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MISSION #22 NAGOYA "ERADICATE 3"
Mitsubishi A/C Eng.Plant
23 Jan 1945

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Brief of Field Order No 19 Extradite No 3	Telecom	FN-22-18	22 08 07	BGR

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QUOTE

TELECO *FN-22-18*
SG ~~FNOWWAGI~~ TP SECR OP. OP OP 220630Z
TO COM GEN AF20

FROM COM GEN XXI BOM CMD

INFO DEP COM GEN AF 20

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BRIEF OF FIELD ORDER NO 19 ERADICATE NO3.

APL

APPROXIMATELY 75 B-29'S SCHEDULED AGAINST ERADICATE NO 3 ON 23

JAN 45. COURSE: 1700N - 14400E TO 2700N - 13639E TO 3327N -

13545E TO 3458N - 13554E TO 3508N - 13603E TO TARGET ALL RETURN-

INW TB 2700N - 14000E TO BASE. TAKE OFF: FIRST PLANE 222105Z OVER

TARGET 230500Z. ETA BASE 231130Z ~~W~~ SECONDARY: CENTER OF CITY, 90.20.

LAST RESORT: ANY INDUSTRIAL CITY. TARGETS WILL BE ATTACKD BY SQUADRONS

IN COLUMN AT BASE ALTITUDE 25,000 FEET. AXIS OF ATTACK 88 DEGREES TRUE.

BOMB LOAD 6,000 LBS PER A/C. EACH A/C WILL CARRY MIXED LOAD; 60 PER

CENT 500 LB GP BOMBS ~~FU~~ ^{I^B} FUSED ~~S~~ 0.1 NOSE AND 0.025 TAIL FUSE

AND 40 PER CENT M-76 INCENDIARY BOMB.

END

TOD 220700Z WL

MISSION 22- ERADICATE NO3 -MPI BUILDING, 3PR4M17-2:13

GRID COORDIN ~~I~~ *Mitambishi etc Eng Plant - Nagoya*

ATE V3.9-H8.0

AIMING POINTS WILL BE DESIGNATED FOR ALL FURXXX FUTURE MISSIONS.

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TOD 040705Z TAS.

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TOD 040705Z HS YAF

RECD YR MSG FN-04-5 AT 040705Z WCR

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Notes: 1/2 Engine Plant

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1st A/C Airborne	Tele	FN-22-38	22 22 47 23 23 08	Ⓢ
Take off report	Telecon	FN-22-39	23 04 58 z	BSR
First A/C Airborne	Cable	Anda 22-072	23 Jan 1948	HR

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INFO. COPY TO *CS*

From: CG, 21st Bomber Command, *GRAM*

To: War Department *Mission 2*

No: X-22-9 22 January 1945 *XIII BC*

From 21st BOMCOM action to COMGENAF 20. Nr X-22-9.
Info to DEP COM AF 20. CTF 93. CTF 94. CTU 94.4.2. CTG
93.2. CTG 17.7. CTU 30.5.2. CTU 30.5.3. *take 77*

Take-D
First airborne at 22215Z on ERADICATE 3. Target
weather estimated at 1/10 low cloud, 2/10 middle cloud
below bomb level, 7/10 high cloud above. Route through
weak point on front near 23 degrees north with intermittent
light rain. Bases good thruout day.

End

ACTION: CGAAF

INFO: OPD
G-2
Adm. King
Log

CM-IN-22072

(23 Jan 45) DTG 222151Z 1m

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Deputy C. of S. Adm.	
Deputy C. of S. Ops.	<i>W</i>
A. G.	

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ACTION

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-22-39 OP OP SECRET 222335Z

FROM COMGEN BOMCOM 21

TO COM GEN AF 20

INFO DEP COM AF 20

SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT, S-22, ERADICATE THREE, 23 JAN 45.

TOTAL AIRBORNE: 73 A/C

1. GROUP	499	500	497	498
2. SCHEDULED	19///18	19	18	22
3. AIRBORNE	17	17	17	22
4. FIRST A/C	<u>222115Z</u>	222124Z	222213Z	222223Z
LAST A:/C	222123Z	222134Z	222235Z	222234Z

END

TOD: 230239Z C

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TD: 230506Z WB

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220115Z (221715 - 221835)

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1st A/C Bombs Away	Tele	FN-23-14	230612Z	Q
1st Cons Bombs Away	Tele	FN-23-15	230730Z	Q
Additional First Phase C.I. Report	Tele	FN-25-32	25 Jan.	Am

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BOB STRIKE REPORTS

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By Authority of Commanding General
Twentieth Air Force

DATE 25 Jan 45
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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND GUAM
WASHINGTON PARTIES
TERMINAL PARTIES

TELECON MESSAGE NO. FN-25-32
SUBJECT Lt. Col. Hewitt
Col. Ankenbrandt
*Mission 22
XXI AC*
Additional First Phase P. I. Report from Strike Photos, Radicafe 3
23 January 1945.

(To: COMENAF 20 From: COMGENBOMCOM 21 Info: DEFCOMAF 20) POA

Summary:

1. A total of 244,940 sq. ft. of roof repair is noted on strike attack photography of 23 Jan. 1945. Photo print, No. (18PL882BS387A/C5M6 repairs accomplished since 15 December 1944.
2. Complete new roofs are noted on two buildings, Reference print No. 3PRAM39-3123. V-6.2, H-8J2, and V-4.8, H-8.7 show 109,900 sq. ft. and 123,100 sq. ft. respectively-sub assembly units.
3. Reference print No. 3PRAM39-3126:
Main assembly building V-2.8, H-4.8; 13,780 sq. ft. of repairs.
Main assembly building V-3.5, H-5.2; 2,900 sq. ft. of repairs.
Two small buildings V-2.3, H-6.4; 550 sq. ft. of repairs.
Two small buildings V-2.1, H-6.4; 2,410 sq. ft. of repairs.
One small building V-1.2, H-4.7; 6,200 sq. ft. of repairs.

