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Brief of Field Order	Telecon	FN-1717		171158Z	HA

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Telecon Message FN-17-17 171158Z

FROM: LEMAY COMGENBOMCOM 21

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 POA

SUBJECT: Brief of Field Order No. 59 Airfield on Kyushu

12 squadrons scheduled to attack airfields in Kyushu on 18 April:

Primary Visual Target	Primary Radar	Force Required
1. BULLISH	BARRANCA	2 Squadrons
2. AGHAST	FEARLESS	2 Squadrons
3. BARRANCA	BARRANCA	2 Squadrons
4. FAMISH	BARRANCA	2 Squadrons
5. BUSHING	NECKCLOTH	1017-449, 1 Squadron
6. CHECKBOOK	BARRANCA	3 Squadrons

Routes and axis of attack will be left to the descretion of the wing commanders - altitude of attack 15, 16 and 18,000 feet. The primary visual target will be bombed by visual bombing methods if possible and the primary radar target will be bombed by radar if necessary - take off 171500Z over target 172300Z.- return base. Altitude enroute: 2,000 to 4,800 feet. Bomb load: 8 squadrons 260 lb frag bombs to extent of supply remainder 250 lb GP's fused instant nose and non-delay on both - 4 squadrons - 500 lb frags fused to open 1,000 feet below aircraft. Air sea rescue facilities requested.

TOD 171150Z IAS.

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Ray G. Baker, Capt. A. C.

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1st Off	Telecon	See	Mission	78	BJR
Take Off Report	"	"	"	"	BJR

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1st BA+ Consolidated BA	Telecon	FN-18-7		180230J	BGR
Returns Report	"	See Mission		78	GSR

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-18-7 OP OP SECRET 180159Z SECRET

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FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEP COMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: FIRST BOMBS AWAY AND CONSOLIDATED REPORT ON BUSHING NO.2.

FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY AT 172300Z WITH

UNOBSERVED RESULTS. ACCOUNTING FOR 10 AIRCRAFT

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TOD:180230Z HM

ROGER FN-18-7 0230Z WCR

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ACTION	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	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 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans	
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Briefers from	Ditto		18 Apr		BGK
Prelim Mission Rpt	Telecon	JN-18-22		181535	BGK

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-18-22 (SECRET) 181447Z (OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY)

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM2 TO: COMAF20

INFO: DEPCOMAF20(POA)

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SUBJECT PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT, BUSHING 2, MISSION 81, 18 APRIL 45.

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1. NAME OF PRIMARY: NITTAGAHARA A/F (VISUAL), MIYAZAKI A/F (RADAR).
2. NAME OF SECONDARY: NONE.
3. NAME OF LAST RESORT: NONE.
4. TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: NOKUBI, 3157N - 13124E.
5. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 8 A/C DROPPED 112 X 425 LB T4E4 GP, NOSE FUSE, T-71, 8.5 SEC, BY VISUAL MEANS THROUGH 6/10 CLOUDS FROM 18,000 TO 18,200 FT AT 180003Z TO 180022Z. (NOT INCLUDED ARE 3 A/C WHICH LANDED AT IWO).
6. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: NONE.

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7. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: NONE.
8. A/C ATTACKING TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: 1 A/C DROPPED 10 X 425 LB T4E4 GP NOSE FUZE, 8.5 SEC, BY VISUAL MEANS THROUGH 7/10 CLOUDS, FROM 10,000 FT AT 180015Z. (THIS WAS A SUPERDUMBO .
9. NO. A/C TAKING OFF: 12 A/C WERE AIRBORNE AT 171515Z TO 171527Z. (SUPERDUMBO WAS AIRBORNE AT 171559Z).

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10. NO. A/C EARLY RETURN: NONE.
11. NO. A/C LOST OR MISSING: NONE.O
12. BOMBING RESULTS:

PRIMARY: CREWS REPORTED RESULTS AS UNOBSERVED.

TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: UNOBSERVED.

13. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: NONE.
14. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: NONE.
15. AA FIRE: IM THE TARGET AREA WAS OF HEAVY CALIBER, MEAGER AND ACCURATE TO INAVCUGATE.
16. FIGHTER SUPPORT: NONE.O

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17. WEATHER: 5/10 TO 7/10 ALTOCUMULUS CLOUDS; HAZE CONDITIONS.

