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Brief of Mission	Telecon	FN-27-1		270140Z	Bf

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MISSION PLAN

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TELECON MSG FN-27-1 OPOP ~~TOP~~ SECRET ~~TOP~~ SECRET

FROM: LEMAY COMGENBOMCOM 21 270050Z

TO: COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: BRIEF OF MISSION STARVATION 17.

10 A/C FROM THE 313TH BOMB WING ARE SCHEDULED TO LAY 70 MINES IN FIELD "L".

A. ROUTE: BASE
IWO JIMA
3230N - 13230E
3402N - 13130E
340145N - 1312345E (IP)
TARGET
RIGHT TURN TO 16,000 FT
3417N - 1305230E
3230N - 13230E
IWO JIMA
BASE

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

B. TIME OF TAKE OFF 270700Z

C. TIME OVER TARGET 271500Z

D. TIME OF RETURN 272200Z

E. METHOD OF ATTACK - RADAR LAYING SINGLE A/C AT NIGHT.

F. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK - 7500 FEET.

G. FIGHTER ESCORT WILL NOT BE PROVIDED.

H. AIR SEA RESCUE HAS BEEN REQUESTED

END.....

TOD: 270140Z DM

ROGER 270140Z WCR

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1st Take Offs Report	Telecon	FN-27-7		2708472	BL
Take offs Report	"	FN-27-9		2708472	BL

TAKE OFF REPORTS

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-27-9 OPOP SECRET

FROM: BOMCOM XXI 270805Z

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR MISSION NO. 185 TARGET, SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS FLOWN 27 MAY 1945.

1. UNITS: 313

2. A/C CHEDULED: 11

3. A/C AIRBORNE: 11

4. 1ST A/C OFF: 270700Z

5. LAST A/C OFF: 270714Z

END

END

TOD: 270845Z WL

ROGER 270845Z WCR

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PECIAL CONFERENCE 052708402

PRESENT HERE: LT J HOWARD

STATION: YAMG

SUBJECT: 20 AF MATTERS

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-27-7 OPOP SECRET

FROM: BOMCOM XXI 270741Z

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEP COMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: FIRST TAKE OFF REPORT ON MINING MISSION 17 FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE 270700Z

WEATHER EXPECTED:

BASE AT TAKE OFF: 4 TO 6/10 LOW CLOUD WITH BROKEN MIDDLE CLOUD AND SHOWERS GIVING 1000 FEET CIELINGS AND 1 MILE VISIBILITY FOR INTERMITTANT 10 MINUTE PERIODS.

ROUTE TO TARGET: BROKEN LOW AND BROKEN MIDDLE CLOUD WITH CLOUD BASE 1800 FEET AND TOPS 7 - 8000 AND MIDDLE CLOUD THIN EXCEPT IN FRONT NEAR 26 DEG NORTH WHERE CLOUD INCREASE TO OVERCAST LAYERS TO 19000 FEET AND RAIN FOR 100 MILES.

TARGET: CLOUD BREAKING SLOWLY NORTH OF FRONT TO 2/10 LOW AND NO UPPER CLOUD AT TARGET WITH VISIBILITY 10 MILES.

BASE ON RETURN: 3/10 LOW CLOUD WITH VISIBILITY 15 MILES AND SCATTERE LIGHT SHOWERS.

END

TOD : 270843Z WL

ROGER 270843Z WCR

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Landing Report	Telecon	FN-28-1		280108Z	[illegible]

BOMB STRIKE
RETURN RPTS

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-28-1 TOP SECRET

FROM: BOM COM XXI 280015Z

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA) BOMWG 58 ATTN: A-2 BOMWG 73 ATTN: A-2
BOMWG 314 ATTN: A-2

SUBJECT: LANDING REPORT FOR MISSION NO. 185, TARGET SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS, FLOWN 27 MAY 1945.

1. UNIT: 313TH WING

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2. LANDED HOME BASE: 10

3. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE: 0

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4. FIRST A/C: 272128Z

5. LAST A/C: 272226Z

6. MISSING: 1

7. EARLY RETURNS:2

8. REMARKS: MISSING A/C PRESUMED LOST OVER TARGET.

END

TOD:280102Z YAMG

ROGER TELECON MSG GN-28-1 280102Z WCR

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 185 — 27 May 1945
Date

Targets Bombed: Mining XXXXXXX — Total A/C Bombing: 9

Shimonoseki Straits 8

Kyushu, N. W. Coast 1

Time Over Target: 272358 - 280026 Theater Time

Mines Dropped XXXXXXXX
Bomb Load: 62 tons

XXXXXXXXX
Results:

Tactics: Mines laid by single a/c at night from an altitude of 6030 to 7700 ft.

A/C Lost or Missing: 1 a/c lost

Weather: 0/10 clouds, visibility 10-15 miles, wind 305 deg at 33 knots.

Fighter Composition: Shimonoseki Straits - 8 T/E a/c and 4 U/I a/c, ~~with~~ 4 T/E ~~making~~ individual attacks and 2 T/E ~~making~~ co-ordinated attacks.

