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MISSION #30 - SAIGON, 25 Jan "PURIFICATOR"
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Date of attack	Extract of Telecon	J-1583	25 Jan	25 Jan.	E.K.
Code words, clarification of	telecon	E-1555	20 Jan.		am

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EXTRACT OF TELETYPE CONFERENCE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND KHARAGPUR

DATE 20 January 1945

WASHINGTON PARTIES	TERMINAL PARTIES
Lt. Col. Hewitt	Col. Herman

TELECON MESSAGE NO.	SUBJECT
E-1555	Code Words, Clarification of

Prior Planning
Missions 30 & 31
IX BC

(To: COMAF 20 From: DEPCOMAF 20)

1. Refer our telecon E-1412 paragraph (D).

A. Weather and moon conditions have necessitated setting up this operation as two separate missions, which will be performed on same date or as near thereto as possible.

B. Mission No. 30 will cover Saigon and Cam Ranh Bay areas tentatively set up for D-Day on 25 January under code name Purificator, reference our telecon E-1194.

C. Mission No. 31 will cover Singapore Area tentatively set up for D-Day on 25 January under code name Repeatedly, reference our telecon E-1194.

2. Mission plans are being sent in separate telecon message.

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EXTRACT OF TELECON NO. J-1583 FROM DEPCOM AF 20 IBC Dated 25 January 1945

Proposed missions:

25 January - 26 mining sorties against Cap St. Jacques (Saigon) and Camranh Bay

27 January - 24 bombing sorties against shipping (if present) or the Naval yard at Saigon

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Plan Relayed To ~~XXI~~ BC	Telecon	H-24-2	242308Z		BGR

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TELECON MSG NO H-24-2 ((TOP SECRET)) ((242308Z))

SUBJECT: PLAN FOR PURIFICATOR AND REPEATEDLY MISSIONS

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

THE FOLLOWING IS XX BOMBER COMMAND'S PLAN FOR PURIFICATOR & REPEATEDLY

1. PURIFICATOR MISSION

(A) ON 25 JANUARY XX BC MINES HARBOR AREAS AT SAIGON AND CAM RANH BAY.

(B) 462ND GP FURNISHING 26 A/C TO BE EMPLOYED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) 10 A/C TO MINE CAPE ST. JACQUES FIELD, SAIGON AREA.

PIN POINT: ABREST PT. GANRAI (09 DEGREES 23'N, 107 DEGREES 03'E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 160 DEGREES MAGNETIC

MINING ALTITUDE: 5000' PRESSURE ALTITUDE

TIME OVER TARGET: 1452Z

(2) 4 A/C TO MINE GANHRAI BAY FIELD, SAIGON AREA

PIN POINT: POINT GANHRAI (09 DEGREES 23'N, 107 DEGREES 03'E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 301 DEGREES MAGNETIC

MINING ALTITUDE: 2000' PRESSURE ALTITUDE

TIME OVER TARGET: 1452Z

(3) 5 A/C TO MINE SONG SOIRAP FIELD, SAIGON AREA

PIN POINT: ENTRANCE TO SONG SOIRAP (09 DEGREES 23'XXXX 24'N, 106 DEGREES 48'E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 320 DEGREES MAGNETIC

MINING ALTITUDE: 3000' PRESSURE ALTITUDE

TIME OVER TARGET: 1452Z

(4) 7 A/C TO MI NE RPT MINE GRAND PASSAGE FIELD, CAM RANH BAY AREA

PIN POINT: NECK OF PASSAGE TO CAM RANH BAY (11 DEGREES 53'N, 109 DEGREES 12'E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 160 DEGREES MAGNETIC

MINING ALTITUDE: 3000' PRESSURE ALTITUDE

TIME OVER TARGET: 1514Z

(C) SECONDARY MINING AREAS: GOH SI CHANG CHANNEL (13 DEGREES 10'N, 100 DEGREES 50'E) AND MEKONG RIVER (BETWEEN 11 DEGREES 16'N, 105 DEGREES 17'E AND 11 DGREES 35'N, 104 DEGREES 55'E OR BETWEEN MYTHA (10 DEGREES 20'N, QXXX 106 DEGREES 23'E) AND MOUTH OF RIVER)

(D) LAST RESORT MINING AREA: TAVOY HARBOR (13 DEGREES 35'N, 98 DEGREES 14'E)

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PIN POINT: NECK OF PASSAGE TO CAM RANH BAY

(11 DEGREES 53'N, 109 DEGREES 12'E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 160 DEGREES MAGNETIC

MINING ALTITUDE: 3000' PRESSURE ALTITUDE

TIME OVER TARGET: 1514Z

(C) SECONDARY MINING AREAS: GOH SI CHANG CHANNEL (13 DEGREES 10'N, 100 DEGREES 50'E) AND MEKONG RIVER (BETWEEN 11 DEGREES 16'N, 105 DEGREES 17'E AND 11 DGREES 35'N, 104 DEGREES 55'E OR BETWEEN MYTHA (10 DEGREES 20'N, QXXX 106 DEGREES 23'E) AND MOUTH OF RIVER)

(D) LAST RESORT MINING AREA: TAVOY HARBOR (13 DEGREES 35'N, 98 DEGREES 14'E)

ALTITUDE OUT: EVEN PRESSURE ALTITUDES

ALTITUDE BACK: ODD PRESSURE ALTITUDE

(E) MINE LOAD: BETWEEN 6 & 8 THOUSAND POUNDS PER A/C

(F) TOTAL OF 194 MK26-1 MINES WILL BE UTILIZED. OF THIS TOTAL, 118 WILL BE SET TO ARM IMMEDIATELY AND REMAINDER WILL BE SET TO ARM WITH 15 - 20 - 30 DAYS DELAY. ALL MINES WILL BEDXXXRPT BECOME STERILIZED AFTER 82 DAYS.

2. REPEATEDLY MISSION

(A) ON 25 JANUARY XX BC MINES HARBOR AREAS AT SINGAPORE.

(B) 444TH GP FURNISHING 24A/C TO BE EMPLOYED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) 9 A/C TO MINE JOHORE STRAIT FIELD, SINGAPORE AREA.

PIN POINT: NW TIP TEKONG ISLAND (01 DEGREES 26'N, 104 DEGREES 02'E)

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AXIS OF ATTACK: 150 DEGREES MAGNETIC

MINING ALTITUDE: 5000' PRESSURE ALTITUDE

TIME OVER TARGET: 1809Z

(2) 4 A/C TO MINE MIDDLE CHANNEL FIELD, SINGAPORE AREA

PIN POINT: NE TIP BATAM ISLAND (01 DEGREES 12'N, 104 DEGREES 06'E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 60 DEGREES MAGNETIC

MINING ALTITUDE: 4000' PRESSURE ALTITUDE

TIME OVER TARGET: 1809Z

(3) 11 A/C TO MINE OUTER MIDDLE CHANNEL FIELD, SINGAPORE AREA

PIN POINT: NE TIP BATAM ISLAND (01 DEGREES 12'N, 104 DEGREES 06'E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: SEE ANNEX NO. 2 "MINING DATA."

MNING ALTITUDE: 4000' PRESSURE ALTITUDE

TIME OVER TARGET: 1809Z

(C) 468TH GP FURNISHING 26 A/C TO BE EMPLOYED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) 8 A/C TO MINE RHIP SXXXXRPT MINE RHIO STRAIT FIELD, SINGAPORE AREA

PIN POINT: 4 A/C - SEBONG POINT (01 DEGREES 07'N, 104 DEGREES 15'E)

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PIN POINT: NE TIP BATAM ISLAND (Ø1 DEGREES 12'N, 1Ø4 DEGREES Ø6'E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 6Ø DEGREES MAGNETIC

MINING ALTITUDE: 4ØØØ' PRESSURE ALTITUDE

TIME OVER TARGET: 18Ø9Z

(3) 11 A/C TO MINE OUTER MIDDLE CHANNEL FIELD, SINGAPORE AREA

PIN POINT: NE TIP BATAM ISLAND (Ø1 DEGREES 12'N, 1Ø4 DEGREES Ø6'E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: SEE ANNEX NO. 2 "MINING DATA."

MNING ALTITUDE: 4ØØØ' PRESSURE ALTITUDE

TIME OVER TARGET: 18Ø9Z

(C) 468TH GP FURNISHING 26 A/C TO BE EMPLOYED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) 8 A/C TO MINE RHIP SXXXXRPT MINE RHIO STRAIT FIELD, SINGAPORE AREA

PIN POINT: 4 A/C - SEBONG POINT (Ø1 DEGREES Ø7'N, 1Ø4 DEGREES 15'E)

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4 A/C - TANJONG SAN ISLAND (Ø1 DEGREES Ø4'N, 1Ø4 DEGREES 15'XXXXX 1Ø'E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 167 DEGREES MAGNETIC

MINING ALTITUDE: 3ØØØ' PRESSURE ALTITUDE

TIME OVER TARGET: 18Ø9Z

(2) 4 A/C TO MINE INNER MIDDLE CHANNEL FIELD, SINGAPORE AREA

PIN POINT: NE TIP BATAM ISLAND (Ø1 DEGREES 12'N, 1Ø4 DEGREES Ø6'E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 6Ø DEGREES MAGNETIC

MINING ALTITUDE: 4ØØØ' PRESSURE ALTITUDE

TIME OVER TARGET: 18Ø9Z

(3) 9 A/C TO MINE INNER MAIN STAXXX STRAIT FIELD, SINGAPORE AREA

PIN POINT: LITTLE KARIMOEN

PLS CHECK

(3) 9 A/C TO MINE INNER MAIN STRAIT FIELD, SINGAPORE AREA

PIN POINT: LITTLE KARIMOEN ISLAND (Ø1 DEGREES Ø8'N, 1Ø3 DEGREES 24'E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 85 DEGREES MAGNETIC

MINING ALTITUDE: 4ØØØ' PRESSURE ALTITUDE

TIME OVER TARGET: 1739Z

(4) 5 A/C TO MINE OUTER MAIN STRAIT FIELD, SINGAPORE AREA

PIN POINT: PIAI POINT (Ø1 DEGREES 16'N, 1Ø3 DEGREES 31'E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: SEE ANNEX NO. 2 "MINING DATA".

MINING ALTITUDE: 6ØØØ' PRESSURE ALTITUDE

TIME OVER TARGET: 18Ø9Z

(D) SECONDARY MINING AREAS: PENANG HARBOR (Ø5 DEGREES

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SINGAPORE AREA

PIN POINT: NE TIP BATAM ISLAND (Ø1 DEGREES 12'N, 1Ø4 DEGREES Ø6'E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 6Ø DEGREES MAGNETIC

MINING ALTITUDE: 4ØØØ' PRESSURE ALTITUDE

TIME OVER TARGET: 18Ø9Z

(3) 9 A/C TO MINE INNER MAIN STAXXX STRAIT FIELD, SINGAPORE AREA

PIN POINT: LITTLE KARIMOEN

PLS CHECK

(3) 9 A/C TO MINE INNER MAIN STRAIT FIELD, SINGAPORE AREA

PIN POINT: LITTLE KARIMOEN ISLAND (Ø1 DEGREES Ø8'N, 1Ø3 DEGREES 24'E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 85 DEGREES MAGNETIC

MINING ALTITUDE: 4ØØØ' PRESSURE ALTITUDE

TIME OVER TARGET: 1739Z

(4) 5 A/C TO MINE OUTER MAIN STRAIT FIELD, SINGAPORE AREA

PIN POINT: PIAI POINT (Ø1 DEGREES 16'N, 1Ø3 DEGREES 31'E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: SEE ANNEX NO. 2 "MINING DATA".

