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TELECON MESSAGE FN-29-5 OP OP TOP SECRET 290756Z

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FROM: BOM COM XXI

TO : COM GEN AF 20

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INFO: DEP COM GEN AF 20

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GR.124.

BRIEF OF FIELD ORDER NO.50 FEARLESS NO.2.

APPROXIMATELY 160 B-29 SCHEDULED TO ATTACK TARGET IN KYUYHU WITH NORMAL EFFORT ON 31 MARCH 45 IN COORDINATED ATTACK WITH NAVY. TARGETS ARE: ONE WING TACHIARAI AS PRIMARY VISUAL AND "FEARLESS" AS RADAR TARGET. OTHER WING WILL ATTACK OMURA AS PRIMARY VISUAL AND RADAR, COURSES: BASES IN GUAM AND SAIPAN TO IWO JIMA. USING MINAMI - IWO JIMA, IWO JIMA AND KITA IWO JIMA AS ASSEMBLY AREA, TO TARGETS. RETURN VIA IWO JIMA TO BASE - ALTITUDE OF ATTACK - ONE WING ODD THOUSANDS OF FEET BELOW 16,000 FT AND THE OTHER EVEN THOUSANDS OF FEET BELOW 17,000 FT. DETERMINED BY CLOUD BASE. METHOD OF ATTACK: BY SQUADRONS IN COLUMN ATTACKING WITH MINIMUM INTERVAL BETWEEN SQUADRONS. BOMB LOAD: ALL AIRCRAFT 500 LB GP BOMB FUSED INSTANTANEOUS NOSE AND 1/40 TAIL. AIR SEA RESCUE FACILITIES REQUESTED. TAKE OFF TIME 301715Z. OVER TARGET 318235Z. ETA BASE 310850Z.

THIS MESSAGE DISPATCHED 21 BOM COM CONTROL ROOM 290756.

TOD:290946Z HM.
ROGER FN-29-5 290946Z W.C.R.

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First take-off	Cable	Cmdn 32151		30 March	HF
1st off	Telecon	EN-30-17		302154 z	BGR
Take off Report	Telecon	EN-30-18		302058 z	BGR

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-30-18 OPERATIONAL PRIORITY-SECRET 301938Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

GR35

SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR FEARLESS TWO, MISSION 50, 31 MARCH 1945.

XXI BOMBER COMMAND

1. WING:	73	314	TOTAL
2. A/C SCHEDULED:	120	33	153
3. A/C AIRBORNE:	115	34	149 +2 SD's
4. FIRST A/C :	301715Z	301650Z	301650Z
5. LAST A/C:	301813Z	301737Z	301813Z
6. EARLY RETURNS:	301250 - 301413	0	3

2 SUPERDUMBOS AIRBORNE 301908Z AND 301914Z NOT INCLUDED IN TOTALS ABOVE.

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TOD: 302058Z

RG ROGER V WCR

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ORIGINATOR OF MESSAGE _____

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TELECON MSG : FN-30-17 OPERATIONAL SECRET 301724Z

FROM : XXI BOMCOM

TO : COMAF 20

INFO : DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

GR 75 BT :

SUBJECT : FIRST TAKE OFF FOR FEARLESS NR. TWO, 31 MARCH 1945.

1. FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT 301650Z.

BASES AT TAKE OFF: LIGHT SHOWERS WITH BROKEN LOW CLOUD.

ROUTE TO TARGETS: BROKEN LOW CLOUD OVERCAST IN WEAK FRONT NEAR 20 NORTH AND IN ANOTHER NEAR 27 NORTH. RAIN SHOWERS IN 100 MILE ZONE WITH BOTH FRONTS.

TARGETS: 4/10 LOW CLOUD WITH 6/10 MIDDLE CLOUD AT 16,000 TO 17,000 FEET.

BASE ON RETURN: BROKEN LOW CLOUD WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS.

SHOWERS EXPECTED TO CAUSE 15-20 PER-CENT INSTRUMENT CONDITIONS DURING PERIOD.

THIS MSG DISPATCHED FROM XXI BC CONTROL AT 301724Z

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From: CG, 21st Bomber Command, Guam

To: War Department

Nr: FN-30-17 30 March 1945

FN-30-17 from BOMCOM 21 to COMAF 20 info DEPCOMAF TO POA.

Subject: First Take Off for FEARLESS 2, 31st March 1945.

1. First aircraft airborne at 301650Z. Bases at take off: Light showers with broken low cloud.

Route to targets: Broken low cloud overcast in weak front near 20 north and in another near 27 north.

Rain showers in 100 mile zone with both fronts in targets: 4/10 low cloud with 6/10 middle cloud at 16,000 to 17,000 feet.

Base on return: Broken low cloud with scattered showers. Showers expected to cause 15-20 % instrument conditions during period.

End

ACTION: 20th Air Force

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1st Bombs Away	Telecon	FN-31-4		310911Z	BGR
Consolidated B-24	Telecon	FN-31-6		310916Z	BGR

BOMB STRIKE REPORTS

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SPECIAL CONFERENCE Ø3311240Z

STATION YAMFG

PRESENT HERE LT E.WICKHAM.

