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MISSIONS

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TARGET		MISSION NUMBER
AKASHI		
Kawasaki A/C Plant	(90.25 - 1547)	20, 192, 220 , 225
Urban Area	(90.25)	252
AMAGASAKI		
Nippon Oil Co.	(90.25 - 1203)	281, 322
Urban Area	(90.25)	203
AOMORI		
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CHIBA		
Hitachi A/C Co.	(90.14 - 2145)	198
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CHOSI		
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FUKOUKA		
Urban Area	(90.35)	212

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GIFU

Urban Area	(90.20)	260
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HACHIOJI

Urban Area	(90.17)	306
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HAMAMATSU

Urban Area	(90.21)	193, 208
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HIMEJI

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Urban Area	(90.27)	249

HIRATSUKA

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Urban Area	(90.20)	264, 299
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KOBE

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Naval Arsenal
Urban Area

(90.30 - 675-A)
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KUMAGAYA

Urban Area

(90.13)

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KUMAMATO

Urban Area

(90.35)

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KUWANA

Urban Area

(90.20)

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Chiran

Ibusuki

Izumi

Kagoshima

Kanoya

Kanoya East

Kokubu

Kushira

Matsuyama

Miyakonojo

Miyazaki

Nittagahara

Oita

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Urban Area

(90.13)

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Urban Area

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Urban Area (90.33)	237
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Urban Area (90.18)	271
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OGAKI

Urban Area (90.20)	301
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Urban Area	(90.27)	234
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TSU

Naval A/C Factory	(90.24 - 2224)	288
Urban Area	(90.24)	228, 288, 289, 297

TSURUGA

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UBE

Coal Liquefaction Co.	(90.32 - 1841)	283, 315
Urban Area	(90.32)	242

UJIYAMA

Urban Area	(90.29)	300
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UTSUNOMIYA

Urban Area	(90.25)	263
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UWAJIMA

Urban Area	(90.31)	266, 302
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WAKAYAMA

Shimotsu Oil Refinery	(90.25-XXI5046)	303
Urban Area	(90.25)	259

YAWATA

Urban Area	(90.34)	319
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YOKOHAMA

Urban Area	(90.17)	186
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Urban Area	(90.20)	209
Utsube Oil Refinery	(90.20 - 1684)	218, 232, 261

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 331 23 August 1945

1. Date: 14/15 August 1945
2. Target: Nanko, Shimonoseki (W), Miyazu and Hamada.
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 39
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 88.25% (35 A/C)
6. Type of Mines and Settings: 1000 and 2000# mines with various settings.
7. Tons of Mines Dropped: 223.5 tons
8. Time Over Primary: 150042K - 150308K
9. Altitude of Attack: 8000 - 12,800
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 6/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: All 340 mines on this mission were believe to have been effective. Four A/C were non-effective. Forty-two E/A sighted made 9 attacks and damaged 2 B-29's. Flak encountered was at Shimonoseki, heavy, and medium, meager to moderate and inaccurate and 30 to 75 S/L's. Heavy and medium, meager to moderate accurate to inaccurate at Miyazuru, 10 to 20 S/L's reported. Average mine load: 12,955 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 927 gallons. One B-29 landed at Iwo Jima.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 330

1. Date: 14/15 August 1945
2. Target: Isesaki Urban Area (90.13)
3. Participating Unit: 73rd and 314th Bombardment Wings
4. Number A/C Airborne: 93
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 92.47% (86 primary and 2 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: M19, 500# incendiary cluster set to open 5000 feet over the target and M47, 100# incendiary bombs fuzed with instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 614.1 tons on primary and 11 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 150108K - 150315K
9. Altitude of Attack: 15,450 - 18,200
10. Weather Over Target: 7/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: Results reported were unobserved to excellent. Five A/C were non-effective. Seventeen A/C bombed visually and 69 by radar. Flak was heavy and A/W caliber meager and inaccurate. Four E/A sighted did not attack. Six B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,924 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 648 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 329 21 August 1945

1. Date: 14/15 August 1945
2. Target: Kumagaya Urban Area (90.13)
3. Participating Units: 313th and 314th Bombardment Wings.
4. Number A/C Airborne: 93
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 87.09% (81 A/C)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: M17 and M19, 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above target, M47, 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose and M56, 4000# G.P. bombs fuze with proximity nose and non-delay tail
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 593.4 tons
8. Time Over Primary: 150123K - 150239K
9. Altitude of Attack: 14,000 - 19,000
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 5/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: Results were unobserved to excellent, with smoke rising as high as 15,000 feet. Eight A/C were non-effective. Nineteen A/C sighted visually and 62 by radar. Five E/A sighted did not attack. Heavy and light, meager and inaccurate flak encountered at primary target. Five B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,717 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 615 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 328 21 August 1945

1. 14/15 August 1945
2. Target: Nippon Oil Co. at Tsuchizaki (90.6 - 1066)
3. Participating Unit: 315th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 141
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 93.61 (132 A/C)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: M30, 100# and M57, 250# G.P. bombs with non-delay tails.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 952.9 tons on primary and 3.2 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 150048K - 150239K
9. Altitude of Attack: 10,200 - 11,800
10. Weather Over Target: 5/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: Results were unobserved. Nine A/C were non-effective. Only 2 B-29's sighted visually. No E/A sighted. Heavy, meager and inaccurate flak encountered at targets. Thirteen B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 15,238 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 1345 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 327 21 August 1945

1. Date: 14 August 1945
 2. Target: Marifu R.R. Yards (90.20 - 2202)
 3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
 4. Number A/C Airborne: 115
 5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 93.91% (108 primary and 2 opportunity)
 6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: M64, 500# G.P. bombs fused with 1/10 sec. delay nose and 1/100 sec. delay tail.
 7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 709.8 tons on primary and 12.7 tons on opportunity.
 8. Time Over Primary: 141200K - 141319K
 9. Altitude of Attack: 15,800 - 18,500
 10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 5/10
 11. Total A/C Lost: 0
 12. Resume of Mission: Strike photos showed excellent results, with numerous hits on the target. All bombing was visual. Five A/C were non-effective. P-38's and P-47's gave support. Flak was heavy, moderate, generally accurate and continuously pointed. Forty B-29's landed at Iwo Jima and 1 at Okinawa. Average bomb load: 14,370 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 596 gallons.
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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 326 21 August 1945

1. Date: 14 August 1945
2. Target: Osaka Army Arsenal (90.20 - 382)
3. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 161
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 90.06% (145 primary and 2 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: M65, 1000# and M66, 2000#
G.P. bombs fuzed with 1/40
sec. delay noses and tails.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 706.5 primary and 10
opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 141416K - 141501K
9. Altitude of Attack: 22,100 - 25,100
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 5/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Strike photos from 36 A/C showed excellent results, with 650 hits showing on the target. Of the 843 bombs dropped 216 hit within 1000 feet of the aiming point. Fourteen A/C were non-effective. All bombing was visual. Flak was heavy, moderate generally accurate and continuously pointed. Flak damaged 26 B-29's. No E/A were sighted. P-51's and P-47's provided fought escort. Four B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 10,294 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 954 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 325 23 August 1945

1. Date: 14 August 1945
2. Target: Hikari Naval Arsenal (90.32 - 671)
3. Participating Unit: 58th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 167
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 94.01% (157 primary and 4 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: M64, 500# G.P. bombs fused with 1/100 sec. delay nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 885 tons on primary and 28.5 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 141417K - 141518K
9. Altitude of Attack: 15,800 - 17,700
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 4/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: Strike photos showed severe destruction of the target. Of the 3540 bombs dropped on the target 2273 hit within 1000 feet of the aiming point. Six A/C were non-effective. All bombing was visual. Flak was heavy, meager to intense and inaccurate and damaged 7 B-29's. No E/A sighted. Twenty B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 12,013 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 736 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 324 19 August 1945

1. Date: 10/11 August 1945
2. Target: Genzan, Shimonoseki (W), Sakai, Yonago, and Naki Umi.
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 31
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
6. Type of Mines and Settings: 1000 and 2000# mines with various settings.
7. Tons of Mines Dropped: 203 tons.
8. Time Over Primary: 110032K - 110147K
9. Altitude of Attack: 7500 - 12,900
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 6/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Of the 269 mines dropped, 265 were believed to be effective. Two A/C dropped mines visually. Twenty-nine E/A were sighted and made no attacks. No claims. Flak was heavy, medium, meager, moderate to inaccurate. Two A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average mine load: 13,145 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 846 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 323 19 August 1945

1. Date: 10 August 1945
2. Target: Nakajima Aircraft Co. at Ogikuku (90.12 - 356) PV
Tokyo Arsenal (90.17 - 3600) PR
3. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 78
5. % A/C Bombing Primary Radar: 89.78% (70 radar and 3 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: M66, 2000# G.P. and M64, 500# G.P.
bombs with instantaneous nose and
non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 320 tons on primary radar and 13.5 tons
on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary Radar: 101050K - 101059K
9. Altitude of Attack: 22,000 - 26,200
10. Weather Over Target: 5/10 - 7/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Results unobserved to good. Fighter escort provided by 50 P-47's and P-51's from landfall to land's end. A/C bombed primary radar target. Nine E/A sighted did not attack. Flak was heavy, meager to intense, accurate to inaccurate and damaged 29 B-29's. Thirty-three A/C sighted the target and 37 by radar. Five A/C were non-effective. Eight B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 9646 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 845 gallons.

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1. Date: 9/10 August 1945
2. Target: Nippon Oil Refinery at Amagasaki (90.25 - 1203)
3. Participating Unit: 315th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 107
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 88.78% (95 primary and 2 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: M64, 500# G.P. bombs with 1/10 sec. delay nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 902 tons on primary, 16 tons by wing-run and 22.3 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 100129K - 100311K
9. Altitude of Attack: 15,200 - 17,300
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 8/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Photo reconnaissance indicated that this mission and Mission No. 281 destroyed almost 100% of the plant. Five A/C sighted visually and 90 by radar. Ten A/C were non-effective. Two Wing-Run A/C also bombed the primary. Twenty-seven E/A sighted did not attack. Flak was medium and heavy, meager, inaccurate to accurate, with S/L cone over the target. Generally barrage type, with some predicted concentration. One B-29 was damaged by A/A. Average bomb load: 20,648 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 941 gallons. Fourteen B-29's landed at Iwo Jima.

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Mission Number 321 16 August 1945

1. Date: 8/9 August 1945
2. Target: Fukayama Urban Industrial Area (90.29)
3. Participating Unit: 58th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 98
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 92.85% (91 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: M17, 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet over the target and M47, 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 555.7 tons on primary and 1.2 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 082325K - 090035K
9. Altitude of Attack: 13,100 - 13,800
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 5/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Bombing results were reported to be good to excellent. Large concentrated fires were observed in the target area, with smoke rising to 20,000 feet. Photo reconnaissance showed 73.3% of the city was destroyed. Forty-nine A/C sighted visually and 42 by radar. Seven A/C were non-effective. Twelve A/C acted as pathfinders. Flak was meager, inaccurate, medium, heavy caliber, also A/W reported in target area. Five E/A sighted did not attack. Two Wind-Run A/C were also A/B. Four B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 11,669 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 1051 gallons.

