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Brief of Field Order	Telecon	FN-23-4		2307Z23	NP

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FROM: COMGENBOMCOM 21 230732Z

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAN 20 POA

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34 A/C FROM THE 315 BWG ARE SCHEDULED TO LAY 238 MINES IN THE WESTERN ENTRANCE TO SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS, FUSHIKI-SHIMMINATO, NANAO AND NIIGATA HARBORS ON NIGHT 24 MAY.

A. 13 A/C 91 MINES IN FIELD M SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS - WEST

ROUTE: BASE, IWO 3230N 13230E, 3430N 13127E (IP), TARGET RIGHT TURN TO 12000 FEET, 3415N 13115E, 3230N 13230E, IWO, BASE.

B. 10 A/C 70 MINES IN FIELD N FUSHIKI-SHIMINATO, NANAO

ROUTE: BASE, IWO 3439N 13759E, 3730N 13800E, 3727N 13722E, 372020N 1371610E (IP), TARGET, LEFT TURN TO 16000 FEET, 3357N 1361630E, IWO TO BASE.

C. 11 A/C 77 MINES IN FIELD U NIIGATA

ROUTE: BASE, IWO, 3439N 13759E, 3749N 1381230E, 3805N 13815E, 3805N 1383345E (IP), TGT, CLIMB TO 16000 FT, 3700N 14130E, IWO, BASE.

D. TIME OF TAKE-OFF: 240800Z.
TIME OVER TARGET: 241600Z.
TIME OF RETURN: 242300Z.

E. METHOD OF ATTACK: RADAR LAHING, SINGLE AIRCRAFT AT NIGHT.

F. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK: 6500-8000 FEET.

G. FIGHTER ESCORT WILL NOT BE PROVIDED.

H. AIR SEA RESCUE HAS BEEN REQUESTED.

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Take off Report	"	FN-24-10		241000Z	NH
Corrected Take off Report	"	FN-24-11		241135Z	NH

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-24-11 (SECRET) 241135Z (OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY)

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20

INFO: DEPCOMAF20(POA) BOMWG58 BOMWG73 BOMWG314

SUBJECT: CORRECTED TAE OFF REPORT FOR MISSION NO 182 TARGET JAPANESE HOME WATERS FLOWN 24/25 MAY 1945.

1. UNIT: 313

2. A/C SCHEDULED: 31
3. A/C AIRBORNE: 30

4. 1ST A/C OFF: 240801Z

5. LAST A/C OFF: 240946Z

6. REMARKS: ~~WO~~ NO SUPER DUMBOS AIRBORNE 240932Z.
O EMD

TOD 241217Z WL
ROGER 241217Z WCR

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INFORMATION:	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S TM&E	DC/S P&A	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4	A-5	Plans	Air Insp
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TELECON MESSAGE FN-24-10 (SECRET) 241000Z (OPERATIONAL-PRI

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20

INFO: DEPCOMAF20(POA) BOMWG58 BOMWG73 BOMWG314

SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR MISSION NO 182 TARGET JAPANESE HOME WATERS FLOWN 24/25 MAY 1945.

1. UNIT: 313TH

2. A/C SCHEDULED: 31

3. A/C AIRBORNE: 27

4. 1ST A/C OFF: 240801Z

5. LAST A/C OFF: 240841Z

6. REMARKS: NONE

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TOD 240// 241009Z WL
ROGER 241009Z WCR

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	A.G.	Surg									
INFORMATION:	C/S	DC/S Opr	DC/S TM&E	DC/S P&A	A-1	A-2	A-3 Tng	A-3 OC&R	A-4		
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TELECON MESSAGE FN-24-8 (SECRET) 240940Z (OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY)

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21 TO: COMAF20

INFO: DEPCOMAF20(POA)

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SUBJECT: FIRST TAKE OFF REPORT ON MINING MISSION FIFTEEN

FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT 240801Z.

BASES AT TAKE OFF: SCATTERED LOW, MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUDS.

ROUTE: SCATTERED LOW, MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUDS TO 20 DEG NORTH WITH SHOWERS NORTH OF 19 DEG NORTH. FROM 20 DEG NORTH TO 24 DEG NORTH THERE WILL BE SCATTERED LOW, MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUDS. FROM 24 DEG NORTH TO 27 DEG NORTH THERE WILL BE OVERCAST LOW AND MIDDLE, AND BROKEN HIGH CLOUDS WITH MODERATE SHOWERS. FROM 27 DEG NORTH TO 34 DEG NORTH THERE WILL BE SCATTERED LOW CLOUDS.

