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By *AK* NARA Date *8/19/05*

OPERATION #13 NAGOYA "HESITATION 1"
18 Dec 44

2-5240-84

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~~TOP SECRET~~
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18 Dec 44

Classification Changed to
~~SECRET~~ 5-8-46 By Authority of
C. G. M. by *Ray Walker*
Ray Walker, Capt. USAF

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Part payment of Messrs. Telecon Plantation Co. -	Telecon	7/16-6		16 Dec.	XX
Schedule of Plantation Telecon	"	11/16-9	16 Dec.		XX
		11/16-16	16 Dec.		XX

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PRIOR PLANNING

TELECON CONFERENCE

16 Dec. 19

WASHINGTON PARTIES

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COL. HERMAN COL. ANKENBRANDT

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YAF*

TOP SECRET

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TELECON MSG NO S-16-16 ((~~TOP SECRET~~))

SUBJECT: SCHEDULE OF HESITATION

TO: COMGENBOMCOM 21 FROM: COMGENAF 20

PLEASE ADVISE DURING THIS CONFERENCE WHETHER OR NOT HESITATION WILL BE RUN TOMORROW.

NEW SUBJECT: ALSO REQUESTED IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON WEATHER STRIKE MISSIONS IF AVAILABLE.

TOP SECRET

Do not write up

ORIGINATOR OF MESSAGE

DISTRIBUTION

C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3	OC&R	A-4	A-5	Plans
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	OC&R	A-4	A-5	Plans
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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

16 Dec (section) 19 (date)

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SUBJECT: _____
 TO: _____ FROM: _____

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TELECON MSG. NO. K-16-9

~~TOP SECRET~~

SUBJECT: HESITATION ONE.

TO: COMGENBOMCOM 20

FROM: COMGENAF 20

HESITATION ONE SCHEDULED FOR 18 DECEMBER (WAS POSTPONED 24 HOURS)
 WITH MAXIMUM FORCE-ESTIMATED ABOUT 85 AIRCRAFT.

Force to open

~~TOP SECRET~~

ORIGINATOR: _____ APPROVED BY _____
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DISTRIBUTION:

ACYON	C/S	DC/S	Opr	DC/S	Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3	Tng	A-3	OC&R	A-4	A-5	Plans
	AG	Surg	Air	Insp	PRO	COMM	Op	Ar	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-4	Plans
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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

QUOTE

TELECON MESSAGE NG FN 16-6 16064Z (TOP SECRET)
 TO COM GEN AF 20 DEP COM GEN AF 20 FROM COMGEN21 BOMCOM (OPER PRTY)
 SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF MISSION
 HESITATION POSTPONED TWENTY FOUR HOURS BECAUSE OF LOCAL STORMS IN
 BASE AREA.

...END....

TOD 161105Z WW

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 WAB DEPARTMENT SIGNAL CENTER
 AIR CORPS LIMITED STATION
 TOP SECRET

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TOD 161116Z LC

DISTRIBUTION:

ACYON

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AG	Surg	Air	Insp	PRO	COMM	Op	An	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-4	Plans
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QUOTE

TELECON CONFERENCE NR 15 150012Z (SECRET)

REQUESTED BY HANSELL

PRESENT HERE: COL; DEL WILSON

TELECON ~~NR~~ I 150012Z (SECRET)

TO COMGEN AF20 DEP COMGEN AF20 FRO COMGEN 21 BOMCOM

SUBJECT: HESITATION ONE

MAXIMUM EFFORT WILL BE DISPATCHED AGAINST HESITATION ONE ON 17 DECEMBER 1944. MEMPHIS ONE BATTLE DAMAGE FORCE AVAILABLE FOR EFFECTIVE ATTACK AT AN EARLIER DATE. ESTIMATE 85 A/C AVAILABLE FOR STRIKE.R END

SECRET

TOD 150030Z DM

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INFORMATION

C/S	DC/S	Op	DC/S	Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3	Tng	A-3	OC&R	A-4	A-4	Plans
AG	Surg	Air	Insp	PRO	COMM	OP	ANAL	STAT	CON				

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

(section) 13 Dec 1945 (date)

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

QUOTE

TELECOM MESSAGE BM-13-3-17 171330Z OPER PRTY (TOP SECRETOR TO COM AF 20

FROM BOM COM 21

SUBJECT: BRIEF FOR HESITATION NO ONE FIELD ORDER APPROXIMATELY 90 AIRCRAFT TAKES OFF AT 172025Z TO ATTACK HESITATION IN NAGOYA AREA AT APPROXIMATELY 180335Z SECONDARY NONE LAST RESORT ANY INDUSTRIAL CITY. PRIMARY WILL BE ATTACKED BY VISUAL METHOD IF POSSIBLE AND RADAR IF NECESSARY BY CONVERGING SQUADRONS IN COLUMN. ROUTE A WILL ATTACK ON AXIS GENERALLY WEST AND ROUTE B ON GENERALLY EAST AXIS AT BASE ALTITUDE OF 29,000 FEET. ROUTE A FOLLOWS BASE TO 1700N - 14400E, T02400N - 14000E, TO 3400N - 13800E TG IP AT 3505N - 13710E TO TARGET TO 2600N - 14000E TO BASE. ROUTE B LEAMES BASE TO 1700N - 14400E, T02400N - 14000E, TO 3200N - 13600E, TO IP AT 3507N - 13557E, TO TARGET T02600N - 14000E TO BASE. (9,3 I-13 TO TOKYO AREA. ONE F-13 TO OSAKA AREA. BOMB LOAD CONSISTS TEN TIMES 500 LB GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL. FIVE LIFEQUARD SUBMARINES TWO DESTROYERS AND DUMBO SERVICE PROVIDING RESCUE MEASURES. ETA FIRST UNIT 180955Z.

...AND...

TOD 171405Z HS

UNQUOTE

END

TOD:-171935Z RH

AG	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3	Ing	A-3	OC&R	A-4	A-4	Plans
	DC/S Opr	Air	Insp	PRO	COMM	OP	ANAL	STAT	CON	
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SUBJECT: _____
 TO: _____ FROM: _____

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TELECON NOTE 172120Z

CORRECTION AS REQUESTED ON BM-13-3-17 RELAYED FROM BOMCOM 21

FIRST THREE WORDS OF LINE 12 SHOULD READ "ONE F-13 TO" RPT

"ONE F-13 TO"

END

TOD: 172130WK

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ORIGINATOR: _____ APPROVED BY _____

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AG	Surfg	Air	Insp	PRO	COMM	Op	An	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-4	Plans
AG	Surfg	Air	Insp	PRO	COMM	OP	ANAL	STAT	CON				

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17 Dec. 19

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TELECON MSG BM-13-2-17 170825Z (TOP SECRET)

TO COMGEN AF 20 DEP COMGEN AF 20 FROM BOM COM 21

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

SUBJECT: HESITATION ONE

APPROXIMATELY NINETY AIRPLANES SCHEDULED FOR ATTACK ON
HESITATION ONE AT 180335Z. TAKE OFF AT 172025Z AND LAND 180955Z.
171625
180540

TINES ARE FOR LEAD SQUADRON. BRIEF OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW.

END

TOD: 170826Z ZW

UNQUOTE

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ORIGINATOR OF MESSAGE

DISTRIBUTION

C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1 A-2	A-3Trng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans
A G	Surg	Air Insp	PRO COMM	OP ANAL	STAT CON		
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AG	Surg	air Insp	PRO COMM	OP ANAL	STAT CON		

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QUOTE

TELECON MSG FN17-6 170505Z (TOP SECRET)

TO COMGEN AF 20 ATTN COL POSEY FROM COMGEN 21 BOMCOM

INFO: DEP COM AF 20

SUBJECT: DATA FOR HESITATION ONE

SENDINGIBY AIR MAIL MOSAIC HESITATION ONE AREA CONTIAXX

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CONTAINING AXIS OF ATTACKS. INITIAL POINT CHECK POINTS ON COURSE.
ALSO RADAR PHOTOS OF ABOVE.

