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TELECON MSG FN-15-3 OP TOP SECRET 150540Z
FROM : [redacted]COM XXI
TO : COMAF 20
INFO : DEP COMAF 20
SUBJECT : BRIEF ON FIELD GADER NO 57 ARRANGE AND BRISKET

TOP SECRET

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MAXIMUM EFFORT APPROXIMATELY 350 B-29S SCHEDULED TO ATTACK ARRANGE AND BRISKET ON 16 APRIL . K.FORCE TO ATTACK ONE AMING POINT ON ARRANGE. 2/3 FORCE TONAOEACK TWO AIMING POINTS ON "BRISKET" .. 36 A/C WILL DISPATCHED ON ONE ROUTE DESIGNATED PATHFINDERS. MAIN FORCE WILL ATTACK ON A DIFFERENT ROUTE TO AVOID THE SMOKE. ROUTE OF PATHFINDERS: FROM BASE TO IWO JIMA TO 3440N-14000E TO 351030N - 1407230E TO 3525N -13954E (RADAR IP) TO THE POINT 10 SLANT RANGE MILE BACK FROM 3525N - 13954E (IP) TO TARGET TOH3532N - 13930E TO 3530N - 13910E TO 3437N 13854E TO IWO JIMA TO BASE. AXIS OF LANDFALL POINT TO IP 308 DEGREES TRUE. FROM IP TO TARGET 305, 308 AND 310 DEGREES TRUE. MAIN FORCE ROUTE, FROM BASE TO IWO JIMA TO KOZU TO 350830N - 13910E TO TARGET WITHDRAW TO RIGHT ADVOOIDINGEBNAK AREA. T-HOUR DESINIGATED AS 151400 Z AS TIME OVER TARGET. PATHFINDER TO STRIKE T-HOUR MINUS 10 MINUTES

TO

TO RIGHT ADVOIDING FLAK AREA. T-HOUR DESNIGATED AS 151400Z AS TIME OVER TARGET. PATHFINDER TO STRIKE T-HOUR MINUS 10 MINUTES TO T-HOUR PLUS 10 MINUTES. MAIN FORCE STARTS STRIKING AT T-HOUR PLUS 10 MINUTES.

METHOD OF ATTACK : INDIVIDUAL A/C WITH MINIMUM TIME BETWEEN A/C . BOMB LOAD: M-47 INCENDIARY BOMBS FUSED INSTANTANEOUS NOSE, E-46 CLUSTERS FUSED TO OPEN 2500 FT ABOVE TARGET, M-17 CLUSTERS FUSED TO OPEN ~~ZENPPP~~ 3000 FT ABOVE TARGE, 500 LB GP FUSED INSTANTANEOUS NOSE AND 1/40 TAIL AND T4E4 FRAGS FUSED TO OPEN 1,000 FT BELOW A/C. THE LOWER AIRCRAFT SCHEDULE OVER TARGET WILL CARRY FRAGS FOR ANTI-PERSONNEL PURPOSES.

ALTITUDE OF ATTACK: 7,000, 8,000 AND 9,000 FT. A MASTER OF CERMONIES A/C WILL FLY AT 22,000 FT. AIR SEA RESCUE FACILITIES REQUESTED..

END...
CCN 3 FROM BOTTOM
LAST WD 6 LINE FROM END. IS 3,000
?/£;;0$3$$20EBZKKPMLGXML
3 LINE 1&2 WDS
XXXXXXXX FROM END 1&2 WDS READ SCHEDULED OVER
TOD 150643Z TAS.

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

THAT LINE READS
WITHDRAW TO RIGHT ADVODZDVBNDTEI AREA. T-HOUR DESIGNAGATED AS 151400Z AS TIME OVER

12 LINE READS
WITHDRAW TO RIGHT ADVODING FLAK AREA. T-HOUR DESNIGATED AS 151400
A AS TIME OVER TARGET. PATH

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Consolidated Take-off	"	FN-15-18	151028		S

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-15-18 OP SECRET 151028Z

FROMGC BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFOWK DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

GR-19

SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR BRISKET ONE, MISSION 68, 15 APRIL 1945.

1. WING:	313TH	314TH
2. A/C SCHEDULED:	112	111
3. A/C AIRBORNE:	110	108
4. FIRST A/C:	150650Z	150621Z
T. LAST A/C:	150845Z	150907Z

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TOD 15100//1040Z WL

ROGER 1040Z WCR

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6 OPNS

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO4/ 09.-1 20? INXO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

GR2120

SUZSECT: FIRST TAKE OFF FOR BRISKET ONE

1. FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT 150621Z, ON BRISKET ONE.

BASES FOR TAKE OFF, SCATTERED TO BROKEN CUMULUS WITH SCATTERED MODERATE SHOWERS REDUCING VISIBILITY FROM 12 MILES TO 1 MILE

ROUTE SCATTERED LOW CLOUDS TO 29 DEG. NORTH EXCEPT FOR OVERCAST LOW AND BROKEN MIDDLE WITH LIGHT SHOWERS BETWEEN 22 AND 24 DEG. NORTH. FROM 29 DEG. NORTH TO THE COAST THERE WILL BE SCATTERED BROKEN LOW, SCATTERED MIDDLE AND HIGH)97$

TARGET 4/10 LOW CLOUDS , 5/10 MIDDLE CLOUDS AND 3/10 HIGH CLOUDS WITH VISIBILITY 6 MILES DUE TO HAZE BASE ON RETURN SCATTERED LOW CLOUDS.

..END...

TOD 150712Z DM

IS TO COMAF 20 AND INFO : DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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1st Bombs Away Rpt	Tele	FN-15-21		151508Z	@
Cons Bombs Away Rpt	Tele	FN-15-24		151705Z	@
Return Rpt	Tele	FN-16-2		160248Z	@

BOMB STRIKE
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TELECON MSG FN-16-2 OP SECRET 160118Z

SECRET

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO: COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT FOR BRISKET ONE, MISSION 68, 15 APRIL 1945.

