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FROM: LEMAY AAF 20 300704Z

TO : COMGENUSASTAF GUAM

INFO: COMGENUSASTAF REAR WASH FEAF ATTN: 308 BOMWG

AIMCR 6432 SUBJECT: BRIEF OF MINING MISSION 42 BRIEF OF MINING MISSION FOR NIGHT OF 31 JULY OR 1 AUGUST RASHIN, SEISHIN, SHIMONOSEKI STS WEST, AND HAMADA ARE SCHEDULED TO BE MINED AT 311513Z, 311508Z, 311614Z, 311516Z BY 40 AIRCRAFT LAYING 355 MINES.

TARGET	FORCE	NO OF MINES
RASHIN	9	73
SEISHIN	7	69
FLD M: SHIMONOSEKI STS WEST	17	149
FLD G: HAMADA	7	64

Classification Changed to SECRET 5-9-46 By Authority of C. G. AAF, by Ray G. Baker, Capt. A. C.

ROUTES - RASHIN: BASE, IWO (2 HR LAYOVER) 3300N 13417E, 3705N 13114E, 4050N 12944E, 415330N 12957E (IP), TARGET, 3320N 13514E, IWO, BASE.

SEISHIN: BASE, IWO,(2 HR LAYOVER), 3300N 13417E, 3705N 13114E, 4050N 12944E, 412245N 1294830E (IP), TARGET, 3320N 13514E, IWO, BASE.

FLD M: BASE, IWO, 3302N 13306E, 3431N 13128E, 3425N 13108E, (IP), TARGET, 3357N 13020E, 3345N 13022E, 3220N 13230E, IWO, BASE.

FLD G: BASE, IWO, 3302N 13306E, 3431N 13128E, 3440N 13137E (IP), TARGET 3423N 1332330E, 3330N 13351E, IWO, BASE.

GENERAL SCHEME OF ATTACK: BY INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT UNESCORTED AT NIGHT AT AN ALTITUDE OF 12000 AND 8000 FT USING RADAR RELEASE.

TOD:...300748Z HP K

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TOD 8 0815Z NT

ROGER 0815Z WCR

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FROM COMGENAAF 20 GUAM 011229Z

TO COMGENUSASTAF (GUAM)

INFO COMGENUSASTAF (REAR) WASH (OP)

AIMCR 5026

SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR MISSION NO. 305 TARGET RASHIN-SEISHIN SHIMONOSEKI STS-HAMADA-HAGI FLOWN 1 - 2 AUG 45.

1. UNITS:	20TH AF	313 (IWO)	313TH
2. A/C SCHEDULED:	44	15	29
3. A/C AIRBORNE:	42	15	27
4. 1ST A/C OFF:	010730Z	010841Z	010730Z
5. LAST A/C OFF:	010858Z	010858Z	010856Z

6. ADDITIONAL A/C NOT INCLUDED ABOVE: 1 RCM AND 1 SUPERDUMBO.

7. WEATHER: BASE AT TAKE OFF: SCATTERED LOW AND BROKEN MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUDS. ROUTE: SCATTERED LOW AND BROKEN MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUDS WITH SCATTERED LIGHT SHOWERS TO 23 N. FROM 23 N TO 28 N THERE WILL BE BROKEN LOW AND OVERCAST MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUDS WITH MODERATE SHOWERS. FROM 28 N TO 32 N THERE WILL BE BROKEN LOW AND OVERCAST MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUDS WITH LIGHT SHOWERS. FROM 32 N TO TARGET THERE WILL BE BROKEN LOW AND HIGH AND SCATTERED MIDDLE CLOUDS. TARGETS: SHIMONOSEKI: 8/10 STRATOCUMULUS, BASE 1000 FT, TOP 4500 FT; 4/10 ALTOSTRATUS, BASE 14,000 TOP 15,000 FT; 7/10 CIRRUS AT 30,000 FT.