TARGET: 3/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 2000 FEET, TOP 5000 FEET; 5/10 HIGH CLOUD AT 29,000 FEET; VISIBILITY 11 MILES; WINDS AT 6500 FEET WILL BE 260 DEGREES AT 28 KNOTS.

BASE ON RETURN: SCATTERED LOW, MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUDS.

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	Op Anal		Stat Con		Anti-Acft		FSO		A.G.		Surg													
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Mission Report	Telecon	W-25-11		25 May	DK

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FN-25-11	MISSION REPORT FOR MISSION NO. 182 24/25 MAY 1945 MINING MISSION NO. 16	MAY 25, 1945

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20	DEPCOMAF 20 POA A/CAS INTELL.	COMGENBOMCOM 21

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1. Designation of Unit: 313th Wing, XXI Bomber Command.
2. Time of Take Off: 240801Z - 240946Z.
3. Time of Return: 242145Z - 250052Z.
4. No. A/C Airborne: 30.
5. No. A/C over Primary Minefield: M/F Uncle, 9 A/C laid 63 MK 25.
   M/F Nan, 9 A/C laid 63 MK 25.
   M/F Mike, 7 A/C laid 49 MK 25.
6. No. A/C over Alternate Minefield: 1 A/C laid 2 N41-B8, 2 N41-I8, 1 M31-K8, 1 M31-M8, 1 M31-B8, at 3436N - 13654E. 1 A/C laid 3 M31-B8, 2 M31-K8, 1 M31-M8, 1 M31-G8, at 3334N - 13155E.
7. No. and location of mines jettisoned by A/C: 3 A/C jettisoned 21 MK 25 mines as follows: At 1457N - 1461136E, 4 N41-B8, 1 M31-K8, 1 M31-G8, 1 N41-I8. At 1508 - 14603E 1 M31-B8, 1 M31-M8, 2 N41-B8, 1 M31-K8, 1 N41-I8, 1 M31-G8. At 1553N - 15606E, 1 M31-[illegible]8, 1 D13-B8, 1 D12-B8, 2 D11-B8, 1 M31-G8, 1 M31-K8.
8. No. A/C returning mines to base: None.
9. No. mines unaccounted for and reason: NONE.
10. No. A/C lost: None.
11. Time of attack: M/F Uncle 241544Z - 241720Z. M/F Nan 241618Z - 241759Z. M/F Mike 241604Z - 241653Z.
12. Altitude over Target: M/F Uncle 7000 to 8400'. M/F Nan 7860 to 8200'. M/F Mike 6000' to 6500'.
13. True air speed at mine release: M/F Uncle 200 - 227 kts. M/F Nan 195 - 232 kts. M/F Mike 220 - 229 kts.
14. Length of Mine Run: M/F Uncle 4 min - 6 min 30 sec. M/F Nan 5 min - 9 min 30 sec. M/F Mike 5 min - 30 sec - 9 min 50 sec.
15. Lind reported over Target: All forces: 260 deg at 30 kts.
16. Clouds and visibility: No clouds visibility unrestricted. All forces.
17. Personnel Casualties: None
18. Enemy Air Opposition: Forces at M/F's Uncle and Nane encountered no E/A. M/F Mike force met 1 U/I.
19. AA: Forces at M/F's Uncle and Nan reported AA nil. M/F Mike force reported AA meager and inaccurate.
20. Enemy RCM noted and effect: None

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FW-25-11	MISSION REPORT FOR MISSION NO. 182 24/25 MAY 1945 MINING MISSION NO. 15	25 May 1945

TO:	INFO:	FROM:
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21. Observations: Force to M/F Uncle reported several small boats along coast at 3702N-13749E; 2 ships at 3740N-13825E, 1 ship at 3820N-13820E, and an unusually large factory or plant seen visually at S/W outskirts of town of Okaya at 3603N-13803E. Force to M/F Nan reported radar observations 1 ship at Shimizu 3502N-13831E; 2 ships at Wakasa Bay approximately 3540N-13540E; 5 ships at 3730N-13610E; 1 Ship at 37335N-13720E; 3 ships at 2740N-13808E; 2 ships at 3452N-13835E; 1 ship at 3737N-13704E; 1 ship at 3733N-13722E; 4 ships at 3652N-13640E; 1 large ship, 4 medium ships at 3408N-13618E. Also visual: 3 ships at 3543N-13605E (Visual); 1 small boat at 3335N-13845E; 1 ship at 3633N-13616E; 4 ships at 3734N-13616E; 2 ships at 3734E-13710N; 3 ships at 3440N-13820E; 2 ships at 3647N-13704E; 2 ships at 3714N-13750E. Force for M/F Mike observed radar in Beppu Bay 1 carrier at approximately 3324N-13139E; 3 small ships at 3324N-13138E; 1 ship at 3305N-13212E; 2 ships at 3326N-13205E; 2 ships at 3258N-13200E (Also Visual) 6 ships at 3352N-3110E; 5 ships at 3352N-13125E; 8 ships at Hagi; 3426N-13124E; 1 ship at Ai Shima 3359N-13049E; 6 ships at Uma Shima 3358N-13052E; 15 ships S of Oko. Approximately 3354N-13117E; 30 ships S of Bofu, approximately 3357N-13135E; 8 ships at 3354N-13157E.