XXI BOMBER COMMAND

1. WING:	313	314	TOTAL
2. AIRBORNE:	111 (CORRECTION TO T/O REPORT)	108	219
3. LANDED HOME BASE:	103	99	202
4. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE:	3 (IWO)	3 (IWO)	6
5. FIRST A/C:	152007Z	152055Z	152007Z
LAST A/C:	152234Z	152329Z	152329Z
6. MISSING:	5	6	11
7. EARLY RETURNS	10	6	16

11 A/C MISSING TO UNKNOWN REASONS: NUMEROUS OBSERVATIONS OF A/C GOING DOWN OVER TARGET TO E/A AND FLAK; OBSERVATIONS CONTAIN POSSIBLE DUPLICATIONS FURTHER REPORTS WILL BE FORWARED UPON RECEIPT.

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TOD:160248Z

ROGER FN-16-2 0248Z WCR

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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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TELECON MESSAGE FN-15-24 OP SECRET 151652Z

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FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO: COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

GR 90

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY FOR BRISKET ONE, MISSION 68, 15 APRIL 1945.

1. 17 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY.
2. 5 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS.
3. 11 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY BY RADAR WITH GOOD TO EXCELLENT RESULTS.
4. 1 A/C BOMBED TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY BY RADAR WITH FAIR RESULTS.
5. 16 A/C RETURNED EARLY.
6. CLOUD COVER REPORTED AS 0/10 TO 5/10 CLOUD.
7. 7 A/C REPORTED GENERAL CONFLAGRATION, 6 A/C REPORTED SEVERAL LARGE FIRES.
   2 A/C REPORTED MANY SCATTERED FIRES, 1 A/C REPORTED FEW SCATTERED FIRES.
8. E/A OPPOSITION REPORTED AS NIL TO MODERATE. FLAK AS NIL TO INTENSE.
9. ONLY 1 A/C PER SQUADRON REPORTING BOMBS AWAY.

THIS REPORT IS FRAGMENTARY AND IS SUBJECT TO CORRECTION.

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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
	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm. Op Anal		Stat Con		

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-15-21 (SECRET) 151455Z (OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20

INFO: DEPCOMAF20(POA)

(GR25)

SUBJECT: FIRST BOMBS AWAY REPORT ON BRISKET NO. 1

FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET BY RADAR AT 151355Z THROUGH FIVE TENTHS CLOUDS OBSERVING SEVERAL FIRES.

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	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-5Plans
	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm. Op	Anal	Stat Con			

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Preliminary Mission Rpt.	Telecon	FN-16-4		1607352	P&L
Briefer's Reports	Ditto		16 Apr.		P&L

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16 Apr 45 pgb
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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE
Washington, D. C.

Information for Briefing on XXI Bomber Command
Mission No. 68 - 15 April 1945
Date

Mission Code Name "BRISKET ONE" (As of 1000 Z - 16 Apr 1945)
Date

Targets: Primary - KAWASAKI URBAN AREA

Secondary - -

Last Resort - -

Take-off Times: 150221 - 150524 Washington (150621z - 150924z)

Time Over Primary Target: 151818 - 152125 Wash (152218z - 160125z)

Tactics: Night incendiary attack, visually and by radar, from altitudes ~~of 7000 to 10,000 feet~~

Aircraft Bombing: 197 219

Primary Target - 196
Secondary Target - -
Other Targets - 1

Bomb Load: Primarily E-46 clusters of M-69s, and M-47 incendiaries; ~~also M-64 SP's and M-26 (T4E4) frag clusters~~

Losses: 11 a/c missing - flak and E/A, no definite confirmations

Target Weather: 0 to 4/10 clouds, heavy haze and smoke over target area

Fighter Opposition: Weak to moderate

Anti-Aircraft Encountered: Medium and heavy caliber, moderate to intense, inaccurate and accurate. Predicted concentrations, barrages and continuously ~~[illegible]~~ pointed; well coordinated with S/L's

Claims: 3 destroyed; 1 probably destroyed; 0 damaged

Results of Bombing: Unobserved to excellent. Fires concentrated just S of bend in Tama River. Last crews over reported fires merged into conflagration visible over 100 miles out

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

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-[redacted]-4 OP OP SECRET 160625Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

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TO COMAF [redacted] 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT FOR BRISKET ONE, MISSION 68, 15 APRIL 1945.

1. NAME OF PRIMARY: KAWASAKI URBAN AREA (90.17 - 3604)

2. NAME OF SECONDARY: NONE

3. NAME OF LAST RESORT: NONE.

4. NAME OF TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: NONE BRIEFED.

5. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 196 A/C DROPPED ON PRIMARY TARGET, VISUALLY AND BY RADAR MEANS THROUGH 0 - 4/10 CLOUD FROM 7000 TO 10,000 FT BETWEEN 151818 152218Z AND 152125 160125Z THE FOLLOWING BOMBS:

3751 X E-46 IC, TAIL FUSES SET TO OPEN AT 2500 FT

9269 X M-47 IB, NOSE FUSE, M126A1 INST

73 X M-64 GP, INST NOSE

95 X M-26 (T4E4) FC, NOSE FUSE, T-71, 10.5 SEC

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6. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: NONE

7. A/C ATTAVKING LAST RESORT: NONE

8. A/C ATTACKING TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: 1 A/C DROPPED 1 X 500 LB. GP AND 36 X E46 IB BY VISUAL MEANS THROUGH 0/10 CLOUD FROM 8600 FT AT 151428Z ON TATEYAMA.

9. NO. A/C TAKING OFF: 219 A/C AIRBORNE AT 150621Z TO 150924Z.

10. NO. A/C EARLY RETURN: 16 A/C RETURNED EARLY OF WHICH NONE BOMBED TARGETS.

11. NO. A/C LOST OR MISSING: 11 A/C MISSING. REASONS FLAK AND E/A. NO DEFINITE CONFIRMATIONS. SEE OBSERVATIONS, BRISKET ONE AND ARRANGE ONE.

12. BOMBING RESULTS: UNOBSERVED TO EXCELLENT.

13. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: KILLED: NONE.
WOUNDED: 3
MISSING: 125

14. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: WEAK TO MODERATE, MOSTLY UNAGRESSIVE.