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QUOTE

TELECON MSG FN23-15 SECRET OP OP OP 230717Z

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TO COM GEN AF20
FROM COMGEN 21 BOMCOM
INFO DEP COM AF 20

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY, ERADICATE THREE 23 JAN 1945

FIVE LEAD AIRCRAFT REPORT BOMBS AWAY. ASS BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY

3 THROUGH 4/10 CLOUDS 1 THROUGH 5/10 CLOUD 1 THROUGH 8/10 CLOUDS.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: AIRCRAFT 6V531 DITCHED NORTH OF CHARON KANOA

SIXTEEN MINUTES AFTER TAKEPXXXX TAKEOFF PILOT, NAVIGATOR, COPILOT,

ENGINEER, RIGHT GUNNER PICEXXXXXX PICKED UP BY DESTROYER NOW AT

AT NAVAL DISPENSARY. EXTENT OF INJURIES UNKNOWN. CAUSE OF DITCHING

NOT KNOWN AT PRESENT. THIS MSG DISPATCHED 21 BOM COM CONTROL ROOM

AT 240717Z

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TOD 230725Z WL

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TOD:230730Z WB

ROGER 230722// 230730Z WCR

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QUOTE

TELECON MSG FN-23-14 OP OP (SECRET)

230551Z

T- WAR

FROM: BOMCOM 21

Apr 13

TO

TO: COM GEN AF12;
TIRGXXXX INFO: DEP COM AF 20
BOMBEX AWAY REPORT ERADICATION THREE. FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBED PRIMARY

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A
TARGET VISUALLY THROUGH 4/10 CLOUDS AT 230542Z

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...END...

TOD: 230610Z JG

ROGER 2XXXXX

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TOD 230620Z RR

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1st In-Flight Rpts	Tele	FN-23-22	2309 00 ²²	B
Brietens' Report	Ditto		sent	B9R
Landing Report	Telecan	FN-23-27	231727z	B9R
Preliminary Mission Report	Telecan	FN-23-28	232140z	B9R
Preliminary Mission Report	Ditto		240800	B9R
" " "	Telecan	FN-28-18	280635z	AM

FORM 5-63
GPO: 1963 O-353-128

PRELIMINARY MISSION RPT.

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By authority of
CG Twentieth AF

24 Jan 45 22
Date Initials

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Washington, D. C.

PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

73rd WING OPERATION NO. 21 - 23 JANUARY 1945

"ERADICATE 3"

Targets: Primary - Mitsubishi A/C Engine Works, Nagoya
Secondary - Center of City of Nagoya

Take-off: 221715 - 221835 Washington (222115Z - 222235Z)

Time of Attacks: 230133 - 230147 Washington, 231433 - 231447 Theater
(230533Z - 230547Z)

Aircraft: Total Bombing 63
Primary 30
Secondary 29
Other Targets 4

Aircraft Lost or Missing: 2 a/c missing
1 lost to enemy action over target
1 ditched

Casualties: 1 killed, 10 wounded, 17 missing (5 survivors rescued)

Bomb Load: 6,000 lbs per a/c - 60% 500 lb GP bombs fused 0.1 nose and
0.025 tail fuse and 40% M-76 IB

Tactics: Daylight visual and radar bombing by squadrons in column at
25,000 to 27,000 ft.

Weather: Primary 4/10 to 8/10 cloud - holes in undercast enabled
visual bombing
Secondary 9/10 to 10/10 cloud

Fighter Opposition: Approximately 200 attacks which were aggressive with T/E
B/A predominating

Flak: Moderate, inaccurate to accurate

Claims: 15 destroyed, 13 probably destroyed, 34 damaged

Results: Unobserved

Remarks: This information is fragmentary and subject to change,
therefore, should not be used for official records.

As of 0800, 24 January 1945

Gen. H. P. ...
BRIGADIER GENERAL, U.S. ARMY
Chief of Staff

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Lt. Col. Hewitt

KHARAGPUR HONOLULU PARTIES

Col. Herman Col. Ankenbrandt

RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

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TELECON MSG FN-28-18

ACTION: COMGEN AF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

ANSWER TO REQUEST FOR CONFORMATION ON PRELIMINARY

MISSION REPORT. 22 ENKINDLE NUMBER 3. 27 JANUARY

45. PARAGRAPH 18 SHOULD READ COLON "FREIGHTER AT

2955" INSTEAD OF "3955".

THIS MSG WAS RECEIVED BY RADIO DUE TO OPERATING DIFFICULTIES FROM GUAM.

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TOD: 2802329Z WB

ROGER FN-28-18 282329Z WCR

SECRET OPERATIONAL PRIORITY 280635Z

*Mission 22
XVI BC - Results*

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ORIGINATOR OF MESSAGE

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ACTION		C/S	DC/S OPR	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plan:
AG	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	COMM OF ANAL	STAT CON					
INFORMATION		C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plan:
AG	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	COMM OF ANAL	STAT CON					

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TELECON MSG FN-23-28 SECRET 232010Z OP OP

FROM COM GEN BOMCOM 21

TO COM GEN AF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT, S-21 BREADICATE 3,23 JAN 1945.
MESSAGE.

1. PRIMARY TARGET: MITSUBISHI A/C ENGINE WORKS, NAGOYA (90.20-193)
2. SECONDARY TARGET/ CENTER OF CITY OF NAGOYA.
3. LAST RESORT TARGET: ANY INDUSTRIAL CITY.
4. TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: SHINGU (34-40N-135-55E).
5. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 30 B-29'S DROPPED 210 X 5000 LB GP AND 150 X 500 LB IB BY VISUAL MEANS THROUGH 4/10 TO 8/10 CLOUD FROM 25400-26800 FEET AT 230533Z-230547Z
6. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: 29 B-29'S DROPPED 203 X 500 LB GP AND 145 X 500 LB IB BY VISUAL-RADAR MEANS THROUGH 9/10 -10/100 CLOUD FROM 25000-27000 FEET AT 230642Z - 230700Z
7. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: NONE
8. A/C ATTACKING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: 4 /B-29'S DROPPED 28 X 500 B GP AND 20 X 500 LB IB ON SHINGU BY RADAR MEANS THROUGH 9/10 CLOUD FROM 21500 FT - 27000 FT 230632Z-230642Z
9. NO. A/C TAKING OFF/ 73 B-29'S WERE AIRBORNE 222115Z-222235Z
10. NO. A/C FAILING TO BOMB: 10 B-29'S FAILED TO BOMB, OF WHICH

NONE B-29'S BOMBED TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY. SIX A/C EARLY RETURN

11. NO. A/C LOST OR MISSING: 2 B-29'S ARE MISSING : 1 B-29 OVER TARGET AND 1 B-29 DITCHED: NIL B-29'S MISSING ON WAY BACK : NIL B-29'S

UNKNOWN REASONS.

12. BOMBING RESULTS: PRIMARY: UNOBSERVED.
SECONDARY: UNOBSERVED.
LAST RESORT: NIL.
OPPORTUNITY: UNOBSERVED.
13. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: KILLED: 1.
WOUNDED : 10
MISSING : 17.

14. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: APPROXIMATELY 200 ATTACKS WHICH WERE AGGRESSIVE WITH T/E E/A PREDOMINATING.

15. ANTI AIRCRAFT FIRE: MODERATE, INACCURATE TO ACCURATE.

16. FIGHTER SUPPORT : NONE.

17. WEATHER: PRIMARY: HOLES IN THE UNDERCAST ENABLED BOMBING BY VISUAL MEANS THROUGH 4/10 TO 8/10 CLOUD.

SECONDARY: 9/10 TO 10/10 CLOUD.

OPPORTUNITY: SHINGU 9/10 TO 10/10 CLOUD.

ENROUTE TO AND BACK FROM TARGET: ONE FRONT ENROUTE WITH 5/10-6/10
AT LANDFALL. 10/10 ^{9/10-10/10} OVER MAINLAND OPENING TO CLEAR TO ~~00PXP00PM~~

18.-----

19. ESTIMATED CLAIMS: DESTROYED:15. PROBABLY DESTROYED:13. DAMAGED:34.

20.-----

TOTAL A/C OF PARAGRAPH 5,6,7, 8 AND 11 FAIL TO ACCOUNT FOR 73 A/C

AIRBORNE. CORRECTED REPORT WILL FOLLOW WHEN RECEIVED.

TOD:23200000 2100Z R TAS.

CCN: IN 17. LINE BEGINNING WITH AT LANDFALL. FIGURES SHLD BE
10/10 RPT 10/10 IN BOTH PLACES INSTEAD OF 10/100 RPT 10/100.

TOD 232138Z PH

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ROGER NR FN-23-28 232137Z WRC

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QUOTE
TELECON MESSAGE FN-23-27 OPER PRTY (SECRET) 231614Z

FROM: COM GEN BOMCOM 21

TO : COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM 20

1. GROUP: SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT, S-21, ERADICATE 3, 23 JAN 1945.
N 497 498 499 500

2. AIRBORNE: 17 22 22 17 17 17

3. A/C LANDING HOME
BASE: 16 22 22 17 17 16

4. A/C LANDING AWAY
FROM BASE:
(ISLEY FIELD NO. 2
SAIPAN)

5. TIMES OF LANDING:

FIRST A/C: 231201Z 231156Z 231111Z 231135Z

LAST A/C: 231244Z 231416Z 231257Z 231252Z

6. MISSING: 1 1 0 0 0 1

ROUTH GROUP:

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497TH GROUP: 24594 DITCHED SHORTLY AFTER TAKE OFF.
TWO MILES OFF SAIPAN. FIVE RESCUES.

24785 LOST TO ENEMY ACTION. CRASHED INTO
SEA EXPLODING AT (34-23N-137-45E).

THIS MESSAGE DISPATCHED FROM 21 BOM COM CONTROL ROOM AT 231614X

END.

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TOD : 231445Z TAS

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TOD 231727Z HS

RECD FN-23-27 23-1727Z WCR

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23 Jan 45 pgb
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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Washington, D. C.

Information for Briefing on XXI Bomber Command
Mission No. 21 - 23 January 1945
Late

Mission Code Name "ERADICATE # 3" (As of 1100 - 23 Jan 45)
Late

Targets: Primary - Mitsubishi Aircraft Engine Plant - NAGOYA
Secondary - Nagoya City
Last Resort - Any Industrial City

Take-off Times: 222115 - 222235z (221715 - 221835 Wash)

Time Over Primary Target: First a/c bombed at 230452z

Tactics: Incomplete reports: 35 bombed primary visually thru 4/10 to 7/10
14 bombed secondary thru 9/10 to 10/10, 18
bomb secondary by radar

Aircraft Participating: (Following from in-flight reports, partially garbled)

Primary Target - 35
Secondary Target - 32
Other Targets - 1

Bomb Load: 6000# - each a/c 60% 500# GP, 40% M76 IB

Losses: 1 to enemy action; 1 down at sea approx 100 mi S of Hamamatsu coast;
1 ditched 16 min after takeoff

Target Weather: Primary 4/10 to 7/10, secondary 9/10 to 10/10

Fighter Opposition: Primary - heavy and medium; secondary - slight to medium

Anti-Aircraft Encountered: Primary - moderate to slight, inaccurate
secondary - slight, inaccurate

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
INCOMPLETE AND PARTIALLY GARBLED IN-FLIGHT REPORTS,
POSSIBLY INCLUDING SOME DUPLICATE REPORTS

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By spj NARA Date 9/2/03

RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

QUOTE

TELECO N MSG FN-23-22 SECRET OP OP OP 230928Z

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TO COM GEN AF 20
FROM COMGEN 21 BOMCOM
INFO DEP COM AF 20

SUBJECT CONSOLIDATED IN FLIGHT REPORT ERADICATE THREE 24 JAN 1945
FOLLOWING SUMMARY PREPARED FROM 6 IN FLIGHT REPORTS RECEIVED
REPRESENTING 68 A/C . SOME OF THESE REPORT ARRIVED GARBLED AND

FIU

FIGURES ARE SUBJECT TO CORRECTION.

A. 35 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY THROUGH .4 TO .7 CLOUD. RESULTS
UNOBSERVED. FLAK MODERATE INACCURATE TO SLIGHT INACCURATE. FIGHTER
OPPOSITION HEAVY AND MEDIUM. 1A/C REPORTED LOST TO ENEMY ACTIN. 13
OF TOTAL BOMBING PRIMARY ARE UNCONFIRMED AS MESSAGE GARBLED AS TO
TRAGET BOMBED BUT TIME INDICATES PRIMARY.

B. 32 A/C BOMBED SECONDARY 18 BY RADAR, 14 FISUALLY THROUGH 10/10 AND
9/10 CLOUD. RESULTS OXXXXX UNOBSERVED. FLAK SLIGHT INACCURATE. FIGHTER
OPPOSITION SLIGHT TO MEDIUM. NO A/C LOST.

C. 1 A/C BOMBED TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY BY RADAR THROUGH 10/10 CLOUD.
THIS FROM LATE BOMBS AWAY REPORT

D. 1 A/C REPORTED DOWN AT SEA AT 230555Z AT 3421N - 13735E. AIR SEA
RESCUE FACILITES ALERTED.

E. 6 A/C RETURNED EARLY AT THIS TIME.

THE ABOVE REPORT FRAGMENTARY AND NOT TO BE USED FOR RECORD PURPOSE.
SOME OF ABOVE FIGURES MAY INCLUDE DUPLICATE REPORTS FROM SAME

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SQUADRONS.