MINING ALTITUDE: 6ØØØ' PRESSURE ALTITUDE

TIME OVER TARGET: 18Ø9Z

(D) SECONDARY MINING AREAS: PENANG HARBOR (Ø5 DEGREES 25'N, 1ØØ DEGREES 21'E)
PAKCHAN RIVER (1Ø DEGREES ØØ'N, 98 DEGREES 35'E)
MERGUI HARBOR (12 DEGREES 25'N, 98 DEGREES 35'E)

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(E) LAST RESORT MINING AREA: TAVOY HARBOR (13 DEGREES 35'N, 98 DEGREES 14'E)

(F) ALTITUDE OUT: EVEN PRESSURE ALTITUDES

(G) ALTITUDE BACK: ODD PRESSURE ALTITUDES

(H) MINE LOADING: BETWEEN 2 & 4 THOUSAND POUNDS PER A/C

(I) TOTAL OF 186 MK26-1 AND 57 MK25 MINES WILL BE UTILIZED. OF THIS TOTAL 162 ARE SET TO ARM IMMEDIATELY AND THE REMAINDER ARE SET TO ARM ON 15, 2Ø, AND 3Ø DAY DELAY. ALL MINES WILL BECOME STERILIZED IN 82 DAYS.

THE 4ØTH GP IS HELD IN RESERVE TO FURNISH WEATHER AND PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE SHIPS AND TO PROVIDE A STRIKE FORCE IN THE EVENT OF A GOOD TARGET RESULTING FOXXX FROM THE MINING OPERATION.

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AXIS OF ATTACK: 150 DEGREES MAGNETIC

MINING ALTITUDE: 5000' PRESSURE ALTITUDE

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TELECON MESSAGE NR. E-1556 (TOP-SECRET)
SUBJECT: PLANS FOR PURIFICATOR AND REPEATEDLY MISSIONS:

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TO: COMGENAF 20 FROM: DEPCOMAF 20
Saigon Singapore (Manning)

1. THE FOLLOWING IS OUR PLAN FOR PURIFICATOR AND REPEATEDLY MISSIONS:

A. PURIFICATOR MISSION:

(1) ON 25 JANUARY THIS COMMAND MINES HARBOR AREAS AT SAIGON AND CAM RANH BAY.

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(2) THE 462ND GROUP FURNISHES A TOTAL OF 26 AIRCRAFT TO BE EMPLOYED AS FOLLOWS:

(A) TEN AIRCRAFT TO MINE CAPE ST. JACQUES FIELD, SAIGON AREA.
ROUTE OUT: BASE - DIAMOND ISLAND (15DEGREES 52'N, 94DEGREES 17'E) - TAVOY POINT (13DEGREES 32'N, 98DEGREES 08'E) CHHLONG (12DEGREES 16'N, 105DEGREES 58'E) - MINING AREA.
ROUTE BACK: PHU QUOC ISLAND (10DEGREES 01'N, 104DEGREES 03'E) - TAVOY POINT (13DEGREES 32'N, 98DEGREES 08'E) - DIAMOND ISLAND (15DEGREES 52'N, 94DEGREES 17'E) - BASE.
IP: CHHLONG (12DEGREES 16'N, 105DEGREES 58'E).
PIN POINT: ABREST PT. GANRAI (09DEGREES 23'N, 107DEGREES 03'E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 160 DEGREES MAGNETIC.
MINING ALTITUDE: 5000' PRESSURE ALTITUDE
TIME OVER TARGET: 1452Z

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(B) FOUR AIRCRAFT TO MINE GANHRAI BAY FIELD, SAIGON AREA.
ROUTE OUT: BASE - DIAMOND ISLAND (15DEGREES 52'N, 94DEGREES 17'E) - TAVOY PT. (13DEGREES 32'N, 98DEGREES 08'E) - CHHLONG (12DEGREES 16'N, 105DEGREES 58'E) - DEGA PT (10DEGREES 41'N, 108DEGREES 00'E) - 10DEGREES 16'N, 107DEGREES 15'E) - MINING AREA.
ROUTE BACK: PHU QUOC ISLAND (10DEGREES 01'N, 104DEGREES 03'E) - TAVOY POINT (13DEGREES 32'N, 98DEGREES 08'E) - DIAMOND ISLAND (15DEGREES 52'N, 94DEGREES 17'E) - BASE.
IP: SEVEN MILES SOUTH OF CAPE TIOAN (10DEGREES 16'N, 107DEGREES 15'E)
PIN POINT: POINT GANHRAI (09DEGREES 23'N, 107DEGREES 03'E).
AXIS OF ATTACK: 301DEGREES MAGNETIC.
MINING ALTITUDE: 2000' PRESSURE ALTITUDE.
TIME OVER TARGET: 1452Z.

(C) FIVE AIRCRAFT TO MINE SONG SOIRAP FIELD, SAIGON AREA.
ROUTE OUT: BASE - DIAMOND ISLAND (15DEGREES 52'N, 94DEGREES 17'E) -

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TAVOY POINT (13DEGREES 32'N, 98DEGREES Ø8'E) - CHHLONG (12DEGREES 16'N, 1Ø5DEGREES 58'E) - KEGA POINT (1ØDEGREES 41'N, 1Ø8DEGREES ØØ'E) - 1ØDEGREES 13'N, 1Ø7DEGREES Ø5'E) - TARGET.

ROUTE BACK: PHU QUOC ISLAND (1ØDEGREES Ø1'N, 1Ø4DEGREES Ø3'E) - TAVOY POINT (13DEGREES 32'N, 98DEGREES Ø8'E) - DIAMOND ISLAND (15DEGREES 52'N, 94DEGREES 17'E) - BASE.

IP: SEVEN MILES SOUTH OF CAPE ST. JACQUES (1ØDEGREES 12'N, 1Ø7DEGREES Ø5'E)

PIN POINT: ENTRANCE TO SONG SOIRAP (Ø9DEGREES 24'N, 1Ø6DEGREES 48'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 32Ø DEGREES MAGNETIC.

MINING ALTITUDE: 3ØØØ' PRESSURE ALTITUDE.

TIME OVER TARGET : 1452Z.

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(D) SEVEN AIRCRAFT TO MINE GRAND PASSAGE FIELD, CAM RANH BAY AREA.

ROUTE OUT: BASE - DIAMOND ISLAND (15DEGREES 52'N, 94DEGREES 17'E) - TAVOY POINT (13DEGREES 32'N, 98DEGREES Ø8'E) - CHHLONG (12DEGREES 16'N, 1Ø5DEGREES 58'E) - KEGA POINT (1ØDEGREES 41'N, 1Ø8DEGREES ØØ'E) - POINT PADARAN (11DEGREES 22'N, 1Ø9DEGREES Ø1'E) - EASTERN TIP TRE ISLAND 12DEGREES 12'N, 1Ø9DEGREES 19'E) - 12DEGREES Ø5'N, 1Ø9DEGREES 15'E - 11DEGREES 54'N, 1Ø9DEGREES 1Ø'E - MINING AREA.

ROUTE BACK: TARGET - OFF COAST TO KEGA POINT (1ØDEGREES 41'N, 1Ø8DEGREES ØØ'E) - CHHLONG (12DEGREES 16'N, 1Ø5DEGREES 58'E) - TAVOY POINT (13DEGREES 32'N, 98DEGREES Ø8'E) - DIAMOND ISLAND (15DEGREES 52'N, 94DEGREES 17'E) - BASE.

IP: NECK OF PASSAGE TO CAM RANH BAY (11DEGREES 53'N, 1Ø9DEGREES 12'E).

PIN POINT: NECK OF PASSAGE TO CAM RANH BAY (11DEGREES 53'N, 1Ø9DEGREES 12'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 16ØDEGREES MAGNETIC.

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MINING ALTITUDE: 3ØØØ' PRESSURE ALTITUDE.

TIME OVER TARGET: 1514Z.

(3) (A) SECONDARY MINING AREAS: GOH SI CHANG CHANNEL (13DEGREES 1Ø'N, 1ØØDEGREES 5Ø'E) AND MEKONG RIVER (BETWEEN 11DEGREES 16'N, 1Ø5DEGREES 17'E AND 11DEGREES 35'N, 1Ø4DEGREES 55'E OR BETWEEN MYTHA (1ØDEGREES 2Ø'N, 1Ø6DEGREES 23'E) AND MOUTH OF RIVER)

(B) LAST RESORT MINING AREA: TAVOY HARBOR (13DEGREES 35'N, 98DEGREES 14'E)

(C) ALTITUDE OUT: EVEN PRESSURE ALTITUDES.

(D) ALTITUDE BACK: ODD PRESSURE ALTITUDE.

(E) MINE LOAD: BETWEEN SIX AND EIGHT THOUSAND POUNDS PER AIRCRAFT.

(F) A TOTAL OF 194 MK26-1 MINES WILL BE UTILIZED. OF THIS TOTAL 118 WILL BE SET TO ARM IMMEDIATELY AND REMAINDER WILL BE SET TO ARM WITH 15 - 2Ø - 3Ø DAYS DELAY. ALL MINES WILL BECOME STERILIZED AFTER 82 DAYS.

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B. REPEATEDLY MISSION: E-1556 (TOP-SECRET)

(1) ON 25 JANUARY THIS COMMAND MINES HARBOR AREAS AT SINGAPORE.

(2) THE 444TH GROUP FURNISHES A TOTAL OF 24 AIRCRAFT TO BE EMPLOYED AS FOLLOWS:

(A) NINE AIRCRAFT TO MINE JOHORE STRAIT FIELD, SINGAPORE AREA.

ROUTE OUT: BASE - PREPARIS ISLAND (14DEGREES 52'N, 93DEGREES 40'E) - TENGGOL ISLAND (04DEGREES 47'N, 103DEGREES 40'E) - CAPE PENYABONG (02DEGREES 38'N, 103DEGREES 46'E) - N.W. TIP OF TEKONG ISLAND (01DEGREES 26'N, 104DEGREES 03'E) - TARGET.

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ROUTE BACK: TARGET - 00DEGREES 53'N, 102DEGREES 25'E - 02DEGREES 42'N, 100DEGREES 13'E - PREPARIS ISLAND (14DEGREES 52'N, 93DEGREES 40'E) - BASE.

IP: PENYABONG POINT (02DEGREES 38'N, 103DEGREES 46'E) .

PIN POINT: N.W. TIP TEKONG ISLAND (01DEGREES 26'N, 104DEGREES 02'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 150DEGREES MAGNETIC.

MINING ALTITUDE: 5000' PRESSURE ALTITUDE.

TIME OVER TARGET: 1809Z.

(B) FOUR AIRCRAFT TO MINE MIDDLE CHANNEL FIELD, SINGAPORE AREA.

ROUTE OUT: BASE - PREPARIS ISLAND (14DEGREES 52'N, 93DEGREES 40'E) - ROEPAT ISLAND (02DEGREES 07'N, 101DEGREES 39'E) - BENGALIS ISLAND (01DEGREES 28'N, 102DEGREES 31'E) - SOUTH TIP OF GREAT KARIMOEN ISLAND 00DEGREES 59'N, 103DEGREES 27'E) - POINT ON BATAM ISLAND (01DEGREES 12'N, 104DEGREES 06'E) - TARGET.