15. AA FIRE: MEDIUM AND HEAVY CALIBER. GREATER PROPORTION OF FIRE

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REPORTED AS MODERATE TO INTENSE, INACCURATE AND ACCURATE. PREDICTED CONCENTRATIONS AND BARRAGES, AND CONTINUOUSLY POINTED AT A/C CAUGHT IN SEARCHLIGHTS. AA FIRE WELL COORDINATED WITH NUMEROUS SEARCHLIGHTS.

~~16.~~ FIGHTER SUPPORT: NONE.

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11 ~~17.~~ WEATHER: 0/10 TO 4/10 CLOUDS. WINDS 280 - 290 DEG AT 25 - 30 KNOTS. HEAVY SMOKE AND HAZE CONDITIONS EXISTED IN THE TARGET AREA

12 ~~18.~~ IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS: SINGLE ENGINE FIGHTER WITH NAVIGATION LIGHTS ON (THOUGHT TO BE A P-51) REPORED SHOT DOWN AT 151552Z AT 31/40 N - 140/33 E. 1 B-29 SEEN CAUGHT IN SEARCHLIGHT AND ATTACKED BY ROCKET FIRING E/A, WENT DOWN IN SAGAMI BAY, 4 PARACHUTES OBSERVED. A S/E FIGHTER BELIEVED TO BE P-51 REPORTED ATTACKING THIS E/A. SMOKE UP TO 20,000 FT. FIRE CONCENTRATED JUST SOUTH OF BEND IN TAMA RIVER. SPREADING EASTWARD. LAST CREWS OVER TARGET REPORT FIRES MERGED INTO HUGE CONFLAGRATION VISIBLE OVER 100 MILES AT SEA UPON WITHDRAWAL. 4 BARRAGE BALLOONS REPORTED SEEN AT 3000 - 4000 FT IN YOKOHAMA AREA. A LARGE NUMBER OF BALLS OF FIRE OR MINIATURE PLANES (VARIOUSLY REPORTED) WERE OBSERVED WITH THREE ATTEMPTED RAMMINGS. SLIGHT EVASIVE ACTION WAS SUFFICIENT TO THROW THEM OFF AND THEIR LACK OF MANEUVER ABILITY WAS APPARENT. 3 CLAIMED SHOT DOWN, 1 REPORTED AS DISINTEGRATING AMD SCATTERING DEBRIS OF WHAT APPEARED TO BE PLY-WOOD OR FABRICATED MATERIAL. REPORTS OF THESE OBJECTS FOLLWOWING OUR A/C AS LONG AS 3 MINUTES OUT TO SEA UPON WITHDRAWAL. ONE CONVOY OF 40 SHIPS WAS OBSERVED ON RADAR SCOPE AT 33/30N -140/30 E BETWEEN 151635Z AND 151648Z FROM ALTITUDE OF ~~ZKDNTJ~~ 13000 FT ~~15~~. THE SHIPS WERE SCATTERED OVER FIVE MILE AREA.

A T/E E/A REPORTED NEAR CHICHI JIMA. THE E/A APPEARED TO COME FROM CHICHI JIMA AND HAD RUNNING LIGHTS ON -- AMBER ON RIGHT AND GREEN ON LEFT. OBSERVED AT 151215Z AT ALTITUDE OF 7500 FT M

13 ~~19.~~ ESTIMATE CLAIMS: DESTROYED : 3

PROBABLY DESTROYED: 1

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DAMAGED: NONE

14 ~~20.~~ OTHER INFORMATION : (1) INCLUDED AS ATTACKING PRIMARY ARE SIX A/C UNACCOUNTED FOR.

(2) NOT INCLUDED ARE 3 A/C WHICH LANDED AT IWO; NOT INCLUDED ARE THREE CREWS RETURNING TO BASE, BUT INTERROGATED TOO LATE FOR INCLUSION.

(3) IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE FIGURES, ONE A/C DROPPED 23 E-46 AND ONE T4E4 SAFE ON THE PRIMARY TARGET.

THIS REPOR IS FRAGMENTARY AND SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR RECORD PURPOSES.

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Final Mission Report	Telecon	FN-1714		171123Z	BGR
Mission Report	Ditto	Hq 20 AF	171030		BGR

MISSION REPORT

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A.C./S. Operations
By Authority of
CG Twentieth AF
17 Apr 45 [illegible]
Date Initials

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Washington, D. C.

MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 68 - 15 APRIL 1945

"BRISKIT 1"

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Target: Kawasaki Urban Area, Honshu, Japan.

Take-Off: 150221 - 150524 Washington; (1506217 - 1509247)

Time Over Target: 150942 - 151156 Washington; (1513427 - 1515567)

Aircraft: Total Bombing: 202
Primary 201
Other 1

A/C Lost or Missing: 11 a/c lost, 5 of which were observed going down in target area (believed due to flak). 1 a/c reported going down after vicious rocket attack from e/a - 4 parachutes observed.

Casualties: 0 killed; 2 slightly wounded; 1 seriously wounded; 135 missing.

Bombs Dropped:

Primary:
3987 x 425 lb. M-46 IB
9008 x 70 lb. M-47 IB
74 x 550 lb. M-64 GP
50 x 56 lb. M-46
101 x 425 lb. T47A

Other Target:
38 x 425 lb. M-46 IB
1 x 56 lb. M-46

Tactics: Night incendiary attack from altitudes of 6,900 ft. to 10,000 ft. by visual and radar methods.

Weather: Clear to 3/10 low cloud, base 2000 tops 5000.

Fighter Opposition: 314 e/a sighted including Tonys, Zekes, Oscars and Hamps. 43 attacks of which 15 were aggressive. Rocket firing e/a were reported launching rockets from rear level in parts. 1 u/i e/a flew formation with a B-29 from 25 miles SW of Hachijo Jima to target area. Several e/a followed our a/c over 150 miles out from coast. Sightings include duplicate reports.