SUBJECT: 2ØTHAAF MATTERS.

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-31-15 OP OP SECRET 311145Z

FROM: BOM COM XXI

TO : COMAF 2Ø... INFO: DEPCOMAF 2Ø (POA)

GR.75

SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT FOR FEARLESS TWO, MISSION 5Ø, 31 MARCH 1945.

XXI BOMBER COMMAND

1. WING:	73RD	314TH.
2. AIRBORNE:	115	34
3. LANDED HOME BASE:	1Ø5	31
4. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE:	9	3
5. TIME OF LANDING:		
FIRST A/C:	31Ø8Ø8Z.	31Ø85ØZ.
LAST A/C:	311ØØ8Z.	311Ø3ØZ.

6. MISSING:

73RD WING: 1V6Ø7 DITCHED ENROUTE TO TARGET. 1Ø SURVIVORS RESCUED.

END.

TOD:311244Z

ROGER FN-31-15 11/ 1244Z WCR

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-31-6 OP OP SECRET 310356Z

FROM: BOM COM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: TO DEPCOMAF 20 (P.O.A.)

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY REPORT FEARLESS 2 STRIKE 50 31 MARCH 1945.

1. 15 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY ACCOUNTING FOR:

2. 105 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY TACHIARAI MACHINE WORKS BY VISUAL MEANS WITH REPORTED RESULTS: 5 EXCELLENT, 6 GOOD, 1 FAIR.

3. 31 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY OMURA A/F BY VISUAL MEANS WITH REPORTED RESULTS:

1 GOOD, 2 UNOBSERVED.

4. EARLY RETURNS: 5 A/C.

TOD:310915Z

ROGER FN-31-6 0915Z W.C.R.

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-31-4 OP OP SECRET 310205Z

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FROM: BOM COM 21
TO : COM AF 20
INFO: DEP COM AF 20
SUBJECT: FIRST BOMBS AWAY REPORT ON FEARLESS TWO.
FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET TACHIARI MACHINE WORKS VISUALLY
AT 310139Z WITH GOOD RESULTS.
TOD:310909Z
ROGER FN-31-4 0909Z W.C.R.

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Washington, D. C.

PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 50 - 31 MARCH 1945

"FEARLESS 2"

Targets: Primary - Tachiarai Machine Works, Kyushu, Japan
Omura A/F, Kyushu, Japan

Take-off: 301250 - 301413 Washington; 310150 - 310313 Theatre; (301650Z - 301813Z)

Time Over Target: Tachiarai - 302140 - 302219 Wash.; 310140Z - 310219Z
Omura - 302151 - 302242 Wash.; 310151Z - 310242Z

Aircraft: Total Bombing 137
Tachiarai 106
Omura 31

A/C Lost or Missing: 1 a/c ditched enroute to target

Casualties: 0 killed; 6 wounded; 1 missing - 10 survivors rescued from ditched a/c

Bomb Load: Average of 3.9 tons per a/c of 500 lb. AN-M-64 fused instant nose and .025 tail.

Tactics: Daylight visual bombing by squadrons in column with minimum interval between squadrons from 14,500 to 17,500 ft.

Weather: Tachiarai - 3/10 cumulus, wind 270 deg. at 41 knots
Omura - CAVU to 4/10 cloud

Fighter Opposition: Tachiarai - Approximately 60 attacks - mostly on 3rd squadron over.
Omura - 30 E/A sighted - opposition weak to moderate. E/A attacked out of sun, dropped air to air bombs at 16,000 ft. - white bursts with red center.

Flak: Tachiarai - Heavy AA from IP to lands end - meager and accurate to inaccurate, continuously pointed. Flak **from two trawlers (29/38 N - 135/43 E) white objects like half inflated balloons at 16,500 ft.**
Omura - Meager to intense and inaccurate to accurate.

Claims: 2 destroyed; 3 probably destroyed; 8 damaged

Results: Good to Excellent

Observations: 40/50 parked a/c on airfield at Nagasu at 310210Z from 17,000 ft.
Sub net across Bungo Strait from near Okino Island to Tomitaka and on to Myazaki at 310113Z from 16,000 ft.
6 to 8 DD and several small craft anchored in Beppu Bay at 310140Z from 15,000 ft. 1 possible BB at 31/00 N - 134/50 E at 310030Z. 1 BB in Yatsushiro Sea from 15,000 ft. 16 Naval vessels anchored in Saeki Bay at 310123Z from 16,000 ft.

Remarks: This report is subject to change and not to be used for official records.

As of 1530, 31 March 1945

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

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SPECIAL CONF: 03311710Z

STATION YAMFG

PRESENT HERE: LT. J.A. BACHUS

SUBJECT : 20TH AIR FORCE MATTERS

TELECON MESSAGE FN-31-17 OP SECRET 3116212

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

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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION

~~PLS SET YOUR MACHING ON DOUBLE SPAE RPT DL DOUBLE SPACE~~

~~TAPE IS NOT CUT THAT WAY~~

TELECON MESSAGE FN-31-17 OP SECRET 3116212

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO: COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT, FEARLESS TWO, MISSION 50, 31 MAR 45.

