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MISSION NO. 39 Musashino ENKINDLE 5

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Brief g Field Order #42 (cancelled)	Telecon	FN-284		281240Z	BGR
Cancelling Mission	"	FN-01-12		030117GZ	BGR
Field Order #42	"	FN-03-2		030755Z	BGR

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

QUOTE:

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TELECON MSG FN -Ø3-2 OP OP OP OP SECRET Ø3Ø625Z

FROM 21 BOMCOM

TO COMAF 2Ø

INFO DEPCOMA 2Ø POA

GR 16Ø

SUBJECT FIELD ORDER NO. 42

BRIEF OF FIELD ORDER NO. 42 ENKINDLE NO. 5. APPROXIMATELY 185 B-29'S SCHEDULED AGAINS ENKINDLE ON 4 MARCH - COURSE: BASES IN SAIPAN AND TINIAN TO 2500N-14300E TO 2715N -14053E TO 3355N - 13850E, TO 3450N - 13810E TO 3540N -13834E TO TARGET TO 3553N -13940E TO 3537N - 14033E TO 2800N - 14300E TO BASE. A/C OF ONE WING WILL TAKE OFF, FLY INDIVIDUALLY AND ASSEMBLY AT POINT 3355N - 13850E. THE OTHER WING WILL ASSEMBLE AT POINT 3415N - 13700E. TAKE OFF TIME: Ø3151ØZ OVER TARGER Ø4ØØØZ ETA BASE Ø4Ø6ØØZ. ATTACKING IN SQUADRONS WITH MINIMUM INTERVAL BETWEEN SQUADRON. AXIS AND ALTITUDE OF ATTACK; 86 DEGREE TRUE AT 25,ØØØ FEET. BOMB LOAD: 3 SQUADRONS, 2,ØØØ LB GP FUSED 1/4Ø SEC NOSE AND 1/4Ø SEC TAIL FUSE. 5 SQUADRONS AN-M17A1 INCENDIARY BOMBS FUSED TO OPEN 5,ØØØ FEET ABOVE THE TARGET. FOUR SQUADRONS 5ØØ LB P FUSED 1/4Ø SEC NOSE AND 1/4Ø TAIL FUSE. BALANCE OF SQUADRONS , 5ØØ LB GP FUSED 1/1Ø SEC NOSE AND 1/4Ø SEC TAIL FUSE. AIR SEA RESCUE FACILITIES REQUESTED.

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TOD Ø3Ø653Z DEL KK

TOD : Ø3Ø728Z LS

ROGER V YAF FN -Ø3-2 Ø728Z PH

UNQUOTE:

TOD: Ø3Ø755Z VF

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ROGER Ø3Ø755Z WCR

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RELAY FGOM BOMCOM 21

TELECON MSG FN-Ø1-12 SECRET OP OP Ø1135ØZ

FROM BOMCOM 21

TO COMAF 2Ø

INFO DEPCOMAF 2Ø (POA)

SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF ENKINDLE FIVE

21 BOMCOM FO 42 ENKINDLE FIVE TO BE EXCUTED ON MARCH 2ND BY 73RD AND 31"TH WINGS, CANCELLED DUE TO TARGET WEATHER. THIS IS A CANCELLATION, NOT A DALAY.

END

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TOD:-Ø117Ø1Z RH
UNQUOTE
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TOD Ø1175ØZ HS

ORIGINATOR OF MESSAGE _____

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Trng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans
	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm	Op Anal	Stat Con		
INFORMATION	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Trng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans
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TELECON MESSAGE FN-28-4 (SECRET) 281040Z (OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY)

Cancelled B

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20

INFO: DEPCOMAF20(POA)

(GR248)

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Nakajima A/C Musashino Plant, Tokyo

SUBJECT: BRIEF OF FIELD ORDER NO. 42 ENKINDLE NO. 5. APPROXIMATELY 185 B-29'S SCHEDULED TO ATTACK ENKINDLE NO. 5 AS PRIMARY TARGET AND URBAN AREA MEETING HOUSE AS SECONDARY ON 2 MARCH - TWO ROUTES PLANNED - DOWNWIND RUN IF WEATHER IS FAVORABLE FOR VISUAL BOMBING - A UPWIND RUN TO BE MADE IF WEATHER IS UNFAVORABLE - ROUTES: PLAN A - BASES IN TINIAN AND SAIPAN TO 2500N - 14300E 2715N - 14053EN TO 2900N - 13737E TO 3447N - 13737E TO 3540N - 13834E TO TARGET, - RETURN: 3553N - 13940E TO 3537N 14033E TO 2800N 14300E TO BASE - PLAN B BASES TO 2500N - 14300E TO 2715N - 14053E TO 3440N - 14000E 3519N - 14023E TO 3536N - 14008E TO SECONDARY TARGET, TO 3555N - 13953E TO 3537N - 14039E TO 2800N - 14300E TO BASE - A DECISION WILL BE MADE AT A POINT (3519N - 14023E) BY LEAD COMMANDER WHETHER THE TARGET CAN BE BOMBED VISUALLY. IF THE DECISION IS POSITIVE THE ROUTE WILL BE 3519N - 14023E TO 3549N - 14006E TO 3547N - 13954E TO PRIMARY TARGET TO 3534N - 13922E TO 3445N - 13945E TO 3400N - 14100E TO 2800N - 14300E TO BASE. SQUADRONS ATTACK WITH MINIMUM INTERVAL, AXIS OF ATTACK AND ALTITUDE: PLAN A, 86 DEGREES AT 25,000 FEET. PLAN B, ON SECONDARY TARGET 291 DEGREES AT 27,000 FEET. AND ON PRIMARY TARGET 256 DEGREES AT 27,000 FEET. BOMB LOAD: 5 SQUADRONS AN-1717 A1 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS AND APPROXIMATELY 12 SQUADRONS - 500 LB GP FUSED 1/10 SEC DELAY NOSE AND NON-DELAY TAIL FUSE - AIR SEA RESCUE FACILITIES REQUESTED.

