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(313 Wing)

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Military Installations

21 Jan 1945

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Ray L. Baker

1st Lt., A. G.

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By Authority of Commanding General
Twentieth Air Force

DATE 21 Jan 45 INITIALS *W*

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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EXTRACT OF TELETYPE CONFERENCE
BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND GUAM

WASHINGTON PARTIES Lt. Col. Hewitt

TERMINAL PARTIES Col. Ankenbrandt

TELECON MESSAGE NO. FM-21-28

SUBJECT Major Strike Delay for 22 Jan 45. *Mission 21*

(To: COMGENAF 20 From: COMGENBOMCOM 21 Info: DEFCOMAF 20) *prim Planning*

Weather not favorable for a strike against Honsu or Okinawa on 22 Jan 45.
Present long range forecast indicates a strike against Enkindle 3 highest
probability on 23 January although plans to strike either Okinawa, Enkindle
or Eradicate dependent on most favorable weather.

(P) (Q)

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-18-13 (TOP SECRET) 180617Z (OPERATIONAL PRIORITY)

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMGENAF20 INFO:DEPCOMGENAF20

SUBJECT: INTENTIONS FOR SHAKEDOWN MISSIONS

INTENTIONS ARE TO RUN SHAKEDOWN MISSION ON 21 JAN FOR 313TH BOMB WING

ATTACKING TRUK. END

END

FER

TOD 180642Z FER

UNQUOTE

EDN

TOD:181052Z W

ROGER 101052Z WCR

SPECIFIC SUBJECT	TYPE OF MESSAGE	MESSAGE NO.	DATE AND TIME SENT	DATE AND TIME REC'D.	INITIALS
Briefing J.O. B. Stehman	Telex	FN-19-28		1909463	BGR

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TELEDON ESSAGE FN-19-28 (~~TOP SECRET~~) 190930Z (OPERATIONAL PRIORITY)

~~TOP SECRET~~

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FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO COMGENAF20 INFO: DEPCOMGENAF20

SUBJECT: BRIEF OF FIELD ORDER "B" SHAKEDOWN MISSION PANHANDLE NO. 1
TWO GROUP B-29'S 22 EACH SCHEDULED AGAINST PANHANDLE ONE ON 21 JAN
45. COURSE SAIPAN TO 1521N 14520E TO 0721N 15126E TO TARGET TO BASE.

TAKE OFF 202300Z OVER TARGET 200200Z TO 210300Z PTA BASE 210530Z.

SECONDARY NONE LAST RESORT ANY AIRFIELD INSTALLATION TARGET TO BE
ATTACKED BY SQUADRON IN COLUMN AT BASE ALTITUDE 25,500 FT. GENERALLY
TO THE EAST BOMB LOAD 11,000 LB ONE TENTH NOSE AND 1/100 SEC TAIL FUSE

END:
FER: 190946Z FER
UNQUOTE

Take off - 202045z - telecom FN-20-40
Daily scheduled ops

END

TOD 191100Z PH

ROGER FN-19-28 191100Z JG

over target 202300Z

RELAYED FROM BOMCOM 21

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-21-9 OPER PRTY (SECRET) 210202Z

FROM: COMGEN XXI BOMCOM

TO : COMGEN 20 A

INFO DEP COMAF 20

SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT PANHANDLE ONE 21 JAN 45.

GROUP: 504 505

SCHEDULE: 22 22

AIRBORNE: 11 22

TIME OF TAKE OFF:

FIRST A/C: 202130Z 202045Z

LAST A/C: 202142Z 202106Z

THIS MESSAGE DEPARTED FROM THE 21 BOMCOM CONTROL ROOM AT 210202Z

END

TOD: 210216Z JAW

Q UNQUOTE

END

TOD 210318Z MR

ROGER FN -21-9 01210318Z EBH

SECRET

RELAYED FROM BOMCOM 21

QUOTE

TELECON MSG FN-21-10 OPER PRTY (SECRET) 210221Z

FROM: COM GEN BOM COM 21

TO : COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM AF 20

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY REPORT, PNAHNXXX PANHANDLE ONE, 21

JAN 45.

3 LEAD A/C REPORTING

1 BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY THRU 1/10 CLOUD AT 210110Z

1 BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY THRU 0/10 CLOUD AT 210142Z

1 BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY THRU 0/10 CLOUD AT 210025Z

THIS MESSAGE ORIGINATED 21 BOM COM 21221Z.

END

TOD:210241Z JAW.

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END

TOD 210321Z MR

REC FN-21-10 AT 01210321Z EBH

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RELAYED FROM BOMCOM 21

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REC FN-21-10 AT 01210321Z EBH

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-21-24 OP OP OP SECRET 21055\$Z

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

SUBJECT: LANDING REPORT PANHANDLE ONE, 21 JAN 45.

- 1. GROUP
- 2. LANDED HOME BASE
- 3. LANDED OTHER THAN HOME BASE

505
22
0

- 4. FIRST A/C LANDED
- 5. MISSING

210341Z
210403Z
0

* 2A/C WERE EARLY RETURNS

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TOD: 211613Z FER
ROGER FN-21-24 211613Z

(NOTE: UNDER 2 RDS 9 X 22 THAT "X" DESIGNATES AN ASTERISK

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END

TOD 2102/// 210623Z MR

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WELECON MSG FN-21-1 LECRET 210038Z OP
FROM BC 21
TO COM GEN 20 AF
INFO D :9. 20 AF
SUBJECT FIRST TAKE OFF ON PANHANDLE ONE
FIRST A/C AIRBORNE AT 202045Z ON PANHANDLE ONE TARGET WEATHERGM
PARTLY CLOUDY 5/10 CUMULUS. BASE 1800 FT 3/10 THIN AT 12,000
TO 13,000 FT.
BASE WEATHER ON ETURN PARTLY LXX CLOUDY 5/10 QUMULUS AND ST CU
BASE 1500 TTTTTTTTTT
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
BASE TOPS
XXXXXXXXXX
BASE 1500 10000PS 7,000 FT 2/10 THIN AT 12,000. 3/10 CIRO-STARAT

21,000 VISIBILITY 15 MILES.

