 500 LB GP AND 198 X 500 LB IB

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LAST RESORT: 22,600 FT TO 29,00

TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: 8,500 F

16. BOMBS ON EACH TARGETC
PRIMARY: 169 X 500 LB RP AND 2049 X 500 LB IB

[redacted]

SECRET

[redacted] SECONDARY: 0 LB GP AND 0LB IB

LAST RESORT: 10 X 500 LB TP AND 137 X 500 LB IB

TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY 19 X 500 LB GP AND 198 X 500 LB IB

A. BOMB LOADINGS: 229 X 500 LB GP AND 2935X 500 LB IB

B. BOMBS UNACCOUNTED FOR 2 X 500 LB GP AND 26 X 500 LB IB

17. NO.U/C JETTISONING BOMBS: 47.
25 X 500 LB GP AND 445 X 500 LB IB

18. NO /C BRINGING BOMBS BACK:

A/C 4 X 500 LB GP

8 A/C 80X 500 LB IB

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19. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: KILLED: 0

SERIOUSLY WOUNDED: 0

SLIGHTLY WOUNDED: 0

MISSING: 23

20. NO. E/A DESTROYED: 0

PROBABLY DESTROYED: 0

DAMAGED: 0

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21. REMARKS:

A. ENEMY OPPOSITION: NONE

B. FLAK: HEAVMEAGER, ACCURATE TO INACCURATE MOSTLY BARRAGE AND PREDICTED CONCENTRATION WITH SOME CONTINUOUSLY POINTED. 24,000 - 32,000 FT.

C. A/C LOST OR IN DISTRESS: TWO A/C OF 73 WG COLLIDED OVER ASSEMBLY AREA DUE TO UNKNOWN REASONS.ZONE A/C UNSUCCESSFULLY SEARCHED FOR SURVIVORS FOR TWO HOURS.

D. A/C SERIOULY DAMAGED OR CRASHED ON RETURN: 1 A/C OF 73 WG LANDED WITH WHEELS UP. AXC RPT A/C WILL OE SURVEYED. 1 A/C OF [redacted]

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[redacted] 314TH WG

SUFFERED COLLAPSE OF LANDING GEAR UPON EMERGECY LANDING AT SAIPAN. EXTENT OF DAMAGE UNDETERMINED.

E. A/C BATTLE D: 4 A/C - 3 WILL BE READY IN 2 DAYS, 1 IN 3 DAYS.

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[redacted]

F. OBSERVATIONS: NONE

G. PHOTO INTERPRETATION: NO STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHS DUE TO 10/10 COVER.

H. CREW COMMENTS: NONE

I. NARRATIVE: COMPLETE WEATHER SUMMARY TO FOLLOW SHORTLY. [redacted]

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AC Loss Report #16	Telecon	FN-267		27 Feb	[illegible]

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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
FW-26-7	AIRCRAFT LOSS REPORT NUMBER 16 MISSION 38.	27 Feb 45

BG a/c Last or Missing

(From: COMGENBOMCOM 21 Tokyo 25 Feb. To: COMAF 20 Info: DEPCOMAF 20 FOA ADMIN)

A. B-29 42-63431
B. Another aircraft crashed into this one as it approached the wing assembly point. Reason unknown.
C. Collision occurred at 27 degrees 4 minutes north 141 degrees 10 minutes east.
D. Search aircraft could not find any trace of survivors.

A. B-29 42-24808
B. Aircraft crashed into another aircraft as it approached the wing assembly point. Reason unknown.
C. Collision occurred at 27 degrees 4 minutes north 141 degrees 10 minutes east.
D. Search aircraft could not find any trace of survivors.

Annex Number 2 Aircraft Loss Report Number 15 Mission 37

A. B-29 42-24857
B. Ditched because of exhausted fuel supply due to enemy action. Lost fuel on one engine believed to have been caused by enemy action. Bomb bay tanks were observed to have been dropped at same time as the bombs.
C. Ditched at 19 degrees north 145 degrees 40minutes east.
D. Five crew members picked up by destroyer.

End.

