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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
FN-15-3	BRIEF ON FIELD ORDER NO. 57 - ARRANGE AND BRISKET	150540Z

MAXIMUM EFFORT APPROXIMATELY 350 B-29'S SCHEDULED TO ATTACK ARRANGE AND BRISKET ON 16 APRIL. K FORCE TO ATTACK ONE AIMING POINT ON ARRANGE. 2/3 FORCE TO ATTACK TWO AIMING POINTS ON "BRISKET". 36 A/C WILL BE 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-140000E to 351030N-140730E to 3525N 13954E (RADAR IP) to the POINT TO SLANT RANGE MILE BACK FROM 3525N-13954E (IP) TO TARGET 3532N-13930E to3530N-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 AVOIDING FLAK AREA. T-HOUR DESIGNATED 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 3000 FT ABOVE TARGET, 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 SCHEDULED OVER TARGET WILL CARRY FRAGS FOR ANTI-PERSONNEL PURPOSES. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK: 7,000,8,000 AND 9,000 FT. A MASTER OF CEREMONIES A/C WILL FLY AT 22,000 FT. AIR SEA RESCUE FACILITIES REQUESTED

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TAKE OFF REPORTS

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PRESENT HERE: C W STEVENS
STATION : YAMF
SUBJECT: 20 AF MATTERS

TELECON MSG FN-15-13 OP SECRET 158934Z

SECRET

FROM: BOM COM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

SUBJECT: TAKEOFF REPORT FOR ARRANGE ONE. MISSION 69, 15 APRIL 1945.

1. WING: 73RD

2. A/C SCHEDULED: 123

3. A/C AIRBORNE: 118

4. FIRST A/C: 150658Z

5. LAST A/C: 150824Z.

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TELECON MSG EN-15-6 OP SECRET 150700Z

FROM: XXI BOMCOM

SECRET

OPNS

TO: COMAF 109 INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

GR-26

SUBJECT: FIRST TAKEOFF FOR ARRANGE ONE.

1. FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT 150650Z ON ARRANGE ONE.

2. WEATHER PREVIOUSLY GIVEN ON TAKEOFF FOR BRISKET ONE.

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TOD 150725Z DM

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1st Bombs Away Rpt	Tele	FN-15-20		151507Z	@
Cons Bombs Away Rpt	Tele	FN-15-22		151646Z	@
Return Rpt	Tele	FN-15-11		152347Z	@

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TELECON MSG' FN-15-1[illegible] SECRET OPERATIONAL 152315Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

GR 30 BT

SUBJECT: RETURN REPORT FOR ARRANGE ONE, MISSION 69, 15 APRIL 1945.

XXI BOMBER COMMAND

1.	WING:	73
2.	AIRBORNE	118
3.	LANDER HOME BASE:	115
4.	LANDED AWAY FROM BASE:	3
5.	FIRST A/C :	151945Z
	LAST A/C	152211Z
6.	MISSING:	NONE
7.	EARLY RETURNS:	9

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THIS MSG DISPATCHED FROM XXI BOM COM CONTROL ROOM AT 152315Z

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WE HAVE ONE MORE IN MIN QJZ ONE PLS

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

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[illegible] HAVE 609 HAS BEEN USED UP WE STILL HAVE 608 PRACTICLY A NEW ONE

CONFERENCE 041516432
PRESENT HERE 1ST LT. J.A. BACHUS
STATION YAMFG
SUBJECT: 20 AAF MATTERS

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-15-22 OP SECRET 151527Z
FROM: BOMCOM XXI
TO: COMAF 20
INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)
GP 75
SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY FOR ARRANGE ONE, MISSION 69, 15 APRIL 1945.