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16 August 1945

1. Date: 8/9 August 1945
2. Target: Nakajima A/C Co. at Tokyo (90.17 - 357)
Primary Radar (Tokyo Arsenal (90.17-218))
3. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
4. Number of A/C Airborne: 69
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 86.95% (51 PV and 9 PR) 2 opportunity.
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: M66, 2000# G.P. bombs with
1/10 sec. nose and 1/40 sec. tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 289 tons on primary targets and 8 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 081727K - 081744K
9. Altitude of Attack: 19,500 - 22,450
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 2/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 3

12. Resume of Mission: Cloud cover at primary forced bombing of the primary radar target, the Tokyo Arsenal. One concentration of bombs fell on the target, while other bursts were located in a 10,000 foot area centered approximately 5000 feet N of the MPI. Other bursts were about 15,000 NE of MPI on an unidentified installation and approximately 9000 feet SW of the MPI. All bombing was visual. Seven E/A sighted did not attack. Flak was meager to mostly moderate and intense shooting down 2 B-29's and damaging 26. The other B-29 was lost to mechanical reasons. Seven A/C were non-effective. Twelve B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 9884 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 705 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 319 16 August 1945

1. Date: 8 August 1945
 2. Target: Yawata Urban Area
 3. Participating Units: 58th, 73rd, and 313th Bombardment Wings
 4. Number A/C Airborne: 245
 5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 90.20% (221 primary and 6 opportunity)
 6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: M17 and M19, 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet over the target.
 7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 1201.9 tons on primary and 37.3 tons on opportunity
 8. Time Over Primary: 081101K - 081136K
 9. Altitude of Attack: 19,000 - 24,300
 10. Weather Over Target: 4/10 - 6/10
 11. Total A/C Lost: 4
 12. Resume of Mission: Results reported by crews were unobserved to excellent. Smoke column rose above 20,000 feet. 73rd Wing photos show good results, with numerous fires in the center of the built-up area, and that 21% of the city had been destroyed. Fighter cover was provided by P47's and P51's in target area. Eighteen A/C were non-effective. Sixty to 70 E/A sighted made 33 attacks and shot down 1 B-29. Flak was meager to moderate and damaged 20 B-29's. The 58th Wing only got off 35 of 131 scheduled A/C due to runways being blocked by wrecked A/C. Eighty-five A/C sighted their targets and 136 bombed by radar. Three A/C were lost to mechanical reasons. Claims were 2-0-1. One hundred B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 11,268 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 545 gallons. E/A damaged 3 B-29's.
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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 318 19 August 1945

1. Date: 8/9 August 1945
2. Target: Rashin, Shimonoseki (W), Miyazu, Maizuru, Tsuruga, Obama and Japan Sea
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 32
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 90.62% (29 primary and 1 alternate)
6. Type of Mines and Settings: 1000 and 2000# mines with various settings.
7. Tons of Mines Dropped: 188.5 on primary and 7 on alternate.
8. Time Over Primary: 082302K - 090132K
9. Altitude of Attack: 1000 - 12,000
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 8/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Of the 255 mines dropped 253 were believed to be effective. All mine laying was by radar. Two A/C were non-effective. Eight of the A/C staged at Iwo Jima. Flak over Rashin was intense, accurate, medium, and heavy caliber. Moderate, intense, accurate, medium caliber flak encountered over Maizuru Bay. Eight S/L's over Rashin. Seven E/A sighted made 1 attack. Eleven B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average mine load: 13,156 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 839 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 317 14 August 1945

1. Date: 7 August 1945
2. Target: Toyokawa Naval Arsenal (90,21 - 1653)
3. Participating Units: 58, 73, 313, and 314th Bombardment Wings.
4. Number A/C Airborne: 131
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 94.65% (124 A/C)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: M64, 500# G.P. bombs with 1/100 sec. delay nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 813.3 tons on primary and 3.5 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 071113K - 071139K
9. Altitude of Attack: 16,000 - 23,600
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 4/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 1
12. Resume of Mission: Crews reported good to excellent results. Thirteen planes sighted visually and 111 by radar. Seven A/C were non-effective. One A/C bombed both the primary and target of opportunity. Two E/A sighted did not attack. Flak was generally meager. Fighter escort was present over the target. Flak damaged 21 A/C. The A/C lost was due to flak damage which forced the crew to bail out over Iwo Jima. All men were rescued. Two Wind-Run A/C were not included in A/C A/B. Seven B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,518 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 894 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 316 14 August 1945

1. Date: 5/6 August 1945
2. Target: Imabari Urban Area (90.29)
3. Participating Unit: 58th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 66
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 96.96% (64 A/C)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: M19, 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet over target, T4E4, 500# fragmentation clusters set to open 3000 feet below aircraft and M64, 500# G.P. bombs with proximity nose and non-delay tail fuzes.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 510 tons
8. Time Over Primary: 060105K - 060147K
9. Altitude of Attack: 12,200 - 12,800
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 5/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: Results were reported as excellent, with large fires observed throughout target area. Photo reconnaissance later showed that 76% of the city had been destroyed. Two A/C were non-effective. Only 11 A/C sighted the target. Two Wind-Run A/C not included in total A/B. Five E/A sighted did not attack. Flak was heavy, medium and light, meager to inaccurate. Two S/L's in target area. T-3 pamphlets were dropped. Five B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 16,986 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 773 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 315

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1. Date: 5/6 August 1945
2. Target: Ube Coal Liquefaction Co. (90.32 - 1841)
3. Participating Unit: 315th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 111
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 95.50 (106 primary and 2 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: M64, 500# G.P. bombs with 1/10 sec. delay nose and 1/100 sec. delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 938 tons on primary and 22.5 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 052324K - 060131K
9. Altitude of Attack: 10,300 - 12,600
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 6/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: 100% of refinery units and 80% of the stores and work shops damaged or destroyed. Also the Ube Iron Works Co. (90.32-1878) was 50% damaged or destroyed. Three A/C were non-effective. Only 2 A/C made visual sightings. Flak was heavy, meager and inaccurate. Twenty-five to 35 E/A were sighted and made 1 attack. Two Wind-Run A/C took part in the mission and bombed with main force. They are not indicated in the total A/B. Five B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 18,704 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 969 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 314 14 August 1945

1. Date: 5/6 August 1945
2. Target: Nishinomiya - Mikage Urban Area (90.25)
3. Participating Units: 73rd and 314th Bombardment Wings
4. Number A/C Airborne: 261
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 95.78% (250 primary and 3 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: M19 and M17, 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above the target, T4E4, 500# fragmentation clusters set to open 3000 feet below A/C, M47 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose, M64, 500# G.P. bombs with variable proximity noses and non-delay tail fuzings.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 2003.9 tons on primary and 23.8 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 060125K - 060201K
9. Altitude of Attack: 12,600 - 16,000
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 8/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 1
12. Resume of Mission: Photo reconnaissance indicated 32% of the city has been destroyed. Fifty-four A/C made visual sightings and 196 by radar. Eight A/C were non-effective. The A/C lost ditched after 2 engines went out. Twelve on board were rescued. Total A/C airborne does not include 4 RCM and 2 wind-run A/C. Seventeen A/C of the 314th Wing acted as pathfinders. Flak was heavy, medium and light meager to intense and inaccurate. Ground-to-air rockets and barrage balloons were observed. S/L's were numerous and active. Five bombers were damaged by A/A. Twenty-five to 30 E/A sighted made 8 attacks. No claims. Twenty-four B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 73rd 16,861 lbs. 314th, 16,565. Average fuel reserve: 73rd - 635 gallons, 314th - 555 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 313 14 August 1945

1. Date: 5/6 August 1945
2. Target: Maebashi Urban Area (90.13)
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 102
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 90.19% (92 primary and 4 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: M-19, 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet over the target, T4E4, 500# frag clusters set to open 3000 feet below A/C and M64, 500# G.P. bombs with proximity nose and non-delay tail fuzings.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 723.8 tons on primary and 30.6 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 052328K - 060108K
9. Altitude of Attack: 15,200 - 16,900
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 9/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: Results were reported as unobserved to excellent. Eighty-two A/C made radar sightings and 10 A/C made visual sightings. Six A/C were non-effective. Thirty to 35 E/A made 14 attacks and damaged one B-29. NO claims. Flak was heavy and light, nil to meager and inaccurate. One Wind-Run and 3 RCM A/C also took part in this mission. Total A/C A/B does not include 3 RCM and 1 W/A. Fifteen B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 16,840 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 498 gallons.

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Mission Number 312 14 August 1945

1. Date: 5/6 August 1945
2. Target: Saga Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 58th Bombardment Wing
4. Number Aircraft Airborne: 65
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 96.92% (63 A/C)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: M-19, 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet over the target, T4E4, 500# fragmentation clusters set to open 3000 feet below A/C and M64, 500# G.P. bombs with non-delay tail and **proximity nose.**
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 458.9 tons
8. Time Over Primary: 060041K - 060056K
9. Altitude of Attack: 12,400 - 15,500
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 9/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 1
12. Resume of Mission: Flash strike reports indicated no area was damaged by this attack. The A/C lost crash landed at base with no casualties resulting. Fourteen A/C sighted the target, while 49 made radar sighting. Flak was heavy, light, nil to meager and inaccurate. Nineteen E/A were sighted and made 1 attack. No claims. Eleven A/C acted as pathfinders. Two A/C were non-effective. Two Wind-Run A/C not included in total A/B. T-3 pamphlets were dropped on this run. Sixteen B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 15,526 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 571 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 311 14 August 1945

1. Date: 5/6 August 1945
2. Target: Rashin, Geijitsu, Sakai, Yonago, Naka Umi, Miyazu, Maizuru, Tsuruga, and Obama.
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 30
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 90% (27 primary and 1 alternate)
6. Type of Mines and Settings: 1000 and 2000# mines with various settings.
7. Tons of Mines Dropped: 175.5 tons on primary and 6 tons on alternate.
8. Time Over Primary: 052332K - 060232K
9. Altitude of Attack: 7500 - 8600
10. Weather Over Target: Clear
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: Of the 253 mines dropped in the target areas, it was believed 251 were effective. Two A/C were non-effective. One A/C dropped mines visually. A/A medium, accurate and intense at Rashin and moderate and inaccurate to accurate at Tokuyama. Twenty to 25 S/L's were observed. Ten E/A sighted made 1 attack. Eleven A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average mine load: 13,064 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 605 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 310 14 August 1945

1. Date: 1/2 August 1945
 2. Target: Kawasaki Petroleum Center at Hayama and Mitsubishi Oil Refinery (90.17 -128,127, and 116)
 3. Participating Unit: 315th Bombardment Wing
 4. Number A/C Airborne: 128
 5. %A/C Bombing Primary: 93.75% (120 primary and 2 opportunity)
 6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: M64, 500# G.P. bombs fuzed with 1/10 sec. delay nose and 1/40 sec. delay tail.
 7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 1017.3 tons on primary and 26 tons on opportunity.
 8. Time Over Primary: 012314K - 020046K
 9. Altitude of Attack: 16,400 - 18,600
 10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 10/10
 11. Total A/C Lost: 0
 12. Resume of Mission: Photo reconnaissance revealed the following results of Missions 291 and 310:
 - 116 - Mitsubishi Oil Refinery - 41% of storage tank capacity destroyed.
 - 127 - Hayama Petroleum Center - 43% of storage tank capacity and 35% of intermediate tank capacity damaged.
 - 128 - Kawasaki Petroleum Center - 35% of storage capacity and 15% intermediate tank capacity destroyed.
- Six A/C were non-effective. Flak was heavy, medium, meager to intense and accurate. Flak damaged 22 A/C. Thirty to 35 E/A made 9 attacks. No claims. One Wind-Run A/C is not included in the above total. Six A/C bombed visually and 114 bombed by radar. Seven B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 18,410 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 1039 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 309 14 August 1945