22. No. mines airborne: 210 MK 25.

23. No. and types of mines laid in minefields:

TYPE	M/F UNCLE	M/F NAN	M/F MIKE
D11-B8	None	None	7
D12-B8	None	None	4
D13-B8	None	None	3
M11-I8	3	5	None
M11-M8	3	4	None
M13-G8	2	4	None
M13-K8	2	5	None
~~M13-K8~~	~~2~~	~~5~~	~~None~~
M31-B8	10	6	17
M31-G8	4	7	5
M31-K8	7	6	6
M31-M8	5	6	6

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SUBJECT: MISSION REPORT FOR MISSION NO. 182 24/25 MAY 1945
MINING MISSION NO. 15

DATE: MAY 25, 1945

TO: Cont'd from Page 2

INFO:

FROM:

TYPE	M/F UNCLE	M/F NAN	M/F MIKE
N41-B8	23	15	1
N41-I8	None	5	None
X11-B8	1	None	None
X31-B8	1	None	None
X61-B8	1	None	None
X71-B8	1	None	None

24. The mines laid in the outer entrance to Shimonoseki Straits are expected to have the effect of maintaining that blockade for several more days. Niigata is now believed to be completely denied to shipping and will no doubt remain so for several days. Nanao and Fushiki are expected to have considerable shipping difficulties for several days. The seven mines dropped on the secondary target of Nagoya Harbor are in good position and may sink ships in that area.

Please pass this information to CNO, Washington.

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DIST ACTION: DC/S Opr (4)

INFO: C/S - DC/OPRS - DC/S P&A - DC/S TME Gen. Norstad; Gen Hodges; Gen Wilson; Gen Bissell; Capt Stroop; Stat Control (2); Maj Alexander (2)

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REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 182 - 24/25 May 1945
Date

Mining #15

Targets Bombed: Total A/C Bombing: 27

Niigata Harbor 9

Fushiki, Shimminato, Nanao 9

Shimonoseki Straits 7

Other 2

Time Over Target: 250015 - 250220 Theater Time

Mines Laid:
~~XXXXXXXX~~ 189 tons

Results:
~~XXXXXXX~~

Tactics: Mines laid by single a/c at night from an altitude of 6000 feet to 8400 feet.

A/C Lost or Missing: None

Weather: No clouds, visibility unrestricted

Fighter Opposition: Nil

Flak: Niigata Harbor and Fushiki, Shiminato, Nanao - Nil

Shimonoseki Straits - meager and inaccurate.

Claims:

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Observations:

Several small boats along coast at 37/02N - 137/49E
2 ships at 37/40N - 138/25E
5 ships at 37/30N - 136/10E
3 ships at 37/40N - 138/08E
4 ships at 36/52N - 136/40E
1 large ship, 4 medium ships at 34/08N - 136/18E
4 ships at 37/34N - 136/16E
3 ships at 34/40N - 138/20E
1 carrier at 33/24N - 131/39E
11 ships at 33/50N - 131/10E
8 ships at 34/26N - 131/24E
6 ships at 33/58N - 130/52E
15 ships at 33/54N - 131/17E
30 ships at 33/57N - 131/35E
8 ships at 33/54N - 131/57E

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FE-24-17	NAVAL OBSERVATIONS, TOKYO STRIKE 23/24 MAY 1945	24 May 45

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

Further information on anti-aircraft fire from surface vessels encountered during return passage of planes. At approximately 2317502 several planes encountered particularly heavy continuous pointed anti-aircraft fire in vicinity of 35/14 N - 140/46 E and one unit swinging wide to the east reported similar fire from 3 vessels at 35/09 N - 141/23 E. Source of fire in first instance was one exceptionally large radar blip and 3 medium sized blips in second instance. All planes at 10,000 feet and radar men only able to state ships proceeding either north or south. Clouds 10/10ths. Flak burst followed individual planes and some were well above 10,000 feet. Fire encountered shortly after planes turned south after leaving coast due east of Tokyo.

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