END

CONSOLIDATED TAKE OFF REPORT SNWLL NOT RECEIVED DUE TO CIRCUIT UGOUBLE

TOD 210047Z TAS

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END

TOD 210055Z HS

RECD FN-21-1 210055Z EBH

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THAT IS ALL I HT THINK

REFERRING TO YOUR TELECON FN21-9 REQUEST TIME FIRST AIRCRAFT TOOK
OFF AND THE TIME LAST AIRCRAFT TOOK OFF- (TELECON CITES 4 TIME
ELEMENTS - REQUEST ONLY TWO.

REF TELECON FN-21-24. REQUEST TIME FIRST AIRCRAFT LANDED AND THE
TIME LAST AIRCRAFT LANDED. REQUEST ONLY TWO TIME ELEMENTS.
REQUEST TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED.

TELECON MSG NO K-20-10

TO COMGENBOMCOM 20 FROM COM AF 20

SUBJECT: FIRST TAKE OFF ON PANHANDLE ONE

FIRST A/C AIRBORNE AT 202045Z ON PANHANDLE ONE TARGET WEATHER PARTLY
CLOUDY 5/10 CUMULUS BASE 1800 TOP 7000 FT 3/10 THIN AT 12,000 TO
13,000 FT BASE WEATHER ON RETURN PARTLY CLOUDY 5/10 CUMULUS AND ST CU
BASE 1500 TOPS 7,000 FT 2/10 THINNING

SENT MSG NO K-20-10 AT 022100////02210350Z TMD TNX ACK PLS

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TELECON MSG FN-21-3

OPER PRTY

(SECRET) 210106Z

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FROM: 21 BOMCOM

TO : COMGEN 20 AF

INFO: DEPCOM AF 20

BOMBS AWAY ON PANHANDLE ONE AT 210025Z PRIMARY VISUAL ONE TENTH.

THIS MESSAGE DISPATCHED FROM XXI BOM COM CONTRLOL ROOM AT 210106Z.

END

TOD: 210117Z JAW.

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END

TOD 210154Z HS

RECD FN-21-3 210154Z EBH

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PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 21 - 20 JANUARY 1945

"PANHANDLE No. 1"

TARGET: Primary - Military Installations, Truk Island

TAKE-OFF: 202045Z

TIME OF ATTACK: Bombs Away 210025Z

AIRCRAFT: Total Bombing 31
Primary 31

LOST or MISSING: None

CASUALTIES: None

BOMB LOAD: 11,000 lbs. per aircraft. 1/10 nose and 1/100 tail fuse.

BOMB TONS DROPPED: 171 tons estimated.

TACTICS: Daylight visual precision bombing in 10 plane formation at base altitude of 25,500 ft.

WEATHER: Primary Target 1/10 to 0/10 Cloud Cover.

FIGHTER OPPOSITION: No E/A Opposition encountered.

FLAK: Slight inaccurate to accurate.

CLAIMS: No claims reported.

OBSERVED RESULTS: Heavy Explosions reported.

REMARKS: This report is as yet fragmentary and subject to change; therefore not to be used for official records.

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

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TELECON MSG FN-21-48 OP OP OP SECRET 211333Z
FROM COM GEN 21 BOMCO M
TO COM GEN AF 20

INFO DEP COM AF 20

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT PANHANDLE ONE 21 JAN 1945

1. NAME OF PRIMARY: MOEN AIRFIELD, TURK
2. NAME OF SECONDARY: NONE
3. NAME OF LAST RESORT: NONE
4. TARGET OF OPERORTUNITY: ANY ENEMY AIR INSTALLATION
5. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 31
6. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: NONE

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7. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: NONE
8. A/C ATTACKING TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: NONE
9. NUMBER OF A/C TAKING OFF: 33
10. NUMBER OF E/C EARLY RETURN: 2
11. NUMBER OF A/C LOST OR MISSING: NONE
12. RESULTS OF BOMBING: GOOD
13. NUMBER OF CASUALTIES: NONE
14. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: NIL
15. FLAK: MEAGER
16. FIGHTER SUPPORT: 16 P-38'S

17. WEATHER - ROUT OUT: SCATTERD CUMULUS, BASE 2000 FT., TOPS 6000 FT., SCATTERED CIRRUS, 30,000 FT, VISIBILITY UNRESTRICTED WING 100 DEG 20 KNOTS.

TARGET: SCATTERED CUMULUS, 1,10, VISIBILITY UNRESTRICTED, WIND 30 DEG, 20 KNOTS.

ROUTE BACK: SCATTERED CUMULUS, BASE 2000 FT. TOPS 6000 FT. UP TO 50 MILES FROM BASE LOWERING TO 1000 FT., BECOMING BROKEN IN MODERATE RAIN SHOWERS. WIND 90 DEG, 30 KNOTS.

18. IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS: NEW RUNWAY APPARENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN S. E. PORTION OF UDOT ISLAND.

19. ESTIMATED ENMY CLAIMS: NONE

20. BOMB LOAD: 682 X 500 GP. TYPE AN-43 FUSING 1/10 SEC NOSE AND 1/100 SEC TAIL.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SEE OUR TELECON FN-21-43 DISPATCHED THIS HQ 211016Z.