ROUTE BACK: TARGET - CAPE DATOK (01DEGREES 21'N, 104DEGREES 18'E) - TIOMAN ISLAND (02DEGREES 46'N, 104DEGREES 10'E) - TENGGOL ISLAND (04DEGRE 47'N, 103DEGREES 40'E) - PREPARIS ISLAND (14DEGREES 52'N, 93DEGREES 40'E) - BASE.

IP: N.E. TIP BATAM ISLAND (01DEGREES 12'N, 104DEGREES 06'E).

PIN POINT: SAME AS IP.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 60DEGREES MAGNETIC.

MINING ALTITUDE: 4000' PRESSURE ALTITUDE.

TIME OVER TARGET: 1809Z.

(C) ELEVEN AIRCRAFT TO MINE OUTER MIDDLE CHANNEL FIELD, SINGAPORE AREA.

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PIN POINT: SAME AS IP

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ROUTE OUT: BASE - PREPARIS ISLAND (14DEGREES 52'N, 93DEGREES 40'E) - ROEPAT ISLAND (02DEGREES 07'N, 101DEGREES 39'E) - BENGALIS ISLAND (01DEGREES 28'N, 102DEGREES 31'E) - SOUTH TIP OF GREAT KARIMOEN ISLAND (00DEGREES 59'N, 103DEGREES 27'E) - POINT ON BATAM ISLAND 01DEGREES 12'N 104DEGREES 06'E) - HORSEBURGH LIGHT (01DEGREES 22'N, 104DEGREES 26'E). TARGET.

ROUTE BACK: TARGET - TIOMAN ISLAND (02DEGREES 46'N, 104DEGREES 10'E) - TENGGOL ISLAND (04DEGREES 74'N, 103DEGREES 40'E) - PREPARIS ISLAND (14DEGREES 52'N, 93DEGREES 40 'E) - BASE.

IP: N.E. TIP BATAM ISLAND (01DEGREES 12'N, 104DEGREES 06'E).

PIN POINT: SAME AS IP.

AXIS OF ATTACK: SEE ANNEX NO. 2 " MINING DATA".

MINING ALTITUDE: 4000' PRESSURE ALTITUDE.

TIME OVER TARGET: 1809Z.

(3) THE 468TH GROUP FURNISHES A TOTAL OF 26 AIRCRAFT TO BE EMPLOYED AS FOLLOWS:

(A) EIGHT AIRCRAFT TO MINE RHIO STRAIT FIELD, SINGAPORE AREA.

ROUTE OUT: BASE - PREPARIS ISLAND (14DEGREES 52'N, 93DEGREES 40'E) - TENGGOL ISLAND (04DEGREES 47'N, 103DEGREES 40'E) - TINGGI ISLAND (02DEGREES 18'N, 104DEGREES 07'E) - 01DEGREES 20'N, 104DEGREES 09'E - TARGET.

ROUTE BACK : TARGET - 00DEGREES 53'N, 102DEGREES 25'E - 02DEGREES 42'N, 100 DEGREES 13'E - PREPARIS ISLAND (14DEGREES 52'N, 93DEGREES 40'E) - BASE.

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IP: TINGGI ISLAND (02DEGREES 18'N, 104DEGREES 07'E).

PIN POINT: FOUR AIRCRAFT: SEBONG POINT (01DEGREES 07'N, 104DEGREES 15'E) FOUR AIRCRAFT: TANJONG SAN ISLAND (01DEGREES 04'N, 104DEGREES 10'E.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 167DEGREES MAGENTIC.

MINING ALTITUDE: 3000' PRESSURE ALTITUDE.

TIME OVER TARGET: 1809Z.

(B) FOUR AIRCRAFT TO MINE INNER MIDDLE CHANNEL FIELD, SINGAPORE AREA.

ROUTE OUT: BASE- PREPARIS ISLAND (14DEGREES 52'N, 93DEGREES 40'E) - ROEPAT ISLAND (02DEGREES 07'N, 101DEGREES 39'E) - BENGALIS ISLAND (01DEGREES 28'N, 102DEGREES 31'E) - SOUTH TIP OF GREAT KARIMOEN ISLAND 00DEGREES 59'N, 103DEGREES 27'E) - POINT ON BATAM ISLAND (01DEGREES 12'N, 104DEGREES 06'E) - TARGET.

ROUTE BACK: TARGEO CAPE DATOK (01DEGREES 21'N, 104DEGREES 18'E) - TIOMAN ISLAND (02DEGREES 46'N, 104DEGREES 10'E) - TENGGOL ISLAND (04DEGREES 47'N, 103DEGREES 40'E) - PREPARIS ISLAND 414DEGREES 52'N, 93DEGREES 40'E) - BASE.

IP: N.E. TIP BATAM ISLAND (01DEGREES 12'N, 104DEGREES 06'E).R PIN QOINT SAME AS IP

AXIS OF ATTACK : 60DEGREES MAGNETIC.

MINING ALTITUDE: 4000' PRESSURE ALTITUDE.

TIME OVER TARGET: 1809Z.

(C) NINE AIRCRAFT TO MINE INNER MAIN STRAIT FIELD, SINGAPORE AREA.

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ROUTE OUT: BASE - PREPARIS ISLAND (14DEGREES 52'N, 93DEGREES 40'E) - ROEPAT ISLAND (02DEGREES 07'N, 101DEGREES 39'E) - BENGALIS ISLAND

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100 DEGREES 13'E - PREPARIS ISLAND (14DEGREES 52'N, 93DEGREES 40'E) - BASE.

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IP: TINGGI ISLAND (02DEGREES 18'N, 104DEGREES 07'E).

PIN POINT: FOUR AIRCRAFT: SEBONG POINT (01DEGREES 07'N, 104DEGREES 15'E)

FOUR AIRCRAFT: TANJONG SAN ISLAND (01DEGREES 04'N, 104DEGREES 10'E.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 167DEGREES MAGENTIC.

MINING ALTITUDE: 3000' PRESSURE ALTITUDE.

TIME OVER TARGET: 1809Z.

(B) FOUR AIRCRAFT TO MINE INNER MIDDLE CHANNEL FIELD, SINGAPORE AREA.

ROUTE OUT: BASE- PREPARIS ISLAND (14DEGREES 52'N, 93DEGREES 40'E) - ROEPAT ISLAND (02DEGREES 07'N, 101DEGREES 39'E) - BENGALIS ISLAND (01DEGREES 28'N, 102DEGREES 31'E) - SOUTH TIP OF GREAT KARIMOEN ISLAND 00DEGREES 59'N, 103DEGREES 27'E) - POINT ON BATAM ISLAND (01DEGREES 12'N, 104DEGREES 06'E) - TARGET.

ROUTE BACK: TARGEO CAPE DATOK (01DEGREES 21'N, 104DEGREES 18'E) - TIOMAN ISLAND (02DEGREES 46'N, 104DEGREES 10'E) - TENGGOL ISLAND (04DEGREES 47'N, 103DEGREES 40'E) - PREPARIS ISLAND 414DEGREES 52'N, 93DEGREES 40'E) - BASE.

IP: N.E. TIP BATAM ISLAND (01DEGREES 12'N, 104DEGREES 06'E).R PIN QOINT SAME AS IP

AXIS OF ATTACK : 60DEGREES MAGNETIC.

MINING ALTITUDE: 4000' PRESSURE ALTITUDE.

TIME OVER TARGET: 1809Z.

(C) NINE AIRCRAFT TO MINE INNER MAIN STRAIT FIELD, SINGAPORE AREA.

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ROUTE OUT: BASE - PREPARIS ISLAND (14DEGREES 52'N, 93DEGREES 40'E) - ROEPAT ISLAND (02DEGREES 07'N, 101DEGREES 39'E) - BENGALIS ISLAND (01DEGREES 28'N 102DEGREES 31'/3) - LITTLE KARIMOEN ISLAND (01DEGREES 08'N, 103DEGREES 24'E) - TARGET.

ROUTE BACK: TARGET - ~~CPAE~~ CAPE DATOK (01DEGREES 21'N, 104DEGREES 18'E) - TIOMAN ISLAND (02DEGREES 46'N, 104DEGREES 10'E) - TENGGOL ISLAND (04DEGREES 47'N, 103DEGREES 40'E) - PREPARIS ISLAND (14DEGREES 52'N, 93DEGREES 40'E) - BASE.

IP: LITTLE KARIMOEN ISLAND (01DEGREES 08'N, 103DEGREES 24'E).

PIN POINT: SAME AS IP.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 85 DEGREES MAGNETIC.

MINNING ALTITUDE: 4000' PRESSURE ALTITUDE.

TIME OVER TARGET: 1739Z.

(D) FIVE AIRCRAFT TO MINE OUTER MAIN STRAIT FIELD, SHNGAPORE AREA.

ROUTE OUT: BASE - PREPARIS ISLAND (14DEGREES 52'N, 93DEGREES 40'E) - ~~(028"433 53;'N, 10P0DEGREES~~ 02DEGREES 53'N 101 DEGREES 15'E) - CAPE PIAI (01DEGREES 16'N, 103DEGREES 31'E) - TARGET.

ROUTE BACK: TARGET - 00DEGREES 53'N, 102DEGREES 25'E - 02DEGREES 42'N, 100DEGREES 13'E - PREPARIS ISLAND (14DEGREES 52'N, 93DEGREES 40'E) - BASE.

IP: ~~08-8 098,5~~ PIAI POINT (01DEGREES 16'N, 103DEGREES 31'E).

PIN POINT: SAME AS IP

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AXIS OF ATTACK: SEE ANNEX NO. 2 "MINING DATA".

MINING ALTITUDE 6000' PRESSURE ALTITUDE.

TIME OVER TARGET: 1809Z.

(4) SECONDARY MINING AREAS:

PENANG HARBOR (05DEGREES 25'N, 100DEGREES ~~2&'1.16~~ 21'E).

PAKCHAN RIVER (10DEGREES 00'N, 98DEGREES 35'E).

MERGUI HARBOR (12DEGREES 25'N, 98DEGREES ~~DETJE~~ 35'E).

(5) LAST RESORT MINING AREA: TAVOY HARBOR (13DEGREES 35'N), 98DEGREES 14(E).

(6) ALTITUDE OUT: EVEN PRESSURE ALTITUDES.

(7) ALTITUDE BACK: ODD PRESSURE ALTITUDES

~~PRESSURE ALTITUDES~~.

(8) MINE LOADING: BETWEEN TWO AND FOUR THOUSAND POUNDS PER AIRCRAFT.

(9) A TOTAL OF 186 MK26-1 AND 57 MK25 MINES WILL BE UTILIZED. OF THIS TOTAL 162 ARE SET TO ARM IMMEDIATELY AND THE REMAINDER ARE SET TO ARM ON 15, 20, AND 30 DAY DELAY. ALL MINES WILL BECOME STERILIZED IN 82 DAYS.

2. THE 40TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP IS HELD IN RESERVE TO FURNISH WEATHER AND PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE SHIPS AND TO PROVIDE A STRIKE FORCE IN THE EVENT OF A GOOD TARGET RESULTING FROM THE MINING OPERATION.

