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MISSION #46 KYUSHU "FEARLESS 1"
27 March 1945

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Brief of Field Order No. 49	Telecon	TN-26-4		260911Z	ER

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TELECON CONFERENCE 032609 17Z TOP SECRET
PRESENT HERE: LT WHXX WICHAM

SUBJECT: TRAFFICE FOR 20 AF

TELECON MSG FN-26-4 OP TOP SECRET 260747Z

FROM BOMCOM XXI

TO COMAF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20

SUBJECT: BRIEF OF FIELD ORDER NO. 49.

GR-130

APPROXIMATELY 200 B-29 SCHEDULED TO ATTACK TARGETS IN KYUSHU, IN COORDINATION WILL PLAN ICEBERG. TARGETS ARE AIRFIELD INSTALLATIONS IN TACHIARAI, OITA AND KANOYA. FORCES DIVIDED EQUALLY. RADAR TARGET: FEARLESS (NO. 1627). ROUTE: BASES IN GUAM AND SAIPAN TO ASSEMBLY AREA AT IWO JIMA, KITA-IO JIMA AND MINAMI IO JIMA TO PRIMARY TARGETS, RETURNING VIA IWO JIMA TO BASE. TAKE OFF TIME: 261715Z. OVER TARGET 270140Z. RETURN BASE 270800Z. METHOD OF ATTACK BY SQUADRONS IN COLUMN WITH MINUMUM INTERVAL BETWEEN SQUADRONS. BOMB LOAD: ALL A/C 500 LB GP'S FUSED INSTANTANEOUS NOSE AND 1/40 TAIL. AIR SEA RESCUE FACILITIES REQUESTED.

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WX Expected at Take-Off	Telecon	FN-2613		261820Z	M
Take-Off Report	Telecon	FN-2614		262055Z	M
Take-off Info to XXBC	Telecon	K-26-12	270712Z		M

TAKE OFF REPORTS

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WASHINGTON PARTIES

KHARAGPUR - HONOLULU - GUAM PARTIES

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TELCON K-26-12 TOP SECRET 262314Z

SUBJECT XXI BOMBER COMMAND OPERATION NUMBER 46

TO COMGENBOMCON 20 FROM COMAF 20

APPROXIMATELY 161 B-29'S WERE AIRBORNE FROM 261652Z TO 2616/// 261825Z TO BOMB AIRFIELD INSTALLATIONS AT KYUSHU, KANOYA, OITA, AND TACHIARAI, FORCES EQUALLY DIVIDED, RADAR TARGET IS OMURA (NUMBER 1627). OPERATION IS FEARLESS 1.

END.

TOD 032702 12Z

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ORIGINATOR OF MESSAGE _____

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans
	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm Op Anal		Stat Con		
INFORMATION	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans
	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm. Op Anal		Stat Con		

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TELECON MSG FN-26-14 OPERATIONAL PRIORITY-SECRET

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FROM BOMCOM 261857Z

TO: COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

GR 27 BT

SECRET

SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR FEARLESS ONE, STRIKE 46, 27 MARCH 1945.

XXI BOMBER COMMAND:

1. WING: 73 314

SECRET

2. A/C SCHEDULED: 120 48 168

3. A/C AIRBORNE : 117 44 161

4. FIRST A/C: 261714Z 261652Z

SECRET

5. LAST A/C/ 261825Z 261736Z

6. MASTER OF CEREMONIES A/C AND 2 SUPER DUMBOS ALSO AIRBORNE NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE FIGURES.

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INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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THIS MESSAGE DISPATCHED FROM XXI BOM COM CONTROLL ROOM 261857Z

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KHARAGPUR - HONOLULU - GUAM PARTIES

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-26-13 OPERATIONAL PRIORITY-SECRET 261657Z

FROM: XXI BOM COM

TO : COM AF 20

INFO: DEP COM 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: FIRST TAKEOFF REPORT FOR FEARLESS ONE.

WEATHER EXPECTED.
BASES AT TAKEOFF: BROKEM LOW CLOUD WITH SCATTERED MODERATE SHOWERS AT GUAM, LIGHT SHOWERS AT SAIPAN.

ROUTE: WEAK FRONT AT 18 DEGREES NORTH GIVING 8/10 LOW CLOUD AND SCATTERED SHOWERS FOR A 120 MILES. REMAINDER OF ROUTE 5 TO 7/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 2000 TOPS 6-7000 FEET.

TARGETS: KANOYA, 4/10 LOW, 4/10 MIDDLE AT 12-13000 FEET; OITA 3/10 LOW, 5/10 MIDDLE; KURUME 3/10 LOW 6/10 MIDDLE; OMURA 2/10 LOW,7/10 MIDDLE.

BASES ON RETURN: BROKEN LOW CLOUD LIGHT TO MODERATE SCATTERED SHOWERS. BASES INSTRUMENT 10 TO 25 PERCENT OF LANDING PERIOD.

THIS MSG LEFT CONTROL ROOM AT 261657Z

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TOD: 261820Z CB

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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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Fwrt Bombs Away	Telecon	FN-27-1-	2703042 N.
Consolidated B a	"	FN-27-3	2705152 N
Additional B a	"	FN-27-4	2705182 N
Info on B a unaccounted for	"	FN-27-9	2710302 N.

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Si

FN-27-9 IS AN ADMINSTRATIVE MSG IS NOT MEANT FOR YOU...

BOMBS AWAY ON FEARLESS ONE IS EXPECTED 2400Z XXXXXXXXX SORRY I MEAN 1400Z NOT 2400Z GOT THAT... K

THATS REFERRING TO FEARLESS ONE RPT FEARLESS ONE 1400Z YOU MAY EXPECT BOMBS AWAY. K

K

MIN WILL CK FURTHER ON TAT AND GET THE CC DOPE...

OK CCN HERE THE CORRECT DOPE THE BOMBS AWAY REPORT ON STARVATION ONE IS EXPECTED 1400Z .. DOES THAT CLARIFY??? WERE SORRY ABOUT AND DISREGARD OTHER INFO.

MIN MIN

WERE STILL CKING..

IN REGARDS T O FEARLESS AND ACCOUNTED FOR PLANES INFORMATION STILL NOT CONSOLIDATED OR COMPLETE ON THESE PLANES. WILL FORWARD THE COMPLETE DATA AS SON XXXXX SOON AS INTERROGATION IS XXXX FINISHED.

IN REGARDS TO STARVATION ONE THERE WILL BE NO RPT NO BOMBS AWAY ON THIS MISSION DUE TO SPECIFIC AXXXXNATURE OF THE MISSION.

ANY OTHER INFORMATION ON OTHER MISSION WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN RECEIVED ...

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WASHINGTON PARTIES — KHARAGPUR - HONOLULU - GUAM PARTIES

TELECON MESSAGE FN-27-4 (SECRET) 270445Z (OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY)

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20

INFO: DEPCOMAF20(POA)

(GR31)

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL BOMBS AWAY FOR FEARLESS ONE, MISSION 46, 27 MAR 45

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

2. 40 A/C BOMBED OMURA A/C PLANT VISUALLY WITH GOOD RESULTS.

END

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TOD: 032705182 FER

ROGER FN-24/// FN-27-4 032705182 WCR

NOTHING FURTHER HERE K

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DISTRIBUTION

ACTION	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans
	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm	Op Anal	Stat Con		
INFORMATION	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S Adm	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5 Plans
	A.G.	Surg	Air Insp	PRO	Comm.	Op Anal	Stat Con		

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-27-3 (SECRET) 270400Z (OPERAT)

SECRET

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20

INFO: DEPCOMAF20(POA)

(GR93)

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY FOR FEARLESS ONE, MISSION 46, 27 MAR 45.