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TOD 230943Z WL

ROGER 230943Z

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TOD: 230953Z LW

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Mission Report S-21	Telecon	FN-24-50	25 Jan	BGR

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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By authority of
CG, Twentieth Air Force

25 Jan 45
(Date)

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WASHINGTON PARTIES

GUA. PARTIES

Lt. Col. Hewitt

Colonel Ankenbrandt

Telecon Message No. FH-24-50

Subject: MISSILE REPORT S-21 ERADICATE THREE, 23 JANUARY 1945

(From: COMGLMBCO 21 To: COLAF 20 Info: DEPCO AF 20 PCA)

1. Designation of Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing.
2. Time of Take Off: 222115Z - 222235Z.
3. Time of Return: 231011Z - 231416Z.
4. No. A/C Taking Off: 73.
5. No. A/C Attacking Primary Target: 28.
6. No. A/C Attacking Secondary Target: 28.
7. No. A/C Attacking Last Resort Target: 0.
8. No. A/C Attacking Targets of Opportunity: 5 (Shingu).
9. No. A/C which failed to bomb Target: 12.

Mechanical - 11
Personnel - 1

10. No. A/C Lost to Flak: 0.
11. No. A/C Lost to E/A: 1.
13. No. A/C Lost by reasons unknown: 1 ditched due to engine failure.
14. Time of Attack: Primary Target - 230533Z - 230547Z.
Secondary Target - 230642Z - 230700Z.
Targets of Opportunity - Shingu - 230632Z - 230650Z.
RR- 230702Z.
RR Jet - 230633Z.
15. Altitude of Attack: Primary - 25,000 - 27,000 feet.
Secondary - 25,000 feet.
Targets of Opportunity - Shingu - 21,500 - 27,008 feet.
RR - 26,500 feet.
RR Jct. - 27,000 feet.

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16. Primary: 196 X 500 GP - 136 X 500 IB.
 Secondary: 196 X 500 GP - 140 X 500 IB.
 Targets of Opportunity: Shingu - 21 X 500 GP - 15 X 500 IB.
 RR - 7 X 500 GP - 5 X 500 IB.
 RR Jct - 7 X 500 GP - 5 X 500 IB.
17. No. A/C Jettisoning Bombs: 13 A/C - 84 X 500 GP - 64 X 500 IB.
 1 A/C - 4 IB hang on racks.
18. No. A/C bringing bombs back: None.
19. Personnel Casualties: Killed - 1
 Seriously Wounded - 1
 Slightly Wounded - 8
 Missing - 17
20. No. B/A Destroyed: 24
 Probables - 24
 Damaged - 36
21. Remarks:
- (1) Enemy Air Opposition:
- A. 499th and 500th Bomb Groups:
 1. Approximately 270 attacks. B-29's received a few attacks before reaching IP and were under attack along route until 60 miles out from land. The heaviest concentration was in the target area with the peak of intensity after Bombs Away.
- II. Attacks were generally hard pressed with fire ranging from accurate to inaccurate.
- III. Approaches were well distributed although the favored attacks were from ahead, level to above. Reports were made for the first time of almost vertical attacks being made from high ahead.
- IV. More coordinated attacks were reported than from previous mission. These were in two, three, four and six airplane sections, comprised of single and twin engine aircraft.
- V. Attacks were made principally by Irvings, Hicks, Tonys, Tojos and Zekes with a possible preponderance of twin engine aircraft.
- VI. A Wick, from 3.0 feet above, dropped a phosphorus bomb which exploded approximately 100 feet below the formation. A Zeke dropped a bomb which exploded about 400 feet below the fighter and 500 feet above our aircraft. Approximately 20 black bursts, about five feet in diameter were observed. Neither bomb caused damage.
- B. 497th and 498th Bomb Groups:
 1. Approximately 200 attacks; very few occurred between IP and target area and after leaving the general target area. Heaviest concentration was immediately after Bombs Away.
- II. The fighters were generally aggressive with fire ranging from accurate to inaccurate.
- III. Approaches were well distributed with only a slight preference shown for frontal attacks.
- IV. Several coordinated attacks by three and four mixed single and twin engine B/A were reported.

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V. The majority of these attacks were made by single engine aircraft with predominant types being Tonys, Tojos, Nicks and Zekes.

(2) Flak:

Enemy AA fire was encountered from the time of landfall until the formation left the coast on the way home. The 899th and 500th Groups were over the primary target approximately an hour before the 497th and 498th Groups arrived over the Hagoya area, but the experience of all four groups with respect to flak was very similar. Heavy, inaccurate to accurate, nearer to intense fire was experienced, with the greatest intensity of fire over the primary target area. The airplanes were between 25,000 and 27,000 feet, and most bursts were black, although a few brown, grey, and white bursts were seen also. One possible phosphorous burst was reported. Barrage, predicted concentration, and continuously pointed fire were all noted along the route.

Nineteen aircraft reported flak damage, and several were rocked by bursts. One airplane of the 500th Group was damaged by a burst of barrage or possibly predicted concentration fire in the target area and left the formation. It was later seen to be heavily attacked by enemy fighter and crashed into the sea about 30 miles from the coast. No parachutes seen.

(3) A/C Lost or in Distress:

1 A/C ditched 2 miles from Saipan because of malfunction of No. 3 and No. 4 engine. 5 crew members rescued and 6 missing.

(4) A/C seriously damaged or crashed on return: None.

(5) A/C Battle Damage: 31 A/C

- 1 will be ready for combat within 1 day.
- 11 will be ready for combat within 2 days.
- 10 will be ready for combat within 3 days.
- 3 will be ready for combat within 5 days.
- 1 will be ready for combat within 6 days.
- 5 will be ready for combat over 7 days.