1. Date: 1/2 August 1945
2. Target: Mito Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 167
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 95.80% (160 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: M19, 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above target and M47, 100# incendiary and white phosphorus bombs with instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 1144.8 tons on primary and 7.3 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 020142K - 020316K
9. Altitude of Attack: 12,000 - 15,200
10. Weather Over Target: 8/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: Photo reconnaissance indicated 65% of the city's built-up area (1.7 sq. mi) had been destroyed. Six A/C were non-effective. Fifty-three A/C visually sighted target and 107 bombed by radar. E/A consisted of 20-25 A/C, making 1 attack. Flak was heavy and light, meager to moderate and inaccurate. Eleven A/C acted as pathfinders. One RCM A/C not included in total A/B. Six B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 15,071 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 724 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 308 14 August 1945

1. Date: 1/2 August 1945
2. Target: Nagaoka Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 136
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 91.91% (125 primary and 5 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: M19, 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above target and M47A2, 100# incendiary and white phosphorous bombs with instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 924.3 tons on primary and 36.6 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 012335K - 020058K
9. Altitude of Attack: 12,100 - 13,400
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 2/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: Bombing results reported as excellent by crews. Fires were visible 100 miles and heavy thermals encountered up to 25,000. Photo reconnaissance showed 65.5% of the town (1.33 sq. mi) had been damaged. Six A/C were non-effective. Fifty-five A/C bombed visually and 70 bombed by radar. E/A opposition was weak to moderate and unaggressive. Forty to 50 E/A sighted made 5 attacks. Medium and light, nil to meager and inaccurate flak in the target area. Heavy, meager and inaccurate flak at Toyama. Two ground-to-air rockets reported in target area. One Wind-Run A/C not included in total A/B. Thirty-eight B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 15,791 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 558 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 307 14 August 1945

1. Date: 1/2 August 1945
2. Target: Toyama Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 182
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 96.11% (173 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: M17A1 and M19, 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above the target and M47A2, 100# incendiary bombs and white phosphorous bombs with instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 1465.5 tons on primary and 8 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 020136K - 020327K
9. Altitude of Attack: 12,100 - 13,600
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Reconnaissance photos indicated 99.5% of the city (1.87 sq. mi) was destroyed. Target 90.11 - 6250, Rami Spinning Mill, was destroyed. Eight A/C were not effective. The target was sighted by 55 A/C and not seen by 118 A/C. E/A opposition was nil to weak. Five E/A sighted did not attack. Medium and heavy, nil to meager and inaccurate flak in target area damaged 1 A/C. Twelve A/C acted as pathfinders. One Wind-Run A/C was not included in total A/B. Eight B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 16,094 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 757 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 306 14 August 1945

1. Date: 1/2 August 1945
2. Target: Hachioji Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 58 Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 180
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 93.88% (159 primary and 3 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: M17A1, 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above the target and M47A2, 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 1593.3 tons on primary and 29.3 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 020145K - 020329K
9. Altitude of Attack: 14,800 - 16,000
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 8/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 1

12. Resume of Mission: Results were reported as unobserved to excellent. Later photo reconnaissance revealed that 80% of the target had been destroyed. (1.2 sq. mi) Two numbered targets were damaged. Eight A/C were non-effective. Ninety-seven A/C bombed visually and 72 by radar. Forty to fifty E/A sighted made 6 attacks. One B-29 was damaged. Flak was heavy, and light, meager and inaccurate. A/A damaged 1 B-29. Two RCM and 2 Wind-Run A/C are not included in total A/B. Twelve A/C acted as pathfinders. The A/C lost was due to unknown reasons. Thirty-Six B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 17,840 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 629 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 305 14 August 1945

1. Date: 1/2 August 1945
2. Target: Rashin, Seishin, Shimonoseki Straits, (W), Hamada, Sakai, Yonago, and Naka Umi.
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 43
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 86.04% (37 primary and 5 alternate)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: 1000 and 2000# mines with various settings.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 241.5 tons on primary and 32 tons on alternate.
8. Time Over Primary: 020051K - 020223K
9. Altitude of Attack: 8000 - 12,000
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Only 1 of the mines dropped on the 5 fields was believed to be non-effective. All mines were dropped by radar. One A/C was non-effective. Four E/L sighted did not attack. Flak was meager and inaccurate. A total of 15 to 40 S/L's were observed. Seventeen A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average mine load: 13,151 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 816 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 304 14 August 1945

1. Date: 29/30 July 1945
2. Target: Shimonoseki Straits (W) Rashin, Fukuoka and Karatsu
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 29
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 82.78% (24 primary and 2 alternate)
6. Type of Mines and Settings: 1000 and 2000# mines with various settings.
7. Tons of Mines Dropped: 161 tons on primary and 14 tons on alternate.
8. Time Over Primary: 300012K - 310156K
9. Altitude of Attack: 7900 - 12,900
10. Weather Over Target: 4/10 - 8/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Of the 385 mines dropped it was estimated that 380 would be effective. Three A/C were non-effective. All mine-laying was by radar. Flak was heavy, meager, and inaccurate. Ten S/L's were observed near Fukuoka and 30 S/L's at Shimonoseki Straits and Yawata Coast. Nine E/A sighted made no attacks. One RCM A/C also A/B. The force to Rashin staged from Iwo Jima. Seventeen A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 13,332 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 788 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 303 14 August 1945

1. Date: 28/29 July 1945
2. Target: Shimotsu Oil Refinery (XXI 5046)
3. Participating Unit: 315 Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne; 82
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 92.68% (76 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M64, 500# G.P. with 1/10 sec. delay nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 658.3 tons on primary and 16.7 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 282302K - 290123K
9. Altitude of Attack: 10,100 - 12,000
10. Weather Over Target: 4/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost; 0

12. Resume of Mission: Bombing results were unobserved. All bombing was by radar. Five A/C were non-effective. Twelve E/A sighted made no attacks. Flak was heavy, medium, meager, inaccurate to accurate. One B-29 was damaged by flak. Two Wind-Run A/C were A/B. Two A/C that bombed primary also bombed opportunity. Two B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 18,375 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 1145 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 302 14 August 1945

1. Date: 28/29 July 1945
2. Target: Uwajima Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 32
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 90.62 (29 A/C)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: E-46, 500#, incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above the target and M47A2 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 205.3 tons
8. Time Over Primary: 290116K - 290225K
9. Altitude of Attack: 10,400 - 11,230
10. Weather Over Target: 4/10 - 6/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: Photo reconnaissance indicated 39% of the city was destroyed, raising the total destroyed to 52%. No E/A opposition and A/W fire was meager and inaccurate. All bombing was by radar. One Wind-Run A/C was A/B. Two B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,960 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 725 gallons. Three B-29's were non-effective.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 301 14 August 1945

1. Date: 28/29 July 1945
2. Target: Ogaki Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 96
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 93.54% (90 A/C)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: E-46 and M17A1, 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above target and M47A2 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 658.7 tons
8. Time Over Primary: 290152K - 290350K
9. Altitude of Attack: 14,000 - 16,400
10. Weather Over Target: 2/10 - 5/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Crews reported unobserved to excellent bombing results. Photo reconnaissance revealed 38% of the city had been destroyed. Six A/C were non-effective. The target was visible to 61 A/C and not visible to 31. Twenty-eight E/A made 21 attacks and damaged 2 B-29's. Flak was reported as heavy, meager and inaccurate, also meager to intense. It damaged 3 A/C. A/W fire which was accurate to inaccurate. Twelve to 35 S/L's were ineffective. One Wind-Run A/C and 1 Broadcast A/C were A/B. Ten B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,977 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 594 gallons. Claims were 1-0-0.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 300 14 August 1945

1. Date: 28/29 July 1945
2. Target: Ujiyamada Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 99
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 92.92% (93 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: E46,500#, incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above target.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 734.6 tons on primary and 7.8 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 290215K - 290324K
9. Altitude of Attack: 12,000 - 13,800
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 5/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Crews reported unobserved to excellent results. Fires were visible for 120 miles. Reconnaissance later revealed 39% of the built-up area had been destroyed. Thirty-five A/C bombed visually and 58 bombed by radar. Black-out in target area was complete, although some cities not listed in propaganda leaflets did not black-out. Flak was reported as heavy and medium, meager to moderate and generally inaccurate. A great deal of A/W fire was reported. A few phosphorous bombs and balls of fire were reported. Twelve E/A sighted made 2 attacks. Five A/C were non-effective. One Wind-Run A/C was A/B. Nine B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 16,906 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 774 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 299 14 August 1945

1. Date: 28/29 August 1945
2. Target: Ichinomiya Urban Industrial Area (90.20)
3. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 127
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 96.20% (122 primary and 2 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: E46 and M17, 500# incendiary clusters set to open at 5000 feet above target and M47, 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 868.8 tons on primary and 16.7 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 282356K - 290148K
9. Altitude of Attack: 13,500 - 16,700
10. Weather Over Target: 4/10 - 8/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: Early photos revealed many large fires in center of city. Twenty-six A/C bombed visually and 96 by radar. Three A/C were non-effective. Nineteen E/A sighted, made 14 attacks and damaged 4 B-29's. No claims. Flak was heavy, meager, inaccurate, barrage and continuously pointed. Approximately 20 S/L's were seen. Seven B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,833 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 758 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 298 14 August 1945

1. Date: 28/29 July 1945
2. Target: Aomori Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 58th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 65
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 93.84% (61 A/C primary and 3 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: E48, 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above target.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 546.5 tons on primary and 27.5 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 282337K - 290048K
9. Altitude of Attack: 14,100 - 14,700
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 9/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Results were reported as excellent, with fires observed surrounding the MPI in the NE target area. Smoke was rising to 20,000 feet. Aircraft on this mission staged from Iwo Jima. A few bursts of inaccurate heavy flak was reported over the target. Eleven E/A sighted did not attack. Thirty-seven bombed visually and 24 by radar. One A/C was non-effective. Twelve A/C acted as pathfinders. Leaflets were dropped on this mission. Two Wind-Run A/C were A/B. Seven B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 18,498 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 667 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

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1. Date: 28/29 July 1945
2. Target: Tsu Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 58th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 78
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 97.43% (76 A/C)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: E48, 500# incendiary clusters to open 5000 feet above target.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 729.8 tons
8. Time Over Primary: 290047K - 290156K
9. Altitude of Attack: 11,000 - 11,600
10. Weather Over Target: 8/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Crews reported good to excellent results. Photo Reconnaissance revealed 57% of the city had been damaged, raising the total damage to date to 71.1%. Heavy, medium and light caliber flak was meager and inaccurate. Two E/A sighted did not attack. Two A/C were non-effective. Fifty-one A/C bombed visually and 25 bombed by radar. Twelve A/C acted as pathfinders and 2 additional A/C were A/B as Wind-Run A/C. Pamphlets were dropped on this mission. Seven B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 19,979. Average fuel reserve: 686 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 296 14 August 1945

1. Date: 27/28 July 1945
2. Target: Shimonoseki Straits, Rashin, Fukuoka, Niigata, Maizuru, Fuka Wan, Senzakai
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 30
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 80% (24 primary and 1 alternate)
6. Type of Mines and Settings: 1000 and 2000# mines with various settings.
7. Tons of Mines Dropped: 161 on primary and 7 tons on alternate.
8. Time Over Primary: 280034K - 280211K
9. Altitude of Attack: 7300 - 10,400
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 3