1. 13 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY ACCOUNTING FOR:

2. 48 A/C BOMBED TACHIARI A/F VISUALLY WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS.

3. 19 A/C BOMBED TACHIARI A/F VISUALLY WITH GOOD RESULTS.

4. 11 A/C BOMBED TACHIARI A/F VISUALLY WITH FAIR RESULTS.

5. 20 A/C BOMBED OITA A/F VISUALLY WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS.

6. 15 A/C BOMBED OITA A/F VISUALLY WITH GOOD RESULTS.

7. 3 A/C RETURNED EARLY.

8. THIS REPORT INCOMPLETE. BOMBS AWAY REPORTS FROM A/C ATTACKING KANOYA A/F NOT RECEIVED. WILL FOLLOW UPON RECEIPT.

END

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TOD: 032705152 FER

ROGER FN-27-3 032705152 WCR

ORIGINATOR OF MESSAGE _____

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

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-27-1 (SECRET) 270156Z (OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY)

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20 SECRET

INFO: DEPCOMAF20(POA)

(GR18)

SUBJECT: FIRST BOMBS AWAY REPORT FOR FEARLESS ONE

FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMB PRIMARY VISUALLY AT 270140Z WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS.

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TOD: 270304Z FER

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ROGER TELECON FN-27-1 03270304Z WCR

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Letter to Air Summary	Ditto -		2608002		KJ
Return Report for 46 -	Telecon	FN-27-14		271311 z	DR
Preliminary Report	Ditto				MB
Prelim Report	Telecon	FN-27-17		271823 z	DR
Flash Report	Cable	Cm In 29557		27 March	HH
Prel. Mission Report	Telecon	K 28-2	290140 z		HH

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Washington, D.C.

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By Authority of
CG Twentieth AF
27 Mar 45 [illegible]
Date Initials

PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 46 - 27 March 1945

"FEARLESS 1"

Target: Primary - A/F Installations at Tachiarai, Oita, and Omura A/C Factory, Kyushu, Japan

Take-off: 261252 - 261425 Washington: 270152 - 270325 Theatre: (2616522 - 2618252)

Time over Target: Tachiarai - 262140 - 262205 Wash; (270140Z-270205Z)
Oita - 262144 - 262241 Wash; (270144Z - 270241Z)
Omura - 262201 - 262220 Wash; (270201Z - 270220Z)

Aircraft:

Total Bombing		155
Tachiarai	76	
Oita	39	
Omura	37	
Other Targets	3	

A/C Lost or Missing: None

Casualties: 0 killed; 1 wounded; 0 missing.

Bomb Load: Average of 3.8 tons per a/c of 500 lb GP's fused instantaneous nose and 1/40 tail.

Tactics: Daylight visual precision bombing by squadrons in column with minimum interval between squadrons from 14,500-18,000 feet.

Weather: Tachiarai and Oita - Variable broken undercast with moderate haze. Omura - CAVU with haze.

Fighter Opposition: Tachiarai and Oita - slight. Omura - meagre and ineffective. 28 sightings - no attacks.

Flak: Tachiarai and Oita - meagre and inaccurate. Omura - Meagre to intense, and inaccurate to accurate.

Claims: 3 destroyed; 2 probably destroyed; 4 damaged.

Results: Crews report good results at Tachiarai and Oita - Unobserved to excellent at Omura.

Observations: 13 ships plus 1 large war vessel at 370230Z in Saiki Wan, 10 to 15 escort vessels plus 30 to 40 small cargo ships at 270230Z in Usuki Wan. 100 unidentified ships docked at Omura Bay at 270145Z. 4 large cargo ships and 25 smaller craft seen in Nagasaki Harbor at 270215Z.
Yellow sea marker spotted at 22N - 140/25E at 270350Z. Green sea marker at 24/17N - 141/30E at 270605Z.
Reports of what were believed to be 10 smudge pots about 5 mi S or SW of Tachiarai A/F. Smoke was not blowing across field. 3 a/c seen laying smoke screen at 270130Z over Saeki Wan.
50 to 60 a/c (S/E) on ground at Nagasu at 270150Z.

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

As of 1800, 27 March 1945

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

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TELECON MESSAGE NO K-28-2 (SECRET) 5-2 ① YFK

TO: COM GEN BOM COM 20 FROM: COM GEN AF 20

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XXI BC, OPERATION, OPERATION 46, 27 MAR

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TARGET: PRIMARY- A/F INSTALLATIONS AT TACHIARAI, OITA, AND OMURA A/C FACTORY, KYUSHU, JAPAN

TAKE-OFF: 261252-261425 WASHINGTON: 270152-270325 THEATRE: (261652Z -261825Z)

TIME OVER TARGET: TACHIARAI -262140-262205 WASH; (270140Z - 270205Z)

OITA-262144-262241 WASH; 270144Z-270241Z)

OMURA -262201-262220 WASH: (270201Z -270220Z)

AIRCRAFT: TOTAL BOMBING 155

TACHIARAI 76

OITA 39

OMURA 37

OTHER TARGETS 3

A/C LOST OR MISSING: NONE

CASUALTIES: 0 KILLED; 1 WOUNDED; 0 MISSING.

BOMB LOAD: AVERAGE OF 3.8 TONS PER A/C OF 500 LB GP'S FUSED INSTANTANEUOS NOSE AND 1/40 TAIL.

INSTANTANEUOS NOSE AND 1/40 TAIL.

TACTICS: DAYLIGHT VISUAL PRECISION BOMBING BY SQUADRONS IN COLUMN WITH MINIMUM INTERVAL BETWEEEN SQUADRONS FROM 14,500-18,000 FEET.

WEATHER: TACHIARAI AND OITA - VARIABLE BROKEN UNDERCAST WITH MODERATE HAZE. OMURA - CAVU WITH HAZE.

FIGHTER OPPOSITION: TACHIARAI AND OITA - SLIGHT. OMURA - MEAGRE AND INEFFECTIVE. 28 SIGHTINGS - NO ATACXXXRPT ATTACKS.

FLAK: TACHIARAI AND OITA- MEAGRE AND INACCURATE. OMURA- MEAGRE TO INTENSE, AND INACCURATE TO ACCURATE.

CLAIMS: 3 DESTROYED; 2 PROBABLY DESTROYED; 4 DAMAGED.

RESULTS: CREWS REPORT GOOD RESULTS AT TACHIARAI AND OITA-7,- OBSERVED TO EXCELLENT AT OMURA.

OBSERVATIONS: 13 SHIPS PLUS 1 LARGE WAR VESSEL AT 370230Z IN SAIKI WAI 10 TO 15 ESCORT VESSELS PLUS 30 TO 40 SMALL CARGO SHIP AT 270230Z IN USUKI WAN. 100 UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS DOCKED AT OMURA BAY AT 270145Z . 4 LARGE CARGO SHIPS AND 25 SMALLER CRAFT SEEN IN NAGASAKI HARBOR AT 270215Z. YELLOW SEA MARKER SPOTTED AT 33N-140/35E AT 270650Z . GREEN SEA MARKER

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TIME OVER TARGET: TACHIARAI -262140-262205 WASH; (270140Z - 270205Z)

OITA-262144-262241 WASH; 270144Z-270241Z)

OMURA -262201-262220 WASH: (270201Z -270220Z)

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Deputy C. of S. Opr.
Deputy C. of S. T.M.& E.
A. G.