3. THE MINING OF THE LINGGA AREA , WHILE NOT FEASIBLE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS MISSION, IS UNDER CONSIDERATION AT THIS HEADQUARTERS AND PLANS ARE BEING PREPARED AT PRESENT.

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TOD: 220330Z (LJO)

HERE IS ONE CORRECTION IN MSG NR 1556 PART 3 RPT PART 3 SUB PARA X/ SUB PARA C RPT SUB PARA C UNDER AXIS OF ATTACK IT SHOULD READ 85 DEGREES RPT 85 DEGREES NOT 850 AS IF HAVE IT PLS FIX

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Take-off Reports Missions 30+31	Telecon	D-1595		25 1755	BGR
" " " "	Cable	CMDX 8140D			ES

TAKE OFF REPORTS

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TELECON MESSAGE NUMBERND-1595 ((SECRET))

SUBJECTWC TAKEOFF REPORT ON MISSION 30 AND 31

TO COMGENAF 20 FROM COMGENBOMCOM 20

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1. AIRBORNE: 444TH GROUP--24--FIRST AT 250838--LAST AT 250941Z

AIRBORNE: 462ND GROUP--26--FIRST AT 250630--LAST AT 250829Z

AIRBORNE: 468TH GROUP--26--FIRST AT 250903--LAST AT 250943Z

2. TARGETS

444TH GROUP--PRIMARY-- MINING OF THE SINGAPORE AREA.

SECONDARY--- MINING OF PENANG HARBOR, PAKCHAN RIVER OR MERGUI HARBOR.

LAST RESORT-- MINING OF TAVOY HARBOR.

462ND GROUP--PRIMARY-- MINING THE CAP ST JACQUES, SAIGON, CMA RUXH BAY AREA.

SECONDARY-- MINING GO SI CHANG CHANNEL OR MEKONG RIVER.

LAST RESORT-- MINING OF TAVOY HARBOR.

468TH GROUP--PRIMARY-- MINING OF THE SINGAPORE ARE.

SECONDARY-- MINING OF PENANG HARBOR, PAKCHAN RIVER OR MERGUI HARBOR.

LAST RESORT-- MINING OF TAVOY HARBOR.

3. EARLY RETURNS AS OF 211500Z: 4AIRCRAFT WHICH DID NOT MINE.

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Deputy C. of S. Opr.
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From: CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

To: War Department
Deputy Commander 20th Air Force, Hickam Field, T. H.
Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Areas, Leyte, Philippines
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India
CG, 10th Air Force, Myitkyina, Burma
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Forward Echelon, Hsinching, China

Nr: CMDX 8140 D 25 January 1945

COMAF 20th from Ramey info DEPCOMAF 20th, MacArthur, Stratemeyer, Sultan, Davidson, Monteith CMDX 8140 D.

Mining missions field order 30 and 31 underway against Singapore, Saigon, Cap St Jacques, Cam Ranh Bay areas as primaries with secondaries for Singapore area Penang and Mergue harbors and last resort Tavoy harbor. Secondaries for Saigon-Cap St Jacques, Cam Ranh Bay area are Go Si Chang channel near Bangkok and portions of the Mekong river with last resort Tavoy harbor.

Only 3 groups participating with first off at 250630 and last at 0943Z for total of 76 aircraft.

The 462nd Group mining Saigon area has 18 aircraft carrying 8 and 8 aircraft carrying 6 MK 26-1 mines.

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From: CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

Nr: CMDX 8140 D 25 January 1945

Mine loading reports not yet received from 444th and 468th Groups, going to Singapore but formers aircraft will all carry approximately 6 MK 26-1 mines.

Estimated loading for 468th Group will be 1 mine aircraft carrying 3 MK 25 mines and 7 aircraft carrying 6 MK 26-1 mines.

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ACTION: CG AAF

INFO: OPD; G-2; Adm King; C of S

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Bombs Away Messages	Telecon	D-1596		251754z	BGR
Summary of Bombs Away	Telecon	D-1597		252042z	BGR
Relay to ~~XXI~~ B.C.	Telecon	G-25-11			EWS
Query on Bombs AWAY —	Telecon	Note			EK
Query on Bombs Away	Telecon	Note			EK.

BOMB STRIKE REPORTS

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DO YOU WISH US TO REMAIN IN CONTACT FOR BOMBS AWAY MESSAGES FROM OTHER PRIMARIES, WHICH WILL NOT BE RECEIVED FOR ANOTHER HOUR AND A HALF TO THREE HOURS ??

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AT APPROXIMATELY 2030Z WE /// OUR FREQUENCIES GO BAD AND WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CONTACT YOU UNTI // UNTIL 0030Z OF THE 26TH.

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SAME HERE SO WILL RETURN TO REGULAR TRAFFIC NOW

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CONFERENCE: Ø1251742Z

PRESENT HERE: CAPT I ISS// ISAACS

SUBJECT: SPECIAL CONFERENCE.

YES

RECEIVED MSG NO FN 25-

RECEIVED MSG NO D-1595 WCR 251745Z

RECEIVED MSG NO D-1596 WCR 251748Z

ANSWER TO NOTE:

YOUR BEST BET IS TO CALL US FOR CONFERENCE WHEN YOU RECEIVE YOUR BOMBS AWAY MESSAGES. D~~OE RPT~~ DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION? IF YOU CANNOT CONTACT US BY 2Ø3ØZ, SUGGEST YOU SEND IT BY CABLE IF YOU CANNOT CONTACT US BEFORE REGULAR CONFERENCE TIME, BUT TRY MAKING CONTACT AT 2Ø3ØZ.

WE HAVE NOTHING FURTHER

ROGER GOING LOWER BOTH WAYS CUL

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CONFERENCE 012520ØØZ

PRESENT HERE:

MAJOR HERRMANN

1ST LT. STEPHENSON (SIG OIC)

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SUBJECT: PSPECIAL CONFERENCE

TELECON MESSAGE NO. D-1597 - SECRET

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF BOMBS AWAY MESSAGES AS OF 252ØØZ

FROM COMGENBOMCOM TWENTY TO COMGENAF TWENTY

PA1 -- 51

PA2--2

PA5--1

PB1--4

PB2--1

SA1--4

RETURNED MINES--4

JETTISONED MINES--1

TOTAL MESSAGES RECEIVED: 68

END

TOD: ///// FOLLOWING IS INCLUDED IN ABOVE MESSAGE:

ADD 1-PA2

ADD 1-PB2

ADD 1-PB5

TOTAL 71

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TOD: 252ØØ9Z DEC

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TELECON MESSAGE NO. 1596-D - SECRET

SUBJECT: BOMBS AWAY MESSAGES AS OF 251745Z

FROM COMGENBOMCOM 20 TO COMGENAF 20

1. 462ND GROUP:

PA1:01 FROM 23 AIRCRAFT

PB1:01 FROM 1 AIRCRAFT

2. 444TH GROUP:

SA1:01 FROM 2 AIRCRAFT

3. 468TH GROUP

SA1:01 FROM 1 AIRCRAFT

END

TOD: 1746Z DEC

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KHARAGPUR HONOLULU PARTIES

Col. Herman Col. Ankenbrandt

TELECON MESSAGE G-25-11 S E C R E T

SUBJECT XX BOMCOM MISSION PURIFICATOR AND REPEATEDLY

TO: COMGENBOMCOM XXI INFO DEP COMAF 20 FROM COMGENAF 20

SEVENTY SIX ARICRAFT OF XX BOMBER COMMAND WERE AIRBORNE AS OF

250943Z ON ABOVE TWO MISSION S --- FOUR EARLY RETURNS . AS O

252009Z BOMBS AWAY HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM 66 AIRCRAFT, ONE

JETTISONED MINES.

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Relay XXI B.C.

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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	AG	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	COMM	OP 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 Plans
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Prelim. Report - Purificator	Telecon	D-1600		2604002	ebs
" " "	Distribution Sheet for Hqs. Sections				ebs
Req. for report on Repeatedly	Telecon	K-25-9			ebs
Prelim on Purificator & Repeatedly	Telecon	D-1600		2609302	ebs
" " " " "	Distribution Sheet for Hqs. Sections				ebs
Relay of Prelim " " " to XXIBC	Telecon	G-26-4	270431 Z		MB.
Preliminary Mission Report	Cable	CMDX8179D	26 Jan.		dm
~~" " "~~	~~Telecon~~	CMDX 8582		1 Feb.	dm
Preliminary Report	—	—	—	1 Feb.	dm

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Washington, D.C.

PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XX BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 30 & 31 - 25 & 26 JANUARY 1945

"PURIFICATOR" & "REPEATEDLY"

Target: Primary - #30, Saigon and Cam Ranh Bay Areas
#31, Singapore Harbor
Secondary - #30, Mekong River
#31, Penang Harbor, Pakchan River or Mergui Harbor
Last Resort - (Both Missions) Tavey Harbor

Take-off: 250230 - 250543 Washington (250630Z - 250943Z)

Time of Attack: 251013 - 251401 Washington, 252231 - 260301 Theater (251413Z - 251901Z)

Aircraft: Total Bombing 71
Primary 65
Secondary 5
Other Targets 1

Aircraft Lost or Missing: None

Casualties: None Reported

Bomb Load: #30 - 6000 to 8000 lbs. MK 26-1 Mines
#31 - 2000 to 4000 lbs. MK26-1 and MK 25 Mines

Bomb Tons Dropped: 231 short tons of which 213 tons were dropped on the primaries

Tactics: 64 visual, 7 radar at an altitude of from 2000 to 6000 feet

Weather: CAVU to 5/10

Fighter Opposition: None

Flak: Meager and inaccurate, auto-weapons fire, at Singapore only
None at other targets

Claims: None

Results: Good to excellent

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

As of 0930, 26 January 1945

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LAURIS NORSTAD
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
Chief of Staff

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Washington, D. C.

Information for Briefing on XX Bomber Command
Mission No. 30 & 31 25 Jan. 1945
Date

Mission Code Name "#30 - PURIFICATOR
~~#31 - REPEATEDLY~~" (As of 1030Z 26 Jan.)
Date

Targets: Primary - ~~Mining Operations - #30, Saigon and Cam Ranh Bay Areas~~
#31, Singapore Harbor
Secondary - ~~#30, Mekong River: #31, Penang Harbor, Pakchan River or~~
Mergui Harbor
Last Resort - ~~Tavoy Harbor (Both Missions)~~

Take-off Times: 250230 - 250543 Washington
~~250630Z to 250943Z~~
252231 250301 Theater

Time Over Primary Target : 251013 - 251401 Washington
~~251413Z to 251901Z~~

Tactics: ~~Generally visual - 2000 to 6000 feet altitude.~~

Aircraft Participating: 71

Primary Target - 65

Secondary Target - 5

Other Targets - 1

Bomb Load: #30 - 6000 to 8000 lbs. MK26-1 Mines
~~#31 - 2000 to 4000 lbs. MK26-1 and MK 25 Mines~~

Losses: None

Target Weather: CAVU to 5/10

Fighter Opposition: Nil

Anti-Aircraft Encountered: None - auto-weapons fire at Singapore.

Results of Bombing: Excellent to good

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

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Washington, D. C.