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	INFORMATION	C/S ; DC/S Opr

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" "	"	G-25-1	250918z		BGR
Communique # 63	"	G-25-3	260200z		BGR
Stories on Tokyo attack	"	G-26-1	270127z		EL
Communication #63	Telecon	K-26-1	270155z		EL.

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TELECON MESSAGE NO. K-26-1 RESTRICTED 262319Z

SUBJECT COMMUNIQUE NUMBER 63 Mission 38 Press

TO: COMGENBOMCOM 20 FROM: COMAF 20 ~~XXI~~ BC

FOLLWOING COMMUNIQUE RELEASING 260300Z: BOMBING BY THE VERY LARGE TASK FORCE OF TWENTIETH AIR FORCE SUPERFORTRESSES WHICH ATTACKED INDUSTIRAL TARGETS IN THE TOKYO AREA FROM THE MARIANAS TODAY (FEBRUARY 25, JAPANESE TIME) WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY PRECISION INSTRUMENTS WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS, HEADQUARTERS OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON. THE RECORD SIZE FORCE OF MORE THAN 200 B-29'S OF MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND ENCOUNTERED LIGHT ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE AND NO FIGHTER OPPOSITION. NONE OF THE SUPERFORTRESSES WAS LOST TO ENEMY ACTION. (TO GLASS FROM REES)

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.....END TOD 270155Z WCR JLB

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ACTION	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm	Op Anal	Stat Con		
	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans
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WASHINGTON PARTIES Press-Mission 38 XXI BC KHARAGPUR - HONOLULU - GUAM PARTIES

TELECON MESSAGE NO G-26-1 RESTRICTED 262317Z

SUBJECT: STORIES ON TOKYO ATTACK

TO: COMGENBOMCOM XXI INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 POA FROM: COMAF 20

STORIES ON SUNDAYS TOKYO ATTACK WON TOP BANNER PLAY IN ALL NEWSPAPERS SHOWING HERE MONDAY MORNING. HEREWITH IS CROSS SECTION EASTERN PAPERS NOW AVAILABLE:

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE: EIGHT COLUMN LINE "200 B-29'S JOIN CARRIER PLANES IN TOKYO RAID"

NEW YORK DAILY NEWS: DOUBLE TOP LINE, PAGE ONE, "200 SUPERS BLAST TOKYO."

DOUBLE THREE COLUMN LINE, PAGE TWO"REPORT B-29'S BLAST HIROHITO PALACE AREA"

NEW YORK TIMES: EIGHT COLUMN LINE "CARRIER PLANES AND 200 B-29'S POUND TOKYO"

WITH DROP STRESSING "BIGGEST FORCE OUT"

WASHINGTON POST: WITH THREE EIGHT COLUMN LINES, TOP ONE DEVOTED TO "200 B-29'S JOIN CARRIER PLANES IN TOKYO ASSAULT."

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER: TWO EIGHT COLUMN LINES "200 SUPERFORTS BLAST CENTRAL TOKYO , SET BIG FIRES NEAR EMPEROR'S PALACE," WITH DOUBLE COLUMN DROP OF "CARRIER PLANES ASSIST B-29'S IN SATURATION RAID."

BELIEVE WORTHY OF ATTENTION THAT ALL STORIES PLAYED HERE, SPECIALS AND WIRE SERVICES ALIKE, LEAD WITH NUMBER PLANES PARTICIPATING POINTING OUT IT MORE THAN TWICE AS MANY AS IN FIRST TOKYO ATTACK, AND DESCRIPTIONS OF "GREATEST ARMADA OF SUPERFORTRESSES EVER SENT ALOFT."

