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Brief of Field Order No. 81	Release	FN-31-9		3107373	HA

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FROM LEMAY COMGENBOMCOM 21 310737Z

TO COMAF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 POA

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Cc R-1 Yama

SUBJECT: BRIEF OF FIELD ORDER NUMBER 81 FOR STRIKE ON 1 JUNE 45.

OSAKA URBAN AREA IS SCHEDULED TO BE ATTACKED ON 1 JUNE 45 AT 0045Z WITH MAXIMUM EFFORT (475 AIRPLANES).

MPI	FORCE		TONNAGE PER AIRCRAFT BOMBING
051072	58TH WING		7
067054	73RD WING		6.5
052091	313TH WING	H	7
068105	1/2 FORCE 314TH WING		5.5
080115	1/2 FORCE 314TH WING		5.5

REFERENCE XX1 BOMCOM LITHO MOSAIC "OSAKA AREA" BOMB LOAD AND FUSING:

58TH WING: 1 GROUP M47A2 INCENDIARY BOMBS
3 GROUPS E46 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS

73RD WING: 3 GROUPS M47A2 8,:3,XXXXXX M47A2 INCENDIARY BOMBS
1 GROUP M17 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS

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

EACH AIRPLANE CARRIES ONE T4E4 FRAG.

M47 BOMBS FUSED INSTANTANEOUSLY AND THE KLUSTER FUSED TO OPEN 5,000 FEET ABOVE TARGET.

ROUTE TO TARGET: BASE, IWO JIMA, (340030 - 13438 DEPARTURE POINT) (3420 - 13455) IP, TARGET, 3440 - 13545, IWO JIMA, BASE

GENERAL SCHEME OF ATTACK (AT A BASE ALTITUDE OF 18,000 FEET GROUPS WILL CROSS DEPARTURE POINT AT FOUR MINUTE INTERVALS TO BOMB IN COLUMN OF SQUADRONS. TAKE OFF STARTS AT 1615Z, FIRST GROUP CROSSES DEPARTURE POINT AT 0030Z TO BOMB AT 0045Z AND RETURN TO BASE AT 0640Z. FIGHTER ESCORT WILL GIVE TOP COVER OVER THE TARGET

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1st Take off Report	Telecon	FN-31-14		311650Z	HA
Consol. Take Off	Telecon	FN31-15		312055Z	MB

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TELECON MSG FN-31-15 OPOP SECRET

FROM: BOM COM XXI 312004Z

TO: COMAF 20
INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR MISSION NO. 187 TARGET OSAKA URBAN AREA FLOWN 1 JUNE 1945.

1.	UNITS:	XXI B.C.	58	73	313	314
2.	A/C SCHEDULED:	523	124	152	123	124
3.	A/C AIRBORNE:	509	119	153	119	118
4.	1ST A/C OFF:	311640Z	311701Z	311651Z	311643Z	311640Z
5.	LAST A/C OFF:	311839Z	311839Z	311811Z	311758Z	311749Z

6. REMARKS: 4 SUPERDUMBOS AIRBORNE NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE FIGURES. 1 A/C 73RD WING LOST 2 ENGINES 60 MILES NORTH OF SAIPAN AND DITCHED, STATUS OF CREW UNKNOWN.

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ACTION:	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S TM&E	DC/S P&A	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans	Air Insp
	PRO	Comm.	Op Anal	Stat Con	Anti-Acft	FSO	A.G.	Surg			
INFORMATION:	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S TM&E	DC/S P&A	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans	Air Insp
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TELECON MESSAGE FN-31-14 OP OP S E C R E T

FROM: BOM COM XXI 311650Z

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEP COM AF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: FIRST TAKE OFF REPORT ON STRIKE ONE EIGHTY SEVEN, FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT 311640Z

BASES AT TAKE OFF: 4/10 LOW CLOUD, 8/10 MIDDLE CLOUD, 3/10 HIGH CLOUD WITH SCATTERED LIGHT SHOWERS

ROUTE: TO 18 DEG NORTH: SAME AS BASES. 18 DEG NORTH TO 20 DEG NORTH: 5/10 LOW CLOUD; 5/10 MIDDLE CLOUD; SCATTERED SHOWERS. 20 DEG NORTH TO 26 DEG NORTH: 3/10 LOW CLOUDS, 2/10 HIGH CLOUD. 26 DEG NORTH TO 27 DEG NORTH: 10/10 LOW CLOUD, 10/10 MIDDLE CLOUD, 10/10 HIGH CLOUD LIGHT SHOWERS. 27 DEG NORTH TO 29 DEG NORTH : 6/10 LOW CLOUD, 10/10 MIDDLE CLOUD, 10/11 HIGH CLOUD, LIGHT RAIN. 29 DEG NORTH TO 32 DEG NORTH 4/10 LOW CLOUD, 10/10 MIDDLE CLOUD, 10/10 HIGH CLOUD. 32 DEG NORTH TO 34 DEG NORTH: 4/10 LOW CLOUD. 2/10 MIDDLE CLOUD, 5/10 HIGH CLOUD.

TARGET: 3/10 LOW CLOUD, BASES 2500 FEET, TOP 6000 FEET, 3/10 HIGH CLOUD AT 30,000 FEET; VISIBILITY 12 MILES; WINDS AT 18,000 FEET WILL BE 270 DEGREES AT 52 KNOTS.

BASE ON RETURN: 4/10 LOW CLOUD, 4/10 MIDDLE CLOUD, 3/10 HIGH CLOUD, SCATTERED LIGHT SHOWERS.

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TOD:311754Z JAW..