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TOD 170512Z LMM

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TOD: 170514Z WX

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ORIGINATOR OF MESSAGE

DISTRIBUTION

C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans
A G	Surge	Air Insp	PRO COMM	OP	ANAL	STAT	CON	
C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans
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A/C Austro	Telecon	Am 1-13	17 Dec		HX
Take off Ppt	Telecon	Am 13-5	17 Dec	172226 HX	HX
Take off Report	Telecon	AS-1-13	18 Dec		HX

TAKE OFF REPORTS

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SUBJECT: _____
 TO: _____
 FROM: _____

TOP SECRET

RPT KS-1-13 (TOP SECRET)

TO: COMGENBOMCOM 20 FROM: COMGENAF 20

RELAY FROM BOM COM 21

1. TOTAL SCHEDULED - 91
 2. 9 SQUADRONS
 3. 89 AIRBORNE
 4. TAKE-OFF - 172027Z TO 172204Z

TOP SECRET

ORIGINATOR: _____
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	AG	Surg	Air	Insp	PRO	COMM	OP	ANAL	STAT	CON				

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TELECON MESSAGE NO BM-13-5-17 172114Z (SECRET) OP PRIORITQ

TO COM GEN AF 20 INFO: DEP COM GEN AF 2 FROM BOM COM 21

SUBJECT: HESITATION NO. ONE TAKE OFF REPORT AND WEATHER FORECAST

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FIRST AIRCRAFT ON HESITATION NO. ONE TOOK OFF AT 172027Z WEATHER FORECAST FOR HESITATION NO. ONE. ONLY THREE TENTHS MIDDLE CLOUD IN TARGET AREA AT 15000 FEET. SCATTERED CLOUD AT BASES. WEAK COLD FRONT ENROUTE. FORCE CONSIST NG OF NINE SQUADRONS TOTALING 91 MONSTERS.

...END...

TOD

TOD 171221Z LMM

UNQUOTE

TOD: 172223Z VK

SECRET

TELECON CONFERENCE

FROM DEP COM AF 20 TO COM AF 20

STATION YAF 12172300Z

SUBJECT: DAILY CONFERENCE

PRESENT HERE: LT. MC INROE

RELAYED FROM BOM COM 21

QUOTE

TELECON MESSAGE NO BM 13-6-17 172241Z (STOP SECRET) OPER PRTY

TO COM GEN AF 20 DEP COM AF 20 FROM COM GEN 21 BOM COM

SUBJECT: HASITATIONIONE TAKEOFF REPORT

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1. BQM TOTAL AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED - 91.
2. TOTAL COMBAT SQUADRONS SCHEDULED - 9.
3. FIRST A/C AIRBGRNE AT 172027Z, LAST AT 172204Z.
4. TOTAL A/C AIRBORNE - 89. 1627

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TOD: 172258Z HVM.....

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SUBJECT: _____
 TO: _____ FROM: _____

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TELECON MESSAGE NO SM-1-13 ((SECRET))
 SUBJECT: HESITATION NO. 1.
 ((TO ~~COMGENBOMCOM~~ COMGENBOMCOM 21 FROM COMGENAF 20))
 REQUEST TOTAL AIRCRAFT AND TIME OF LAST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE
 ON HESITATION 1.

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INFORMATION

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TO COMGEN AF 20 INFO DEP COVAF 20 FROM COMGEN ~~COMX~~ BOMCOM 21

SUBJECT, CONSOLIDATED BOMBS ~~SMXX~~ AWAY REPORT, FOR HESITATION ONE.

~~SEVEN SQDNS BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET BY RADAR FRGUBI PR02Z TO 180517Z~~

SEVEN SQDNS BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET BY RADAR FRM 180402Z TO 180517Z
 NINE TENTHS CLOUD COVER. ^{SQDN/BOAMED} TWO SYE S ZIHZED PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY
 THREE TENTHS CLOUD ~~COVER~~ ^{5321 5462} FROM 180532.1 TT WQ HTRIZ. ACONSGLIDATED IN

FLIGHTIREPORT WILL FOLLOW AS SOON AS INFORMATION RECEIVED.

END

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INFORMATION

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TELECON MESSAGE NR BM-13-11-18 (SECRET) 180847Z

TO COMGEN AF 20 INFO DEP COMAF 20 FROM COMGEN BOMCOM 21

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY REPORT, FOR HESITATION ONE.

SEVEN SQDNS BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET BY RADAR FRM 180402Z TO 180517Z
NINE TENTHS CLOUD COVER. TWO SQDNS BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY
THREE TENTHS CLOUD COVER FROM 180532Z TO 180548Z. CONSOLIDATED IN
FLIGHT REPORT WILL FOLLOW AS SOON AS INFORMATION RECEIVED.
END

TOD 180910Z VMH

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TOD: 181648Z WNM

ORIGINATOR:

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ACTION

C/\$	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans
AG	Surg	Air Insp	PRO COMM	Op An		STAT CON		

INFORMATION

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AG	Surg	Air Insp	PRO COMM	OP ANAL		STAT CON		

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

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TELECON BM 1348-18 180533Z (SECRET)

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COMGEN AF 20 INFO: DEP COM COMGEN AF20 FROM BOMCOMBWO
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SUBJECT: BOMBS AWAY REPORT

FIFTH SQUADRON BOMBED PRIMARY HESITATION ONE RADAR NINE TENTHS
CLOUD COVERAGE AT 180503Z

ENDR TOD 180536Z JPD

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TOD 180544Z HEOUUSM LP&3595)-)4-

QUOTE

TELECON BM-13-9-18 180536Z (SECRET)

TO COMGEN AF20 INFO DP COMGEN AF 20 FROM BOMCOM21

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SUBJECT: BOMBS AWAY REPORT

SECOND AND THIRD SQUADRON AND FOURTH SQUADRON BOMBED PRIMARY
HESITATION ONE RADAR NINE TENTHS CLOUD COVERAGE AT ~~GOLDPRTZ~~ 180406Z, 180440Z,
AND 180443Z RESPECTIVELY.

END

TOD 180540Z JPD

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END

TOD 180549Z ("IZQW BY OYJDF3)85?, 9?.;

ALECON BM13-10-18 180600Z (SECRET)

TO COMGEN AF 20 INFO DEP COMAF20 FROM COMGEN BOMCOM21

SUBJECT: FIRST IN FLIGHT REPORT.

TIME OVER TARGET 180400Z. PRIMARY TARGET HIT BY RADAR BOMBING,
RESULTS UNOBSERVED. ALL AIRCRAFT BOMBING. AA MODERATE,
ACCURATE. FIGHTER OPPOSITION HEAVY. WEATHER 9/10. NO A/C LOST.

END

TOD 180614Z /HA

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TOD: 180617Z HS

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TELECON MESSAGE NO BM-13-8-18 180426Z (SECRET) I OPER PRTY

TO COM GEN AF 20 INFO DEP COM GAN AF 20 FROM BOM COM 21

SUBJECT: BOMBS AWAY REPORT

FIRST SQUEDRON BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET HESITATION ONE RADAR NINE TENTHS

CLOUD COVERAGE ~~18042Z~~. 180402Z - 180002W

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TOD 180447Z JPD

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TOD 180448Z PA

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DISTRIBUTION:

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INFORMATION

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Consolidated ^{Ppt} In Flight Telecom		18		18 Dec	HA
Return Report	"	Bm 13-12-18		18 Dec	HA
Prel. Mission Rpt	"	Bm 13-14-18		18 Dec	HA
Telecom	"	Bm 13-18-		19 Dec	HA
Prel. Mission Rpt	"	X 20-2	21 03 192		HA
Preliminary Mission Report	-	-	19 Dec		Am

PRELIMINARY MISSION RPT.