1. NAME OF PRIMARY: 73D WING: TACHIARI MACHINE WORKS
314 WING: OMURA AIRFIELD (PRIMAGY RADAR TARGET FOR BOTH WINGS.)

2. NAME OF SECONDARY: NONE

3. NAME OF LAST RESORT: NONE

4. TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: NONE

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5. A/C ATTACKING OMURA A/F: 31 A/C DROPPED 278 X 550 LB AN-M-64 WITH AN-M 103 A1 INSTANT NOSE AND AN-M103A2, 040 TAIL BY VISUAL MEANS THRU CAVU-4/10 CLOUD, FROM 15,300 FT TO 16,000 FT AT 310151Z TO 310242Z.

6. A/C ATTACKING TACHIARI MACHINE WORKS: 106 A/C DROPPED 1683 X 550 LB AN-M64 INSTANT NOSE 0.025 TAIL BY VISUAL MEANS THRU 0/10 CLOUD, FROM 14,500 TO 17,500 FT AT 310140Z TO 310219Z.

7. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: NONE

8. A/C ATTACKING TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: NONE

9. NO. A/C TAKING OFF: 149 A/C AIRBORNE AT 301650Z TO 301813Z.

10. NO. A/C EARLY RETURN: 11 A/C RETURNED EARLY, OF WHICH NO A/C BOMBED.

11. NO. A/C LOST OR MISSING: ONE A/C IS MISSING:
0 B-29 A/C OVER TARGET TO ENEMY ACTION.9 1 A/C DITCHED ON WAY O
0 A/C MISSING TO UNKNOWN REASONS.

12. BOMBING RESULTS:

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OMURA A/F: CREWS REPORTED GOOD TO EXCELLENT.

TACHIARI MACHINE WORKS: CREWS REPORTED FAIR TO EXCELLENT.

13. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: KILLED: Ø WOUNDED: 6 MISSING: 1

14. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: OMURA A/F: 3Ø E/A SIGHTED. OPPOSITION WEAK TO MODERATE. E/A ATTACKING OUT OF SUN DROPPED AIR TO AIR BOMBS AT 16,ØØØ FT. WHITE BURSTS WITH RED CENTER. TACHIARI MACHINE WORKS: APPROXIMATELY 6Ø ATTACKS MOSTLY ON THIRD SQUADRON OVER.

15. AA FIRE: OMURA A/F: HEAVY, MEAGER TO INTENSE, INACCURATE TO ACCURATE TACHIARI MACHINE WORKS: HEAVY AA FROM IP TO LANDS END. MEAGER, ACCURATE TO INACCURATE, CONTINIOUSLY POINTED. FLAK FROM 2 TRAWLERS 29/38N-135/43E. WHITE OBJECTS LIKE HALF INFLATED BALLONS AT 16,5ØØ FT

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16. FIGHTER SUPPORT: NONE.

17. WEATHER: OMURA A/F: CAVU TO 4/1Ø. TACHIARI: 3/1Ø CUMULUS, WIND 27Ø° DEG AT 41 KNOTS.

18. IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS: A. 4Ø-5Ø PARKED A/C ON A/F AT NAGASU AT 31Ø21ØZ FROM 17,ØØØ FT. B. SUB NET ACROSS BUNGO STRAIT, FROM NEAR OKINO ISLAND TO TOMITAKA AND ON TO MIYAZAKI AT 1Ø113Z FROM 16,ØØØ FT. C. 2 TRAWLERS (FIRED ON AND DAMAGED B-29) AT 29/38N - 135/43 E AT 3Ø2346Z FROM 6ØØ FT. D. 6 TO 8 DD AND SEVERAL SMALL CRAFT ANCHORED IN BEPPU BAY AT 31Ø14ØZ FROM 15,ØØØ FT. E. 1 CV IN USUKI BAY AT 31Ø139Z FROM 15,ØØØ FT. F. 1 POSSIBLE BB AT 31/ØØN - 134/5ØE (TAKING EVASIVE ACTION) AT 31ØØ3ØZ FROM 48ØØ FT. G. 1 BB IN YATSUSHR RPT YATSUSHIRO SEA (32/3ØN - 13Ø/3ØE) FROM 15,ØØØ FT. H. 16

NAVAL VESSELS ANCHORED

IN SAEKI BAY AT 31Ø123Z FROM 161ØØ FT.

19. ESTIMATE CLAIMS: DESTROYED: 2

PROBABLY DESTROYED: 3

DAMAGED: 8

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2Ø. OTHER INFORMATION: 1Ø SURVIVORS OF DITCHED A/C RESCUED. 11 A/C LANDE AT IWO JIMA. BOTH SUPER DUMBOS DOWN BY 311Ø49Z.

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~~CCN UNDER ITEM 15 IN THE LAST LINE THE LAST GRPS OF THAT LINE SHOULD READ AT 16,Ø RPT " AT 16,5ØØ FT.) TH E WORD "FT. PILED P UP AT END OF LINE THE NUMBER IS RITE AS IN COPE ABOVE.~~

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TELECON MSG NR K-31-18 SECRET . Ø3312218Z

SUBJECT:
PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XXI BC, OPERATION 5Ø

FEARLESS 2 31, MARDH 45

TO ; COM GEN BOM COM 2Ø

FROM COM GEN AF 2Ø

TARGETS: PRIMARY- TACHIARAI MACHINE WORKS, KYUSHU, JAPAN
OMURA A/F, KYUSHU, JAPAN.

