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28 Feb 45

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Mission Plan	Telecom	F-1796		22 02 21Z	BGR
Cable Number & Date	"	E-1797		22 02 18Z	BGR
Request for info	"	R-22-1		22 17 47Z	BGR
Reply to R-22-1		E-1808		23 01 59Z	BGR
Delay	Cable	Com 7030		01 09 48Z	ER
Delay	Cable	Com 1823		02 12 05Z	ER
Delay	Cable	Com 3768		03 10 06Z	BGR

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A-4	A-4
A-5 PLANS	A-5 PLANS
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*Mission 39*

**From:** Headquarters 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur India

**To:** War Department

**Nr:** CMD 0262E

3 March 1945

COMAF 20 from COMGENBOMCOM 20 CMD 0262 E

Reourd 0230E BEGGARY mission again postponed due to bad weather. Will advise you when mission will be run.

End

ACTION: 20TH AF

CM-IN-2768 (3 Mar 45) DTG 031006Z mcs

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*Mission 39  
XV BC  
Delay (put under Plan)*

**From:** CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

**To:** War Department

**Nr:** CMD 0230 E 2 March 1945

COMAF 20 from COMGENBOMCOM 20 CMD 0230 E.

Refer our radio 0160 E BEGGARY mission again postponed due to weather. Now earliest date 3rd March same time for take off.

End.

NOTE: 0160 E is CM-IN-1030 (1 March 45) 20TH AF

ACTION: 20th AF

CM-IN-1823 (2 March 45) DTG: 021235Z ejc

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A-4	A-4
A-5 PLANS	A-5 PLANS
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*Mission 39  
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Delay - (Put under plan)*  
From: CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India.

To: War Department

No: CMD 0160 E 1 March 1945

COMAF 20th from DEPCOMAF 20th 20 I B and C CMD 0160 E.

Refer our wire 0118 E BEGGARY mission postponed additional 24 hours due to unfavorable weather conditions.

End

*0118E - TS Delayed 24 hrs from time of telecons E 1796 + E 1797. - unperf w/*

ACTION: 20th AF

CM-IN-1030 (1 Mar 45)

DTG 010948Z hgr

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TELECON MESSAGE NR. E-1808

( S E C R E T )

SUBJECT: MINING MISSION:

TO: CO MGEN AF 20 FROM: COMGENBOMCOM 20

REFERENCE YOUR TELECON K-22-1

THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS ARE MADE

1. A. EFFORT: 12 AIRCRAFT

N. THE 468TH BOMB GROUP WILL CONDUCT THIS MISSION

...END...

TOD: 230159Z (YFK)

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TELECON MSG NR. K-22-1

S E C R E T

TO COMGENBOMCOM 20

FROM COMAF 20 SUBJECT MINING OPERATIONS

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IN YOUR TELECON MESSAGE E-1796, PARAGRAPH 1A, EFFORT CAME IN  
GARBLED. PLEASE GIVE US THE <sup>N</sup>UMBER <sup>OF</sup> AIRCRAFT. ALSO PLEASE REPEAT  
PARAGRAPH N.

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...END...

TOD:

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TELECON MESSAGE NUMBER E-1797 ((SECRET))

SUBJECT: CODE NAME FOR MINING MISSION

TO COMAF 20 FROM DEPCOMAF 20

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1. REFERENCE TO OUR TELECON MESSAGE NO. 1796, CODE NAME IS BEGGARY WITH 28 FEBRUARY AS THE DATE.