Information for Briefing on XX Bomber Command
Mission No. 30 - 25 Jan. 1945
Date

Mission Code Name " PURIFICATOR " (As of 0400Z- 26 Jan.)
Date

Targets: Primary - Mining Operation - Saigon and Cam Ranh Bay Areas

Secondary - Mekong River

Last Resort - Tavoy Harbor

Take-off Times: 250630Z to 250829Z

Time Over Primary Target : 251413Z to 251544Z

Tactics: All visual except radar at target of opportunity.

Aircraft Participating: 26

Primary Target - 25 (1 a/c dropped some mines on secondary also)

Secondary Target -

Other Targets - 1

Bomb Load: 6000 to 8000 lbs. MK26-1 Mines

Losses: None - None missing.

Target Weather: CAVU to 5/10

Fighter Opposition: Nil

Anti-Aircraft Encountered: Nil

Results of Bombing: Excellent (Observed

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

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Missions 30 + 31
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From: CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

To: War Department
Deputy Commander, 20th Air Force, Hickam Field, T. H.
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India
Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines
CG, 10th Air Force, Myitkyina, Burma
CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China

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Nr: CMDX 8179 D 26 January 1945

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Subject to change preliminary mission report on 20th Bomber Command mining operation against the Singapore, Asigon, and Cam Ranh Bay areas follows:

Of 76 planes airborne, 71 mined target areas, 65 of which mined assigned primary target areas with 213 estimated tons of mines.

Five mined secondary target areas with estimated 15 tons and one mined opportunity area with 3 tons. Of aircraft failing to mine, one jettisoned and four returned with mines.

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From: CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

Nr: CMDX 8179 D 26 January 1945

Mining was accomplished from two to six thousand feet in weather varying from CAVU to five tenths with generally excellent results reported by aircraft over primary target areas from 25/1413Z to 25/1901Z. All aircraft returned safely.

65 planes placed bombs visually and 5 by radar. Casualties were nil as were claims and there was no enemy air or heavy antiaircraft opposition. Meager and inaccurate automatic weapons fire was encountered in the Singapore vicinity.

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ACTION: CG AAF

INFO: OPD; G-2; Adm King; Log

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TELECON MESSAGE NO. G-26-14 SECRET 012704 31Z

SUBJECT: OPERATIONS 30, AND 31 XX BC

TO: COMGENBMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOMAF 20 POA FROM COMAF 20

TARGET: PRIMARY 30, SAIGON AND CAM RANH BAY AREAS
31, SINGAPORE HARBOR

SECONDARY 30, MEKONG RIVER
31, PENANG HARBOR, PAKCHAN RIVER OR MERGUI HARBOR

LAST RESORT - (BOTH MISSIONS) TAVEY HARBOR.

TAKE-OFF: 250230 - 250543 WASHINGTON (250630Z - 250943Z)

TIME OF ATTACK: 251013 -151401 WASHINGTON, 252231 -260301 THEATER (251413Z - 251901Z)

AIRCRAFT: TOTAL BOMI//BOMBING 71

PRIMARY 65
SECONDARY 5
OTHER TARGETS 1

ARCRAFT LOST OR MISSING: NONE

CASUALTIES: NONE REPORTED

BOMB LOAD: 30 - 6000 TO 8000 LBS. MK-26-1 MINES

31 - 2000 TO 4000 LBS. MK26-1 AND MK 25 MINES

BOMB TONS DROPPED: 231 SHORT TONS OF WHICH 213 TONS WERE DROPPED ON THE PRIMARIES.

TACTICS: 64 VISUAL, 7 RADAR AT AN ALTITUDE OF FROM 2000 TO 6000 FEET

WEATHER: CAVU TO 5/10.

FIGHTER OPPOSITION: NONE

FLAK: MEAGER AND INACCURATE, AUTO-WEAPONS FIRE, AT SINGAPORE ONLY

NONE AT OTHER TARGETS.

CLAIMS: NONE

RESULTS: GOOD TO EXCELLENT.

REMARKS: THIS INFORMATION IS FRAGMENTARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE, THEREFORE SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR OFFICIAL RECORDS.

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TELECON MSG NO. D-1602 - SECRET

TO: COMGENAF 20 FROM: COMGENBOMCOM 20

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORTS NO. 30 AND 31 AS OF 260530Z (ALL TIMES ZEDRA) THESE FIGURES INCLUDE THOSE OF 462ND GROUP PREVIOUSLY SENT IN OUR TELECON D-1600.

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1. DESIGNATION OF UNIT: XX BOMBER COMMAND.
2. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT TAKING OFF: 76
3. TIME OF TAKE-OFF (FIRST TO LAST): 250630 - 250943.
4. TIME DOWN LAST PLANE (OF MAIN FORMATION): 260410.
5. TIME OVER PRIMARY TARGET (FIRST AND LAST): 251413 - 251901.
6. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK ON PRIMARY TARGETS: 2 - 6000.
7. WEATHER OVER PRIMARY TARGET: CAVU TO 5/10.
8. NUMBER OF A/C MINING (ALL TARGETS): 71.
9. NUMBER OF A/C MINING PRIMARIES: 65
10. NUMBER OF A/C MINING SECONDARIES: 5
11. NUMBER OF A/C MINING LAST RESORT: 0

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11. NUMBER OF A/C MINING LAST RESORT: 0

'12. NUMBER OF A/C MINING T OF O: 1

13. NUMBER OF A/C UNKNOWN AS TO MINING: 0.
14. NUMBER OF A/C FAILING TO MINE: 5 (1 JETTISONED; 4 RETURNED).
15. NUMBER OF A/C LOST TO ENEMY OPPOSITION: 0.
16. NUMBER OF A/C LOST TO ENEMY AA: 0.
17. NUMBER OF A/C LOST BY ACCIDENT: 0.
18. NUMBER OF A/C MISSING: 0.
19. DISPOSITION OF MINES: (SHORT TONS) (ESTIMATED)

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A. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON ALL TARGETS: 231.
B. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON PT: 213.
C. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON ST: 15.
D. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON LRT: 0.
E. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON T OF O: 3.
F. TOTAL TONNAGE UNREPORTED AS TO DISPOSITION: 0.
G. TOTAL TONNAGE JETTISONED: 3.

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H. TOTAL TONNAGE RETURNED TO BASE: 12.

20. OBSERVED RESULTS OF MINING:

PRIMARY: GENERALLY EXCELLENT WITH A FEW GOOD.

SECONDARY: EXCELLENT.

TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: UNREPORTED.

21. METHOD OF MINING:

A. PRIMARY: 59 VISUAL; 6 RADAR.

B. SECONDARY: 5 VISUAL.

C. OPPORTUNITY: 1 RADAR.

22. CASUALTIES: NONE.

23. CLAIMS: NONE.

24. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: NIL.

25. ENEMY HEAVY ANTIAIRCRAFT: NONE - MEAGER AND INACCURATE AUTO-WEAPONS FIRE AT SINGAPORE ONLY.

26. STATUS OF A/C LANDED AT THEIR HOME BASE: ALL A/C LANDED AT HOME BASE EXCEPT ONE AT COXS BAZAAR.

27. CREW OBSERVATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE ITEMS OF INTEREST:

(1) SIGHTINGS FOLLOW:

A. SIGHTED IN STRAITS AT SINGAPORE 01 DEGREE 16' N - 104DEGREE 09' E) WAS ONE PROBABLE CV PLUS 3 ESCORTS, PROBABLE DD; CV HAD WHITE STRIPES ACROSS DECK OVER BOW OR STERN AND A BARRAGE BALLON AT 2000 FEET.

B. TWO POSSIBLE NAVAL VESSELS (BELIEVED CL OR DD) AT ANCHOR OFF POINT GAHNRAI (10 DEGREE 24' N - 107 DEGREE 03' E) - ONE OFF POINT ITSELF AND ONE IN SMALL COVE 6 MILES SOUTHEAST OF POINT AT 1510Z, 3 MERCHANT VESSELS (MEDIUM) ANCHORED OFF TAVOY POINT AT 0905.".

C. 2 RADAR REPORTS OF 3 VESSELS IN INNER MIDDLE STRAITS AT SINGAPORE; ALSO VISUAL SIGHTINGS OF FREIGHTERS, NUMBER NOT GIVEN, IN INNER STRAITS.

D. NINE SHIPS IN HARBOR AT 01 DEGREE 12' N - 104 DEGREE 10' E AT UNREPORTED TIME.

E. TWO CARGO SHIPS SEEN AT 251804Z AT POSITION 01 DEGREE 10' N - 104 DEGREE 12' E. NO SPEED OR COURSE GIVEN.

(2) LIGHTS IN CITY OF SINGAPORE WERE ON WHEN AIRCRAFT ARRIVED AND GRADUALLY WERE EXTINGUISHED.

(3) RADAR INTERFERENCE AT PREPARIS ISLAND.

(4) FIRE SEEN 5 MILES SOUTHEAST OF VICTORIA POINT.

(5) 2 LARGE FIRES SEEN 25-50 MILES NORTHEAST OF CHHLONG.

28. PRELIMINARY STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHS: NONE.

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24. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: NIL.

25. ENEMY HEAVY ANTIAIRCRAFT: NONE - MEAGER AND INACCURATE AUTO-WEAPONS FIRE AT SINGAPORE ONLY.

26. STATUS OF A/C LANDED AT THEIR HOME BASE: ALL A/C LANDED AT HOME BASE EXCEPT ONE AT COXS BAZAAR.

27. CREW OBSERVATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE ITEMS OF INTEREST:

(1) SIGHTINGS FOLLOW:

A. SIGHTED IN STRAITS AT SINGAPORE Ø1 DEGREE 16' N - 1Ø4DEGREE Ø9' E) WAS ONE PROBABLE CV PLUS 3 ESCORTS, PROBABLE DD; CV HAD WHITE STRIPES ACROSS DECK OVER BOW OR STERN AND A BARRAGE BALLON AT 2ØØØ FEET.

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B. TWO POSSIBLE NAVAL VESSELS (BELIEVED CL OR DD) AT ANCHOR OFF POINT GAHNRAI (1Ø DEGREE 24' N - 1Ø7 DEGREE Ø3' E) - ONE OFF POINT ITSELF AND ONE IN SMALL COVE 6 MILES SOUTHEAST OF POINT AT 1510Z, 3 MERCHANT VESSELS (MEDIUM) ANCHORED OFF TAVOY POINT AT Ø9Ø5.".

C. 2 RADAR REPORTS OF 3 VESSELS IN INNER MIDDLE STRAITS AT SINGAPORE; ALSO VISUAL SIGHTINGS OF FREIGHTERS, NUMBER NOT GIVEN, IN INNER STRAITS.

D. NINE SHIPS IN HARBOR AT Ø1 DEGREE 12' N - 1Ø4 DEGREE 1Ø' E AT UNREPORTED TIME.

E. TWO CARGO SHIPS SEEN AT 251804Z AT POSITION Ø1 DEGREE 1Ø' N - 1Ø4 DEGREE 12' E. NO SPEED OR COURSE GIVEN.

(2) LIGHTS IN CITY OF SINGAPORE WERE ON WHEN AIRCRAFT ARRIVED AND GRADUALLY WERE EXTINGUISHED.

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28. PRELIMINARY STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHS: NONE.

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CONFERENCE Ø1260833Z

PRESENT HERE: D. F. WHITT AND W. W. HILL

SUBJECT: CONTINUATION OF SPECIAL CONFERENCE.

