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SUBJECT: Mission Summary for Mission 331 Target Jap Sea Approaches, Flown 14-15 August 1945.

DATE: 16 August 1945

TO: COMGENUSASTAF GUAM

INFO: A/C AS INTELLIGENCE (PASS TB CNO, WASH)

FROM: TWINING COMGWAF 20

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DTG 160212Z
AIMCR 5834

1. Unit: 313th Wing

2. Time of take off: Nan: 140734Z to 140744Z GN Mike: 140731Z to 040751Z, Zebra: 140738Z to 140949Z, George: 140747Z to 140753Z.

3. No A/C airborne: 39

4. Mines Airborne: 126; X Mark mines (18 A/C), 252 mark 26 or 36 mines (21 A/C).

5. Dispositions of mines airborne:

A. Primary Fields:

		NAN	MIKE	ZEBRA	GEORGE
Mark 25	X11B7	9	0	9	0
	X31B7	9	1	15	0
	X51B7	2	8	8	0
	SV11B7	1	0	0	0
	X71B7	0	15	7	0
	V11G7	0	1	0	0
	S2118	0	2	1	0
	V1117	0	1	1	0
	S21G8	0	1	0	0
	V21E7	0	1	0	0
	S21E8	0	1	0	0
	V21G7	0	1	0	0
	V11E7	0	1	0	0
	V14G7	0	1	0	0
	D31B8	0	1	0	0
	V21F7	0	0	1	0
	S31H8	0	0	1	0
	F14E7	0	0	1	0
	V34B7	0	0	1	0
	V21B7	0	0	1	0

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	V24B7	0	0	1		0	2
	V16G7	0	0	1		0	
Mark 26 or 36	D11B8	4	0	3		2	
	D31B8	2	0	3	S	3	
	D15B8	1	0	1		0	
	D31J7	1	1	4		1	
	D21B8	1	0	1		1	
	S31J8	1	1	0		0	
	D11H7	1	0	2		1	
	D33B8	1	0	2		2	
	V14B7	2	2	3		1	
	V2487	2	2	3		2	
	V11F7	3	4	6		3	
	V20E7	4	4	8		3	
	V1417	1	1	4		1	
	V21H7	3	3	7		3	
	V11E7	4	3	6		3	
	V21G7	3	4	7		4	
	V01G7	3	4	4		4	
	V26F7	1	1	3		1	
	V31E7	1	2	1		0	
	V31F7	1	0	1		1	
	V16B7	1	2	3		2	
	V1117	1	2	1		0	
	V36B7	1	0	0		1	
	V21F7	1	2	2		0	
	V26B7	1	2	4		1	
	V24F7	1	1	3		2	
	V1617	1	1	2		2	
	V31G7	1	1	0		0	
	V34B7	0	1	2		0	
	S21G8	0	1	0		0	
	D21H7	0	1	0		1	
	V36G7	0	1	0		0	
	S21A8	0	0	1		0	
	D25B8	0	0	2		0	(cont'd)

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S31I8	0	0	1	0
V34G7	0	0	1	1
D21B7	0	0	1	0
D21H8	0	0	1	0
D11B7	0	0	1	0
D31B7	0	0	1	0
D33B7	0	0	1	0
D15B7	0	0	0	1
S21H8	0	0	0	1

Nan Field observations: Sortie No. 10, 1 X mark 26 or 36 mine exploded on land (D11E7). Mike field observations: None, Zebra Field observations: Sortie no 34, 1 X mark 25 mine exploded on land (X71B).

George Field observations: None.

B. Alternate Fields: None

C. Jettisoned: Sortie No. 11 - Jettisoned 12 X mark 26 or 36 mines AT 0616N - 14507E. Mines jettisoned were 2 X d11B8, 2 X D31B8, 2 X D21B0, 2 X D15B8, 2 X D11H7, 1 X D25B8. Sortie no. 23 jettisoned 7 X mark 25 mines AT-1632N - 14548E. Mines jettisoned were 1 x each of the following: V11G7, D11B8, S21F8, V16E7, V14B7, V21F7, V1117. Sortie No. 39 jettisoned 7 x mark 25 mines at 2504N-14002E. Mines jettisoned were 1 each of the following: S21F8, S31H8, V2467, S21A8, X11B8, S21E8, S21G8, Sortie No. 52 jettisoned 7 X mark 25 mines at 163330N-1450730E. Mines jettisoned were 1 X V11F7, 1 X X51B7, (1 X V21HU, 1 X X31B7, 1 X D11H8, and S21E8.