(TO MCKELWAY INFO WIPPOLD FROM REES)

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TELECON MSG. NO. G-25-3 (((RESTRICTED))) 260157Z

TO COMGENBOMCOM 21 INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 FROM: COMAF 20

SUBJECT: COMMUNIQUE NUMBER 63

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FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE RELEASING 260300Z: BOMBING BY THE VERY LARGE TASK FORCE OF TWENTIEHT AIR FORCE SPERFORTEESSES WHICH ATTACKED INDUSTRIAL TARGETS IN THE TOKYO AREA FROM THE MARIANAS TODAY (FEBRUARY 25, JAPANESE TIME) WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY PRECISION INSTRUMENTS WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS, HEADQUARTERS OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE ANNIXXRPT ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON. THE RECRXXRPT RRXXRPT RECORD SIZE FORCE OF MORE THAN 200 B-29'S OF MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND ENCOUNTERED LIGHT ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE AND NO FIGHTER OPPOSITION. NOEXXRPT NONE OF THE SUPERFORTRESSES WAS LOST TO ENEMY ACTION.

(TO MCKELWYXXRPT MCKELWAY INFO WIPPOLD FROM REES) RESTRICTED

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TELECON MSG NO. G-25-1 1945 FEB 250908Z (RESTRICTED)

SUBJECT: PRESS FLASH

TO: COMGENBOMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOMAF 20 FROM: COMAF 20

RELEASING THIS PRESS FLASH 251000Z: INDUSTRIAL TARGETS IN THE TOKYO AREA OF JAPAN WERE BOMBED BY A VERY LARGE TASK FORCE OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND SUPERFORTRESSES IN A DAYLIGHT MISSION TODAY (FEBRUARY 25, JAPANESE TIME) HEADQUARTERS OF THE 20TH AIR FORCE ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON. MORE THAN 200 SUPERFORTRESSES, THE LARGEST NUMBER OF B-29'S EMPLOYED IN A SINGLE 20TH AIR FORCE MISSION TO DATE, TOOK OFF FROM BASES IN THE MARIANAS FOR THE CONTINUOUS TASK OF STRIKING TARGETS IN THE INDUSTRIALLY-IMPORTANT TOKYO AREA. THE FORCE PARTICIPATING IN THIS MISSION IS TWICE THE SIZE OF THE FIRST GROUP OF B-29'S SENT AGAINST THE TOKY AREA IN XXRPT TOKYO AREA IN THE XXI BOMBER COMMAND'S INITIAL OPERATION LAST FALL. IT REPRESENTS ALSO A FULFILLMENT OF A RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT BY HEADQUARTERS OF THE 20TH AIR FORCE THAT THE SUPERFORTRESS HAS REA HEDXXRPT REACHED THE END OF ITS DEVELOPMENTAL STAGE, HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY BATTLE TESTED AND IS ENTERING A NEW PHASE OF THE AERIAL BATTAXXRPT BATTLE AGAINST JAPAN. DETAILS OF THIS MISSION WILL BE ANNOUNCED WHEN OPERATIONAL REPORTS ARE RECEIVED BY THE 20TH AIR FORCE FROM MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE XXI BOMBER COMMAND.

NEW SUBJECT: FYI. THE DESIGNATION OF THE SIZE OF FORCE IS FOR THIS OPERATION ONLY AND DOES NOT REPRESENT A CHANGE OF POLICY.

(TO MCKELWAY INFO WIPPOLD FROM REES)

.....END.....

TOD: 250915Z

CCNS AR AS FOLLOWS: RPT OF EIGHTH LINE AS FOLLOWS:

CONTIMXXRPT CONTINUOUS TASK OF STRIKING TARGETS IN THE INDUSTRIALLY-

IS THIS OK PLS?

THAT IS CORRECT FYI RPT FYI

ROGER

CLOSING TRAFFIC GOING LOWER BOTH WAYS CUL

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SUBJECT PRESS FLASH

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FYI RPT FYI. THE DESIGNATION OF THE SIZE OF FORCE IS FOR THIS OPERATION ONLY AND DOES NOT REPRESENT A CHANGE OF POLICY. (TO GLASS FROM REES)

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Damage Assessment	Telecon	G-28-3	28 Feb.		DR
Damage Assessment	Telecon	G-28-9		2 March	DR
Additional Photo Int.	Telecon	FN-01-10		1 March	DR

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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
FN-01-10	Mission 38 XXI BC ADDITIONAL PHOTO INTERPRETATION Damage assessment	1 March 45

(From: COMGENBOMCOM 21 To: COMAF 20 Info: DEPCOMAF 20 POA)

3PRM 58, 27 Feb 45.