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TOD11/// 281156Z LC

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TOD:281239Z WB
ROGER FN-28-4 281239Z WCR

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1st gp Weather	Telecod	FN-03-7		031605Z	KSR
Consol Take Off Rept.	"	FN-03-8		031837Z	WP
Corrected Take Off Rpt	"	FN-03-9		032203Z	WP
Additional Corrections to T.O	"	FN-04-7		040615Z	WP

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RETEY FROM BOMCOM 21

TELECON MSG JN-Ø4-7 OP OP SECRET Ø4Ø55ØZ

FROM BOMCOM 21

TO COMAF 2Ø

INFO DEPCOMAF 2Ø (POA)

GR 3Ø

SUBJECT: CORRECTION TO OUR MSG FN-Ø3-9 TAKE OFF REPORT

ENKINDLE 5 S 39 4 MARCH 1945

1.	GROUP	497TH	499TH
2.	A/C SCHEDULED	36	23
3.	A/C AIRBORNE	34 REPEAT 34	18 REPEAT 18

REST OF MESSAERPT MESSAGE IS CORRECT.

END

TOD Ø6Ø7Z RM

ROGDR Ø6Ø7Z PH

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TOD Ø4Ø615Z PH

ROGER Ø4Ø615 Z AT WCR

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-Ø3-9 OPERATIONAL PRIORITY-SECRET Ø31845Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 2Ø

INFO: DEPCOMAF 2Ø (POA)

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- SUBJECT: CORRECTED TAKE OFF REPORT FOR ENKINDLE FIVE, MISSION NO. 39 4 MARCH 1945.

73RD BOMBARDMENT WING, SAIPAN

1. GROUP:	497	498	499	5ØØ	
2. A/C SCHEDULED:	36	36	23	22	117
3. A/C AIRBORNE:	~~34~~	37	~~18~~	24	- 113
4. FIRST A/C:	Ø31556Z	Ø31511Z	Ø31529Z	Ø31542Z	
5. LAST A/C:	Ø31625Z	Ø31646Z	Ø31540Z	Ø31634Z	
6. EARLY RETURNS:	Ø	2	1	Ø	3
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7. SUPERDUMBOS- AIRBORNE AT Ø31615Z AND Ø31621Z

313TH BOMBARDMENT WING, TINIAN 78

ONE EARLY RETURN FROM THE 6TH GROUP. 1 — 79

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THIS MESSAGE DISPTACHED FROM 21 BOM CON CONTROL ROOM AT Ø31845Z

END..

~~TOD:Ø31905Z~~

TOD: ~~Ø31~~ Ø321Ø4Z

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UNQUOTE

Total Airborne both wings 191

Aborts 9

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TOD: Ø322Ø3Z NT

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CONFERENCE 031850Z
SUBJECT: SPECIAL
PRESENT HERE: LT SLAVIN

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RELAY FROM BOCOM 21

FN-03-8

TELECON MESSAGE [redacted] OP OP SECRET 031718Z
FROM: BOMCOM XXI
TO: COMAF 20
((KC))
INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)
SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR ENKINDLE FIVE, MISSION NO. 39, 4 MARCH 1945.
GR120
73RD BOMBARDMENT WING, SAIPAN

1. GROUP:	497	498	499	500
2. A/C SCHEDULED:	36	36	23	22
3. A/C AIRBORNE:	34	36	20	24
4. FIRST A/C:	031556Z	031511Z	031529Z	031542Z
5. LAST A/C	031625Z	031528Z	031541Z	031634Z
6. EARLY RETURNS:	0	2	0	0

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-2
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7. SUPERDUMBOS - ONE AIRBORNE AT 031615Z. ONE MORE TO GO.

313TH BOMBARDMENT WING, TINIAN

1. GROUP:	6	9	504	505
2 A/C SCHEDULED:	23	24	12	22
3. A/C AIRBORNE:	22	23	11	22

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4. FIRST A/C:	031515Z	031551Z	031551Z	031515Z
5. LAST A/C :	031546Z	031625Z	031630Z	031545Z

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THIS MESSAGE DISPATCHED FOR 21 BOM COM CONTROL ROOM AT 031718Z.
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TOD: 031755Z WNM
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END
TOD 031837Z

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CONFERENCE Ø3Ø3163ØZ

PRESENT:

LT THOMPSON

SUBJECT: SPECIAL CONFERENCE

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SPECIAL CONFERENCE 03. .-XXX MAR 45

SUBJECT 20TH AF MATTERS

PRESENT HERE LT KINSLER

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

TELECON MESSAGE FN-03-7 TPERATIONAL PRIORITY-SECRET 031520Z

FROM: XXI BOM COM

TO : COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM AF 20 (POA)

GR150

FIRST ACFT AIRBORNE AT 031511Z ON ENKINDLE FIVE. WEATHER, BASE AT TAKE OFF: 4/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 2000FT. TOPS 4-6000 FT ROUTEGC LOW CLOUD VARIABLE 4 TO 6/10 TO 25 DEGREES N THEN INCREASING GRADUALLY TO 10/10 IN FRONT NEAR 27 DEGREES N. CLOUD SOLID IN FRONT FROM 27

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DEGREES N TO 29 DEGREES N. CLOUD BASE 500 FEET OR LESS IN RAIN AND TOPS 22 TO 25,000 FEET. FROM 29 DEGREES N TO ENEMY COAST 6-810 LOW CLOUD BASE 1500 TOPS 7-10,000 FEET. 6 TO 8/10 MIDDLE CLOUD IN LAYERS FROM 12,000 FEET TO 24,000 FEET AND 4-5/10 HIGH CLOUD BASE 27,000 FEET TOPS 30,000 FEET. UPPER CLOUDS EXPECTED TO DECREASE ~~TO~~ TO SCATTERED AT COAST. MODERATE ICING IN FRONT ABOVE 10,000 FEET ESPECIALLY SOUTH OF 30 DEGREES NORTH.