TAKE-OFF: 3Ø1250-3Ø1413 WASHINGTON; 31Ø150-31Ø313 THEATRE;
(3Ø165ØZ - 3Ø1813Z).

TIME OVER TARGET: TACHIARAI-3Ø2140-3Ø2219- WASH.; 31Ø140Z-31Ø219Z
OMURA-3Ø2151-3Ø2242 WASH.; 31Ø151Z -31Ø242Z.

AIRCRAFT: TOTAL BOMBING 137
TACHIARAI 1Ø6
OMURA 31

A/C LOST OR MISSING: 1 A/C DITCHED ENROUTE TO TARGET.

CASUALTIES: Ø KILLED: 6 WOUNDED: 1 MISSING--1Ø SURVIVORS RESCUED FROM DITCHED A/C.

BOMB LOAD: AVERAGE OF 3.9 TONS PER A/C OF 5ØØ LB. AN-M-64 FUSED INSTANT NOSE AND .Ø25 TAIL.

TACTICS: DAYLIGHT VISUAL BOMBING BY SQUADRONS IN COLUMN WITH MINIMUM INTERVAL BETWEEN SQUADRON FROM 14,5ØØ TO 17,5ØØ FT.

WEATHER: TACHIARAI-3/1Ø CUMULUS, WIND 27Ø DEG. AT 41 KNOTS
OMURA -- CAVU TO 4/1Ø CLOUD.

FIGHTER OPPOSITION: TACHIARAI- APPROXIMATELY 6Ø ATTACKS MOSTLY ON 3RD SQUADRON OVER.
OMURA-3Ø E/A SIGHTED- OPPOSITION WEAK TO MODERATE E/ A ATTACKED OUT OF SUN, DROPPED AIR TO AIR BOMBS AT 16,ØØØ FT.--- WHITE BURSTS WITH RED CENTER.

FLAK: TACHIARAI-- HEAVY AA FROM IP TO LANDS END-MEAGER AND ACCURATE TO INACCURATE, CONTINOUSLY POINTED. FLAK FROM TWO TRAWLERS (29/38N --135/43E) WHITE OBJECTS LIKE HALF INFLATED BALLONS AT 16,5ØØ FT.
OMURA-- MEAGER TO INTENSE AND INACCURATE TO ACCURATE.

CLAIMS: 2 DESTROYED; 3 PROBABLY DESTROYED; 8 DAMAGED.

RESULTS: GOOD TO EXCELLENT.

OBSERVATIONS: 4Ø/5Ø PARKED A/C ON AIRFIELD AT NAGASU AT 31Ø21ØZ FRØ 17,ØØØ FT.
SUB NET ACROSS BUNGO STRAIT FROM NEAR OKINO ISLAND TO

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TARGETS: PRIMARY TACHIARAI MACHINE WORKS, MISSION
OMURA A/F, KYUSHU, JAPAN.

TAKE-OFF: 301250-301413 WASHINGTON; 310150-310313 THEATRE; (301650Z - 301813Z).

TIME OVER TARGET: TACHIARAI-302140-302219- WASH.; 310140Z-310219Z
OMURA-302151-302242 WASH.; 310151Z -310242Z.

AIRCRAFT: TOTAL BOMBING 137
TACHIARAI 106
OMURA 31

A/C LOST OR MISSING 1 A/C DITCHED ENROUTE TO TARGET.

CASUALTIES: 0 KILLED: 6 WOUNDED: 1 MISSING--10 SURVIVORS RESCUED FROM DITCHED A/C.

BOMB LOAD: AVERAGE OF 3.9 TONS PER A/C OF 500 LB. AN-M-64 FUSED INSTANT NOSE AND .025 TAIL.

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CLAIMS: 2 DESTROYED; 3 PROBABLY DESTROYED; 8 DAMAGED.

RESULTS: GOOD TO EXCELLENT.

OBSERVATIONS: 40/50 PARKED A/C ON AIRFIELD AT NAGASU AT 310210Z FROM 17,000 FT.
SUB NET ACROSS BUNGO STRAIT FROM NEAR OKINO ISLAND TO TOMITAKA AND ON TO MYAZAKI AT 310113Z FROM 16,000 FT. 6 TO 8 DD AND SEVERAL SMALL CRAFT ANCHORED IN BEPPU RPT BAY AT 310140Z FROM 15,000 FT . 1 POSSIBLE BB AT 31/00 N-134/50 E AT 310030Z. 1 BB IN YATSUSHIRO SEA FROM 15,000 FT. 16 NAVAL VESSELS ANCHORED IN SAEKI BAY AT 310123Z FROM 16,000 FT.

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Washington, D. C.