Flak: Medium and heavy - magre to intense and accurate to inaccurate. Much tracer fire. Rocket fire reported from Yokosuka Naval Base and Kawasaki. Approximately 100 s/l's in target area with evidence of radar sonic control master lights. Desynchronization appeared effective in some cases.

Claims: 3 destroyed; 1 probably destroyed; 0 damaged.

Observations: 4 barrage balloons reported seen at 3,000 to 4,000 ft. in Yokohama area. A large number of balls of fire or miniature planes (variously reported) observed with 3 attempted rammings - slight evasive action was sufficient to throw them off and their lack of maneuverability was apparent. One convoy of 40 ships observed on radar scope at 33/30N - 140/30E. Ships were scattered over 5 mile area.

Results: Unobserved to excellent. Fires concentrated just south of bend in Tama River. Last crews over reported fires merged into conflagration visible over 100 miles out.

Remarks: This report is subject to change and should not be used for official records.

As of 1130, 17 April 1945.

William J. Lavone
for LAURIS NORSTAD
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
Chief of Staff

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TELECON MSG FN-17-14 OP SECRET 170935Z

FROM : BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20 SECRET

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT : FINAL MISSION REPORT BRISKET ONE, STRIKE 68, 15 APRIL 1945.

1. DESIGNATION OF UNIT: XXI BOMBER COMMAND.

2. TIME OF TAKE OFF : 150621Z TO 150924Z.

3. TIME OF RETURN : 152007Z TO 152317Z.

4. NUMBER OF A/C TAKING OFF : 219.

5. NO. OF A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY : 194.

6. NO. OF A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: NONE.

7. NO. OF A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: NONE.

8. NO. OF A/C ATTACKING TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: 1 (TATEYAMA).

9. NO. OF A/C WHICH FAILED TO BOMB :17

10. NO. OF A/C LOST TO FLAK : SEE PARAGRAPH 13.

11. NO. OF A/C LOST TO E/A: SEE PARAGRAPH 13.

12. NO. OF A/C LOST BY ACCIDENT: NONE.

13. NO. OF A/C LOST BY REASONS UNKNOWN: 11 A/C MISSING TO REASONS UNKNOWN. NO DITCHINGS REPORTED. OBSERVATIONS FROM CREW INTERROGATIONS SHOW NUMBEROUS B-29 GOING DOWN IN FLAMES OVER TARGET DUE TO FLAK AND ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION PRIMARILY FLAK. OVER TWENTY SUCH OBSERVATIONS REPORTED IMPOSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY A/C AND UNDOUBTEDLY DUPLICATION EXISTS ON THESE OBSERVATIONS .(THIS ANSWERS YOUR TELECON MSG G-16-3)

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14. TIME OFATTACK: 151342Z - 151556Z OPPORTUNITY: 151428Z

15. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK : 6900 FT TO 10,000 FT. OPPORTUNITY: 8600 FT

16 BOMBS ON EACH TARGET : PRIMARY:

NUMBER		WEIGHT PER BOMB	TYPE
3987	X	425 LB	E-46 IB
8889	X	70 LB	M-47 IB
14	X	550 LB	M-64 GP
42	X	56 LB	M-46
100	X	425 LB	T4E4

INCLUDED IN TOTALS ARE 11 A/C MISSING, LESS 1 A/C STILL AT IWO.

TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY:

38	X	425 LB	E-46 IB
1	X	56 LB	M-46

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A. BOMB LOADINGS:

4551	X	425 LB	E-46
9645	X	70 LB	M-47 IB
86	X	550 LB	M-64 GP
55	X	56 LB	M-46
108	X	425 LB	T4E4

B. BOMBS UNACCOUNTED FOR:

119	X	70 LB	M-47 IB
1	X	425 LB	T4E4
1	X	56 LB	M-46

17. NUMBER OF A/C JETTISONING BOMBS : 56 A/C FOLLOWING BOMBS:

497	X	425 LB	E-46 IC
592	X	70 LB	M-47 IB
9	X	550 LB	M-64 GP
5	X	56 LB	M46
7	X	425 LB	T4E4

18. NUMBER OF A/C BRINGING BOMBS BACK 5 A/C FOLLOWING BOMBS:

9	X	425 LB	E-46 IC
5	X	70 LB	M-47 IB
1	X	56 LB	M-46

19. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: NONE KILLED, 2 SLIGHTLY WOUNDED, 1 SEROUSLY WOUNDED, 125 MISSING.

20. REMARKS:

A. FIGHTER OPPOSITION: 314 E/A SIGHTED INCLUDING TONYS, ZEKES, OSCARS, AND HAMPS. 43 ATTACKS OF WHICH 15 WERE AGGRESSSIVE (PRESSED TO 200 YARDS - 1 PRESSED TO 50 YARDS). ROCKED FIRING E/A WERE REPORTED LAUNCHING ROCKETS FROM REAR QUARTER LEVEL IN PARTS. 1 U/I E/A FLEW FORMATION WITH A B-29 FROM 25 MILES SW OF HACHIJO JIMA TO TARGET AREA. SEVERAL E/A FOLLOWED OUR A/C OVER 150 MILES OUT FROM COAST.

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RADAR SONIC CONTROL MASTER LIGHTS. DESYNCHRONIZATION APPEARED EFFECTIVE IN SOME CASES.

C. A/C LOST OR IN DISTRESS: 11 A/C LOST, 5 OF WHICH WERE OBSERVED GOING DOWN IN TARGET AREA (BELIEVED DUE TO FLAK). 1 A/C REPORTED GOING AFTER VICIOUS ROCKET ATTACK FROM E/A, 4 PARACHUTES OBSERVED.

D. A/C SERIOUSLY DAMAGED OR CRASHED ON RETURN: 1 A/C REPORTED AS GROUND LOOPING ON LANDING AT IWO JIMA.

E. A/C DAMAGED : 20 REQUIRE 1 DAY
4 " 2 DAYS
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9 X 425 LB E-46 IC

5 X 10 LB M-47 IB

1 X 56 LB M-46

19. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: NONE KILLED, 2 SLIGHTLY WOUNDED, 1 SEROUSLY WOUNDED, 125 MISSING.

