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Rangoon
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FESTOONERY 4

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MISSION NO. 45 Rangoon FESTOONERY 4
 22 March 45

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SUBJECT: MISSION PLANNING

TO COMAF TWENTY FROM DEPCOMAF TWENTY IB AND C

1. NAME OF MISSION IN FIELD ORDER NO. 45 IS FESTOONERY NO. 4,
DATE 22 MARCH 1945. FOR DETAILS SEE OUR TELECON NUMBER E-1975.

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SUBJECT: MISSION PLANNING

FROM DEPCOMAF TWENTY , IB AND C TO COMAF TWENTY

1. FOLLOWING IS OUR PLAN FOR BOMBING SUPPLY AND STORAGE FACILITIES AND MILITARY CONTONMENT IN RANGOON AREA; FIELD ORDER NO. 45.

A. EFFORT: 78 AIRCRAFT.

B. TARGET: RANGOON DUMP AREA "C" AND "E" AND MILITARY CONTONMENT NORTH OF MINGALADON AIRDROME. GENERAL TARGET IS 16 DEGREES 51'N, 96 DEGREES 08'E.

C. RADAR TARGET: SAME.

D. ROUTE : BASE AREA - AP - WING AP- IP - ATHOK (17 DEGREES 13'N, 94 DEGREES 04'E) - TARGET - BASE AREA.

E. ASSEMBLY POINT: FOUR GEOGRAPHICAL POINTS PICKED OVER WATER IN THE VICINITY 18 DEGREES 30'N, 92 DEGREES 00'E.

F. TIME OVER TARGET : 0400Z.

G. AXIS OF ATTACK: 110 DEGREES MAGNETIC.

H. BOMBING ALTITUDE: 27,000 THRU 30,000 FEET PRESSURE ALTITUDE.

I. INTERVALOMETER SETTING: 50' INTERVAL FOR SUPPLY AND STORAGE AREA; MINIMUM TRAIN FOR MILITARY CONTONMENT.

J. BOMB LOAD: MINIMUM LOAD OF 12,000 POUNDS OF M-18 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS, M-81 FRAGMENTATION BOMBS AND 500 POUND GP BOMBS.

THE TWO GROUPS BOMBING THE CONTONMENT WILL CARRY GP. BOMBS FUSED .10 NOSE AND .01 TAIL. ONE OF THE TWO GROUPS BOMBING THE SUPPLY AREA WILL CARRY M-81 FRAGMENTATION BOMBS FUSED INSTANTANEOUS AND THE OTHER GROUP WILL CARRY M-18 INCENDIARIES FUSED TO SEPARATE AT 5,000'.

K. AVERAGE FLIGHT TIME: 6 HOURS 30 MINUTES.

L. TOTAL FLIGHT DISTANCE: 730 MILES.

M. THE 444TH AND 468TH BOMB GROUPS WILL FURNISH 15 AIRCRAFT EACH; THE 40TH AND 462ND WILL FURNISH 24 AIRCRAFT EACH.

N. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS MISSION IS TO FAMILIARIZE CREWS WITH HIGH ALTITUDE FORMATION AND TO OBTAIN HIGH ALTITUDE PURPOSE DATA IN ANTICIPATION OF FUTURE OPERATIONS OF TACTICAL UNITS OF BOTH THE 58 WING AND THE XX BOMBER COMMAND.

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From: CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

To: War Department
Deputy Commander, 20th Air Force, Guam
Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Areas,
Leyte, Philippines
CG Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
CG 10th Air Force, Bhamo, India
General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area,
Advance Echelon, Manila, Philippines

Re: CMDX 1065 D 22 March 1945

COMAF 20 from COMGENBOMCOM 20 info DEPCOMAF 20 POA,
MacArthur, Stratemyer, Davidson CMDX 1065 D.
afc airborne, XX BC

Airborne on mission 45 against primary targets of
Rangoon dumps for two groups and Mingaladon cantonment
area for 2 groups were 78 B-29's with first off at 212356Z
and last at 220237Z. No secondary target specified.

Bomb load per aircraft as follows:
1 group loaded with average of 30 M 64-500 GP,
1 group loaded with average 26 M 64-500 GP,
1 group loaded with average 32 M 18 incendiary
clusters fused to separate at 5000 feet,
1 group carries average of 56 M 81 frags fused
instantaneous.

All groups participating.

ACTION: 20th Air Force
INFO : CG AAF, OPD, G-2, Adm. King

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TELECON MESSAGE D-1984

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SUBJECT: PRELIM DATA & TAKEOFF INFO,
MISSION NO. 45

TO: COMAF 20 FROM: COMGENBOMCOM 20

1. TARGETS:

- A. PRIMARY: RANGOON DUMP, AREAS C AND E, AND MINGALADON CANTONMENT AREA.
- B. SECONDARY: NONE SPECIFIED.

2. BOMBLOAD:

- A. ONE GROUP AVERAGE LOAD OF 30 M-64 500 POUND G.P., AND ONE GROUP AVERAGE LOAD OF 26 M-64 500 POUND G.P.
- B. ONE GROUP LOADED WITH AVERAGE OF 32 M-18 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS, FUSED TO SEPARATE AT 5000'.
- C. ONE GROUP LOADED WITH MINIMUM OF 12000 POUND OF M-81 FRANGEMENTATION BOMBS FUSED INSTANTANEOUS, LOADED 2 PER STATION USING M-12 ADAPTERS.
- D. SPECIFIC AVERAGE LOADS NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESENT.