Target 357: (35/43 N -- 139/34E) Musashino Plant, Nakajima Aircraft Company: Fair quality 6" photography shows major damage amounting to about 200,000 square feet (11% of roof area) concentrated in east half of plant.

17,300	sq ft of damage at	V1.6--H5.5'
33,500	" " " " "	V1.4--H6.1
106,000	" " " " "	V1.75--H6.05
19,400	" " " " "	V1.65--H6.45
24,000	" " " " "	V1.7--H6.8

Reference print: 3PRM 4--A5R: 115

End.

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	ACTION	None
	INFORMATION	C/S ; DC/S Opr(2); A-2 (14); A-5 Plans (2); OA; SCO (2); AA

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DC/S OPR.	
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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
FN-28-9	Reply to G-28-1 Mission 38 ~~XXI~~ BC Damage Assessment	1 March 1945

(To: COMAF 20 Info: DEPCOMAF 20 POA From: COMGENBOMCOM 21)

Reference our FN-28-5, photos taken by 3 PRM 58 revealed that area burned out totaled 29,074,000 square feet. Other pertinent information also to be found in our FN 28-5.

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	ACTION	None
	INFORMATION	C/S DC/S-Opr (2 cys); A-2 (14 cys); A-5 Plans (2 cys); Op Anal; Stat Con (2 cys); A-A

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DC/S OPR.	
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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
G-28-3	Tokyo Incendiary Damage Mission 38 XXI BC Damage Assessment	28 Feb 1945

(To: CONGENBOMCOM 21 Info: DEPCOMAF 20 POA From: COMAF 20)

With reference to your FW-28-5 relating to Tokyo areas burned out, this headquarters has not received prints from reference mission 3 PR 5M 54. If area shown on any previous cover, expedite grid reference to an earlier print.

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	ORIGINATOR	DC/S-Opr	Lt. Col. Bower	6018
	INFORMATION	C/S DC/S-Opr; A-2		

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TELECON MSG NR G-28-1 CLASSIFICATION SECRET 281543Z

SUBJECT REQUEST FOR DAMMAGE ASSESSMENT ON MEETING HOUSE ONE

TO COMGENBOMCOM 21

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Mission 38
XXI BC

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TO COMGENBOMCOM 21 FROM COMAF 2Ø

IT HAS BEEN WIDELY REPORTED IN THE PRESS HERE THAT 24Ø CITY BLOCKS IN TOKYO HAVE BEEN BURNED OUT AS A RESULT OF MEETING HOUSE ONE. SOURCE WAS GIVEN AS OFFICIAL XXI BOMBER COMMAND REPORT. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION TO THEI EFFECT. DESIRE FULL DETAILD AT ONCE. REQUEST REPLY THIS CONFERENCE

CCN LINE FOUR WORD THREE SHUD READ THIS RPT THIS

END

TOD Ø22816257

CCN REPEAT SUBJECT:

REQUEST FOR DAMAGE ASSESSMENT ON MEETING HOUSE ONE.

ANYTHING ELSE

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Target - Tokyo Urban Area	Photostat			26 Feb.	EK -