D. Returned: None

E. Unaccounted for: None

6. No. A/C failing to mine and reasons: 4 Sortie No 11, due to No. 3 engine failure. Sortie No. 23-due to gas leak on right wing. Sortie No. 39-due to No. 4 engine failure. Sortie No. 52 due to fire in No. 1 engins.

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7. Times of Attack: NAN: 141529Z to 141549Z. Mike: 141442Z to 141549Z Zebra: 4 141437Z to 141708Z, George: 141457Z to 141537Z Jim. altitude over minefields: NON: 8000 to 12,000 ft. Mike: 12,000 to 12,300 ft. Zebra: 12,000 to 12,800 ft. George: 8,000 - 8,200 ft.

9. True air speed at mine release: NON: (209-227 Kts. Mike 2000-229 kts. Zebra: 230-230 kts. George 216-228 kts.

10. Length of mine run: NON: 21S-9M, Mike: 6M - 8M 24 STN Zebra: 36S-6M 30S, George: 22S-7M.

11. Winds reported over minefields: NAN: 10-270 D: 7-18 kts Mike: 10-353D; 8-20 kts, Zebra: 5-353 D; 6-29 kts. George: 10-338 D; 8 - 15 kts.

12. Clouds and visibility: NAN: 0-4/10; 5 to UNL. Mike: 1-6/10; 6 mi to UNL, Zebra: 0-4/10; 10 mi to UNL, George: 0-2/10, 6 to 30 mi.

13. Time of return: NAN: 142201Z to 142244Z, Mike: 142142Z to 142244Z Zebra: 142130Z to 150006Z. George: 142132Z to 142258Z.

14. A/C lost: None

15. Personnel casualties: 1: CFC Gunner on 60V551 slightly wounded in Arm by flak.

16. Air opposition: NAN: Four U/I E/A were sighted in the target area. One came out of the S/L beams and made 3 unaggressive attacks on one B-29, two from the tail, one from the nose. It scored no hits the other E/A sighted did not attack nor otherwise pay any attention to the B29S except that one was coming up and S/L beam. Mike: A total of about 32 E/A were seen in the general area. 25 of these were seen by a single B29, circling it. One of the 25 made an unaggressive pass as though trying to draw fire. It scored no hitsand drew no fire. Then 3 others made what looked like the beginning of pursuit curves and did some firing, but got no hits. Another B29 was attacked briefly by one of two U/I E/A flying up S/L beams and firing tracers. Zebra: 6 U.I E/A were sighted in the target area. 4 of these passed behind a B29 without paying any attention to it. Another came up a S/L beam, that had pinned a B29, but did not fire.

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The other E/A was sighted by a B29 leaving the target. It was on a reciprocal heading and passed him without deviation from course. George: No sightings.

17. Enemy AA: NAN: No flak. 10 S/L's at hime. Mike: 5 A/I Received heavy and medium fire, meager to moderate, inaccurate mostly pointed 30 T 75 S/L's were active, 50 of them being on one A/C at one time two other A/C were coned briefly. Zebra: All of the 14 A/C mining received fire at the target. Both heavy and medium it was meager to moderate, accurate to inaccurate, and pointed. From 10 to 20 S/L's were active and caught most of the A/C briefly. George: No flak and no S/L's along its route nor at its target 18 enemy RCM and effects: used RCM A/C at mike field and no enemy RCM noted.

19. Radar scope Phtos: NAN: 44, mike: 35, Zebra, 70, George:

20. Observations: None

21. Remarks: 1 RCM and 2 superdumbos flew the mission as briefed rpt

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