1. 10 A/C REPORTED BOMBS AWAY.
2. 6 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY WITH GOOD TO EXCELLENT RESULTS.
3. 4 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY BY RADAR WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS.
4. 7 A/C RETURNED EARLY.
5. A/C BOMBING BY RADAR THROUGH 0/10 TO 3/10 CLOUD REPORTED GENERAL CONFLAGRATION. EARLIER A/C REPORTED 0-1/10 CLOUD E/A OPPOSITION WAS REPORTED AS MODERATE, FLAK MEAGER TO MODERATE WITH 1 A/C REPORTING INTENSE, 2 A/C WERE REPORTED AS DOWN OVER TARGET. 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-15-20 (SECRET) 151440Z (OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY)

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20

INFO: DEPCOMAF20(POA)

(CR27)

SECRET

SUBJECT: FIRST BOMBS AWAY REPORT ON ARRANGE NO. 1

FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY AT 151411Z THROUGH NO CLOUDS WITH SEVERAL LARGE FIRES OBSERVED.

END

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ROGER FN-15-20 04151507Z WCR

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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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Washington, D. C.

Information for Briefing on Bomber Command
Mission No. - XXI
69 15 April 1945

Mission Code Name "ARRANGE ONE" (As of Z - 0945 16 Apr 45)

Targets: Primary - TOKYO URBAN AREA
Secondary - NONE
Last Resort - none

Take-off Times: 150250 - 150417 Washington (150650z - 150817z)

Time Over Primary Target: 150925 - 151055 Wash (151325z - 151455z)

Tactics: Night incendiary attack, visual and radar, from altitudes of 8300 to 9800 feet

Aircraft Bombing: 109 118
Primary Target - 109
Secondary Target - -
Other Targets - -

Bomb Load: Primarily M-47 incendiaries

Losses: None

Target Weather: Clear to 1/10, with some haze

Fighter Composition: Slight

Anti-Aircraft Encountered: Meager to moderate at landfall, moderate to intense over target. AA and S/L well co-ordinated over Chiba Peninsula (E of Tokyo)

Claims: 1 destroyed; none probably destroyed; none damaged

Results of Bombing: ~~Crews reported many large fires near AP, many explosions~~

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

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17 April 45 [illegible]
Date Initials

MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 69 - 15 APRIL 1945

"ARRANGE 1"

Target: Urban Area Tokyo

Take-Off: 150250 - 150417 Washington; (150650Z - 150817Z)

Time Over Target: 150925 - 151055 Washington; (151325Z - 151455Z)

Aircraft: Total Bombing: 109
Primary 109

A/C Lost or Missing: None

Casualties: 0 killed; 3 slightly wounded; 0 missing.

Bombs Dropped on PT: Approximately 7.3 tons per A/C as follows:

49 x 550 lb. AN-M46(Comp.B)	Inst. Nose, ND Tail
9 x 575 lb. AN-M64	Inst. Nose, ND Tail
9287 x 79 lb. M47A2	Inst. Nose, ND Tail
948 x 425 lb. E-46	3 Tail fuses, 32 and 24 Sec. Delay
884 x 425 lb. E-46	2 Tail fuses, 22.2 and 24.2 Sec Delay
343 x 425 lb. E-46	2 Tail fuses, 22.4 and 24.4 Sec Delay
8 x 100 lb. M-46	26 Sec Delay Nose
34 x 100 lb. M-46	26.5 Sec Delay Nose.

Tactics: Night incendiary attack from altitudes of 8300 - 9800 ft; by visual radar methods.

Weather: Clear to 3/10 low cloud, base 2000 tops 5000 with un-restricted visibility until smoke columns rose restricting visibility to zero.