12. Resume of Mission: Of the 189 mines dropped, it was estimated 188 were effective. Five A/C were non-effective. All A/C mining Rashin staged at Iwo Jima. Flak was heavy, meager to moderate and accurate to inaccurate. Two B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Two aircraft ditched and 13 men were rescued. One B-29 crash landed at Iwo Jima, and was surveyed. Average mine load: 13,338 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 858 gallons. All mine-laying was by radar. Ten E/A sighted made no attacks.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 295

5 August 1945

1. Date: 26/27 July 1945
2. Target: Omuta Urban Area (90.35)
3. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 130
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 95.38% (124 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: M17A1, 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above target and M47A2, 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 964.6 tons
8. Time Over Primary: 270113K - 270231K
9. Altitude of Attack: 13,100 - 16,300
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 1

12. Resume of Mission: Crews reported results unobserved to excellent. The target area was seen by 67 A/C and not seen by 57. Five A/C were non-effective. Twenty-five to 30 E/A made 9 attacks. No claims. Balls of fire sighted 40 miles from target. A/C lost was last seen being attacked by E/A. Medium and heavy flak and A/W fire was meager to moderate and inaccurate. One Wind-Run A/C took part. Sixteen B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 15,165 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 526 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 294

5 August 1945

1. Date: 26/27 July 1945
2. Target: Tokuyama Urban Area (90.32)
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 102
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 95.09% (97 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: E46, 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above target, M47A2 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose and T4E4, 500# frag. clusters set to open 1000 feet below A/C.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 751.5 tons on primary
8. Time Over Primary: 270122K - 270235K
9. Altitude of Attack: 11,000 - 12,500
10. Weather Over Target: 3/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Last crews over the target reported entire dock area covered with fire which appeared to have a good start throughout the city. One E/A sighted made 1 attack. Claims: 1-0-0. A Baka was reported between the target and land's end. It exploded after being fired upon by a B-29. Flak was heavy and medium, meager to intense and inaccurate. Twelve A/C were pathfinders. Four A/C were non-effective. Target was visible to 55 A/C and not visible to 40. Two RCM and 1 Wind-Run A/C also took part. Twelve B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 16,406 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 580 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 293

5 August 1945

1. Date: 26/27 July 1945
2. Target: Matsuyama Urban Area (90.29)
3. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 129
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 98.45% (127 A/C)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M17A1, E 46, E36, 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above target and M47A2, 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 896 tons
8. Time Over Primary: 270008K - 270218K
9. Altitude of Attack: 11,000 - 12,350
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 2/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Strike photos show good to excellent results, with numerous fires in the Matsuyama built-up area. Greatest concentration of fires visible around aiming point S and E of castle. Fires indicated S and E sections of city sustained severe damage. Reconnaissance showed 73% of the city has been damaged. The target was visible to only 24 A/C. Heavy, medium, meager and inaccurate flak was encountered. Thirteen S/L's sighted in target area. Five E/A made 2 attacks. Claims 1-0-0. Two A/C were non-effective. Twelve A/C were pathfinders. One Wind-Run A/C not included in A/C A/B. Seven B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,786 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 660 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 292

5 August 1945

1. Date: 25/26 July 1945
2. Target: Seishin, Fusan, Nanao, Fushiki, Tsuruga and Obama
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 30
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 96.66% (29 primary and 1 alternate)
6. Type of Mines and Settings: MK 25-36, 1000# and MK 25 2000#
mines with various settings.
7. Tons of Mines Dropped: 195 tons on primary and 6 tons on
alternate.
8. Time Over Primary: 260050K - 260157K
9. Altitude of Attack: 6900 - 8400
10. Weather Over Target: 6/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Of the 243 mines laid it was believed 240 were effective to maintaining the blockade. All mine laying was by radar. No enemy opposition was encountered. Six A/C staged through Iwo Jima en route to Seishin. Eight B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average mine load: 13,270 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 779 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 291 3 August 1945

1. Date: 25/26 July 1945
2. Target: Mitsubishi Oil Refinery (90.17 - 116) and Hayama Petroleum Center at Kawasaki (90.17 - 127)
3. Participating Unit: 315th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 83
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 90.36% (75 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M64, 500# G.P., 1/10 sec. delay nose and 1/40 sec. delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 650 tons on primary, 9 tons on opportunity and 18 tons by Wind-Run A/C
8. Time Over Primary: 252323K - 260003K
9. Altitude of Attack: 16,500 - 18,100
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 4/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 1
12. Resume of Mission: Photo reconnaissance showed 32% of storage tank units, and 1 furnace, 1 asphalt loading unit, 1 can manufacturing plant and 2 warehouses of the Mitsubishi Oil Refinery (90.17 - 116) was destroyed and 36% of the storage tanks, 5 U/I buildings, 7 probable office buildings, and 4 maintenance sheds of Hayama Petroleum Co. (90.17 - 127) was destroyed. Targets were visible to only 3 A/C. Flak was of heavy caliber, moderate to intense, accurate to inaccurate. Intense S/L activity was encountered and rope was used with barying success. Two Wind-Run A/C bombed Shimizu Aluminum Plant at Shimizu. Seven A/C were non-effective. Three B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. The aircraft that was lost suffered a direct flak hit over the target. No E/A. Average bomb load: 18,664 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 1109 gallons.

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Mission Number 290

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1. Date: 24 July 1945
2. Target: Nakajima A/C Plant at Handa (90.20 - 1635)
3. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 81
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 95.06% (77 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M64, 500^{lb} G.P. with 1/40 sec. delay nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 537.3 tons on primary and 8 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 241138K - 241156K
9. Altitude of Attack: 15,700 - 19,700
10. Weather Over Target: 9/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: Reconnaissance showed 44.2% of the target had been destroyed. All bombing was by radar because the target was not visible. Three A/C were non-effective. Flak was heavy, meager to moderate and inaccurate. Two A/C were damaged by A/A. Four E/A sighted made no attacks. Fifteen B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 15,499 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 625 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 289 3 August 1945

1. Date: 24 July 1945
2. Target: Mitsubishi A/C Plant, (90.20-1141), Fuji Textile Plant and Toyowa Heavy Industries at Nagoya (90.20-2140) City of Tsu (PR) (90.24)
3. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 81
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 92.59% (75 A/C)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M56, 4000# L.C. and AN-M64, 500# G.P. each fuzed with instantaneous nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 298 tons on primary and 5 tons in opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 241138K - 241154K
9. Altitude of Attack: 18,000 - 22,600
10. Weather Over Target: 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: The 75 A/C bombed the primary radar target, since the primary visual target was not visible. Reconnaissance revealed that this strike and Mission 288 damaged .217 sq. mi., bringing the total damage to date to .238 sq. mi. Six A/C were non-effective. In the Nagoya area flak was heavy, meager, and inaccurate. Meager, heavy, accurate and inaccurate fire in Kyoto area. Nine A/C were damaged by A/A. Four E/A sighted made no attacks. One Weather Control A/C not included in total. Fifteen B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 9032 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 676 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 288

3 August 1945

1. Date: 24 July 1945
2. Target: Tsu Naval A/C Factory (90.24 - 2224) (PV)
City of Tsu (90.24) (PR)
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 41
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 92.68% (38 primary and 2 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M64, 500# G.P., 1/100 sec. delay
nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 280.3 tons on primary and 14.8 tons on
opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 241127K - 241154K
9. Altitude of Attack: 15,800 - 18,600
10. Weather Over Target: 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: Results were unobserved. See Resume of
Mission 289 for damage to the city of Tsu. The 38 A/C bombing hit the
primary radar target. All bombing was by radar. One A/C was non-
effective. No enemy opposition was encountered. One B-29 landed at
Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 15,985 pounds. Average fuel reserve:
767 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 287

3 August 1945

1. Date: 24 July 1945
2. Target: Aichi A/C Plant at Eitoku (90.20 - 1729)
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 74
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 86.48% (66 primary and 5 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M66 2000# G.P. 1/100 sec. delay nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 451 tons on primary and 35 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 241125K - 241152K
9. Altitude of Attack: 20,000 - 23,800
10. Weather Over Target: 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: Results unobserved. No A/C observed the target. Heavy caliber flak was meager to moderate and inaccurate to accurate. Two A/C were damaged by A/A. No E/A sighted. Twenty-six B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,273 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 634 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 286 3 August 1945

1. Date: 24 July 1945
2. Target: Osaka Arsenal (90.25-382) (Primary visual)
City of Kuwana (90.20) (Primary radar)
3. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 170
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 90% (35 primary visual, 119 primary radar, and 9 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M66, 2000# G.P. with 1/40 sec. delay nose and tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 216 tons on primary visual, 794 tons on primary radar and 59 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 241144K - 241227K
9. Altitude of Attack: 19,900 - 23,000
10. Weather Over Target: Nearly solid undercast.
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Strike photos showed several hits in the target area and immediately S and W of the target. Several additional bursts damaged Osaka Castle. Reconnaissance later revealed that 8.4% of the target was damaged, raising the total destroyed to 18.1%. Eight A/C were non-effective. Target was visible only to 35 A/C. No E/A sighted. First flak at IP was scattered, meager, heavy and inaccurate and continuously pointed. Over Osaka it was moderate, accurate and continuously pointed. From Osaka to Biwa Ko it was heavy, moderate, accurate, barrage and continuously pointed. Flak came from Fukido, Yawata, Fushimi, Ogura A/F and Kyoto. It was particularly accurate in the vicinity of Kyoto. Forty-six A/C were damaged by A/A fire. Total A/B does not include 1 Wind-Run A/C. Thirty-nine B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,301 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 611 gallons. Of the 216 bombs dropped on the Osaka Arsenal 28 hit within 1000 feet of the MPI. The A/C bombing the Primary Radar included the Wind-Run A/C.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 285

3 August 1945

1. Date: 24 July 1945
2. Target: Kawinishi A/C Plant, Takarazuka (90.25-2137)
City of Kuwana, Primary Radar (90.20)
3. Participating Unit: 58th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 88
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 93.18% (77 primary, 4 primary radar,
and 3 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M65, 1000# G.P. 1/100 sec.
delay nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 474.5 tons on primaries and 18 tons
on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 241133K - 241203K
9. Altitude of Attack: 19,000 - 20,600
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 4/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Early strike photos indicated the target was virtually destroyed. Workers quarters N and S of target were severely damaged. Photo reconnaissance revealed 77% of the target had been damaged. The target was not visible to 1 A/C. Of the 949 bombs released on the target, 418 hit within 1000 feet of MPI. Four A/C were non-effective. Sixteen E/A were airborne in the vicinity of the target, but made no attacks. Flak was heavy, meager to moderate and generally accurate. Fifty-one B-29's damaged by A/A fire. Three free balloons with dangling tails were observed in assembly plant vicinity. A possible smoke cover was observed to the west of the primary target. Forty B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 12,668 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 614 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 284

3 August 1945

1. Date: 24 July 1945
2. Target: Sumitomo Metal Industry at Osaka (90.25 - 263A)
3. Participating Unit: 58th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 90
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 91.11% (82 primary and 4 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M56, 4000# L.C., with instantaneous nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 488 tons on primary and 26 tons on opportunity
8. Time Over Primary: 241251K - 241322K
9. Altitude of Attack: 19,900 - 22,100
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 3/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 1