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ACTION:	A-5 Plans	Air Insp	PRO	Comm.	Op Anal	Stat Con	Anti-Acft	FSO	A.G.	Surg	
	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S TM&E	DC/S P&A	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4		
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First Bombs Away	Telecon	FN 01-04		0101372	MB
Consol. Bombs Away	Telecon	FN 01-7		0106002	MB
Additional Bombs Away	Telecon	FN 01-9		0108132	BGR
Return Report	"	FN-01-14		0119402	BL
Preliminary Report	—	—		—	
Add preliminary Report	—	—		—	

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 187 - 1 June 1945
Date

Targets Bombed: Total A/C Bombing: 433 - report incomplete

Osaka Urban Area 421

Other Targets 12

Time Over Target: 010912 to 011100 Theater Time

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Results: Unobserved to excellent.

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A/C Lost or Missing: 10 a/c lost (1 in target area, 2 ditched, 4 missing, 3 unknown)

Weather: 0/10 to 10/10 cloud

Fighter Opposition: 313th Wing reported - Over 75 enemy fighters sighted - 50 attacks considered generally unaggressive. Other wings reported nil to heavy opposition.

Flak: Heavy caliber - meager to intense and inaccurate to accura

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Observations:

Nara - 4 gun battery observed. 1 large MV being towed out of Osaka Harbor - reported to be burning and smoking. 1 carrier at 34/40N 135/14E. Deck reported as rust colored with no a/c. Ship getting underway on heading of 285. 1 possible cruiser at 34/05N 134/40E. 2 warships, possible DD in Osaka Bay near target area. Shinyodo River reported clear of ships. 6 to 8 medium MV, 30 ships of all types in Osaka Harbor near breakwater. Possible DD at 34/27 N 134/57E. Large MV at 34/18N 134/58 E anchored. 12 XXXXX vessels sighted between Shikoku and Awaji Shima. 1 large vessel surrounded by 12-15 small ones S of Kobe in Harbor. 1 large and 9 small vessels at 34/05N 136/15E. 35 vessels in Tosa Bay approximately 33/26N 133/42E. 4 ships reported as 1 carrier and 3 DD headed out of Osaka Bay at Yura. 8 small boats N of Tokushima. 1 vessel towing drag or fish net at 33/58N 136/14E. 1 carrier at S end of Awaji Shima. 25 large barges at Owase 34/05N 136/15E. 20 MV anchored 34/40N 134/25E. 1 large MV and 2 smaller ones E of Awaji Shima taking evasive action. 2 warships, possible DD, Namariho (Awaji Shima) heading and speed unobserved. Possible carrier preceded by two DD on course of 360 at 34/00N 134/53E. 2 possible DD at Osaka Docks. 3 small freighters off Shizuki heading towards Osaka. 14 possible tankers and 5 freighters at Tokushima. 17 MV in Sumoto Bay (Awaji Shima). 3 possible DD at Kaizuka. 100 single engine a/c sighted parked in the open and widely dispersed at 34/25N 136/00E, believed to be trainers. 3 cylindrical black objects, no trailing smoke, that exploded above and ahead with black bursts at Osaka Bay. 100 s/e a/c on Hansin A/F 34/37N 135/37E. 15 a/c on Tokushima A/F 34/03N 134/34E. 14 a/c on Koriyama A/F. 30-40 e/a on A/F W of target, probably Nishinomiya A/F. 50 e/a on ground at Yura A/F. 50 plus e/a on Koriyama A/F. 2 white bursts like phosphorous bombs reported in target area. 1 golden B-29 reported after landfall staying away from our a/c going to the target.

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-01-14 OPOP SECRET

FROM: BOMCOM XXI 011715Z

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TO : COMAF 20
INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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AIMCR 5058 SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT FOR MISSION 187, TARGET OSAKA URBAN AREA, FLOWN 1 JUNE 1945.

1. UNIT:	XXI BC	58	73	313	314
2. A/C RETURNED:	414	91	141	80	102
3. A/C AWAY:	85	23	8	39	15
4. KNOWN LOSSES:					
A. TARGET AREA:	1	0	1	0	0
B. DITCHED:	2	0	2	0	0
C. OTHERS:	3	1	0	0	2
5. A/C MISSING:	4	3	1	0	0
6. TIME DOWN FIRST:	010610Z	010725Z	010610Z	010641Z	010704Z
7. TIME DOWN LAST:	011023Z	011023Z	010908Z	010857Z	011000Z
8. A/C NOT BOMBING:	31	8	5	8	10
9. A/C BOMBS UNKNOWN:	45	16	1	25	3

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10. TARGETS ATKD.

	NO.A/C	CLOUD	ALTITUDE	METHOD	RESULTS
OSAKA	421	0-10/10	18,000-24,500	VIS & RAD	UNOBS-EXCEL
MUKI	1	10/10	19,000	RADAR	UNOBSERVED
TOMIOKA	1	10/10	18,000	RADAR	UNOBSERVED
TANABE	2	8/10	19,000	VISUAL	UNOBSERVED
CHICHI JIMA	2	5/10	9,000	VISUAL	UNOBSERVED
SHINO MISAKI	1	8/10	18,000	RADAR	UNOBSERVED
KOCHI	1	1/10	18,500	VISUAL	EXCELLENT
WAKAYAMA	1	5/10	20,000	VISUAL	UNOBSERVED
UNKNOWN	1	2/10	---	NAVIG	MANY SMALL FIRES
SHINGU	1	5/10	15,500	RADAR	UNOBSERVED
33/37N - 135/55E	1	10/10	21,200	RADAR	UNOBSERVED

11. E/A OPPOSITION: 313TH WING REPORTED 75 PLUS ENEMY FIGHTERS SIGHTED AND 50 PLUS ATTACKS CONSIDERED GENERALLY UNAGGRESSIVE; 58TH WING, WEAK; 73RD WING, NIL TO MODERATE; AND 314TH WING, NIL TO HEAVY.