Fighter Composition: Approximately 15 E/A encountered, 20 attacks sustained. Attack from just before bombs away to 150 miles after land's end. Mean concentration after bombs away. One B-29 caught in S/L sustained coordinated attack by 4 enemy a/c and was slightly damaged. Two other B-29's reported damaged by E/A fire - one attack sustained 50 miles after land's end, another 150 miles out.
Three orange balls of fire seen just after target - seem to rise from ground followed a/c for three or four minutes at 9,000 ft., two disappeared - possibly burned out, third seen to go into water - never closer than 1 miles. Ball of fire seen going straight up past another a/c 3 miles to the right - a/c approximately 130 miles off coast(33/30N-141/20E). After leaving coast crew sighted 2 cherry red balls of fire one at 7 o'clock, the other at 4 o'clock - seemed to come from below slowly, followed a/c approximately one mile behind. B-29, through violent evasive action, two 45° turns to right and one to left, was able to lose them. Balls appeared to burn out and lose altitude - did not explode. Shortly after leaving target, object resembling blow torch spurting flames 3 to 4 ft., passed in climb to right of B-29. Red ball fire at 8500 ft. dropped to ground and exploded. Small jets of flame seen coming from ball causing it to look like comet. Flew level for awhile, then fell toward ground. Observing a/c at IP, 9800 ft. altitude. At 18,000 ft red fire followed a/c about 10 miles flaring up brightly. Closed to 600 yards.

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Red ball of fire at 4:30 o'clock paralleling B-29 course 50 deg. true, ball then seemed to be double element, one went out and then other disappeared - six sec. total duration. B-29 at 9300 ft. near IP. Approximately 50 miles from land's end six red balls seen about 5 miles off right wing level with B-29. 10,000 ft. appeared to be approaching B-29 but went out after 10 sec. No E/A seen at time. B-29 observed red ball following at mile behind, level to above, 50 miles past land's end. Ball followed 10 to 15 min. neither gaining or losing distance. B-29 at 12,000 ft. in climb, indicating 200 IAS. Fighters attacked at this time and red ball lost by crew during action. Several E/A observed to have two bright lights which glowed like fires, one located on either side of engine. Lights were whitish red, estimated to be 5 ft. apart. Not believed to be exhaust flames, since they appeared to be turned on and off.

Flak:

Over target AA was moderate to intense and mostly inaccurate. AA and s/l's were closely coordinated. Approximately 200 s/l's were scattered all along the route to and from the target. No new tactics used, were coordinated with AA. A rocket launching battery was observed in the area between Chigosaki and Yokohama. It fired six or eight salvos of four rockets each. The rockets blended in with the heavy barrage over Yokohama. They were un bright red in color and burst with a white flash. Rockets fire at other than reporting a/c. Another rocket barrage observation, probably of the same battery, placed it in vicinity of Fujisawa. Over target five rockets came up from ground with red tails, burned out and exploded with dozens of smaller explosions after the original. Bursts level with a/c at 9500 ft. and one-half miles away. Several flares fired from the ground at the target. They came up to 9000 ft., lasted 35 to 40 sec. and illuminated the sky. One barrage balloon observed over Kawasaki at 5000 ft. Just before bombs away one crew reported three bursts of AA in a triangle, in between each burst a neared other bursts until the whole affair was one tight, large burst. It took 30 sec. for the pattern to become solid.

Observations:

One picket boat fired at B-29 at 34/00N-140/20E at 151450Z. A boat in the same location was observed at 150454Z. At that time B-29 strafed this boat from a distance of 600 yds. Picket boat began fire first with light caliber guns, very inaccurate. B-29 fire hit boat but damage unobserved. The boat immediately headed for the mainland.

Results:

Crews reported many large fires. Photo interpretation not received as yet.

Remarks:

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As of 1030, 17 April 1945

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

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TELECON MESSAGE...FN-17-2 OP OP SECRET 170455Z

FROM: BOMCOM XXI

SECRET

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

BOMWG 73 BOMWG 313 BOMWG 314.

GR.950.

SUBJECT: MISSION REPORT FOR ARRANGE ONE MISSION 69, 15 APRIL 1945.