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Washington, D. C.

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By authority of
CG Twentieth AF

19 Dec. '44 *RS*
Date Initials

PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

73RD BOMB WING OPERATION NO. 13 - 18 December 1944

"HESITATION - 1"

Targets: Primary - Mitsubishi Assembly Plant, Nagoya, Japan
Last Resort - Any Industrial City, Japan

Take-Off: 172027Z - 172204Z (180527 - 180704 Saipan Time
171627 - 171804 Washington Time)

Time of Attack: 180401Z - 180535Z (181301 - 181435 Japan Time
180001 - 180135 Washington Time)

Aircraft: Total Bombing 77
Primary Target 69
Other Targets 8

A/C Lost or Missing: 0 to enemy action
1 aircraft ditched, believed unknown to enemy
1 aircraft crash landed at Saipan
2 missing
4 Total

Casualties: 0 killed, 4 wounded, 33 missing. (One crew was sighted in life raft)

Bomb Load: 10 - 500 lb. GP bombs fuzed .1 second, nose and .01 second, tail.
Bomb Tons Dropped: 160 tons

Tactics: 3 Squadrons bombed visually and 6 Squadrons bombed by radar from altitude of 25,500 to 31,000 feet.

Weather: PT - 3 Squadrons reported CAVU directly over target and 9/10 cloud cover in surrounding area.
6 Squadrons reported 8/10 to 10/10 cloud.

Fighter Opposition: Slight to heavy.

Flak: Intense - inaccurate; meager - inaccurate.

Claims: 2 Enemy Aircraft Destroyed; 6 Probably Destroyed; 3 Damaged.

Results: Four Squadrons report "Excellent" results with large fires observed and black smoke billowing to 1,000 ft.
First phase interpretation of bomb strike photos indicate concentration of bursts directly on Primary Target. Large fires in Power Plant Area; 3 direct hits. Scattered bursts throughout area. 2 direct hits and 1 near miss on the Nagoya Steam Power Plant No. 1. Two other buildings 90% gutted.

Remarks: As this report is as yet fragmentary and subject to change, it is not to be used for official records.

As of 0047 - 19 December

W. H. Norstad
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
Chief of Staff

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By *AK* NARA Date *8/19/03*

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on the Negroes Green Town Camp No. 1. No other buildings
 occupied during throughout area. 5 direct hits and 1
 large fire in town (from
 observation of bomb debris photos indicate concentration
 and black smoke billowing to 1,000 ft.
 gas; four gasbags report "excellent" results with large fires observed.
 Gasbags: 5 Green Aircraft destroyed; 6 probably destroyed; 3 damaged.
 Radio: Intense - interrupted message - inconclusive.
 Weather observations: lightning heavy.

Observations reported 0710 to 1010 along
 0710 along coast in surrounding area
 3 gasbags reported 0740 directly over target and
 altitude of 50,000 to 31,000 feet.
 3 gasbags bombed visually and 6 gasbags bombed by radar from
 from 1000 destroyed: 100 bombs

Damage: 10 - 200 lb. Gp bombs first 1 second, nose and 01 second, tail.
 (see)

Observation: 0 killed, 11 wounded, 33 missing. (One crew man slightly in 2110
 in total
 5 missing
 1 aircraft crash landed at Saigon
 1 aircraft ditched & believed unknown to enemy
 No loss or wreckage: 0 to enemy sight.

Other wreckage: 8
 Primary target: 83
 Wreckage: Total Bombs: 11
 Time of attack: 1800Z - 1803Z (0710Z - 1815Z Japan Time)
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TELECON MSG. NO. K-20-2

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SUBJECT: XXI BC PREL MISSION REPORT-73RD BOMB WING OPERATION NO. 13

- 18 DECEMBER 1944.

TO: COMGENBOMCOM 20 FROM: COMGENAF 20

PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

73RD BOMB WING OPERATION NO 13 - 18 DECEMBER 1944

"HESITATION - 1"

TARGETS: PRIMARY - MITSUBISHI ASSEMBLY PLANT, NAGOYA, JAPAN

LAST RESORT - ANY INDUSTRIAL CITY, JAPAN

TAKE-OFF: - 172027Z - 172204Z (180527 - 180704 SAIPAN TIME - 171627 -

171804 WASHINGTON TIME)

TIME OF ATTACK: - 180401Z - 180535Z (181301 - 181435 JAPAN TIME -

18000 - - 180135 WASHINGTON TIME)

AIRCRAFT: TOTAL BOMBING 77

PRIMARY TARGET 69

OTHER TARGETS 8

A/C LOST OR MISSING: 0 TO ENEMY ACTION

1 AIRCRAFT DITCHED, BELIEVED UNKNOWN TO ENEMY

1 AIRCRAFT CRASH LANDED AT SAIPAN

2 MISSING

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4 TOTAL

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CASUALTIES: 0 KILLED, 4 WOUNDED, 33 MISSING. (ONE CREW WAS SIGHTED

IN LIFE RAFT)

BOMB LOAD: 10 -500 LB. GP BOMBS FUZED .1 SECOND, NOSE AND .01 SECOND

TAIL.

BOMB TONS DROPPED: 160 TONS

TACTICS: 3 SQUADRONS BOMBED VISUALLY AND 6 SQUADRONS BOMBED BY

RADAR FROM ALTITUDE OF 25,500 TO 31,000 FT.

WEATHER: PT - 3 SQUADRONS REPORTED CAVU DIRECTLY OVER TARGET AND

9/10 CLOUD COVER IN SURROUNDING AREA.

6 SQUADRONS REPORTED 8/10 TO 10/10 CLOUD.

FIGHTER OPPOSITION: SLIGHT TO HEAVY.

FLAK: INTENSE - INACCURATE; MEAGER - INACCURATE.

CLAIMS: 2 ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED; 6 PROBABLY DESTROYED; 3 DAMAGED.

RESULTS: FOUR SQUADRONS REPORT "EXCELLENT" RESULTS WITH LARGE FIRES

OBSERVED AND BLACK SMOKE BLOWING TO 1,000 FT.

FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION OF BOMB STRIKE PHOTOS INDICATE

CONCENTRATION OF BURSTS DIRECTLY ON PRIMARY TARGET. LARGE

FIRES IN POWER PLANT AREA; 3 DIRECT HITS. SCATTERED BURSTS

THROUGHOUT AREA. 2 DIRECT HITS AND 1 MEAR MISS ON THE

NAGOYA STEAM POWER PLANT NO. 1. TWO OTHER BUILDINGS 90 PER-

CENT GUTTED.

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Authority

By *MD* *7/20/03*

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By *MD* *7/20/03*

Date *8/19/03*

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TELECON MESSAGE BM 13-18-19

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TO COM GEN AF 20 INFO DEP COM AF 20/ 14S. :S.

XXXXXXXXXXFROM COM GEN BOM COM 21

NO FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON HESITATION ONE AT 191030Z.

