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Brief of Field Order	Selected	FN-17-17		171158Z.	BJR

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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	BARRANCE	2 Squadrons
5. BUSHING	NECKCLOTH	1017-449, 1 Squddron
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.

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C. G. AAF, by Ray G. Baker
Ray G. Baker, Capt. A. C.

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Jet Off	Telecon	See	mission	77	BGR
Take off Report	"	"	"	"	BGR

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Consolidated Bombe Array	Telecon	FN-18-5		181029z	BGR
Return Report	"	See Mission	77		BGR

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TELECON MSG FN-18-5 OP SECRET 180105Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO: COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY FOR BARRANCA TWO, STRIKE 12, 18 APRIL 45

1. 4 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY ACCOUNTING FOR:

2. 12 A/C BOMBED KOKUBU A/F VISUALLY WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS

3. 2 A/C BOMBED KOKUBU A/F VISUALLY WITH POOR RESULTS.

4. 3 A/C BOMBED KOKUBU A/F BY RADAR WITH FAIR RESULTS.

5. 1 A/C BOMBED KOKUBU A/F BY RADAR WITH UNOBSERVED. RESULTS.

6. 2 A/C RETURNED EARLY.

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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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Preliminary Mission Rpt	Telecon	See	Mission	77	BGR
Briefers' Report	Ditto			18 Apr	BGR

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE
Washington, D. C.

Information for Briefing on XXI Bomber Command
Mission No. 80 - 18 April 1945
Date

Mission Code Name "BARRANCA 2" (As of 1000 Z - 18 April 1945
Date

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

Take-off Times: 171445Z - 171520Z; Theatre Time 172345 - 180020.

Time Over Primary Target: 172246Z
171846 Washington Time
180746 Theatre Time

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

Aircraft Bombing: 18

Primary Target - 14 visua lly, 4 by radar
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 oen 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 to excellent

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

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Washington, D. C.

MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 80 - 18 APRIL 1945

"BARRANCA 2"

Target:	Kokubu Air Field, Kyushu
Take-Off:	171045 - 171120 Washington; 171445Z - 171520Z
Time Over Target:	171845 - 171901 Washington; 172245Z - 172301Z
Aircraft:	Total Bombing: 20 Primary 19 Other 1
A/C Lost or Missing:	None
Casualties:	None
Bombs Dropped:	120x250 lb M-51CP and 651x265 lb M-81 frag bombs fuzing inst. nose, non-delay tail.
Tactics:	Daylight visual bombing from an altitude of 15,600 to 17,000 ft. by squadron.
Weather:	CAVU to 3/10 cloud.
Fighter Opposition:	None
Flak:	Heavy - meagre to intense and inaccurate
Claims:	None
Observations:	See Mission Report No. 77
Results:	Fair to excellent
Remarks:	This report is subject to change and should not be used for official records.

As of 1600, 18 April 1945.

William F. Savoie
for LAURIS NORSTAD
Brigadier General, U. S. Army
Chief of Staff

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-19-25 (SECRET) 191910Z (OPERATIONAL-PRIO

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20

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INFO: DEPCOMAF20(POA) COMGENBOMWG73 COMGENBOMWG313 COMGENBOMWG314

SUBJECT: MISSION REPORT FOR BARRANCE TWO, STRIKE 80, 18 APRIL 1945

1. DESIGNATION OF UNIT: 313TH WING
2. TIME OF TAKE OFF: 171445Z TO 171520Z
3. TIME OF RETURN: 180422Z TO 180529Z
4. NO. A/C AIRBORNE: 22
5. NO. A/ CATTACKING PRIMARY: 18
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

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A. TARGET: AKUNA

9. NO. A/C WHICH FAILED TO BOMB-DESIGNATED TARGETS: 3

REASONS: MECHANICAL

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

DISTRIBUTION

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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Press Flash -	Telecon	- See Mission		76	BGR
Communique 87 - See	Mission	76			BGR

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Flash Strike Report	Telecon	FN-19-11		1910172	BGR

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TELECON MSG FN-19-11 OP OP SC 190906Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: FLASH STRIKE ATTACK REPORT NO. 29, TARGET 2520 KOKUBU A/F (31/45N-130/45E) XXI BOMCOM MISSION 80, TARGET AREA KYUSHU S. (90.38) 18 APRIL 1945.5

STRIKE PHOTOS SHOW ABOUT EIGHT PATTERSN OF BURSTS FROM ABOUT THE N CENTRAL SECTION OF FIELD TO ABOUT 4000' DUE E THROUTH HANGAR AND WORKSHOP AREA. EIGHTEEN SINGLE ENGINE AIRCRAFT ARE IN AREA COVERED BY BURSTS.

A SECOND CONCENTRATION OF BURSTS IS IN SMALL VILLAGE ABOUT ONE MILE NE OF CENTER OF FIELD.

A/C VISIBLE: 121. 120 S/E, 1 T/E. PHOTO QUALITY POOR BECAUSE OF HAZE.

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