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Brief of Mining Mission	Telecon	FN-14-5	140526Z		MR

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TELECON MSG FN-14-5 OP TOP SECRET 140526Z

FROM : LEMAY COMGENBOMCOM XXI
TO : COMAF 20
INFO : DEPCOMAF 20 POA
SUBJECT: BRIEF OF MINING MISSION STARVATION 11

22 A/C OF THE 313 BOMB WING ARE SCHEDULED TO LAY 138 MINES IN JAPANESE HOME WATERS ON THE NIGHT OF 15-16 MAY. A/C WILL MINE AS FOLLOWS:

A. 6A/C 42 MINES IN FIELD Z MIYAZU AND MAIZURU

ROUTE: BASE TO IWO, 3414N 13628E, 3527N 13628E, 3533N 1354605E(IP),
TARGET, 3447N 1342730E, IWO TO BASE.

B. 16 A/C 96 MINES IN FIELD M SHIONOSEKI

ROUTE: BASE TO IWO, 3230N 13230E, 3402N 13130E, 340145N 1312345E (IP
TARGET, 3417N 13052345E, 3230N 13230E, IWO TO BASE.

TIME OF TAKEOFF 151800K.

ESTIMATED TIME OVER TARGET 160130K.

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

ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL AT BASE 160830K.

METHOD OF ATTACK: RADAR LAYING BY SINGLE PLANES AT NIGHT

ALTITUDE OF ATTACK : 6500-7000 FEET.

AIR SEA RESCUE FACILITIES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED.

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-16-7 OP SEVRET 160950Z

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FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO: COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR MISSION NO. 175 TARGET JAPANESE HOME WATERS FLOWN 16 MAY 1945.

1. UNITS: 313

2. A/C SCHEDULED: 30

3. A/C AIRBORNE: 30

4. 1ST A/C OFF: 160800Z

5. LAST A/C OFF: 160840Z

6. REMARKS: NONE

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TELECOM MSG FN-16-05 OP SECRET 160850Z

FROM: COM GEN LEMAY XXI BOM COM

O : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: FIRST TAKE OFF REPORT FOR STARVATION NO. 11

1. FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT 160800Z

BASES AT TAKE OFF: SCATTERED LOW, MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUD WITH SCATTERED LIGHT SHOWERS.

ROUTE OUTGOING: TO 26 DEG NORTH THERE WILL BE SCATTERED TO BROKEN LOW CLOUDS; SCATTERED MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUDS, AND SCATTERED LIGHT SHOWERS. BETWEEN 26 DEG NORTH AMD 28 BEG NORTH THERE WILL BE A FRONTAL ZONE WITH OVERCAST LOW, MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUDS, MODERATE TURBULENCE AND RAIN. FROM 26 DEG NORTH TO THE TARGET AREA THERE WILL BE BROKEN LOW AND MIDDLE CLOUDS AND SCATERED HIGH CLOUDS.

TARGET: AT 34 DEG NORTH, 131 DEG EAST THERE WILL BE 4/10 LOW CLOUD.

BASES ON RETURN: SCATTERED LOW, MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUD WITH SCATTERED LIGHT SHOWERS IN VICINITY OF GUAM.

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-17-3 OPERATIONAL PRIORITY-SECRET 170327Z

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FROM: BOMXOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

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SUBJECT: LANDING REPORT, MISSION NO 175 TARGET JAP HOME WATERS

FLOWN 16 MAY 45.

1. UNIT: 313TH BOM WG.

2. A/C RETURNED: 30

3. A/C AWAY: 0

4. KNOWN LOSSES: 0

5. A/C MISSING: 0

6. TIME DOWN FIRST: 152125Z

7. TIME DOWN LAST: 170016Z.

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FE-17-12	MISSION REPORT FOR MISSION NO. 175, TARGET MIKE AND ZEBRA MINEFIELDS, FLOWN 16 May 1945.	May 17, 1945