From: CINCPAC/POA Adv Hq

Act : COM 5th Flt CTF 58

Info: BOMCOM 21 All COMS interested in Combat Reports
CINCBRITPACFLT CINCPAC/POA HED Pearl DEPCOM AF 20

DTG : 271105 Mission 46 Flash Report 27 March 1945

RDO HONO intercept.

Flashsreport on Kyushu strikes from BOMCOM 21 plane XIX flight. All planes carried quarter ton GP bombs and dropped from 15000 feet. 78 dropped 268 tons on Tachiarai with results 48 excellent, 19 good 11 fair. 35 dropped 122 tons on Oita with results 20 excellent 15 good. 40 Fould Kanoya weathered in and dropped 180 tons on Omura with good results. All aircraft accounted for.

End.

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-27-17 S E C R E T 271549Z (OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY

FROM : BOMCOM XXI

SECRET

TO : COMAF 20

INFO : DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

GR:510.

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT, FEARLESS ONE, STRIKE 46, 27 MARCH 1945.

1. NAME OF PRIMARY: 73RD WING: TACHIARAI AND OITA A/F. 314TH WING: KANOYA A/F.

2. NAME OF SECONDARY: OMURA A/C FACTORY

3. NAME OF LAST RESORT: NONE

4. TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: 3 A/C.

1 A/C KAMI KOSHITO DROPPED 9 X 550 LB GP ~~F QH~~ AN-M-64B BY RADAR THRU 10/10 PXQP CLOUD FROM 15,000 FT AT 270235Z WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.

1 A/C - UCHINOURA - WAN DROPPED 9 X 550 LB GP AN-M-64B BY RADAR THRU 10/10 CLOUD FROM 12,500 FT AT 270145Z WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. 1 A/C - CHICHI JIMA DROPPED 9 X 550 LB GP AN - M-64B BY VISUAL MEANS THRU 0/10 CLOUD FROM 15,000 FT AT 270451Z WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS.

5. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: TACHIARAI A/F: 75 A/C DROPPED 1058 X 550 LB GP AN - M-64 INSTANTANEOUS NOSE .0025 TAIL BY VISUAL MEANS THRU VARIABLE BROKEN UNDERCAST FROM 14,500 TO 18,000 FT AT 270140Z TO 270205Z. OITA A/F: 38 A/C DROPPED 527 X 550 LB GP AN - M-64 BY VISUAL MEANS THRU BROKEN UNDERCAST FROM 15,100 TO 18,000 FT AT 270144Z TO 270241Z. KANOYA A/F: NONE.

6. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: OMURA A/C FACTORY: 36 A/C DROPPED 324 X 550 LB GP AN - M-64 BY VISUAL MEANS THRU 0/10 CLOUD FROM 15,000 FT AT 270201Z TO 270220Z.

7. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: NONE

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8. A/C ATTACKING TARGETS OF OPPORTINITY: SEE PARA 4.

9. NO. A/C TAKING OFF: 161

10. NO. A/C EARLY RETURNS: 6 A/C OF WHICH NONE BOMBED TARGETS.

11. NO. A/C LOST OR MISSING: NONE

12. BOMBING RESULTS: PRIMARY: CREWS REPORT GOOD AT TACHIARAI AND OITA A/F SEVERAL BUILDINGS AND A/C BURNING. SECONDARY: CREWS REPORT UNOBSERVED TO EXCELLENT. TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: SEE PARA 4.

13. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: KILLED: NONE. WOUNDED: 1. MISSING: NONE.

14. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: SLIGHT AT TACHIARAI AND OITA. MEAGER AND INEFFECTIVE AT OMURA, 28 SIGHTINGS - NO ATTACKS.

15. AA FIRE: MEAGER, INACCURATE AT TACHIARAI AND OITA. MEAGER TO INTENSE, INACCURATE TO ACCURATE AT OMURA.

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16. FIGHTER SUPPORT: NONE.

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AN - M-64 BY VISUAL MEANS THRU BROKEN UNDERCAST FROM
TO 18,000 FT AT 270144Z TO 270241Z. KANOYA A/F: NO

6. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: OMURA A/C FACTORY: 36 A/C DROPPED 324 X 550 LB GP AN - M-64 BY VISUAL MEANS THRU 0/10 CLOUD FROM 15,000 FT AT 270201Z TO 270220Z.

7. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT: NONE

8. A/C ATTACKING TARGETS OF OPPORTINITY: SEE PARA 4.

9. NO. A/C TAKING OFF: 161

10. NO. A/C EARLY RETURNS: 6 A/C OF WHICH NONE BOMBED TARGETS.

11. NO. A/C LOST OR MISSING: NONE

12. BOMBING RESULTS: PRIMARY: CREWS REPORT GOOD AT TACHIARAI AND OITA A/F SEVERAL BUILDINGS AND A/C BURNING. SECONDARY: CREWS REPORT UNOBSERVED TO EXCELLENT. TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: SEE PARA 4.

13. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: KILLED: NONE. WOUNDED: 1. MISSING: NONE.

14. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: SLIGHT AT TACHIARAI AND OITA. MEAGER AND INEFFECTIVE AT OMURA, 28 SIGHTINGS - NO ATTACKS.

15. AA FIRE: MEAGER, INACCURATE AT TACHIARAI AND OITA. MEAGER TO INTENSE, INACCURATE TO ACCURATE AT OMURA.

16. FIGHTER SUPPORT: NONE.

17. WEATHER: PRIMARY: VARIABLE BROKEN UNDERCAST WITH MODERATE HAZE AT BOTH TARGETS. SECONDARY: CAVU WITH HAZE. OPPORTUNITY: SEE PARA 4.

18. IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS: A. 13 SHIPS PLUS 1 LARGE WAR VESSEL AT 270230Z IN SAIKI WAN FROM 15,000 FT. B. 10 - 15 ESCORT VESSELS PLUS 30 - 40 SMALL CARGO SHIPS AT 270230Z IN USUKI WAN FROM 15,000 FT. C. 50 - 60 AIRCRAFT (S/E) ON GROUND AT 270150Z AT NAGASU (33/33N - 131/25E) FROM 16,000 FT. D. 3 AIRCRAFT LAYING SMOKE-SCREEN AT 270130Z OVER SAEKI WAN. E. THERE WERE REPORTS OF WHAT WERE BELIEVED TO BE 10 SMUDGE POTS ABOUT 5 MILES S OR SW OF TACHIARAI AIRFIELD. SMOKE WAS NOT BLOWING ACROSS FIELD.

F. SEVERAL CREWS REPORTED LARGE SMOKESTACK (ESTIMATES TO 500 FT) ON CAPE AT 270143Z FROM 15,000 FT AT 33/15N - 131/53E. ONE CREW SAID THIS WAS SITE OF LARGE FACTORY WITH CAMOUFLAGED ROOF. AT 270129Z HEAVY WHITE SMOKE COMING FROM STACK. EARLIER AND LATER CREWS REPORTED NO SMOKE BUT LATTER OBSERVED ARTIFICIAL BREAKWATER ALONG NORTH SHORE.

G. YELLOW SEA MARKER SPOTTED AT 22N - 140/25E, 270650Z. H. 100 UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS DOCKED AT OMURA BAY AT 270145Z. I. GREEN SEA MARKER AT 24/17N - 141/30E, 270605Z.