TARGET: 2/10 LOW CLOUD , 2-3/10 MIDDLE CLOUD IN MORNING INCREASING IN AFTERNOON TO NEAR OVERCAST.

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TOD:031405
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031605Z WNM

ROGER 031605Z LW

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1st Bombs Away Rpt	Telecon	FN-04-01		040035Z	WP
Flash for PRO on Bombs Away	"	FN-04-02		040053Z	WP
Consolid. Bombs Away	"	FN-04-05		040205Z	WP
Query on Bombs away totals	Telecon	Note		040310Z	WP
Consolid Bombs Away	"	FN-04-06		040549Z	WP
Return Report	"	FN-04-08		041124Z	WP

BOMB STRIKE REPORTS

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-[redacted]-8 (SECRET) 040945Z (OPER[redacted]ONAL-PRIORITY)

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20

INFO: DEPCOMAF20(PMM)

(GR151)

SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT FOR ENKINDLE 5, STRIKE 39, 4 MARCH 1945.

73RD BOMBARDMENT WING

1. GROUP:	497	498	499	500
2. AIRBORNE:	34	37	19	24
3. LANDED HOME BASE:	33	37	19	24
4. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE:	0	0	0	0
5. TIME OF LANDING: FRRST A/C:	040451Z	040453Z	040413Z	040435Z
LAST A/C:	040740Z	040700Z	040656Z	040741Z

6. MISSING:

	A/C NO.	SERIAL NO.	REASON	LOCATION
497TH GP:	25V606	63412	UNKNOWN	15 MILES SW ANATHN

9 SURVIVORS RESCUED

7. 5 A/C RETURNED EARLY

313TH BOMBARDMENT WING:

1. GROUP:	6	9	504	505
2. AIRBORNE:	22	23	11	22
3. LANDED HOME BASE:	22	22	11	22
4. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE:	0	0	0	0
5. TIME OF LANDING:	040550Z	040526Z	040559Z	040542Z
FIRST A/C:	040758Z	040713Z	040746Z	040717Z
LAST A/C:				

6. MISSING: NONE.

7. ONE A/C (9V759) STILL IN FLIGHT. LANDING REPORT WILL FOLLOW.

8. 4 A/C RETURNED EARLY.

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TOD 1051Z RM
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TOD 1124Z HS

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TELECON FN-Ø4-6 OP OP SECRET Ø4Ø445Z

FROM BOM COM XXI

TO COMAF 2Ø

INFO DEQCOMAF 2Ø (POA)

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY REPORT ENKINDLE
5, S-39 4 MARCH 1945

REF YOUR TEL MSG FN - Ø4 - 5

1. BOMBS AWAY REPORTS RECEIVED THIS HEADQUARTERS FROM A/C IN FLIGHT INDICATE THAT THERE IS SOME DUPLICATION OF FLASH REPORTS SENT OUT. IT IS IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ASCERTAIN THE CORRECT FIGURES AT THIS TIME. FROM ALL REPORTS RECEIVED TO THIS TIME INDICATE APPROXIMATELY THE FOLLOWING RESULTS.

1. 23 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY BY RADAR WITH FAIR RESULTS OBSERVED
2. 139 A/C BOMBED SECONAARY BY RADAR WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS EXCEPT 15 A/C OUT OF 139 REPORTED GOOD RESULTS
3. 14 A/C BOMBED LAST RESORT TARGETS BY RADAR WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS
4. 8 A/C BOMBED TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY BY RADAR WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS
5. 9 A/C RETURNED EARLY (Presume) (2 of which bombed TO)

THIS REPORT STILL FRAGMENTARY AND SUBJECT TO CORRECTION.

INFORMATION ON A/C BOMBING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY AND LAST RESORT WILL FOLLOW AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

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CCN IN PART 2 IT IS SECONDARY NOT SECONAARY AS GIVE K
TOD Ø532Z RM

ROGER Ø532Z PH

CCN MIN
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TOD Ø4Ø549Z PH

ROGER FROM WCR Ø4Ø549Z

WILL HAVE UR CCN FOR U IN A MIN

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TELECON NOTE SECRET (OPR) 040242Z

SUBJECT BOMBS AWAY REPORT

TO COM GEN BOM COM 21 FROM COMAF 20

REFERENCE YOUR TELECON MSG NO FN-04-5 TOTAL OF BOMBS AWAY AND EARLY RETURNS IS 194 RPT 194 THIS DOES NOT COINCIDE WITH TAKE OFF REPORT. PLEASE CLARIFY AND IF SOME OF EARLY RETURNING AIRCRAFT BOMBED TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY PLEASE SO STATE AND GIVE NUMBER

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TOD: 040310Z

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P EN MSG FN-Ø4-5 OP OP SECRZZ Ø4Ø138Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 2Ø

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INFO: ZFFSH
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SUBJECT CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY REPORT. ENKINFWE 5 STRIKE 39 4 MAR 45

1. 31 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY ACCOUNTING FOR:

S2. 167 /CBOMBED SECONDARY BY RADAR WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS 15 A/C

NKLLOF TOTAL REPORTED GOOD RESULTS

3. 14 A/C BOMBED LAST RESORT BY RADAR WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS

4. 7 A/C BOMBED TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY BY RADAR WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS

5. 6 A/C RETURNED EARLY

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TOD Ø4Ø158Z GW

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TOD: Ø4Ø2Ø5Z VF

ROGER Ø4Ø2Ø5Z WCR

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TELECON MSG FN-Ø4-Ø2 OP OP SECRET Ø4ØØ31Z

FROM: COMGENBMCON 21

TO : COMAF 2Ø FOR URGENT ATTENTION PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER B

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SUBJECT IS ENKINDLE FIVE RESULTS QUOTE BOMBS AWAY REPORTS SHOW THAT MAJORITY OF FIRST SQUADRONS ARE BOMBING SECONDARY TARGET CM B

XXXX CMA BOMBING IS BY RADAR CMA NO ENEMY INTERCEPTION REPORTED CMA RESULTS UNOBSERVED.