TO: From:	INFO:	FROM: To:
COMGENBOMCOM 21	DEPCOMAF 20 (FOA)	COMAF 20 ACAS INTELLIGENCE

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1. Designation of Unit: 313th Wing, XXI Bomber Command.
2. Time of take off: 160800Z - 160840Z.
3. Time of Return: 162126Z - 170016Z.
4. No. A/C Mining: 28
5. No. A/C over primary minefield: M/F Mike - 20 A/C Laid 117 MK 25. M/F Zebra - 5 A/C Laid 35 MK 25.
6. No. A/C over alternate minefield: 1 A/C Laid 6 Mk 25 at 32/51 N - 132/30 E. 1 A/C laid 6 MK 25 at 33/32 N - 132/15 E. 1 A/C laid 7 MK 25 at 34/35 M - 134/30 E.
7. No. and location of mines Jettisoned by A/C: 5 A/C Jettisoned 15 MK 25 as follows: At 26/11 N - 139/54 E 1 X51-B8. At 34/01 N 131/23 E 1 X71-B8. At 34/02 N - 130/58 E 1 D11-B8 exploded on land. At 25/48 N - 140/07 E 2 X11-B8, 1 X31-B8, 1 D11-B8, 1 X51-B8, 1 D12-B8. At 18/22 N - 144/20 E 2 Q21-A8, 2 X31-B8, 2 X11-B8.
8. No. A/C returning mines to base: NONE
9. No. mines unaccounted for and reason: NONE
10. No. A/C lost: NONE
11. Time of attack: Mike: 161548Z - 161726Z. Zebra: 161554Z - 161614Z.
12. Altitude over Target: Mike: 6200 - 6850 Ft. Zebra: 7,000 - 7,300 Ft.
13. True air speed at mine release: Mike: 210 - 255 Knots. Zebra: 220 - 230 Knots.
14. Length of mine run: Mike: 5 min 30 sec - 12 min 10 sec. Zebra: 5 Min - 10 Min.
15. Wind reported over target: Mike: 270 Deg at 30 knots. Zebra: 290 Deg at 38 Knots.
16. Clouds and visibility: Mike: 4/10 area, clear at target, with 10 - 12 miles. Zebra: 8-10/10, with 8-10 miles.
17. Personnel casualties: NONE.
18. Enemy air opposition: Mike: 1 attack during run: Zebra: NONE.
19. AA: Mike: Heavy, meager, inaccurate reported by 8 of 20 A/C. All 8 A/C bracketed by searchlights before receiving fire. Zebra: NIL.
20. Enemy RCM noted and effect: NONE.
21. Observations: Crew members of several different A/C reported blue or green flares being shot up at UBE, USUKI, MOJI, FUTAOI. Large fire at 34/01N - 130/56E. 3 Balls of fire in the Yawata area. At a point Southeast of UBE a string of 15-20 lights reported. All by radar 10 ships at 33/45N - 132/10E; 3 ships at 33/43N - 132/04E; 5 ships at 33/45N - 131/40E; 1 ship at 32/53N - 132/43E; 1 large ship at 33/57N - 131/02E; 2 ships at 33/40N - 134/40E.

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TO:	INFO:	FROM:
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Visual, 5 ships at 32/53N - 132/40E; 1 large ship 34/43N - 134/20E.

22. No. mines airborne: 186 MK 25.

23. No. and types of mines laid in Minefields:

TYPE	MIKE	ZEBRA
Q21-A8	5	NONE
X51-B8	35	NONE
D11-B8	7	19
D12-B8	6	8
X11-B8	17	NONE
X51-B8	20	NONE
D13-B8	3	8
Q31-A8	9	NONE
Q41-A8	7	NONE
X71-B8	8	NONE

24. Remarks: Mike Field has remined, and Zebra Field was mined for the first time. In Field Mike, the mines were laid across the regular shipping Channel leading to the Western entrance of the Shimonoseki Straits, because the Japanese are attempting to run the mine blockade and are suffering costly losses. It was necessary and profitable to replenish the mines in this vital Japanese shipping channel. The portion of Field Zebra mined was selected in an attempt to blockade the North Coast Ports of Maizuru and Miyazu. The port of Maizuru is becoming more important, because the Japanese are being forced to divert some of the Shimonoseki Straits shipping to the North Honshu Port. While some of the aircraft scheduled did not get over the primary targets, the general effectiveness of these minefields will not be greatly impaired. The addition of a new mined area, Maizuru Harbor, will further spread and weaken the enemy sweeping efforts. Please pass this information to CNO Washington.

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