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H. TOTAL TONNAGE RETURNED TO BASE: 12.

20. OBSERVED RESULTS OF MINING:

PRIMARY: GENERALLY EXCELLENT WITH A FEW GOOD.

SECONDARY: EXCELLENT.

TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: UNREPORTED.

21. METHOD OF MINING:

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TELECON MESSAGE NR. D1601 (S E C R E T)

SUBJECT: LANDING REPORT MISSIONS 30 AND 31

TO: COMG N AF 20 FROM: COMGENBOMCOM 20

ALL A/C AL RPT LANDED SAFELY ONE AT COX'S BAZAR ALL OTHERS AT HOME BASES.

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Lt. Col. Hewitt

KHARAGPUR HONOLULU PARTIES

Col. Herman Col. Ankenbrandt

TELECON MESSAGE K-25-9 (S E C R E T) SECRET

SUBJECT .... PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT ON MISSION NR 31 RPT 31.

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TO COMGENBOMCOM 20

FROM COMGENAF 20

IS THE PRELIMINARY REPORT ON MISSION NUMBER 31 AVAILABLE NOW? WOULD APRECIATE RPT APPRECIATE RECEIVING IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

SENT TELECON MSG K-25-9 AT 260440Z (REW)

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TELECON MESSAGE NR. D-1600 (SECRET)

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SUBJECT: PRELIM RPT-MISSION NO. 30 AS OF

260200Z (ALL TIMES ZEBRA)

D-1600

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TO: COMGENAF 20 FROM: COMGENBOMCOM 20

1. DESIGNATION OF UNIT: 462ND GROUP.

2. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT TAKING OFF: 26.

3. TIME OF TAKE-OFF (FIRST TO LAST): 250630 - 250829.

4. TIME DOWN LAST PLANE (OF MAIN FORMATION): 260009.

5. TIME OVER PRIMARY TARGET (FIRST TO LAST): 251413 - 251544.

6. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK ON PRIMARY TARGET: 2-5000'.

7. WEATHER OVER PRIMARY TARGET: CAFU RPT CAVU TO 5/10.

8. NUMBER OF A/C MINING (ALL TARGETS): 26

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MBER OF A/C MINING PRIMARY: 25.

10. NUMBER OF A/C MINING SECONDARY: ONE A/C SHOWN ABOVE AS MINING PT ALSO DROPPED PART OF ITS BOMBS ON ST

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11. NUMBER OF A/C MINING LAST RESORT: 0

12. NUMBER OF A/C MINING T OF O: 1

13. NUMBER OF AX RPT A/C UNKNOWN AS TO MINING 0

14. NUMBER OF A/C FAILING TO MINE: 0

15. NUMBER OF A/C LOST TO ENEMY OPPOSITION: 0

16. NUMBER OF A/C LOST TO ENEMY AA: 0

17. NUMBER OF A/C LOST BY ACCIDENT: 0

18. NUMBER OF A/C MISSING: 0

19. DISPOSITION OF MINES: (SHORT TONS) (ESTIMATED)

A. TATAL TONNAGE DROPPEC ON ALL TARGETS: 101.75

B. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON PT: 7 405 97.75

B. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON PT: 97.75

C. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON ST: 1

D. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON LRT: 0

E. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON T OF O: 3

F. TOTAL TONNAGE UNREPORTED AS TO DISPOSITION: 0

G. TOTAL TONNAGE JETTISONED : 0

H. TOTAL TONNAGE RETURNED TO BASE: 0

20. OBSERVED RESULTS OF MINING: EXCELLENT.

21. METHOD OF MINING: ALL VISUAL EXCEPT T OF O BY RADAR

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21. METHOD OF MINING: ALL VISUAL EXCEPT 1 OF 6 BY RADAR.

22. CASUALTIES: NONE.

23. CLAIMS: NONE.

24. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: NIL.

25. ENEMY HEAVY ANTIAIRCRAFT: NIL.

26. STATUS OF A/C LANDED AT THEIR HOME BASE: ALL DOWN AT XX BC BASES.

27. CREW OBSERVATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE ITEMS OF INTEREST:

(1) 2 POSSIBLE NAVAL VESSELS (BELIEVED CL OR DD) AT ANCHOR OFF POINT GAHNRAI (10 DEGRES 24'N- 107DEGREES 03'E) - ONE OFF POINT ITSELF AND ONE IN SA RP RPT SMALL COVE

6 MILES SOUTHEAST OF POINT - AT 1510Z.

(2) 3 MERCHANT VESSELS (MEDIUM) ANCHORED OFF TAVOY POINT AT 0905.

(3) 2 LARGE FIRES 25-50 MILES NORTHEAST OF CHHLONG.

28. PRELIMINARY STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHS: NONE.

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31 Jan 45 (Date) — 22 (Initial)

EXTRACT TELETYPE CONFERENCE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND KHARAGPUR

Washington Parties — Kharagpur Parties

Lt. Col. Lewitt

Telecon Number YD-1651

Subject: A/C FAILING TO BOMB PRIMARY TARGET - Abortives Mission 31 XXBC

(To: CG AF 20 From: CG GENBOMCOM 20)

In response to your telecon K-4-7, we submit report on airborne aircraft failing to mine primary on mission number 31 on 26 January 1945, target Singapore areas. Only 444 and 468 groups participated in this mission

	A/C SERIAL NUMBER	SPECIFIC MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION	LOCAL ACTION TO PREVENT RECURRENCE	UNSATISFACTORY REPORT SUBMITTED
444th Group	24736	Nr 3 engine was running rough in flight when airplane returning to base.	Inspection revelaed an intake pipe was reinstalled using a new gasket, Ground checked O.K.	None
	24584	Nr 4 engine swallowed valve in nr 1 cylinder	Changed nr 4 engine	Nr45-34
	24485	Oil quantity gauge was reading low.	Changed the oil quantity gauge	None
	24507	Resister broken in properller governor.	Chanced propeller Governor	Nr 45-40
	65277	Propeller governor failure on Nr 3 engine. Loose connection on cannon plug.	Changed propeller Governor	Nr 45-41
	65268	Fuel Transfer system went out.	Carbon vanes of fuel pumps disintegrated. Pumps and Work being replaced. Also fuel system being flushed.	Being b- [illegible]
	63375	Engine failure of Nr 3 engine. Hole was found in piston of Nr 4 cylinder	Changed Nr 3 engine	Nr 45-35 submitted
468th Group	63417	Nr 4 engine back firing and cutting out.	Head rebuilt engine with warped distributor installation. Both distributors changed.	None

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63532	Nr 3 engine cutting out	Ground check found no mechanical difficulty. Test flown and found O.K. May have been water in gas.

Mission Number 30 was run on 25 January 1945 by the 462 Group only. It was a mine laying operation in the Saigon Area. Only one aircraft failed to mine the primary target because of weather.

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ACTION: Stat Control (2 cys)
INFORMATION: C/S; DC/S Opr; A-4 (2 cys); Flying Safety; (5 for file)

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EXTRACT OF TELETYPE CONFERENCE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND KHARAGPUR

DATE 25 January 1945

WASHINGTON PARTIES	TERMINAL PARTIES
Lt. Col. Hewitt	Colonel Herman

TELECON MESSAGE NO.	SUBJECT
K-25-5	PURIFICATOR AND REPEATEDLY

Missions 30 & 31
XX BC
Press Release

(To: COMGENBOMCOM 20 From: COMAF 20)

In answer to your cable request CMD 8103 YD concerning missions Purificator and Repeatedly, make no release on these missions to news agencies due to the nature of the operations and security involved. If further questions arise in respect to this, please communicate this Headquarters.

(For Ramey from Smith)

Originator: P.R.O. (Major Rees)

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ACTION	NONE

Originator: P.M.O. (Major Rose)

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(To: COMCENBOMCOM SO From: COMAF SO)

TELECON MESSAGE NO. K-52-2	SUBJECT FABRICATION AND REPARADIX
WASHINGTON PARTIES Lt. Col. Hewitt	TERMINAL PARTIES Colonel Holmes

BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND
EXTRACT OF TELETYPE CONFERENCE

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE ADJUTANT GENERAL

(For Lemay from Smith)

In answer to very [illegible] CMD SIGS ID concerning [illegible] Fabricator in answer to the question as asked on the occasion of the conference between Lt Gen Spaatz and Lt Gen Arnold, it is not the intention to use the Fabricator in any way in the Japanese theatre but the intention is to use it in Europe. It is important that the Japanese be kept completely in the dark as to the existence of the Fabricator and its use in Europe.

(Per Lemay from Smith)

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XX BOMBER COMMAND
Intelligence Section
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XX Bomber Command
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1 February 1945

PRELIMINARY REPORT

ANTIAIRCRAFT OPPOSITION ENCOUNTERED ON:

MISSION NUMBER 30 NIGHT (MINING), 25/26 JANUARY 1945; Primary Targets - GANHRAI BAY, CAPE ST. JACQUES and SONG SOIRAP in the SAIGON AREA, and CAMRANH BAY (1153N - 10912E); Secondary Targets - GOH SI CHANG Channel (1310N - 10050E) and MEKONG RIVER (1124N - 10506E); Target of Last Resort - TAVOY HARBOR (1335N - 9814E).

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MISSION NUMBER 31 NIGHT (MINING), 25/26 JANUARY 1945; Primary Targets - SINGAPORE STRAITS and RHIO STRAITS, SINGAPORE AREA; Secondary Targets - PENANG HARBOR (0525N - 10021E), PAKCHAN RIVER (1000N - 9835E) and MERGUI HARBOR (1225N - 9835E); Target of Last Resort - TAVOY HARBOR.

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A. ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE ENCOUNTERED

1. CAPE ST. JACQUES AREA (10°20'N - 107°00'E)

Three aircraft of a total of 18 mining CAPE ST. JACQUES, GANHRAI BAY, and SONG SOIRAP from 1413Z to 1615Z at altitudes of 2,000 to 5,000 feet under CAVU and 1/10 undercast conditions encountered automatic weapons fire at 1515Z and 1512Z at 2,000 feet. Ground flashes only were observed by two aircraft at 1515Z, while meager and inaccurate (tracers within 150') AW fire was reported by the one aircraft mining at 1512Z.

2. CAM RANH BAY (1152N - 10910E)

Six aircraft mined this area from 1456Z to 1530Z from 3,000 to 3,100 feet altitude but no antiaircraft fire was encountered.

3. SINGAPORE AREA (0115N - 10400E)

a. Heavy Antiaircraft Fire Encountered

Five of a total of 41 aircraft mining the SINGAPORE Straits encountered meager and inaccurate heavy antiaircraft fire at 1756Z to 1822Z at altitudes of 3,000 to 5,000 feet under CAVU conditions. The following tables show the relation between the approximate courses of aircraft and the heavy AA fire encountered.

Table I: Course in Relation to Fire Encountered.