3. TAKEOFFS:

- A. 40TH GROUP : 24 AIRCRAFT; FIRST OFF AT 220010Z; LAST OFF AT 220040Z.
- B. 444TH GROUP: 14 AIRCRAFT; FIRST OFF AT 212356Z; LAST OFF AT 221// 220014Z.
- C. 462ND GROUP: 24 AIRCRAFT; FIRST OFF AT 220005Z; LAST OFF AT 220028Z.
- D. 468TH GROUP: 15 AIRCRAFT; FIRST OFF AT 220221Z; LAST OFF AT 220237Z.
- E. TOTAL : 77 AIRCRAFT; FIRST OFF AT 212356Z; LAST OFF AT 220237Z

NOTE: 468TH GROUP DELAYED DUE TO WEATHER.

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WE WILL NOT HAVE ANYT FURTHER INFORMATION UNTIL ABOUT 0530Z

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IN 3 B 444TH GP SHOULD READ 14 AIRCRAFT INSTEAD F 15

IN 3 E TOTAL SHOULD READ 77 AIRCRAFT RPT 77 INSTEAD OF 78

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WALTON REPORT 8-1054

SUBJECT: MILITARY DATA, TACTICAL

REF ID: A66585

1. SUMMARY: ...

2. BACKGROUND: NONE SPECIFIED

3. ANALYSIS: ...

4. CONCLUSIONS: ...

5. RECOMMENDATIONS: ...

6. REFERENCES: ...

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Washington, D. C.

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Information for Briefing on XX Bomber Command
Mission No 45 - 22 March 1945
Date

Mission Code Name "FESTOONERY 4" (As of 1130Z - 22 March 45)
Date

Targets: Primary - Rangoon - Military Cantonment, Supply and Storage
Facilities (general target area N of Mingaladon
Secondary - Airdrome, approx 16 deg. 51 min N - 96 deg. 08 min E)
Last Resort - _____

Take-off Times: 212356Z - 220237Z

Time Over Primary Target: 220254Z - 220516Z

Tactics: Primarily visual, some radar bombing, from 26,400 - 30,500 ft.

Aircraft Bombing: 76

Primary Target - 76
Secondary Target - 0
Other Targets - 0

Bomb Load: (Planned): Each a/c minimum load 12,000lbs. - a/c bombing cantonment
to use 500 #GP's, a/c bombing storage/supplies to use M-81
frags and M-18 IB's

Losses: None - all a/c landed safely at base
no casualties

Target Weather: CAVU to 7/10

Fighter Opposition: Nil (one Nick sighted at PT)

Anti-Aircraft Encountered: Heavy, nil to moderate, accurate to inaccurate

Claims: None

Results of Bombing: Excellent to unobserved

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

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TELECON MESSAGE NO. D-1990 - CONFIDENTIAL
SUBJECT: BOMBS AA// AWAY MSGS. MISSION NO. 45

TO COMAF TE// TWENTY FROM COMGENBOMCOM TWENTY

AS OF 220520Z WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING BOMBS AWAY MESSAGES:

PA1: 16

PA2: 36

PA5: 11

PB5: 13

ONE AIRCRAFT HAS NOT BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR BY BOMBS AWAY MESSAGES.
ONE AIRCRAFT DUPLICATED THE BOMBS AWAY MESSAGE OF HIS FORMATION
LEADER WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR 6// 16 MESSAGES UNDER PA1.

TWO AIRCRAFT RETURNED EARLY ONE JETTISONING ITS BOMBS AND ONE
RETURNING BOMBS.

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22 Mar 45 *WLD*
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Washington, D. C.

PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XX BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATION NO. 45 - 22 MARCH 1945

"FESTOONERY 4"

Targets: Rangoon, Burma

Take-off: 211956 - 212237 Washington; (212356Z - 220237Z)

Time Over Target: 212254 - 220116 Washington; 220924 - 221146 Theatre;
(220254Z - 220516Z)

Aircraft: Total Bombing 76

A/C Lost or Missing: None

Casualties: None

Bomb Load: Average of 6 to 7 tons per a/c: 2 groups carried 500 lb.
GP; 1 group loaded with M-18 Incendiary Clusters fused
to separate at 5000 feet; and 1 group loaded with M-81
Fragmentation Bombs fused instantaneous.

Tactics: Primarily visual, some radar bombing, from 26,400 to
30,500 feet.