1. DESIGNATION OF UNIT: XXI BOMBER COMMAND.
2. TIME OF TAKE OFF: 150650Z TO 150817Z. (150250 to 150417)
3. TIME OF RETURN: 151945Z TO 152211Z.
4. NO. A/C AIRBORNE: 118 PLUS 2 SUPER DUMBOS.
5. NO. A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY: 109
6. NO. A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY: 0.
7. NO. A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT TARGETS: 0.
8. NO. A/C ATTACKING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: 0.
9. NO. A/C WHICH FAILED TO BOMB DESIGNATED TARGETS: 9.
   REASONS: MECHANICAL 9
10. NO. A/C LOST TO FLAK: 0.
11. NO. A/C LOST TO E/A/ 0.
12. NO. A/C LOST BY ACCIDENT: 1.
13. NO. A/C LOST BY REASONS UNKNOWN: 0.
14. TIME OF ATTACK: PRIMARY TARGET: 151325Z - 151455Z. (150925 - 151055)
15. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK: PRIMARY: 8,300 FT TO 9,800 FT.
16. BOMBS ON EACH TARGET: PRIMARY:

NUMBER		WEIGHT	TYPE	FUSING
49	X	550 LB	AN-M46 (COMP.B)	INST. NOSE, ND TAIL
9	X	535 LB	AN-M64	INST.: ,NOE, ND TAIL
9287	X	70 LB	M47A2	INST. NOSE, ND TAIL
948	X	425 LB	E-46	2 TAIL FUSES, 22 AND 24 SEC DELA
884	X	425 LB	E-46	2 TAIL FUSES, 22.2 AND 24.2 SEC DELAY.
543	X	425 LB	E-46	2 TAIL FUSES, 22.4 AND 24.4 SEC DELAY
8	X	100 LB	M-46	26 SEC DELAY NOSE
54	X	100 LB	MLADWECOVE	

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50 DEG TRUE, BALL THEN SEEMED TO BE DOUBLE ELEMENT, ONE WENT OUT AND THEN OTHER DISAPPEARED. SIX SECONDS TOTAL DURATION. B-29 AT 9300 FT NEAR IP. APPROXIMATELY 50 MILES FROM LAND'S END SIX RED BALLS SEEN ABOUT FIVE MILES OFF RIGHT WING LEVEL WITH B-29. 10,000 FT. APPEARED TO BE APPROACHING B-29 BUT WENT OUT AFTER 10 SEC. NO E/A SEEN AT TIME. B-29 OBSERVED RED BALL FOLLOWING AT MILE BEHIND, LEVEL TO ABOVE, 50

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54 X 100 LB M-46 26.5 SEC DELAY NOSE.

A. BOMB LOADINGS:

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NUMBER		WEIGHT	TYPE	FUSING.
55	X	550 LB	AN-M64 (COMP.B)	INST.NOSE, ND TAIL
10	X	535 LB	AN-M64	INST. NOSE, ND TAIL
10096	X	70 LB	M47A2	INST. NOSE, ND TAIL
982	X	425 LB	E-46	2 TAIL FUSES, 22 AND 24 SEC DELA
1000	X	425 LB	E-46	2 TAIL FUSES, 22.2 AND 24.2 SEC DELAY.
382	X	425 LB	E-46	2 TAIL FUSES, 22.4 AND 24.4 SEC DELAY
9	X	100 LB	M-46	26 SEC DELAY NOSE
57	X	100 LB	M-46	26.5 SEC DELAY NOSE

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B. BOMBS UNACCOUNTED FOR: 0.

17. A/C JETTISONING BOMBS: (8 FULL, 9 PARTIAL LOADS).

NUMBER		WEIGHT	TYPE	FUSING
4	X	550 LB	AN-M64 (COMP.B)	INST. NOSE, NON-DELAY TAIL
1	X	535 LB	AN-M64	INST. NOSE, ND TAIL
167	X	70 LB	M47A2	INST. NOSE, ND TAIL
54	X	425 LB	E46	2 TAIL FUSES, 22 AND 24 SEC DELA
116	X	425 LB	E-46	2 TAIL FUSES, 22.2 AND 24.2 SEC DELAY
59	X	425 LB	E-46	2 TAIL FUSES, 22.4 AND 24.4 SEC DELAY
1	X	100 LB	M-46	26 SEC DELAY NOSE
5	X	100 LB	M-46	26.5 SEC DELAY NOSE

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18. NO. A/C BRINGING BOMBS BACK:

5 A/C 42 X 70 LB M47A2 NP IB

19. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: KILLED - 0; SERIOUSLY WOUNDED - 0; SLIGHTLY WOUNDED - 3; MISSING - 0.