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F. OBSERVATIONS: NONE OTHER THAN THOSE INCLUDED IN PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT.

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G. PHOTO INTERPRETATION: SEE OUR TELECON FN-16-16.

H. CREW COMMENTS: NONE.

I. WEATHER : SAME AS OUR MESSAGE FN-17-2.

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TELECON MESSAGE NO G-16-3 S CRET 162044Z

SUBJECT MISSING A/C ON MISSION 68

TO COMGENBOMCOM 21 FROM COMGENAF 20

REQUEST ANY FURTHER INFORMATION YOU CAN FURNISH THIS HEADQUARTERS REFERENCE THE 11 A/C REPORTED MISSING ON MISSION 68.

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIQUE NO.86

TO: COMGNBOMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOMAF 20 POA

INFO-- COMGENBOMCOM 20 ((ATTENTION: GLASS)

FROM: COMAF 20

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WILL BE RELEASED HERE AT 161600Z

"B-29 AIRCRAFT OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE ATTACKED TOKYO FOR THE SECOND TIME IN 48(974 7,$-6, APRIL 15 (APRIL 16, JAPANESE

RPT THAT LAST LINE

SECOND TIME IN 48 HOURS SUNDAY, 048)15 RPT SUNDAY , APRIL 15 EST// EWT (APRIL 16, JAPANESE

TIME)) SETTING LARGE FRES IN INDUSTRIAL AREAS IN THE SOUTHWESTERN

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RPT PART OF THE CITY. THE TOKYO SUBURB OF KAWASAKI WAS THEOTHER

RPT THE OTHER TARGET IN A TWO

A WAY MISSION FLOWN BY A VERY LARGE FORCE OF B-29'S FROM MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY'SXXI BOMBER COMMAND IN THE MARIANAS ISLANDS.

" CREWS RETURNING TO THEIR BASES REPORTED THAT FIRES, SET OFF BY INCENDIARY BOMBS, MERGED INTO A CONFLAGRATIION THAT WASHVISIBLE 100 MILES AT SEA. ONE SUPERFORTRESS CREW WAS 137(137) MILES ENROUTE HOME WHEN IT OBSERVED AN EXPLOSION THAT "ILLUMINATE

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OVER TOJYO."

"MODERATE FIGHTER OPOSITION WAS ENCOUNTERED AND THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE OVER THE TARGET AREAS. ELEVEN OF OUR AIRCRAFT ARE MISSING, BUT SOME OF THESE MAY BE REPORTED LATER. CREWS REPORTED FOUR JAPANESE FIGHTER PLANES DESTROYED AND ONE POSSIBLY

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RPT DESTROYED.

WHEN THE SUPERFORTRESSES APPROACHED TOKYO EARLY YESTRDAY MORNING, THE CAPTIAL WAS STILL BURNING FROM SATURDAY' ATTACK (15 , JAPANESE

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THE CAPITAL WAS STILL BURNING RXXRPT RXXRPT FROM SATURDAY'S ATTACK (15 APRIL, JAPANESE TIME).

POST STRIKE RECONNAISSANCE PHOTOS TAKEN AFTER SATURDAY'S ATTACK (15, APRIL/// PLS BUST LINE

MISSION ESTABLISHED THAT 10.7 SQUARE MILES HAD BEEN BURNED OUT. THIS FIGURE PROBABLY WILL BE RAISED AS SMOKE FROM SMOULDERING FIRES STILL OBSCURED PORTIONS OF THE STRIKE AREA.

" A MINIMUM OF 27.5 SQUARE MILE OF TOKYO IS KNOWN TO BE BURNED OUT AS A RESULT OF TWO INCENDIARY MISSIONS, THE FIRST ON MARCH 10TH. AMONG INDUSTRIES DAMAGED OR DESTROYED IN LAST SATURDAY'S ATTACK WERE MANY ELEMENTS OF THE GREAT TOKYO ARSENAL COMPLEX, INCLUDIN

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PLANT, A PWDER // POWDER WORKS, A POWDER STORAGE PLANT,

ORDNANCE DEPOTS AND A POWER STATION."

((ATTENTION: REES INFO WIPPOLD))

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FROM COMAF 20

TO COMGENBOMCOM 21
ATT: COMGEN BOMCOM 20 AND DEPCOMAF 20 POA

SUBJECT PRESS FLASH

THE FOLLOWING PRESS FLASH WILL BE RELEASED HERE AT 151900Z

" A VERY LARGE FORCE OF SUPERFORTRESSES RETURNED TO THE JAPANESE HOME-LAND ISLAND OF HONSHU TODAY, APRIL 15, EWT (APRIL 16 JAPANESE TIME) TO CONTINUE THE 21ST BOMBER COMMAND'S STRATEGIC DESTRUCTION OF JAPANESE INDUSTRY. IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL CENTERS IN THE TOKYO AND KAWASAKI AREAS WERE THE OBJECTS OF TODAY'S MISSION IN WHICH INCENDIARY BOMBS WERE DROPPED. THE B-29'S FLEW FROM BASES OF MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY'S COMMAND IN THE MARIANAS ISLANDS. FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ATTACK WAS MADE AT HEADQUARTERS OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE IN WASHINGTON WHERE IT WAS SAID THAT FURTHER DETAILS WOULD BE DISCLOSED WHEN COMPLETE OPERATIONAL REPORTS HAD BEEN RECEIVED."

FOR REES INFO WIPPOLD FROM DOULENS.