18. IMPORANT OBSERVATIONS: T REE ENEMY A/C WERE SEEN ON AIRFIELB AT NITTAGAHARA.

19. ESTIMATE CLAIMS: NONE.

20. OTHER INFORMATION: THREE AIRCRAFT LANDED AT IWO JIMA.

THIS REPORT IS FRAGMENTARY AND SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR RECORD PURPOSES.

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Copy for _____ _____ 18 April 45
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Washington, D. C.

Information for Briefing on XXI Bomber Command
Mission No. 81 - 18 April 1945

Mission Code Name "BUSHING 2" (As of 1000Z - 18 April 45 Date)

Targets: Primary - Visual -- Nittagahara A/F, Kyushu, Japan.
Radar -- Miyazaki A/F, Kyushu, Japan.
Secondary -
Last Resort -

Take-off Times: 171515Z - 171525Z; Theatre Time -- 180015 - 180025

Time Over Primary Target: 172300Z
171900 Washington Time
180800 Theatre Time

Tactics: Daylight formation bombing from 15,000 to 18,000 feet.

Aircraft Bombing: 10

Primary Target - 10 visually
Secondary Target -
Other Targets -

Bomb Load: 260 lbs frag bombs and 250 lb GP's, both fuzed instant nose and non-delay tail. Some planes carry 500 lb frags fuzed to open 1000 feet below a/c.

Losses: Not reported

Target Weather: Not reported

Fighter Opposition: Not reported

Anti-Aircraft Encountered: Not reported

Claims: Not reported

Results of Bombing: Unobserved

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

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Mission Report	Telecon	FN-19-15		191231Z	BGR
Mission Report	Ditto		18April		BGR

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Washington, D. C.

MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 81 - 18 APRIL 1945

"BUSHING 2"

Target:	Nittagahara Airfield
Take-Off:	171115 - 171127 Washington; 171515Z - 171527Z
Time Over Target:	172003 - 172023 Washington; 180003Z - 180022Z
Aircraft:	Total Bombing: 9 Primary 8 Other 1
A/C Lost or Missing:	None
Casualties:	None
Bombs Dropped:	132x425 lb T 4E4 GP, nose fuse T-71, 8.5 sec.
Tactics:	Daylight visual bombing from an altitude of 18,000 to 18,200 feet by squadron
Weather:	5/10 to 7/10 altocumulus clouds, with haze
Fighter Oppositions:	None
Flak:	Heavy - meagre and accurate to inaccurate
Claims:	None
Observations:	3 enemy a/c were seen on a/f
Results:	Unobserved
Remarks:	This report is subject to change and should not be used for official records.

As of 1430, 18 April 1945.

William F. Lawrie

LAURIS NORSTAD
Brigadier General, U. S. Army
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STATION YAMFG

PRESENT HERE: LT. E. B. WICKHAM

SUBJECT: 20TH AAF MATTERS

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TELECON MSG FN -19-15 OP OP SECRET 191110Z

FROM BOMCOM XXI

TO COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: MISSION REPORT FOR BUSHING TWO, STRIKE 81, 18 APRIL 1945

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1. DESIGNATION OF UNIT: 314 WING
2. TIME OF TAKE OFF: 171515Z TO 171527Z
3. TIME OF RETURN: 180516Z TO 180711Z
4. NO. A/C AIRBORNE: 11 (AND ONE SUPERDUMBO)
5. NO. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 11

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6. NO. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: NONE
7. NO. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT TARGETS: NONE
8. NO. A/C ATTACKING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: 1 (SUPERDUMBO)
   TARGET: NOKUBI (31 57 N - 131 24 E)
9. NO. A/C WHICH FAILED TO BOMB DESIGNATED TARGETS: NONE
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: NONE

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14. TIME OF ATTACK: PRIMARY TARGET: 180003Z 180023Z
    TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: 180015Z
15. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK: PRIMARY: 18,000 FT TO 18,200 FT
    TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: 18,000 FT
16. BOMBS ON EACH TARGET: PRIMARY: 154 X 500 LB T4 E4 FRAG CLUSTERS
    TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: 10 X 500 LB. T4 E4 FRAG CLUSTERS
    A. BOMB LOADINGS: 164 X 500 LB T4 E4 FRAG CLUSTERS FUSED 8.5 SEC NOSE
    B. BOMBS UNACCOUNTED FOR: NONE