(6) Observation:

Observation:	Time	Place	Heading and Speed	Alt/Obs
A. Four objects - possibly life rafts	222300Z	1604N 14450E		1,500
B. Fire and smoke concentrated in one spot	222319Z	14429E 1650N		1,200
C. One DD (friendly)	230041Z	2006N-14212E	340 Deg. 15 knots	1,000
D. One DD (enemy)	230824Z	2805N-14100E	155 Deg. 15-20 knots	20,000
E. One searchlight on Iwo Jima	230912Z	Iwo Jima		20,000
F. 8 ship convoy 2 DD & AKs - 2 others	230500Z	3347N 1603E	75 Deg.	26,000

(7) PI: First phase photo interpretation report from strike photos 23 January 1945 print reference 3 PR 4-17-2-15 follows: No hits visible on target. Rebuilt sub-assembly building received near miss V3.6, H10.2. Concentration of 50 hits visible south of target in vicinity of filtration ponds. 50 hits visible 4 miles SE of target at eastern edge of city. 2 groups of 50 hits each visible in mountain areas east of target exact location unknown. 135 hits visible 2 miles N of Obatahara Airfield. 30 hits visible in vicinity of Hagoya RR Station. 30 S/E A/C visible on Obatahara Airfield. 14 S/E A/C and 30 T/E A/C visible on Likatahara Airfield. (Incomplete coverage)

(9) Crew Comments: None.

(10) Narrative: All squadrons had heavy undercast right up to the target and so were forced to make most of run by radar. The 499th and 500th were to make visual last minute corrections but the other two groups found 10/10 cloud cover in the area so bombed the secondary target by radar. 2 A/C were dispatched as dumbos so that they arrived on Station 300 to 400 miles off the Japanese Coast 1/2 hour before the first strike time. They remained there until all A/C has passed on the way home, intercepting radio messages and ready for safety work. Other information fully covered above.

DISTRIBUTION: ACTION: None
REFORMATION: CS; DC/S Opr (2); A-2 (10); A-3 OCCR(2); Stat Control(2); AA (1); CI Arch (1) (5 Filc)

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Ditching a/c.	Telecom	FN-23-25	231738	BFR
Aircraft lost or missing	cable	Cmbr 23065	23 Jan.	Amv

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MISSING & LOST A/C

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Aircraft lost in Missing*

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XX 1 BC*

From: CG 73rd Bomber Wing, Saipan
To : Deputy Commander 20th Air Force Hickam Field TH
Nr : P 1742

23 January 1945

To COMGEN 20th AF from ODonnell 73 BW, P 1742
info COMGEN POA attn Casualty Division, COMGEN XXI BC.

Missing air crew report 869th Bomb Sqdn 497th Bomb Group is submitted in compliance with AF 20th Telecon msg S-9-6 Dec 44. Circumstances:

Plane took off on bombing mission with Nagoya as target on 23 Jan 45 but due to loss of 1 and partial loss of another engine aircraft was forced to ditch 2 miles west of Tanapag Harbor Saipan. 5 survivors rescued by Navy (names do not appear in this report) balance carried as missing in action.

Brown, Frank M Cpl 32714974 nearest rel Mrs Elizabeth Brown mother PO box 238 Carle Place New York.
Crucitti, Joseph D Cpl 31406975 nearest rel Mrs Marion Crucitti wife 21 Marathon place, Port Chester, New York.
Freeman, James L 2nd Lt 0698690 nearest rel Mrs Virginia Lee Freeman wife 302 Sycamore Drive, Decatur, Georgia.
Henderson, Emil A Jr Sgt 12022030 nearest rel Mr Emil A Henderson Sr father 30 Dennis St, Manhasset, Long Island New York.
Hoover, Glen J Sgt 35544636 nearest rel Mrs Marie Hoover wife Whitehouse, Ohio.

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From: CG 73rd Bomber Wing, Saipan

Nr : P 1742

23 January 1945

Whitaker, Bernard E Sgt 35720532 nearest rel Mrs Betty
L Whitaker wife RD 2 Box 132, Terre Haute, Indiana.

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Note: Message received by AGWAR as retransmission by 20th
AF under DTG : 230716Z.

ACTION: TAG

INFO : CG AAF

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RECEIVED BY AGWAR ON RECOMMUNICATION BY SGT
MORSE: MESSAGE RECEIVED BY S30LIGS.

DATE: 01/24/54

TIME: 06 45 AM

OW-TH-83002 (S) (P) DKO S30LIGS PA

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TELECON MSG FN-23-25 **SECRET** OP OP OP 23120

T-WAR

TO COM GEN AF 20

FROM: COM GEN 21 BOCOM

INFO DEP COM GEN AF 20

SUBJECT: DITCHING OF A/C ~~SWIFTON~~ ERADICATE THREE 23 JAN 45

THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS RECEIVED FROM BW 73:

PILOT AND CO-PILOT~~XXXXXX~~ CO-PILOT:

TAKE OFF AT 222214Z NORMAL AFTER JOINING FORMATION NO 4 ENGINE NOSE AND REAR OIL PRESSURE DROPPED BELOW RED LINE AND ALL TEMPERATURE GAUGES WENT UP ENGINE REPORTED SMIKING SLIGHTLY. ENGINE WAS FEATHERED TO PREVENT ~~FRXXX~~ FIRE. BOMBS AND BOMB BAY TANK WERE DROPPED AS SOON AS ISLAND AND SHIPS WERE CLEARED. WITH FULL MP NO 3 HXXX ENGINE HAD 30 INCHES AND NO 1 AND 2 HAD 55 INCHES- FULL RPM ON REMINING THREE ENGINES AIR SPEED 140 CREW WERE INSTRUCTED TO TAKE DITCHING POSITIONS. WHEN AIRPLANE CRACKED PAREN POWER WAS STILL ON AND PILOT WAS TRYING TO MAINTAIN ALTITUDE. NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO DITCH.

DEP GP CO 498 BOMB GP

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MAJ SNOW DIRECTING TAKEOFF FROM GROUND OBSERVED A/C BEHIND FORMATION BETWEEN SAIPAN AND TINIAN,. LOOSING ALTITUDE AND ONE ENGINE SATRBOARD SIDE APPARENTY WINDMILLING SLOLY. ABOUT ONE MILE OFF SHORE WEST OF SAIPAN ESTIMATED ALTITUDE 2200 FEET BOMBS WERE DROPPED SAFE AND A/C UPPEARED TO GAIN SLIGHT ALTITUDE, BUT IN A FEW SECONDS STARTED DESCENDING AND CRASHED AT 222235Z ABOUT 3 TO 4 MILES NORTH NORTHWEST OF SOUTHWEST END ISLEY NO 2. A/C FLOAETED APPROXIMATELY 3 MINUTES BOATS WERE OSXXXX OBSERVED HEADING IN DIRECTION OF CRASH AND DUMBOS FROM ISLEY ARRIVED APPRXIMATELY 222245Z.