20. NO. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED: 1; PROBABLY DESTROYED - 0; DAMAGED - 0.

21. REMARKS:

A. ENEMY OPPOSITION: FIGHTER OPPOSITION: ESTIMATE 15 E/A ATTACKED FROM JUST BEFORE BOMBS AWAY TO 150 MILES AFTER LAND'S END. MAIN CONCENTRATION AFTER BOMBS AWAY. ONE B-29 CAUGHT IN SEARCHLIGHT SUSTAINED COORDINATED ATTACK BY 4 E/A AND SLIGHTLY DAMAGED. TWO OTHER B-29S REPORTED DAMAGED BY E/A FIRE.

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ADD CONTINUATION TELECON MESSAGE FN-17-2 OP SECRET 170455Z.

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ONE ATTACK SUSTAINED 50 MILES AFTER LAND'S END, ANOTHER 150 MILES OUT. THREE ORANGE BALLS OF FIRE SEEN JUST AFTER TARGET. SEEN TO RISE

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AWAY TO 150 MILES AFTER LAND'S END. MAIN CONCENTRATION AFTER BOMBS AWAY. ONE B-29 CAUGHT IN SEARCHLIGHT SUSTAINED COORDINATED ATTACK BY 4 E/A AND SLIGHTLY DAMAGED. TWO OTHER B-29S REPORTED DAMAGED BY E/A FIRE.

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ONE ATTACK SUSTAINED 50 MILES AFTER LAND'S END, ANOTHER 150 MILES OUT. THREE ORANGE BALLS OF FIRE SEEN JUST AFTER TARGET. SEEN TO RISE FROM GROUND, FOLLOWING A/C AT 9000 FT, 3 TO 4 MINUTES. TWO DISAPPEARED POSSIBLY BURNED OUT. THIRD ONE SEEN TO GO IN WATER. NEVER CLOSER THAN MILE. BALL FIRE GOING STRAIGHT UP PAST ANOTHERFA/C 3 MILES TO RIGHT. A/C APPROXIMATELY 130 MILES OFF COAST, 32/30N, 141/20E. AFTER LEAVING COAST CREW SIGHTED TWO CHERRY-RED BALLS OF FIRE, ONE AT 7 O'CLOCK OTHER AT 4 O'CLOCK. SEEMED TO COME FROM BELOW, SLOWLY. SOURCE UNKNOWN. FOLLOWED APPROXIMATELY MLE BEHIND. B-29 THROUGH VIOLENT EVASIVE ACTION TWO 45 DEG TURNS TO RIGHT AND ONE TO LEFT, ABLE TO LOSE THEM. BALLS APPEARED TO BURN OUT AND LOSE ALTITUDE. DID NOL EXPLODE. SHORTLY AFTER LEAVING TARGET, OBJECT RESEMBLING BLOW TORCH SPURTING FLAMES 3 TO 4 FT, PASSED IN CLIMB TO RIGHT OF B-29. RED BALL FIRE AT 8500 FT. DROPPED TO GROUND AND EXPLODED. SMALL JETS OF FLAME SEEN COMING FROM BALL CAUSING IT TO LOOK LIKE COMET. FLEW LEVEL FOR AWHILE, THEN FELL TOWARD GROUND. OBSERVING A/C AT IP, 9800 FT ALTITUDE. AT 18,000 FT RED FIRE FOLLOWED A/C ABOUT 10 MILES FLARING UP BRIGHTLY. CLOSED TO 600 YARDS. RED BALL OF FIRE AT 4:30 O'CLOCK PARALLELING B-29 COURSE 50 DEG TRUE, BALL THEN SEEMED TO BE DOUBLE ELEMENT, ONE WENT OUT AND THEN OTHER DISAPPEARED. SIX SECONDS TOTAL DURATION. B-29 AT 9300 FT NEAR IP. APPROXIMATELY 50 MILES FROM LAND'S END SIX RED BALLS SEEN ABOUT FIVE MILES OFF RIGHT WING LEVEL WITH B-29. 10,000 FT. APPEARED TO BE APPROACHING B-29 BUT WENT OUT AFTER 10 SEC. NO E/A SEEN AT TIME. B-29 OBSERVED RED BALL FOLLOWING AT MILE BEHIND, LEVEL TO ABOVE, 50