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17. NO. A/C JETTISONING BOMBS: NONE

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18. NO. A/C BRINGING BOMBS BACK: NONE

19. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: NONE

20. E/A CLAIMS: NONE

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21. REMARKS: A. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSTION: 3 UNIDENTIFIED FIGHTERS SIGHTED IN TARGET AREA AND 6 S/E FIGHTERS SIGHTED OVER MIYAZAKI. NO ATTACKS.

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B. FLAK: AT TARGET: HEAVY MEAGER ACCURATE TO MOSTLY INACCURAZ

C. A/C LOST OR IN DISTRESS: NONE

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

E. A/C BATTLE DAMAGE: 1 READY IN 1 DAY

F. OBSERVATIONSBJE NONE

G. PHOTO INTERPRETATION: TARGET OBSCURED BY CLOUDS. NO BURSTS VISIBLE.

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H. CREW COMMENTS: NONE

I. WEATHER SUMMARY: BASESHON TAKE OFF: 2-3/10 LOW CLOUDS, BASE 1800 FT, TOP 4-6000 FT.

ROUTE OUTGOING: TO 19N: 3-5/10 LOW CLOUDS, BASE 1800 FT, TOP 4-6000 FT 19 N TO 22 N: 8-10/10 LOW CLOUDS, BASE 1800 FT, TOP 6-10,000 FT; 2-3/10 MIDDLE CLOUDS BASE 10,000 FT TOP 12,000 FT; VISIBILITY 15 MILES DROPPING TO 2-5 MILES IN ~~LIZOR~~ ~~YIIG~~ LIGHT RAIN SHOWERS. 22 N TO 27 N: 3-5/10 LOW CLOUDS, BASE 2000 FT, TOP 5-6000HFT; 2/10 MIDDLE CLOUDS, BASE 10,000 FT TOP 12,000 FT. 27 N TO THE TARGET: 3/10 LOW CLOUDS, MRSEH2500 FT, TOP 4-5000 FT; 5/10 MIDDLE CLOUDS BECOMING 10/10, BASE 25,000 FT.

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TARGET BUSHINGM G : FLIGHT ALT 18,000 FT 2/10 LOW CLOUDS, BASE 2000 FT, TOP 5000 FT ; 2/10 MIDDLE CLOUDS, BASE 12,000 FT; 7/10 HIGHT CLOUD BASE 23,000 FT; VISIBILITY 8-10 MILES WITH LIGHT HAZE; WINDS AT FLIGH LEVEL WERE 285 DEGREES AT 45 KNOTS

ROUTE RETURNING: SAME ~~A FYSDN~~ AS ROUTE OUTGOING.
~~IFGOING~~

BASES ON RETURN: R/10 LOW CLOUDS, BASE 1800 FT, TOP 6000 FT.

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TELECON MESSAGE G-18-18 HK R E S T R I C T E D

SUBJECT: PRESS FLASH

TO COMGENBOMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOMAF 20 POA INFO COMGENBOMCOM 20

ATTENTION: GLASS) FROM COMAF 20

THE FOLLOWING PRESS FLASH WILL BE RELEASED HERE AT 18Ø13Z

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"SUPERFORTRESSES OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE RETURNED TO KYUSHU TODAY APRIL 17TH EWT, (APRIL 18TH, JAPANESE TIME) TO CONTINUE AN ASSAULT ON AIR INSTALLATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE JAPANESE HOMELAND. A LARGE FORCE OF B-29'S, FLYING FROM MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND IN THE MARIANAS, PARTICIPATED IN THE MISSION WHICH WAS A DUPLICATE OF YESTERDAY'S ATTACK ON KYUSHU AIRFIELDS. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE MADE KNOWN WHEN COMPLETE OPERATIONAL REPORTS ARE RECEIVED, IT WAS ANNOUNCED AT HEADQUARTERS OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE IN WASHINGTON."

ZKATTENTION: REES INFO WIPPOLD FROM DOULENS)

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