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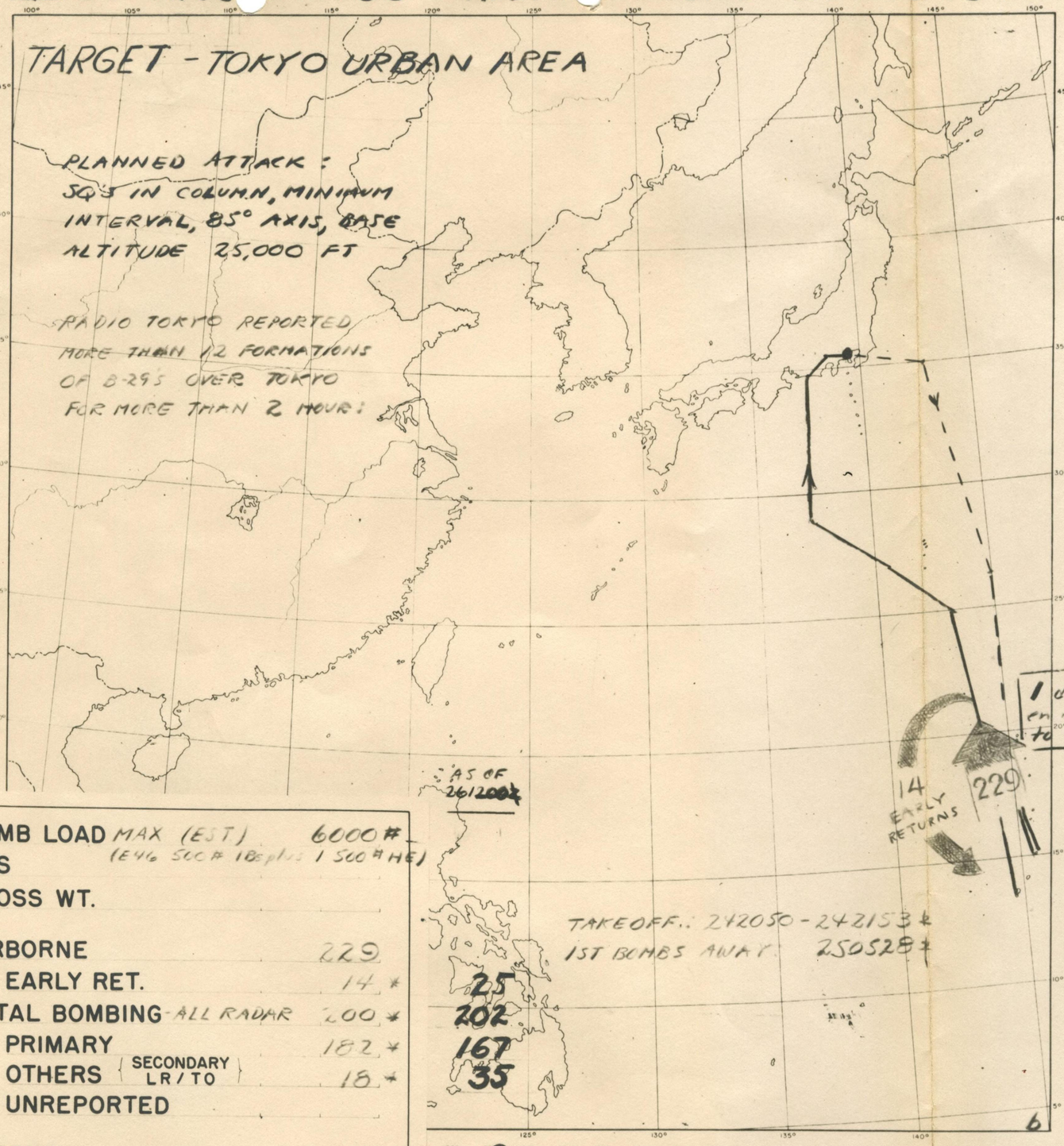
XXI BC MISSION #38 "MEETINGHOUSE-1" 25 FEB 1945



BOMB LOAD MAX (EST) (E46 500# 18 plus 1 500# HE)	6000#
GAS	
GROSS WT.	
AIRBORNE	229
EARLY RET.	14 *
TOTAL BOMBING - ALL RADAR	200 *
PRIMARY	182 *
OTHERS (SECONDARY LR/TO)	18 *
UNREPORTED	
LOSSES	1 *
ENEMY ACTION	
OPERATIONAL	
MISSING - ditched en route to target	1 *
CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	
PROBABLE DEST.	
DAMAGED	

* As of 250853*

AS OF 261200*

25
202
167
35

20 - 2*

missing en route to target

AS OF 0700 25 FEB 45

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VHBCO

21 April 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR DC/S, Combat Operations

Subject: Analysis of Report of XXK Bomber Command Mission No. 38.