Weather at Target: CAVU to 7/10 scattered

Fighter Opposition: Nil

Flak: Nil to moderate and inaccurate

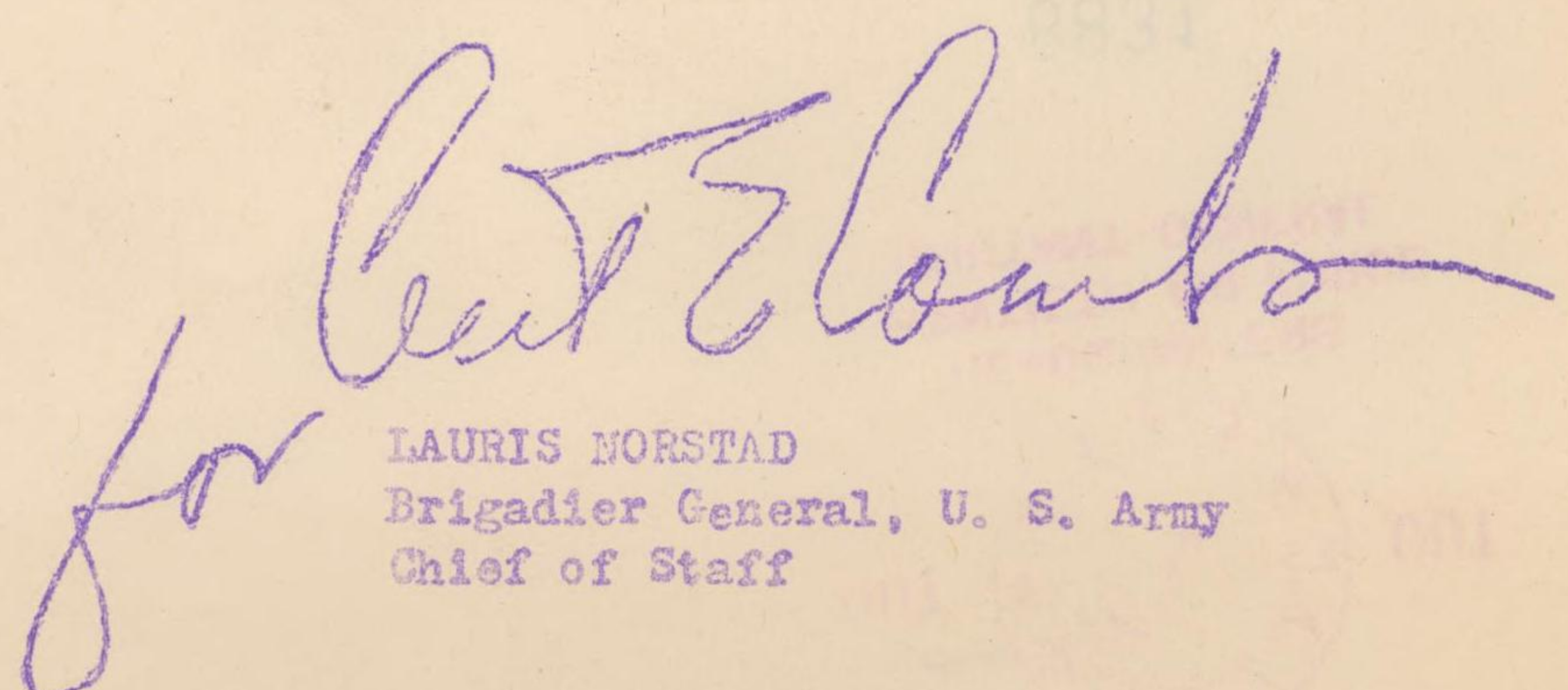
Claims: None

Observations: RCM picked up gun laying radar signals in immediate target
area. 1 enemy Nick sighted at primary target.

Results: Unobserved to Excellent

Remarks: This information is fragmentary and is subject to change,
therefore should not be used for official records.

As of 1000, 22 March 1945

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

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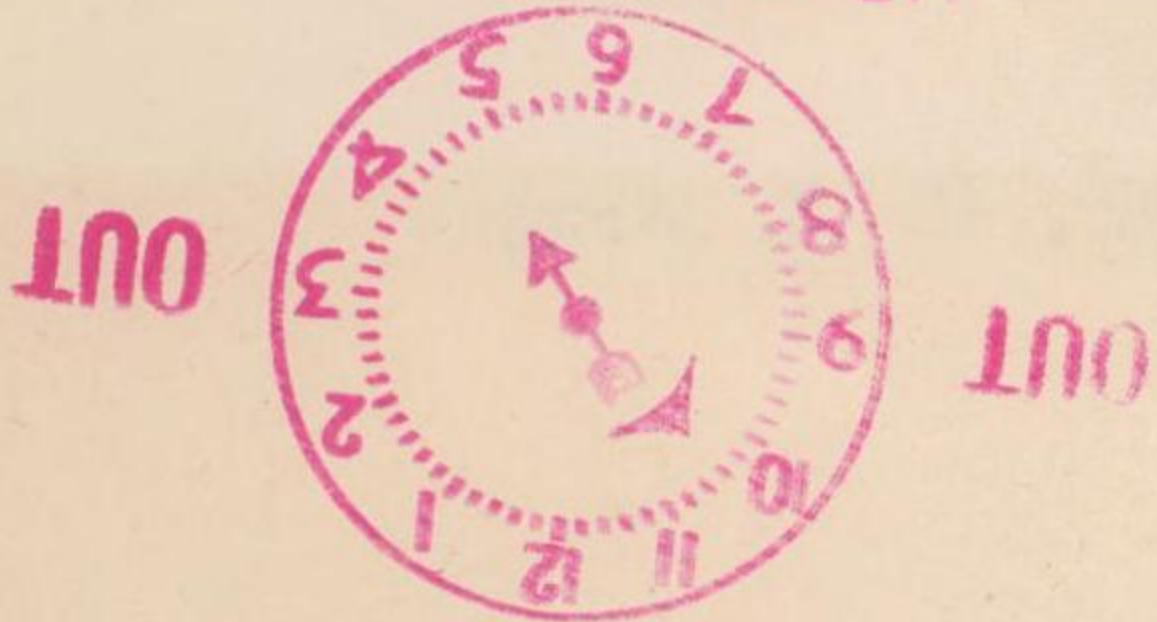
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Deputy C. of S. T.M.&E.	
A. G.	