Course No.	Total A/C	Approximate Course given by geographical coordinates.	Altitude in thousand feet	Time interval between A/C minutes	Time of Bomb Release	Meager and Inaccurate Heavy antiaircraft fire encountered		
						A/C	Altitude	Time
1	15	01°01'N-103°33'E to 01°12'N-104°06'E	4	4	1850Z - 1907Z	0	4,000'	----------
2	8	01°09'N-103°33'E to 01°12'N-104°06'E	4	7	1750Z - 1845Z	3	4,000' 5,000'	1756Z-1809Z
3	4	01°15'N-103°33'E to 00°59'N-104°06'E	6	6	1810Z - 1834Z	0	6,000'	----------
4	14	01°42'N-104°00'E to 01°00'N-104°13'E	3-5	3	1800Z - 1841Z	2	3,000'	1807Z-1814Z

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Table II: Origin of Heavy AA Fire Encountered.

Course No.	Time HAA Encount.	Range to Mid-point in yards	Origin of Fire
2	1756Z	13,000	Singapore Town (01°18'N - 103°51'E).
2	1759Z	-------	Not given, but HAA fire encountered when South of Singapore
2	1806Z	5,500	Possible ship at 01°07'N - 103°51'E.
4	1807Z	36,000	4-gun heavy AA site on BAKUM Island (01°14'N - 103°46'E).
4	1814Z	26,000	Singapore Town (01°18'N - 103°51'E).

It was assumed that aircraft above flew approximate courses as briefed but the extreme ranges to the mid-points of courses on which heavy AA fire was encountered would indicate that the actual flight paths may have been closer to the origin of fire than determined. The deviations of bursts, however, of which no more than one was observed for each encounter, varied from level to 9,000 feet above, ahead to approximately 1 mile behind, and either to the left, right, or in line. Four of the bursts were described as red (probably due to darkness) while one crew observed ground flashes only.

Also, after assigning a standard reference point (01°15'N - 104°00'E), it was found that 4 aircraft traversed the SINGAPORE area before heavy AA fire was encountered while a total of 20 aircraft crossed the area without heavy AA opposition after the 5 aircraft had encountered fire.

Although the reported origins of heavy AA fire (Table II) and gun-laying radar signals intercepted by R.C.M. Observers (Naval - ship borne) do not coincide, it is still possible that the enemy was attempting to determine present position data by radar means as only 3 to 4 questionable searchlights were reported from SINGAPORE Town at 1752Z by 1 aircraft of a total of 41 participating in the mining operation.

b. Automatic Weapons Fire Encountered

Meager and inaccurate automatic weapons fire was encountered from 1752Z to 1821Z at altitudes of 3,000 to 5,000 feet under CAVU conditions by 16 of a total of 41 aircraft participating in the mining operation. AW fire encountered was about evenly divided between aircraft on Courses 1, 2, or 4 in proportion to the number of aircraft flying those courses. It was reported as originating from the following locations:

(1) West Coast of BATAM Island at 01°08'N - 104°09'E.
(2) East Coast of BINTAN Island in the vicinity of and at TANJ OENGOEBAN (01°04'N - 104°13'E).
(3) PEMPING Island (01°06'N - 103°48'E).
(4) Small Island or possible ship at 01°11'N - 103°44'E.
(5) Northwest tip of BATAM Island (01°12'N - 104°06'E).
(6) West side of JOHORE STRAITS (01°28'N - 104°00'E).

No AW fire was observed from BAKUM Island or from SINGAPORE town, nor did the 4 aircraft on Course #3 at 6,000 feet altitude (Table I) encounter automatic weapons fire.

One aircraft reported tracer streams or bursts within 150', 14 at distances greater than 150' and 1 aircraft as approximately 1 mile away. Deviations were either level or below, generally ahead, and to the left, in line, or to the right as much as 1000 yards.

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Both tracers, red only, and bursts (described as yellow by one aircraft) were reported. The number of bursts observed at any one instant varied from 3 to 8 while the total reported for two encounters varied from 24 to 50. It is probable that the majority of the AW fire originated from machine guns or 25mm cannon firing tracers only, with the smaller portion from either 25mm or 40mm weapons firing ammunition with self-destroying elements, or time fused projectiles in the case of the 40mm.

4. TANDJOENGBALAI (00°59'N - 103°36'E)

One aircraft reported meager and inaccurate heavy antiaircraft fire from this vicinity at 1832Z at an altitude of 3,000 feet under CAVU conditions. One burst only was reported as ahead of the aircraft.

5. GEORGETOWN, PENANG ISLAND (05°24'N - 100°20'E)

Two aircraft encountered automatic weapons fire, one while mining the harbor at 1728Z and the other while enroute to the SINGAPORE Area at 1645Z.

Automatic weapons fire (red tracers) encountered at 1645Z at an altitude of 6,000 feet under CAVU conditions was meager and inaccurate with deviations of below, behind and to the right. Two bursts were observed at one instant while approximately 40 were reported for the entire encounter. This fire probably originated from 25mm twin-barrel cannon as fire was reported "coming from guns with two closely grouped barrels each - estimated from the appearance of the tracer streams" and firing self-destroying ammunition as evidenced by the bursts observed.

At 1728Z and at an altitude of 5,700 feet under CAVU conditions, however, automatic weapons fire was reported as ~~meager~~ inaccurate but intense, with red tracers, and as originating from an unidentified ship in the harbor. No bursts were observed and deviations of the tracers were level, behind, and in line. Prior warning is indicated at 1728Z as the "aircraft came out of soup only two minutes before" reaching the target. No searchlights were observed.

B. NEGATIVE REPORTS OF FIRE ENCOUNTERED

Aircraft mined areas as listed below, but encountered no antiaircraft opposition:

1. MEKONG RIVER, MYTHA (10°20'N - 106°23'E)	One aircraft at 2,000' at 1522Z.
2. PAKCHAN RIVER (10°00'N - 98°35'E)	Three aircraft from 1508Z to 1615Z from 5,500 to 6,000 feet altitude.
3. GOH SI CHANG CHANNEL (13°10'N - 100°50'E)	One aircraft at unstated time and altitude.
4. NAVAN BAY	One aircraft at 1529Z from 6,000 feet.

C. SEARCHLIGHTS

Searchlight activity, both at CAPE ST. JACQUES and SINGAPORE and other areas where fire was encountered, was particularly lacking. Also the two reports below indicate either non-employment of the standard Japanese AA searchlights or inefficient use of searchlight material.

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1. CHO CAO, CAPE ST. JACQUES AREA (10°22'N - 106°28'E)

One white feeble beam was observed at 1520Z from 2,000 feet through a 1/10 undercast by one aircraft of the 462nd Group. This uncertain searchlight remained on for approximately 4 minutes but never located the aircraft which passed approximately 4 miles to the Northwest.

2. SINGAPORE TOWN (01°18'N - 103°51'E)

From 3 to 4 questionable searchlight beams were observed by one aircraft at 1752Z from 4,000 feet under CAVU conditions out of a total of 41 aircraft participating in the mining operations in this area. The beams, which were not brilliant, yellow in color, and at a very low angle, remained on for approximately 4 to 5 minutes but never located the aircraft.

D. BARRAGE BALLOONS

One conventional barrage balloon flying at an altitude of 2,000 feet and anchored to a stationary CV, was observed 1,000 feet directly below the aircraft making the observation at 1808Z. The CV was located east of the King's Dock in SINGAPORE Straits. No other barrage balloons were reported by aircraft flying over the SINGAPORE Area.

E. GROUND-TO-AIR ROCKETS, SMOKESCREENS, and HIGH-ALTITUDE BALLOONS

None reported.

F. BLACKOUT

1. SAIGON AREA (10°46'N - 106°36'E)

Aircraft over the area from 1413Z to 1615Z reported that the SAIGON area was blacked out before approach and that the black-out was good with "very few lights" visible.

2. ENROUTE TO SINGAPORE AREA.

No blackout was observed by aircraft enroute to the SINGAPORE Area, either on the western or eastern sides of the Malay Peninsula.

3. ENROUTE FROM THE SINGAPORE AREA

No blackout was observed in effect by aircraft enroute from the SINGAPORE Area, although VICTORIA POINT (10°00'N - 99°30'E) did black out at approximately 2133Z after aircraft #534 of the 468th Group had passed overhead and was about 5 miles distant.

4. SINGAPORE AREA (01°15'N - 104°00'E)

At the time the first aircraft approached, the SINGAPORE Area was not observing black-out regulations. It required approximately 15 minutes before land areas were almost entirely blacked-out, while at no time were channel (buoy) lights or beams from lighthouses extinguished.

At 1809Z A/C 529 of the 468th Group reported groups "of blue, yellow and white channel lights in that sequence on both sides of SINGAPORE Straits and on islands", while A/C 691 of the same Group observed that "most of the lights to the south of the run were white" with a few green. Channel markers were also observed in the JOHORE Straits near the Causeway that, like other channel lights, remained lit during the entire time of the attack.

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The following table (made possible by concise and complete information furnished in the 468th Group's Mission Report) shows the development of the blackout in the SINGAPORE Area.

Table III: Blackout - SINGAPORE Area

Time	Land-based lights in the SINGAPORE Area	Channel (Buoy) Lights	Lighthouses
1750Z-1755Z	ON - but individual lights beginning to be extinguished	ON	ON
1756Z-1805Z	Area partially to practically blacked out.	ON	ON
1806Z-1808Z	Area almost entirely blacked out.	ON	ON
1809Z-1830Z	Almost all lights off or masked, but not a perfect blackout.	ON	ON
1831Z-1833Z	Almost a perfect black out.	ON	ON

The blackout at SINGAPORE, although late in taking effect, is similar to that observed for cities or towns of Northern KYUSHU, Japan, during operations of this Command last summer. Land areas would be under good or excellent blackout regulations while channel markers and lighthouses for the adjacent water areas would continue to function during the entire period of the attack.

G. DAMAGE FROM ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE

None.

H. WARNING NETS

1. SAIGON-CAPE ST. JACQUES AREA

No statement can be made due to lack of good early warning radar intercepts, although the area was blacked out before the approach of our aircraft.

2. SINGAPORE AREA

It is evident that the enemy did not utilize the prior warning he should have had (indicated by initial lack of black out in the area) as aircraft were tracked by early warning radar at PENANG Island, and by early warning radars in the SINGAPORE Area. It may be that this type of an attack was not expected as all XX Bomber Command missions since August 1944 have been high altitude and daylight attacks.

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Missions 30 + 31
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From: CG, 20th Bomber Command Kharagpur India

To: War Department
Deputy Commander 20th Air Force, Hickam Field, TH
CG, US Army Forces China Theater Chungking, China
CG, Army Air Forces India Burma Sector Calcutta, India

Nr: CMDX 8332 E 30 January 1945

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Aerial mine laying accomplished on 26th January with excellent results. All mines US type and sterilized at three months, 30 to 50 percent mines in most important channels contain delay arming mechanisms set to 15, 20 and 30 days. Also additional five to ten percent of mines fitted with period delay mechanism set to three and five ship counts. In Saigon-Cawe St Jacques area total of 150 Mark 26-1 mines laid as follows: 80 mines along 12 mile channel extending from point one mile west point Ganhrai to point seven miles south of Cwpe St Jacques; 24 mines in Ganhrai Bay along channel leading from point Ganhrai to point bearing 300 degrees true, distance seven miles; 40 mines in Song Soiryp along channel from mid point of entrance latitude ten degrees 23 minutes N longitude 106 degrees 48 minutes 3 seconds E to point seven miles up stream; six mines in Mekond River channel extending two to six miles down stream from Nytyo. In Camranh Bay total of 34 mines laid in Grand Passage west of 109 degrees 15 minutes E. Phanrang Bay six mines mistakingly dropped in good position north of 11 degrees 30 minutes N and west of 109 degrees 07 minutes E.