12. FLAK:

	CALIBER	INTENSITY	ACCURACY
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TOKUSHIMA	HEAVY	MEAGER	INACCURATE
AWAJI SHIMA	HEAVY	MEAGER	INACCURATE

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NARA -- 4 GUN BATTERY OBSERVED.

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ONE POSSIBLE CRUISER AT 34/05 N 134/40 E.

TWO WARSHIPS, POSSIBLE DD IN OSAKA BAY NEAR TARGET AREA.

SHINYODO RIVER REPORTED CLEAR OF SHIPS.

SIX TO EIGHT MEDIUM MV, 30 SHIPS OF ALL TYPES IN OSAKA HARBOR NEAR BREAKWATER.

POSSIBLE DD AT 34/27 N 134/57 E.

LARGE MV AT 34/18 N 134/58 E ANCHORED.

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POSSIBLE DD AT 34/27 N 134/57 E.

LARGE MV AT 34/18 N 134/58 E ANCHORED.

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TWELVE VESSELS SIGHTED BETWEEN SHIKOKU AND AWAJI SHIMA.

ONE LARGE VESSEL SURROUNDED BY 12-15 SMALL ONES SOUTH OF KOBE IN HARBOR.

ONE LARGE AND 9 SMALL VESSELS AT 34/05 N 136/15 E.

THIRTY FIVE VESSELS IN TOSA BAY APPROXIMATELY 33/26 N 133/42 E.

FOUR SHIPS REPORTED AS ONE CARRIER AND 3 DD HEADED OUT OF OSAKA BAY AT YURA.

EIGHT SMALL BOATS NORTH OF TOKUSHIMA.

ONE VESSEL TOWING DRAG OR FISH NET AT 33/58 N 136/14 E.

ONE CARRIER AT SOUTH END OF AWAJI SHIMA.

TWENTY FIVE LARGE BARGES AT OWASE 34/05 N 136/15 E

TWENTY MV ANCHORED 34/40 N 134/25 E.

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ONE LARGE MV AND TWO SMALLER ONES EAST OF AWAJI SHIMA TAKING EVASIVE ACTION.

TWO WARSHIPS, POSSIBLE DD, NAMARIHO (AWAJI SHIMA) HEADING AND SPEED UNOBSERVED.

POSSIBLE CARRIER PRECEDED BY TWO DD ON COURSE OF 360 AT 34/00 N

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134/55 E.

TWO POSSIBLE DD AT OSAKA DOCKS.

THREE SMALL FREIGHTERS OFF SHIZUKI HEADING TOWARDS OSAKA.

FOURTEEN POSSIBLE TANKERS AND 5 FREIGHTERS AT TOKUSHIMA.

SEVENTEEN MV IN SUMOTO BAY (AWAJI SHIMA)

THREE POSSIBLE DD AT KAIZUKA.

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100 SINGLE ENGINE A/C SIGHTED PARKED IN THE OPEN AND WIDELY DISPERSED AT 34/25 N 136/00 E, BELIEVED TO BE TRAINERS.

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73RD WING A/C STRUCK BY AA IN NOSE, SPUN INTO OSAKA BAY WITH NOSE DISINTEGRATING (1 CHUTE SEEN).

3 CYLINDRICAL BLACK OBJECTS, NO TRAILING SMOKE, THAT EXPLODED ABOVE AND AHEAD WITH BLACK BURSTS AT OSAKA BAY.

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50 E/A ON GROUND AT YURA A/F.

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50 PLUS E/A ON KORIYAMA A/F.

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2 WHITE BURSTS LIKE PHOSPHOROUS BOMBS REPORTED IN TARGET AREA.

1 GOLDEN B-29 REPORTED AFTER LANDFALL STAYING AWAY FROM OUR A/C GOING TO THE TARGET.

SMOKE AND FLAMES OBSERVED NEAR MOUTH OF TANABE BAY. CREWS BELIEVE THAT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN B-29.

B-29 ON THE GROUND IN THE SHIMOICHI AREA (TO THE SOUTH EAST OF OSAKA). OBSERVATION MADE WITH GLASSES FROM 21,000 FT. CREW BELIEVED THAT A CRASH LANDING HAD BEEN MADE. THE AIRPLANE APPEARED TO BE INTACT.

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14. REMARKS: APPROXIMATELY 3000 TONS OF BOMBS DROPPED ON THE PRIMARY TARGET.

2 others

1 A/C OF THE 58TH WING, LISTED AS LOST (OTHERS), COLLIDED WITH ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED A/C AT ASSEMBLY POINT 33/20 N 135/40 E.

CREW OF 314TH WING A/C REPORTED TO HAVE BAILED OUT OVER SOFUGAN ISLAND -- EIGHT MEN SIGHTED.

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-01-9 OPOP SECRET

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FROM: BOMCOM XXI 01 43Z
TO : COMAF 20
INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA) BOMWG 73 BOMWG 58 BOMWG 313 BOMWG 314
BOMWG 315 (ATTN: A-2'S)

AIMCR 5018

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL BOMBS AWAY FOR MISSION NO. 187 TARGET OSAKA URBAN AREA FLOWN 1 JUNE 1945.

1. 19 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY ACCOUNTING FOR:

2.

NO. A/C	TARGET	METHOD	RESULTS	CLOUD
40	PRIMARY	VISUAL	GEN CONFLAG	0-9/10
9	PRIMARY	VISUAL	SEV LG FIRES	0/10
60	PRIMARY	VIS & RAD	UNOBSERVED	0-8/10
18	PRIMARY	RADAR	GEN CONFLAG	1-10/10
12	OPPORTUNITY	11 VIS	UNOBSERVED	1-10/10

3. REMARKS: WITH THIS ADDITION REPORT. APPROXIMATELY 448 A/C ARE ACCOUNTED FOR AS BOMBING TARGETS.

THIS REPORT IS FRAGMENTARY AND SUBJECT TO CORRECTION.