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TOD: [redacted] 151703Z

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" " 150	"	FN-1734		17 Apr.	BGR
" Report - 148	"	FN-19-5		19 Apr	BGR
Flash Strike	"	" -16-16		16 Apr	BGR

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FW-16-16	FLASH STRIKE ATTACK REPORT NO. 18, TARGETS KAWASAKI & SOUTH TOKYO. XXI BOMCOM MISSION 68, 69.	16 April 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 POA COMGENBOMWG 73 COMGENBOMWG 313 COMGENBOMWG 314	COMGENBOMCOM 21

Target Area: Tokyo 15 April 1945

Reports from wings state several large fires visible on strike photography but lack of detail prevents location. Numerous small fires are visible as follows on XXI Bomber Command Lithomosaic, Kawasaki urban area:

(Read horizontal then vertical):

(6.6-8.1); (2.8-7.7); (2.8-7.0); (3.9-7.4); (6.5-9.7); (1.0-4.4); (7.5-7.5); (8.0-7.7); (5.0-6.1); (3.1-4.0); (3.1-1.0); (3.8-0.8); (4.1-1.0); (6.0-1.8); (9.8-3.0); (3.2-11.4); (7.5-6.5);

Numerous small fires within following areas: (same reference)

1. (4.4-6.4) (4.5-6.1) (4.3-5.9);
2. (2.6-5.6) (3.0-5.5) (3.3-5.1) (2.5-5.4)
3. (2.8-8.3) (4.7-8.4) (3.4-3.2) (2.1-4.3)
4. (5.7-2.9) (6.2-4.4) (8.0-3.2)

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Reference - XXI BomCom lithomosaic, Yokohama urban area: (8.9-5.0)

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FN-19-5	FLASH REPORT - SUPPLEMENT 3PR5M 148, 17 APRIL 1945.	19 Apr 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 POA BOMB WING 73 BOMB WING 313 BOMB WING 314	COMGENBOMCOM 21

Flash Report No. 148 - Supplement, damage to industries in Tokyo, Kawasaki, Yokohama, 3PR5M 148, Target Area: Tokyo, Mito, 17 April 1945.

Mean time of photography: 161646Z Quality: hazy.
24 inch coverage shows the following industries damaged as a result of XXI B. C. Missions 67, 68, and 69.
Target 202 - Army central clothing depot (70 PC coverage on 24 inch prints).
Target 203 - Ordnance Supply Depot (Inadequate coverage).
Target 204 - Japan Artificial Fertilizer Co.
Target 205 - Army Arsenal and Military Gunpowder Works (Itabashi Powder Plant).
Target 206 - Oji Army Arsenal.
Target 207 - Military Gunpowder Works.
Target 208 - Army Branch Powder Factory.
Target 209 - Military Works (Takinogawa Army Arsenal)
Target 228 - Government Power Station.
Target 352 - Army Arsenal and Engineering School.
Target 1335 - Reported location of Naval Gunpowder Works.
Target 1364 - Physico-Chemical Industries Ltd.
Target XXI 3004 - Unidentified industry.
Target XXI 3062 - Unidentified industry.
Target XXI 3006 - Target XXI 3007 - Unidentified industries adjacent to Sugamo Prison.
Target 214 - Armory.
Target 224 - Tabata Nippori RR Yards.
Target XXI 3109 - Unidentified arsenal.
Target 1419 - Navy Department Towers.
Target 363 - Radio Station JOAK.
Target 365 - Shiodome Freight Yards.
Target 1448 - Tsukiji Market and Wholesale Warehouse.
Target 885 - Takeisha Pier.
Target XXI 3113 - Navy Technical Research Laboratory.
Target 327 - Mitsubishi Aircraft Co., Shibaura Plant.
Target 881 - Hinode-Cho Pier.

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FN-19-5	FLASH REPORT - SUPPLEMENT 3PR5M 148, 17 April 1945	19 Apr 45

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Target 889 - Factory No. 3 of Nippon Electric Co.
Target 887 - Shibaura Wharf.
Target 31 - Tokyo Gas and Electric Engineering.
Target 919 - Tokyo Measuring Instrument Works.
Target 918 - Niigata Iron Works.
Target 541 - Oriental Otis Elevator.
Target 1332 - Rolling Stock Co.
Target 573 - Miyata Engineering Works.
Target 1362 - Kitashin Electric Engineering Co.
Target 1357 - Tokyo Special Machine Mfg. Co.
Target XXI 3075 - Unidentified industry.
Target XXI 3068 - Unidentified industry.
Target XXI 3070 - Unidentified industry.
Target XXI 3069 - Unidentified industry.
Target 4011 - Electrical Instrument Plant.
Target 58 - Tokyo Special Steel and Chrome Works.
Target 487 - Meiji Sugar Factory.
Target 496 - Factory No. 1 of Tokyo-Shibaura Electric Co.
Target 106 - Railroad Transformer Station.
Target 105 - Kaaasaki Substation No. 1.
Target 488 - Factory No. 2 of Tokyo-Shibaura Electric Co.
Target 489 - Nippon Electric Wire and Cable Co.
Target 494 - Tokyo Electric Wire and Mfg. Co.
Target 485 - Fuji Spinning Mills.
Target 484 - Showa Wire Cable Co.
Target 141 - Yokohama Rubber Co.
Target 1399 - Hodogaya Soda.
Nisshin Spinning Co. (No target number)

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	INFORMATION	C/S DC/S TM&E; A-2 (14); A-3 OC&R (6); A-5 Plans (2) Op Anal (1); Stat Control (2); AA (1)

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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
FN-17-34	FLASH REPORT NO. 150 MISSION NO. 3PR5M 150 TARGET AREA: TOKYO, OSAKA 17 April 1945	17 Apr 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 FCA BOMWING 313 BOMWING 314 BOMWING 73	BOMCOM 21

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Mean time of photography: 172036K Quality: Hazy

Yokosuka Naval Base (35/17/30 N - 139/39/30E)
3 probable training ships (OCA) numerous DD, SS and small naval auxiliaries are present.
Uraga Harbor (35/15 N - 139/43 E)
1 probably CVS, 2 DD unidentified, 1 possible mine layer. Numerous small naval auxiliaries are present. 3 MV's over 200' in length.
Minato Airfield (34/19 N - 134/45 E) Target 2672 90 PC coverage A/C visible: 15 S/E.
Tateyama A/F (34/59 N - 139/50 E) Target 371. A/C visible: 19 (Minimum) 14 S/E, 5 T/E 4 T/E fuselages.
Tateyama Seaplane Station: (34/59N - 139/51E) Target 2799. A/C visible: 1 unidentified A/C.
Damage to South Tokyo, Kawasaki and Yokohama:
Post Strike Photos show extensive damage from XXI BC Missions 68, 69 flown 15-16 April 1945. Visible damage totals about 225,600,000 sq. ft. (8.1 sq miles or 5,200 acres) of urban, commercial and industrial areas destroyed.