Information for Briefing on XXI Bomber Command
Mission No 50 - 31 MARCH 1945
Date

Mission Code Name "FEARLESS 2" (As of 1100 Z - 31 Mar 1945)
Date

Targets: Primary - TACHIARAI MACHINE WORKS AND OMURA AIRFIELD

Secondary -

Last Resort -

Take-off Times: 3018132

Time Over Primary Target: 3101392

Tactics: Visual Bombing

Aircraft Bombing: Reported thus far 136

Primary Target - Tachiarai - 105 Omura - 31
Secondary Target -
Other Targets -

Bomb Load: 500 lb GP's

Losses: Not reported

Target Weather: Not reported

Fighter Opposition: Not reported

Anti-Aircraft Encountered: Not reported

Claims: Not reported

Results of Bombing: Good to Excellent

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FN-01-18	Mission Report for Fearless Two, Strike 50, 31 Mar 45 XXI BC	2 April 1945

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
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1. Designation of Unit: XXI BomCom
2. Time of Takeoff: 301650Z to 301813Z
3. Time of return: 310808Z to 311030Z
4. No. A/C atta cking primary: 138 (106-Tachiarai Machine Works; 32 Omura A/F installations)
5. No. A/C attacking secondary: 0
6. No. A/C attacking last resort targets: 0
7. No. A/C attacking targets of opportunity: 0
8. No. A/C lost to flak: 0
9. No. A/C lost to E/A: 0
10. No. A/C lost by accident: 0
11. No. A/C lost by reasons unknown: 1 (possibly by AA) Ditched enroute to target.
13. Time of attack: Primary Targets: Omura A/F installations: 310151Z 310242Z Tachiarai Machine Works: 310140Z 310219Z
14. Altitude of attack: Primary Targets: Omura A/F installations: 15,300 ft. to 17,500 feet Tachiarai Machine Works: 14,500 ft. to 17,500 ft.
15. Bombs on primary targets: Omura A/F installations: 286 x 550 lb. GP. fused instantaneous nose - 1/40 sec tail. Tachiarai Machine Works: 1683 x 550 lb LB GP fused instantaneous nose - 1/40 sec. tail.
    A. Bomb Loadings: 2146 x 550 LB GP fused instantaneous nose - 1/40 sec. tail.
    B. Bombs unaccounted for: 9 x 550 LB GP fused instantaneous nose - 1/40 sec. tail.
16. No. A/C bring bombs back: 0
17. Personnel casualties: killed 1, wounded 3, missing 0.
18. No. E/A destroyed: 2, probably destroyed: 2, damaged: 6.
19. Remarks: A. Enemy opposition: Omura - 30 E/A encountered, majority of which were Tojos, b[illegible]ance including Tonys, Jacus, Zekes, Oscars, Irvings and/or Nicks. Many attacks were broken up by long range gunnery. Air to air bombing was encountered damaging one B-29. Tachiarai Machine Works - 55 E/A sighted, 45 attacks, damaging one B-29. 10 coordinated attacks by Tonys reported.
    B. Flak: Omura-heavy meager, inaccurate at IP. Heavy meager to intense, accurate to inaccurate at target. Continuous pointed and predicted concentrations employed. Several B-29's damaged. Tachiarai Machine Works heavy, meager.

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Inaccurate on bomb run. Heavy meager to moderate, inaccurate at target. Continuous pointed and barrage types employed. Kumanota, Omota, Haimuzuka and Hamam-Machi scattered, meager, inaccurate. Two trawlers at 29/38 N - 135/43 E damaged one B-29 and possibly another which left formation at this position to ditch.

C. A/C lost or in distress: 1 A/C ditched enroute to target. (See last paragraph under 21-B) SS picked up 10 survivors.

D. A/C seriously damaged or crashed on return: 0

E. A/C battle damage: 15
1 ready in 1 day.
1 ready in 3 days.
1 ready in 4 days.

F. Observations:

	OBSERVATION	PLACE	TIME	ALT of A/C
(1)	35 surface craft and 1 BB at anchor with covering	MIE COVE		
(2)	30 E/A (fighters & 4/E types)	2 A/F at Miyaki, dispersed in wooded areas		
(3)	17 surface vessels (unidentified)	Isum Harbor		
(4)	Anchored seaplanes	Off breakwater at Omura		
(5)	(Possible) destroyer doing evasive action	300 miles off coast Kyushu		
(6)	15 vessels	Kogoshima Bay		
(7)	Fire on water	29/04N - 133/04E		4,000'
(8)	2 CVS with cross on deck	South of Kyushu		
(9)	40-50 parked A/C	A/F at Nagasu	310210Z	17,000'
(10)	30 A/C	Oita A/F	310158Z	15,000'
(11)	30 dispersed A/C	Tomitika A/F	310242Z	
(12)	2 long runways	A/F at 32/22N-131/39E		
(13)	Large factory (4 large smoke stacks)	32/34N-131/40E		

