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FROM: LEMAY CONGENBOMCOM 21 140733Z

TO : COMAF 20

INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 POA

AIMCR 5547 SUBJECT: BRIEF OF MINING MISSION 22

BRIEF OF MINING MISSION FOR NIGHT 15 JUNE. WEST ENTRANCE TO SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS, FUSHIKI, FUKUOKA, AND KARATSU ARE SCHEDULED TO BE MINED ON THE NIGHT OF 15 JUNE AT 151533Z, 151525Z, 151621Z, WITH 31 AIRCRAFT DROPPING 332 MINES.

TARGET	FORCE	NO OF MINES
FIELD M: SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS, WEST ENTRANCE	13	116
FIELD C: FUKUOKA AND KARATSU	8	96
FIELD N: FUSHIKI	10	120

ROUTE TO TARGET:

FIELD M: BASE, IWO, 3230N 13230E, 3344N 1314220E, 3401N 1312340E (IP), TGT, RIGHT TURN TO 10,000 FT, 340130N 1305330E, 3344N 1314230E, 3230N 13230E, IWO , BASE.

~~FIELD C: BASE, IWO 34 0N~~
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FIELD C: BASE, IWO, 3015N 1302730E, 3300N 12900E, 3328N 12930E (IP), TGT, BREAKAWAY LEFT 10,000 FT, ~~X TEXXX~~ THEN RIGHT TO 3353N 13026E, 3240N 13150E, IWO , BASE.

FIELD N: BASE, IWO 3440N 14000E, 3515N 13910E, 372020N 13716E (IP), TGT, RIGHT TURN TO 16,000 FT, 3645N 13650E, 3449N 13801E, IWO, BASE.

GENERAL SCHEME OF ATTACK: BY INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT UNESCORTED AT NIGHT, AT AN ALTITUDE OF 8000 FEET USING RADAR RELEASE.

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TOD: 140814Z LS

ROGER 140814Z DG
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TOD: 140847Z AO
ROGER 140847Z WCR

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1st Lakeoff	Telecon	TN-15-11		150930Z	SK
Lakeoff Report	Telecon	TN-15-13		151052Z	SK

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-15-13

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FROM: BOMCOM XXI 151052Z
TO: COMAF 20
INFO: CEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

AIMCR 5602 SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT FOR MISSION NO. 204 TARGETS SHIMONOSEKI STS, FUOKA, KARATSU, FUSHIKI, FLOWN 15 JUNE 45.

1. UNITS: 313 WING

2. A/C SCHEDULED: 31

3. A/C AIRBORNE: 30

4. 1ST A/C OFF: 150900Z

5. LAST A/C OFF: 150938Z

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TOD : 1153Z V F

ROGER 1153Z WCR

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ACTION:	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	PRO	Comm.	Op Anal	Stat Con	Anti-Acft	FSO			
	A.G.	Surg									
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TELECON MSG FN-15-11

FROM: COMGENBOMCOM 21 150930Z

TO: COMAF 20

INFO: DDEPCOMAF 20 POA

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AIMCR 5590 SUBJECT: FIRST TAKEOFF FOR MINING MISSION 22.

FIRST AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT 150900Z.

WEATHER EXPECTED:

BASE AT TAKEOFF: SCATTERED LOW AND MIDDLE CLOUD.

ROUTE TO TARGET: TO 30 DEG NORTH: SCATTERED LOW AND MIDDLE CLOUDS 30 DEG TO 31 DEG NORTH: BROKEN LOW, MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUDS. 31 DEG NORTH TO TARGETS: OVERCAST LOW, MIDDLE AND HIGH CLOUDS WITH MODERATE RAIN.

TARGET: 34 DEG NORTH - 130.7 EAST: 10/10 LOW CLOUDS, BASE 1000, TOP 5,000 FEET; 10/10 MIDDLE CLOUDS IN LAYERS BETWEEN 10,000 AMD 17,000 FEET; 8/10 HIGH CLOUD AT 28,000 FEET; VISIBILITY 12 MILES. WINDS AT 8,000 FT WILL BE 240 DEG AT 27 KNOTS.

37 DEG NORTH - 137 DEG E 4/10 LOW CLOUD, BASE 1000 FT, TOP 6000 FT; 8/10 MIDDLE CLOUD, BASE 12,000 FT, TOP 16,000 FTGV 9/10 HIGH CLOUDS AT 28,000 FT. WINDS AT 8,000 FT WILL BE 260 DEG AT 30 KNOTS.

BASE ON RETURN: SCATTERED LOW AND MIDDLE CLOUDS.

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TOD: 1137Z VF

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PASSE TO COMAF 20 AS (FN-16-01)

FROM: BOMCOM XXI (PRECEDENCE SAHE AS ACTION) 160405Z

TO : COMAF 20 INFO: DEPCOMAF 20 (POA)

AIMCR 5618

SUBJECT:LANDING REPORT, MISSIDN 204, TARGET SHIMONOSEKI STS.,

FUKUOKA, KARATSU, FUSHIKI, FLOWN 15 JUNES1945.

1. UNIT: 313TH WING.

2. LANDED HOME BASE: 29

3. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE: 1.