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TOD:010813Z JG

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ACTION:	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S TM&E	DC/S P&A	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans	Air Insp	PRO
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TELECON MESSAGE FN-01-7 SECRET OPOP

FROM COMGENBOMCOM 21 010505Z

TO COMAF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA) COMGENBOMWG 58 COMGENBOMWG 73

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AIMCR 5012 SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY FOR MISSION NO. 187

TARGET OSAKA URBAN AREA FLOWN 1 JUNE 1945.

1. 43 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY ACCOUNTING FOR:

2.

NO. A/C	TARGET	METHOD	RESULTS	CLOUD
104	PRIMARY	VISUAL	GEN CONFLAG	0-8/10
14	PRIMARY	VISUAL	MANY SMALL FIRES	0-4/10
127	PRIMARY	VISUAL	UNOBSERVED	0-10/10
9	PRIMARY	RADAR	MANY SMALL FIRES	9/10
37	PRIMARY	RADAR	UNOBSERVED	4-10/10
5	OPPORT	RADAR	UNOBSERVED	6-10/10

3. A/C RETURNED EARLY: 22

4. REMARKS:

A. FTR. OPPOSITION: 6 A/C REPORTED NONE, 26 SLIGHT, 10 MODERATE.

B. FLAK: 4 REPORTED NONE, 11 MEAGER, 25 MODERATE AND 4 INTENSE.

C. TIME OF BOMBS AWAY: 010012Z TO 010200Z.

D. 2 A/C OF 73 WING DITCHED ON WAY OUT - 8 SURVIVORS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN RESCUED.

E. NO FIGHTER ESCORT WAS REPORTED OVER PRIMARY TARGET.

THIS REPORT IS FRAGMENTARY AND SUBJECT TO CORRECTION.

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FROM LEMAY COMGENBOMCOM 21 010125Z

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AIMCR 5004 SUBJECT: FIRST BOMBS AWAY ON MISSION NO. 187 (OSAKA).

FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY AT 010047Z THROUGH SIX TENTHS CLOUD REPORTING SEVERAL LARGE FIRES, MODERATE ENEMY FIGHTERS, MODERATE FLAK AND NO FRIENDLY FIGHTER SUPPORT.

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Correction to Tele. FN-02-11	Telecon			021245Z	NP
Mission Summary	"	FN-0211		021189Z	NP
Summary	Report		2 June		NP

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2 June 1945

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 187 - 1 June 1945 Date

SUMMARY

a new picture of Nagoya 21 different pictures released & given today

Target: Nagoya

Total A/C Bombing: 478

Osaka Urban Area - 457

Other Targets - 21

Time Over Target: 010936 to 011134 Theater Time

Bomb Loads: Tons Dropped: 2894.32 tons (M-47, E-46, M-26 and M-17)

Results: Strike photos show fires throughout dock area between Shin-Yodo and Kizu Rivers. Fires visible in many industrial targets.

Tactics: Daylight visual and radar bombing by squadron from an altitude of 17,580 to 20,700 ft.

A/C Lost or Missing: 10 a/c (2 to AA, 2 to accident, 1 ditched, 2 operational, 3 unknown)

Weather: 4/10 low cloud, top 5000 ft.; 8/10 high cloud, base 26,000 ft. winds at 18,000 ft. were 270 deg. at 55 knots.

Fighter Opposition: Approximately 90 E/A were sighted in target area resulting in 150 to 175 generally weak and unaggressive attacks. First a/c over target reported aggressive head on attacks many of which were pressed directly thru the formation. Several ineffective air to air phosphorous bombings were attempted and 1 Nick dropped chain with 2 cannisters attached.

Flak: Medium and heavy caliber - meager to intense and inaccurate to accurate. Reports indicated that barrage type predominated and remainder mostly predicted and continuously pointed. Three long cylinderical black objects similar to ground to air rockets were observed coming up over Osaka and burst was black and described as being similar to flak.

Claims: 16 - 11 - 26

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Fighter Support: 148 P-51's were to escort but due to bad weather all but few turned back before reaching the target area.

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TO : COMAF 20

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AIMCR 5069

SUBJECT: MISSION SUMMARY FOR MISSION NO. 187 TARGET OSAKA URBAN AREA FLOWN 1 JUNE 1945.

1. UNITS:	BOMCOM	58WG	73WG	313WG	314WG
2. TAKE OFF:					
1ST:	311640Z	311701Z	317650Z	311643Z	311640Z
LAST:	311839Z	311839Z	311803Z	31178Z	371749Z
3. A/C AIRBORNE:	509	119	153	119	118

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4. BOMBS AIRBORNE:

A. NO. & TYPE:

M-47	42944	5252	19816	9-55	821
M-17	3051	0	1095	1956	0
E-46	3981	2639	113	0	1229
M-26 (T4E4)	453	101	115	119	118

B. FUSINGS:

M-17	30.7 -	31.3 -	31.9 -	32.5 - AND 31.0 SEC NOSE	
M-47	INSTANTANEOUS NOSE - NONE DELAY TAIL				
E-46	33.3 -	34.5 - 35.2 -	35.3 -	3.5 - 36.3 -	36.5 TAILS
M-26 (T4E4) 0	14.0 -	14.5 -	15.1 -	15.2 -	15.3 - NOSE