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TOD: 220218Z (YFK)

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

TELECON MESSAGE NUMBER E-1796 ((SECRET))

SUBJECT: MINING MISSION

TO COMAF 20 FROM DEPCOMAF 20

1. THE FOLLOWING IS OUR PLAN FOR MINING MISSION IN SHANGHAI AREA,  
FIELD ORDER NO. 39

A. EFFORT: 0" AIRCRAFT

B. TARGETS: PRIMARY:

(1) LOWER YANGTZE FIELD NO. 1 (31DEG22'N, 121DEG40'E)

(2) LOWER YANGTZE FIELD NO. 1 (31DEG27'N, 121DEG29'E)

(3) TAI SANG REACH FIELD (32DEG10'N, 119DEG54'E)

C. SECONDARY: MINING AREA YANGTZE RIVER BETWEEN HSIN-TI (29DEG50'N,  
113DEG31'E) AND YO-YING LING (29DEG28'N, 113DEG12'E)

D. ROUTE: BASE AREA TO TUNG TING LAKE (29DEG00'N, 112DEG40'E)  
TO POYANG LAKE (29DEG22'N, 116DEG15'E) TO IP TO MINING AREA  
TO BASE AREA.

E. TIME OF FIRST AIRCRAFT OVER TARGET : 1500Z

F. AXIS OF ATTACK: CONFORM TO RIVER CHANNEL.

G. PINPOINTS:

(1) LOWER YANGTZE FIELD NO. 1 ABREAST HENGSHA ISLAND (31DEG18'N,  
121DEG52'E)

(2) LOWER YANGTZE FIELD NO. 2 ABREAST CHINGPAOSHA ISLAND (31DEG  
25'N, 121DEG35'E)

(3) TAI SANG REACH FIELD ABREAST LUAN CHOW ISLAND (31DEG59'N,  
119DEG58'E).

(4) SECONDARY: MID CHANNEL OPPOSITE HSIN-TI (29DEG50'N, 113DEG  
31'E).

H. INDICATED ALTITUDE: 2,000 FEET.

I. RELEASE INTERVAL: 10 TO 20 SEC.

J. MINE LOAD: 12 MK26-1 MINES PER AIRCRAFT.

K. AVERAGE FLIGHT TIME: 9 HRS 52 MINUTES.

L. AVERAGE TOTAL DISTANCE: 2350 MI.

M. AIRCRAFT WILL STAGE FROM 14TH AIR FORCE BASE AT LIULIANG CHINA.

N. THE RYITH BOMBS GROUP WILL CONDUCT THIS MISSION.

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TOD: 220217Z (YFL)

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Take off Time	Cable	cm-IN 4174		041414Z	PR
Take off Report	Cable	cm-IN 4282		041629Z	PR

TAKE OFF REPORTS

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*Mission 39  
XX BC  
Date & Time 9 10*

**From:** CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India.

**To:** War Department

**Nr:** 0319 E 4 March 1945

COMAF 20 from DEPCOMAF 20, 0319 E.

BEGGARY mission to be run today with take off time of 1035Z. Ourad 0262 E relates to this mission.

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**ACTION:** 20th AF

CM-IN- 4174 ( 4 Mar 45 ) DTG 041414Z wk.

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From: CG, 20th Bomber Command, Bangalore, India.

To: War Department  
Deputy Commander 20th Air Force, Guam.  
General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area,  
Leyte, Philippines.  
CG, US Army Forces in the Far East Advanced,  
San Miguel, Philippines.  
CG, US Army Forces China Theater, Chungking, China.  
CG, US Army Air Forces India Burma Sector,  
Calcutta, India.

Nr: CMDX 0325 D  
*Mission 39 XXBC  
Take off report  
4 March 1945*

COMGENAF 20 signed Ramey info DEPCOMAF 20, MacArthur,  
Stratemeyer, Wedemeyer CMDX 0325 D.

Airborne on mission number 39 mining of Yangtze River  
in the Shanghai area as primary and in the Yochow area as  
secondary were 12 B29's with first off from staging base at  
Luliang at 041035Z and last off at 041115Z. All carried 12  
MK 26-1 mines.