WHEN MISSION REPORT NOT DUE UNTIL 202100Z. AS SOON AS COMPLETEDXXXXXXXXX
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TELECON MESSAGE BM-13-14-18 181730Z OPER PRTY (SECRET)

THE FOLLOWING IS RELAYED FROM BOM COM 21

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TELECON MESSAGE BM-13-14-18 181730Z OPER PRTY (SECRET)

TO COM GEN AF 20 INFO DEP COM AF 20
FROM COM GEN 21 BOM CGM

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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT S-13 - HESITATION NO 1

NAME OF PRIMARY - NAGOYA - 90.24-194

NAME OF LAST RESORT - ANY JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL CITY

TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY - SEE BELOW "NO. OF A/C EARLY RETURNS"

A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY - 69/ (3 SQDNS VISUALLY, 6 RADAR)

DROPPED 160 TONS

500 LB GP 1 SEC NOSE .01 SEC TAIL. FUZING BETWEEN 180401Z -

180535Z 29,000 TO 31,000 FEET

A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: 4 (BY RADAR DROPPED 9.25 TONS

500 LB GP .1 SEC NOSE .01 TAIL FUZING BETWEEN 180430Z -

180500Z 25,500 TO 30,000 FT)

NO A/C TAKING OFF - 89

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AT 180418Z FROM 31,000 FT. 1 A/C BOMBED HAMAMATSU AIR

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33,000 FEET. 1 A/C BOMBED SHIZUOKA (3457N-13820E)

AT 180434Z FROM 31,000 FEET.

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NO A/C LOST OR MISSING:

1 A/C DITCHED, CAUSE NOT KNOWN AND LOSS NOT BELIEVED KNOWN TO ENEMY

1 A/C CRASHED ON LANDING AT SAIPAN

2 A/C MISSING, ARE NOW PAST LIMITS OF GAS ENDURANCE

RESULTS OF BOMBING:

PRIMARY - 4 SQS REPORT EXCELLENT WITH SEVERAL LARGE FIRES SEEN

AND BLACK SMOKE BILLOWING TO 1,000 FEET. 5 SQS RESULTS

UNOBSERVED DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

LAST RESORT: RESULTS UNOBSERVED

TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: RESULTS UNOBSERVED

NUMBER OF CASUALTIES:

KILLED - NONE WOUNDED - FOUR MISSING - TWENTY TWO

ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION:

3 SQS - HEAVY, 5 SQS - SLIGHT, 1 SQ - NIL

FLAK: 1 SQ - INACCURATE, 8 UQS - MEAGER INACCURATE

WEATHER: PRIMARY - 3 SQS - CAVU DIRECTLY OVER TARGET,

9/10TH CLOUD IN SURROUNDING AREA.

6 SQS 8/10TH TO 10/10 CLOUD.

FN FINE

LAST RESORT: 6/10 TO 10/10 CLOUD

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UNOBSERVED DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

LASL RESORT: RESULTS UNOBSERVED

TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: RESULTS UNOBSERVED

NUMBER OF CASUALTIES:

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6 SQS 8/10TH TO 10/10 CLOUD.

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LAST RESORT: 6/10 TO 10/10 CLOUD

IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS: NONE

EUTIMATED ENEMY CLAIMS; DESTROYED - TWO PROBABLY DESTROYED SIX,
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18 Dec (section) 19 (date)

MEMORANDUM TO: The Adjutant General, Twentieth Air Force.
SUBJECT: Transmittal of TELECON message.

It is requested that the following TELECON message be transmitted. This message pertains to the business of the Twentieth Air Force and its transmission by normal means of communication is impracticable.

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QUOTE

TELECON MESSAGE BM-13-13-18 181445Z OPER PRTY (SECRETBL
TO COM GEN AF 20 INFO DEP COM AF 20
FROM COM GEN 21 BOM COMD

SUBJECT RETURN REPORT - HESITATION NO 1-S-13

FLOWN BY 73RD WING, 49TH, 1498TH, 499TH AND 500TH BOMB GROUPS.

NO. LANDED HOMEBASE - 498TH BG - 26 (180951Z TO 181212Z

499TH BG - 18 (181010Z TO 2&00"

500TH BG - 2 (181021Z TO 181247Z

497TH BG BA 14 (181021Z TO 181247Z

NOWMQ LANDED AWAY FROM BASE - 497TH BG - 3 ISLEY FIELD NO.2

498TH BG - 2 ISLEY FIELD NO. 2

499TH BG - NONE

500TH BG - 2 TINIAN

NO. MISSING - 498TH BG 3 1 CRASHED SAIPAN 3 NO CASUALTIES

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500TH BG - 1 - DITCHED

497TH BG - 1

ELEVEN AIRCRAFT WERE EARLY RETURNS

-END TOD XXXXX

(NOTE: MESSAGE NUMBER IS BM-13-13-18 NOT BM-13-12-18 AS PREVIOUSLY SENT)

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TELECON BM13-12-18 180857Z (SECRET)

TO COMGEN AF 20 INFO DEP COMAF 20 FROM COMGEN BOMCOM21
 SUBJECT CONSOLIDATED IN FLIGHT REPORT HESITATION ONE

SEVEN SQDNS REPORT RESULTS UNOBSERVED TWO THAT BOMBED ~~WXXX~~ VISUALLY
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 TO SLIGHT INACCURATE. FIGHTER ~~POO XXXXX~~ OPPOSITION MODERATE TO SLIGHT.
 A/C LOSSES TO ENEMY ACTION NIL. EIGHTY NINE A/C AIRBORNE TEN EARLY
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19 December 1944
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EXTRACT OF TELETYPE CONFERENCE BETWEEN
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WASHINGTON PARTIES:

Lt. Col. H. H. Hewitt

HONOLULU PARTIES:
Col. Ankenbrandt

TELECON MESSAGE NO. BM-13-20-19

SUBJECT: Mission Report Hesitation #1-S-13 18 December 1944

(from COMGEMBOMCOM 21 to: COMAF 20 info: DEPCOMAF 20)

DESIGNATION OF UNIT: 73rd Bombardment Wing.

TIME OF TAKE-OFF: 172027Z to 172204Z

TIME OF RETURN: 180951Z to 181247Z

No a/c taking off; eighty-nine (89)
No. A/C attacking primary target (90.24-194): sixty-six (66)
No. A/C attacking secondary target: No secondary target
No. A/C attacking Last Resort target: four (4)

1 A/C each bombed: Uji Yamada (3420N-13650E)
1 A/C each bombed: Shingu (3343N - 13559E)
1 A/C each bombed: Yokosuka waterfront.
1 A/C each bombed: Hamamatsu Airfields.

No. A/C attacking target of opportunity: four (4)

1 A/C each bombed: Iwo Jima
1 A/c each bombed: Pagan
1 A/C each bombed: Rota

1 A/C each bombed: Hachiyo Jima

No. A/C which failed to bomb target: Twelve (12)

No. A/C lost to flak: None

No. A/C lost to E/A: None

No. A/C lost by accident: One (1)

No. A/C lost by reasons unknown: Three (3)

TIME OF ATTACK: 180420Z to 180545Z
ALTITUDE OF ATTACK: 29,000 to 33,900 feet.
BOMBS ON EACH TARGET:

Primary: 623 x 500# GP, .10 nose, .01 tail fuzing, 24 x 500# IE
Secondary: None
Last Resort: 17 x 500# GP, .10 nose, .01 tail fuzing, 3 x 500#
IB
Opportunity: 70 x 500# GP, .10 nose, .01 tail fuzing, 1 x 500#
IB

(1) Bomb loadings: 860 x 500# GP, .10 nose, .01 tail fuzing
30 x 500# I.B.

(2) Bombs unaccounted for: None.

No A/C jettisoning bombs: 15-A/C- 141 x 500# GP, 2 x 500# I.B.
No. A/C bringing bombs back: 1-A/C- 4 x 500# GP, (Hung in racks)
1-A/C- 5 x 500# GP, (Ung in racks)

PERSONNEL CASUALTIES:

Killed: None Slightly wounded: One (1) Enemy action. Seven (7)
result of crash. Missing: thirty-three (33).