5. DISPOSITION OF BOMBS:

A. PRIMARY TARGET:

OSAKA	A/C-BOMBS	A/C-BOMBS	A/C- BOMBS	A/C BOMBS	A/C-BOMB
M-47 -70	457-38920	1362.27 106-4878	140-17861	108-8175	103-8006
E-46 -425	-3399	722.29 -2323	-113	-0	-963
M-26 -425	-401	85.21 -89	-106	-104	-102
M-17 -463	-2756	638 -0	-979	-1777	-0

B. TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY O

8TH WING	A/C	M-47	M-26	E-46	M-17
SHINGU:	1	0	1	29	0
3337N - 13555E:	1	0	1	29	0
313TH WING:					
NAGASHIMA:	1	178	1	0	0
KOCHI:	1	184	1		
KOCHI:	1	0	1	0	31

IRON AND MACHINERY WORKS AND [illegible]

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SHIONAMISAKE:	1	178	1	Ø	Ø
73RB WING: O					
MUGI:	1	184	Ø	Ø	Ø
TOMIOKA:	7	178	Ø	Ø	Ø
NARA:	1	39	8	Ø	Ø
KUSHIMOTO:	1	784	Ø	Ø	Ø
CHICHI 8.-:	2	178	2	Ø	-9
TANABE:	2	Ø	2	Ø	58
314TH WING:					
TOU SHIMA:	1	Ø	1	23	Ø
WAKAYAMA:	1	Ø	1	23	Ø
BOMCOM TOTA S:	75	1119	11	104	118
B. JETTISONED:	A/C-BOMBS	A/C-BOMBS	A/C-BOMBS	A/	

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	BOMCOM	58WG	73WG	313WG	314WG
B. JETTISONED:	A/C-BOMBS	A/C-BOMBS	A/C-BOMBS	A/C BOMBS	A/C BOMB
M-47	31-2563	9-374	5-979	8-724	10-486
M-26	- 35	- 8	- 4	- 12	- 11
E-46	- 361	- -ØØ	- Ø	- Ø	- 161
M-17	- 177	- Ø	- 29	- 148	- Ø
C. RETURMED:					
M-47	2 - 232	- Ø	1 - 213	- Ø	1 - 19

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M-26	- 1	- Ø	- 1	- Ø	- Ø
E-46	- 6	- Ø	- Ø	- Ø	- 6
D. UNACCOUNTED FOR:					
M-26	5 - 5	2 - 2	- Ø	- Ø	3 - 3
E-46	- 111	- 58	-Ø H	- Ø	- 53
M-47	- 110	- Ø	- Ø	- Ø	- 170
6. A/C NOT BOMBING:					
A. MECHANICAL:	29	8	4	8	9
B. PERSONNEL:	1	Ø	Ø	Ø	1
D. OTHER:	4	2	2	Ø	Ø
7 AVERAGE BOMB ALTITUDE:					
A. PGIMARY;	19794FT	20700	18875'	19200'	20400FT
B. SECONDARY:	NIL				
O C. OTHEGS:	18000'	18350'	16750'	19580'	17580'
8. TIME BOMBS AWAY:					
A. PRIMAGY:	Ø10036Z Ø10200Z	Ø10840Z Ø10200Z	Ø10036Z Ø10146Z	Ø10044Z Ø70153Z	Ø10042ZO Ø18157Z
B. SECONDARY:	NIL				
C.HOHERS:	312345Z	Ø10012Z	312345Z	Ø10028Z	Ø1003ØZO
THH	Ø10234Z	Ø10125Z	Ø10234Z	Ø10120Z	Ø7;715Z
9. METHOD OF BOMBING&					
A. PRIMARY:	VIS - GWBH	VIS & GAD	VIS & RAD	VIS & RAD	VIS&R
B. SECONBARY:	NIL				
V. OTHERS:	VIS & RAD	RADAR	VIS & RAD HM	VIS & RAD	RADAR
10. IME OF RETUGN:					
XIRST;	Ø10610Z	Ø107-5Z	Ø10610Z	Ø10647Z	810784Z
LAST:	Ø12080SHH	Ø11023E	Ø10908Z	Ø10857Z	Ø1-000E
11. CLAIMS:					

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M-26	- 1	- Ø	- 1	-	
E-46	- 6	- Ø	- Ø	-	
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11. CLAIMS:					
A. DESTROYED:	16	2	3	3	8
B. PROBABLES:	11	1	1	3	6
C. DAMAGED:	26	8	3	9	6
12. CASUALTIES:					
A. KILLED:	2	Ø	1	Ø	1
B. WOUNDED:	14	Ø	4	4	6
C. MISSING:	78	44	23	Ø	11
13. NO. A/C LOST:	10	4	4	Ø	2
A. TO E/A:	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø(	Ø
B. TO AA:	2	Ø	2	Ø	Ø
C. TO ACCIDENT:	2	1	1	Ø	Ø
D. TO DITCHING:	1	Ø	1	Ø	Ø
E. OPERATIONAL:	2	Ø	Ø	Ø	2
F. UNKNOWN:	3	3	Ø	Ø	Ø
14. A/C DAMAGED	147	18	54	33	42
A. MAJOR:	17	1	3	6	7
B. MINOR:	130	17	51	27	35

PART B: NARRATIVE:

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AND 2, OSAKA SHIPBUILDING WORKS, FUKUZAKI STEAM POWER PLANT, KUBOTA IRON AND MACHINERY WORKS AND SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED TARGETS

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SHIONAMISAKE: 1 178 1 0 0

1. AIR OPPOSITION: APPROXIMATELY 90 E/A WERE SIGHTED IN THE TARGET AREA RESULTING IN A TOTAL OF 150 TO 175 GENERALLY WEAK AND UNAGGRESSIVE ATTACKS: FIRST A/C OVER THE TARGET REPORTED AGGRESSIVE HEAD ON ATTACKS MANY OF WHICH WERE PRESSED DIRECTLY THROUGH THE FORMATION. SEVERAL INEFFECTIVE AIR TO AIR PHOSPHORUS BOMBINGS WERE ATTEMPTED AND ONE NICK DROPPED CHAIN WITH 2 CANNISTERS ATTACHED.