Scale and quality of photography prevents assessment of damage to industrial targets. Eighteen numbered targets are in or adjacent to burned areas and may be damaged. Of the total damage about 144,680,000 sq. ft. (5.2 sq. miles or 3,300 acres) are in South Tokyo, this increases the visible damage to Tokyo City to 909,826,000 sq. ft. (32.7 sq. miles or 20,950 acres). (Note: Figure in Flash Report 144 should be 765,146,000 sq. ft. and not 792,846,000 sq. ft. Other figures are correct) Assessment is limited by scale and quality of photography. Only 6" oblique coverage of Kawasaki and Yokohama. The following targets are in or adjacent to burned areas:

Target 1367: Tama River bridges
Target 919: Tokyo measuring instrument works
Target 918: Niigata Iron Works
Target 1332: Rolling Stock Co. (Tokyo)
Target 541: Oriental Otis Elevator Co.

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FN-17-34	FLASH REPORT NO. 150 MI SIO NO. SPRSM 150 TARGET AREA: TOKYO, OSAKA 17 APRIL 1945 (Cont'd)	17 Apr 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:

Target 331: Tokyo Gas and Electric Engineering
Target 336: Japan Special Steel Co.
Target 1398: Tokyo Gas Co. Omori Branch
Target 332: Nakajima Seaplane Works
Target 4011: Unidentified Electrical Inst. Plant
Target 496: Tokyo Shibaura Electric Co. Factory No. 1
Target 106: Railroad transformer station
Target 488: Tokyo-Shibaura Electric Co, Factory No. 2
Target 105: Kawasaki Sub-Station No. 1
Target 489: Nippon Electric Wire and Cable Co.
Target 494: Tokyo Electric Wire and Mfg Co. Kawasaki
Target 485: Fuji Spinning Mills (Kawasaki)
Target 484: Showa Wire Cable Co. (Kawasaki)

Areas of damage are located as follows on AAF Target Chart 90.17 - 112, February 1945 (Read horizontal then vertical):
Area of 270,000 sq ft destroyed at (07.4-01.4).
Area of 3,430,000 sq ft destroyed at (07.3-03.6) (07.2-03.1) (07.6-02.8) (07.6-02.5) (08.5-02.7) (08.1-12.7) (08.0-03.0) (07.6-02.8)
Area of 60,000,000sq ft destroyed at (08.3-01.6) (08.8-01.4) (10.4-02.5) (10.5-03.3) (12.1-03.7) (12.0-04.8) (10.7-05.0) (10.9-06.0) (09.4-04.6) (10.5-03.2) (09.5-02.3) (08.7-03.7)
Area of 4,500,000 sq ft destroyed at (08.4-05.5) (09.0-05.4) (09.7-05.9) (09.6-06.4) (08.8-06.3)
Area of 4,500,000 sq ft destroyed at (11.4-06.0) (11.4-05.0) (12.3-06.0)
Area of 5,200,000 sq ft destroyed at (12.5-05.7) (13.4-05.9) (12.8-06.5) (12.4-06.4)
Area of 630,000 sq ft destroyed at (07.8-08.6)
Area of 1,400,000 sq ft destroyed at (06.5-09.4) (06.5-10.1)
Area of 540,000 sq ft destroyed at (06.7-10.5) (06.7-10.9)
Area of 270,000 sq ft destroyed at (07.8-10.3)
Area of 136,000,000 sq ft destroyed at (10.4-06.6) (14.6-07.7) (13.5-11.5) (12.3-11.7) (10.0-09.4) (09.6-10.4) (08.4-09.3) (10.3-08.0)
Area of 810,000 sq ft destroyed at (15.1-07.4) (15.3-07.6) (13.5-11.5)
Area of 1,800,000 sq ft destroyed at (11.1-11.3) (11.4-11.8) (11.2-11.9) (10.9-11.6)
Area of 1,400,000 sq ft destroyed at (12.7-13.1) (13.2-12.9) (13.4-13.5) (12.9-13.5)

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FN-17-24	FLASH REPORT NO. 150 MISSION NO. 3PR5M 150 TARGET AREA: TOKYO, OSAKA 17 APR 45 (CONTINUED)	17 Apr 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:

Two areas totalling 180,000 sq ft destroyed at (07.4-12.7) and (07.5-13.0)
Area of 360,000 sq ft destroyed at (06.1-12.0)
Five areas totalling 4,310,000 sq ft are located between north of limits of this target chart and the Imperial Palace.

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FN-17-32	FLASH REPORT NO. 148, MISSION NO.: 3 PR5M 148, TARGET AREA: TOKYO MITO. 17 APRIL 1945	17 Apr 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
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Mean Time of Photography: 171246K Quality: Hazy

Yokohama Harbor (35/27/30N - 139/39/00E)

1 CVE 520' - 530' in length

17 MV over 200' in length numerous small craft are visible.

Kisarazu Airfield (35/23 N - 139/55E Target 373

Aircraft visible: 125 82 S/E 42 T/E

Kisarazu Seaplane Station (35/23 N - 139/55 E) Target 2767

Aircraft visible: 2 S/E floatplanes

Damage to south Tokyo, Kawasaki and Yokohama:

Industrial damage visible on 24" coverage of Tokyo from the Naka River south thru Kawasaki will be reported in a supplement to this flash report.

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FN-29-X	Mech. Failures of Airborne A/C to Bomb Primary Target	29 April 1945

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20		BOMCOM 21

Mission No. 68 flown on 15 April 1945
313th Bombardment Wing
6th Group
42-63551 A. No. 2 prop governor went out on takeoff. Stuck at high RPM.
B. Governor head replaced.
C. Not available.