LT GUY W GRAIG UNXXX USNR, SS FORTWOOD (TANKER) OBSERVED A/C PASSING STERN OF VESSEL THEM TO DROP BOMBS AND CRASH AND SANK IMMEDIATLY. A LIFE BOAT MAKE SEARCH OF AREA AFTER SURVIVORS WERE REX RESCUED BY ANOTHER CRAFT.

LT TELLET, CAPT US COASTGUARD WOODBINE.

SAY A/C ABOUT ONE AN ONE HALF MILES AWAY ALTITUDE ESTIMATED ABOUT 200 FEET. WHEN PLANE CRASHED DID NOT APPEAR TO BE ATTEMPTING A LANDING.

A/ C BROKE TAIL OFF ON FIRST IMPACT AND SANK. FRONT SECTION SXX WENT DOWN IMMEDIATELY. ARRIVED AT SCENE ABOUT 10 MINS AFTER CRASH AND

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By *ad* NARA Date *9/2/03*

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OVER TO PC TQQWY WHICH WAS FASTER THAN THE WOODBINE.

AIR SET SET 797/111 SW HOW NOW HOW NOW

AIR SEA RESCUE.

DUMBO DISPATCHED AND ARRIED AT 222245Z. CRASH BOAT DISPATCHED AND
ARRIVED AT 2245Z (SURVIVORS ALREADY PICKED UP) CRASH BOAT MET PCA1126
AT HARBOR ENTRANCE TRANSFERRED SURVIVORS AND BROUGHT THEM ASHORE AT
222345Z.

AIR SEA RECSUE EFFICIENCY CONCXXX CONSIDERED EXCELLENT.

STATUS OF CREW MEMBERS RESCUED:

SECOND LT BALLRD- CO-PILOT - INJURY MILD

FIRST LT MCGREGORY- PILOT - INJURY KXX MODERATE

SECOND LT YOUNG - FLT ENGINEER - INJURY MODERATE

SECOND LT GLOSSIEK - NAVIGATOR - INJURY MODERATE

CPL CRUMP - RIGHT GUNNER- INJURY MILE

ADDITIONAL REPORT WILL BE SENT WHEN CREWS ARE RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL.

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ac to Bombing Target Mechanical Failures of Airframe	Telcom	FN-4-16	4 Feb.	am
AC Loss Report #10 - Mission #22	Telcom	FN-30-2	30 Jan.	AMW

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By authority of
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30 Jan 45
(Date)

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GUAM PARTIES

Lt. Col. Hewitt

Colonel Ankenbrandt

Telecon Message No. FN-30-2

SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT LOSS REPORT NO. 10 MISSION NO. 22

(From: BOMCOM 21 To: COMGENAF 20 Info: DEPCOMGENAF 20 PMA)

A. B-29 42-24616.
B. Missing, no word. Heavy fighter attacks from the coast to target. Flames were seen coming out of bomb bay and aircraft was last seen making left turn out of formation of bomb run and apparently under control
C. Over target.
D. Unknown.

A. B-29 42-24619.
B. Missing, no word. Heavy fighter attacks from the coast to target. Aircraft suffered hits from these fighters and was last seen over target.
C. Over target.
D. Unknown.

A. B-29 42-63423.
B. Lost due to enemy action. Heavy fighter attacks from the coast to target. No. 1 engine caught on fire and aircraft lost altitude but was still under control and exploded over the target.
C. Over target.
D. Unknown.

A. B-29 42-63541.
B. Ditched due to enemy action. Fuel systems shot up causing loss of fuel and was forced to ditch.
C. 26 degrees 15 min N - 144 degrees 55 min E.
D. Unknown.

A. B-29 42-65246.
B. Crashed due to enemy action. One enemy fighter collided with aircraft damaging left wing and destroying one nacelle. Another enemy fighter collided with aircraft knocking out tail guns and damaging severely the right and left elevator and the horizontal stabilizer. Aircraft was destroyed on crash landing at Isley Field No. 1.
C. Isley Field No. 1, Saipan, Marianas Islands.
D. None lost.

A. B-29 42-63501.
B. Aircraft was heavily attacked by fighters after leaving the target. No. 1 engine was shot out and aircraft was losing altitude as many fighters continued to attack. Last seen going into cloud near coast followed by fighters.
C. Near coast of Honshu.
D. Unknown

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- A. B-29 42-24767.
- B. Ditched due to enemy action. Two engines, fuel system, and electrical system shot out and was forced to ditch from lack of fuel.
- C. 29 degrees 29 min N - 143 degrees 20 min E.
- D. Unknown.
- A. B-29 42-24769.
- B. Crashed due to enemy action. Enemy fighters heavily attacked aircraft near target and No. 4 engine began smoking immediately after bombs away. No. 1 engine also started smoking and aircraft was seen to go into half roll. It recovered from the roll but had lost altitude and was attacked by fifteen enemy fighters. Aircraft was seen to crash on land. There was no visible explosion or fire.
- C. Near target.
- D. Unknown.

DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: ~~MEMEX~~ Stat Control (2)

INFORMATION: CS; DC/S Oor (2); A-4 (2); Flying Safety (2) (5511e)

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Twentieth Air Force

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DATE 4 February 1945

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WASHINGTON PARTIES

TERMINAL PARTIES

Mt. Col. Heritt

Col. Aukerbrant

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TELECON MESSAGE NO.
42-4-16

SUBJECT
Mechanical Failures of Airborne A/C to Bomb Primary Targets

(To: COMGENAF 20 From: HOSCOM 21)

See your telecon C-4-6.

Mission No. 21 was a 313th Wing training mission.

Mission No. 22

497th Bomb Group

42-245942 ditched 4 miles off Saipan shortly after take off, No. 4 engines failure.

42-63427 - Faulty electrical release system. Jettisoned.

42-63658 - Bomb bay door relay switches failed to make contact. Jettisoned.

42-63471 - No. 4 engine No. 17 cylinder. Blown rocker box and broken rush rod. Jettisoned.

42-65231 - Improper carburetor setting No. 4 engine. Jettisoned.

498th Bomb Group

42-64610 - Rack malfunction-blown fuse. Jettisoned.

42-64611 - No. 2 engine trouble, No. 1 collector ring burned out. Bombed Shingu.

42-63416 - No. 2 turbo burned out. Bombed Shingu.

42-24544 - Excessive oil leak No. 1 engine. Bombed Tanguiva.

499th Bomb Group

42-63483 - No. 2 engine fuel pressure rose to 22 lbs & remained there. 6lb. air lock

between transmitter and fuel pressure indicator. Jettisoned.