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MILES PAST LAND'S END. BALL FOLLOWED 10 TO 15 MINUTES NEITHER GAINING OR LOSING DISTANCE. B-29 AT 12,000 FT IN CLIMB, INDICATING 200 MPH. FIGHTERS ATTACKED AT THIS TIME AND RED BALL LOST BY CREW DURING ACTION. SEVERAL E/A OBSERVED TO HAVE TWO BRIGHT LIGHTS WHICH GLOWED LIKE FIRES, ONE LOCATED ON EITHER SIDE OF ENGINE (IF IT WERE SINGLE ENGINE PLANE). LIGHTS WERE WHITISH RED, ESTIMATED TO BE 5 FT APART. NOT BELIEVED TO BE EXHAUST FLAMES, SINCE THEY APPEARED TO BE TURNED ON AND OFF.

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B. FLAK: AT IP HEAVY AND MEDIUM, CONTINUOUSLY POINTED AND INACCURATE. HEAVY, INTENSE, INACCURATE BARRAGES AND MEDIUM, MODERATE, CONTINUOUSLY POINTED AA CAME FROM AREA OF HIRATSUKA. BOTH HEAVY AND MEDIUM, MEAGER, INACCURATE, CONTINUOUSLY POINTED AA AT CHIGOSAKI. INTENSE HEAVY BARRAGES WERE NOTED OVER YOKOHAMA AND YOKOSUKA TO RIGHT OF COURSE OF OBSERVING CREWS. OVER TARGET AA WAS MODERATE TO INTENSE AND MOSTLY INACCURATE. IT WAS HEAVY AND MEDIUM, MOSTLY CONTINUOUSLMJP, CAME INTO TARGET AREA ACROSS CHIBA PENINSULA. AA GENERALLY MODERATE. AA AND LIGHTS CLOSELY COORDINATED. A/C OF THIS GROUP WHICH WERE ILLUMINATED RECEIVED ACCURATE AA, HEAVY AND MEDIUM. ONE CREW REPORTED 25 SEARCHLIGHTS FOLLOWING ROPE FROM A/C. SEARCHLIGHTS WERE SCATTERED ALL ALONG THE ROUTE TO AND FROM THE TARGET. NUMBER OF SEARCHLIGHTS ESTIMATED TO BE APPROXIMATELY 200. USED NO NEW TACTICS AND WERE COORDINATED WITH AA.

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C. CU/C LOST OR IN DISTRESS. NONE.

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D. A/C SERIOUSLY DAMAGED OR CRASHED ON RETURN: ONE CRASHED ON LANDING AT IWO. BELIEVED TOTAL LOSS. COMPLETE INFORMATION NOT YET AVILABLE.

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E. A/C BATTLE DAMAGE: 6 READY FOR COMBAT IN ONE DAY; 2 IN 6 DAYS;
1 IN INDIEFINITE DAYS.

F. OBSERVATIONS: (1) PICKET BOAT FIRED AT B-29 AT 34/00N-140/20E
AT 151450Z. ~~ALT/ OBS 12,500 FT~~. A BOAT IN THE SAME LOCATION WAS OBSER-
VED AT 150454Z, ~~ALT/OBS 100 FT~~. AT THAT TIME B-29 STRAFED THIS BOAT FROM
A DISTANCE OF 600 YARDS. PICKET BOAT BEGAN FIRE FIRST WITH LIGHT CALIBER
GUNS- VERY INACCURATE. B-29 FIRE HIT BOAT BUT DAMAGE UNOBSERVED. THE
BOAT IMMEDIATELY HEADED FOR THE MAINLAND.