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2. FLAK:

LOCATIONH	CALIBER	INTENSIZFAXBM	-::74-:6
OSAKA	MED & HVY	MGR - INT	INAC TO ACC
KUSHIMOTO	MEDIUM	MEAGER	INACCURATE
SHIRAHAMA	MEDIUM	MEAGER	INACCURATE
TOKUSHIMA	HEAVY	MEAGER	INACCURATE
URA	MEDIUM	MEAGER	INACCURATE
KURIYAMA A/F	HEAVY	MEAGER	ACCURATE
MINATO, YURA,	HEAVY	MEAGER H	INACCURATE
KOMATSUSHIMA,	HEAVY	MEAGER	INACCURATE
SUMOTO --	HEAVY	MEAGER	INACCURATE

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(HERE IS RPT 1ST LINE UNDER 2. FLAK:
LOCATION CALIBER INTENSITY ACCURACY.

REPORTS INDICATED THAT BARRAGE TYPE PREDOMINATED AND REMAINDER MOSTLY PREDICTED AND CONTINIOUSLY POINTED. 3 LONG CYLINDERICAL BLACK OBJECTS SIMILAR TO GROUND TO AIR ROCKETS WERE OBSERVED COMING UP OVER OSAKA. BURST WAS BLACK AND DESCRIBED AS BEING SIMILAR TO FLAK.

3. WEATHER: BASES AT TAKE OFF; 4/10 LOW CLOUDS, BASE 1800 FT, TOP 5000 FT; 4/10 MIDDLE CLOUD, BASE 12,000 FT; 2/10 HIGH CLOUDS AT 30,000 FT.

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ROUTE OUTGOING; 4-6/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 1500 FT, TOP 5-7000 FT; 3/10 HIH CLOUD AT 30,000 FT; SCATTERED SHOWERS. 10/10 LOW CLOUD, TOPS 7000 FT AN 7/10 MIDDLE CLOUDS, BASE 12,000 FT WITH A FEW BUILD UPS TO 15,000 FT AN SCATTERED THUNDERSTORMS AT 17N. 19 N TO 25N: 3/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 1500 FT, TOP 5,000 FT. 25 N TO 28 N: 8-10/10 LOW CLOUD IN LAYERS BETWEEN 1500 AND 14,000 FT. 28 N TO THE COAST: 10/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 1000 FT, TOP 8-10,000 FT; 10/10 MIDDLE CLOUD, BASE 10,000 FT, TOP 22,000 FT; 10/10 HIGH CLOUD, BASE 24,000 FT; LIGHT RIME ICING ABOVE 15,000 FT; LIGH TURBULENCE; MODERATE RAIN.

TARGET: 4/10 LOW CLOUD, TOP 5000 FT; 8/10 HIGH CLOUD, BASE 26,000 FT; WINDS AT 18,000 FT WERE 270 DEG AT 55 KNOTS.

ROUTE RETURNING: SAME AS ROUTE OUTGOING.

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REMARKS: FRONTAL ACTIVITY WAS MUCH MORE EXTENSIVE THAN FORECAST EFFECTIVELY DISRUPTING ASSEMBLY.

4. AIR SEA RESCUE: 4 SUPERDUMBOS, 4 DUBMOS, 3 LIFEGUARD SUBMARINES AND 3 SURFACE CRAFT WERE ASSIGNED TO COVER MISSION ROUTE UNTIL RETURN OF A/C TO BASES.

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17V752 EXPLODED AT 3250N-13655E - 1 SURVIVOR RESCUED.
30V752 COLLIDED WITH B-29 NEAR DEPARTURE POINT. - NO SURVIVORS LOCATED.
51V754 MISSING ON RETURN. SEARCH BEING CONDUCTED.
11V606 ABANDONED 60 MI N. OF SAIPAN - 9 RESCUED, 1 KILLED, 1 MISSING.
16V607 DITCHED AT 1930N-14400E - ENTIRE CREW OF 12 RESCUED.
16V606 LOST OVER TARGET OR MAY HAVE DITCHED S. OF SHONO MISAKI.
30V528 ABANDONED AT SOFU GAN - 10 SURVIVORS RESCUED.
50V752 MAY HAVE BEEN B-29 INVOLVED IN COLLISION WITH 30V752.
NO SURVIVORS FOUND AND A/C IS STILL MISSING.

4. SUPERDUMBOS CONTINUED SEARCH FOR SURVIVORS ALONG RETURN TRACK, AND
COAST OF JAP MAINLAND.

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5. FIGHTER ESCORT: 148 P-51'S OF THE 7TH FIGHTER COMMAND WERE AIRBORNE
BUT DUE TO BAD WEATHER ALL BUT A FEW TURNED BACK BEFORE REACHING THE
TARGET AREA. PAIRS OF P-51'S WERE REPORTED AS ESCORTING FORMATIONS OF
B-29'S OVER TARGET AND TURNING TO ASSIST NEXT FORMATIONS. 27 P-51'S
WERE REPORTED AS LOST DUE TO WEATHER ON RETURN TO IWO.