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TOD Ø4ØØ53Z RWR

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RILECON MSG FN-04-1 OP SECRET 040003Z
FROM: BOMCOM XXI
TO : COMAF 20
INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)
BOMBS AWAY REPORT ENKINDLE FIVE. FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBED

SECONDARY TARGET BY RADAR THRU OVERCAST AT 032344Z.

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TOD:...040027Z LS

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Relay to XX BC	Telecon	K-4-2	050110Z		BGR
Prelim Mission Rpt	Telecon	FN-04-14		041440Z	BGR
" " "	Hq 20AF Ditto	—	1220-4 Nov		BGR
Landing Report	Telecon	FN-04-13		041341Z	DK

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CG Twentieth AF
4 Mar 45 [illegible]
Date Initials

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Washington, D. C.

PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 39 - 4 MARCH 1945

"ENKINGLE 5"

Targets: Primary - Nakajima A/C Engine - Musashino Plant, Tokyo, Japan
Secondary - Urban Industrial Areas of Tokyo
Last Resort - Hamamatsu

Take-off: 031111 to 031246 Washington: 040011 to 040146 Theatre
(031511Z to 031646Z)

Time Over Target: 031956 to 032051 Washington: 040856 to 040951 Theatre
(032356Z to 040051Z)

Aircraft: Total Bombing 181
Primary 9
Secondary 154
Last Resort 18

A/C Lost or Missing: 1 a/c ditched on return - 9 members of crew rescued

Casualties: 0 killed; 2 wounded; 2 missing

Bomb Load: 6000 lbs. per a/c - 3 squadrons carried 2000 lb. GP bombs fused 1/40 sec nose and 1/40 sec tail fuse; 5 squadrons carried M17 IB's fused to open 5000 ft. above target; 10 squadrons carried 500 lb. GP bombs fused 1/10 sec nose and 1/40 sec tail fuse.

Tactics: Daylight bombing by radar from altitude of from 25,000 ft. to 28,700 ft.

Weather: Primary - 10/10 cloud cover; Secondary - 8/10 to 10/10 cloud cover.

Fighter Opposition: None

Flak: Primary - heavy to meager and inaccurate to accurate; secondary - meager to moderate and inaccurate to accurate, mostly predicted concentration and barrage type.

Claims: None

Results: Unobserved

Observations: 5 free white balloons seen ascending over Tokyo - estimated 2 ft. in diameter carrying rectangular black object. 3 exploded level with formation and 2 above at 35,000 ft. to 40,000 ft. - white smoke explosions were upward.

Other Information: 1 a/c forced to land at Iwo Jima, refueled and landed at home base.

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

As of 1220, 4 March 1945

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

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THINK THAT WAS MISUNDERSTANDING WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED IT HERE
WILL QUERY BOMCOM 21 ON ENKINDLE 5 PRELIMINARY REPORT KCKCKC

HERE ANOTHER OP

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21
TELECON MESSAGE FN-Ø4-13 (SECRET) Ø412ØØZ (OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY)
FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF2Ø
INFO: DEPCOMAF 2Ø POA
GR41) Landing Report
~~XXI~~ BC - Mission 39
SUBJECT: ADDITION TO CONSOLIDATED LANDING REPORT, ENKINDLE FIVE,
STGIKE 39,, 4 MARCH 1945.
1. 9V759 LANDED IWO JIMA REFUELED AND LANDED BASE TINIAN IT Ø411Ø4Z.
2. 2 SUPER DUMBOS OF BOMWG '73MLANDED Ø4Ø345Z.
3. PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.
END

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TOD 1327Z RM

END UNQUOTE
END
TOD: Ø4134ØZ LW
THERE IS ANSWER TO UR QUERY ON ITEM 3. LAST MESSAGE
PRELIMINARY REPORT ON WAY SHORTLY

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-Ø4-14 (SECRET) Ø41335Z (OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY)

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF2Ø

INFO: DEPCOMAF2Ø(POA)

(GR3Ø7)

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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT, ENKINDLE FIVE, STRIKE 39, 4 MARCH 1945.

1. NAME OF PRIMARY: MUSASHINO PLANT, NAKAJIMA A/C FACTORY, TOKYO.
2. NAME OF SECONDARY: URBAN AREA, TOKYO.
3. NAME OF LAST RESORT: HAMAMATSU.
4. TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: SHIZUOKA-MAUG-TOYAHAS ISLAND-OMIYA.
5. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 9 A/C DROPPED 1Ø3 X 5ØØ LB GP BY RADAR MEANS THRU 1Ø/1Ø CLOUD, FRTM 25,ØØØ TO 28,1ØØ FT AT Ø32356Z TO Ø3240ØZ.
6. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: 154 A/C DROPPED 8Ø8 X 5ØØ LB GP, 82 X 2ØØØ GP AND 591 X 5ØØ LB IB BY RADAR MEANS THRU 8/1Ø-1Ø/1Ø CLOUD, FROM 25,ØØØ TO 28,7ØØ FT AT Ø32344Z TO Ø4ØØ51Z.
7. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: 13 A/C DROPPED 1Ø4 X 5ØØ LB GP AND 12 X 2ØØØ LB GP AND 12 X 5ØØ LB GP BY RADAR MEANS THRU 1Ø/1Ø CLOUD FROM 26,ØØØ FT AT Ø32355Z.
8. A/C ATTACKING TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: 5 A/C DROPPED 37 X 5ØØ LB GP AND 24 X 5ØØ LB IB BY 1 A/C VISUAL, 4 A/C RADAR MEANS THRU 4/1Ø-1Ø/1Ø CLOUD, FROM 5,2ØØ FT TO 28,ØØØ FT AT Ø32256Z TO Ø4ØØ5Z.
9. NO. A/C TAKING OFF: 192 A/C AIRBORNE AT Ø31511Z TO Ø3164ØZ.
10. NO. A/C EARLY RETURN: 12 A/C RETURNED EARLY, OF WHICH 1 A/C BOMBED TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY.
11. NO. A/C LOST OR MISSING: 1 A/C ARE MISSING:
    Ø B-29 A/C OVER TARGET TO ENEMY ACTION
    1 A/C DITCHED ON WAY BACK
    Ø A/C MISSING TO UNKNOWN REASONS
12. BOMBING RESULTS:
    PRIMARY: CREWS REPORTED UNOBSERVED
    SECONDARY: CREWS REPORTED UNOBSERVED
    LAST RESORT: CREWS REPORTED UNOBSERVED
    TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY:

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TARGET: ALL OTHERS, CREWS REPORTED UNOBSZRVED RESULTS.

13. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: KILLED: Ø
WOUNDED: 2
MISSING: 2

14. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: NONE.

15. AA FIRE: HEAVY, MEAGER TO MODERATE, INACCURATE TO ACCURATE OVER PRIMARY. MEAGER TO MODERATE, INACCURATE TO ACCURATE MOSTLY PREDICTED CONCENTRATION AND BARRAGE ~~OVER SECONDARY~~.

16. FIGHTER SUPPORT: NONE.

17. WEATHER: 10/10 CLOUD OVER TARGET. TOPS AT 7000 FT WITH SCATTERED HIGHER CLOUDS.

18. IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS: FIVE FREE WHITE BALLOONS SEEN ASCENDING OVER TOKYO, ESTIMATED 2 FEET IN DIAMETER, CARRYING RECTANGULAR N BLACK OBJECT, 3 EXPLODED LEVEL WITH FORMATION AND 2 ABOVE AT 35,000 FT - 40,000 FT. WHITE SMOKE EXPLOSIONS WERE UPWARD.

19. ESTIMATE CLAIMS: NONE.

20. OTHER INFORMATION: ONE A/C OF 313TH WING FORCED TO LAND AT IWO JIMA DUE TO FUEL SHORTAGE. REFUELED AND LANDED BASE AT Ø41104Z. NINE SURVIVORS OF DITCHED A/C: 63412, 313TH WING PICKED UP BY NAVY DUMBO.

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SUBJECT PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XXI BC NO 39 - 4 MARCH

TO: COMGENBOMCOM 20 FROM: COMGENAF 20

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TARGETS:	PRIMARY- NAKAJIMA A/C ENGINE - MUSASHINO PLANT, TOKYO, JAPAN SECONDARY- URBAN INDUSTRIAL AREAS OF TOKYO LAST RESORT- HAMAMATSU
TAKE-OFF:	031111 TO 031246 WASHINGTON: 040011 TO 040146 THEATRE (031511Z TO 031646)
TIME OVER TARGET:	031956 TO 032051 WASHINGTON: 040856 TO 040951 THEATRE (032356Z TO040051Z)
AIRCRAFT:	TOTAL BOMBING 181 PRIMARY 9 SECONDARY 154 LAST RESORT 18
A/C LOST OR MISSING:	1 A/C DITCHED ON RETURN-0 MEMBERS OF CREW RESCUED
CASUALTIES:	0 KILLED; 2 WOUNDED; 2 MISSING
BOMB LOAD:	6000 LBS. PER A/C - 3 SQUADRONS CARRIED 2000 LB. GP BOMBS FUSED 1/40 SEC NOSE AND 1/40 SEC TAIL FUSE; 5 SQUADRONS CARRIED M17 IB'S FUSED TO OPEN 5000 FT. ABOVE TARGET; 10 SQUADRONS CARRIED 500 LB. GP BOMBS FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE AND 1/40 SEC TAIL FUSE.
TACTICS:	DAYLIGHT BOMBING BY RADAR FROM ALTITUDE OF FROM 25,000 FT. TO 28,700 FT.
WEATHER:	PRIMARY- 10/10 CLOUD COVER; SECONDARY 8/10 TO 10/10 CLOUD COVER.

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FIGHTER OPPOSITION: NONE

FLAK: PRIMARY- HEAVY TO MEAGER AND INACCURATE TO ACCURATE; SECONDARY- MEAGER TO MODERATE AND INACCURATE TO ACCURATE, MOSTLY PREDICTED CONCENTRATION AND BARRAGE TYPE.

CLAIMS: NONE

RESULTS: UNOBSERVED

OBSERVATIONS: 5 FREE WHITE BALLONS SEEN ASCENDING OVER TOKYO- ESTIMATED 2 FT. IN DIAMETER CARRYING RECTANGULAR BLACK OBJECT. 3 EXPLODED LEVEL WITH FORMATION AND 2 ABOVE AT 35,000 FT. TO 40,000 FT. - WHITE SMOKE EXPLOSIONS WERE UPWARD.

OTHER INFORMATION: 1 A/C FORCED TO LAND AT KWO JIMA, REFUELED AND LANDED AT HOME BASE.

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

CCCN: IN SECTION A/C LOST OR MISSING: 9 RPT 9 MEMBERS OF CREW RESCURED.

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(To: COMAF 20 From: CGBOMCOM 21 Info: DEPCOMAF 20 (FOA)

1. Designation of unit: XXI BOMBER COMMAND

2. Time of take off: 031510Z to 031646Z

3. Time of return: 040413Z to 040748Z

4. No A/C airborne: 192

5. No A/C attacking primary: none (Naka Jima A/C Tokyo)

6. No A/C attacking secondary: 159 (Tokyo Urban area)

7. No A/C attacking last resort: 11 (Hamamatsu)

8. No A/C attacking targets of opportunity: 7 (listed below) Shimizu 1 A/C time 042242Z altitude 26,000 ft by radar Hizouka 2 A/C time 035300Z - 032400Z altitude 26,000 - 27,000 ft by radar Shimodo 1 A/C time 032340Z altitude 26,000 ft by radar Maug 1 A/C time 032330Z altitude 5,200 ft by radar Toyahashi 1 A/C time 032329Z altitude 28,000 ft by radar Omiya 1 A/C time 032356Z altitude 26,500 ft by radar