End

ACTION: CGAAF  
INFO : OPD, G-2, Adm. King

CM-IN-4282 (4 Mar 45) DTG 041629Z

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From: CG, 20th Bombardment Group, Khatyng, India  
 To: War Department  
 Deputy Commander 20th Air Force, Guam  
 General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area  
 Ladd, Philippines  
 CG, US Army Forces in the Far East  
 San Miguel, Philippines  
 CG, US Army Forces China Theater, Chongqing, China  
 CG, US Army Air Forces India Burma Sector  
 Calcutta, India

Re: CMDR 0325 D  
 CGMORAF 20 signed Ramey into DECOMAR 20, Khatyng,  
 Satekanyer, Wedemeyer CMDR 0325 D.  
 At 0200 on mission number 39 minutes of Khatyng River  
 in the Shanghai area as primary and in the Yokohama area as  
 secondary were 12 B29's with first off from staging base at  
 Tachikawa at 041000Z and last off at 041130Z. All loaded 12  
 MK 50-1 mines

End

NOTE: CGMORAF  
 DECOMAR 20, 6-2, 4th, King

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*Mission 39*  
~~XX~~ BC

*Bombs Away*

From: CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

To: War Department

Nr: 0326D 4 March 1945

COMGENAF 20 signed COMGENBOMCOM 20, 0326D

As of 041642Z we have the following mines away messages from mission 39 airport numbers -

660 PA 101 at 1525Z,  
3530 SB 501 at 1533Z,  
529 PB 101 at 1535Z,  
417 PA 101 at 1538Z,  
719 PA 101 at 1540Z,  
500 PA 101 at 1541Z,  
663 PA 1 at 1546Z,  
415 PA 101 at 1558Z,  
272 PA 101 at 1607Z,  
536 PA 201 at 1624.

This for a total of 10 aircraft leaving 2 not yet heard from.

End

ACTION: 20th AF

CM-IN-4290

(4 Mar 45)

DTG: 041701Z

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Prelim Mission Rpt. Cable		cm-12 5184		051013Z	PR
Prelim Mission Rpt. DeLeon		10-1865		060150Z	PR

PRELIMINARY  
MISSION RPT

TELECON MSG. NR D-1865 (SECRET)

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT - MISSION NR 39

TO: COMAF 20 FROM: COMGENBOMCOM 20

(DATA AS OF 051000Z - ALL TIMES ZEBRA)

1. DESIGNATION OF UNIT: XX BOMBER COMMAND - 468TH GROUP ONLY
2. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT TAKING OFF: 12
3. TIME OF TAKE-OFF (FIRST TO LAST): 041035 - 041115
4. TIME DOWN LAST PLANE (OF MAIN FORMATION): 042320
5. TIME OVER PRIMARY TARGET (FIRST AND LAST): 041523 - 041624
6. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK ON PRIMARY TARGET: 1560 TO 2300 FEET
7. WEATHER OVER PRIMARY TARGET: CLEAR TO HAZY UNDERCAST WITH 7 TO 10/10 OVERCAST.
8. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT MINING ALL TARGETS: 12
9. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT MINING PRIMARY: 11
10. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT MINING SECONDARY: 1
11. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT LOST TO ENEMY OPPOSITION: 0
12. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT LOST TO ENEMY AA: 0
13. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT LOST BY ACCIDENT: 0
14. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT MISSING: 0
15. DISPOSITION OF MINES: (SHORT TONS) (ESTIMATED)
  - A. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON ALL TARGETS: 76.35
  - B. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON PT: 70
  - C. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON ST: 6.35
16. OBSERVED RESULTS OF MINING:
  - A. PRIMARY: 9 REPORTED EXCELLENT; 2 UNOBSERVED
  - B. SECONDARY: UNOBSERVED
17. METHOD OF MINING:
  - A. PRIMARY: 7 VISUAL; 4 RADAR
  - B. SECONDARY: 1 RADAR
18. CASUALTIES: KILLED: 0 WOUNDED: 0 MISSING: 0
19. CLAIMS: DESTROYED: 0 PROBABLY DESTROYED: 0 DAMAGE: 0
20. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: NIL
21. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT:
  - A. PRIMARY: 1 AIRCRAFT REPORTED MODERATE AND ACCURATE FIRE