6. RESULTS: (BASED ON FLASH STRIKE ATTACK REPORT.)
STRIKE PHOTOS SHOW FIRES THROUGHOUT DOCK AREA BETWEEN SHIN-YODO AND
KIZU RIVERS. FIRES ARE VISIBLE IN THE FOLLOWING INDUSTRIAL TARGETS:
SUMITOMO METAL INDUSTRY AND ALUMINUM CO., OSAKA IRON WORKS, UNITS 1
AND 2, OSAKA SHIPBUILDING WORKS, FUKUZAKI STEAM POWER PLANT, KUBOTA
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[illegible] AND MACHINERY WORKS AND SEVER UNIDENTIFIED INDUSTRIAL AREAS.

7. REMARKS: NONE.

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HEREWITH CORRN UNDER4.

LAST TWO WDS 1ST LINE AND OFF RPT AND OFF

TOD:021710Z JAW..

ROGER FN-02-11 021710Z Q WX WCR..

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FROM OIC YAMG 030050Z

TO OIC WCR

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CITE OUR FN-02-11. MAKE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS:

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UNDER PART 5. JETTISONED: M-47 1ST GROUP SHOULD READ 32-2563 RPT 32-2563.

UNDER PART 11. CLAIMS: DAMAGED SECOND GROUP SHOULD READ 8 RPT 8 NOT 8I.

UNDER PART B NARRATIVE: 2. FLAK: EIGHTH TARGET SHOULD BE KOMATSUSHIMA RPT KOMATSUSHIMA.

UNDER NARRATIVE 3. WEATHER TARGET: SHOULD READ WINDS AT 18000 FT WERE 270 DEG AT 55 RPT 55 KNOTS

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UNDAR NARRATIVE AIR SEA RESCUE: 3RD PLANE LISTED SHOULD BE 51V754 E

UNDER NARRATIVE 6. RESULTS: LAST LINE SIXTH GROUP SHOULD READ SEVERAL RPT SEVERAL NOT SEVER

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FROM: XX

XXI BC 021745Z

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TO : COMAF 20

RE OUR FN-02-11 DTG 021109Z . UNDER 3. WEATHER: TARGET:

READ L
NEXT TO LAST WD IN LINE 2 55 RPT 55 INSTEAD OF TT RPT TT
END..

TOD:021821Z---JAW..

ROGER TELSVC 021821Z WCR..

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TELECON MSG NO. G -2-6-M-K RESTRICTED 060123072

SUBJECT COMMUNIQUE NO. 109

TO COMGENBOMCOM 21

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 POA

INFO COMGENBOMCOM 20 (ATTENTION: GLASS)

FROM COMAF 20

RESTRICTED

THIS DAY WE INSTRUCTED YOU THAT OPERATIONAL LOSSES WOULD NOW BE REVEALED IN COMMUNIQUES IN ADDITION TO COMBAT LOSSES AND CAUSES WOULD BE MADE KNOWN WHEN POSSIBLE. THIS INSTRUCTION IS NOW NECESSARILY REVOKED. OPERATIONAL LOSSES WILL BE LUMPED WITH COMBAT LOSSES BUT NO REFERENCE WILL BE MADE OF THIS DEPARTURE TO CORRESPONDENTS UNTIL FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

NEW SUBJECT: THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WILL BE RELEASED HERE AT 020200Z

EXCELLENT RESULTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED BY THE B-29 CREWS WHICH PARTICIPATED IN THE LARGE SCALE ATTACK ON OSAKA THURSDAY 31 MAY EWT (1 JUNE JAPANESE TIME). THE STRIKE WITH THOUSANDS OF ICENDIARY BOMBS WAS DIRECTED AT THE CONGESTED INDUSTRIAL AREA IN JAPAN'S SECOND LARGEST CITY. BOMBING WAS BOTH VISUAL AND BY INSTRUMENT. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION WAS UNAGGRESSIVE BUT THERE WAS HEAVY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE. TEN OF OUR AIRCRAFT ARE MISSING. THE MISSION WAS FLOWN BY SUPERFORTRESSES OF MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND BASED IN THE MARIANAS.

(ATTENTION: REES INFO WIPPOLD FROM DOULENS)

INFO: PRO'S ALL WINGS)

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FROM: COMAF

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THE FOLLOWING PRESS FLASH WILL BE RELEASED HERE AND SIMULTANEOUSLY BY YOU ONE HOUR AFTER RECEIPT OF FIRST BOMBS AWAY IS ACKNOWLEDGED:

" A VERY LARGE TASK FORCE OF SUPERFORTRESSES OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORE STRUCK AT OSAKA, JAPAN'SSECOND LARGEST CITYN IN A MID- MORNING ATTACK TODAY, 31 MAY EWT (1 JUNE, JAPANESE TIME). THIS MISSION WAS DIRECTED AGAINST THE CONGESTED INDUSTRIAL AREAS OF OSAKA, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN ATTACKED SINCE MARCH 14.

" THE MISSION WAS PERFORMED BY B-29'S OF MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E LEMAYS XXI BOMBER COMMAND, BASED IN THE MARIANAS , AND WAS ANNOUNCED BY GENER OF THE ARMY H H ARNOLD AT HEADQUARTERS OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE IN WASHINGTON. COMPLETE DETAILS WILL BE MADE KNOWN WHEN OPERATIONAL REPORS OF THE MISSION ARE RECEIVED."