Flak: Shimonoseki Straits - heavy, medium and A W fire - intense accurate and well co-ordinated with S/L.

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Claims:

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Observations:

Shimonoseki Straits

Visual sightings:

6 large ships 33/20N-132/10E
3 large ships 32/48N-132/33E
8 mine sweepers 33/57N-131/02E
Approximately 20 boats 34/00N-131/30E

Radar Sightings:

6 boats along coast 33/39N-131/27E

Kyushu NW Coast -

Visual Sightings:

1 very large boat 33/25N-129/40E
13 small boats 33/37N-130/18E
5 large boats 33/36N-131/24E
Anchored - [redacted].

Radar:

6 boats in Nagasaki Harbor.

Fighter Sweeps:

[redacted]

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FM-26-6	MISSION REPORT FOR MISSION NO. 185, FLOWN 27 MAY 1945	28 May 1945

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20 (AC/AS Intel)	DEPCOMAF 20 FOA	COMGENBOMCOM 21

COPY TO CHIEF OF STAFF

1. Designation of Unit: 313th Wing, 21st Bomber Command
2. Time of Take-Off: 270700Z - 270714Z
3. Time of Return: 272128Z - 272226Z
4. Number A/C Airborne: 11
5. Number A/C over Primary Minefield: M/F Love, 8 A/C laid 55 MK-25 mines, M/F Charley 1 A/C laid 7 MK-25 mines.
6. Number A/C over Alternate Minefield: M/F Love A/C dropped 1 X31-B8 at 3341-13132E. This mine was a hang up.
7. Number and location of mines Jettisoned by ABXC: 2 A/C jettisoned 14 MK-25 mines as follows: At 2315N-14116E, 3 X11-B8, 1 V11-B8, 1 X31-B8, 1 X51-B8, 1 X71-B8. At 1526N-14616E, 3 X11-B8, 1 MA1-I8, 1 V11-B8, 1 X31-B8, 1 X51-B8.
8. Number A/C returning Mines to Base: None.
9. Number Mines unaccounted for and Reason: None.
10. Number A/C Lost: 1
11. Time of Attack: M/F Love, 271458Z-271524Z. M/F Charley, 271516Z-271526Z.
12. Altitude over Target: M/F Love, 7450-7700'. M/F Charley, 6030'.
13. True Air Speed at Mine Release: M/F Love, 200-230 Kts, M/F Charley, 216 Kts.
14. Length of Mine Run: M/F Love, 7 Min-8 Min. M/F Charley, 10 Min.
15. Wind Reported over Target: M/F Love and M/F Charley, 305 Deg at 33 Kts.
16. Clouds and Visibility: M/F Love and M/F Charley, 0/10 clouds. Vis: M/F Love, 10-12 miles - Light Haze, M/F Charley, Over 15 miles.
17. Personnel Casualties: M/F Love, 11 men missing.
18. Enemy Air Opposition: M/F Love, 8 T/E making individual attacks and 4 U/I enemy A/C sighted in target area with 4 T/E making individual attacks and 2 T/E making a coordinated attack. M/F Charley, None. Enemy A/C claims: None.
19. Anti-Aircraft: M/F Love, heavy, medium, and AW fire, intense, accurate and well coordinated with S/L. M/F Charley, NIL.
20. Enemy RCM Noted and Effect: None.
21. Observations: M/F Love Visual: 6 large ships 3320N-13210E, 3 large ships 3243N-13233E, 3 mine sweepers 3357N-13102E, Approximately 20 boats near I.P. 3400N-13130E, 1 probable destroyer 3300N-13207E, 1 ship 3345N-13140E. Radar: 1 boat 3250N-13273E, 6 boats along coast 3339N-13127E. M/F Charley Visual: 1 very large boat 3325N-12940E, 13 small boats at 3337N-13018E, 5 large boats 3336N-13124E anchored believed a visible breakwater, Radar: 6 boats in Nagasaki Harbor.
22. Number Mines Airborne: 77 MK-25.
23. Number and Type of Mines laid in Minefields:

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TO:	INFO:	FROM:
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TYPE	M/F LOVE	M/F CHARLEY
D 11-B8	1	None
D 12-B8	1	None
D 13-B8	1	None
M 11-18	1	None
M 13-G8	1	None
M 13-K8	2	None
M 31-B8	6	None
M 31-G8	3	2
M 31-K8	2	None
M 31-M8	3	None
M 41-I8	1	None
VII -B8	5	None
XII - B8	15	None
X31 - B8	6	None
X51 - B8	5	4
X71 - B8	2	1
	55	7

24. It is estimated that the mines laid in the anchorage area about Moji will tend to flush the ships out of that area and thus render the Harbor useless for several days.

END

DIST — ACTION: DC/S Oprs

INFO: C/S; DC/S Opr (4); DC/S~~TME~~; DC/S P&A; Gen Norstad; Gen Hodges (2); Gen Wilson; Gen Bissell; Capt Stroop; Stat Con; File (5)

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