9. No A/C failed to bomb designated targets: 15 Reasons: 15 mechanical

10. No A/C lost to flak: none

11. No A/C lost to E/A: none

12. No A/C lost by accident: none

13. No A/C lost by reasons unknown: 1 see paragraph 21 C

14. Time of attack:
Primary: none
Secondary: 032340Z - 040051Z
Last resort: 032230Z - 032355Z
Targets of opportunity: see paragraph No. 8 (1)

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15. Altitude of attack:
Primary: none
Secondary: 25,000 - 35,000 ft.
Last resort: 25,000 - 27,500 ft.
Targets of opportunity: see paragraph no. 8

16. Bombs on each target:
Primary: none
Secondary: 979 X 500 LB GP, 82 X 2000 LB GP, 589 X 500 LB IB
Last resort: 102 X 500 LB GP, 6 X 2000 LB GP, 12 X 500 LB IB
Targets of opportunity:
Shimizu: 3 X 2000 LB GP
Shimodo: 13 X 500 LB GP
Toyahashi: 10 X 500 LB GP
Shizouka: 3 X 2000 LB GP, 12 X 500 LB IB
Maug: 12 X 500 LB IB
Omiya: 12 X 500 LB GP

A. Bomb loadings:
1231 X 500 LB GP M64 1/10 - 1/40 fusing
111 X 2000 LB GP
673 X 500 LB IB M17 fused to open at 5,000 ft.
B. Bombs unaccounted for: none

17. No A/C jettisoning bombs: 27 A/C
101 X 500 LB GP, 17 X 2000 LB GP, 48 X 500 LB IB

18. No A/C bringing bombs back: 2 A/C 14 X 500 LB GP

19. Personnel casualties:
killed: 0
seriously wounded: 4
slightly wounded: 7
missing: 2

20. No enemy A/C claims: none

21. Remarks:
A. Enemy oppositions: none
B. Flak: meager to moderate, inaccurate to accurate mostly barrage type with some continuously pointed.
C. A/C lost or in distress: 1 A/C 25V606 ditched 15 miles southwest of Anathan Isle due to fuel leak. 9 survivors rescued by Navy Dumbo.
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2. A/C 286 made emergency landing at Iwo Jima due to fuel transfer malfunction and inability to close bomb bay doors. Refueled, took off and landed safely at base.

D. A/C seriously damaged or crashed on return: none

E. A/C battle damage: 6 A/C requiring two, three, four, six and 2 indefinte days to repair respectively.

F. Observations: 3 Silver Oscars taking off strip at Torishima. 5 free white baloons seen ascending over Tokyo, estimate 2 ft in diameter carrying rectangular black object, three exploded level with formation and two at 35,000 - 40,000 ft. White smoke explosions were upward. Black object, baloon shaped, seen at 26,000 ft over Tokyo. A large, high tower: (possible radio or radar) coming directly out of water at 28 DEG 27 MINN - 140 DEG - 27 MIN E.

G. Photo interpretation: none 9/10 cloud

H. Crew comments: none

I. Weather narative:

Base weather at take off: 3/10 cumulus, bases 2000 ft. tops 6000 ft. Visibility was 12 miles. Winds were from 80 DEG at 8 knots. Route outgoing: 3-4/10 cumulus was observed at 23 DEG, with bases at 2000 ft and tops at 6000 ft. Visibilities were unrestricted. From 23 DEG N to 25 DEG N there was 7/10 cumulus with bases at 1500 ft and tops at 8000; Light showers were found in this area. The front was encountered at 27 DEG N. From 27 DEG N to 30 DEG N there was 10/10 cumulus and strato-cumulus, bases at 1000 ft lowering to 200-400 ft in moderate to heavy rain, tops 8-10,000 ft. 1/10 cumulonimbus was observed at the front, bases 1000 ft, tops 30,000 ft. there was also 10/10 altocumulus and altostratus, bases 8000 ft. tops 18,000 ft. Visibilities were 7 miles lowering to zero in rain. From 30 DEG N to target there was 9-10/10 cumulus and strato-cumulus, bases between 8000 ft and 12,000 ft, and between 15,000 ft and 18,000 ft. Light icing and moderate turbulence were experienced in climbing through these layers. Between 25,000 and 27,000 ft, there was 5/10 cirrus with the base gradually lifting to 30,000 ft over the target. Target: there was 9/10 strato-cumulus, tops at 6,000 ft, 2 decks of 8/10 altocumulus between 10,000 and 12,000 ft, and 15,000 and 18000 ft. Above the formations was 5/10 cirrus based at 30000 ft. Visibility was unrestricted. Winds at flight level were reported at 280 DEG at 45 knots.

Route returning: the route returning was the same as route outgoing, except not quite as severe.

Bases on return: 3/10 cumulus, bases 2000 ft and tops 6000 ft was observed.

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FN-09-01	A/C Loss Report No. 18 Weather Strike Mission 263 Mission 39 XXI BC	10 March 1945

(To: COMAF 20 Info: DEPCOMAF 20 POA ADMIN From: BOMCOM 21)

A. B-29 42-24721
B. Unknown
C. Estimated to have ditched at 17 deg. 25 min. north 143 deg. 57 min. east.
D. 8 crew member rescued 2 of whom died soon after rescue.

The following is annex number 2 to Aircraft Loss Report No. 6 Mission 17:

A. B-29 42-24748
B. Crashed and burned on Anathan M. I.
C. At Anathan, M. I. north of Saipan
D. No survivors

The following is annex number 1 to Aircraft Loss Report No. 17 Mission 39:

A. B-29 42-63412
B. Ditched due to enemy action. Fuel transfer system damaged by flak and fuel supply was exhausted before aircraft could return to Saipan.
C. Ditched at 16 deg. 38 min. north 145 deg. 39 min. east.
D. 9 crew members rescued. 2 missing.

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From: CG Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Administrative, Hickam Field, T.H.

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To: War Department

Nr: P 0297 5 March 1945

To COMGEN AF 20 info DEPCOM AF 20 POA Admin and COMGEN XXI BOMCOM signed O'Donnell 73rd Bom Wing P 0297.