No. enemy aircraft destroyed: Fifteen (15)
Probably destroyed: Eleven (11)
Damaged: Twelve (12)

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REMARKS:

- (1) (Fighter opposition) 168 E/A attacks reported. Generally unaggressive and well distributed as to direction and angle of approach. Few attacks pressed closer than 500 yards. E/A recognized: ZEKE'S, TOJO'S, ZEKE'S (32), TONY'S and IRVING'S. Other E/A reported: Unidentified twin-engine airplane and a twin-engine boom fighter. Latter opened fire at 800 yards and a level, closed to 500 yards and broke away in a dive at 5 o'clock Irving's, Zeke's, and Tojo's predominated in that order; relatively few Zeke's (32) and Tony's. No unusual tactics encountered.
- (2) (Flak) Generally meager to moderate and inaccurate. Fire was low and trailing. Two fighters at our level and out of range were apparently giving fire control direction to flak. Only slight flak damage reported to 1 A/C.
- (3) (A/C lost or in distress) 3 A/C ditched.
- (4) (A/C seriously damaged, or crashed on return) 1-A/C crashed into ATC motor pool on return.
- (5) (A/C sustaining A, AC, B, or E, battle damage) 7 A/C damaged. These will be ready for combat as follows: 3 A/C within 2 days, 1 A/C within 3 days, 1 A/C within 5 days; 2 A/C indefinite.
- (6) (Observations) Fairly large fire in target area. One ditched B-29 at 2605N - 14025E.
- (7) (Bombing results) (1st Phase PI)
Direction of attack: 4 Sqdns - 93 degrees true
5 Sqdns - 270 degrees true
Aiming point: NW corner of the reported engine assembly building.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE AND QUALITY:

Strike attack photographs were obtained from only seven planes, one of which bombed Pagan and Iwo Jima. No photographs showing bomb bursts of the last squadron over target were obtained. Thus photographic coverage is limited. Quality of photographs varies from poor to excellent.

SUMMARY:

Approximately 30 bursts in target area with the greatest concentration of the two final assembly plants in W section of target. In assembly building along bay, 5 direct hits, 4 near misses. Assembly building just to the E, 2 direct hits, 2 near misses. At least 9 bursts in center section reported to be the engine assembly section. To the S, 3 bursts visible along canal, 1 of which probably hit the power plant. 4 bursts are visible in the old plant area at the E end of the target. Outside target area, 5, possibly 6 bursts seen in steel plant N of target. A large building in SW part of area and a smaller building to the W were partially destroyed. 1 burst is visible in the light metals plant NE of target. The power plant, target 195, received 1, possibly 2, direct hits and 2 near misses. 5 bursts immediately to E of power plant. 27 burst in bay, 2 burst across the bay NW of target, 1 hitting a small warehouse 7 bursts in canals N and S of target. S of target, approximately 450 ft x 80 ft of a building in the shipbuilding yard was

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SUMMARY: (continued)
destroyed. SE of the target in the reported steel plant one large building approximately 500 ft x 430 ft was partially destroyed as was the 275 x 65 foot building to the S. 3 probably bursts are visible in the adjacent open areas. Approximately 29 craters are visible 9,000 feet NE of the AP. Approximately 38 craters are observed 19,500 ft. NE of AP, and 75 craters can be seen 14,500 ft. E of AP. Apparently these caused no damage.

CONCLUSION:
Out of the total of 647 bombs dropped on the Primary Target, 21 bombs, or 3%, fell within 1,000 feet of the AP. Thus the results are considered as being unsatisfactory. However, the results of those squadrons which bombed visually are good and no photographs are available from the last squadron which also bombed visually. No photographs from A/C attacking Last Resort Targets. One A/C attacking targets of opportunity took photographs. These photos from A/C attacking Iwo Jima and Pagan. These show 8 bombs hitting in water immediately N of Iwo Jima, 2 bombs hitting W end of Pagan airfield.

(8) (Crew's comments) Safety belts for gunners inefficient. Defrosting modification would help. Floor mike switches would help. Electrically heated suits for tail gunners needed.
(9) (Brief descriptive summary) Between 172027Z and 172204Z 89 A/C airborne Saipan. 79 Carrying 10 x 500# GP. bombs fuzed .10 nose, .01 tail, and 10 loaded with 3 x 500# I.B. and 7 x 500# GP bombs. Time of attack 180420Z to 180545Z. Bombing altitude between 29,000 ft. and 33,900 ft. Personnel casualties are 8 slightly wounded and 33 missing. One A/C lost by accident (crash near home base) and three ditched. There were 168 fighter attacks, mostly from Irving's, Zeke's, and Tojo's. These were generally unaggressive. One unidentified twin-boom fighter (possibly Luke) did attack. No unusual tactics were encountered. Flak was meager to moderate and inaccurate. Slight flak damage was suffered by one A/C. Battle damage to our A/C included four slightly damaged and three seriously damaged. Some large fires were seen in the target area, but the visibility was bad for six squadrons. Photographs, available show good results on the target from visual bombing. Radar bombing poor. A/C landed between 180951Z and 181247Z.

DISTRIBUTION:

Action: None.
Information: CS/ DC/S op (2cys) A-2 (10cys) Stat Con (1 cy) A-A (1cy)
Op An (1 cy) 5 extra cys for file.

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^{Mission for} Classification of the	Telecon	Bm/3-16-19		19 Dec.	HA
Connection to Tel. Bm/3-21-19	"	Bm/3-21-19		2001012	HA

MISSING
& LOST A/C

RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

QUOTE

TELECON MESSAGE NO BM-13-21-19 192311Z (SECRET)

TO COM GEN AF 20 INFO: DEP COM GEN AF 20 FROM BOM COM 21

REFERENCE BM 13-19-19 DELETE WORDS IN PARAGRAPH FIVE QUOTE AT 1629N
13910E UNQUOTE. THIS WAS FIRST REPORT LATER CORRECTED AND IS NOT MATERIAL

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TOD 192344Z LMM

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

19 Dec 44 (section) 19 (date)

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 TO: _____ FROM: _____

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QUOTE

TELECON MESSAGE NO BM 13-16-19 190355Z (SECRET) P OP
 TO COMGEN AF 20 INFO DEP COMAF 20 FROM LIMGEN BOMCOM 21
 SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF HESITATION ONE PRE-MISSION REPORT.
 REFERENCE TELECON MESSAGE S-18-8. 33 ARE MISSING. ONE CREW
 WAS SIGNXXXXXX RPT SIGHTED LAST NIGHT IN LIFE RAFT, NOT KNOWN HERE
 AS YET WHETHER THEY HAVE BEEN PICKED UP.
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TOD 190438Z JPD

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ORIGINATOR: _____ APPROVED BY _____

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TELECON MESSAGE BM13-19-19 191345Z OPER PRTY (SECRET)

TO COM OEN AF 20 MDEP COM AF OWP

FROM COM GEN 21 BOM COM

*Mission 13
JXT BC*

SUBJECT: AIR SEE * HESITATION NO ONE

FOUR PLANES WERE LOST DURN/// DURING HESITATION NO ONE MISSION:

1. ONE PLANE CRASHED ON ISLEY FIELD

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3. ONE PLANE WAS LAST OBSERVED LEAVING THE FORMATION TO RETURN

~~SET 514/111 RPT 514/111 SW~~

SECRET

~~SHUD START WHERE LEFT OFF?~~

TO BASE AT 180115Z FROM POSITION 24-33N - 139-50E.

