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Brief of FO	Telecon	FN-17-16		171905Z	BGR

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

QUOTE

RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

YAF R-4

SECRET

TELECON MSG FN-17-16 OPERATIIONAL PRIORITY SECRET 171145Z

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

SUBJECT BRIEF OF PANHANDLE NO 5 MISSION NO 36 APPROXIMATELY 44 B-29 WILL ATTACK PANHANDLE NO 5 ON 18 FEBRUARY AS A PRACTICE SHAKEDOWN MISSION. COURSE: TINIAM TO 1457N - 14540E TO 0800N - 152953 TO 0735N- MOEN AIRFIELD NO 1 AND NO2 AIMING POINT CENTER OF AIR STRIP. SECONDARY TARGET: NONE LAST RESORT: ANY AIR INSTALLATION TAKE OFF FIRST PLANE 172300Z , OVER TARGET 180230Z ETR 180600Z TARGET WILL BE ~~ATTAC~~ ATTACK BY SQUADRON IN COLUMN AT BASE ALTITUDE 24,000 FEET. AIR SEA RESUCE FACILITIES REQUESTED. BOMB LOAD 11,000 LB 500 LB GP FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE AND 1/40 SECOND TAIL FUSE.

~~CR CNT 148~~

SECRET

END

TOD:-1245Z RH

ROGER 1245Z BRX

GES

UNQUOTE

TOD:171905Z JK

ROGER 171905Z WCR

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1st AC o&s	telecon	FN-17-23		172343 Z	[illegible]
Take ~~o&s~~ Report	"	FN-18-2		180242 Z	[illegible]

TAKE OFF
REPORTS

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RELAY FROM DEPCOMAF 20
QUOTE
RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21
TELECON FN-18-2 OP OP OP SECRET 180120Z

FROM BOMCOM XXI
TO COMAF 20
F
INFO
INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)
BT
SUBJET : TAKE OFF REIORT FOR PANHANDLE 5, 18 FEB 45
313TH BOMBARDMENT WIMG, TINIAN. GR15

1. GROUP:	6TH	9TH
2. A/C SCHEDULED:	19	18
3. A/C AIRBORNE	18	17
4. FIRST A/C:	172336Z	172300E
5. LAST /C:	172345Z	172317Z

END

TOD 0200Z RM

ROGER 0200Z PH

UNQUOTE

TOD:180235Z AC
ROGET:180235Z

SECRET

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QUOTE

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

TELECON MESSAGE FN-17-23 OP OP OP SECRET 172310Z

FROM: XXI BOMCOM

TO: COM GEN AF 29

NFO: DEP COM AF 20 (PCA)

GR 33

FIRST ACFT AIRBORNE ON PANHANDLE FIVE AT 172300Z. BASE AT TAKE OFF 6/10 LOW CLOUD. TARGET 4/10 LOW CLOUD WITH 2/10 MIDDLE CLOUD. BASE ON RETURN LIGHT SHOWERS, 4 TO 5/10 LOW CLOUDS.

END...

TOD 2333Z RM

ROGER 2333Z JFB

SECRET

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TOD:17232XXX 172340Z JK

ROGER 172340Z WCR

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1st Bombs Away Rpt	telecon	FN-18-5		180614Z	BL
Consolidated Bombs Away	"	FN-18-7		180613Z	BL

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QUOTE

GELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

SECRET

TELECON MESSAGE FN -18-7 OPERATIONAL PRTY SECRET 180500Z

FROM COMCOM XXI

TO COMAF WP

QINFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY FOR PANHANDLE 5, 18 FEB-45.

GR-28

313TH BOMBARDMENT WING, TINIAN.

1. 6 LEAD A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY.

2.

35 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY WITH FAIR TO EXCELLENT RESULTS.

END

TOD 051RPT 0545Z RM

SECRET

ROG

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TOD:180557Z AC

ROGET:180557Z

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RELAY FROM DEPCOMAF 20
QUOTE
RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

TELECON FN-18-5 OP OP OP SECRET 180340Z

M BOMCOM XXI
TO COMGEN AF 20
INFO DEPCOM GEN AF 20 (POA)
BT
GR 16 BT
BOMBS AWAY REPORT PANHANDLE FIVE. FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBERE
ED/
D

PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY THROUGH 1/10 CLOUDS AT 180239Z.