J. FOUR LARGE CARGO SHIPS AND 25 SMALLER CRAFT IN NAGASAKI HARBOR, 270215Z. K. NEW A/F AT 32/16N - 130/56E, 270150Z.

19. CLAIMS: DESTROYED: 3. PROBABABLY DESTROYED: 2. DAMAGED: 4.

20. OTHER INFORMATION: 13 A/C LANDED AT IWO JIMA FOR VARYING MECH-ANICAL REASONS. THIS REPORT IS FRAGMENTARY AND SUBJECT TO CORRECTION. 3 A/C LANDING LATE AT IOW NOT INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT. END

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SUBJECT: 20 AF MATTER

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TELECON MSG FN-27-14 SECRET OP 271157Z

FROM BOMCOM XXI

TO COMAF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

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SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT FOR FEARLESS ONE. MISSION 46, 27 MARCH 1945.

XXI BOMBER COMMAND

1. WING:	73	314	TOTAL
2. AIRBORNE:	117	44	161
3. LANDED HOME BASE:	106	41	147
4. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE: ~~VVQQ~~ (IWO)		3	14
5. TIME OF LANDING:			
FIRST A/C:	270731Z	270826Z	270731Z
LAST A/C:	270950Z	271035Z	271035Z
6. EARLY RETURNS:	4	1	5

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7. MISSING: NONE

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE
Washington, D. C.

Information for Briefing on XXI Bomber Command
Mission No. - 46, Date 27 March 1945

Mission Code Name "FEARLESS 1" (As of 1045 Z - Date 27 Mar 1945)

Targets: Primary - Airfield Installations at Tachiarai, Oita and Kanoya on Kyushu Japan
Omura Aircraft Plant, Kyushu, Japan

Secondary - None designated

Last Resort - None designated

Take-off Time: 261652Z - 261825Z
261252 - 261425 Washington Time; 270152 - 270325 Theatre Time

Time Over Primary Target: Approximately 270140Z, 26~~0~~21 40 Wash. Time, 271040 Japan Time

Tactics: Daylight visual precision bombing attack by Squadrons in column with minimum interval between squadrons, forces divided for all targets.

Aircraft Bombing: 143 reported so far (No report yet on a/c bombing Kanoya)
Primary Target - 40 -Omura a/c Plant 35 - Oita
Secondary Target - 68 - Tachiarai
Other Targets -

Bomb Load: All a/c carried 500 lb GP's fuzed instantaneous nose and 1/40 tail

Losses: No report

Target Weather: No report

Fighter Opposition: No report

Anti-Aircraft Encountered: No report

Claims: No report

Results of Bombing: Good to Excellent

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

* Note: A/C Airborne 161
Early Returns 3

*Bombs Away Received on 143 a/c
No Bombs Away were received on the a/c scheduled to bomb Kanoye 15
Total 158

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Omura Aircraft Plant, Kyushu, Japan

Secondary -

Last Resort -

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Time Over Primary Target: Approximately 270150Z (not yet definitely reported)

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weather info to Dr Landsberg opposition, flak + observations to B-2 30 Mar 45.

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-28-12 SECRET 281835Z ((OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY))

FROM : BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO : DEPCOMAF 20(POA)

: BOMWG 73

: BOMWG 313

: BOMWG 314

GR : 645.

SUBJECT : MISSION REPORT FOR FEARLESS ONE, MISSION 46, 27 MARCH 1945.

1. DESIGNATION OF UNIT: XXI BOMBER COMMAND.

2. TIME OF TAKE OFF: 261652Z TO 261825Z.

3. TIME OF RETURN : 270731Z TO 271036Z.

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4. NO. A/C AIRBORNE: 161

5. NO. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 152

TARGET	NO.A/C	METHOD	ALTITUDE	TIME	BOMBS DROPPED
TACHIARI A/F	74	VISUAL	14,500 TO 18,000 FT	270140Z 270205Z	1024 X AN-M64
OITA A/F	39	38 VIS. 1 RADAR	15,100 TO 18,000 FT	270144Z 270241Z	541 X AN-M64
OMURA A/C FACTORY	39	VISUAL	15,000 FT	270201Z 270220Z	350 X AN-M64

(OMURA A/C FACTORY WAS ALTERNATE PRIMARY RADAR TARGET)

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

7. NO. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT TARGETS: NONE DESIGNATED.

8. NO. A/C ATTACKING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: 3

TARGET	NO. A/C	MTHOD	ALTITUDE	BOMBS DROPPED
UCHINOURA WAN	1	VISUAL	15,000 FT	9 X AN-M64
CHICHI JIMA DOCKS	1	VISUAL	15,000 FT	9 X AN-M64
KAMI KOSHITO	1	VISUAL	15,000 FT	8 X AN-M64

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9. NO. A/C WHICH FAILED TO BOMB DESIGNATED TARGETS: 6

REASONS:: MECHANICAL : 6

10. NO. A/C LOST TO FLAK: 0

11. NO. A/C LOST TO E/A: 0

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FROM : BOMCOM XXI

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B. BOMBS UNACCOUNTED FOR: NONE.

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17. NO. A/C JETTISONING BOMBS: 12

86 X 55Ø LB AN-M64SGP.

~~CGN THAT U ASKED FOR UNDER 16 (TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY) READS TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: (SEE PARAGRAPH EIGHT).~~

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18. NO. A/C BRINGING BOMBS BACK : 2

2 A/C 7 X 55Ø LB AN-M64 GP.

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19. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: KILLED: Ø SLIGHTLY WOUNDED: 2

SERIOUSLY WOUNDED: Ø MISSING: Ø

2Ø. NO. E/A DESTROYED: 3. PROBABLY DESTROYED: 1. DAMAGED: 6.

~~V YAMFG I READ YOU OK GA PLS (CONTINUEING WITH 21~~

21. REMARKS:

A. ENEMY OPPOSITION: (1) TACHIARI A/F: 18 E/A MADE 21 UNAGGRESSIVE AND INEFFECTIVE ATTACKS AFTER BOMBS AWAY. 5 E/A MADE COORDINATED ATTACKS FROM TWO O'CLOCK BREAKING AT ELEVEN AND FOUR O'CLOCK.

(2) OITA A/F: NO ATTACKS.

(3) OMURA A/C PLANT: 36 ENCOUNTERS: 9 S/E, 27 U/I. 7 ATTACKS WERE REPORTED, 2 HEAD-ON, 2 BETWEEN 12 AND 1 O'CLOCK AND 3 FROM 2 O'CLOCK LOW. OPPOSITION WAS WEAK AND INEFFECTIVE. ~~TYPES: HAMPS, OSCARS, ZEKES AND INEFFECTIVE.~~ TYPES: HAMPS, OSCARS, ZEKES AND TOJOS. ONE HAMP AND ONE TOJO REPORTED DAMAGED.

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B. FLAK:

(1) TACHIARI A/F: HEAVY, MEAGER AND INEFFECTIVE.

(2) OITA A/F: HEAVY, MEAGER AND INACCURATE. CONTINOUSLY POINTED MOSTLY FROM SHIPS IN BAY AT SAIKI. MEAGER TO MODERATE ON BOMB RUN AT USUKI BAY AND HEAVY, MODERATE AND INACCURATE BARRAGES AND PREDICTED CONCENTRATIONS OVER BEPPU BAY.

(3) KOSA: HEAVY, MEAGER, INACCURATE TO ACCURATE.

(4) KUMAMOTO: HEAVY, MEAGER TO MODERATE, INACCURATE TO ACCURATE. SEEMED TO COME FROM LARGE MANUFACTURING PLANT SE OF CITY.