Air casualty report in compliance with AF 20 telecon message S 9-6 Dec 44 is subject.

Following officers of 870th Bomb Sq 497th Bomb Gp killed in action:

Neddersen, Gordon F, 2nd Lt, 02065384, nearest rel Mrs Katherine J Neddersen (wife) 119 Wilson Avenue, Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Westervelt, Norman V, 1st Lt, 0738519, nearest rel Mrs Theioa G Love (mother) Box 144 New Meadows, Idaho.

Circumstances: Crew engaged in bombing mission with Tokyo as target on 4 March 45.

Aircraft ditched at 16 degrees 40 north and 145 degrees 33 east 92 nautical miles north west of Saipan.

All but above two rescued.

Lt Westervelt was washed off wing and Lt Neddergen was not seen to get out of plane before it sank.

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SUBJECT AIRCRAFT LOSS REPORT NUMBER 17 MISSION 39 XXI BC

a/c Lost or Missing

A. B-29 42-63412

B. NO WORD AVAILABLE AS YET.

C. DITCHED AT 16 DEG 38 MIN NORTH 145 DEG 39 MIN EAST .

D. 9 CREW MEMBERS RESCUED. 2 MISSING.

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WN-10-8	MECHANICAL FAILURES OF AIRBORNE AIRCRAFT TO BOMB PRIMARY TARGETS	10 March 1945

(To: COMAF 20 From: BOLCOM 21)

See your telecon G-4-6 Mission 39 4 March 1945

313th Bomb Wing
6th Bomb Wing

Aborting from XXI BC

42-93902 A. Bomb would not release over the target but later released over water. Ground check found to work OK. Bomb bay door safety switched may not have made proper contact.
B. Information not available.
C. Information not available.

42-33901 A. No. 3 engine backfiring in auto lean. Ground check revealed no compression no. 3 cylinder probably swallowed valve.
B. Change cylinder
C. Information not available.

42-69675 A. No. 1 propeller governor inopeative stuck at 2100 RPM. Right 3 engine cutting out.
B. Change distributor, and prop governor
C. Information not available.

42-63553 A. Unable to open bomb doors over target, pnuematic type, at altitude. Door opened at lower altitude and bombs were dropped over water.
B. Change compressor
C. Information not available.

9TH BOMB GROUP

42-65284 A. No. 1 engine cutting out on auto lean. Broken oil seal on distributor allowing oil to flood the interior of the distributor.
B. Information not available
C. Information not available.

42-24900 A. Fuel transfer pumps would not transfer fuel. Broken vanes on fuel transfer pump.
B. Information not available.
C. Information not available.

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42-63545 A. Missed land fall because of malfunction of navigational instruments. Information does not specify instruments or type of malfunction.
B. Information not available.
C. Information not available.

504TH BOMB GROUP

42-69662 A. Bomb door accumulator froze and one left door stayed up. Also limit switch stayed open and bombs would not drop. Front compressor motor burned off.
B. Information not available.
C. Information not available.

73RD BOMB WING
497TH BOMB GROUP

42-24648 A. No. 4 cylinder on no. 4 engine showed no compression. Piston and or ring failure presumed. Metal particles found on magnetic plug.
B. Engine changed
C. 45-249

42-93858 A. Carburetor malfunction. Venturi throttle chamber showed sign of backfire. Valves, plugs checked and found OK.
B. Carburetor changed
C. 45-259

498TH BOMB GROUP

42-24749 A. No. 4 cylinder head split vertically through spark plugs. Plug inserts missing. Spark plugs not battered, metal in forward sump, swallowed valve.
B. Engine change
C. 45-248

42-63475 A. No. 3 engine backfiring violently in auto lean and auto rich-engine found to check OK on ground run up.
B. Turned over to Air Inspector for investigation
C. None

42-24625 A. No. 4 engine vibrating badly, indication oil coming from 2, 4, & 6 cylinder exhaust stacks. No metal on magnetic plug.

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B. Engine changed
C. Awaiting results of investigation.

42-24610 A. One carbone vane pump had vanes sheared completely. Other had one vane chipped. Rate of fuel transfer 50 gallons per hour at altitude.
B. Replaced transfer pumps
C. 450254

42-24794 A. No. 2 prop could not be reduced below 2700 after take off. Contact terminal in electric governor head worn and corroded so that it would not make electrical contact.
B. Electric head replaced
C. 45-260

499TH BOMB GROUP

42-24650 A. Engine backfired severely. Occured on test flight at 2150 RPM and 33 1/2 inches HG at 1000 feet.
B. Investigation being made.
C. Awaiting results of investigation

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42-63429 A. Could not release bombs due to electrical short in bomb rack circuit. Bomb rack fuses would burn out when rack was turned on. Short has not been located.
B. Turned over to Air Inspector for investigation.
C. 45-317

42-24792 A. Swallowed a valve on no. 4 engine. Exhaust valve swallowed no 14 cylinder
B. Replaced engine
C. 45-282

42-65296 A. Could not open pneumatic bomb bay doors on bomb run. Doors opened after leaving target area. Crew could offer not possible cause.
B. Turned over to Air Inspector for investi gation.
C. 45-3160

42-63497 A. Carburetor malfunction. Backfired at all mixture settings as low as 2000 RPM and 20 inches HG
B. Carburetor replaced.
C. 45-319

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DISTRIBUTION		
	ACTION	Stat Control (2 cys)
	INFORMATION	C/S; DC/S Opr; DC/S TM&E; A-4 (3 cys); Flying Safety

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PRO for mission	Telecon	G-3-1	031340Z		BGR
Press Flash	"	K-3-7	030231Z		WP
Press Flash	"	G-3-9	030209Z		WP
Communique No 65	"	K-4-1	050052Z		BGR
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CONFERENCE 03041705Z

PRESENT CAPT W H SAMS

SUBJECT SPECIAL CONFERENCE

TELECON MESSAGE NO G-4-1 UNCLASSIFIED 03041710Z

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SUBJECT COMMUNIQUE NO 65

TO COMGENBOMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOM AF 20 POA FROM COMAF 20

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE IS BEING RELEASED AT 0413[illegible]Z.