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Additional Observations	"	FN-02-18		2 June	RK
Supplement to Flash Report	Telecon	FN-05-8		5 June	RK
Photo Interpretation	Telecon	FN-04-10		4 June	RK

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SUBJECT: Photo Interpretation, 3PR5M 260, flown 4 June 1945

DATE: 4 June 1945

TO: COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 POA
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COMGENBOMWG 313 A-2
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FROM: COMGENBOMCOM 21

Meantime of photography 040150Z. Altitude 29,000 ft.
6" vertical coverage of Osaka shows about 3.43 sq. miles of damage to Osaka from XXI BC mission 187, 1 June 1945. Damage is visible in 11 numbered industrial targets. Total damage to Osaka is now 11.53 sq. miles, representing 18.7 per cent of the built-up portion of the city. (Area of Osaka is about 76.1 sq. miles minus 14.3 sq. miles of sparsely populated areas, leaving 61.8 sq. miles)

Industrial targets showing damage are:

Target No.	Name
53	Osaka Harbor
1726	Oska Ceramic Industry Cement Co.
264	Sumitomo Metal Industry
5008	Probably part of target No. 263, unidentified industry.
1734	Japan Dyestuff Mfg. Co. (Drugs)
5009	Unidentified industry
548	Rolling Stock Mfg. Co.
5010	Unidentified industry
1733	Japan Dyestuff Mgf. (Dye plant)
2030	Osaka Chain & Machinery Works
699	Osaka Iron Works. Unit No. 2

Damage is located as follows on XXI BC Lithomosaic, Osaka Area - Urban, March, 1945: (read horizontal then vertical)

Area bounded by: 047089, 048090, 050089, 048088, 047089.
Area bounded by: 037091, 036093, 038094, 041094, 037091.
Area bounded by: 042096, 044093, 051097, 049100, 042096.
Area bounded by: 051092, 049094, 060091, 065100, 051092.
Area bounded by: 064093, 072097, 069096, 064093.
Area bounded by: 065100, 066106, 073106, 068100, 065100.
Area bounded by: 084114, 090121, 104125, 104117, 084114.
Area bounded by: 110089, 110095, 115099, 117095, 110089.

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FN-04-10	Photo Interpretation 3PR5M 260 flown 4 June 1945 (Cont)	4 June 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:

Small areas at: 071093, 075094, 075100, 078102, 075099, 080104, 075108, 079108, 081111, 082106, 088109, 092110, 092133, 088129, 081123, 043127, 029137, 024129, 0660042.

Area bounded by: 038069, 042064, 051062, 059073, 052065, 060077, 056080, 060083, 066091, 052087, 038069.

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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
FN-05-8	SUPPLEMENT TO FLASH REPORT NO. 260	5 June 1945

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
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Osaka City: Total damage to Osaka City remains 11.53 square miles. Areas listed below were included in total given in flash report number 260 but designation of these areas was omitted. Interpretation is based on 6" vertical coverage. Designation of areas (on 21st BC Lithomosaic, Osaka Area):

Area bounded by: 058-058, 061-059, 063-059, 061-058, 063-051, 065-051, 066-049, 060-050, 058-058.

Area bounded by: 063-042, 063-041, 059-042, 060-043, 063-042.

Area bounded by: 071-053, 072-061.

Area bounded by: 069-058, 070-062, 067-062, 069-058,

Area bounded by: 065-065, 063-067, 065-069, 067-066, 065-065.

Small area at: 063-045.

Target 2656, Itami Airfield: Field 40 percent covered. Aircraft visible: 36.
34 S/E - 2 T/E

Osaka Harbor: 52 vessels visible.
Naval: 3 Escorts, 2 LST
Merchant: 47 over 200' in length.

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DIST	ACTION	INFO
	DC/S Opr (2)	C/S - DC/OPRS - DC/S P&A - DC/S TME; A-2 (14); A-3 OC&R (7); A-5 Plans (2); OA; Stat Con (2); AA; A-2 Collection Div.

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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
FN-02-18	Additional Observations for Mission 187, Target Osaka Urban Area, flown 1 June 1945	2 June 1945

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
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1. 8 to 10 freighters burning in dock area at 010152Z.

2. 10 to 15 rectangular floats anchored in Osaka Harbor similar in appearance to barges, having square ends.

3. 1 DD anchored at Kamatsushima (34/00N 134/38E)

4. 2 large AK anchored at 34/30N 135/20E.

5. 1 DD leaving harbor at Osaka.

6. 4 ships off Kishiwada 34/28N 135/21E.

7. 5 vessels at Kada 34/17N 135/04E.

8. 3 ships at 34/32N 135/00/E.

9. 15 ships moving out into harbor at bombs away.

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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
FN-02-6	FLASH STRIKE ATTACK REPORT NO. 54	2 June 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 POA	COMGENBOMCOM 21

Flash Strike Attack Report No. 54 XXI Bomber Command Mission 187, 1 June 1945.

Target: Osaka
Strike photos show fires throughout dock area between Shin-Yodo and Kizu Rivers.
A SW wind blows smoke over central part of city.
Fires are visible in following numbered targets:

53 Osaka Harbor, about 15 fires.
263A Sumitomo Metal Industry and Sumitomo Aluminum Company.
272 Osaka Iron Works, Unit No. 1.
324 Fuzuzaki Steam Power Plant.
699 Osaka Iron Works, Unit No. 2.
701 Kubota Iron and Machinery Works.
1711 Osaka Shipbuilding Works.
1734 Japan Dyestuff Manufacturing; Drugs Plant.
5009 Unidentified industry
5010 Unidentified industry
5013 Shipbuilding Yard, unidentified.

Intense fires in waterfront area are bounded by 045096, 030090, 041063, 047060, 057060, 063045, 065070, 050082, 056090.

Fires are in following vicinities: 038120, 048128, 108115, 078092.

Available photos show no fires around MPI 068105 and 080115.

Reference: Lighomosaic Osaka Area, Target 90.25 Urban, 20 January 1945, 949th Eng Avn Topo Co.

DIST	ACTION	INFO
	DS/S Opr (2)	C/S - DC/OPRS - DC/S P&A - DC/S TME A-2 (14); A-3 OC&R (7); A-5 Plans (2); Op Anal; StatCon (2); AA; A-2 Collection Division (1)

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