12. Resume of Mission: Strike photos indicated a majority of bombs fell on target, which was assumed to be destroyed. A few bombs fell on adjacent targets, 264 and 53. Reconnaissance later revealed that 76.9% of the target was damaged, raising the cumulative damage to 89.6%. Of the 244 bombs dropped it was estimated 115 fell within 1000 feet of the MPI. Four A/C were non-effective. All bombing was visual. Heavy caliber flak varied from moderate to intense and was accurate. One B-29 was shot down and 50 damaged by A/A fire. The A/C lost received a direct hit by flak over the target and it broke in two. All 11 men missing. No E/A seen. Forty-two B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 15,193 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 645 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 283

3 August 1945

1. Date: 23/24 July 1945
2. Target: Ube Coal Liquefaction Co. (90.32 - 1841)
3. Participating Unit: 315th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 80
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 90% (72 primary and 4 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M64 500# G.P. with 1/10 sec. delay nose and 1/100 sec. delay tail and M-81, 260# fragmentary bombs, with instantaneous nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 619.8 tons on primary and 36 tons on opportunity and 17 tons on special.
8. Time Over Primary: 240103K - 240240K
9. Altitude of Attack: 12,400 - 15,460
10. Weather Over Target: 5/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: Clouds prevented any observations of bombing results. Five bombed visually and 67 by radar. Four A/C were non-effective. One E/A flew a parallel course out of range, blinking lights, probably A/A altitude and course spotter. No E/A. Flak was medium, meager and inaccurate. Searchlight activity was meager and generally ineffective from Shimonoseki-area and coast of Kyushu. Two wind-run A/C were airborne and bombed Nippon Oil Refinery with fragmentation bombs. Eight B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 18,656 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 879 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 282

3 August 1945

1. Date: 23/24 July 1945
2. Target: Shimonoseki Straits, Rashin, Fusan-Masan
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 29
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 79.31% (23 primary and 3 alternate)
6. Type of Mines and Settings: 1000 and 2000 pound mines with various settings.
7. Tons of Mines Dropped: 156 on primary and 21 on alternate.
8. Time Over Primary: 240137K - 240257K
9. Altitude of Attack: 7600 - 8300
10. Weather Over Target: 3/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 1

12. Resume of Mission: All mines dropped were believed to be effective. Some A/C staged at Iwo Jima. Three A/C were non-effective. Meager and inaccurate flak reported in Shimonoseki Straits area. Three E/A sighted did not attack. Eleven crew members picked up approximately 15 miles from Saipan. A/C lost due to lack of fuel and mechanical malfunction. One RCM A/C and 1 Super-Dumbo not included in above totals. Eleven B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average mine load: 13,332 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 609 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 281 31 July 1945

1. Date: 19/20 July 1945
2. Target: Nippon Oil Co. at Amagasaki (90.25 - 1203)
3. Participating Unit: 315th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 84
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 98.79% (83 A/C)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M64, 500# G.P. fuze 1/10 sec.
delay nose and 1/40 sec. delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 701.8 tons on primary and 4.5 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 200020K - 201000K
9. Altitude of Attack: 15,410 - 16,900
10. Weather Over Target: 8/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Scope photos indicated excellent results. In spite of the fact that 7 A/C did not identify the proper target, the remainder created a comparative solid bomb pattern. Twelve of 14 buildings of the synthetic oil plant damaged and only 3 small tanks left undamaged. Only 2 of 10 large tanks on the tank farm remained undamaged. Flak was heavy, meager and inaccurate. Fifteen E/A sighted did not attack. Intense S/L activity in the target area. One A/C was non-effective. All bombing was by radar. Two Wind-Run A/C preceded main force. One B-29 landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 17,832 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 999 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 280

31 July 1945

1. Date: 19/20 July 1945
2. Target: Okazaki Urban Area (90.20)
3. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing.
4. Number A/C Airborne: 130
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 96.92% (126 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: E46 and AN-M17A1 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet over target and AN-M47A2 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 650 tons on primary and 6.3 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 200152K - 200310K
9. Altitude of Attack: 12,700 - 16,300
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 9/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Results were reported as unobserved to excellent, with smoke reaching to 10,000 feet. A large explosion reaching to 2,500 feet was observed in the target area. Reconnaissance revealed 68% of the target area had been damaged. Flak was heavy and medium, meager and inaccurate. Burning red rocket was observed. Nine E/A sighted made no attacks. Four S/L's were observed in the target area. Target was visible to 62 A/C and not visible to 64 A/C. One radar wind A/C was airborne. Three A/C were non-effective. Four B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 15,021 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 884 gallons.

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Mission Number 279

31 July 1945

1. Date: 19/20 July 1945
2. Target: Chosi Urban Area (90.14)
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 97
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 93.81% (91 A/C)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: E46, 500[#] incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above target, 500[#] T4E4 frag. clusters set to open 1000 feet below A/C and AN-M47A2 and AN-M47A3 100[#] incendiary bombs fuzed with instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 628.8 tons
8. Time Over Primary: 200131K - 200252K
9. Altitude of Attack: 10,200 - 11,400
10. Weather Over Target: 3/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: Good fires were reported with smoke rising to 10,000 feet. Three E/A sighted made no attacks. The target was visible only to 1 A/C. Six A/C were non-effective. Flak at target was heavy, medium and light, meager to moderate and inaccurate. Two to 6 ground-to-air rockets were observed. Two RCM and 1 Wind-Run A/C were A/B. Three B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 16,468 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 852 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

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31 July 1945

1. Date: 19/20 July 1945
2. Target: Hitachi Urban Area (90.14)
3. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 130
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 96.92% (126 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M47A2 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose and E46, E36, AN-M17A1, 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above target.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 963.2 tons on primary and 7.2 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 200020K - 200153K
9. Altitude of Attack: 12,200 - 13,650
10. Weather Over Target: 9/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 2
12. Resume of Mission: Reconnaissance showed .88 sq. mi. (or 64.5%) of the city's built-up area was destroyed. RCM A/C observed fires from 60 miles away. The target was seen by only 6 A/C. Three A/C were non-effective. One E/A sighted did not attack. Flak was medium and heavy, meager and inaccurate encountered by approximately 1/3 of the B-29's. One Wind-Run A/C A/B. Five survivors from a ditching due to mechanical failure. One B-29 lost to unknown reasons. One B-29 landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 15,214 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 910 gallons.

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31 July 1945

1. Date: 19/20 July 1945
2. Target: Hitachi Urban Area (90.14)
3. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 130
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 96.92% (126 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M47A2 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose and E46, E36, AN-M17A1, 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above target.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 963.2 tons on primary and 7.2 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 200020K - 200153K
9. Altitude of Attack: 12,200 - 13,650
10. Weather Over Target: 9/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 2
12. Resume of Mission: Reconnaissance showed .88 sq. mi. (or 64.5%) of the city's built-up area was destroyed. RCM A/C observed fires from 60 miles away. The target was seen by only 6 A/C. Three A/C were non-effective. One E/A sighted did not attack. Flak was medium and heavy, meager and inaccurate encountered by approximately 1/3 of the B-29's. One Wind-Run A/C A/B. Five survivors from a ditching due to mechanical failure. One B-29 lost to unknown reasons. One B-29 landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 15,214 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 910 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 277

31 July 1945

1. Date: 19/20 July 1945
2. Target: Fukui Urban Area (90.13)
3. Participating Unit: 58th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 130
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 97.69% (127 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: E46, 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above target and AN-M47A2 100 incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 953.4 tons on primary and 8 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 200024K - 200145K
9. Altitude of Attack: 12,400 - 14,000
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 3/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Crews reported results as good to excellent. Large fires were observed in the center of the target with smoke to 15,000 feet. Fires N and S of river in an area estimated 1 to 3 sq. mi. Later reconnaissance revealed the city had been 84.8% destroyed (1.61 sq. mi). The target was visible to 114 A/C. Two A/C were non-effective. Flak was heavy, medium and light, meager and inaccurate. Extremely slight heavy and medium A/W reported. Two S/L's seen. Eight E/A sighted made no attacks. Two Wind-Run A/C used in addition to main force. Sixteen B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 15,829 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 752 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 276

31 July 1945

1. Date: 19/20 July 1945
2. Target: Kobe-Osaka, Oyama, Yanohama, Niigata, Miyazu, Maizuru, Gensan-Konan, Tsuruga, Obama and Nezugasaki.
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 31
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 87.09% (27 primary and 2 alternate)
6. Type of Mines and Settings: MK 26-36, 1000# and MK 25, 2000# mines with various settings.
7. Tons of Mines Dropped: 184 tons.
8. Time Over Primary: 200003K - 200247K
9. Altitude of Attack: 7100 - 8400
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 1
12. Resume of Mission: It was estimated that of the 228 mines laid, 226 would be effective. Only 2 A/C dropped their mines visually. One A/C was non-effective. Seven E/A including 1 Baka were sighted and made no attacks. The A/C lost was missing to unknown reasons after leaving the target. One RCM A/C was A/B. Eleven A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average mine load: 13,344 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 852 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 275

31 July 1945

1. Date: 17/18 July 1945
2. Target: Shimonoseki Straits, Seishin, Nanao-Fushiki, Hieashi and Iwase
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 30
5. % A/C Mining Primary: 90% (27 primary and 1 alternate)
6. Type of Mines and Settings: MK 26-36 1000# and MK 25 2000# mines with various settings.
7. Tons of Mines Dropped: 178 tons.
8. Time Over Primary: 180048K - 180311K
9. Altitude of Attack: 7100 - 8500
10. Weather Over Target: 4/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: It was estimated that of the 238 mines dropped, 237 were effective and would continue the desired blockades. Only 1 A/C dropped mines visually. Two E/A sighted made no attacks. No claims. Flak was heavy and light, meager and inaccurate. Two A/C were non-effective. One RCM A/C was not included in total A/B. Seven B-29's landed At Iwo Jima. Average mine load: 13,166 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 707 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 274

31 July 1945

1. Date: 16/17 July 1945
2. Target: Hiratsuka Urban Area (90.17)
3. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 132
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 97.72% (129 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M47A2 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose and AN-M17 500# incendiary cluster fuzed to open 5000 feet above the target.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 1162.5 tons on primary and 10 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 170032K - 170212K
9. Altitude of Attack: 10,900 - 15,200
10. Weather Over Target: 10/10
11. Resume of Mission: Results were reported as unobserved to good. Several A/C crews reported huge explosions in target area and smoke rising to 10,000 feet. The target was visible to only 5 A/C crews. Flak at target was heavy and light, meager and inaccurate. Two to 4 S/L's observed. A/C A/B included 4 RCM jammers, 1 Wind-Run A/C and 1 Super-Dumbo. Eleven A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 16,923 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 765 gallons.