9th Bomb Group
42-65284 A. No. 2 cylinder No. 2 engine swallowed exhaust valve.
B. Cylinder changed.
C. 45-508

44-69883 A. No. 1 engine backfired. Magnetopoints were not breaking primary circuit. No. 1 cylinder had no compression. Large piece broken out of exhaust valve head. Electrode on reconditioned spark plug (rear) burned off.
B. Information not available.
C. Magento 45-5-2, valve 45-503, electrode 45-5102.

504th Bomb Group
42-63504 A. No. 4 prop governor would not hold RPM. No. 4 engine backfired inner valve spring No. 6 cylinder was broken lower push rod hose connection was loose. Clamps were loose on hose. Triunion in prop governor was worn excessively.

B. All discrepancies corrected. Then engine turned over by hand. When starter used engine froze. Engine being changed.
C. 45-594.

42-24779 A. No. 2 engine backfired. No. 9, 13, 15 cylinders no compression
B. Engine being changed.
C. 45-507

505th Bomb Group
42-65253 A. No. 1 engine backfired, No. 7 and 2 cylinders no compression, No.3 low compression.

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B. Engine changed
C. 45-501

42-65257 A. Exhaust valve No. 1 cylinder No. 4 engine was far above allowable limits. Clearance estimated at 200/1000 inch.
B. Not available
C. 45-499

44-69835 A. Prop governor No. 4 engine stuck at 2700 RPM. Loose screw in electric head vibrated loose caused racing and jammed gears making it impossible to change pitch.
B. New head installed.
C. 45-498

42-24814 A. No. 4 oil cooler shutter motor found burned out No. 3 nose oil pressure fluctuated.
B. Motor replaced. Oil pressure line bled.
C. 45-497

314th Bombardment Wing
39th Bomb Group

44-69716 A. No. 4 engine backfiring, spark plugs defective. Two plugs with porcelain chipped.
B. Plugs replaced.
C. 45-10

44-69779 A. No. 4 engine backfired and lost power manifold pressure 38" HG and RPM 2300. Auto rich. No discreptancy on ground.
B. Investigation
C. Will be submitted if investigation show necessary

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Mission No. 74 17 April 1945
314th Bombardment Wing
19th Bomb Group

44-69856 A. No. 2 prop governor was stuck at 2400 RPM and No. 3 engine had an oil leak.
B. Prop No. 2 governor replaced and oil leak in No. 3 engine corrected.
C. Not available as yet

42-93984 A. No. 1 engine blew an exhaust stack and No. 18 cylinder head
B. Engine change
C. 45-180

44-69043 A. Crew reported No. 4 engine blew a cylinder. A/C not returned to home base as yet.
B. Undergoing repair at other base.
C. Not available as yet.

Mission No. 75 17 April
330th Bomb Group 314th Bombardment Wing
44-69800 A. Nol engine No. 14 cylinder blown loose from band.
B. Changed cylinder
C. Not available.

39th Bomb Group
44-69779 A. Cylinder head blown No. 1 engine. A/C not at home base
B. Action at other base.
C. Unknown

330th Bomb Group
42-65370 A. No. 4 engine backfiring No. 2 engine throwing oil. A/C not at home base.
B. None until aircraft returns
C. None

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29th Bomb Group
42-94009 A. Complete loss of power during initial climb on No. 1 engine. Internal failure.
B. Engine replaced
C. 45-178

Mission No. 78 18 April 1945 - Negative

Mission No. 81 18 April 1945 - Negative

Mission No. 82 21 April 1945
73rd Bombardment Wing
499th Bomb Group
42-94006 A. No. 16 cylinder of No. 3 engine blew head off.
B. Changed cylinder
C. 45-559

42-63513 A. No. 4 cylinder of No. 2 engine swallowed valve exhaust.
B. Engine changed
C. 45-558

Mission No. 84 21 April 1945
314th Bombardment Wing
29th Bomb Group
42-93920 A. Internal failure of No. 3 engine during flight.
B. Engine replaced
C. 45-192

39th Bomb Group
42-93975 A. No. 2 engine failure. Backfiring violently.
B. No. 2 cylindor changed. Carburator changed.
C. Not available

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Mission No. 85 21 April 1945
73rd Bombardment Wing
497th Bomb Group
42-65348 A. No. 6 cylinder of No. 1 engine split from plug to plug. Piston head battered and a hole in it. Both sumps full of metal.
B. Engine changed
C. 45-441

Mission No. 87 21 April 1945
314th Bombardment Wing
330th Bomb Group
42-93971 A. Broken vanes in fuel transfer pump
B. None
C. Will be submitted later

44-69817 A. No. 18 cylinder head No. 3 engine blown
B. Pilots further indoctrinated in RPM manifold pressure relationship.
C. No information

29th Bomb Group
42-65302 A. No. 3 engine losing power. Minor malfunction No. 4 engine.
B. No information aircraft nd at home base
C. No information

Mission No. 88 21 April 1945
73rd Bombardment Wing
498th Bomb Group
42-65345 A. No. 3 engine backfiring. Faulty spark plugs. Power reductions stopped backfiring.
B. Spark plugs changed No. 3 engine
C. None

42-24611 A. Loran inverter operated spasmodically, Loran spinner 7 degrees out of phase.

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B. Loran spinner put in phase.
C. None

44-69848 A. Both fuel transfer pumps failed internally, vane chips found in lines.
B. Changed both pumps
C. 45-442

42-63554 A. Ball and socket joint on No. 2 engine No. 16 cylinder burned through.
B. Changed stack.
C. None

Mission No. 90 21 April 1945 - Negative.

Mission No. 91 22 April 1945
73rd Bombardment Wing
500th Bomb Wing
42-65249 A. Metal particles found in both front and rear sump. Oil leaks and smoke coming from No. 1 engines.
B. Defective engine being changed.
C. 45-561

499th Bomb Group
42-24683 A. No. 4 engine No. 16 cylinder stack blown. Collar inside to I collector ring.
B. Replaced collar.
C. 45-585

Mission No. 93 22 April 1945 - Negative

Mission No. 94 22 April 1945 - Negative

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