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

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TO COM GEN AF 20

INFO DEP COM AF 20

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT PANHANDLE ONE 21 JAN 1945

1. NAME OF PRIMARY: MOEN AIRFIELD, TURK
2. NAME OF SECONDARY: NONE
3. NAME OF LAST RESORT: NONE
4. TARGET OF OPERORTUNITY: ANY ENEMY AIR INSTALLATION
5. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY : 31
6. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: NONE
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TOD...211420Z WW.

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TOD : 211503Z NT

REC NSG NR FN-21-48 AT 211503Z WCR

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-21-43 OP OP OP SECRET 211016Z

FROM COM GEN 21 BOM COM

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TO COM GEN AF 20

INFO DEP COM AF 20

SUBJECT: ANSWERS TO UNNUMBERED TELECON QUERIES REQUESTING INFO ON PAN-HANDLE ONE, 21 JAN 45.

1. 33 A/C RETURNED TO BASE 2 WERE EARLY RETURNS
2. REFERENCE OUR TELECON FN-21-24. FIRST A/C LANDED 210315Z LAST A/C LANDED 210403Z. FIGURES ARE ON BOTH GROUPS, COMPLYING WITH REPORTING MANUAL 55-1.
3. REFERENCE OUR TELECON FN-21-9. FIRST A/C TOOK OFF 210645Z LAST A/C TOOK OFF 210742Z. FIGURES ARE ON BOTH GROUPS, COMPLYING WITH MANUAL 55-1.

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4. TOTAL TONNAGES DROPPED 170.5.
5. 31 A/C BOMBING PRIMARY
6. CASUALTIES: NONE
7. OBSERVED: GOOD. HEAVY EXPLOSIONS SEEN.
8. SIZ OF FORMATION OVER TARGET: 2 SQ 11 A/C EACH; 1 SQ 9 A/C
9. BOMBING ALTITUDE: 2 SQ 26,000 FT, 1 SQ 25,500 FT.

THIS INFORMATION ALL THAT IS AVAILABLE AT PRESENT TIME. PRELIMINARY REPORT

ENROUTE TO THIS HQ. WILL FORWARD AS AVAILABLE. CIRCUIT TROUBLE CAUSING DELAY. ABOVE INFO OBTAINED BY PHONE. THIS REPORT FRAGMENTARY AND NOT FOR RECORD PURPOSE.

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TOD: 211210Z FER
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TOD: 211258Z NT

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REC MSG FN-21-43 01211258Z WCR

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By Authority of
CG Twentieth AF

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Officer _____ Section _____

Jan. 21-45 FIMC
Late _____ Initials _____

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Washington, D. C.

Information for briefing on Bomber Command
Mission No. - SHAKEDOWN MISSION PANHANDLE NO. 1
Late _____

Mission Code Name " Penhandle " (As of 202045Z)
Late _____

Targets: Primary - Military Installations Truk Island

Secondary - None

Last Resort - Any Airfield Installation Truk Island

Take-off Times: 202045Z

Time Over Primary Target: Bombs away 210025Z

Tactics: Attack by squadron in column at base altitude of 25,500 Ft.
All aircraft bombed the target visually

Aircraft Participating: 31 A/C Bombing

Primary Target - 31

Secondary Target - 0

Other Targets - 0

Bomb Load: 11,000 lbs. per. aircraft. one tenth nose and 1/100 tail fuse

Losses: No Aircraft Lost

Target Weather: Primary target - R123456789012345678901/10 to 0/10

Fighter Opposition: No F/A Opposition

Anti-Aircraft Encountered: Flick Sight Reported Accurate to In accurate.

Results of Bombing: Heavy explosions Reported

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

TELECON MSG FN-21-18 OP OP OP SECRET 210535Z

FROM XXI BOM COM COM GEN

TO COM GEN AF 20

INFO DEP COM AF 20

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED IN FLIGHT REPORT PANHANDLE ONE 21 JAN 45.

3 LEAD A/C REPORTING:

1 LEAD A/C - PRIMARY BOMBED THRU 1/10 CLOUD, FLAK SLIGHT INACCURATE.
NO E/A OPPOSITION, NO A/C LOST. RESULTS OF BOMBING UNOBSERVED.

1 LEAD A/C - PRIMARY BOMBED THRU 0/10 CLOUD, FLAK SLIGHT ACCURATE.

NO E/A OPPOSITION, NO A/C LOST. RESULTS OF BOMBING HEAVY EXPLOSIONS.

1 LEAD A/C PRIMARY BOMBED THRU 0/10 CLOUD, FLAK SLIGHT INACCURATE,
NO E/A OPPOSITION, NO A/C LOST. RESULTS OF BOMBING HEAVY EXPLOSIONS.

TOTAL 33 A/C AIRBORNE

31 A/C BOMBED

2 A/C EARLY RETURNS

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MTELECON MESSAGE FN-20-44

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202257Z

FROM: COM GEN BOMCOM 21

TO : COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM AF 20

SUBJECT: FINAL MISSION REPORT FRUITCAKE ONE, Q19 JAN 45 AND TAKE

OFF REOPORTS PANHANDLE ONE, 21 JAN 45.

SUBJECT REPORTS DELAYED DUE TO CIRCUIT TROUBLE. WILL FORWARD AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

THIS REPORT ORIGINATED 21 BOM COM 202257Z

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TOD: 202315 JAW

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TOD 23// 202330Z HS

RECE FN-20-44 202330Z EBH

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

QUOTE

TELECON MSG FN-21-2 OPER PRTY (SECRET) 210051Z

FROM: COM GEN BOM COM 21

TO : COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM AF 20

SUBJECT: REPORTS PANHANDLE ONE, 21 JAN 45.
ALL REPORTS ON PANHANDLE ONE DELAYED BECAUSE OF CIRCUIT TROUBLE

BETWEEN TINIAN AND THIS HQ. MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO DELIVER REPORTS

THIS HQ BY SPECIAL AIR COURIER. WILL FORWARD SAME BY TELECON AS SOON

AS AVAILABLE.