(5) OMUTA: HEAVY, MEAGER TO INTENSE, INACCURATE TO ACCURATE.

(6) OMURA A/F: HEAVY, MEAGER TO INTENSE, INACCURATE TO ACCURATE. FLAK SEEMED ACCURATE AS TO ALTITUDE AND APPEARED TO BE COORDINATED BETWEEN E/A AND GROUND BATTERIES.

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C. A/C LOST OR IN DISTRESS: NONE

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C. A/C LOST OR IN DISTRESS: NONE

D. A/C SERIOUSLY DAMAGED OR CRASHED ON RETURN: NONE.

E. A/C BATTLE DAMAGE: 17 A/C: 14 A/C READY WITHIN 2 DAYS; 3 WITHIN 3 DAYS.

F. OBSERVATIONS: (1) 3 SHIPS PLUS 1 LARGE VESSEL AT 270125Z IN BEPPU WAN FROM 16000 FT.

(2) 2 SMALL SHIPS (ABOUT 180 FT LONG) AT 270045Z AT 30"14N - 136/21E, HEADING 205 DEGREES ABOUT 12K FROM 1500.

(3) LARGE AK OR CV AT 270225Z BETWEEN SHIKOKU AND IP (32/52N - 132/18E). (4) 1 DD AND 4 LARGER IN HARBOR AT OITA FROM 16000 FT. (5) AIRCRAFT RESEMBLING B-29 AT 270150Z ON KURUME AIRFIELD. BELIEVED BY CREW TO BE DUMMY.

(6) 100 UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS AT OMURA BAY FROM 15,000 FEET, 270145Z.

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(7) 4 LARGE SHIPS AND 25 SMALLER CRAFT SEEN AT NAGASAKI HARBOR FROM 15,000 FEET, 270215Z. (8) A NEW AIRFIELD WITH RUNWAYS AND BUILDINGS SEEN AT 32 DEGREES 16 MINUTES NORTH 130 DEGREES 56 MINUTES EAST FROM 1,500 FEET, 270150Z.

G. PHOTO INTERPRETATION: CONTAINED IN MSG FN-28-4, 280822Z. PHOTO INTERPRETATION ON OMURA WILL FOLLOW.

H. CREW COMMENTS: NONE.

I. WEATHER: BASES AT TAKE OFF: 8/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 1000 TO 1500 FEET, VISIBILITY 8-10 MILES. ROUTE TO TARGETS: BAND OF SHOWERS BETWEEN 17 AND 20 DEG N. OTHERWISE 5 TO 7/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 2000 TOPS 5-6000 FEET. SHOWER ZONE HAD OCCASIONAL CEILINGS TO 500 FEET AND VISIBILITY TO ONE MILE. AT 30 DEG. N. LOW CLOUD DECREASED TO SMALL AMOUNTS WITH A DECK OF MIDDLE CLOUD ABOVE AT 15,000 TO 17,000 FEET IN THIN LAYERS. TARGETS: LITTLE OR NO LOW CLOUD. MIDDLE CLOUD BROKEN TO CLEAR AT TACHIARI OVERCAST AT KANOYA, THIN AT 17,000 FEET AT OITA, THIN AND BROKEN TO 7/10 AT OMURA. VISUAL SIGHTINGS POSSIBLE AT ALL TARGETS EXCEPT KANOYA. RETURN ROUTE: SAME AS ROUTE TO TARGET. BASES ON RETURN: 6 TO 8/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 1,500 FEET TOPS VARIABLE 5,000 TO 9,000 FEET. VISIBILITY 6 TO 8 MILES. SCATTERED SHOWERS IN AREA, FEW EFFECTING BASES.

J. COMMENTS:

(A). TWO SUPER DUMBOS AND ONE WEATHER A/C WERE AIRBORNE IN ADDITION TO MAIN EFFORT.

(B) 13 B-29 LANDED AT IWO JIMA, ALL BUT ONE HAVE RETURNED TO HOME BASES

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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
FN-03-7	FAILURE OF AIRBORNE AIRCRAFT TO BOMB PRIMARY TARGET	3 Apr 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20		COMCOM 21

COPY TO CHIEF OF STAFF

Missions 46 and 47 flown on 27 March 1945.

Mission 46

73rd Bomb Wing

497th Bomb Group

42-24595 A. Internal fire. Impeller section burned and all intake stacks burned or blown from blower section. Not much oil engine.
B. Engine change.
C. 45-343.

498th Bomb Group

42-24661 A. Puller front plug, excessive metal. No. 1 cylinder both sparkplugs hammered up. Front oil screen and rear screen excessive metal. Probably valve failure in No. 1 cylinder No. 2 engine.
B. Engine change.
C. 45-347.

499th Bomb Group

42-63455 A. No. 4 engine internal failure. Engine frozen. Sump filled with metal particles.
B. Engine changed.
C. 45-455.

314th Bomb Wing

19th Bomb Group

42-65297 A. Fuel transfer pump failed and carbon particles from vanes of pump clogged off valves of fuel transfer system and allowed fuel to flow back into bomb bay tanks and overflow. Also hole in exhaust push rod housing of No. 13 cylinder No. 1 engine came off causing severe oil leak.

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FN-03-7	FAILURE OF AIRBORNE A/C TO BOMB PRIMARY TARGET (Cont'd)	3 Apr 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:

B. Engineering section installed 13 screens in fuel transfer system to prevent clogging shut off valves.
C. Not available.

29th Bomb Group

42-63571 A. Complete power failure on all four engines. Cause not determined.
B. Cause of the failure not determined.
C. None to date.

Mission No. 47

313th Bomb Wing

9th Bomb Group

42-93892 A. Fire on No. 4 engine, coming through top of cowl flap. Short stack on No. 4 burned off.
B. UR report being submitted.
C. 45-255.

505th Bomb Group

42-24828 A. No. 4 engine throwing black smoke excessively. Oil temperature would not drop below 110 deg C. Engine lost 20 gallons of oil in 8 minutes. Engine caught on fire.
B. Engine being changed.
C. 45-258.

42-63525 A. No. 2 prop governor stuck at 2000 RPM. Head torn down and clutch plate assembly found frozen to armature.
B. New head installed.
C. 45-241.

42-63515 A. Radar inoperative, no rotation of sweep. Pilots flourescent switch broken. Bomb bay door indicator light out. Co-Pilots flight indicator out. Pilot and engine No. 4 tachometer fluctuated over 2100 RPM. Bearings froze which stripped gears on Selsyn transmitter in antenna unit.

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FN-03-7	FAILURE OF AIRBORNE A/C TO BOMB PRIMARY TARGET (Cont'd)	3 Apr 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:

Handle on pilots switch broken. Co-Pilots flight indicator found to be okay. Bomb bay door indicator light bulb out.
B. Handle repaired, new bulb installed. New tachometer installed.
C. 25-253.

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FROM : COMAF 20

SUBJECT : COMMUNIPUE NO.76 Mission #6 ~~XXI~~ BC Communique

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WILL BE RELEASED HERE AT 272200Z:

"ALL PLANES RETURNED SAFELY FROM YESTERDAY'S (MARCH WU//27, JAPANESE TIME) B-29ATTACK ON MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL TARGETS ON HTE JAPANESE HOMELAND ISLAND OF KYUSHU. A LARGE FORCE OF SUPERFORTRESSES OF MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND, BASED IN THE MARIANAS, PARTICIPATED IN THE MISSION AND RESULTS RANGING FROM GOOD TO EXCELLENT WERE REPORTED BY RETURNING CREWS.