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(14)	Large smokestack and industrial buildings	Base at Jizoga-Hana 33/15N - 131/53E		15,000'
(15)	Orange streaks with rising vapor (110X250 yds)	On sea 32/35N - 131/47E	310240Z	17,000'
(16)	Large factory	Kdaogawa	310241Z	15,000'
(17)	Sub not	Across Bungo Strait from near Okino Island to Tomitaka and on to Miyazaki		16,000'
(18)	2 subs & 12 seaplanes	33/00N - 133/55E	310115Z	15,400'
(19)	2 trawlers firing AA	29/38N-135/43E	302346Z	600'
(20)	6 to 8 DD and several small craft (anchored)	Beppu Bay	310140Z	15,000'
(21)	1 CV	Usuki Bay	310139Z	15,000'
(22)	1 (possible) BB taking evasive action	31/00N-134/50E	310030Z	4,800'
(23)	16 Naval vessels (anchored)	Saeki Bay	310123Z	16,100'
(24)	1 large surface vessel in sweeping turn	31/30N-134/00E	310115Z	5,000'
(25)	1 sub	31/55N-133/35E	310120Z	10,000'
(26)	1 CV(Shokaiku Class L with NoA/C on deck (anchored)	North part of Beppu Bay	310201Z	17,000'
(27)	1 large surface vessel (course 310 Deg.-30K)	28/12N-136/42E	310413Z	18,200'

G. Photo Interpretation: See our telecon FN-01-4
H. Crew comments: None
I. Weather summary: Bases on takeoff: 8/10 cumulus, bases 1600' top 6000; 9/10 altostratus, base 15000'; scattered showers in the area. Route outgoing: to 20N: 6-8/10 cumulus, and stratocumulus base 1600', top 6-8000': scattered altocumulus, base 12,000' light scattered showers. 20 N to 21.5 N: scattered cumulus: Base 1000' Top 3000'.

20. 5 N to 22.5 N; 8/10 cumulus and stratocumulus, base 1500', top 6000': 8/10 altocumulus, base 13,000'.

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21. 5 N to 24.5 N; 8/10 decreasing to 1/10 stratocumulus, base 1000' top 3000'. With continues 8/10 altocumulus: just north of Iwo Jima middle deck increased to 10/10 with base 8000'. Continuing to frontal zone at 27.5 N to 28 N. Showers falling from this deck and only scattered low clouds, becoming 10/10 cumulus in frontal zone with bases 2000', tops 8000': Moderate showers and turbulence were reported in this zone.
28 N to target-variable 3-7/10 cumulus: Base 2000' top 6000' target: 3/10 cumulus. In area, but clear over target. Visibility 15 miles. Winds at 15,000', 270 degrees at 40 knots.
Route returning: Essentially the same as route outgoing, bases on return: 5/10 cumulus, base 1000': Scattered altostratus: visibilities were 12 to 15 miles.

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SUBJECT COMMUNIQUE NO. 79

TO: COMGENBOMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOMAF 20 POA FROM COMAF 20

INFO TO COMGENBOMCOM 20

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WILL BE RELEASED HERE AT 312200Z:

IMPORTANT AIR INSTALLATIONS ON THE JAPANESE HOMELAND ISLAND OF KYUSHU WERE ATTACKED SUCCESSFULLY FRIDAY (31 MARCH JAPANESE TIME) IN A TWO-PRONGED STRIKE BY SUPERFORTRESSES OF THE XXI BOMBER COMMAND UNDER MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY. AIR CREWMEN REPORTED UPON THEIR RETURN TO THEIR BASES IN THE MARIANAS ISLANDS THAT RESULTS WERE GOOD.

" JAPANESE FIGHTER OPPOSTION VARIED FROM WEAK TO MODERATE. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE WAS I NTENSE RPT INTENSE IN SOME AREAS. NONE OF THE SUPERFORTRESSES WAS LOST IN COMBAT. OUR CREWS REPORTED THEY SHOT DOWN TWO ENEMY PLANES, PROBABLY DESTROYED THREE OTHERS AND DAMGED RPT DAMAGED EIGHT."

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TO COMGEN BOMCOM XXI

FROM HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: PRESS FLASH

RELEASING AT 311100Z

A LARGE TASK FORCE OF B-29'S FROM MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND IN THE MARIANAS ATTACKED MILITARY INSTALLATIONS ON THE JAPANESE HOMELAND ISLAND OF KYUSHU FRIDAY (~~1APRIL~~ JAPANESE TIME) PD HEADQUARTERS OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE IN WASHINGTON ANNOUNCED THE ATTACK AND SAID FURTHER DETAILS WOULD BE MADE KNOWN WHEN OPERATIONAL REPORTS ARE RECEIVED.

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XXI BOMBER COMMAND 11 May 1945

Mission No. 50 - 31 March 1945

Target: Island of Kyushu

RCM INFORMATION

1. General

a. Four RCM observers searched for enemy transmissions in the 70 to 300 mc band and 1000 to 3000 mc band.

b. Twenty-eight different signals were considered usable for analysis after 35 had been filtered.