G. PHOTO INTERPREATION: INCLUDED IN OUR FN 16-16, 161430Z.

H. CREW COMMENTS: NONE.

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I. WEATHER: BASES ON TAKE OFF: 3 TO 5/10 CUMULUS BASE 1500 TOPS 5000
WITHE 12 TO 15 MILES VISIBILITY, NO SHOWERS REPORTED.

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N. TARGET: CLEAR TO 5/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 2000 TOPS 5000 WITH UN RESTRIC-

TED VISIBILITY UNTIL SMOKE COLUMNS ROSE RESTRISTING VISIB ILITY

TO ZERO

IN COLUMN TO E AND SOUTH OF TARGET. EXTREME TURBULENCE IN SMOKE CLOUD.

ROUTE RETURNING: SAME AS ROUTE OUTGOING EXCEPT FRONTAL ZONE SLIGHTLY

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FARTHER SOUTH. BASES ON RETURN: 3 TO 5/10 LLLCLOUD BASE 1500 TOP 6 TO

8000 WITH FEW SCATTERED LIGHT SHOWERS REDUCING VISIBILITY TO FIVE MILES
IN SHOWERS, OTHERWISE 12 MILES.
END...

2 FROM LAST LINE READS...
8000 WITH FEW SCATTERED LIGHT SHOWERS RECUDING VISIBILITY TO FIVE MILES
IN SHOWERS, OTHERWISE 12 MO MILES.
END. XXX

MIN IN FIRST PART I HAVE IT BULLED UP IN ONE SPOT MIN TILL I FIND
IT.
IN PART 1 OF THIS MSG ITEM 16. UNDER THE COLUMN OF FUSING 2LINE UNDER
SAME READS. INST. NOSE, ND TAIL
NOT INST.:,NOE RPT READS INST. NOSE, ND TAIL.
(GOT THAT PLACE)?

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Communique

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INFO-- COMGENBOMCOM 2Ø ((ATTENTION: 'GLASS)

FROM: COMAF 2Ø

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WILL BE RELEASED HERE AT 161ØØZ

"B-29 AIRCRAFT OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE ATTACKED TOKYO FOR THE SECOND TIME IN 48(974 7,$-6, APRIL 15 (APRIL 16, JAPANESE TIME)) SETTING LARGE FIRES IN INDUSTRIAL AREAS IN THE SOUTHWESTERN PART OF THE CITY. THE TOKYO SUBURB OF KAWASAKI WAS THEOTHER TARGET IN A TWO- 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 WASVISIBLE 1ØØ MILES AT SEA. ONE SUPERFORTRESS CREW WAS 137(137) MILES ENROUTE HOME WHEN IT OBSERVED AN EXPLOSION THAT "ILLUMINATED THE WHOLE SKY 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 DESTROYED RPT DESTROYED.

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

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THE FOLLOWING PRESS FLASH WILL BE RELEASED HERE AT 151900Z

" A VERY LARGE FORCE OF SUPERFORTRESSES RETURNED TO THE JAPANESE HOMELAND 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."

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Flash Photo 148	Telecon	FN-17-32		17 Apr	BGR
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TELECON MSG NO.	SUBJECT	DATE
FN-18-18	Mission Report, 3PRM 148-149-150,17 April 1945	18 April 1945

TO:	INFO:	FROM: Mission
COMAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 POA	BOMCOM 21

A. PRM No.	148	149	150
B. Date time take off:	161644Z	161608Z	161558Z
C. Date time return:	171256Z	170608Z	170640Z
D. Target or recon area:	Tokyo area	Tokyo	Tokyo area
E. Weather at target:	Heavy haze	heavy haze	heavy haze
F. Altitude at target:	31,500 ft.	32,130 ft.	32,500 ft.
G. E/A encountered:	None	None	1 T/E, no attack
H. Flak encountered:	Mod, inaccurate at Tokyo. SLT-Acc at Ujr Yamda	8-10 bursts near Shizuoka	None

I. Observations:
3PRM 148: Huge fires Tokyo Arsenal area. Appeared as if heart of city is burned out. Hard to see city because of large areas burned out. 5 reflectors in place ground. Saw about 50 large planes at Hamamatsu A/F.