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Mission Number 273

31 July 1945

1. Date: 16/17 July 1945
2. Target: Kuwana Urban Area (90.20)
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 99
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 94.84% (94 primary and 2 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M47A2 and AN-M47A3 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose and E46 500# incendiary clusters fuzed to open 5000 feet above target.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 693.3 tons on primary and 16 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 170225K - 170340K
9. Altitude of Attack: 10,200 - 11,300
10. Weather Over Target: 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: Results were unobserved, but a bright glow and moderate thermals were reported over the target. Only 1 A/C saw the target. Three A/C were non-effective. Nine E/A sighted made 1 attack. Flak in the target area was heavy and light, meager and inaccurate. Twelve ground-to-air rockets were observed. Total A/B does not include 1 Super-Dumbo and 1 Wind-Run A/C. Four A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 15,623 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 829 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 272

31 July 1945

1. Date: 16/17 July 1945
2. Target: Oita Urban Area (90.33)
3. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 129
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 96.12% (124 A/C)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M47A2, 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 790.4 tons.
8. Time Over Primary: 170112K - 170232K
9. Altitude of Attack: 10,000 - 11,500
10. Weather Over Target: 4/10 - 5/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Crews reported results were good to excellent. Early strike photos indicated many large fires in the target area. The target was visible to only 4 crews. Three E/A sighted made no attacks. Eleven planes acted as Pathfinders. Five A/C were non-effective. Flak in the target area was heavy, and medium, meager and inaccurate. Total A/B does not include 2 RCM jammers, 1 Wind-Run A/C and 2 Super-Dumbos. Two A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 12,725 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 849 gallons.

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MISSION RESUME

Mission Number 271

31 July 1945

1. Date: 16/17 July 1945
2. Target: Numazu Urban Area (90.18).
3. Participating Unit: 58th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 128
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 82.56% (119 A/C)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M47A2 100# incendiary bomb with instantaneous nose and M17A1 and E46, 500# incendiary cluster fused to open 5000 feet above target.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 1035.8 tons
8. Time Over Primary: 170213K - 170352K
9. Altitude of Attack: 10,600 - 11,600
10. Weather Over Target: 7/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Reconnaissance revealed 89.5 per cent of the city was damaged or destroyed. The target was visible only to 2 aircraft. Twelve Pathfinder A/C are included in the above totals. Nine A/C were non-effective. Three to 6 Dakas sighted over target area. Flak at target was heavy, medium and light, meager and inaccurate. Total A/B does not include 1 Super Dumbo and 1 Wind-Run A/C Five A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 17,000 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 813 gallons. Twenty-one E/A sighted made no attacks.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 270 17 July 1945

1. Date: 15/16 July 1945
2. Target: Nippon Oil Co. at Kudamatsu (90.32-657A)
3. Participating Unit: 315th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 69
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 85.5% (59 primary and 3 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M64 500^{lb} G.P. 1/10 delay nose and 1/100 delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 476.8 tons on primary and 28.7 tons on opportunity, 17 tons on Wind-Run.
8. Time Over Primary: 200041K - 200201K
9. Altitude of Attack: 10,230 - 11,700
10. Weather Over Target: 3/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Results were unobserved. A/C bombed by Radar and 7 visually. Seven A/C were non-effective. Thirty-two E/A sighted made no attacks. Flak was heavy, nil to meager, and inaccurate. Estimated 10-18 S/L's, generally ineffective, observed in target area. Two wind-run A/C also airborne and bombed their primary target, Ube Coal Liquefaction Co. Five B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 17,806 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 1066 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 269

17 July 1945

1. Date: 15/16 July 1945
2. Target: Rashin, Fusan, Gezan-Konan, Naoetsu and Niigata.
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing.
4. Number A/C Airborne: 28
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 92.85% (26 primary and 1 alternate)
6. Type of Mines Dropped: MK 26-36 1000# and MK 25 2000# mines with various settings.
7. Tons of Mines Dropped: 172 tons on primary and 6 tons on alternate.
8. Time Over Primary: 152308K - 160325K
9. Altitude of Attack: 6900 - 8400
10. Weather Over Target: 8/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: It was estimated that of the 244 mines laid, 241 were effective. All mines were laid by radar. One A/C was non-effective. Sixteen E/A were sighted, but made no attacks. Heavy, meager, and inaccurate flak encountered at Niigata and Fusan. Seventeen A/C landed at two aima and 1 at Okinawa. Average mine load: 13,068 lbs. Average fuel reserves: 435 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 268

17 July 1945

1. Date: 13/14 July 1945
2. Target: Shimonoseki Stratis, Seishin, Masan, Reisui and Fukuoka.
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 31
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 96.77% (30 primary and 1 alternate)
6. Type of Mines and Settings: MK 26-36 1000# and MK 25 2000#
mines with various settings.
7. Tons of Mines Dropped: 199 tons primary and 1 tons alternate.
8. Time Over Primary: 140012K - 140327K
9. Altitude of Attack: 6900 - 8600
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: It was estimated that of the 254 mines dropped, 249 were effective. Flak was meager, moderate and inaccurate. Mine laying was by radar. Nine E/A sighted made 1 attack. One RCM A/C was also airborne. Eighteen A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average mine load: 13,211 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 561 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 267 22 July 1945

1. Date: 12/13 July 1945
2. Target: Kawasaki Petroleum Center (90.17-128)
3. Participating Unit: 315th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 60
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 88.33% (53 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M64, 500# G.P., fuze with 1/10 sec. delay nose and 1/40 sec. delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 452 tons on primary and 8 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 130106K - 130219K
9. Altitude of Attack: 15,300 - 16,700 feet.
10. Weather Over Target: 8/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 2

12. Resume of Mission: Radar scope photos indicated fair results. Only 3 A/C sighted target. Six B-29's were non-effective. Thirty-eight E/A sighted made 2 attacks. No claims. Flak was heavy, meager and inaccurate. S/L's ineffective because of cloud cover. One crew bailed out en route to target between Guam and Tinian. Nine survivors. One B-29 was missing to unknown reasons. Average bomb load: 18,226 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 1175 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 266

22 July 1945

1. Date: 12/13 July 1945
2. Target: Uwajima Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 130
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 94.61% (123 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M47A2, 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose and E-46 500# incendiary clusters with tail set to open 5000 feet above target.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 872.5 tons on primary and 9 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 130013K - 130226K
9. Altitude of Attack: 10,400 - 16,400 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Results were unobserved. The target was obscured to all aircraft. Six A/C were non-effective. Heavy flak and AW fire was meager and inaccurate. Six E/A sighted made no attacks. Six B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 15,026 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 700 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 265

22 July 1945

1. Date: 12/13 July 1945
2. Target: Tsuruga Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 98
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 93.87% (92 primary and 2 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M47A2, 100# incendiary bombs
with instantaneous nose and E-46
500# incendiary clusters with tail
set to open 5000 feet above target.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 679.1 tons primary and 16 tons opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 130000K - 130207K
9. Altitude of Attack: 12,200 - 13,400 feet.
10. Weather Over Target: 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Crews reported unobserved to excellent results. A glow from the target area could be seen through the clouds by A/C over target in latter stages of attack. Four A/C were non-effective. The target was not seen by any aircraft. Light, meager and inaccurate flak was encountered at primary target. Two E/A sighted made no attacks. Two B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load; 15,567 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 820 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 264

22 July 1945

1. Date: 12/13 July 1945
2. Target: Ichinomiya Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 130
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 94.61% (123 primary and 2 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M47A2, 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 772 tons on primary and 12.6 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 130154K - 130345K
9. Altitude of Attack: 6000 - 12,200 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Photo reconnaissance indicated .01 sq. mi., representing 8% of the built-up portion of the city, was destroyed. The textile mills in the N and NW part of the city received some damage, with 1 being 100% gutted. Nine small buildings were destroyed. Five A/C were non-effective. Ten crews sighted the target, which was not visible to other A/C. Flak encountered was heavy and medium, nil to meager, and inaccurate. Twelve E/A sighted made no attacks. Three B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 12,769 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 873 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 263

22 July 1945

1. Date: 12/13 July 1945
2. Target: Utsunomiya Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 58th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 130
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 88.46% (115 primary and 5 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M47A2, 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose and E-46, 500# incendiary clusters with tail set to open 5000 feet above the target.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 302.9 tons on primary 43.4 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 130019K - 130230K
9. Altitude of Attack: 13,300 - 14,600 feet.
10. Weather Over Target: 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 1

12. Resume of Mission: Crews reported 2 large glows about 1 mile apart through the undercast. With the exception of 2 aircraft, the target was not visible on the bomb run. Ten A/C were non-effective. Nine E/A sighted made no attacks. Flak was heavy and medium and AW fire all were meager and inaccurate. Four ineffective S/L's were observed. Nine men were rescued after ditching a B-29. The B-29 lost was en route to base. Twenty-seven A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,700 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 664 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 262

17 July 1945

1. Date: 11/12 July 1945
2. Target: Rashin, Fusan, Shimonoseki Straits, Miyazu, Maizuru and Ofuna
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 30
5. % A/C Mining Primary: 83.33% (25 primary and 2 alternate)
6. Type of Mines Planted: MK 26-36, 1000# and MK 25, 2000# mines with various settings.
7. Tons of Mines Planted: 150 tons on primary and 13 tons on alternate.
8. Time Over Primary: 120032K - 120247K
9. Altitude of Attack: 6900 - 9400 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 4/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Of the 199 mines dropped it was estimated 198 were effective to maintain the blockades and mine the new harbor target. No E/A sighted. Only 3 A/C reported flak, which was heavy, meager and inaccurate. Several ineffective S/L's observed. Seven A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average mine load: 12,082 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 558 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 261 17 July 1945

1. Date: 9 July 1945
2. Target: Utsube Oil Refinery at Yokkaichi (90.20-1684)
3. Participating Unit: 315th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 64
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 95.31% (61 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M64, 500# G.P. with 1/40 sec. delay nose and non-dealy tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 468.7 tons on primary and 8 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 092340K - 100038K
9. Altitude of Attack: 15,550 - 16,950 feet.
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: Photo reconnaissance showed 20% of the target had been damaged or destroyed. The target was visible to 10 A/C. Two A/C were non-effective. Fifteen E/A sighted made 2 attacks. One B-29, hit by a 20 mm shell, suffered minor damage. Flak was heavy, nil to meager, inaccurate to accurate and predicted concentration. Twenty S/L's observed, some radar controlled. Two A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 16,811 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 1233 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 260

17 July 1945

1. Date: 9/10 July 1945
2. Target: Gifu Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 135
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 95.55% (129 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: E46, 500# incendiary clusters with tail set to open 5000 feet and AN-M47A2 100# incendiary bomb with instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 898.8 tons on primary and 8.7 tons on secondary.
8. Time Over Primary: 100034K - 100220K
9. Altitude of Attack: 14,720 - 17,700 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 1

12. Resume of Mission: Photo reconnaissance revealed that 1.93 square miles, or 74% of the city's built-up area, were destroyed. The target was visible to 105 A/C and not visible to 24. Five A/C were non-effective. Ten E/A sighted made 3 attacks. Coordination was noted between E/A and S/L's. Flak was heavy, meager to moderate and inaccurate. AW fire was meager to intense and inaccurate. Four to 12 S/L's observed. All crew members of ditching between Rota and Saipan were rescued. The B-29 lost caught fire after leaving the target. After the crew bailed out the A/C exploded in mid-air.