THIS MESSAGE ORIGINATED 21 BOM COM 210051Z.
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TOD: 210151Z LW
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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

25 Jan 45 *aa*
(Date) (Initials)

EXTRACT TELETYPE CONFERENCE LETTER WASHINGTON AND CUA

WASHINGTON PARTIES

GUA. PARTIES

Lt. Col. Hewitt

Colonel Ankenbrandt

Telecon Message No. FW-24-50

Subject: MISSION REPORT S-21 ERADICATE THREE, 25 JANUARY 1945

(From: COMGLIBO COM 21 To: COLAF 20 Info: DEPCO AF 20 PCA)

1. Designation of Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing.
2. Time of Take Off: 222115Z - 222235Z.
3. Time of Return: 231011Z - 231416Z.
4. No. A/C Taking Off: 73.
5. No. A/C Attacking Primary Target: 28.
6. No. A/C Attacking Secondary Target: 28.
7. No. A/C Attacking Last Resort Target: 0.
8. No. A/C Attacking Targets of Opportunity: 5 (Shingu).
9. No. A/C which failed to bomb Target: 12.

Mechanical - 11
Personnel - 1

10. No. A/C Lost to Flak: 0.
11. No. A/C Lost to E/A: 1.
13. No. A/C Lost by reasons unknown: 1 ditched due to engine failure.
14. Time of Attack: Primary Target - 230533Z - 230547Z.
Secondary Target - 230642Z - 230700Z.
Targets of Opportunity - Shingu - 230632Z - 230650Z.
RR - 230702Z.
RR Jct - 230633Z.
15. Altitude of Attack: Primary - 25,000 - 27,000 feet.
Secondary - 25,000 feet.
Targets of Opportunity - Shingu - 21,500 - 27,008 feet.
RR - 26,500 feet.
RR Jct. - 27,000 feet.

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16. Primary: 196 X 500 GP - 136 X 500 IB.
Secondary: 196 X 500 GP - 140 X 500 IB.
Targets of Opportunity: Shingu - 21 X 500 GP - 15 X 500 IB.
RR - 7 X 500 GP - 5 X 500 IB.
RR Jet - 7 X 500 GP - 5 X 500 IB.
17. No. A/C Jettisoning Bombs: 13 A/C - 84 X 500 GP - 64 X 500 IB.
1 A/C - 4 IB hang on racks.
18. No. A/C bringing bombs back: None.
19. Personnel Casualties: Killed - 1
Seriously Wounded - 1
Slightly Wounded - 8
Missing - 17
20. No. E/A Destroyed: 24
Probables - 24
Damaged - 36
21. Remarks:
- (1) Enemy Air Opposition:
- A. 499th and 500th Bomb Groups:
1. Approximately 270 attacks. B-29's received a few attacks before reaching IP and were under attack along route until 60 miles out from land. The heaviest concentration was in the target area with the peak of intensity after Bombs Away.
- II. Attacks were generally hard pressed with fire ranging from accurate to inaccurate.
- III. Approaches were well distributed although the favored attacks were from ahead, level to above. Reports were made for the first time of almost vertical attacks being made from high ahead.
- IV. More coordinated attacks were reported than from previous mission. These were in two, three, four and six airplane sections, comprised of single and twin engine aircraft.
- V. Attacks were made principally by Irvings, Hicks, Tonys, Tojos and Zekes with a possible preponderance of twin engine aircraft.
- VI. A Mick, from 300 feet above, dropped a phosphorous bomb which exploded approximately 100 feet below the formation. A Zeke dropped a bomb which exploded about 400 feet below the fighter and 500 feet above our aircraft. Approximately 20 black bursts, about five feet in diameter were observed. Neither bomb caused damage.
- B. 497th and 498th Bomb Groups:
1. Approximately 200 attacks; very few occurred between IP and target area and after leaving the general target area. Heaviest concentration was immediately after Bombs Away.
- II. The fighters were generally aggressive with fire ranging from accurate to inaccurate.
- III. Approaches were well distributed with only a slight preference shown for frontal attacks.
- IV. Several coordinated attacks by three and four mixed single and twin engine E/A were reported.

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V. The majority of these attacks were made by single engine aircraft with predominant types being Tonys, Tojos, Nicks and Zekes.

(2) Flak:

Enemy AA fire was encountered from the time of landfall until the formation left the coast on the way home. The 899th and 500th Groups were over the primary target approximately an hour before the 497th and 498th Groups arrived over the Mafoya area, but the experience of all four groups with respect to flak was very similar. Heavy, inaccurate to accurate, meager to intense fire was experienced, with the greatest intensity of fire over the primary target area. The airplanes were between 25,000 and 27,000 feet, and most bursts were black, although a few brown, grey, and white bursts were seen also. One possible phosphorous burst was reported. Barrage, predicted concentration, and continuously pointed fire were all noted along the route.

Nineteen aircraft reported flak damage, and several were rocked by bursts. One airplane of the 500th Group was damaged by a burst of barrage or possibly predicted concentration fire in the target area and left the formation. It was later seen to be heavily attacked by enemy fighter and crashed into the sea about 30 miles from the coast. No parachutes seen.

(3) A/C Lost or in Distress:

1 A/C ditched 2 miles from Saipan because of malfunction of No. 3 and No. 4 engine. 5 crew members rescued and 6 missing.