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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By authority of
CG, Twentieth Air Force

19 Dec 44
(Date) *SS*
(Initials)

EXTRACT TELETYPE CONFERENCE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND HONOLULU (SALFAN)

Washington Parties

Lt. Col. Hewitt

Telecon message No. EM 13-3

Subject: Abortive Report S-13-U Hesitation No. 1, 18 December 1944

(TO: COMGEMAF 20 INFO: DEPCOLAF 20 FROM: COMAFHQBOLCOM 21)

ADVERTIVE REPORT S-13-U HESITATION NUMBER 1, 18 DECEMBER 1944.

Group: 497th 498th 499th 500th

Number of Abortives: 2 3 6 1

Classification: Mechanical Mechanical Mechanical
1 Personnel

Reasons: 497th Bomb Group:

1 A/C - Excessive oil consumption No. 3 engine, which was feathered one and one-half hours from target.

1 A/C - Both fuel transfer systems out due to broken vanes in fuel pump.

498th Bomb Group:

1 A/C - Oil leak No. 2 engine. Lost 12 gal. oil in 65 minutes.

1 A/C - Fuel pressure rose to 25 pounds. Strong odor of gas in aft compartment caused by foreign matter under fuel pressure relief valve seat.

1 A/C - No. 2 prop feathered five and a half hours after take-off due to excessive oil leak.

499th Bomb Group:

1 A/C - Shot up oil line to oil cooler and lower nacelle to No. 2 engine with lower forward turret guns while testing guns. Waste gates on turbos No. 4 engine stuck in closed position.

1 A/C - Tachometer and manifold pressure gauge fluctuating No. 2 engine. Became lost from formation and returned.

1 A/C - No. 1 engine gave off puffs of white then black smoke. Used five gal. oil per hour. Feathered prop after four and one half hours and returned.

1 A/C - Loose chevron clamp causing ball joints to blow on exhaust manifold No. 3 engine.

1 A/C - No. 8 cylinder head blown No. 2 engine. Lost 400 gals. gas due gas cap leak No. 3 engine.

1 A/C - One and one half hours Nos. 1, 2 and 3 liquidometers reading varying 300 gal. to full. Fuel transfer system out.

500th Bomb Group:

1 A/C - No. 3 engine lost 15 gals. in 20 minutes.

In addition to the above, two A/C failed to take off as follows:

499th Bomb Group: 1 A/C - Failure carburetor accelerating pump No. 4 engine.

500th Bomb Group: 1 A/C - Fouled spark plugs. Turbo supercharger regulator out of adjustment.

DISTRIBUTION ** ACTION: NONE

INFORMATION: CS; DC/S OPR (2 cys); A-2 (10 cys); A-3 OPR (5 cys);
A-4 (1 cy); (5 file)

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Honolulu Parties
Colonel Ankenbrandt

TELECON CONFERENCE

18 DEC 19 47

WASHINGTON PARTIES

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TELECON MSG. NO, S-18-8 ((SECRET))

SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF HESITATION I PREL-MISSION REPORT.

TO: COMGENBOMCOM 21 FROM COMGEN 20

REFERENCE I S MADE TO TELECON MSGS BM-1311///RPT BM-13-14-1

RPT BM-13-14-18

WAS THE CREW RESCUED FROM THE AIRCRAFT REPORTED DITCHED
OR ARE THERE 33 INSTEAD OF 22 MISSING?

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TELECON NOTE:

REQUEST AN ANSWER TO MSG. S-18-8 DURING THIS CONFERENCE.

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TELECON MESSAGE NO K19-2 R E S T R I C T E D

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIQUE NO 34 *Morgan BC*

TO COMGENBOMCOM 20 FROM COMAF 20

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THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE RELEASED HERE AT 191100 WASHINGTON TIME.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE B-29 STRIKE AGAINST THE JAPANESE MITSUBISHI AIRCRAFT PLANT BY BRIGADIER GENERAL H. S. HANSELL'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND YESTERDAY (18 DEC.) WAS ANNOUNCED AT THE WAR DEPARTMENT BY GENERAL H. H. ARNOLD, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE.

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NONE OF OUR PLANES WERE LOST DUE TO ENEMY ACTION.

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TELECON MSG. NO. K-18-1

TO: DEPCOMAF 20, COMGENBOMCOM 20 AND 21

FROM: COMAF 20

RELEASING FOLLOWING 0200 HOURS WASHINGTON TIME 18 DECEMBER:

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

PRESS FLASH

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FROM REES FOR HARTWELL INFOR MCKELWAY AND GLASS.

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By *AK* NARA Date *8/19/05*

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18 Dec (section) 19 (date)

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TELECON MSG S-18-4

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TO: COMGEN BOMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOMAF 20 FROM: COMAF 20

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Info to Pro.

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 TO: COMGEN BOMCOM 20 INFO DIPCOMAF 20

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DID YOU RECEIVE THAT OK?
 THX

THAT IS IMPROPER NR IT SHOULD BE K-18-3 OK?

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WE HAVE NOTHING FURTHER HERE HAVE YOU ANY OTHER TRAFFIC?
 PLS ANS JUST A MIN PLS ,9

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By authority of
C.G. Twentieth Air Force

16 Jan 45
(Date)

(Initials)

EXTRACT TELETYPE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
WASHINGTON AND HONOLULU

Washington Parties

Lt. Col. Hewitt

Telecon No. FW-16-22

Honolulu Parties

Colonel Ankenbrandt

Subject: DAMAGE ASSESSMENT TO TARGET 194.

(From: COMJLBCOM 21 To: COMAF 20)

1. On morning of 14 Jan we obtained our first target photographs of Target 194 since the attack of 18 Dec. Photographs were taken prior to the Strike of 14 Jan and an analysis of these photographs indicates far more extensive damage than had been previously estimated. Following is an assessment of damage to this plant. Annotated photographs are being forwarded immediately:

1. Summary of damage:
 - A. Total roof area: 5,434,000 sq. ft. approx.
 - B. Total roof area damaged: 921,670 sq. ft. approx.
 - C. 17% of entire roof area damaged.
 - D. Number of installations totally destroyed:
 - (1) One boat landing
 - (2) Nine buildings
 - (3) Thirty-eight (38) of a total of ninety-four (94) buildings have sustained substantial damage.
 - E. Damage to the four vital areas of this plant can be summarized as follows:
 - (1) To the wing and fuselage plants, quite extensive, especially in the assembly section.
 - (2) The engine and power plant area was materially damaged.
 - (3) Approximately 55% of the roof area of two large buildings in a major assembly area has suffered severe damage.
 - (4) Critical damage is noted in the entire newly completed area.
 - F. The entire plant damage is apparently equally divided from fire and blast.

DETAILS REPORT

1. 300' X 850' sawtooth roof final assembly building. Area 200' X 400' shows considerable bomb damage. On west edge of plant, 8,000 sq. ft.
2. 30' X 80' boat landing destroyed. Located the east of south end of building No. 1, 2400 sq. ft.
3. 144' X 225' building has 65' X 80' section destroyed. East of north end of building No. 1, 5200 sq. ft.
4. 375' X 650' building, final assembly: area 255' X 320' on southeast corner destroyed, 81,500 sq. ft.
5. 430' X 605' building has area 176' X 190' destroyed on southeast corner 33,500 l. ft.
6. 24' X 65' section of building north of power plant destroyed: this was a near miss on north side of power plant, 1660 sq. ft.
7. 48' X 64' area in north end of building damaged, 3060 sq. ft.
8. 24' X 48' section destroyed in northwest corner of building 1160 sq. ft.
9. 144' X 225' building has 144'S 112' section destroyed, 17,300 sq. ft.