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From: CG, 20th Bomber Command Kharagpur, India

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In Singapore area a total of 138 MK 26-1 and 54 MK 25 mines laid as follows: 36 Mark 26-1 mines in Johore Channel extending eight miles south of Tekong Besar; 24 MK 25 mines in Rhio Strait north of one degree north; 12 Mark 26-1 and 12 MK 25 mines in middle channel seven miles west Hirseburgh Light; 54 Mark 26-1 mines in middle channel area in sector bearing 25 to 75 degrees true from Hirseburgh Light distance of 6 to 15 miles therefrom; 30 MK 26-1 and 18 Mark 25 mines along entire Main Strait Channel east of 103 degrees 35 minutes east. Secondary targets mined as follows, all in previously dangerous areas: two Mark 26-1 mines in Goh Sichang anchorage, Gulf of Siam, 12 Mark 26-1 and three MK-25 mines in Pakchan River above Victoria Point. Six Mark 26-1 mines in north approach to Penang Harbor.

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Damage

9 February 1945.

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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADQUARTERS, 20TH AIR FORCE:

Subject: Mining of Singapore, Saigon, and Camranh Bay.

1. With reference to your memorandum of 29 January 1945, the following information is submitted based on the intelligence at hand:

(a) Damage to Ships.

The limited intelligence available indicates that at least 2 and possibly 4 ships have been sunk, their loss being attributed by the Japanese to magnetic mines. It is believed that other vessels have likewise suffered this fate, although there is no positive information to support this theory.

(b) Closure of Ports.

Traffic was denied entry to or exit from the Singapore and Cap St. Jacques-Saigon areas. There is no evidence that Camranh Bay was closed to steel vessel traffic, although it can be assumed that this port suffered the same restrictions as Singapore and Saigon.

Singapore imposed its first restriction to traffic on the 26th and normal traffic had not been re-established as late as the 6th of February. Saigon issued warnings on the 26th closing the port temporarily and on the 28th warned of dangerous waters to the North. How long this port was closed is not known, but it is probable that Saigon did not permit normal traffic sooner than Singapore.

(c) Minesweeping.

Sweeping operations commenced in the Cap. St. Jacques area on or before the 27th.

Singapore likewise proceeded with sweeping operations, although there is no evidence when these operations commenced. It is interesting to note that two sweeps were considered sufficient by Singapore on the 4th of February. However, further sweeping operations were in progress on the 6th.

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The limited facilities of the Japanese for minesweeping, and what might be interpreted as a not too great familiarity with magnetic mines as evidenced by disbanding their minesweeping units on the 4th upon completion of the "second sweep", lead to the conclusion that Japanese minesweeping operations are not fully effective.

(d) Other Enemy Reaction to Mining.

The mining of Singapore, Saigon, and Camranh Bay caused some shipping to be held up outside port or diversion of ships to other less desirable ports. Although limited intelligence produced slight evidence that shipping was held up pending minesweeping, there is no doubt that such restrictions were imposed. Diversion of 2 German submarines to Batavia denied these submarines the facilities of the Singapore Naval Base, and no doubt caused diversion of other shipping or holding up of shipping in other ports.

Respectfully,

W. R. Smedberg III

W. R. SMEDBERG, III,
Captain, U.S.N.

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29, Jan 45 (Date) (Initials)

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Subject: INTELLIGENCE STATISTICAL SUMMARY - MISSIONS NO. 30 and 31

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(From: COMGENBOMCOM 20 To: COMAF 20)

INTELLIGENCE STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF MISSIONS NO. 30 & 31
25 - 26 JANUARY 1945
(Based on Preliminary Statistics as of 280400Z)

I. Disposition of Aircraft:

	444th	462nd	468th	TOTAL
1. A/C airborne	24	26	26	76
2. Returned own bases	24	25	25	74
3. Returned other XXBC bases	0	1"	0	1
4. Landed other bases	0	0	1""	1

"A/C 801 landed at Chukulia (40th Group Base) because radio was out.
""A/C 500 landed at Cox's Bazaar with 2 engines out.

II. Mining Record:

	444th	462nd	468th	TOTAL
1. A/C mining	24"	19""	26"	26""	26"	26""	76"	71""
2. PrimaryTargets.								
A. Johore Strait, Singapore	9	6						
B. Middle Channel, Singapore	4	2					24	17
C. Outer Middle Channel, Singapore	11	9						
D. Cap St. Jacques, Saigon			10	10				
E. Ganhrai Bay, Saigon			3	3				
F. Song Soirap, Saigon			5	5			20	25
G. Grand Passage, Cam Ranh Bay			7	6				
H. Mekong River, Mytha			1	1				
I. Rhio Strait, Singapore					8	8		
J. Inner Middle Channel, Singapore					4	4		
K. Inner Main Strait, Singapore					9	8	26	24

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L.	Outer Main Strait, Singapore							5	4)	
	3. Secondary Targets:"""									
A.	Pakchan River, Victoria Point	-	2	-	0	-	1	)	-	4
B.	Penang Harbor	-	0	-	0	-	1	)		
	4. Opportunity Target:									
A.	Navan Bay	-	0	-	1	-	0	)	-	1
	5. Jettisoned Mines	-	1	-	0	-	0	)	-	1
	6. Returned with Mines	1	4	-	0	-	0	)	-	4
	7. Total aircraft	24	24	20	26	26	20		76	76
	8. Bombing altitude-Low (Primary Target)				4000		2000		3000	2000
	High				6000		6000		6000	6000

" A/C assigned by field orders
"" A/C actually mining.
""" One aircraft of 462nd Group mined Grand Passage, Cam Ranh Bay with 4 mines and placed 2 in Secondary Target at Goh Si Chang Channel.

III. Method of Mining: "Visual" in 462nd and 468th Groups. The 444th Group says "all A/C made combination radar and visual runs, the bombardier actually dropping manually."

IV. Disposition of Mines:"	444th MK26	462nd MK26	468th MK25	468th MK26	TOTAL MK25	TOTAL MK26
1. All targets	113	192	57	42	57	34
2. Primary Targets:						
A. Johore Strait, Singapore	36					
B. Middle Channel, Singapore	12				-	101
C. Outer Middle Channel, Singapore	53					
D. Cap St. Jacques, Saigon		80				
E. Ganrai Bay, Saigon		24				
F. Song Soirap, Saigon		40			0	184
G. Grand Passage, Cam Ranh Bay		34				
H. Mekong River, Mytha		6				
I. Rhio Strait, Singapore			24	-		
J. Inner Middle Channel Singapore			12	-	54	36
K. Inner Main Strait Singapore			15	18		
L. Outer Main Strait, Singapore			3	18		
3. Secondary Targets:						
A. Pakchan River, Victoria Point	12	0	3	-		
B. Penang Harbor	-	-	-	6	3	20
C. Go Si Chang Channel	-	2-B	-	-		
4. Opportunity Target:						
A. Navan Bay	-	6	-	-	-	6
5. Jettisoned Mines	6	-	-	-	-	6
6. Returned mines	25-A	-	-	-	-	25
7. Total Mines	144	192	57	42	57	378

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8. Total Tonnage:				
A. All targets	59.89	101.76	76.19	237.84
B. Primary Targets	53.53	97.52	70.04	221.09
C. Secondary Targets	6.36	1.06	6.15	13.57
D. Opportunity Target	---	3.18	---	3.18
9. Average Mines per A/C Airborne - MK25	---	---	3.00	3.00
MK26	6.00	7.38	7.00	6.63
10. Average tonnage per A/C Airborne - MK25	---	---	2.97	2.97
MK26	3.18	3.91	3.18	3.51

"MK26-1 aerial mines - actual weight of 1060 pounds.
MK25 mines - actual weight of 1980 pounds.
Arming of mines for each field (I.E. Those to be set to arm immediately and those for arming delay of 10, 15, 20, 30 days, etc.) was established by detailed mining instructions (Annex No. 2 to field orders No. 30 & 31).

A. A/C 378 placed 5 mines in outer middle channel, Singapore, and returned 1 to base.
B. A/C 463 placed 4 mines in the Grand Passage, Cam Ranh Bay, and 2 in the Goh Si Chang Channel.

V. Observed results of mining: Generally "escelletn" with a few "good".

VI. Time and Weather:	444th	462nd	468th	TOTAL
1. Primary Targets				
First	1805Z	1413Z	1750Z	1413Z
Last	1902Z	1615Z	1845Z	1902Z
2. Weather	CAVU 5/10	CAVU 5/10	CAVU 5/10	CAVU 5/10

VII. Casualties: None
VIII. Claims: None

DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: None
INFORMATION: C/S, DC/S Opr (2), A-2 (10); A-3 OC&R (5); Stat Con (2); A.A. (1); Op Anal (1) (5 for file)

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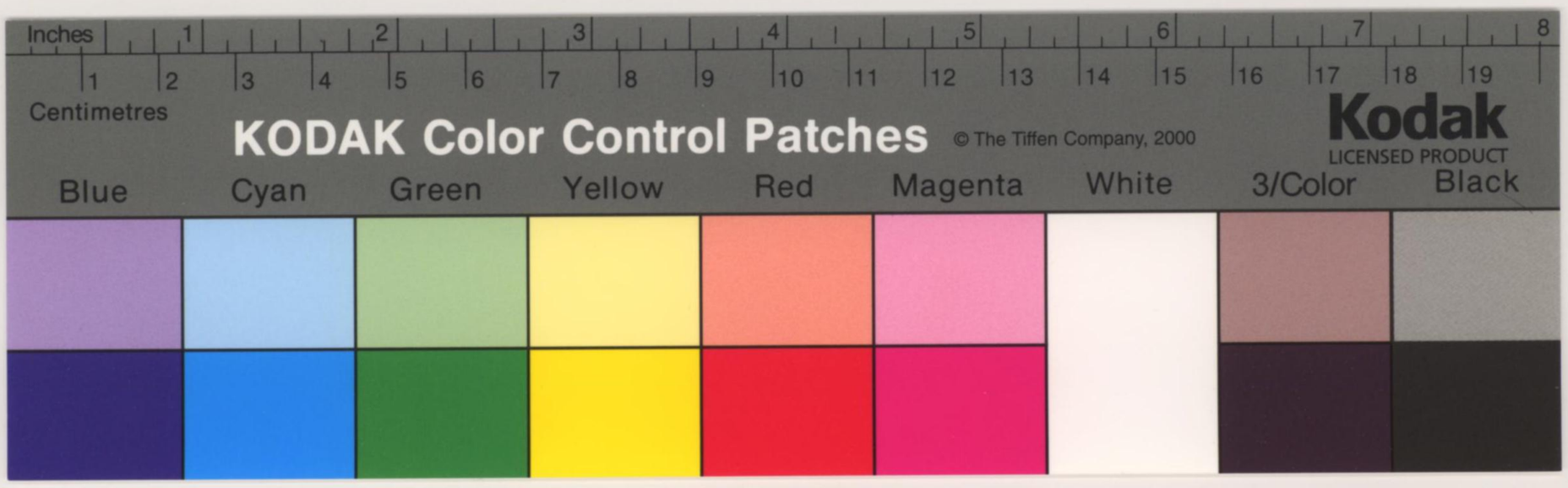

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