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TELECON MESSAGE 3-F (SECRET) 30459Z

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QUOTE

TAKE OFF REPORT BASED 20 AF MANUAL 55-1 PAGE 48.

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MISSION 3 F. O. NO 15; COLUMN ONE, (73 WING) 497

GP 498 GP; COLUMN TWO, ELEVEN A/C, NINE A/C; COLUMN THREE,
ELEVEN A/C, NINE A/C; COLUMN FOUR, FIRST A/C 0730, FIRST A/C
0741; COLUMN FIVE, LAST A/C 0740, LAST A/C 0749 UNQUOTE

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3rd PRACTICE MISSION - XXI BOMBER COMMAND

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73rd Wing will attack Dublon Harbor, Truk

497th Group - 9 planes
498th Group - 9 planes

Two 9-plane formations

Takeoff scheduled 012230Z

Bomb Load - 5000 lbs.

Flight Time - Approximately 8 hours

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get plane arrival
schedule.* *Hotfoot.*

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Office of the Commanding General,
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PRACTICE MISSION REPORT NO. 3 OF MAI DONALD COLTRANE

73RD WING - 2 NOVEMBER 1944

Target: Sub Base Dublon Island, Truk

Take-off: From Saipan 011830 to 011840 Washington Time
(012230Z to 012240Z)

Time of Attack: From 021034 to 021140 Theatre Time
(020134Z to 020240Z)

Time of Return: 020025 to 020130 Washington Time
(020425Z to 020530Z)

<u>Aircraft:</u>	Scheduled to take off	20
	Airborne	20
	Total Bombing Primary	17
	Early Returns	3

Missing: None

Bomb Load: 141 - 500 GP Inst.
61 - 500 Incendiaries

Total Bombs Dropped: 43-1/2 tons

Tactics: Two 9-plane formations

Weather: 4/10 to 5/10 cloud cover over target and enroute

Enemy Air Opposition: Nil

Anti-Aircraft: Heavy to moderate and inaccurate

Results: Unsatisfactory due to cloud cover

Photo Interpretation: Preliminary photographs from 1 Group only due to clouds. One Group of bursts approximately 9000 feet from center of target - majority in wooded area East of Dublon Town. One Group bursts North of civilian hospital. Three buildings hit in edge of town.

Remarks: Two probable Zekes sighted over target - 3000 to 4000 feet below formation - did not attack.

As of 0900, 3 November 1944

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

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TELECON MSG.--PS-3-1

TO LEMAY FROM NORSTAD

SUBJECT: PRACTICE MISSION REPORT NO 3 OF XXI BC, 73RD WING
2 NOVEMBER 1944

TARGET: SUB BASE DUBLON ISLAND, TRUK

TAKE OFF: FROM SAIPAN 012230Z TO 012240Z

TIME OF ATTACK: FROM 020134Z TO 020240Z

TIME OF RETURN: 020425Z TO 020530Z

AIRCRAFT:

AIRBORNE-----20

TOTAL BOMBING PRIMARY-----17

EARLY RETURNS----- 3

MISSING: NONE

BOMB LOAD: 141-500 GP INST
61-500 INCENDIARIES

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TOTAL BOMBS DROPPED: 43 AND ONE HALF TONS

WEATHER: 4/10 TO 5/10 CLOUD COVER OVER TARGET AND ENROUTE

ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: NIL

ANIT-AIRCRAFT: HEAVY TO MODERATE AND INACCURATE

RESULTS: UNSATISFACTORY DUE TO CLOUD COVER

PHOTO INTERPRETATION: PRELIMINARY PHOTOGRAPHS FROM 1 GROUP ONLY DUE TO CLOUDS. ONE GROUP OF BURSTS APPROXIMATELY 9000 FT FROM CENTER OF TARGET-- MAJORITY IN WOODED AREA EAST OF DUBLON TOWN. ONE GROUP BURSTS NORTH OF CIVILIAN HOSPITAL. THREE BUILDINGS HIT IN EDGE OF TOWN.

REMARKS: TWO PROBABLE ZEKES SIGHTED OVER TARGET--3000 TO 4000 FEET BELOW FORMATION--DID NOT ATTACK.

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TELECON MESSAGE 3-C (TOP SECRET) 030437Z

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(0) SUB BASE DUBLON IS. TRUK. 5. (17)

(9) ~~OKOL~~ 20. (10) DUE 1. RUNAWAY PROP. 2 FUEL PUMP LEAK NO 4 ENGINE.
3 FUEL PRESS. ERRATIC. (13) 7, -581-45946 ^{(12) UNSATISFACTORY (14) NIL (15) HEAVY} ORL NIL (11) HEAVY
MODERAE, INACC (16) NILGM (17) 4 TO 5/10 CLOUD COVER OVER TARGET AND
IN ROUTE. PHOTOS TAKEN UNQUOTE

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ELECON MESSAGE 3-D (TOP SECRET) 03048Z

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FROM DEPCOMAF 20 TO COMAF WP

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QUOTE MISSION NO 3 (PER 20AF MANUAL 55-1) F.O. NO. 3

(1) 73,45 ^{RD WING} 28, & (2) 012230Z TO 01224Z (3) 020425Z TO 020530Z (4) 20.
(5) 17. (9) 3. (14) 020134Z 020240Z (15) 25,000 TO 27,300.
(16) GQWQM X 500 GP INST., 53 X 500 1. B. (17) 21X 500 GP NST,
9 M 500 1.B. BY 3A/P. (21) (1) 2 PROBABLE ZEKES SIGHTED OVER TARGET,
3,000 TO 4000 FT BELOW FORMATION. DID NOT ATTACK (2) HEAVY, MODERATE
INACCURATE FOM DUBLON AND MOEN I. (7) P.I. REPORT - PRELIMINARY.
PHOTOS FROM ONE GROUP ONLY DUE CLOUDS. ^{one} OU GROUP OF BURSTS APPROX.
9000 FT FROM CENTER OF TARGET. MAJORITY IN WOODED AREA EAST DUBLON
TOWN. ONE GROUP BURSTS JUST NO OF CIVILIAN HOSPITAL. THREE BLDGS
HIT EDGE TOWN. BOMBING UNSATISFACTORY DUE CLOUD COVER. UNQUOTE

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WHAT DO YOU MEAN M BY EAST LONGITUDE DATE TIME ??

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IT IS NOW 022100 HWT OR 030630ZEBRA

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MIN PLS

WE ARE NOT SURE THAT IS A EXACT COPY OF MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM S
BOMCOM 21. HOWEVER SEPERATE REPORT STATES BOMBING RESULTS QUOTE
UNSATISFACTORY UNQUOTE. DOES THAT HELP YOU ANY ?

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