"TWENTIETH AIR FORCE SUPERFORTRESSES BOMBED INDUSTRIAL TARGETS IN THE TOKYO AREA FROM BASES IN THE MARIANAS TODAY (4 MARCH 1945, JAPANESE TIME); THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS ANNOUNCED.

"THE VERY LARGE TASK FORCE FROM MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS LEMAY'S XXQ BOMBER COMMAND ATTACHED THE TARGETS THROUGH CLOUD COVER AND RESULTS WERE NOT OBSERVED. CREWS OF THE B-29'S REPORTED THAT THERE WAS NO ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE WAS DESCRIBED AS MEAGER TO HEAVY. NONE OF OUR AIRCRAFT WAS LOST TO ENEMY ACTION."

TOD 03041715

INSERT END BEFORE "TOD" PLS

CCN 2ND LINE 2ND PARA 1ST WORD SHOULD BE XXI BOMBER COMMAND ETC

PLS INSERT FOLLOWING AT BEGINNING OF MSG

RECD 050052Z AT YFK

ORIGINATOR OF MESSAGE _____

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	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm	Op Anal	Stat Con		
	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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TELECON MESSAGE NO G-3-9 RESTICTED 040136Z

SUBJECT PRESS FLASH

TO COMGENBOMCOM XXI INFO DEPCOMAF 20 POA FROM COMAF 20

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THE FOLLOWING PRESS FLASH WILL BE RELEASED HERE AT 040230Z

" A VERY LARGE TASK FORCE OF B-29'S FROM MAJOR GENERAL CIRTIS E. LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS STRUCK TOKYO FOR THE ELEVENTH TIME TODAY (4 MARCH , JAPANESE TIME) IN A DAYLIGHT ATTACK AGAINST STRATEGIC TARGETS IN THE URBAN AREAS OF THE JAPANESE CAPITAL. NEWS OF THE LARGE SCALE OPERATION WAS DISCLOSED BY HEADQUARTERS OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE IN WASHINGTON. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE RELEASED UPON RECEIPT OF OPERATIONAL REPORTS FROM THE BOMBER COMMAND"

(TO MCKELWAY INFO WIPPOLD FROM DOULENS)

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TOD:040209Z

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TELECON MESSAGE NR K-3-7 RESTRICTED 040140Z

SUBJECT: PRESS FLASH

TO: COMGENBOMCOM XX FROM: COMAF 20

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(TO GLASS FROM DOULENS)

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TOD: 040231Z

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WASHINGTON PARTIES — KHARAGPUR - HONOLULU - GUAM PARTIES

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TELECON MSG G-3-1 TOP SECRET 031334Z

SUBJECT PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR MISSION TOP SECRET

TO COMGENBOMCOM21- INFO DEPCOMAF 20 POA FROM COMAF 20 Mission 39 Press XY BC

TOP SECRET

IMPERATIVE FOR GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS THAT QUICKEST POSSIBLE FLASH REPORT ON "ENKINDLE5" REACH THIS HEADQUARTERS BY TELECON BEFORE 040100Z SINCE SUNDAY PAPERS THESE DAYS MOST RELUCTANT MAKEOVER AFTER FIRST EDITIONS. THEREFORE AT EARLIEST BOMBS AWAY SIGNAL PROVIDE THIS HEADQUARTERS WITH SHORT FLASH EMBRACING FOUR POINTS ONLY, FIRSTLY WHETHER PRIMARY HIT, SECONDLY WHETHER VISUAL BOMBING ACCOMPLISHED, THIRDLY SPOTCHECK OF ENEMY ACTION, FOURTHLY SPOTCHECK ANY OBSERVED RESULTS.

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END

TOD 03031340Z

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MIN PLS

NOTE

PLS ADD THIS TO MSG JUST SENT TO YOU

S-2

NOTE

TELL THEM TO BE SURE TO CALL US IN FOR TAKE OFF

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SAY DON'T U MEAN THAT U WANT US TO CALL YOU IN CASE WE GET

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R-1

ANYTHING PERTAINING TO YOUR G-3-1 WE CALL ON ALL OPERATIONAL TRAFFIC GA PLS

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HQ TWENTIETH AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C. WHS/dl/6819
EXTRACT OF TELETYPE CONFERENCE BETWEEN
WASHINGTON AND KHARAGPUR

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INCOMING MESSAGE

INITIALS	
CHIEF OF STAFF	
DC/S ADM.	
DC/S OPR.	
AG	

TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
D-1892	JAPANESE FIGHTER TACTICS - MISSION NO. 39	9 March 1945

XX BC

(To: COMGENAF 20 From: COMGENBOMCOM 20)

Enemy fighter opposition nil. No further report.

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DISTRIBUTION		
	ACTION	DC/S Opr (2 cys)
	INFORMATION	C/S; A-2 (2 cys); A-3 OC&R (2 cys); Op anal.; Stat Control (2 cys)

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RELAY TO WAR Mission 39 XXI BC Msge

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ANSWER TO YOUR INFORMAL NOTE REGARDING PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT TO OUR FN-Ø4-11 ANS: NO

HANDLING REPORTS FOR THESE MISSIONS SAME AS WEATHER STRIKE AND PHOTO RECON MISSIONS. SENDING ONLY FINAL REPORT AS REQUESTED BY WAR FOR PRECEDING REPORTS.

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TELECON NOTE:

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EXPEDITE ANSWER TO G-28-3

DID YOU RECEIVE OUR TELCON MESSAGE NO. G-1-1 THATI SENT BEFORE

DID YOU RECEIVE OUR LIST OF CONFEREES TURN BACK TO TRAFFIC CALL YU

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E MESSAGE TOP SECRET FOR YOUR HEADQUARTERS IF YOU
DESIRE.

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