THE OMURA AIRCRAFT PLANT AT OMURA ON THE ISLAND'S WEST COAST AND THE IMPORTANT AIR DEPOTS AT TACHIARAI AND OITA WERE THE DAY'S PRINCIPAL TARGETS. FIGHTER OPPOSITION AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE WAS SLIGHT OVER ALL TARGETS."

(ATTENTION: REES INFO WIPPOLD FROM DOULENS)

(INFO PRO'S ALL WINGS)

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TO COMGENBOMCOM 20 FROM COMAF 20

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Mission 46
Press Flash
~~XXI~~ BC

THE FOLLOWING PRESS FLASH WILL BE RELEASED HERE AT 270400Z

" SUPEROFRTXXRPT SUPERFORTRESSES BASED IN THE MARIANAS ATTACKED THE JAPANESE HOMELAND ISLAND OF KYUSHU TODAY (27 MARCH, JAPANESE TIME) STRIKING IN VERY LARGE NUMBERS. INDUSTRIAL AND MILITARY TARGETS WERE THE DESTINATION OF THE B-29 TASK FORCE FROM MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND.

"THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE AT WASHINGTON BY THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE TWENTIETH ARXXRPT AIR FORCE, GENERAL OF THE ARMY H. H. ARNOLD. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE REVEALED WHEN COMPLETE OPERATIONAL REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE."

(ATTENTION: GLASS FROM DOULENS)

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"SUPERFORTRESSES BASED IN THE MARIANAS ATTACKED THE JAPANESE HOMELAND ISLAND OF KYUSHU TODAY (27 MARCH, JAPANESE TIME) STRIKING IN VERY LARGE NUMBERS.

INDUSTRIAL AND MILITARY TARGETS WERE THE DESTINATION OF THE B-29 TASK FOCXXXRPT FORCE

FROM MAJOR GENERAL CURTIS E. LEMAY'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND.

"THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE AT WASHINGTON BY THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE, GENERAL OF THE ARMY H. H. ARNOLD. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE REVEALED WHEN COMPLETE OPERATIONAL REPOTXXXRPT REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE."

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Enemy Fighter Reaction	Telecon	FN-11-3		11 April	HH
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10 May 1945

Mission 46 - 27 March 1945

Target: Island of Kyushu

RCM INFORMATION

1. General

Six RCM observers searched in the frequency bands of 70 to 3000 mcs. Thirty-seven different signals were considered usable for analysis after 53 had been filtered.

2. Results

a. Three 10-centimeter signals were heard, two of which were thought to have been signals from U. S. submarines. One signal, 3015/1500/2.5, was intercepted at 32°45'N; 132°20'E and is thought to have emanated from Japanese surface search radar in Hyuga-Nada equidistant from Saeki and Nobeoka.

b. A 202 mc signal with an estimated PRF of 2000 cps and an unknown PL was intercepted just after the search aircraft passed the target. This signal tracked the plane for 2 or 3 minutes, at which time several flak bursts were observed. When the signal faded, flak stopped and fighters appeared. When the fighter disappeared the signal came on again coincident with flak bursts. Shortly after the signal faded and started sweeping.

c. Four signals with GL and searchlight control characteristics were intercepted from the landfall of southeast Kyushu to 33°00'N; 130°15'E.

d. Six other signals were intercepted in the target area with a frequency range of 115 to 190 mcs and PRF varying from 300 to 1500 cps while the pulse lengths varied from 3 to 60 microseconds.

e. Twenty signals with the usual early warning characteristics were intercepted along the route to and from the target.

AC/AS, INTELLIGENCE COMMENT: Although flak appeared coincident with radar signals, the bursts were so poor, ranging from meager to inaccurate, it could not be determined whether or not radar equipment was being used for gun laying. It is to be noted, however, that a radar signal was intercepted coincident with flak bursts and faded when the flak stopped. Evidence on this mission was meager in this respect.

CC: ACO, Maj. Mallis
AFIAN-T&T, Flak Analysis Section

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IN-11-3	ENEMY FIGHTER REACTION MISSION NO. 46 (Fighter XXI BC)	11 Apr 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
CONAF 20	DEPCONAF 20 FOA	CO CENBOLCON 21

Enemy air opposition was weak on this Three Target Mission to Oita Airfield, Tachiarai and Omura. We lost no B-29's to fighters and only 2 were damaged both minor. Our score 2 destroyed, 2 probables, 9 damaged. We sighted a total of 107 enemy fighters of which 40 made 40 attacks. At Tachiarai there were 65 sightings with 18 attacks, most of the sightings being over the target. At Oita there were 3 sightings and no attacks. At Omura were 39 sightings with 22 attacks. Total attacking aircraft were identified as follows: 14 Tony, 9 Tojo, 4 Zeke, 3 unidentified, 2 Jack, 2 Oscar, 2 Lamp, 1 Irving, 1 Rufe, 1 Nick, 1 T/E unidentified. Four of the non-attacking aircraft were identified. There was a Tony, 2 probable Oscars, 3 E/E's and 1 T/E. Eleven of the enemy aircraft attacks were on the nose, 10 on the right, 6 on the tail and 4 on the left. A Tony is reported firing a .50 caliber machine gun from the wings. An unidentified enemy aircraft was reported firing possible rockets, however, the observation was made at a distance. The enemy attacks were not aggressive. Their pilots showed little skill. Pursuit curves were poorly executed. Fly through attacks attempted to spray our entire formation and did not concentrate on individual aircraft. Many attacks broke off at from 1200 to 1500 yards after a few bursts from our gunners. On each of 3 apparently coordinated attacks only one of the enemy fighters appeared to open fire. The enemy's air defense of these targets was unimpressive. The impression obtains here that the Jap Air Force is concentrating its air defense on the important municipalities with Tokyo in the Number One position.

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Flash Strike Attack Rpt	"	FN-29-4		29 March	HH
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FN-01-3	Mission 46 Damage Assessment XXI BC DAMAGE FROM XXI BOMCOM MISSION 46 of 27 MARCH 1945	1 April 1945

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 POA	COMGENBOMCOM 21

Re your telecon No. G-31-3, damage is as follows:

Target 1627, Omura Aircraft Factory (32/55/00 N - 129/56/00 E) Damage to the plant is as follows (See AAF Objective Folder 90.36, Photo 15, Page 16, 18 July 1944): Read right up:

1. Small building at (04.85 - 03.85) destroyed.
2. Small building at (04.75 - 03.80) destroyed.
3. Small building at (04.45 - 03.55) gutted.
4. Building at (04.4 - 04.85) destroyed.
5. Assembly building at (04.6 - 04.00) 10 percent structural damage and 90 percent gutted.
6. Long building at (04.8 - 04.2) 15 percent destroyed.
7. Machine shop at (04.95 - 04.30) 5 percent structural damage and 10 percent gutted.
8. Barrack type building at (05.3 - 05.00) destroyed.
9. Small building at (04.85 - 04.80) 70 percent destroyed.
10. Machine shop at (04.4 - 04.35) 5 percent structural damage.
11. Long building at (04.3 - 04.2) gutted.
12. Three small buildings at (03.8 - 04.3) destroyed.
13. Small building at (04.0 - 03.5) destroyed.
14. Machine shop at (04.0 - 04.5) destroyed.
15. Small building at (04.15 - 05.5) destroyed.
16. Machine shop at (04.2 - 05.65) 30 percent structural damage and 70 percent gutted.
17. Assembly building at (04.5 - 04.9) 5 percent structural, 10 percent gutted, 10 percent minor roof damage.
18. Engine test cells at (04.05 - 04.05) 3 bomb hits on roof.