From: CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

To: War Department

Nr: CMDX 1091D *Mission 45 BC* 22 March 1945

COMAF 20 from CONGENBOMCOM 20 info DEPCOMAF 20 *Prelim Mission Rpt.*
MacArthur, Stratemyer, Davidson, Sultan, Wedemeyer, Chennault CMDX 1091D

On another strike were B 29's of the XX Bomber Command against primary targets of Rangoon dumps and Mingaladon Cantonment area with no secondary target specified. Aircraft were loaded by groups.

One group averaged 30 - 500 pound GP fused .1 nose and .01 tail;

One group averaged 26 - 500 pound GP fused 1/10 nose and .01 tail;

One group averaged 32M-18 incendiary clusters fused to separate at 5,000 feet, and

One group averaged 56 M-81 fragmentation bombs fused instantaneously.

39 planes dropped 239.4 short tons on ammo dumps and 37 planes dropped 272 short tons on Cantonment area in formations of from 1 to 15 aircraft at altitudes from 26,400 to 30,500.

Weather at primary was CAVU to 7/10.

63 aircraft bombed primarys visually and 13 by radar

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From: CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

Nr: CMDX 1091D 22 March 1945

with unobserved to excellent results.

Enemy aircraft opposition was nil with AA nil to moderate, accurate to inaccurate.

All B 29's returned to their bases safely and there were no claims or casualties.

RCM picked up gun-laying radar signals in immediate area of Rangoon dumps target and one enemy Nick sighted at same place.

Damage assessment will be sent later.

This report is preliminary and subject to revision.

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ACTION: CG AAF

INFO : OPD; G-2; Adm. King; Log

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TELECON MESSAGE NO. D-1998 - CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT MISSION NO. 45

TO COMGENAF TWENTY

FROM COMGENBOMCOM TWENTY

1. DESIGNATION OF UNIT: XX BOMBER COMMAND
2. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT TAKING OFF: 78
3. TIME OF TZ// TAKE-OFF (FIRST TO LAST) : 212356Z TO 220237Z
4. TIME DOWN LAST PLANE (OF MAIN FORMATION) : 220835Z
5. TIME OVER PRIMARY TARGET (FIRST AND LAST): 220254Z TO 220516Z
6. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK ON PRIMARY TARGET: 26,400 TO 30,500
7. WEATHER OVER PRIMARY TARGET: CAVU TO 7/10 SCATTERED.
8. NUMBER OF A/C BOMBING (ALL TARGETS): 76.
9. NUMBER OF A/C BOMBING PRIMARY: 76 (39 BOMBED RANGOON DUMPS AND 37 BOMBED MINGALADON CANTONMENT AREA)
10. NUMBER OF A/C BOMBING SECONDARY : 0
11. NUMBER OF A/C BOMBING LAST RESORT: 0.
12. NUMBER OF A/C BOMBING T O F/// T OF O: 0.
13. NUMBER OF A/C UNKNOWN AS TO BOMBING: 0.
14. NUMBER OF A/C FAILING TO BOMB : 2
15. NUMBER OF A/C LOST TO ENEMY OPPOSITION: 0
16. NUMBER OF A/C LOST TO ENEMY AA: 0
17. NUMBER OF A/C LOST BY ACCIDENT: 0
18. NUMBER OF A/C MISSING: 0
19. DISPOSITION OF BOMBS: (SHORT TONS) ESTIMATED
 - A. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON ALL TARGETS: 511.4.
 - B. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON PT: 511.4. (239.4 TONS ON RANGOON DUMPS AND 272 TONS ON MINGALADON CANTONMENT AREA).
 - C. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON ST: 0
 - D. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON LRT: 0
 - E. TOTAL TONNAGE DROPPED ON T OF O: 0
 - F. TOTAL TONNAGE UNREPORTED AS TO DISPOSITION: 0
 - G. TOTAL TONNAGE JETTISONED: 8
 - H. TOTAL TONNAGE RETURNED TO BASE: 8.
20. OBSERVED RESULTS OF BOMBING:

PRIMARY: UNOBSERVED TO EXCELLENT.
21. METHOD OF BOMBING:
 - A. PRIMARY: 63 VISUAL, 13 RADAR
22. CASUALTIES: KILLED: 0, WOUNDED: 0, MISSING: 0.
23. CLAIMS: DESTROYED: 0, PROBABLY DESTROYED: 0, DAMAGED: 0.
24. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITON:

PRIMARY: NIL
25. ENEMY HEAVY ANTIAIRCRAFT:

PRIMARY: NIL TO MODERATE, ACCURATE TO INACCURATE.

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24. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITON:
PRIMARY: NIL
25. ENEMY HEAVY ANTI-AIRCRAFT:
PRIMARY: NIL TO MODERATE, ACCURATE TO INACCURATE.
26. STATUS OF A/C LANDED AT THEIR HOME BASE:
ALL AIRCRAFT RETURNED TO HOME BASE, LANDED SAFELY.
27. CREW OBSERVATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE ITMES OF INTEREST:
RCM PICKED UP GUN LAYING RADAR SIGNALS IN IMMEDIATE TARGET AREA (RANGOON DUMPS), ONE ENEMY NICK SIGHTED AT PT (RANGOON DUMPS)
28. PRELIMINARY STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHS: LATER, IF ANY.
THIS REPORT IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO REVISION. A FINAL INTELLIGENCE STATISTICAL SUMMARY WILL BE SENT ON D-DAY PLUS FIVE.