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10. 112' X 176' triangular area has severe damage in northeast corner. Also 32' X 30' hole at north end. 20,820 sq. ft.
11. 370' X 410' building 75% destroyed; rest of it severely damaged. 151,000 sq. ft.
12. Near miss between two buildings causing 10' X 10' reef damage to each. 200 Sq.ft.
13. 158' X 220' one-story assembly type building destroyed. Area has been cleaned up. 34,000 sq. ft.
14. 34' X 68' building destroyed. 2,500 sq. ft.
15. 34' X 118' building 65% destroyed. 4,000 sq. ft. 34' X 85' building 65% destroyed. 2900 sq. ft.
16. Direct hit on boiler room of powder plant.
17. 15' X 65' section of one end of building destroyed. 970 sq. ft.
18. Building destroyed. 54,000 sq. ft.
19. Building destroyed. 8,500 sq. ft.
20. Building 25% destroyed. 5,600 sq. ft.
21. Building with original area of 120,000 sq. ft. has 56,000 sq. ft. destroyed.
22. Building with original area of 306,000 sq. ft. severely damaged--102,000 sq. ft. damaged, or one-third original area.
23. Bomb hole 25' in diameter in building of 256,000 sq. ft.
24. Building with original area of 230,000 sq. ft. has portions destroyed. 53,000 sq.ft.
25. Building with original area of 111,000 sq. ft. has portions severely damaged. 5,000 sq. ft.
26. Building with original area of 111,000 sq. ft. has portions destroyed (a total of 7,000 sq. ft.) and a severely damaged area of 41,000 sq. ft. Including hole in roof (30' across).
27. Building with original area of 111,000 sq. ft. has portion destroyed (8,000 sq. ft.) end portion severely damaged (40,000 sq.ft.)
28. Building with original area of 111,000 sq.ft. has portion destroyed (75,000 sq.ft.) and portion severely damaged (4,000 sq. ft.).
29. Building with original area of 33,000 sq. ft. has 8,000 sq. ft. destroyed.
30. Building with original area of 50,000 sq. ft. has 14,000 sq. ft. destroyed.
31. Building destroyed. 24,000 sq. ft.
32. Building with original area of 24,000 sq. ft. has 1,500 sq. ft. destroyed.
33. Building with original area of 24,000 sq. ft. has 20,000 sq. ft. damaged.
34. 150' X 415' section of unidentified building destroyed. Located 3,500' south-east of plant.
35. Two buildings destroyed. 50,120 sq. ft.
36. Two buildings destroyed. 19,200 sq. ft.

DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: None

INFORMATION: C/S; DC/S Cpr (2 cys); A-2 (10 cys) A-3 OCCR (5 cys); A-5 Plans (2 cys); Op Anal (2 cys); Stat Control (2 cys); A-A (1 cy); (5 extra

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*Mission 13
XXI BC
Photo Recon*

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From: CG 21st Bomber Command Guam

To: War Department
CG 7th Air Force Forward Echelon

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Nr: CTF 94

15 January 1945

From COMGEN XXI BOMCOM action to COMGEN AF 20 info Dept Com AF 20 CTF 93 CINCPAC Com 3rd Fleet COMAIRPAC CTG 93.2 CTF 94. 14 Jan 45. This message originated XXI BOMCOM 150925Z.

Subject photo recon mission report 3 PR 5-M 13 target Nagoya-Tokyo area.

- ✓ A. PRM number 13.
- B. Take off 141715Z.
- C. Landed 150710Z.
- D. Reconnaissance area target 194 Nagoya area and target 357 Tokyo area.
- E. Weather at targets 9/10 undercast except right over Nagoya. Very hazy did not reach Tokyo low on gas.
- F. Altitude target 34,080 feet at 150112Z.
- G. Enemy A/C opposition none.
- H. Flek none.
- I. Observations: (A) 5 seaplanes Nagoya Bay (B) Sighted airstrip east of Nagoya with 50-100 A/C thought to be medium bombers. (C) Sighted 2 cargo vessels 34 deg 41 min north 137 deg 30 min east heading towards Nagoya.
- J. Photographic coverage and quality: (A) Target 194 * feet fair quality complete coverage. (B) Nagoya city 30,000 feet cloudy quality complete coverage

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Nr: CTF 94 15 January 1945

(C) 357 Tokyo no coverage

First phase PI:

Target 194 first cover since strike mission of 18 Dec 44. Beacon A/C over target before strike attack of 14 Jan 45 occurred. 16 buildings severely damaged with photo grid reference:

3 PR 4 M 17-2: 8.

(V 4.1, H 0.5) (V 4.9, H 0.6) (V 3.7, H 0.8) (V 3.5,
H 1.2) (two buildings demolished).

(V 3.5, H 1.5) (V 3.7, H 1.5) (V 3.4, H 1.6) (V 3.8,
H 1.7) (V 4.2, H 1.8).

(V 3.7, H 1.9) (V 3.9, H 2.1) (V 3.8, H 3.3) (V 3.7 to
4.0, H 2.6 1/3 of building) (V 3.5, H 3.4) (V 3.1, H 3.4)
(V 3.1, H 3.6) (3.6 H 3.7) (V 3.8, H 3.8).

Nagoya City: Approximately three million square ft
burned out in urban area. More complete report will follow.

Subject: Pho Recon Mission Report, 3 PR 5 M 14,
14 Jan 45.

- A. PRM No 14.
- B. Take off 141655Z.
- C. Landed 150755Z.
- D. Target or reconnaissance area: Akashi-Kobe-Osaka-Nagoya areas. Did not reach target. Aborted 60 miles short

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To: CTF 94 15 January 1945

of Japanese mainland due to number 2 engine blown cylinder
head. No enemy opposition flak or fighter. No photo
coverage. Japanese coast 10/10 cloud covered.

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EXTRACT OF TELETYPE CONFERENCE
BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND HONOLULU (SAIPAN)

DATE 21 December 1944

WASHINGTON PARTIES

TERMINAL PARTIES

Lt. Col. Hewitt

Colonel Ankenbrandt

TELECON MESSAGE NO.

SUBJECT

FN 21-5 Shipment of Strike Photography

(To: DEPCOMAF 20 (Pass to COMAF 20) From: BOMCOM 21)

Shipped this date via Air Courier SA 567 were Strike Photo-
graphs of Mission of 18 December. These prints were shipped
in a pouch provided by Army Courier Service.

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By *MA* NARA Date *8/19/03*

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19 Dec. 44 (section) 19 (date)

MEMORANDUM TO: The Adjutant General, Twentieth Air Force.
SUBJECT : Transmittal of TELECON message.

It is requested that the following TELECON message be transmitted. This message pertains to the business of the Twentieth Air Force and its transmission by normal means of communication is impracticable.

(originator) Name and Rank

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TOP TELECON MESSAGE NO BM-13-15-9 (190040Z (SECRET) OPER PRTY TO COM GEN AF 20 INFO DEP C OM AF 20 FROM COM GEN BOM COM 21

STRIKE ATTACK 18 DECEMBER ON TARGET 194, MITSUBISHI: KOKUKI A/C PLANT, NAGOYA, FIRUT PHASE I ~~BOXXXX~~ PHASE PI BOMB STRIKES AS FOLLOWS:
PRINT REFERENCE: 3PR4M17-2:8.

CONCENTRATION OF ~~BURSTS~~ BURST FROM V3.8, H1.4 TO V3.7, H2.7, DIRECTLY ON PRIMARY. TWO LARGE FIRES AT V4.7, H1.6 AND V4.1, H1.5. POWER PLANT AREA OF 194, V3.5, H2.4, THREE DIRECT HITS. SCATTERED BURSTS THROUGHOUT AREA. TWO DIRECT HITS, ONE NEAR MISS ON TARGET 195. TWO BUILDINGS AT V2.8, H1.8, 90 PERCENT GUTTED.

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~~TOP: 190135Z RH~~

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Photo 21 Dec 44

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XXI B.C.