Oita Airfield (33/15/00 N - 131/38/00 E) damage is as follows (See XX Bomcom print 462BG SM F1--1V:2, 1 January 1945; 24 inch. See also JICPOA negative 12150-80: Read right up:

1. Three revetted buildings at (04.3 - 05.85) destroyed.
2. Hangar at (04.35 - 05.4) roof damaged.

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FN-01-3	DAMAGE FROM XXI BOMCOM MISSION 46 of 27 MARCH 1945 (Cont'd)	2 April 45

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5. Hangar at (04.3 - 05.15) gutted.
4. Small building at (04.4 - 05.1) destroyed.
5. Hangar at (04.4 - 04.95) roof damaged.
6. One U-shaped building at (03.9 - 04.85) 60 percent destroyed.
7. Long building at (03.8 - 04.6) destroyed.
8. Residential area at (07.8 - 02.7) 80 percent destroyed.
9. Small building at (04.2 - 05.2) roof damaged.
10. Small building at (03.95 - 05.1) roof damaged.

Taohiarai Airfield, Target 1236 (35/24 N - 134/37 E) damage is as follows (See AAF Objective Folder 90.35, 1 January 1945, map on Page 4:

1. Hangar at (1.4 - 2.4) gutted.
2. Hangar at (1.6 - 2.6) gutted.
3. Hangar at (2.2 - 3.5) gutted.
4. Hangar at (1.5 - 3.6) destroyed.
5. Hangar at (2.7 - 3.8) 75 percent destroyed.
6. Hangar at (1.8 - 3.8) roof damaged.
7. Hangar at (2.0 - 3.6) destroyed.
8. Hangar at 2.2 - 3.7) destroyed.
9. Shop at (2.0 - 3.7) destroyed.
10. Hangar at (2.5 - 3.9) minor roof damage.
11. Shops at (2.2 - 3.9) three buildings destroyed and one 50 percent destroyed.
12. Shop at (2.9 - 4.2) gutted.
13. Barracks at (3.3 - 4.8) 3.6 - 4.4) (4.5 - 5.2) (4.3 - 5.5) all buildings within this area destroyed.
14. Hangar at (0.7 - 3.8) 50 percent roof damage.
15. Shop at (0.4 2 4.2) gutted.

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FW-29-4	Mission 46 XXI BC FLASH STRIKE ATTACK REPORT, MISSION NO. 27 MARCH 1945	29 Mar 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 POA, BOMWG 73 BOMWG 313, BOMWG 314	BOMCOM 21

Target 1627, Omura aircraft factory (32/55 N - 729/56 E).

Bombing accuracy: Bombing accuracy cannot be definitely evaluated from available photography because of smoke in target area. Of a total of 58 bomb impacts visible 16 (29 percent) are within 1,000 feet of AP. On this basis, bombing results are fair. Reads:

16 bursts visible within 1,000 feet of AP
17 bursts visible within 1,000 - 2,000 feet of AP
3 bursts visible within 2,000 - 3,000 feet of AP
20 bursts visible outside 3,000 feet of AP

Bomb hits: Bursts are observed as follows on CINCPAC-CINCPOA lithomosaic of Target 849, Omura Airfield and Seaplane Station, Kyushu, Japan as of 6 November 1944. Exp. V-7 of Sortie 462BG/41R-15/XX B.C.

2 fires in building at H13.0 - V2.3
1 hit on building at H12.5 - V2.3
2 fires in engine test cells at H13.7 - V0.7
2 hits on building at H11.9 - V3.0
2 hits near dispersed aircraft at H13.5 - V10.5

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TO: COMAF 20

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FN-29-1	Mission 46 XXI BC FLASH PHOTO INTERPRETATION REPORT, 3[illegible]RSM 103, 28/3/45	29 March 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
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Mean time of photography: 280006Z. Quality Excellent.
Target 1236, Tachiarai Army Airfield (33/24 N - 130/37 E) (Kurume Area).
Post strike photography shows following damage resulting from XXI BomCom Mission No. 46, 27 March 1945. Eight of 9 hangars on line damged or destroyed in addition to numerous buildings in shop area. 5 S/E damaged, 26 unidentified destroyed, 10 T/E destroyed, 5 W/E destroyed.
Damage to installations is as follows on CINCPAC-CINCPOA Lithomosaic of target No. 1236, Tachiarai Airfield, Kyushu, Japan as of 17 November 1944. Exp. IV-28 of Sortie 468BG/4MR-22/XXBC.

1. Hangar at (H2.7 - V10.3) gutted.
2. Hangar at (3.0 - 10.5) gutted.
3. 2 hangars at (4.7 - 11.2) partially destroyed.
4. 2 hangars at (4.1 - 11.3) destroyed.
5. 1 hangar at (5.7 - 11.4) destroyed. 1 hangar at (5.7 - 11.4) 50% destroyed.
6. Hangar type building gutted and two unidentified buildings at (6.5 - 11.7 destroyed.
7. Buildings in rectangular area centered at (7.8 - 11.8) destroyed.
8. Buildings in area at (7.8 - 13.0) destroyed.
9. Three buildings in area at (5.1 - 11.8)destroyed or partially destroyed.
10. Hangar type building at (4.8 - 11.6) destroyed.
11. Twin hangar type building at (4.5 - 11.4) destroyed.
12. Hangar type building at (4.1 - 11.4) damaged.
13. Hangar type building at (2.9 - 12.1) damaged.
14. Two buildings at (2.5 - 12.6) gutted.
15. Hangar type building at (2.2 - 11.9) damaged.
16. Hangar type building at (1.9 - 12.2) damaged.
17. Miscellaneous buildings in area about 1,000 feet to west of V13.0 destroyed.

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Target 1308, Oita Airfield (33/15 N - 131/38 E) Kyushu, Japan.
Post strike photography shows following damage resulting from XXI Bomber Command Mission 46, 27 March 1945. Four hangars and four general type buildings damaged. Three reveted buildings destroyed. Small residential area destroyed. 84 bomb hits visible on the field. 10 damaged aircraft. Damage to installations is as

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follows on CINCPAC-CINCPOA Lithomosaic of Target 1308, Oita Airfield, (33/15 N-131/38 E) Kyushu, Japan, as of 1 January 1945. Exp 1V-2, Sortie 462BG/5M51/XXBC. AOF area 90.33 Kyushu East.

1. 3 Hangars damaged (gutted) at (H03.0 - V08.0)
2. 1 hangar damaged (2 direct hits visible) at (03.0 - 07.3).
3. 3 general type buildings destroyed at (02.0 - 07.0).
4. 3 reveted buildings destroyed at (03.0 - 09.0).
5. Residential area destroyed at (11.0 - 03.0).

Target 1627, Omura Aircraft Factory (32/55 N - 129/56 E). Post strike photography of XXI Bomber Command Mission 46, 27 March 1945 shows damage to two assembly buildings, three machine shops and several miscellaneous buildings. Damage is primarily in the engine manufacturing and repair section. Damage to the plant is as follows on CINCPAC-CINCPOA Map of "Target 849, Omura Airfield and Seaplane Station (32/56 N - 129/56 E) Kyushu, Japan as of 6 November 1944. Exp. V-7, Sortie 462BG/4MR-15/XXBC."