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22. STATUS OF AIRCRAFT LANDED AT THEIR HOME BASE: 11 AIRCRAFT LANDED AT LULIANG AND HAVE SINCE LANDED SAFELY AT INDIA BWSES. ONE AIRCRAFT LANDED AT LIANGSHAN AND HAS NOT AS YET RETURNED TO INDIA.
  23. CREW OBSERVATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE ITEMS OF INTEREST: ONE MINE DROPPED ON SECONDARY EXPLODED.
  24. PRELIMINARY STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHS: NONE

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From: CG 20th Bomber Command Kharagpur India

To: War Department  
Deputy Commander 20th Air Force Guam  
General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Ocean Areas  
Leyte Philippines  
CG US Army Forces in the Far East Advanced  
San Miguel Philippines  
CG US Army Forces China Theater Chungking China  
CG Army Air Forces India Burma Sector Calcutta India  
CG 14th Air Force Kunming China  
CG Kharagpur Air Field India  
CG US Army Forces Chakulia India  
CG US Army Forces Dudkudi India  
CG US Army Forces Piardola India

Nr: CMDX 0347 D *Prelim Mission Rpt* ~~XX BC~~ 5 March 1945  
*Mission 39*

COMAF 20 signed COMGENBOMCOM 20 info DEPCOMAF 20  
POA, MacArthur, Stratemeyer, Wedemeyer, Chennault, Skaer,  
Edmujdson, Harvey, Kalberer CMDX 0347 D.

Preliminary report subject to revision on mining  
mission 39 follows:

12 aircraft of the 468th Bomb \*\*, 11 aircraft  
dropping 132 mark 26-1 mines, 70 tons, in the primary area  
near Shanghai and 1 aircraft dropping 12 mines, 6.35 tons,  
in secondary area near Yochow, with mostly excellent results  
in primary and unobserved in secondary.

Mining was by single aircraft at night with  
altitude at primary from 1560-2300 feet and 6,000 feet at  
secondary. Weather was clear to hazy undercast with 7  
ten tenths overcast at primary. 7 aircraft mined visually

CM-IN-5184 (5 Mar 45)

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From: CG 20th Bomber Command Kharagpur India  
Nr: CMDX 0347 5 March 1945

and 5 by radar. No fighter opposition was reported and only 1 aircraft encountered. Moderate and accurate anti-aircraft fire at primary. All aircraft returned safely.

End

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ACTION: CGAAF  
INFO : OPD, G-2, Adm. King, Log

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To: OMBX 0347  
Date: 5 March 1945  
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only 1 aircraft encountered. Hostile and friendly  
aircraft listed as primary. All aircraft returned safely.

End

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ACTION: COBAT  
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C-2, Adm. Klac, 102

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<i>At Failing to Bomb <sup>Target</sup> Primary DeLeon</i>	<i>DeLeon</i>	<i>7/B1938</i>	<i>16 Mar</i>	<i>EH</i>

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TELECON MSG NO. YB-1938	SUBJECT AIRBORNE A/C FAILING TO BOMB PRIMARY TARGET ON MISSION NO. 39 ON 4 MARCH 1945 - YANGTZE RIVER HARBOR AREA	DATE 16 March 1945
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(To: COMGENAF 20 From: COMGENHOMCOM 20)

GROUP A/C SER NO.	SPECIFIC MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION	LOCAL ACTION TO PREVENT RECURRENCE	UNSATISFACTORY RPT SUBMITTED
468th 63530	Carburetor trouble caused no. 2 engine to run hot. Pilot climbed to higher altitude. Due to excessive fuel consumption decision was made to bomb secondary target	Carburetor changed	None

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TELECON MSG NO. D 1384	SUBJECT Intelligence Stat. Summary - Mission No. 39 <u>XX BC</u>	DATE 12 Mar 45
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(To: COMAF 20 From: COMENBOLCOM 20)

Intelligence Statistical Summary of Mission No. 39 follows:

INTELLIGENCE STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR MISSION NO. 39  
4 March 1945  
(Based on Preliminary Statistics as of 080300Z)  
468th Group - Only Group Participating

I. Disposition of Aircraft 468th

1. A/C airborne	12
2. A/C returned to staging base	11
3. A/C returned to India base	11
4. A/C landed Liangshan	1

II. Mining Record

1. A/C mining - all targets	12
2. Primary - Lower Yangtze Field No. 1	5
- Lower Yangtze Field No. 2	3
- Taising Reach Field	3
3. Secondary - Yangtze River between Hsin-ti & Yo Yang Ling	1
4. Mining altitude - primary	2,000'
- secondary	6,400'

III. Method of mining

- Of the 11 aircraft mining primary areas, 7 laid the mines visually and 4 by radar. The secondary was mined by radar.

IV. Disposition of Mines MK-26-1

1. All targets	
2. Primary - Lower Yangtze Field No. 1	60
- Lower Yangtze Field No. 2	36
- Taising Reach Field	36
3. Secondary Area	12
4. Total Mines Dropped	144
5. Total tonnage (MK-26-1 - 1060 pounds)	76,32

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A. All targets (short tons)	76.32
B. Primary - Lower Yangtze Field No. 1	31.80
- Lower Yangtze Field No. 2	19.08
- Taising Reach Field	19.08
C. Secondary target	6.36

6. Average mines per A/C airborne	12
7. Average tonnage per A/C airborne	6.36

- V. Observed Results of Mining
- Results were "excellent" on Field No. 1 and at Taising Reach Field. Results were believed to be good on Field No. 2.

- VI. Time & Weather
- Primary target - first 041523Z, last 041624Z.
  - Secondary target - one aircraft @ 041533Z.
  - Weather at primary - 3/10 to 10/10 thin undercast; hzy.

VII. Casualties: None

VIII. Claims: None

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MEMORANDUM FOR DC/S, Combat Operations

Subject: Analysis of Report of XX Bomber Command Mission No. 39

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In accordance with Hq Twentieth Air Force Memorandum dated 15 September 1944, Subject: Study and Analysis of Twentieth Air Force Combat Operations, comments on the employment of communications, radar and countermeasures during XX Bomber Command Mission No. 39 are submitted herewith.

1. RADAR

PT was aircraft plant Tokyo (visual), ST was Tokyo urban area (radar), all bombing to be done down wind from 25,000'. The IP was selected as a good visual and radar fix and had been used in the past. Axis of attack was selected so that if weather was bad the radar operator would have time to get set up for a radar bombing run on Tokyo. The route was planned to get radar check points from islands and to select a good landfall for a radar wind run. Assembly of units of each Wing (73d and 313th) was done near Honshu by radar, since 10/10 undercast prevailed. All bombing and navigation was done by radar. The average landfall with AN/APQ-13 was 70 miles. The majority of the radar operators picked up the IP quite readily. One hundred and fifty nine (159) aircraft bombed the ST by means of AN/APQ-13. Results were unobserved.

No mention was made of the type of radar bombing procedure employed - radar-optical or direct radar or what.

No scope photographs were included.

Out of 177 aircraft AN/APQ-13 equipped, 154 were satisfactory for bombing, 21 were not, and 5 of these 21 were out due to pressurization failures.

2. RCM

Six RCM search aircraft successfully completed the mission. Search covered the frequencies 28-3000 mc. No DF equipment was available.

Intercepts were made of both typical EW and GL signals. Heavy flak was reported mostly inaccurate through 8/10-10/10 cloud and was

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associated with typical 200 mc G1 signals. No signals were intercepted on frequencies above the 200 mc band.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

Communications appear to have been excellent. Random attempts at jamming by the enemy appear to have been countered effectually by the use of alternate frequencies.

The equipment malfunctions listed in this report are being brought to the attention of the Asst C/AS, M&S, Engineering Branch, by AFACO as representative of the current trend of failures in B-29 aircraft.

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