18 DECEMBER 1944



BOMB LOAD

GAS ^{had second tail}

GROSS WT. 5000 LB GP ^{1st} ^{2nd} ^{3rd} ^{4th} ^{5th} ^{6th} ^{7th} ^{8th} ^{9th} ^{10th} ^{11th} ^{12th} ^{13th} ^{14th} ^{15th} ^{16th} ^{17th} ^{18th} ^{19th} ^{20th} ^{21st} ^{22nd} ^{23rd} ^{24th} ^{25th} ^{26th} ^{27th} ^{28th} ^{29th} ^{30th} ^{31st} ^{32nd} ^{33rd} ^{34th} ^{35th} ^{36th} ^{37th} ^{38th} ^{39th} ^{40th} ^{41st} ^{42nd} ^{43rd} ^{44th} ^{45th} ^{46th} ^{47th} ^{48th} ^{49th} ^{50th} ^{51st} ^{52nd} ^{53rd} ^{54th} ^{55th} ^{56th} ^{57th} ^{58th} ^{59th} ^{60th} ^{61st} ^{62nd} ^{63rd} ^{64th} ^{65th} ^{66th} ^{67th} ^{68th} ^{69th} ^{70th} ^{71st} ^{72nd} ^{73rd} ^{74th} ^{75th} ^{76th} ^{77th} ^{78th} ^{79th} ^{80th} ^{81st} ^{82nd} ^{83rd} ^{84th} ^{85th} ^{86th} ^{87th} ^{88th} ^{89th} ^{90th} ^{91st} ^{92nd} ^{93rd} ^{94th} ^{95th} ^{96th} ^{97th} ^{98th} ^{99th} ^{100th}

AIRBORNE 89

EARLY RET. 12

TOTAL BOMBING 77

PRIMARY 69

OTHERS SECONDARY LR/TO 8

UNREPORTED 0

LOSSES 6 " 3000'S BOMBED VISUALLY BY RADAR

ENEMY ACTION ^{airborne} 0

OPERATIONAL - CRASH ^{caused} 2

MISSING 2

CLAIMS

DESTROYED 2

PROBABLE DEST. 6

DAMAGED 3

RESULTS: 4 SQDNS

REPORT "REBELLION" - PT. LARGE FIRES + BLACK SMOKE

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WEATHER - PT - CAVU DIRECTLY OVER PT 8/10 5 10/10 CLOUD IN AREA

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TELECON MESSAGE NO FN-19-12 191302Z OP SECRET

TO COM GEN AF 20 INFO DEP COM AF 20 FROM COM GEN 21 BOM COM

SUBJECT: NAVIGATIONAL ESCORT MISBC S

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RPT 143 SW TV WHERE SHUD START

SUBJECT: NAVIGATIONAL ESCORT MISSION REPORT

THREE B-29'S FROM 499TH GROUP AIRBORNE FROM 182100Z TO 182110Z TO

FURNISH NAVIGATIONAL ESCORT FOR THE 318TH FIGHTER GROUP. WEATHER OUT

6/10 BROKEN CLOUDS AT 2500 FEET TOPS 8000 FEET. ENCOUNTERED FRONT WITH

SOLID OVERCAST BASE 800 FEET TOPS 7000 FEET. 10/10 OVERCAST AT 1000 FT

WITH RAIN SHOWERS OVER TARGET. WEATHER ON RETURN-FRONT ENCOUNTERED AS

ON WAY OUT. CLIMBED THROUGH UNDERCAST 6/10 CLOUD COVER. NO ICING LEAD

A/C RADAR FAILED AND FORMATION LET DOWN ON WAY OUT. IP NOT REACHED.

ATTACK MADE FROM 50 DEGREES T. LAS 200 NO BOMBS CARRIED. NO

OBSERVATIONS MADE. LANDED FROM 190420Z TO 190425Z

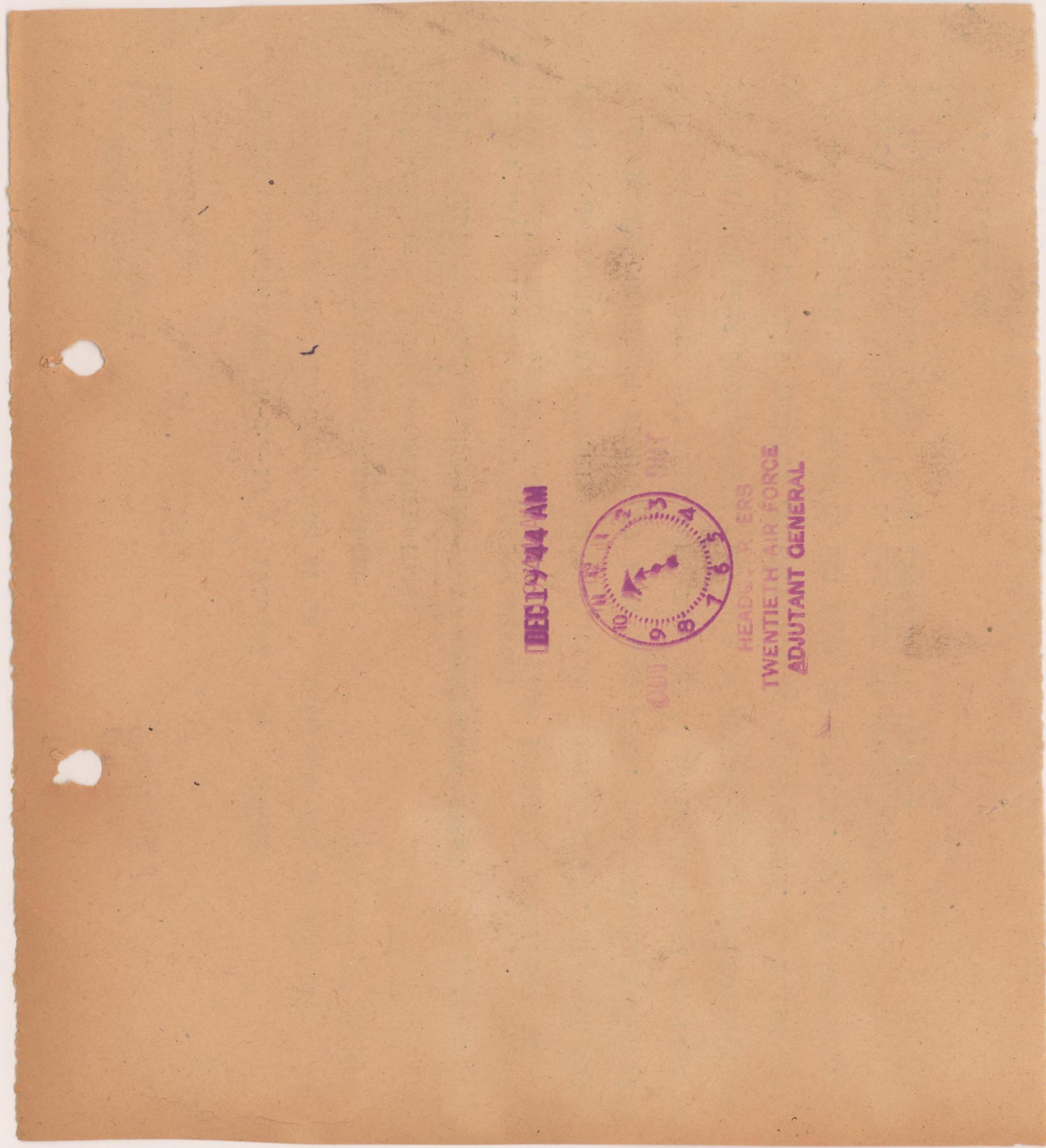
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