(4) A/C seriously damaged or crashed on return: None.

(5) A/C Battle Damage: 31 A/C

- 1 will be ready for combat within 1 day.
- 11 will be ready for combat within 2 days.
- 10 will be ready for combat within 3 days.
- 3 will be ready for combat within 5 days.
- 1 will be ready for combat within 6 days.
- 5 will be ready for combat over 7 days.

(6) Observation:

Observation:	Time	Place	Heading and Speed	Alt/ Obs
A. Four objects - possibly life rafts	222300Z	1604N 14450E		1,500
B. Fire and smoke concentrated in one spot	222319Z	14429E 1650N		1,200 1,000
C. One DD (friendly)	230041Z	2006N-14212E	340 Deg. 15 knots	
D. One DD (enemy)	230824Z	2805N-14100E	155 Deg. 15-20 knots	20,000 20,000
E. One searchlight on Iwo Jima	230912Z	Iwo Jima		
F. 8 ship convoy 2 DD & AKs - 2 others	230500Z	3347N 1603E	75 Deg.	26,000

(7) PI: First phase photo interpretation report from strike photos 23 January 1945 print reference 3 PR 4.17-2-15 follows: No hits visible on target. Rebuilt sub-assembly building received near miss V3.6, H10.2. Concentration of 50 hits visible south of target in vicinity of filtration ponds. 50 hits visible 4 miles SE of target at eastern edge of city. 2 groups of 50 hits each visible in mountain areas east of target exact location unknown. 135 hits visible 2 miles N of Obatahara Airfield. 30 hits visible in vicinity of Mafoya RR Station. 30 S/E A/C visible on Obatahara Airfield. 14 S/E A/C and 30 T/E A/C visible on Likatahara Airfield. (Incomplete coverage)

(9) Crew Comments: None.

(10) Narrative: All squadrons had heavy undercast right up to the target and so were forced to make most of run by radar. The 499th and 500th were to make visual last minute corrections but the other two groups found 10/10 cloud cover in the area so bombed the secondary target by radar. 2 A/C were dispatched as dumbos so that they arrived on Station 300 to 400 miles off the Japanese Coast 1/2 hour before the first strike time. They remained there until all A/C has passed on the way home, intercepting radio messages and ready for safety work. Other information fully covered above.

DISTRIBUTION: ACTION: None
INFORMATION: GS; DC/S Opr (2); A-2 (10); A-3 OCAR(2); Stat Control(2); AA (1); CT A-1 (1) (5 file)

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Subject: FINAL MESSAGE REPORT, S-21, FRUITCANE CRD, 19 JANUARY 45.

(From: CG GILBEC 21 To: COMAF 20 Info: DEICOMAF 20 PCA)

1. Designation of unit: 73rd Bomb Wing
2. Date time take off: First A/C 182045Z
Last A/C 182132Z
3. Late time return: First A/C 191055Z
Last A/C 191304Z
4. No. A/C taking off: 80
5. No. A/C attacking Primary Target: 62
6. No. A/C attacking Secondary Target: None
7. No. A/C attacking Diversionary Target: 2 (Manamatsu)
8. No. A/C attacking Last Resort Targets: 6

Serial No.	Target	Time	Altitude	Reason for not Bombing Primary Target
4594	Shingu	190503Z	26,000	No. 1 & 3 engines smoking
3412	Shingu	190523Z	29,000	No. 3 turbos surged
3485	Misaki	190502Z	19,150	No. 3 turbos malfunction
3465	Shingu	190520Z	24,800	Gas leak and No. 4 engine malfunction
4652	Misaki	190504Z	26,650	No. 1 engine ran away
5494	Shingu	190459	29,000	No. 4 engine malfunction
Serial No.	Target	Time	Altitude	Reason for not Bombing Primary Targets
4629	Day Area	190427Z	24,300	1 engine on power
4721	Muki Harbor	190510Z	26,400	No. 3 engine malfunction

9. No. A/C which failed to bomb any target: 8

Serial No.	Reason
4597	No. 2 engine swallowed valve
4604	Bad oil leak in No. 2 engine
4593	Bomb Bay door malfunction
4767	Excessive oil leak No. 1 engine

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9. No. A/C which failed to bomb any target: 8 (Continued)

Serial No.	Reason
4749	Blew cylinder head No. 1 engine
4644	Fuel transfer system malfunction
4643	Fuel transfer system malfunction
4672	No. 1 and No. 2 turbo malfunctions

10. No. A/C lost to flak: None
11. No. A/C lost to E/A: None
12. No. A/C lost to accident: None
13. No. A/C lost by reasons unknown: None
14. Time of Attack: (Primary) first A/C 190450Z
last A/C 109525Z
(Diversionary) 190450Z
15. Altitude of Attack: (Primary): 25,300 to 27,800 ft.
(Diversionary): 29,000 to 30,000 ft.
16. Bombs on each target: Primary: 616 X 500 lb. GP, 1 X 100 lb. Red smoke.
60 A/C dropped 10 bombs each
2 A/C dropped 8 bombs each
Diversionary: 12 X 500 lb. GP
Full loads (6 bombs) of 2 A/C
Last Resort: 55 X 500 lb. GP
5 A/C dropped 10 bombs each
1 A/C dropped 5 bombs Opportunity: (2 A/C) 20 X 500 lb. GP
(1) Bomb loadings
10 X 500 lb. GP per A/C
6 X 500 lb. GP per diversionary A/C
1 X 500 lb. red smoke per 1 A/C
(2) Bombs unaccounted for: None
17. No. A/C jettisoning bombs: 10 A/C 79 X 500 lb. GP
7 A/C jettisoned 10 bombs each
1 A/C dropped 5 bombs on Last Resort Target and jettisoned 5 bombs
2 A/C dropped 8 bombs each on Primary Target and jettisoned 2 bombs each.
18. No. A/C bringing bombs back: 1 A/C 6 X 500 lb. GP
1 Diversionary A/C returned bombs because of fuel transfer system malfunction.