2. Results

a. A 10 mc signal (3010/1500/2.5-3) was intercepted over Beppu near Oita, Kyushu at 33°20'N; 131°40'E.

b. A signal (300/500/8) was intercepted at 32°45'N; 135°20'E and is believed to be a Mark VI Model 3 ASV that has been suspected as also being land based, since previous intercepts seem to indicate that such equipment is located in that particular spot. Three 200 to 205 mc signals were intercepted near Tachiarai with fairly high PRF's and short pulse lengths. The weather was CAVU with flak meager to moderate, continuously pointed, accurate in range but inaccurate in deflection. One signal-enginedenemy aircraft trailed the formation over target and could have been a flak director.

c. Four signals intercepted in the target area had characteristics similar to the Mark I Model 1 (Jap Navy fixed early warning radar). A signal with characteristics similar to Mark VI Model 4 (154/1300/5 was intercepted during a barrage of inaccurate flak.

d. Thirteen signals with early warning characteristics were located enroute to and from the target. Four of these signals were believed to have been shipborne Mark IV Model 4.

AC/AS, INTELLIGENCE COMMENT:

It is to be noted that the 10-centimeter signal intercepted on this mission was also intercepted on Mission No. 46. Since more than one observer logged this signal, it is strongly believed that it could have emanated from a Mark II Model 2 land based or shipborne surface search radar.

Although a radar signal was intercepted intermittently during the appearance of flak, there was no strong evidence that radar gun laying equipment was being used. Since the enemy fighter aircraft that appeared over

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the target area did not make any passes, it is thought that the pilot may have been obtaining information and relaying it to the ground gun crews. No other unusual incidents occurred during the mission to give any new electronic information.

RCH INFORMATION

CC: ACO, Maj. Mallis
AFIAN-T&T, Flak Analysis Section

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FN-15-16	XXI BC Enemy Fighter Reaction Mission No. 50.	16 Apr 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
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Group 240:

On this day mission about five-sixths of the effort bombed the Tachiarai Machine Works and the remaining one-sixth the Omura Airfield. Air opposition was weak to moderate. 110 EAC were sighted 93 of which made 119 attacks. We lost No B 29 to fighters. Six B-29's were damaged by EAC. Our score 7-3-4. The attacks were made by 32 Tonys, 17 Jack 11's, 10 Tojos, 7 Zeke 52's, 6 Zekes, 1 Irving, 5 T/E unidentified, 1 S/E unidentified, 40 wholly unidentified. With the exception of two Tony's none of the aircraft were on the nose, the remainder about equally divided between the two quarters and the tail. The enemy used 12.7-MM and 20-MM. Air-to-air Bombs possibly Phosphorus were reported by one formation. Again non-attacking aircraft, two Tonys this time, followed a B-29 fifty miles out to sea on the Way home. Co-ordinated attacks increased with seven reported five of which were on one formation. In five instances a pair of Tonys flying line abreast came in level to high at 12 O'clock then dipped down passing slightly below the formation on the breakaway. Opening fire at long range in many instances caused break off both of coordinated and single plane attacks. Most of our formations were tight. One squadron flying loosely sustained 55 percent of the attacks of its wing. The enemy will not put forth much effort for the defense except Tokyo. The situation is reminiscent of the days when the Luftwaffe started to retrograde. Energetic air defense was in large part reserved for Berlin as it is here now for Tokyo.

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Mission 50 XXI BC Photo Recon

Targets 1236 and 1870

1236 - Tachiarai Army Air Base (33/24 N - 130/37 E)
1870 - Tachiarai Machine Works (33/24 N - 130/37 E)
Post strike reconnaissance photos showing damage from XXI BomCom Mission 50, 31 March 1945 show that target 1870 is completely destroyed and 19 buildings of the air base destroyed. See standard grid reference point (468BG) (4MR-22) (V-28) (20BC) (17 November 1944). Read right up: 1. Entire plant of 16 buildings measuring about 495,000 sq. ft. at (08.0 - 08.5) completely destroyed.
2. Building at (06.0 - 07.5) destroyed.
3. " " (05.9 - 07.6) "
4. " " (06.0 - 07.7) "
5. " " (05.75 - 07.65) "
6. " " (05.75 - 07.8) "
7. " " (05.8 - 07.9) "
8. " " (05.4 - 07.55) "
9. " " (05.45 - 07.6) "
10. " " (05.5 - 07.85) "
11. " " (05.15 - 07.55) "
12. " " (05.2 - 07.65) "
13. " " (05.3 - 07.85) "
14. " " (05.35 - 07.95) "
15. " " (04.95 - 07.7) "
16. " " (05.0 - 07.75) "
17. " " (05.1 - 07.9) "
18. " " (05.15 - 07.95) "
19. " " (04.8 - 07.95) "
20. " " (04.9 - 08.05) "

Damage to Kagoshima City (31/33 N - 130/33 E) photos show two areas of destruction totaling 1,260,000 sq. ft. in the center of the city resulting from XXI BomCom Mission 60, 8 April 1945. Areas are located as follows on Print 3PR5M 103 - 1V:6:
1. 760,000 sq. ft. destroyed at (H6.2 - V3.8)
2. 500,000 sq. ft. destroyed at (6.5 - 3.8)

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Tacharai Airfield (33/24 N - 130/37 E) aircraft visible: 68. 41 S/E, 27 T/E. 2 T/E and 1 S/E damaged not included in total.

Kanoya Airfield (31/22 N - 130/50 E) aircraft visible: 285. 191 S/E, 94 T/E. 45 probable dummies not included in total.