In accordance with Hq Twentieth Air Force Memorandum dated 15 September 1944, Subject: Study and Analysis of Twentieth Air Force Combat Operations, comments on the employment of communications, radar and countermeasures during XXI Bomber Command Mission No. 38 are submitted herewith.

1. RADAR

This was almost entirely a radar mission; overcast conditions forced the dropping of all bombs by radar. Since the assigned target was an industrail area which is an excellent radar target, bombing results were reasonably good.

Eighty one (81) percent of the AN/APQ-13 equipments were reported operating over the target. Since the strike included a substantial number of aircraft from the 313th and 314th Wings, this is considered good performance.

It is noted that some aircraft flew over the target with the IFF turned on, due to misunderstanding between radar operator and pilot. The need for emphasis on IFF discipline is indicated.

The form of the radar report continues unsatisfactory.

2. RCM

Six RCM search aircraft participated, searching the following bands: 25-100 mc, 90-120 mc, 120-170 mc 170-300 mc, 300-1000 mc and 1000-3000 mc. No d/f antennas were available.

A great many more signals with high PRF and short pulse length (indicative of GL radar) were heard than on previous missions. However, anti-aircraft fire was reported as inaccurate.

An unusual frequency was the intercept on 288 mc. The PRF was 1300, PL 10.5 microseconds. This has previously been reported as the frequency of an AI radar under development.

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Memo for DC/S, Combat Operations, Twentieth Air Force, dtd 21 Apr 45
Subject: Analysis of Report of XXI BomCom Mission No. 38.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

Several attempts by the enemy at CW jamming are noted. It is believed that the frequency flexibility of the AN/ART-13 should be used to the maximum as a means of evading this type of enemy jamming. A cable has been sent to the Theater asking if such consideration has been given this problem.

S. S. LAMB
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Mission Reports	Extract Telecon	H-26-4		26 Feb-	EK.
Mission Weather Summary	Telecon	FN-26-6		270909Z	EK.

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JELAY FROM 21 BC

TELECON MSG FN-26-6 OP OP SECRET 262303Z
FROM: BOMCOM
XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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Mission 38
Misc XXI BC

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON MEETINGHOUSE ONE, 25 FEB 1945.

MISSION WEATHER SUMMARY

BASES ON TAKE OFF AND LANDING: SCATTERED CLOUDS AND UNRESTRICTED VISIBILITIES.

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ROUTE AND RETURN: SCATTERED CUMULUS TO 16 DEG N WHERE OVERCAST STRATOCUMULUS, BASE 1000 FT, TOP 7000 FT, EXTENDED FOR 50 MILESN. SCATTERED SHOWERS WERE PRESENT IN THIS ZORE. SCATTERED CLOUDS CUMULUS TO 26 DEG N. FROM 26 DEG N TO 28 DEG N, 8/10 STRATOCUMULUS WITH BASES AT 1000 FT. AT 28 DEG N, DEFINITE FRONT WAS ENCOUNTERED. TO TARGET THERE WAS 8 - 10/10 STRATOCUMULUS BASES 1000 FT, TOP 9000 FT. 10/10 ALTOSTRATUS, BASE 10,000 FT, TOP 19,000 FT. 10/10 CIRROSTRATUS, BASES 20,000 FT, TOP 25,000 FT SLOPING UP TO 27,000 FT OVER TARGET. MODERATE TO HEAVY IC NG WAS ENCOUNTERED ON CLIMB ABOVE 8000 FT.

TARGET: 10/10 CIRROSTRATUS, TOPS 27,000 FT. WINDS AT 27,000 FT 270 DEG, 150 KNOTS.