19. Personnel Casualties: Killed: None
Wounded: 2 (1 was frostbite)
Missing: None

20. No. E/A destroyed: 3
probably destroyed: 5
damaged: 10

21. (1) Fighter Opposition.

A. Primary Target Effort. Approximately 140 attacks with encounters tentatively estimated at 60 E/A from IF through target to coast. Highest attack intensity over target. Aggressive attacks and accurate fire were experienced; however, most broke off at long fighter range. Approaches were well distributed but some favor shown to frontal and right side, level to above. Principal types encountered were Tony's, Irvings, and Zekes. There were as few coordinated attacks but majority were single effort fly-throughs.

B. Diversionary Effort. Two B-29s received ten attacks over Iamanatsu and one to SE. These came from seven Tony's, and one Zeke, and one Irving. Attacks were closely pressed, three being coordinated in addition, 11 E/A were sighted, three before IP going in, six north of Iamanatsu, and two near coast going out. The six unidentified E/A north of Iamanatsu were doing acrobatics, then apparently attempted to close on the B-29, without success.

(2) Flak.

A. Flak was observed by the A/C bombing the Primary Target from the points of landfall approximately 33 deg 26 min N - 135 deg 46 min E and 33 deg 35 min N - 135 deg 30 min E to the II (34 deg 30 min N - 135 deg 24 min E) during the bomb run and over the

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Primary Target. The first squadron experienced heavy, fairly accurate, intense flak over Osaka and Kobe. The formations flew at altitudes ranging from 25,000 to 28,000 ft. Barage, predicted concentration, and continuously pointed fire were observed. Flak was heavy caliber, meager to moderate, and generally inaccurate, although occasional bursts were close enough to inflict damage on the A/C in the formation. Four A/C damaged by A. fire. There were no observed phosphorus bombs, ground-air rockets, or air-to-air bombings. Some heavy caliber, meager to moderate, inaccurate A. fire from warships was encountered by AC at 53 deg 40 min N - 35 deg 00 min E, 33 deg 45 min N - 135 deg 26 min E and 34 deg 12 min N - 135 deg 12 min E. Predicted concentration fire was observed. The diversicnary A/C met meager, inaccurate, continuously pointed flak at Shionoi, Osaka at 30,000 ft. Meager inaccurate predicted, concentration of heavy caliber was seen from Iamamatsu to the west shore of Suruga Bay.

- (3) A/C lost or in distress: None
- (4) A/C seriously damaged or crashed on return: None
- (5) A/C battle damage: 11 A/C 3 ready for combat within 2 days
3 ready for combat within 3 days
2 ready for combat within 4 days
1 ready for combat within 7 days
2 ready for combat within indefinite days.

(6) Observations.

A. A/C assembly plant IIL of Tokushima on Shokaku Island (34 deg 07 min N - 134 deg 35 min E). Four large buildings and several small buildings. A/C parked on strips beside plant. Observing A/C at altitude of 24,000 ft.

B. Immediately after turn from bomb run at Primary Target a white streamer estimated 25 ft. long was observed. It was attached to either a kite or balloon, which was egg-shaped and brown in color. The object was at 26,000 ft. alt., 10 miles to right of 160 deg course.

C. One possible CA at 28 deg 10 min N - 139 deg 14 min E from 20,000 ft. to wake.

D. 20 ship convoy with AK's and naval vessels, at 53 deg 40 min N - 135 deg 00 min E, from 26,000 ft. course 10 deg.

E. One CA or CA at 34 deg 45 min N - 134 deg 53 min E from 26,000 ft. course 90 deg.

F. Location of radio station (believed new). 872 KC picked up at 0655Z, MAC course 172 deg observing A/C 26 deg 30 min N - 140 deg 00 min E. Same station at 1590 KC picked up at 0458Z, true course 172 deg, reading on radio compass was 180 deg, observing A/C at 34 deg 15 min N - 134 deg 40 min E. Same station, 475 KC, showing an indication on radio compass of 295 deg at 0708Z. Transmitting Japanese code. Observing A/C 26 deg 00 min N - 140 deg 20 min E.

(7) Photographic Interpretation. 129 hits on all but 11 small buildings caused severe damage to target. Greatest concentration of bursts observed on engine assembly building in northern half of target area. 130 hits or 22 percent of total bombs dropped visible within 1000 ft. of AP. 340 hits visible within 4000 ft. of AP. 10 hits visible in water 1450 ft. west of AP. 43 T/L A/C, 38 L A/C and 9 camouflaged A/C visible near plant and on adjoining A/F. Exact number of these damaged or destroyed undetermined due to smoke and explosions. 8 cargo vessels varying from 50,59, 80 ft. in length visible near Iaha Jima.