Three B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,676 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 685 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 259

17 July 1945

1. Date: 9/10 July 1945
2. Target: Wakayama Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 109
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 99.9% (108 A/C)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M47A2 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose and AN-M17A1, 500# incendiary clusters with nose set to open at 5000 feet.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 800.3
8. Time Over Primary: 100058K - 100258K
9. Altitude of Attack: 10,200 - 11,600 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 1/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Results were unobserved to excellent. Crews attacking during latter part of strike reported intense fires throughout the city, with smoke columns rising up to 20,000 feet. Large explosions and white flashes were reported. Severe turbulence was encountered over the target area. The target was visible to 97 A/C and not visible to 11 A/C. Flak was medium and AW fire was meager and inaccurate. No S/L's were reported. Ten E/A sighted made no attacks. One B-29 was non-effective. One A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,617 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 951 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 258

17 July 1945

1. Date: 9/10 July 1945
2. Target: Sakai Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 124
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 92.74% (115 primary and 3 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M47A2, 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose and E36 and E46 500# incendiary clusters set with nose and tail, respectively, to open 5000 feet above target.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 778.9 tons on primary and 19.6 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 100233K - 100406K
9. Altitude of Attack: 10,000 - 11,350 feet.
10. Weather Over Target: 1/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Strike photos showed well concentrated fires in the city, with a brisk ground wind from the NE. Crews reported glow of fires visible nearly 200 miles. Smoke columns were up to over 17,000 feet. The target was visible to only 5 A/C. Six A/C were non-effective. Fifteen E/A sighted made 5 attacks. One possible air-to-air phosphorus burst met over target. Flak was heavy and medium, meager to moderate, inaccurate, barrage and continuously pointed. Approximately 20 S/L's in target area. Flak damaged 5 B-29's. One A/C, not included in A/B, preceded main force to transmit weather information. Dropped 6.3 tons on target. Two A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 13,972 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 812 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 257

17 July 1945

1. Date: 9/10 July 1945
2. Target: Sendai Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 58th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 131
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 93.89% (123 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M17A1, 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above target and AN-M47A2 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 909.3 tons on primary and 6.3 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 100103K - 100305K
9. Altitude of Attack: 10,000 - 10,700 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 3/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 1
12. Resume of Mission: Good to excellent results reported by crews. The target was visible to 86 crews and not visible to 27. Seven A/C were non-effective. The B-29 lost ran off the runway and burst into flames. Entire crew safe. Ten E/A sighted made 1 attack. Flak was heavy, meager to moderate, inaccurate and medium and AW fire was meager and inaccurate. Fifteen to 20 S/L's were observed, not effected by radar jamming or "rope". A/A damaged 6 B-29's. Thirteen A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,372 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 673 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 256

17 July 1945

1. Date: 9/10 July 1945
2. Target: Shimonoseki Straits, Niigata and Nanao
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 31
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 93.55% (29 primary and 1 alternate)
6. Type of Mines Used: MK 26-36 1000#, and MK 25, 2000# mines with various settings.
7. Tons of Mines Planted: 193 tons primary and 7 tons alternate.
8. Time Over Primary: 100102K - 100317K
9. Altitude of Attack: 6900 - 8800 feet.
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 9/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 1

12. Resume of Mission: It was believed that Feshiki and Niigata harbors were closed for approximately 4 days and the areas mined in the straits were unusable for 1 week. Of the 274 mines dropped, it was estimated 267 were effective. One A/C was non-effective. Eighteen E/A sighted made 4 attacks. Flak was heavy, moderate to intense and accurate over Shimonoseki and meager and inaccurate at others. The A/C lost was shot down by flak and E/A over the mining field. Eight B-29's damaged by flak. Nine A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average mine load: 12,605 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 580 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 255

16 July 1945

1. Date: 6/7 July 1945
2. Target: Maruzen Oil Refinery at Osaka (90.25 - 1764)
3. Participating Unit: 315th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 60
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 98.34% (59 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M64, 500# G.P., fuzed with 1/40 sec. delay nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 441.5 tons on primary and 8 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 070019K - 070118K
9. Altitude of Attack: 10,200 - 11,500 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Photo reconnaissance on 11 July revealed that 95% of the plant had been destroyed. Fifty-eight A/C bombed by radar and 1 visually. Seventeen E/A were reported. Two ramming attempts were reported. Flak was heavy, meager to nil and inaccurate. One balloon was sighted at 11,500 feet. Average bomb load: 16,071 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 1386 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 254

16 July 1945

1. Date: 6/7 July 1945
2. Target: Kofu Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 138
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 94.32% (131 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M47A2, 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose, and AN-M17 and E46, 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above the target.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 970.4 tons on primary and 1 on opportunity)
8. Time Over Primary: 070047K - 070235K
9. Altitude of Attack: 11,200 - 17,100 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 8/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Photos showed damage caused was 1.3 sq. miles, or 64% of the total built-up area. Fifty per cent of the buildings in the RR Marshalling yards south of the city were destroyed. Nineteen A/C bombed visually and 112 by radar. Seven A/C were non-effective. Twent-two E/A sighted made no attacks. One air-to-air rocket attack was reported. Heavy caliber flak and AW fire was meager and inaccurate. Three A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 15,757 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 783 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 253

16 July 1945

1. Date: 6/7 July 1945
2. Target: Shimizu Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 136
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 97.09% (133 A/C)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M47A2, 100# incendiary bomb with instantaneous nose and AN-M17, 500# incendiary cluster with nose set to open 3000 feet above target.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 1029.6 tons
8. Time Over Primary: 070133K - 070310K
9. Altitude of Attack: 7100 - 8300 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 4/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 1

12. Resume of Mission: Crews that were able to observe through breaks in the clouds said the entire city was ablaze to the waterfront. Severe thermals were encountered. Reconnaissance indicated 47% (.67 sq. mi.) of the Shimizu Urban area, 60% of the docks and 30% of the Honan Oil Plant were damaged or destroyed. Flak consisted of heavy, medium and AW fire, meager to moderate and generally inaccurate. Two B-29's were damaged by flak. Ground rockets were reported, some in groups of 6. Twelve E/A sighted made 4 attacks. Twenty-five A/C bombed visually and 108 by radar. Three A/C were non-effective. Two B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. The A/C lost ran off the runway because of brake failure. Average bomb load: 15,053 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 1103 gallons.

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Mission Number 251

16 July 1945

1. Date: 6/7 July 1945
 2. Target: Chiba Urban Area
 3. Participating Unit: 53th Bombardment Wing
 4. Number A/C Airborne: 129
 5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 95.48% (124 primary and 1 opportunity)
 6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M47A2, 100# incendiary bombs instantaneous nose, E46, 500# incendiary cluster with tail set to open 5000 feet above target, T4E4, 500# fragmentation cluster with nose set to open 1000 feet below A/C.
 7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 889.5 tons on primary and 6.3 tons on opportunity.
 8. Time Over Primary: 070239K - 070405K
 9. Altitude of Attack: 9900 - 11,500 feet
 10. Weather Over Target: 10/10
 11. Total A/C Lost: 0
 12. Resume of Mission: Interrogation of crews indicated scattered fires were started in the target area, with smoke rising to 25,000 feet. Photo reconnaissance revealed that 43.4% (.86 sq. miles) of Chiba's urban area had been destroyed or damaged. Five A/C bombed visually and the remainder by radar. Four A/C were non-effective. Flak encountered was heavy, medium and light, nil to meager and inaccurate. Eighteen E/A sighted made 1 attack. Fourteen B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,974 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 842 gallons.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 250

12 July 1945

1. Date: 3/4 July 1945
2. Target: Tokushima Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 137
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 94.16% (129 primary and 2 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M47 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose and AN-M17 500# incendiary clusters with nose set to open 5000 feet above target.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 1050.8 tons on primary and 12.6 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 040224K - 040419K
9. Altitude of Attack: 10,200 - 16,940 feet
10. Weather Over Target: Clear
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Photo reconnaissance showed 74% (1.8 sq. miles) of the built-up area of the city had been destroyed. Fifty-one A/C bombed by radar and 78 visually. Six A/C were non-effective. Ten E/A sighted made no attacks. A/A was heavy, AN was meager to moderate and inaccurate. Three A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 15,675 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 762 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 249

12 July 1945

1. Date: 3/4 July 1945
2. Target: Himeji Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 107
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 99.06% (106 A/C)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: E46, 500# incendiary clusters with tail set to open 5000 feet above the target, and AN-M47 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 767.1
8. Time Over Primary: 040050K - 040229K
9. Altitude of Attack: 10,100 - 11,500 feet.
10. Weather Over Target: 4/10 - 7/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Interrogation of crews revealed severe thermals during the latter parts of the bomb run and smoke up to 20,000 feet. Photo reconnaissance later showed that 1.12 sq. miles (58.3%) of the built-up area of the city was destroyed. Bringing the total destroyed to date up to 71.8%. Ninety-four A/C bombed by radar and 2 visually. One A/C was non-effective. Two attacks were reported by Bakas. One closed to 300 yards when it apparently dissipated its power and disappeared. Twelve E/A sighted made 8 attacks. No claims. Flak was mainly medium, AW fire and few bursts of heavy, meager and inaccurate A/A. One ground-to-air rocket was sighted. Four A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 15,751 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 676 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 248 12 July 1945

1. Date: 3/4 July 1945
2. Target: Kochi Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 129
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 96.89% (125 A/C)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: 246, 500# incendiary clusters with tail set to open 5000 feet above target and AN-M76 500# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 1060.8 tons
8. Time Over Primary: 040252K - 040352K
9. Altitude of Attack: 10,270 - 11,530 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 1/10 - 2/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 1
12. Resume of Mission: Strike photos revealed concentrations of fires in target area with .92 sq. mile (48% of built-up area) destroyed. Fifteen B-29's bombed visually and 110 by radar. Four A/C were non-effective. Two E/A sighted made no attacks. Flak was light and medium, meager and generally inaccurate. The A/C lost was to unknown reasons, no reports having been received after take-off. Six A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 17,455 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 791 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 247

12 July 1945

1. Date: 3/4 July 1945
2. Target: Takamatsu Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 58th Bombardment Wing
4. Number Aircraft Airborne: 128
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 90.62% (116 primary and 3 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: E46, 500# incendiary cluster with tail set to open 5000 feet above target, AN-M47, 100# incendiary bomb with instantaneous nose and AN-M64 500# G.P., with instantaneous nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 833.1 tons on primary and 22.3 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 040356K - 040542K
9. Altitude of Attack: 9900 - 11,100 feet.
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 2
12. Resume of Mission: Large portions of western, central, and southern portion of city were destroyed. Damage was 1.4 sq. miles or 78% of built-up area. Eighty-six B-29's bombed visually and 30 by radar. Nine A/C were non-effective. Eleven E/A sighted made no attacks. Air opposition was nil, but 1 Baka, was seen in target area. Medium caliber flak and automatic weapons fire was meager to moderate and accurate with red tracers to 10,000 feet at primary target. Two bursts of possible heavy flak were reported at the primary target mostly from airdrome south of Takamatsu. One barrage balloon identified over dock area of primary target at 5000 feet. Other possible balloons in primary target area at 8000 to 10,000 feet. Of the B-29's lost, 1 ditched immediately after take-off and one ran off the runway. Twenty-seven A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,999 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 734 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 246

12 July 1945

1. Date: 3/4 July 1945
2. Target: Shimonoseki Straits, Funakawa, Maizuru
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 31
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 83.8% (26 primary and 2 secondary)
6. Type of Mines and Fuzes: MK 25, 2000# and MK 26-36, 1000#
mines with various settings.
7. Tons of Mines Dropped: 253 tons on primary and 21 tons on
secondary.
8. Time Over Primary: 040037K - 040311K
9. Altitude of Attack: 7200 - 8900 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 4/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Results were considered effective. Of the 119 MK 25 and 108 MK 26-36 mines dropped, 232 were considered effective. Three A/C were non-effective. Twenty-eight E/A sighted made 8 attacks and damaged 2 B-29's. Flak was barrage type and continuously pointed and was light, medium and heavy, meager, inaccurate to accurate and damaged 1 B-29. Five A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average mine load: 13,211 pounds, Average fuel reserve: 689 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 245