END

TOD. 180453Z WAH

ROGER 180453 Z MR

UNQUOTE

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//// TOD :180546Z AC

ROGER:180546Z

SECRET

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

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Preliminary Mission Rpt	telecon	FN-18-14		181339Z	BL
Return Rpt	"	FN-18-10		181400Z	BL
Incomplete Return Rpt	"	FN-18-9		181413Z	BL
Preliminary Mission Report	—	—		18 Feb.	am

PRELIMINARY
MISSION RPT

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Washington, D. C.

SECRET
By authority of
CG Twentieth AF

19 Feb.45
Date Initials

PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 36 - 18 FEBRUARY 1945

"PANHANDLE 5"

Target: Primary - Moen Island Airfields #1 and #2, Truk

Take-off: 172300Z - 172345Z

Time of Attack: 180227Z - 180341Z

Aircraft: Total Bombing 35

Aircraft Lost or Missing: None

Casualties: None

Bomb Load: 600 x 500 lb GP

Tactics: Daylight visual bombing by squadron in a column at an altitude of 24,000 feet

Weather: 1/10 to 4/10 cloud cover. Wind from 90 to 105 degrees, 23-25 knots

Fighter Opposition: Heavy to meager - inaccurate

Flak: None

Claims: None

Results: Good to Excellent

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

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

As of 1630 , 19 February 1945

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

TELECON MSG FN-18-9 SECRET OP OP OP 180800Z
FROM XXI BOM COM
TO COMAF 20
INFO DEP COMAF 20 (POA)1
GR55
SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT FOR PANHANDLE 5, 18 FEBRUARY 1945
313 BOMBARDMENT WING.
1. GROUP: 9
2. AIRBORNE 17
3. LANDED HOME BASE 17

4. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE 0

5. TIME OF LANDING:

FIRST A/C 180525Z

LAST A/C 180541Z

ALL A/C RETURNED SAFELY. 6TH GP FLYING PRACTICE FORMATION AROUND LOCAL AREA. WILL FORWARD LANDING REPORT UPON RECEIPT.

END

WL

TOD 082

//// 180830Z JF

ROGER FN-18-9 180830Z HE

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TOD:181413Z YAF

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REC 181413ZWCR

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QUOTE

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

I TELECON MESSAGE FN-18-10 (SECRET) 180950Z (OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY)

KFROM: CONGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20

INFO: DEPCOMAF20(POA)

(GR49)

SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT FOR PANHANDLE , 18 FEB 45.

313THFBOMBARDMENT WING

1. GROUP:	9	6
W		
2. AIRBORNE	17	18
3. LANDED HOME BASE:	17	18
4. LANDED ~~ATXQUC~~ away from ~~OM~~ BASE:	0	0
TM T		
XXXX		
5. TIME OF ~~OHSRYNG~~ LANDING :		
FIRST A/C:	180525Z	180642Z
LAST A/C:	180541Z	180702Z
6. MISZING:	NONE	NONE

END

TOD 181018Z PA

ROGER 181018Z PH

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SECRET

TOD: ~~18~~ 181359 Z
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ROGER 181359Z WCR

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CONFERENCE 021813317

PRESENT HERE: LT. VA[illegible]N BERG

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SUBJECT: SPEC CONF: 20TH AF MATTERS

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21
TELECON MESSAGE FN-18-14

SECRET 181126Z. ...OPERATIONAL PRIORI
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FROM : BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

SECRET

INFO : DEPCOMAF 20 (POA
)

GR: 163.

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT, PANHANDLE 5, 18 FEB 45.

1. NAME OF PRIMARY: MOEN ISLAND AIRFIELDS NO. 1 AND 2.

2. NAME OF SECONDARY: NONE

3. NAME OF LAST RESORT: NONE

4. TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: NONE

5 A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 35 A/C DROPPED 600 X 500 LB GP BY VISUAL MEANS THRU 1/10 TO 4/10 CLOUB FMOM 24,000 TO 24,500 FT AT 180227 T
180341Z

6. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: NONE

7. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: NONE

8. A/C ATTACKING TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: NONE

9. NO. AKXC TAKING OFF: 35 A/C AIRBORNE AT 172300Z TO 180005Z

10. NO. A/C EARLY RETURN: NONE

11. NO. A/C LOST OR MISSING: NONE

12. BOMBING RESULTS: PRIMARY: CREWS REPORTED GOOD TO EXCELLENT.

13. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: NONE

14. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: HEAVY, MEAGER TO MODERATE, INACCURATE

15. AA FIRE: NONE

16. FIGHTER SUPPORT: NONE

17. WEATHER 1/10 TO 4/10 CUMULUS, WIND FROM 90-105 DEG 23 - 25 KNOTS.

18. IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS: NONE

19. ESTIMATED CLAIMS: NONE

20. OTHER INFORMATION: NONE

END-----

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TOD181247Z JF

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ROGER FN-18-14 181247Z JK.

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TOD:181339Z YAF

ROGER 181339Z WCR

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Mission Report Panhandle 5	Telcon	19-14		18 Feb. 191400 z	am

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RELAY FROMDEPCOMAF 20 K GUAM

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QUOTE

TELECON MESSAGE
FN 19-14 OP OP SECRET 191400Z

FROM BOMCOM XXI

TO COMAF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 [redacted]

POA

SUBJECT:

[redacted] MISSION REPORT
[redacted] FOR PANHANDLE 5, 18 FEB 45,

[redacted]

1. DESIGNATION OF UNIT 313BOMBARDMENT WING

2. TIME OF TAKE OFF/ 172300Z TO 180005Z

3 TIME OF RETURN: 180525Z

4. NO A/C AIRBORNE 35

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5. NO A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 35

SECRET

6. NO A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: NONE

7. NO. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT TARGETS: NONE

8 NO. A/C ATTCCKING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: NONE

9 NO. A:C WHICH FAILED TO BOMB [redacted] TARGETS: NONE

10 NO. A/C LOST TO FLAK NONE DESIGNATED

11 NO. A:C LOST TO E/A: NONE

12 NO. A/C LOST BY ACCIDENT: NONE

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13 NO. A:C LOST BY REASONS UNKNOWN: NONE

14 TIME OF ATTACK: PRIMARY TARGET 180227Z TO 180340Z

15. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK: PRIMARY: 24,000 FT TO 25,900 FT

16 BOMBS ON EACH TARGET:

SECRET

PRIMARY: 587 X 500 LB GP,.

A. BOMB LOADING: 627 X 500 LB GP

B. BOMBS UNACCOUNTED FOR NONE

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17 NO A/C JETTISONING BOMBS: 3

22 X 500 LB GP

18 NO A/C BRINGING BOMBS BACK:

1 A/C 18 X 500 LB GP

19 PERSONNEL

CASUALTIES: KILLED NONE

SECRET

SERIOUSLY WOUNDED NONE

SLIGHTLY WOUNDED NONE

MISSING NONE

20 NO E/A DESTROYED: NONE

PROBABLY DESTROYED: NONE

DAMAGED NONE

21 REMARKS:

A ENEMY OPPOSITION NONE

B FLAK HEAVY MEAGER TO MODERATE, INACCURATE

C A/C LOST OR IN DISTRESS NONE

D A/C SERIOUSLY DAMAGED OR CRASHED ON RETURN: NONE

E A/C BATTLE DAMAGE: NONE

F OBSEVATIONS:

THREE S/E FIGHTERS SIGHTED IN TARGET AREA

DID NOT ATTACK THOUGHT TO BE ZEKES ENROUTE HOME ONE S/E FIGHTER SIGHTED

AT 10 DEG 05 MON N- 148 DEG 42 MIN E SAME HEADING AND ALTITUDE

SECRET

AS FOR

MATION NO ATTACK AT 13 DEG

30 MIN N-147 DEG MIN E, 17 OR 18 VESSELS POSSIBLY INCLUDING 3 DD AND

3 DE ON HEADING 300 320 DEG 16 20 KNOTS

G PHOTO INTERPRETATION DAMAGE INFLICTED UPON TARGET IS

LIMITED TO SLIGHT CRATERING OF RUNWAYS AND TAXI WAYS FOURTEEN PERCENT OF OBSERVED BURSTS ARE WITHIN TARGET AREA ON A/F NO 1 AND SEVENTY PERCENT OF OBSERVED BURST ARE WITHIN TARGET AREA ON A/F NO 2

H. CRW COMMENTS NONE

END

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