(8) Narrative. Full information is given above on most points of the mission. One right gunner was struck in the front of his flak vest by a spent 22mm shell. He was jolted back and the vest was dented, but no injury was sustained. Three A/C were scheduled to furnish a diversion by dispensing rope, feinting at Iagoya, bombing Iamamatsu and photographing Miyako Jima, Mikura Jima, and Kachijo Jima. 1A/C aborted because of fuel transfer malfunction and returned to base with its full bomb load. The other two continued on course, and dispensed rope, starting at 35 deg E latitude, but made landfall west of the briefed point. Three E/A on their course caused them to abandon the feint on Iagoya, instead they bombed direct downing on Iamamatsu on an axis of 15 deg T and completed their mission by photographing the three assigned islands as briefed. Weather encountered on Mission: Base at take off, scattered to broken low cloud, base 1500 ft., visibility 12-18 miles, no showers. Route outgoing, broken low cloud and scattered middle cloud to 18 deg E where cloud increased to 8/10 for

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about 60 miles with moderate showers. From 19 deg N to 24 deg N broken low cloud bases at 2000 ft with tops 5000 ft. at 24 deg N was second front with overcast low cloud which thinned gradually to easterly coast and broken to overcast middle cloud to 28 deg N. Thin strand of middle cloud. Target: 2/10 low cloud, visibility unlimited. Wind at 26,000 ft. 270 deg, 120 knots. Route returning: most aircraft returned at high level and encountered continuous middle overcast base 13,000 ft. with tops 18,000 ft. from 32 deg N to 23 deg N and high overcast at 22,000 ft. moderate turbulence and moderate to heavy icing reported in middle cloud. Act showers and overcast of swelling cumulus at 23 deg N. Remainder of route same as route cut except southern shower band had moved south to 17 deg N. Bases on landing: overcast high cloud, scattered low cloud, 10-15 miles visibility, no showers. Remarks: No condensation trails encountered. Reported being made above bombing level at target by fighters.

DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: None

INFORMATION: C/S; DC/S Opr (2 cys); A-2 (10 cys); A-3 OC&R (2 cys); A-4 (2 cys); A-5 Flens (2 cys); Op Anal (2 cys); Stat Control (2 cys); A.A. (1 cy)

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TELECON MSG FN22-36 OPER PRTY (SECRET)
FROM COMGEN BOMCOM 21 221609Z

TO COMGEN AF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20

SUBJECT: FINAL MISSION REPORT, PANHANDLE ONE, 21 JAN 45

1. DESIGNATION OF UNIT: 313TH BOMB WING
2. DATE TIME OF TAKE OFF: FIRST A/C 02045Z
LAST A/C 202142Z
3. DATE TIME RETURN: FIRST A/C 10315Z
LAST A/C 210403Z
4. NO. A/C TAKING OFF:P 33
5. NO. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY TARGET: 30
6. NO. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY TARGET: NONE
7. NO. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT TARGET: NONE
8. NO. A/C ATTACKING TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: NONE
9. NO. A/C FAILING TO BOMB ANY TARGET:P 3

A.	SERIAL NO.	REASON
	42-65242	NO. 3 ENGINE SWALLOWED VALVE
	42-65280	NO. 3 ENGINE FEATHERED
	42-63499	BOMBS RELEASED UPON OPENING OF BOMB BAY DOORS

THREE MINUTES BEFORE TARGET

10. NO. A/C LOST TO FLAK: NONE
11. NO. A/C LOST TO EA: NONE
- 12.L NO. A/C LOST TO ACCIDENT: NONE
13. NO. A/C LOST BY REASONS UNKNOWN: NONE
14. TIME OF ATTACK: (PRIMARY9 FIRST A/C 210033Z
LAST A/C 210107Z

QTM ALTITUDE OF ATTACK: 25,500 AND 26,000LFT

QYM BOMBS ON PRIMARY TARGET: 658 X 500 LB. GP AN-V43

(1) BOMB LOADINGS: 725 X 500 LB. GP. TOTAL ALL A/C.

(2) BOMBS UNACCOUNTED FOR: NONE

17. NO. A/C JETTISONING BOMBS: 3 IN ADDITION ONE A/C HAD ONE BOMB TARGET

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HANG UP OVER TARGET. JETTISONED OVER OCEAN.

18. NO. A/C BRINGING BOMBS BACK:H NONE
19. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: NONE

20. NO. E/A DESTROYED: NONE

PROBABLY DESTROYED: NONE
DAMAGED: NONE

21. (1) FIGHTER OPPOSITION : NONE

(2) FLAK: HEAVY TO MEAGER, INACCURATE F
EL A/C LOST OR IN DISTRESS: NONE

(4) A/C SERIOUSLY DAMAGED OR CRASHED ON RETURN: NONE

(5) A/C BATTLE DAMAGE: NONE

(6) OBSERVATIONS: NONE

(7) PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION: PATTERNS FAIR. OF 660 BOMBS

DROPPED APPROXIMATELY 336 STRUCK WITHIN 1000 FT OF THE AP. OF THIS
NUMBER, AT LEAST 215 BOMBS FELL IN WATER CAUSING NO DAMAGE. 18 PER-
CENT OF BOMBS DROPPED FELL ON LAND WITHIN 1000 FT OF AP. THE NORTH
500PFT OF AIRSTRIP BADLY CRATERED AND SOUTH 300 FT SLIGHTLY CRATERED.
APPROXIMATELY 80 BURSTS LOCATED IN THE SHOP AND DISPERSAL AREA SUR-
ROUNDING THE STRIP, BUT ACCURATE ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGE NOT YET POSSIBLE.

(8) CREW COMMENTS: NONE

(9) NARRATIVE: A/C TOOK OFF IN COMBAT SQUADRONS RENDEZVUSIFGS
WITH TWO SQUADRONS OF 8 EACH P-38S OVER BASE AT 5000 FT; WEATHER GOOD
AND RUNS MADE ON TARGET VISUALLY. RETURNED WITHOUT INCIDENT, ALL
PLANES AND ESCORT ARRIVING AT BASES.