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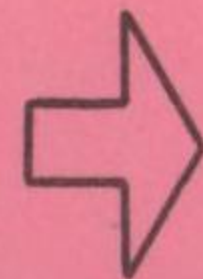
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TELECON MSG NO. YB-2055	SUBJECT AIRBORNE A/C FAILING TO BOMB PRIMARY TARGET ON MISSION #45 ON 22 MARCH 45. TARGET RANGOON	DATE 28 March 45
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(From: COMGENBOMCOM 20 To: COMAF 20)

<u>Group</u>	<u>A/C Serial No.</u>	<u>Specific Mechanical Malfunction</u>	<u>Local Action Taken to Prevent Recurrence</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory Report Submitted</u>
<u>444th</u>	<u>65337</u>	No. 17 cylinder on #2 engine blown out.	Engine replaced	# 45-120.
	<u>24897</u>	Internal engine failure.	Engine replaced	# 45-121.

End.

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Communique #74	Telecom	K-22-2	221504Z		DR
Press Flash (Relay)	Telecom	KG-22-1-H	222335Z		DR
Communique No 74 (Relay)	Telecom	G-22-3	222325Z		DR

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ANTI-AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

MISSION NUMBER 45, (DAYLIGHT), 22 MARCH 1945

Primary Targets - RANGOON DUMP AREAS "C" and "E" (2 Groups),
MINGALADON CANTONMENT AREA (2 Groups), Secondary and Target
of Last Resort - NONE.

A. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE ENCOUNTERED

1. MINGALADON-RANGOON AREA (16°52'N - 96°08'E)

Nil (15%) to meager (58%) to moderate (27%) and inaccurate (73%) to accurate (27%) black and some white heavy antiaircraft fire was encountered for 100 aircraft runs made from 0252Z to 0516Z at true altitudes of 27,200 to 32,200 feet over 0/10 to 5/10 undercast conditions. One enemy aircraft was reported on the same course and altitude (out of range to the right) by Formation #3 during the first run between 0254Z and 0256Z. The following table shows aircraft over the area in relation at time and heavy AA fire encountered:

Table I: Formations vs. Heavy Flak Encountered

Formation	Number of A/c	Bomb Release Time	Time Encountered	Heavy Flak Encountered	True Altitude in Feet	Under-cast	Total Bursts	Heading Drag.
1	13	0254Z	0252-55Z	Meager to Moderate and Inaccurate	27,200- 29,000	5/10	30	110
3	12	1st Run	0254-56Z	Meager to Moderate and Inaccurate to Accurate	28,000- 29,500	0-5/10	35	108
2*	13	0306 $\frac{1}{2}$ Z	0306-08Z	Meager to Moderate and Inaccurate to Accurate	31,500- 32,100	0/10	50	110
3	12	0311Z	0309-14Z	Meager to Moderate and Inaccurate to Accurate	28,500- 29,500	0-3/10	50	195
4*	11	0315 $\frac{1}{2}$ Z	0312-15Z	Moderate to Meager and Inaccurate	31,600- 32,200	0/10	50	182
5	12	1st Run	0313-17Z	Meager to Moderate and Inaccurate to Accurate	28,000- 30,500	0-2/10	30	108
5	12	0324Z	0320-25Z	Meager to Moderate and Accurate to Inaccurate	28,000- 30,000	0-4/10	75	202
6*	14	0507 $\frac{1}{2}$ Z	-----	-----None-----	30,700	0/10	--	111
7*	1	0516Z	-----	-----None-----	29,600	0/10	--	265

* Formations 2-4-6-7 bombed the RANGOON Dump Areas "C" and "E" while Formations 1-3-5 bombed the MINGALADON Cantonment Area.

Following are reports of intensity, accuracy and deviations. The percentages have been determined from the total number of affirmative reports in any one group, as above, level, or below:

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Table II: Intensity, Accuracy, and Deviations

<u>Reports of Accuracy</u>		<u>Reports of Intensity</u>	
Struck	0 (0 percent)	Intense	0 (0 percent)
Rocked	2 (2 percent)	Moderate.	27 (27 percent)
Within 150'	21 (25 percent)	Meager.	58 (58 percent)
Outside 150'	62 (73 percent)	Nil	15 (15 percent)

<u>Reports of Deviations</u>			
Above	9 (9 percent)	Ahead	24 (26 percent)
Level	32 (31 percent)	Abreast	27 (29 percent)
Below	62 (60 percent)	Behind.	42 (45 percent)
		Left	36 (43 percent)
		In Line.	30 (36 percent)
		Right.	18 (21 percent)

For aircraft attacking the MINGALADON Cantonment Area heavy fire commenced on an average of 2.2 minutes before bomb release and continued until 1.6 minutes following release. For those aircraft bombing Dumps "C" and "E" fire started on an average of 1 minute before release and continued until 1.5 minutes following the bombs away time.

After correlating the times of engagement with the altitudes and headings of approach and the known gun defense at RANGOON and MINGALADON, it appears that fire was of longer duration than expected from either the 75mm M88 or 120mm M10, assuming that all bursts were accurate. This, however, the enemy was unable to accomplish, the apparent increase in times of engagement being caused by the observation and reporting of bursts that were short either in altitude or slant range. The Flak Officer, 40th Bomb Group, reports, "As the formation (Number 2) settled into the bomb run about 20 bursts of heavy AA were observed at a position in the sky approximately over MINGALADON Airfield although no B-29s were observed in the vicinity. Fire was first encountered by this formation about one-half minute before bomb release time and continued until 1½ minutes after bombs away. All bursts of AA were black, except one white burst, reported by the plane in #3 position of "D" flight, which was high, behind and to the right of the aircraft. Bursts were for the most part from 500 - 2000 feet below the formation, although several bursts were reported level or just below the aircraft. The fire was accurate for course and speed of the formation, generally speaking.....The majority of crews in the formation reported "tracking" or continuous pointed fire, although several crews stated that bursts clustered enough to evidence predicted concentration of fire. Since bursts were observed continuously against the formation while over the target, it appears that the majority were correct in opinion of fire type."