42-63477 - No. 3 prop governor stuck at 2200 RPM. Brush load to computer on electric head of governor broken. Jettisoned.

500th Bomb Group

42-24694 - Forward fuel transfer pump was installed turned 180 degrees off, thereby changing the direction of fuel flow. Jettisoned.

42-63497 - No. 2 & 4 turbo regulator inoperative. Jettisoned.

42-63487 - Bomb rack malfunction. Jettisoned.

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Stat Con (2 cys)

INFORMATION

c/s DC/S Opr (2 cys); A-4 (3 cys); Flying Safety (2 cys)

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TELECON MESSAGE NO K-23-1

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SUBJECT PRESS FLASH

TO: COMGENBOMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOMAF 20

FROM COMAF 20

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FOLLOWING PRESS FLASH WILL BE RELEASED HERE 230730Z

RPT 230730Z: TWENTIETH AIR FORCE SUPERFORTRESSES TODAY (JANUARY

23, JAPANESE CALENDAR) ATTACKED INDUSTRIAL TARGETS ON THE JAPANESE

HOMELAND OF HONSHU, GENERAL OF THE ARMY H. H. ARNOLD, COMMANDING
GENERAL OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE, ANNOUNCED AT HEADQUARTERS IN
WASHINGTON. TAKING OFF FROM BASES IN THE MARIANAS, WHERE MAJOR
GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY HAS JUST TAKEN OVER THE XXI BOMBER COMMAND,
THE B-29'S AGAIN STRUCK AT THE CENTER OF INDUSTRIAL JAPAN. DETAILS
OF THIS MISSION WILL BE RELEASED WHEN INFORMATION IS RECEIVED AT
TWENTIETH AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS. (TO MCKELWAY INFO HARTWELL FROM
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WASHINGTON PARTIES		DATE 25 January 1945
TERMINAL PARTIES		

Lt. Col. Hewitt
TELECON MESSAGE NO. FM-24-10

SUBJECT
Flash Report from Strike Photos, Eradicate 3 flown 23 Jan 45.

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

From photos received here one group bombed target No. 193 with one near miss on sub assembly building and a minimum of 20 bursts S of target along water filtration plant.

One group bombed secondary with minimum of 12 bursts on and around area of targets 1153 and 430.

One group bombed just NE of target 1806 with minimum of 60 bursts observed.

Photography covering A/C of last group class C.

Repairs from previous mission progressing but not as yet completed.

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	INFORMATION	C/S : A-2

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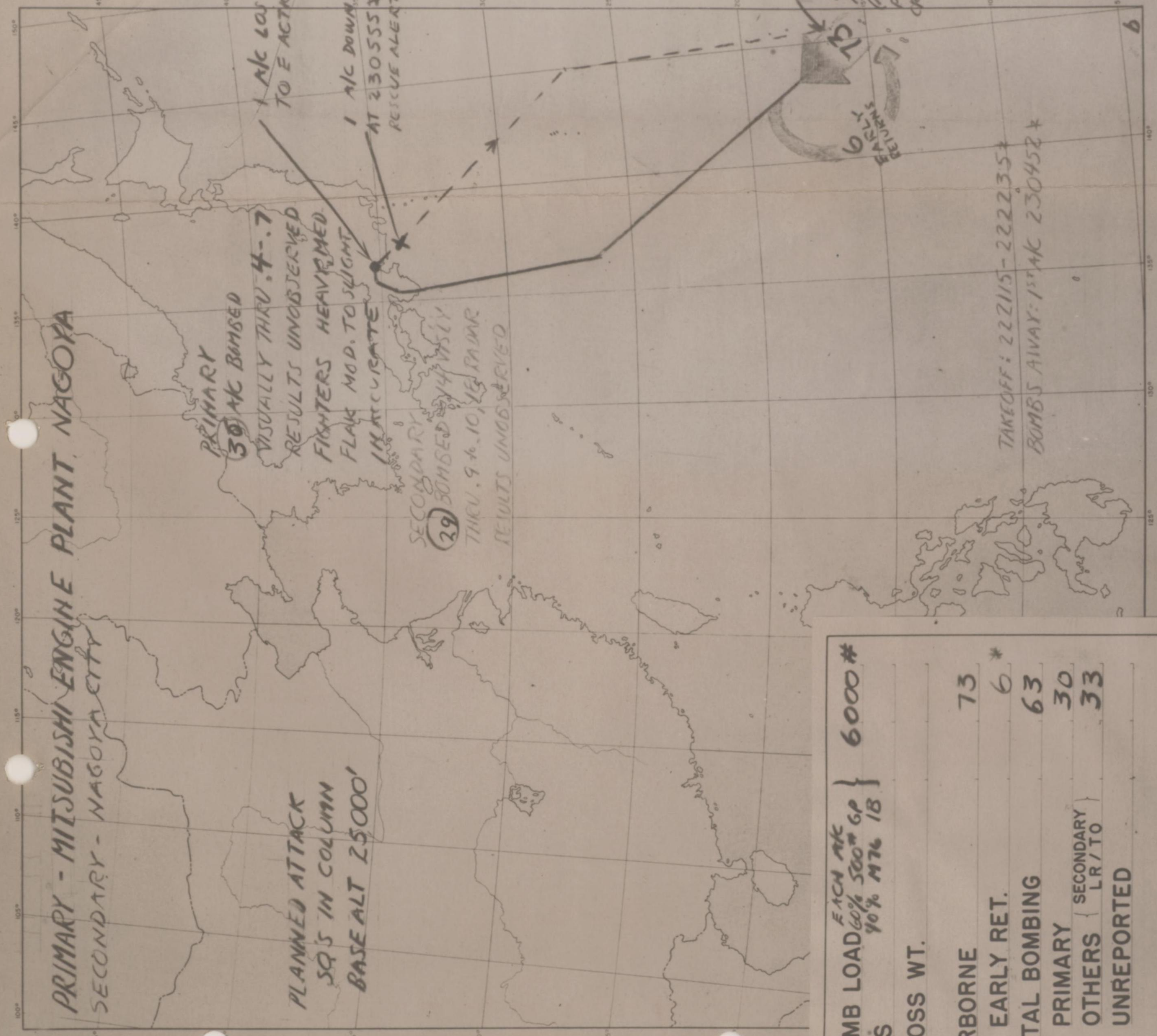
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23 JAN 45