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TELECON MESSAGE NO. PH-25-5
SUBJECT: Aircraft Loss Report No. 9 Mission No. 21
XXI BC

(To: COMCENAF 20 From: BOMCOM 21)

- A. B-29 42-24594
- B. Lost 1 engine on take off and another shortly thereafter (No. 3 and 4 engines) and ditched 4 miles off shore.
- C. Su Pe Point Saipan Mariana Islands
- D. 5 crew members picked up.
- A. B-29 42-24785
- B. Hit by enemy fighters as aircraft was leaving target. No. 4 engine caught on fire and it soon enveloped entire aircraft. It was forced to leave the formation and was rapidly losing altitude. Aircraft went out of control and crashed into sea with a large explosion.
- C. Aircraft crashed into sea just off the coast of Honshu near target.
- D. No chutes observed and probably no survivors escaped from aircraft.

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23 JAN 45

MISSION #21

PRIMARY - MITSUBISHI ENGINE PLANT, NAGOYA
SECONDARY - NAGOYA CITY

PLANNED ATTACK
SQS IN COLUMN
BASE ALT 25000'

PRIMARY
30 AK BOMBED
VISUALLY THRU 4-7
RESULTS UNOBSERVED
FIGHTERS HEAVILY ARMED
FLAK MOD. TO SLIGHT
INACCURATE

SECONDARY
29 BOMBED
THRU 9 to 10, 145 RAUM
RESULTS UNOBSERVED

BOMB LOAD EACH AK } 6000 #
60% 500# GP
40% M76 1B

GROSS WT.

AIRBORNE

EARLY RET.

TOTAL BOMBING

PRIMARY

OTHERS

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LOSSES

ENEMY ACTION

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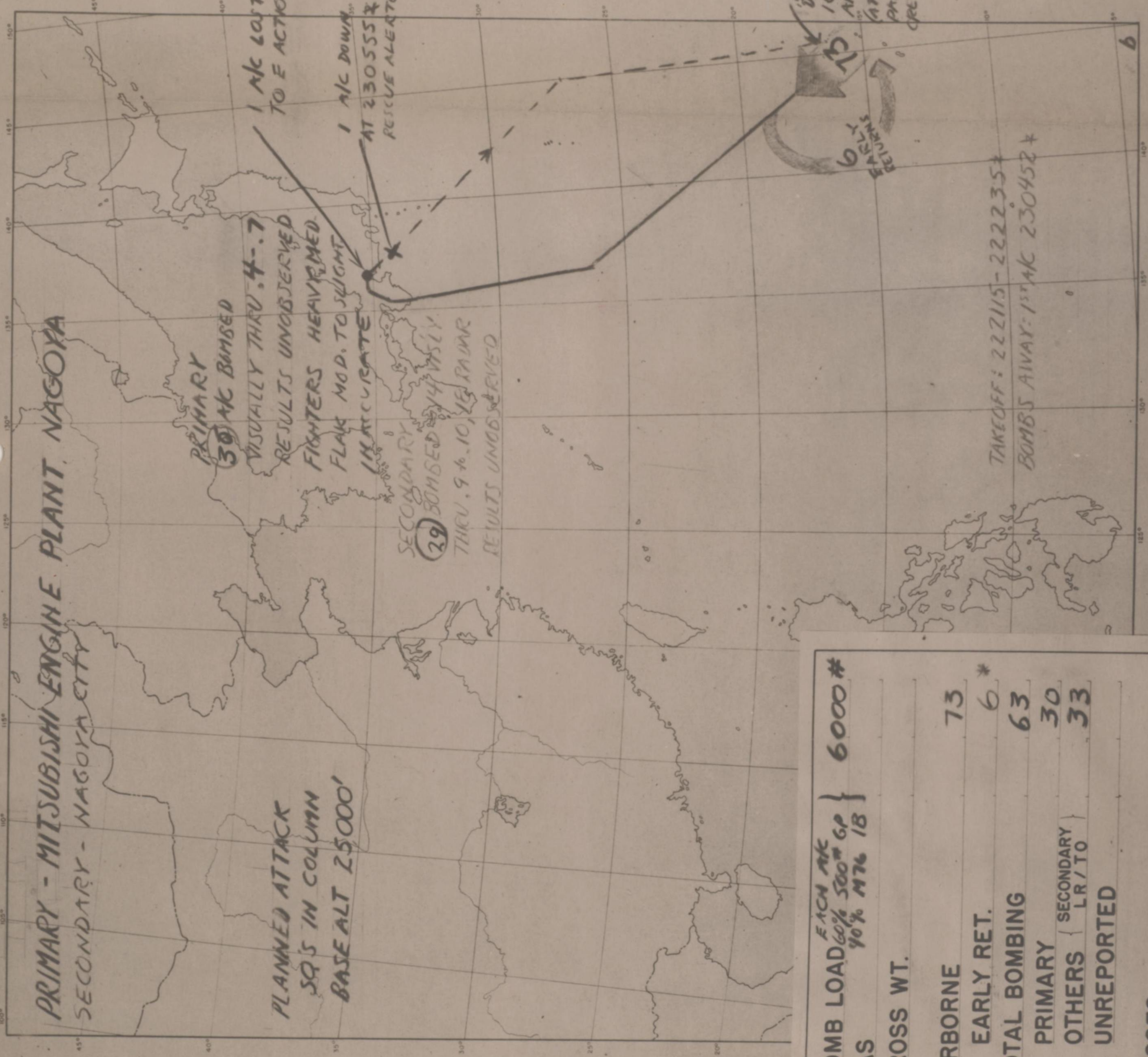
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PARTIALLY GARBLED IN-FLIGHT RPTS
MAY INCLUDE DUPLICATIONS



1 A/c
DITCHED
16 MIN
AFTER TO
AT LEAST
PART OF
CREW RESCUED

TAKEOFF: 222115-222235
BOMBS AWAY: 17 AK 230452 *

AS OF 0700 23 JAN 45

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