BASE ON RETURN: SCATTERED LOW CLOUDS AND BROKEN MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUDS

TOD...011258Z WW

~~CCN: THE LAST GROUP IN LINE 4 AND 5 IS 4. 010730Z~~

5. 010856Z

ROGER 2// 1
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END

TOD: 1315Z NT

ROGER 1315Z WCR

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WCR V RGE NR 8 (OP OP SEIRET) 2 AUG 45

TELECOH MESSAGE FN-02-4

FROM: COMGENAAF 20 GUAM 020323Z
TO : COMGENUSASTAF GUAM
~~INFO~~
INFO: COMGENUSASTAF (REAR) WASHINGTON (OP)

AIMCR 5047 SUBJECT: LANDING REPORT FOR MISSION NO. 305, TARGETS RASHIN, SEISHIN, SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS, HAMADA, AND HAGI, FLOWN 1-2 AUGUST 1945.

1. UNIT: 313TH WING
2. LANDED HOME
~~RE~~ BASE: 40
3. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE: 2
4. TIME DOWN FIRST: 012121Z
5. TIME DOWN LAST: 020049Z

6. EARLY RETURNS: NONE
7. MISSING: NONE
8. REMARKS: 1 RCM A/C AND 1 SUPERDUMBO ALSO AIRBORNE ON THIS MISSION.

END

TOD: 0348Z WL

END:

TOD: 0406Z VF

ROGER 0406Z WCR

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Correction to "	"	FN 03-09		3 Aug	MB

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TELECON MSG NO. FN-05-02

SUBJECT CORRECTION TO MISSION SUMMARY FOR MISSION 305, TARGET RASHIN, SEISHIN, SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS (WEST) AND HAMADA, FLOWN 1 AUGUST 1945.

DATE 5 August 1945

TO: COMGENUSASTAF GUAM

INFO: COMGENUSASTAF (REAR) WASH

FROM: COMGENAAF 20 GUAM

050531Z

AIMCR 51811

Re our AIMCR 5083, sortie 22 dropped mines at coordinates given in report. Sortie will be considered to have jettisoned mines rather than dropped in alternate field.

END

TOD 0609Z

(Note: AIMCR 5083 is FN-02-26)

Combat Opns.

DIST ACTION: INFO: C/S - DC/OPRS - DC/S P&A - DC/S TME; A-5 Plans (3); Gen. Norstad; Gen. Hodges; Gen. Vandenburg; Gen Bissell; Capt. Anderson; SCO (2); A-2 Collection Div (2)

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TELECON MSG NO. FN- 03-09

SUBJECT: Correction to Mission Summary, Mission 305, Targets Sasbin, Seishin, Shimonoseki Straits, Hamada, Sakai, Yonago, Naka Umi, Flowers August 1945

DATE

TO: COMGENUSASTAF

INFO: COMGENUSASTAF (REAR)

FROM: COMGENAAF 20

AIMCR 5118
030833Z

Correct para 5A as follows: Under minefield Mike, ValH7 should be "0" Zero

MK 25 mines instead of one.

...End...
TOD: 030850Z

Combat Ops.

DIST ACTION:

INFO: C/S - DC/OPRS - DC/S P&A - DC/S TME
A-5 Plans (3); Gen Norstad, Gen Hodges, Gen Vandenburg, Gen Bissell, Capt Anderson, SCO (2), A-2 Collection Div (2)

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EN-02-26	Mission Summary for Mission 305 Targets Rashin, Seishin, Shimonoseki Straits (West Entrance) Hamada, Sakai, Yonago. Wake Uni Flown 1 August 1945	2 August 1945

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMGENUSASTAF	COMGENUSASTAF REAR	COMGENAAF 20

022210
AIMCR 5085

Mining Mission No. 42

1. Unit: 313th Wing
2. Time of take off: 010730Z to 010856Z
   Rashin: 010130Z to 010230Z staged thru Iwo
   Seishin: 010141Z to 010150Z staged thru Iwo
3. No. A/C airborne: 43
4. Mines airborne: 196 SX Mark 25 mines (28 A/C)
   180 X Mark 26 or 36 mines (15 A/C)
5. Disposition of mines airborne:

A. PRIMARY FIELDS:		RASHIN 8 A/c	SEISHIN 6 A/C	MIKE 11 A/C	GEORGE 7 A/C	X-Ray 5 A/C
Mark 25:	X71B7	23	0	42	0	0
	X51B7	14	0	14	0	0
	X31B7	4	0	0	0	0
	V11E8	0	1	1	1	0
	S21A8	0	1	1	2	1
	S31G8	0	4	1	5	0
	V11I7	0	1	0	2	0
	S21G8	0	1	0	1	1
	V21E7	0	1	0	1	1
	V11F7	0	1	0	0	0
	S21I8	0	2	0	1	3
	V21B8	0	1	1	1	0
	V21F7	0	1	0	1	0
	V11G7	0	1	0	1	0
	S21F8	0	1	0	1	1
	V21B7	0	1	0	0	0
	V21H7	0	1	0	1	1
	V31E7	0	1	0	0	0
	D31B8	0	0	1	2	2
	M21H7	0	0	1	0	1
	D21I8	0	0	1	0	0
	D11B8	0	0	0	1	6
	S21E8	0	0	0	1	2
	V21G7	0	0	0	2	0
	D11H8	0	0	0	1	5

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V11B8	0	0	0	1	0
V31G7	0	0	0	1	0
N21B8	0	0	0	0	4
Mark 26-or 36					
D31B8	5	13	2	3	2
S31E0	1	0	0	0	0
D33B8	4	0	2	2	1
D11B8	2	7	4	6	5
D25B8	1	0	0	0	0
D21B8	2	3	1	1	0
D15B8	3	0	3	4	4
D31J8	1	6	0	1	0
Q21A8	1	0	0	1	0
S21E8	1	0	0	0	0
D11H7	1	0	0	0	0
Q31G8	1	0	0	0	0
D21H8	1	2	0	1	0
Q21C8	0	1	0	0	0
D11E8	0	2	2	4	0
S21H8	0	1	0	2	0
Q31I8	0	1	0	2	0
Q21H8	0	0	1	1	0
S21F8	0	0	2	0	0
S31G8	0	0	1	0	0
Q21F8	0	0	0	1	0
Q31E8	0	0	0	1	0
Q21E8	0	0	0	2	0
Q21E8	0	0	0	1	0
Q31F8	0	0	0	1	0
Q31A8	0	0	0	1	0

Rushin Field observations: Sortie Nol 7 - one mine hit on land, 1 x mark 25 mine (X71B7). Seishin Fld. observations: Sortie No. 10 - one mine hit on land, 1 x Mark 25 mine (S3LG8) Mike Field observations. None G Field observations: Sortie No 38 - one mine exploded in mine field (all mines salvoed in primary minefield due to bomb bay door malfunction. 1 x mark 25 mine (V11F7). Sortie No. 34 - one mine hit on land. 1 X Mark 26-36 (S31G8)

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B. Alternate fields: Sorties No. 9 - released in sequence 7 x Mark 25 mines on a true course of 170 degrees, 34 15 N - 13333E. Nr. 3 engine out. Mines released were 4 X X 71 B7, 2 X X51B7, 1 XX 31B7, Sortie No. 19 - released in sequence 12 X mark 26-36 mines. First mine dropped at 3258N-13156E on a true course of 323 degrees. Engine failure. Mines released were 1 X Q21G8, 2 X D31B8, 1 X D21H8, 1 X Q21E8, 2 X D33B8, 2 X D21B8, 1 X D25B8, 1 XS21H8, and 1 X Q31I8, Sortie No. 24 - released in sequence 7 X mark 25 mines. First mine dropped at 3318N-13208E on a true course of 182 degs. Engine malfunction. Mines released were 4 X X 71B7, and 3 X X51B7. Sortie No. 51 - released in sequence 12 X mark 26-36 mines. First mine was dropped at 3423N-13413 1/2E on a true course of 023 degs. Due to late take off. Mines relased were 1 X D31B8, 2 X D33B8, 1 X D21B8, 1 X S21H8, 3 X S11B8, 2 X D15B8, 1 X Q31F8, and 1 X Q21F8., sortie No 22 - relased in sequence 12 X mark 26-36 mines. First mine dropped at 3605N-13310E on a true course of 055 deg. Mines relased were 2 X D31B8, 3 X D33B7, 2 X D21B8, 1 X D11B8, 1 X D 15B8, 1 X S21E8, 1 X Q21H8, and 1 X Q31A8,. Radar out. Sortie No. 23 - released stations 1 through 6 on the primary minefield, and released stations 7 through 12 in the inland sea. Mark 26 or 36 mines relased in the inland sea were 3 x D21B8, 1 X Q21H8, 1 X Q31E8, and 1 X D25B8. Bomb rack malfunction.