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270833Z PK

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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
H-26-4	MISSION REPORTS Misc Mission 38 XXI BC	26 Feb 45

(To: DepCOMAF 20 Info: COMGENHOMCOM 21 From: COMAF 20)

1. The total elapsed time required for transmission of mission reports for MEETING HOUSE was unsatisfactory. Analysis of message time indicates that staff procedure and the VHF inter-island communications are functioning satisfactorily. Time required for consolidation of reports and transmission to BomCom 21 is excellent. Time required for transmission between BomCom 21 and Depcom 20 (Admin) for the Take Off (1 hour 17 minutes), Return (1 hour 21 minutes and Preliminary Mission (1 hour 9 minutes) Reports is excessive. It is believed that actual time of transmission should not exceed about 20 minutes. Time required for transmission of the first Bombs Away (2 hours 15 minutes) Return (6 hours and Preliminary Mission (2 hours 50 minutes) Reports between DepCom 20 (Admin) and ComAF 20 is responsible for the greatest delays. Breakdown follows:

A. Take Off Report:

Last aircraft off at 242153Z
Message filed-BomCom 21 at 242348Z
Staff preparation time, 1 hour 55 minutes
Received DepCom 20 (Admin) at 250105Z
Elapsed transmission time BomCom 21 to DepCom 20 (Admin), 1 hour 17 minutes
Received ComAF 20 at 250115
Elapsed transmission time DepCom 20 (Admin) to ComAF 20, 10 minutes
Total transmission time, BomCom 21 to ComAF 20, 1 hour 27 minutes

B. First Bombs Away Report:

Bombs Away at 250528Z
Message filed BomCom 21 at 250545Z
Transmission & Staff time, 17 minutes
Message received DepCom 20 (Admin) at 250618Z
Elapsed transmission time BomCom 21 to Dep Com 20 (Admin) 33 minutes
Message received ComAF 20 at 250833Z
Elapsed transmission time DepCom 20 (Admin) to ComAF 20, 2 hours, 15 minutes
Total transmission time BomCom 21 to ComAF 20, 2 hours 48 minutes

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C. Consolidated Bombs Away Report:

First bomb away at 250528Z
Message filed BomCom 21 at 250810Z
Staff time 2 hours 42 minutes
Message received DepCom 20 at 250846Z (Admin)
Elapsed transmission time BomCom 21 to DepCom 20 (Admin), 36 minutes
Message received ComAF 20 at 250852Z
Elapsed transmission time DepCom 20 (Admin) to ComAF 20, 6 minutes
Total transmission time, BomCom 21 to ComAF 20, 42 minutes

D. Return Report:

Last aircraft returned at 251519Z
Message filed BomCom 21 at 251630Z
Staff time 1 hour 11 minutes
Message received DepCom 21 (Admin) at 251751Z
Elapsed transmission time BomCom 21 to DepCom (Admin) 1 hour 21 minutes
Message received ComAF 20 at 252351Z
Elapsed transmission time DepCom 20 (admin) to ComAF 20, 6 hours
Total transmission time BomCom 21 to ComAF 20, 7 hours 21 minutes

E. Preliminary Mission Report:

Last aircraft landed at 251519Z
Message filed BomCom 21 at 251945Z
Staff time 4 hours 26 minutes
Message received DepCom 21 (Admin) at 252054Z
Elapsed transmission time BomCom 21 to DepCom 20 (Admin) 1 hour 9 minutes
Message received ComAF 20 at 252344Z
Elapsed transmission time DepCom 20 (Admin) to ComAF 20, 2 hours 50 minutes
Total transmission time BomCom 21 to ComAF 20, 3 hours 59 minutes

2. Check with WAR radio control shows that DepCom 21 (Admin) requested the DepCom 20 - ComAF 20 circuit be opened at the following times:

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Requested by XAF — Matched through

250648Z — 250652Z
251120Z — 251146Z
252300Z (Routine daily time)

This indicates that this circuit was not requested opened when DepCom 20 (Admin) received the Return Report at 251751Z or Preliminary Mission Report at 252054Z, and the reports were held until the daily conference time at 2300Z. This resulted in a six hour delay in the case of the Return Report and a two hour fifty minute delay in the case of the Preliminary Report.

3. Such delays cannot be tolerated when operations messages are involved. If the delay time in the Guam - Oahu - WAR circuit continues, it is desired that a continuous circuit between Guam and WAR be established by installation of a regenerative repeater in Oahu.

4. Your comments are desired.

End.

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	ORIGINATOR	C/S	General Norstad	3648
	INFORMATION	C/S ; DC/S Opr; Comm.Off.		

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