Referring to Formation #4 which attacked on a heading of 182°M exposing itself to fire from the MINGALADON Area as well as the defenses in the northern sections of RANGOON, the Flak Officer, 40th Group, stated, "Antiaircraft fire was encountered about 1½ minutes before bomb release time and continued for approximately three minutes. Crew reports of this formation indicate that the bursts were slightly more intense than against the first formation and can be rated as moderate and inaccurate. Conflicts again existed between crew opinions as to the type of fire employed by the enemy with the majority once again in favor of continuous pointed. The same general conditions existed for the second formation as for the first formation with bursts falling off below our altitude."

As stated in AA Opposition Report, Mission #44, no evidence was obtained indicating employment of heavy guns with greater capabilities than the 75mm M88 or 120mm M10.

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The number of bursts observed at one instant varied from 3 to 8 resulting in a total of from 8 to 75 for any encounter. All crews observed black bursts, while 5 observed white flak. As for Mission #44, the type of fire could not be definitely determined although the majority (48%) favored predicted concentration as opposed to 35 percent reporting continuously pointed fire. It is known, however, that the enemy did not resort to barrage fire.

R.C.M. Observers intercepted tracking signals with gun-laying radar characteristics while under fire over RANGOON-MINGALADON. Evidence obtained through intercepts and D/F'ed locations provisionally establishes a gun-laying radar site inside the Rangoon defended area. Other "cuts" resulting in pin-points from 5 to 20 miles from the RANGOON-MINGALADON Area were obtained. That the enemy was employing gun-laying radar to provide firing data is quite certain, but because of limitations of guns and fire control equipment it is evident that he did not benefit through its application. R.C.M. Report, Mission #45, this Headquarters, includes detailed information relating to the signal characteristics, D/F'ed locations, etc. of these gun-laying radar intercepts.

B. SMOKESCREENS, GROUND-TO-AIR ROCKETTS, BARRAGE AND HIGH-ALTITUDE BALLOONS

None reported.

C. FLAK DAMAGE

None.

D. WARNING NETS

Although no early warning radar installations were in operation in the RANGOON Area, it is possible that the enemy obtained some warning from his visual net, or late warning from the Gun-laying sets active during the attack (as determined by R.C.M. Observers).

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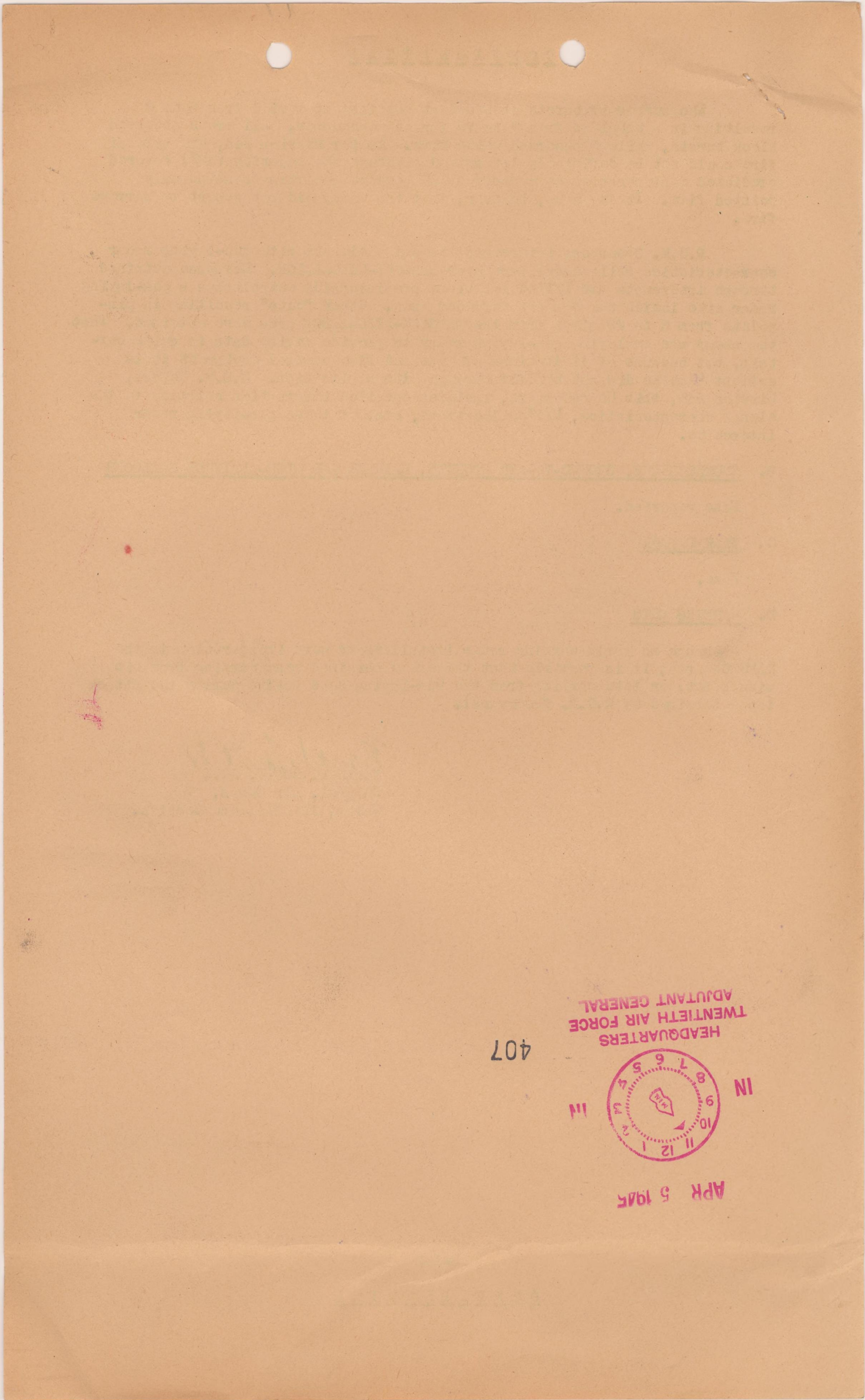
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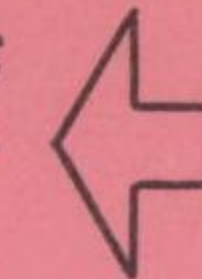
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D-2034	<u>JAPANESE FIGHTER TACTICS - MISSION NO. 45</u>	26 March 45