1. Foundry building at (H14.5 - 03.5) 50% gutted.
2. Small buildings at (13.4 - 03.55) destroyed.
3. Small building at (13.4 - 03.4) destroyed.
4. Small building at (13.5 - 01.75) gutted.
5. Building at (13.0 - 01.95) destroyed.
6. Assembly building at (13.0 - 02.3) 10% structural damage and 90% gutted.
7. Long building at (12.9 - 02.75) 15% destroyed.
8. Machine shop at (12.9 - 03.0) 5% structural damage and 10% gutted.
9. Small barrack type building at (12.45 - 03.85) destroyed
10. Small building at (12.25 - 03.25) 70% destroyed.
11. Machine shop at (12.45 - 02.35) 5% structural damage.
12. Long building at (12.5 - 02.1) gutted.
13. Three small buildings at (12.0 - 01.55) destroyed.
14. Small building at (12.1 - 01.8) destroyed.
15. Machine shop at (11.95 - 02.0) destroyed.
16. Small building at (12.05 - 02.15) destroyed.
17. Machine shop at (11.95 - 02.3) 30% structural damage and 10% gutted.
18. Assembly building at (11.8 - 02.85) 5% structural damage, 10% gutted and 10% minor roof damage.
19. Repair hangar at (9.95 - 03.65) 10% structural damage.

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20. Hangar at (09.8 - 07.5) bomb hit on roof.

Target 1236, Tachiarai Airfield (33/24 N - 130/37 E). Aircraft visible: 115. 87 S/E, 28 T/E. For damaged aircraft see Damage Assessment above.

Oita Airfield (33/15 N - 131/38 E). Aircraft visible: 122. 106 S/E, 16 T/E. 24 inoperative (not included in total count) (10 damaged by XXI BomCom Mission 46; 14 previously damaged).

Oita Seaplane Station (33/15 N - 131/38 E) 70% coverage. Aircraft visible: 3 S/E.

Target 849, Omura Airfield (32/56 N - 129/56 E). Aircraft visible: 230. 208 S/E, 22 T/E.

Omura Seaplane Station (32/56 N - 129/56 E). Aircraft visible: 11. 8 S/E, 3 4/E, 2 S/E damaged (not included in total count)

Izumi Airfield (32/05 N - 130/20 E). Aircraft visible: 78. 65 S/E, 13 T/E.

Ozuki Airfield (34/03 N - 131/03 E). Aircraft visible: 35. 34 S/E, 1 possible glider.

Kagoshima Airfield and Seaplane Station (31/33 N - 130/34 E). Aircraft visible: 28 S/E (16 in water).

Target 1306, Saeki Airfield (32/58 N - 131/56 E). Aircraft visible: 64. 61 S/E, 3 T/E, 2 S/E inoperative (not included in total count).

Sone Airfield (35/50 N - 130/57 E). 6 inch photography. Location confirmed. Aircraft visible: None

Goryo Seaplane Station (32/30 N - 130/12 E) 6 inch oblique photography. Location confirmed. In strait between Kyushu and Koyagi Shima (Nagasaki area) (32/41 N - 129/49 E). Ships visible: 5 vessels over 200 ft.

Wakamatsu-Tobata Harbor (33/55 N - 130/49 E) naval vessels visible: None Merchant vessels visible: 69 MV's present over 200 ft. Approximately 32 Mv's in convoy heading through Shimonoseki-Moji Straits into Inland Sea of Japan.

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FN-29-1	FLASH PHOTO INTERPRETATION REPORT, 3PR5M 103, 28/3/45	29 Mar 45

Shimonoseki Strait (33/57 N - 130/57 E) Naval vessels visible: 3. 2 SS, 1 probable SS. Merchant vessels visible: 29. 27 MV's, 2 passenger liners.

Nagasaki Harbor (32/43 N - 129/50 E) naval vessels visible: 3. 1 CV 720 feet in graving dock, 2 escort vessels. Merchant vessels visible: 15. 9 operational 4 under construction, 1 fitting out, 1 in graving dock, numerous small craft.

Ship anchorage, Saeki Naval Station (32/58 N - 131/57 E) naval vessels visible: 10. 7 CM, 1 SS, 1 fuel oil tanker, 252 feet in length, 1 unidentified vessel 135 feet in length probably services CM's. Merchant vessels visible: 1 MV.

(Note: All merchant vessels mentioned in this report are over 200 feet in length.).

(Note to ComAF 20 and BomWing 73, 313 and 314. This message supercedes Telecon FN-28-4.)

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Mission 46

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FN-28-4	Flash Photo Interpretation Report Strike 46 27 Mar 45	28 Mar 45

(To: COMAF 20 BOMWG 73 Info: DEPCOMAF 20 POA, BOMWG 313, BOMWG 314 From: BOMCOM21)

Bombing accuracy: Only 36 bursts (3.4 percent of total number of bombs) are seen to be within 1000' of the AP, but smoke obscures additional bursts making evaluation of bombing accuracy impossible from available photography. Aiming point: 048-116, CINCPAC-CINCPOA Lithomosaic: Target No. 12[illegible], Kachiarai Airfield (33/24 N--130/37 E), Kyushu, Japan, as of 17 November 1944. Exp. IV-28 of Sortie 468BG/4MR-221 XX B. C.
bomb hits: Located by reference to Lithomosaic mentioned above. 16 visible hits within 500' of AP.
3 hangars at (V11.2-H4.7), (V11.4-H5.2) and (V11.5-H5.6) received hits
3 buildings at (V11.8-H4.4), (V11.9-H4.7) and V12.1-H4.7) received hits
20 visible hits within 500' to 1000' of AP.
10 hits among numberous planes parked on apron.
2 buildings at (V13.0-H4.9) and (V13.1-H4.8) received hits
39 visible hits within 1000' to 2000' of A P.
2 hangars at V10.5-H2.8) and (V10.7-H3.1) received hits
Numerous hits are clustered about hangars at (V12.6-H2.8) and (V12.2-H2.9), number of hits definitely cannot be determined.
2 visible hits within 2000' to 3000' of AP
About 20 hits are on the airfield, in an area SE of the main hangar group. Target 1308 Oita Naval Air Station 33/13N - 131/37E
Bombing accuracy: 46 hits (8.8 percent of total number of bombs) are seen to have hit within 1000' of AP
91 hits are within 1000' - 2000' of AP.
3 hits are within 2000' - 3000' of AP
Smoke obscures later hits in target area making evalutation of bombing accuracy impossible from available photography.
Aiming point: 026-073, CINCPAC-CINCPOA Lithomosaic: Target No. 1308, Oita Airfield and Oita SS. (33/15N--138/38E), Kyushu, Japan, as of 1 January 1945 (Exp.IV-2 Sortie 462BG/8MFI/XXBC
Bomb hits: Located by reference to Lithomosaic mentioned above, about 15 hits visible in hangar area.
About 10 hits visible among miscellaneous buildings immediately to W of hangars.
About 60 hits visible on airfield, approximately 20 aircraft are in vicinity of bomb hits.
Undetermined number of hits started fires in residential area 1 mile SE of AP.

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MEMORANDUM FOR C/S, TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Subject: Times on Mission Reporting

The following is a report on transmission times for Mission No. 46, XXI Bomber Command:

	Staff Preparation	Guam-Washington Transmission Time	Total Elapsed Time
Take Off Message	:32	:58	1:30
First Bombs Away	:16	1:08	1:24
Consolidated Bombs Away	2:20	1:15	3:35
Return Report	1:22	:08	1:30
Preliminary Report	5:14	2:46	8:00

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