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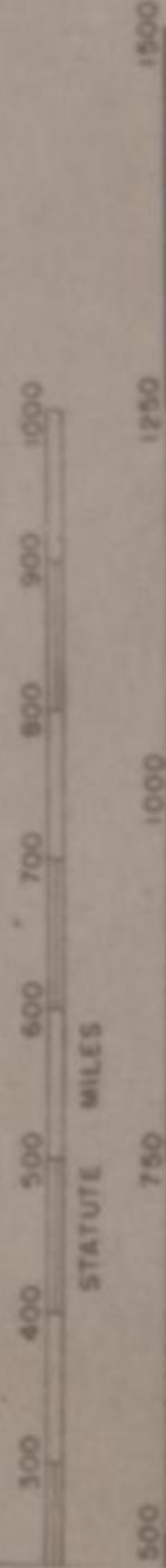
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GAS	60% 500# GP } 40% M76 1B }
GROSS WT.	
AIRBORNE	73
EARLY RET.	6 *
TOTAL BOMBING	63
PRIMARY	30
OTHERS	SECONDARY LR/TO } 33
UNREPORTED	
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ENEMY ACTION	1 *
OPERATIONAL	DITCHED } 2 *
MISSING	(PART OF 1 CREW RESCUED)
CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	15
PROBABLE DEST.	13
DAMAGED	34

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TAKEOFF: 222115 - 222235
BOMBS AWAY: 1ST AK 230452 *

TARGET INFORMATION SECTION
SEPTEMBER 1944

CLEAR BASE MAP



AS OF 0700 23 JAN 45

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AC/AS, INTELLIGENCE

XXI BOMBER COMMAND

Mission No. 22 - 27 January 1945 - Daylight

Target: Tokyo

RCM INFORMATION

1. General.

Four RCM search aircraft searched for early warning radar equipment enroute to the mainland and for GCI and/or GL radars from the landfall to the target and back. Enemy fighter communications channels were also monitored.

2. Results.

a. A total of 98 radar signals were logged with frequencies from 60 to 300 mc, one with frequency of 2097 mc, and 8 communications frequencies between 27 and 106 mc.

b. No D/F'ing of any signal was possible due to the lack of suitable antennas.

c. The possibility of a well coordinated Japanese fighter and anti-aircraft gun defense is evident by the following report of one RCM observer. "Before interception by enemy fighters, a strong radar signal of 148 mc frequency, PRF of 1,250 and PL of 11 microseconds with antenna lobe switching tracked the formation. While over the target, a strong signal of 198 mc was picked up. This signal had a 2000 c.p.s. PRF, and a pulse length of 7 microseconds. While this radar was tracking, the fighters broke off and the aircraft was subjected to flak.

d. Flak over the target was continuously pointed indicating radar control. Twelve heavy gun installations showing radar equipment have been photographed over this target area. The signal intercepts with gun laying radar characteristics over this target have been at frequencies of 150 to 200 mcs.

AC/AS INTELLIGENCE COMMENT: Fighter frequencies were monitored on the AN/ANQ-2 recorder and some traffic was picked up on 106 mc but have proved of no value because of the poor quality of recording. Therefore, the enemy fighter communication channels remain undisclosed and will need further investigation.

Concentration of signals was noted but this was not surprising since it was anticipated several months ago that the Japanese would have much more and a much better quality equipment grouped around their homeland targets. It is interesting to note that three possible GCI intercepts were made at 145, 148 and 155 mc frequencies.

Although many signals were intercepted it was not possible to associate any GL radar characteristics with gun installations that are known to be installed in that area because of the lack of D/F antenna. It is hoped that this lack of equipment problem will be solved soon.

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the lack of equipment problem will be solved soon.

installed in that area because of the lack of D/E antennas. It is hoped that
 and. GI radar characteristics with gun installations that are known to be
 Although many signals were intercepted it was not possible
 frequencies.

ing to note that three possible GCI intercepts were made at 142, 143 and 144 mc
 better quality equipment grouped around their homeland targets. It is hoped
 anticipated several months ago that the Japanese would have made
 Concentration of signals was noted but this was not an
 communication channels remain undisturbed and will need further investigation.

because of the poor quality of recording. Therefore, the enemy fighter
 recorder and some traffic was picked up on 108 mc but have proved of no value

AC/AS INTELLIGENCE COMMENT: Fighter frequencies were monitored at 495 VA/VAI-5

characteristics over this target have been at frequencies of 150 to 500 mc.
 photographed over this target area. The signal intercepts with gun laying radar
 control. Twelve heavy gun installations showing radar equipment have been
 g. Talk over the target was continuously pointed indicating radar
 craft was subjected to talk.

seconds. While the radar was tracking, the fighters broke off and the air-
 dicked up. This signal had a 5000 c.p.s. FM and a pulse length of 1 micro-
 tracked the formation. While over the target, a strong signal of 138 mc was
 dency, FM of 1,520 and PI of 11 microseconds with antenna lobe switching
 "Before interception by enemy fighters, a strong radar signal of 148 mc fre-
 aircraft gun defense is evident by the following report of one RCM operator.

c. The possibility of a well coordinated Japanese fighter and anti-
 antennas.

p. No D/E,ing of any signal was possible due to the lack of antipep
 between 51 and 108 mc.

a. A total of 38 radar signals were logged with frequencies from 60

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target and back. Enemy fighter communications channels were also monitored.
 enroute to the mainland and for GCI and/or GI radars from the mainland to the
 Four RCM search aircraft searched for early warning radar equipment

I. General.

RCM INFORMATION

Target: Tokyo

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM

QUOTE

TELECOM MESSAGE FN-22-38 OP OP ~~SECRET~~ 222151Z
T-COM AF 20 (OTHERS HANDLED BY RADIOGRAMS)

FROM : 21 BOMCOM

TO : COMGEN AF 20

INFO : DEP COM AF 20

CTF 93 CTG 93.2 CTU 30.5.3

CTF 94 CTG 17.7

CTU 94.4.2 CTU 30.5.2

FIRST ACFT AIRBORNE AT 22212XXXXX AT 222115Z ON ERADICATE THREE.

TARGET WEATHER ESTIMATED AT 1/10 LOW ~~CLOUD~~ CLOUD, 2/10 MIDDLE CLOUD
BELOW BOMB LEVEL, 7/10 HIGH CLOUD ABOVE. ROUTE THROUGH WEAK POINT ON
FRONT NEAR 23 DEGREES NORTH WITH INTERMITTENT LIGHT RAIN. BASES
GOOD THRUOUT DAY.

TOD/: 222212Z CB

UNQUOTE

TOD: 01222255Z CC

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