(To: COMAF 20 From: COMGENBOMCOM 20)

Following is a detailed description of enemy fighter opposition encountered on Mission No. 45

- I. Japanese Fighter Tactics - Mission No. 45
Target: Mingaladon Area near Rangoon, Burma.
Time: Day Mission 22 March 1945.

There was no air opposition reported in the target area although from 2 to 3 single-engine planes, presumably enemy, were sighted. One attack by a twin-engine plane, identified as a Nick, was made at a point 17 degrees 20'N - 95 degrees 35'E roughly 60 miles west and north of Rangoon. The B-29 was flying singly, at 29,000 feet, when the Nick approached between 6 and 7 o'clock, level. The B-29 opened fire at 1000 yards but reported no hits. The Nick broke away at 6 o'clock in a peel-off, and was not seen again. There were no other encounters.

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CMDX 1098 D 22 March 1945

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Here is word of 20th Bomber Command attack in Rangoon area gleaned from strike photos.

Jap supply dump C attacked by 39 aircraft in three formations. First two formations dropping incendiaries show nil recordance of bomb impacts due large trail but last formation two hours later shows many buildings of target area gutted. Last formation dropping frags placed compact pattern squarely in target area.

Large cantonement area north of Mingaledon airfield

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attacked by 37 aircraft in three formations all dropping 500 pounders. First formation dropping by radar placed pattern approximately 12,000 feet south of target scoring several hits on revetted buildings. Second formation placed approximately 25 percent of pattern in target scoring many hits on barracks buildings. Last formation placed pattern squarely on target securing numerous hits and near misses on buildings. Several bombs falling wide cratered runway of airfield. Rail line just west of target believed severed in several places. Smoke and cloud precludes details of damage.

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Re: CMDX 0903D 17 March 1945

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Comes now word of 20th Bomber Command attack on Rangoon dump area gleaned from strike photos.

Excellent bombing achieved. With one exception all formations (5) whose strike photos recorded impacts, placed their bomb patterns within the target area of large trail angle of incendiaries resulted in nil recordance of bomb impacts, but large number of fires in area would indicate additional hits. Area is seen well cratered especially in central and north-central sectors. Numerous secondary explosions visible throughout strike photos. Several large fires also noted in dump area adjoining target on east side. Smoke from fires and bomb bursts obscures large part of target in latter stages of attack.

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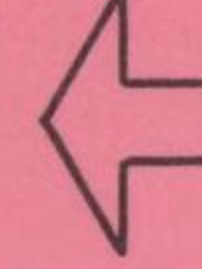
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TO: COMAF 20 INFO: XX BC FROM: COMGENBOMCOM 20

Rate of Recovery from Mission 45 Against Rangoon on 22 March 1945

Group	Mission No.	Total Tactical A/C on Mission	Lost on Mission	Capable of Recovery	Recovered by D plus 11	Participated in Mission
40th	45	24	0	24	24	No. 49M29 March -11
444th	45	15	0	15	15	No. 48 28 March -14
462nd	45	24	0	24	24	No. 49 29 March -11
468th	45	15	0	15	15	No. 46-47 28-29 March -11
TOTAL	45	78	0	78	78	47

Recovery: Number of A/C Combat Operational (Cumulative)

Group	16	17	19	21	22	23	24	24	24	24	24
40th	16	17	19	21	22	23	24	24	24	24	24
44th	8	11	14	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
462nd	12	15	18	20	21	23	24	24	24	24	24
468th	8	13	14	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Total	44	57	65	71	73	76	78	78	78	78	78
D-Day	* 1	* 2	* 3	* 4	* 5	* 6	* 7	* 8	* 9	* 10	* 11

Percent of Those Capable of Recovery which Recovered

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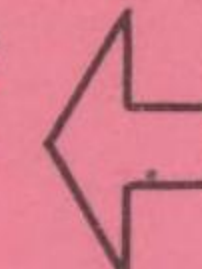
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Intelligence Statistical Summary for Mission No. 45 now follows:

INTELLIGENCE STATISTICAL SUMMARY - MISSION No. 45
22 March 1945
(Based on statistics of 240830Z - all times Zebra)

I. Disposition of aircraft:	40th	444th	462nd	468th	TOTAL
1. A/C airborne	24	15	24	15	78
2. Returned to XXBC bases	24	15	24	15	78
II. Bombing record					
1. A/C bombing	24	13	24	15	76
2. PT-A	24	13	24	15	76
3. Jettisoned bombs	0	1	0	0	1
4. Returned with bombs	0	1	0	0	1
5. Total airborne	24	15	24	15	78
6. Bombing altitudes -					
low	29,500	25,400	27,000	28,000	26,400
high	30,000	27,800	28,400	29,000	30,000

A - Primary target for 40th & 468th Groups - Rangoon dump areas "C" and "E" (16D50'N-96D10'30"E).
Primary target for 444th & 462nd Groups - Mingaladon cantonment area - (16D55'N-96D08'E).

III. Method of bombing
1. All lead A/C bombed visually. Due to cloud cover over the target, the 444th Group made a partial radar run then sighted visually using an offset aiming point.

IV. Disposition of bombs

	M-18"	M-64"	M-64"	M-81"	M-18	M-64	M-81
1. On all targets	735	390	629	838	735	1019	838
2. On PT	735	390	629	838	735	1019	838
3. Jettisoned	29-A	30	0	0	29	30	
4. Brought back	0	30	0	0	0	30	

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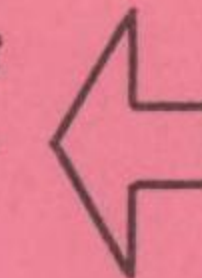
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5. Total bombs	764	450	629	838	764	1079	83
6. Total tonnage							
on tgts: on PT	130.54	104.40	168.38	113.76		517.08	
7. Avg. No. Bombs per A/C airborne	31.85	30.00	26.21	55.87			
8. Avg. Tonnage per A/C airborne	3.65	8.03	7.02	7.58			

40th Group carried M-18 incendiary clusters (actual weight - 355.2 pounds) fused to separate 5000' above ground.
444th and 462nd carried M-64 TNT filled GP bombs (actual weight - 535.4 pounds) fused 0.1 second nose and .01 second tail.
468th Group carried M-81 fragmentation bombs (actual weight - 271.5 pounds) fused instantaneous and loaded 2 per station using M-12 adapters.
Gross take-off weights were limited to a maximum of 125,000 pounds.
A-A/C 498, 914, 328, and 740 jettisoned 1, 4, 8, and 16 bombs respectively after dropping on PT.

V. Observed results of bombing:

	40th	444th	462nd	468th	TOTAL
PT - Unob-		Unob	Unob-	Excellent	Unob -
good			good		Excell.

VI. Time & weather:

1. Time over PT - first	220306	220254	220311	220507	220254
- last	220313	220254	220324	220516	220516
2. Weather at PT	5/10-8/10	CAVU-3/10	2/10-7/10	CAVU	CAVU 8/10

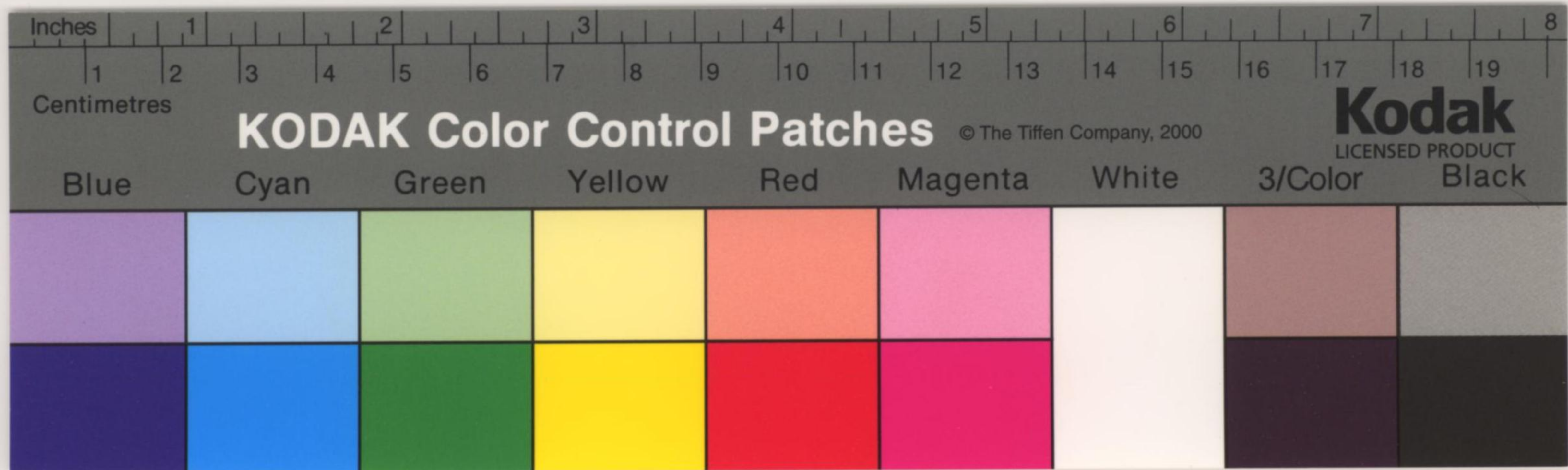
VII. Casualties & Claims:
1. None

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