J. Photo coverage & quality:	Hazy	Good	Hazy
K. 1st Phase interpretation:		FN-17-32 172220Z	FN-17-34 172355Z

3 PRM 148: Mean time of photography: 0936K. Tokushima A/F (3408N 13436E) target 2595. A/C visible: 157. 152 S/E, 5 T/E, 5 10 dummy S/E. Akashi A/F (3440N -13457E) target 2650. A/C visible: 23. 13 S/E, 10 T/E. Yokaichi A/C (3505N - 13613E) target 2695. A/C visible: 20. 5 S/E, 15 T/E. Nii Jima A/F (342200N - 1391630E) target 2786. A/C visible: None

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FN-17-34	FLASH REPORT NO. 150 MISSION NO. 8PR5M 150 TARGET AREA: TOKYO, OSAKA 17 April 1945	17 Apr 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 POA BOMWING 313 ~~BOMWING 314~~ BOMWING 73	BOMCOM 21 Missions 68, 69

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 892,846,000 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 1352: Rolling Stock Co. (Tokyo)
Target 541: Oriental Otis Elevator Co.

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WN-17-34	FLASH REPORT NO. 150 MI SIO NO. SPR5M 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) (10.4-02.3) (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 (07.7-08.6)
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) (11.4-11.3) (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:
COMAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 POA ~~BOMBWING 73~~ BOMBWING 313 BOMBWING 314	COMGENBOMCOM 21

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-20-8	BALLS OF FIRE	20 Apr 45

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 FOA	COMGENBOMCOM 21 USAAF

During Mission No. 69, night 15-16 April the following observations were made concerning balls of fire:

Many sightings of fire balls made by 54 crews. Reports varied as to size, shape, and tactics. No attempt has been made to evaluate sightings, since duplications cannot be eliminated.

2. Many enemy aircraft were seen in the same area as the balls of fire, but no accurate relationship can be established. Three distances of possible coordination reported. (1) A Betty observed about one minute after the sighting of a ball of fire in target area. (2) An unidentified E/A observed simultaneously with ball of fire in target area at six o'clock level at 8000 feet three miles south of tip of Chiba Peninsula. (3) Over Tokyo upon withdrawal an unidentified E/A attacked from nine o'clock level, opening fire at 1200 yards and breaking off at 900 yards. At the same time a ball of fire approached at four o'clock level, the B-29 opened fire at 800 yards and at 600 yards the ball of fire turned right, broke into pieces and dropped burning into the water.

3. At least four balls of fire were shot down. They were usually seen to break into pieces and fall flaming after having been fired upon. One B-29 saw one of the objects burning in strips along the wings. In several instances balls of fire were seen to drop in pieces and in flames without approaching one of our aircraft.

4. The Sixth Bombardment Group reported the following as successful tactics for use by gunners. If the object could be seen in outline, the sights were set at minimum range, and an area two to three times the span of the object was framed. If only the glow could be seen, sights were set a maximum and gunners aimed below the glow.

5. The majority of reports gave three to five minutes as the duration of the glow, but in one case a B-29 was picked up over the target and followed for thirty eight minutes two hundred miles out to sea.

6. All reporters agreed that B-29's were able to outspeed the balls of fire. It was also stated that evasive action was effective. In one case a B-29 was attacked from twelve o'clock by ball of fire apparently intending to ram. The B-29 turned to the left and the ball of fire continued in straight line passing by right wing.

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