4. MISSING: NONE

5. FIRST A/C: 152236Z

LAST A/C: 160109Z

6. REMARKS: NONE.

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ROGER 160430Z WNM

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Mining Report	Detto		16 June		HH

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REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

204 15 June 1945

16 June

Mining Mission No. 22
Mined
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OPERATION NO.

Date 30

Targets Bombed: Total A/C Bombing:

West Entrance, Shimonoseki Straits - 13

Fukuoka and Karatsu - 8

Fushiki - 9

160054 - 160158

Mine Tons Dropped:
xxxxxxxxxxx

187.5 tons

Theater Time

Bomb Load:
xxxxxxxxx

Results: Night mining by individual aircraft from an altitude of 7,600 to 8,500 ft.

Tactics: None

A/C Lost or Missing: 6 - 10/10 cloud, visibility 1 - 12 miles

Weather: No attacks by any of 15 E/A sighted over three minefields

Fighter Opposition:

Light to heavy, meager, inaccurate

Flak:

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Enemy RCM: None

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Observations:

Fighter Support:

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TO:	INFO:	FROM:
COMAF 20 ACAS INTELLIGENCE	DEPCOMAF 20 POA	BOMCOM XXI

161205Z
AIMCR 5637

MINING MISSION 22

56 60
107
96
263

1. Designation of Unit: 313th Wing, XXI Bomber Command.
2. Time of Take Off: 150900Z - 150938Z.
3. Time of Return: 152236Z - 160127Z.
4. No. A/C Airborne: 30
5. No. A/C: over primary minefield: M/F Mike: 13 A/C laid 56 MK 25 mines and 60 MK 23-36 mines. M/F Nan: 9 A/C laid 107 MK 26-36 mines. M/F Charlie: 8 A/C laid 96 MK 26-36 mines.
6. No. A/C over alternate minefield: None.
7. No. and location of mines jettisoned by A/C: None
8. No. A/C returning mines to base: One A/C. 1 D11-B8 mine.
9. No. mines unaccounted for and reason: None
10. No. A/C lost: None.
11. Time of Attack: M/F Mike: 151554Z - 151658Z. M/F Nan: 151625Z - 151714Z. M/F Charlie: 151602Z - 151750Z.
12. Altitude over Target: M/F Mike: 7600 - 8500 ft. M/F Nan: 8000- 8800 ft. M/F Charlie: 8000 - 8400 ft.
13. True Air Speed at mine release: M/F Mike: 218 - 231 Knots. M/F Nan: 200 --230 knots. M/F Charlie: 210 - 230 knots.
14. Length of Mine Run: M/F Mike: 3 min 50 sec - 8 min 45 sec. M/F Nan: 6 min - 13 min 22 sec. M/F Charlie: 5 min - 12 min.
15. Wind reported over Target: M/F Mike: 25 knots at 238 deg - 22 knots at 260 deg. M/F Nan: 30 knots at 255 deg - 29 knots at 256 deg. M/F Charlie: 23 knots at 236 Deg - 24 knots at 26 Deg.
16. Clouds and visibility: M/F Mike: 6-10/10, 1 to 12 miles. M/F Nan: 0-4-10, 12 to 20 miles. M/F Charlie: 0-10/10, 3 to 20 miles.
17. Personnel casualties: None.
18. Enemy Air Opposition: No attacks by any of 15 E/A sighted over the three mine-fields.
19. AA: M/F Mike: Heavy and light, meager, inaccurate. M/F Nan: Heavy and light, meager, inaccurate, M/F Charlie: Heavy, meager, inaccurate.
20. Enemy RC. noted and effect: None.
21. Observations: None

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22. No. mines airborne: 56 MK 25 and 264 MK 26-36.
23. No. and type of mines laid in minefields:

TYPE	M/F MIKE	M/F NAN	M/F CHARLIE
D11-B8	14	11	12
D13-J8	2	0	0
D15-B8	3	11	16
DVD15-L8	3	0	10
D21-B8	0	9	2
D25-B8	2	5	2
D25-J8	0	4	2
D31-B8	4	14	4
D33-B8	3	10	3
D33-G8	1	0	0
D33-H8	2	6	3
D41-B8	0	1	0
D43-B8	0	1	0
D43-E8	0	1	0
N21-B8	2	0	0
N23-B8	1	0	0
Q21-A8	8	10	16
Q21-G8	6	6	0
Q21-H8	4	5	18
S31-J8	9	11	7
S41-E8	3	1	1
S41-G8	0	1	0
X11-B8	7	0	0
X31-B8	20	0	0
X51-B8	15	0	0
X71-B8	7	0	0
TOTAL	116	107	96

24. The blockade of Shimonoseki Straits which is believed to have been effective against ships over 1000 gross tons since 7 June has been reinforced and is

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expected to be effective for a few more days. Fushiki has been re-mined to complete closure and is expected to remain closed for a few days. The attrition fields laid at Fukuoka and Karatsu do not contain enough mines to blockade effectively those harbors, but will continue, along with the mines laid at Shimonoseki and Fushiki, to sink and damage enemy ships for several weeks. Please give this information to CNO Washington.

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