Kanoya East Airfield (31/23 N - 130/54 E) aircraft visible: 101. 99 S/E, 2 T/E.

Izumi Airfield (32/05 N - 130/20 E) aircraft visible 127. 95 S/E, 32 T/E.

Kure Airfield (34/13/30 N - 132/37/00 E) aircraft visible: 42. 42 S/E. 10 damaged aircraft not included in total.

Kure Seaplane Station (34/13/30 N - 132/37/00 E) aircraft visible: 20 S/E float planes.

Hira Seaplane Station (34/13/30 N - 132/37/30 E) aircraft visible: 6. 4 4/E flying boats, 2 S/E float planes.

Kure Naval Base (34/13 N - 132/32 E) 14 merchant vessels over 200 ft.
1 CV unidentified 6 inch coverage
1 CV Suiho class
1 BB unidentified 6 inch coverage
1 BB Ise class
1 BB Kongo class
Shimonoseki Straits (33/57 N - 130/57 E)
1 flak ship
2 repair ships
6 small naval auxiliaries.

1 CA unidentified.
1 CL unidentified.
2 OCA unidentified
9 SS unidentified
21 small naval auxiliaries
74 merchant vessels over 200 ft.

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FN-09-2	Supplement to Flash Report No. 131	9 April 1945

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
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Target 849, Omura Naval Air Station (32/56N-129/56E) post strike reconnaissance photos show damage (from XXI Bomber Command Mission 50, 31 March 1945) in the vicinity of AP through out N section of Air Station. See standard grid reference print.
3PR5M 75--2:42 and read right up for damage as follows:

Hangar at (5.9-6.45) 40 pct. structural damage.
Hangar at (5.7-6.1) 25 pct. gutted.
Hangar at (5.6-5.95) 20 pct. gutted.
Building at (6.2-6.4) 10 pct. structural damage.
Building at (6.05-6.4) destroyed.
Building at (6.0-6.35) destroyed.
Building at (5.95-6.15) destroyed.
Building at (5.85-6.05) destroyed.
Building at (5.75-5.85) destroyed.
Building at (5.8-5.65) destroyed.
Building at (6.1-6.3) destroyed.
Building at (6.05-6.15) gutted.
Buildings at (5.95-6.0) gutted
Building at (5.9-5.9) destroyed.
Building at (6.25-6.3) destroyed
Building at (6.1-6.3) destroyed.
Building at (6.05-6.0) destroyed.
Building at (6.0-5.95) destroyed.
Building at (6.1-5.95) destroyed.
Building at (6.4-5.65) 30 pct. destroyed.

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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
FN-01-6	FLASH STRIKE ATTACK PHOTO INTERPRETATION MISSION 50, 31 MARCH 1945	1 April 1945

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 POA, BOMWG 73, BOMWG 313, BOMWG 314	BOMCOM 21

Target 849, Omura Naval Air Station (32/56 N - 129/56 E) Accuracy of XXI BOMCOM Mission 50 on 31 March 1945 appears excellent. Target was hit by three concentrations of about nine bursts each, fires were observed. Last photos show target smoke covered.

See Photo 8PH5M 75 - 2:42, 9 March 1945 and read right up for damage as follows: Three concentrations of about nine bursts each among buildings at (H6.1-V6.0), (6.1-6.1), and (6.2-6.0). One hit and two near misses on building at (6.2-6.35). One hit and several near misses on building at (5.8-6.2).

Target 1870, Tachiarai Machine Works and Target 1256, Tachiarai Army Airfield (33/24 N - 130/37 E). Accuracy of XXI BOMCOM Mission 50 on 31 March 1945 appears fair. All buildings in plant area of target 1870 (5.6-11-5) received at least one direct hit and were on fire with exception of one smoke-obscured structure (5.6-11.4).

See Photo 466BG 4M 22--1V:2, X X BC, 17 November 1944 (Same as JICPOA negative 10541-56) and read right up for damage as follows: Barracks area: Buildings within (4.3-14.0) (5.0-13.7) 5.2-14.7) (4.9-14.8). Sixteen buildings in this area received damage. Two of these are gutted.

Hanger type building at (3.8-15.0) gutted.

Hanger type building at (4.0-15.1) gutted.

Hanger type building at (4.0-14.7) minor roof damage.

Hangar type building at (4.3-14.8) gutted.

Three buildings at (4.6-14.8) damaged.

One building at (4.4-15.3) minor roof damage.

Hangar type building at (5.6-14.3) 60 percent destroyed.

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2 April 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR C/S, TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Subject: Times on Mission Reporting

The following is a report on transmission times for Mission No. 50, XXI Bomber Command:

	Staff Preparation	Guam-Washington Transmission Time	Total Elapsed Time
Take Off Message	1:25	1:20	2:45
First Bombs Away	:26	5:04*	5:30
Consolidated Bombs Away	2:17	5:19*	7:36
Return Report	2:32	:04	2:36
Preliminary Report	12:10	5:57	18:07

*Investigation of reason for long transmission times during 31 March reveals facilities for one conference only existed. This facility had to serve entire War Department. Other facilities were being serviced due to mechanical failures.

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