C. Jettisoned: Sortie No. 11, jettisoned 1 X mark 25 mine, S21E8, at 4142N - 12950E due to rack malfunction. Sortie No. 15 - jettisoned 12 x Mark 26 or 36 mines, (2 X D11B8, 4 X D31B8, 1 X D11H8, 3 X D21B8, 1 X Q21F8, and 1 X Q31G8) at 1635N-14450E due to early return.

D. Returned: None

E. Unaccounted for: None

6. No. A/C failing to mine and reasons: 1 A/C, malfunction of No. 3 engine.

7. Time of attack: Rashin: 011446Z to 011451Z. Seishin: 011435Z to 011458Z M: 011417Z to 011515Z. G 011432Z to 011453Z. X 011612Z to 011628Z.

8. Altitude over minefields: Rashin: 8000 to 8300 ft. Seishin: 7000 ft. M: 12,000 ft. G: 8000 ft. X 7500 to 8000 ft.

9. True air speed at mine relase: Rashin: 209 - 227 kts. Seishin: 208-215 kts.

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M: 198 - 225 kts. G: 207 - 220 kts. X 211-221 kts.

10. Length of mine run: Rashin: 35 sec to 6 min 30 sec. Seishin: 21 sec. to 7 mins. M: 24 secs to 8 mins. G: 3 secs to 7 mins. X: 7 mins 20 secs to 8 mins 37 secs.

11. Winds reported over the minefields: Rashin: 14 - 27 kts: 140-250 deg Seishin: 10-24 kts: 183 - 295 deg. M: 15 - 45 kts: 0-240 deg. G: 20-36 kts: 125-210 deg. X: 4-32 kts: 145-298 deg.

12. Clouds and visibility: Rashin: 2-10/10: 1/2 mi to 30 mi Seishin: 10/10: 0 to 2 mi. M: 2-10/10: 5 to 20 mi. G: 0-3/10: 4 mi to unrestricted. X: 2-4/10 8 to 20 mi.

13. Time of return: 012021Z - 020018Z.

14. A/C lost: None

15. Personnel casualties: None

16. Air opp: Rashin: Nil. Seishin: Nil. M: 1 U/I T/E on run, no attack.
G: Nil X: Nil.
One A/C which dropped mines in the inland sea 3415N - 13333E, reported 2 sightings. One I/I, the other a Nick that executed a pass after circling the B-29, but did not fire. It then flew parallel course for about 4 min and dropped from sight.
Another A/C sighted a ball of fire at about 3230N-13500E which followed it for about 30 minutes before burning out it crossed the tail several times at a distance of half a mile but did not get close.

17. Enemy AA: Rashin: Nil, Seishin: Nil. M: 7 A/C reported meager and inacc heavy AA at the target. Fifteen to thirty S/L's were active, but only 1 A/C wad coned for any appreciable time.
G: 6 S/L's were observed at Tokuyama.
X: 3 S/L's were searching for one A/C in the vicinity of Tokuyama, but seemed thrown off by rope. One A/C that mined at 34 15 N 13333E got a burst or two of inaccura te heavy AA from Fukuyama as it broke away. Another mining at 3355N - 13300E, saw 7

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S/L's at Murozumi.

18. Enemy RCM and effects: RCM A/C aborted.

19. Radar scope photos obtained: Rashin: 51, Seishin: 47, M: 48, G: 38, X: 28.

20. Observations: Nagaoka was seen burning fiercely from a distance of 200 miles.

21.21. Remarks: 1 RCM A/C and 1 superdumbo scheduled. RCM was an early return.

Please pass to CNO Washington

This report subject to correction and not for record purposes.

...End...
TOD: 2357Z

DIST — ACTION: —

INFO: C/S - DC/OPRS - DC/S P&A - DC/S TME; A-5 Plans (3); Gen. Norstad, Gen. Hodges; Gen. Vandenburg; Gen. Bissell; Capt. Anderson; SCO (2); A-2 Coll. Div. (2)

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