12 July 1945

1. Date: 2/3 July 1945
2. Target: Maruzen Oil Refinery at Minoshima (90.25-1764)
3. Participating Unit: 315th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 40
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 97.5% (39 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M64, 500# G.P., 1/40 sec. delay nose and instantaneous tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 296.7 tons on primary and 8 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 030108K - 030207K
9. Altitude of Attack: 15,000 - 16,000 feet.
10. Weather Over Target: 4/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: One unit in the refinery area was severely damaged and fires were seen burning in at least 2 tanks at the S end of the plant. Thirty-seven A/C bombed by radar and 2 visually. A/A was heavy, nil to meager and inaccurate. Eleven E/A sighted made no attacks. Average bomb load: 16,823 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 1230 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 244 12 July 1945

1. Date: 1/2 July 1945
2. Target: Shimonoseki Stratis, Nanao and Fushiki
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 28
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 85.71% (24 A/C)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: MK 25, 2000# and MK 26-36 1000#
mines with various settings.
7. Tons of Mines Dropped: 161 tons.
8. Time Over Primary: 020053K - 020233K
9. Altitude of Attack: 7200 - 8700 feet.
10. Weather Over Target: 4/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Results were believed to have been excellent. Of the 119 MK 25 and 84 MK 26-36 released in the primary fields, 195 were believed to be effective. Four A/C were non-effective. Flak was heavy, meager and inaccurate. Only 1 E/A was sighted. Two B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average mine load: 13,179 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 770 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 243

7 July 1945

1. Date: 1 July 1945
2. Target: Shimonoseki Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 141
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 88.9% (127 primary and 5 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M47A2, 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose, and E46 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above target.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 833 tons on primary and 37.3 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 0325K - 0400K
9. Altitude of Attack: 7,900 - 19,000 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 4/10 - 9/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 1

12. Resume of Mission: Photo reconnaissance showed damage totalled .51 sq. miles or 36% of built-up area. Sixteen A/C bombed visually and 111 by radar. Nine A/C were non-effective. No E/A sighted. Flak was heavy, meager and moderate and inaccurate. The B-29 lost was en route to target when 2 engines failed for unknown reasons. Of the 11 crew members who bailed out, 9 were rescued. Twenty-two A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 13,809 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 656 gallons.

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Mission Number 242 7 July 1945

1. Date: 1 July 1945
2. Target: Ube Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 112
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 89% (100 A/C)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M47A2, 100# incendiary bombs
fuzed instantaneous nose and E46,
500# incendiary clusters set to
open 5000 feet above target.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 714.6 tons
8. Time Over Primary: 0147K - 0312K
9. Altitude of Attack: 10,000 - 11,600 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 5/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Photo reconnaissance showed 23% of the built-up area had been destroyed. Seventy-one A/C bombed visually and 29 by radar. Twelve A/C were non-effective. Twelve E/A sighted made 3 attacks. No claims. Flak was heavy and medium, meager to moderate and inaccurate. Twenty-two A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,958 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 716 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 241 7 July 1945

1. Date: 1 July 1945
2. Target: Kumamoto Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 162
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 93.94 (154 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M47A2, 100# incendiary bomb, instantaneous nose and E46, E36, and E48, 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above target.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 1113.2 on primary and 7.8 on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 0059K - 0230K
9. Altitude of Attack: 10,050 - 11,500 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 9/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 1
12. Resume of Mission: Photo reconnaissance showed 16% of the built-up area had been destroyed. Eight A/C bombed visually and 147 by radar. Seven A/C were non-effective. Flak was heavy, medium and generally inaccurate. E/A was nil. The crew of the A/C that ditched was rescued. Four A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 15,171 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 781 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 240

7 July 1945

1. Date: 1 July 1945
2. Target: Kure Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 58th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 160
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 94.24% (152 primary and 2 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: E46, 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above target and AN-M47A2, 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 1081.7 on primary and 14.3 on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 0102K - 0305K
9. Altitude of Attack: 10,300 - 11,800 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 6/10 - 8/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: Photo reconnaissance showed 46% of the city's built-up area had been destroyed. One hundred twenty A/C bombed by radar and 32 visually. Six A/C were non-effective. A/A was meager and inaccurate. One A/C was damaged by A/A. Three E/A sighted made no attacks. No claims. Sixteen A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,869 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 769 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 239

6 July 1945

1. Date: 29 June 1945
2. Target: West Shimonoseki Straits, Maizuru and Sakata
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 29
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 83.25% (25 A/C)
6. Type of Mines Planted: MK 25 2000# and MK 26-36 1000# mines, with various settings..
7. Tons of Mines Dropped: 165
8. Time Over Primary: 0121K - 0243K
9. Altitude of Attack: 4200 - 8500 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Of the 225 mines dropped, 215 were believed to be effective in continuing the blockade of the Straits and mining the harbors. Flak was heavy, medium, meager to moderate and inaccurate. Four A/C were non-effective. Four E/A sighted made no attacks. One B-29 landed at Iwo Jima. Average mine load: 13,084 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 708 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 238

6 July 1945

1. Date: 30th June 1945
2. Target: Nippon Oil Co. at Kudamatsu (90.20 - 672)
3. Participating Unit: 315th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 36
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 86.4% (32 A/C)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: M64, 500# G.P., 1/10 sec. delay nose and 1/100 sec. delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 208.5 tons on primary
8. Time Over Primary: 300106K - 300137K
9. Altitude of Attack: 15,400 - 16,875 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 8/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Results were unobserved. All bombing was by radar. Flak was heavy, meager and inaccurate. Several S/L's were observed in the target area. Four A/C were non-effective. No E/A were observed. Average bomb load: 14,647 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 1181 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 237

6 July 1945

1. Date: 28 June 1945
2. Target: Nobeoka Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 122
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 95.94% (117 A/C)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: E46, 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above target, and AN-M47A2, 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 828.8 tons on primary
8. Time Over Primary: 0246K - 0417K
9. Altitude of Attack: 7000 - 12,000 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 8/10 - 9/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: Photo reconnaissance showed damage to the built up area was . 515 sq. miles or 36% of the area. Twenty-five A/C bombed visually and 92 were by radar. Flak was heavy, meager and inaccurate. Six E/A sighted made 1 attack. No claims. Five A/C were non-effective. Six B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,984 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 787 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 236

6 July 1945

1. Date: 28 June 1945
2. Target: Moji Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing.
4. Number A/C Airborne: 101
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 91.09% (91 primary and 3 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M47A2, 100# incendiary bombs, instantaneous nose and non-delay tail, and E-46 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above target.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 625.9 tons on primary and 17.3 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 0111K - 0243K
9. Altitude of Attack: 9900 - 11,600 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Photo reconnaissance revealed damage to city totalled .32 sq. miles or 28.8% of built up urban area. Only 1 A/C bombed the primary target visually. Seven E/A sighted and 1 attack. No claims. Heavy, medium and light flak, meager and generally inaccurate over the target. Seven A/C were non-effective. Two B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,302 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 747 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 235

6 July 1945

1. Date: 28 June 1945
2. Target: Sasebo Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 145
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 95.88% (141 primary and 2 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M76 500# incendiary bombs, instantaneous nose and non-delay tail and M17A1, E-48 and E46 incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above target.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 1058.9 on primary and 18.11 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 0137K - 0253K
9. Altitude of Attack: 10,100 - 11,700 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 9/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: Photo reconnaissance showed damage to area totalled .41 sq. miles or 17.9% of urban and industrial areas. One hundred thirty-five A/C bombed by radar and 6 visually. Flak was heavy and medium, meager to moderate and inaccurate. Nine E/A sighted made 1 attack. No claims. Two A/C were non-effective. Eight A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,706 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 692 gallons.

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Mission Number 234

6 July 1945

1. Date: 28 June 1945
2. Target: Okayama Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 58th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 141
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 96.6% (138 A/C)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M47A2, 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose and E48, 500# incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above target.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 981.5 tons
8. Time Over Primary: 0343K - 0407K
9. Altitude of Attack: 11,000 - 13,300 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 1
12. Resume of Mission: Crews reported excellent results with smoke reported as rising to 20,000 feet. One hundred thirty-four A/C bombed visually and 4 by radar. Three A/C were non-effective. Heavy and medium flak, meager to moderate and generally inaccurate. The B-29 lost was to unknown reasons, but is believed to have been lost over the target. Seven E/A sighted made 2 attacks. No claims. Four A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,565 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 853 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 233

6 July 1945

1. Date: 27 June 1945
2. Target: Hagi, Kobe and Niigata
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 30
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 96.57% (29 A/C)
6. Type of Mines Planted: MK25, 2000# and MK 26-36, 1000# mines with various settings.
7. Tons of Mines Planted: 186.5 tons.
8. Time Over Primary: 0051K - 0324K
9. Altitude of Attack: 6700 - 8700 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Of the 275 mines dropped, it was believed 261 were effective in blockading the harbors under attack. Five E/A sighted made no attacks. One B-29 was non-effective. Two A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average mine load: 12,961 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 709 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 232

6 July 1945

1. Date: 26 June 1945
2. Target: Utsube Oil Refinery, Yokkaichi (90.20 - 1684)
3. Participating Unit: 315th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 35
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 92.4% (33 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M64, 500#, G.P., 1/40 sec. delay nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 222.8 tons on primary and 6.7 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 262335K - 270150K
9. Altitude of Attack: 15,000 - 16,000 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 9/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Two strings of bombs were in the target within a 2000-foot radius and 3 strings approximately 7,500 feet NNW of aiming point and 1 string approximately 9,000 feet NNW of aiming point. Thirty A/C bombed by radar and 3 visually. One A/C was non-effective. Flak was heavy, nil to meager, and generally inaccurate. Twenty-nine ineffective S/L's observed in target area. One A/C landed at Iwo Jima. No E/A were sighted. Average bomb load: 14,631 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 1320 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 231 4 July 1945

1. Date: 26 June 1945
2. Target: Kawasaki A/C Co., Kagamigahara (90.20 - 240)
3. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 35
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 70% (25 primary and 6 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M64, 500# G.P., instantaneous nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 143 tons on primary and 24 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 1026K - 1100K
9. Altitude of Attack: 14,870 - 17,400 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 1

12. Resume of Mission: Fair strike photography showed bursts in and near target area. The building at aiming point appeared well hit. Smoke hampered observations. Four A/C bombed the primary radar target, Tsu City. Twenty-one A/C bombed visually. Flak was heavy, meager to moderate, inaccurate. No fighter escort was provided. Five A/C were non-effective. Aircraft lost was rammed by enemy fighter and exploded before reaching target. Twenty-six E/A sighted made 7 attacks. Claims were 9-1-2. Four A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 12,100 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 699 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 230

4 July 1945

1. Date: 26 June 1945
2. Target: Sumitomo Light Metals Co. at Nagoya (90.25 - 2040)
3. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 33
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 87% (29 primary and 2 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M64, 500[#] G.P. 1/40 sec. delay nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 150 tons on primary and 20 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 0919K - 1034K
9. Altitude of Attack: 17,000 - 25,000 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 1/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Incomplete strike photos revealed a light concentration of bomb bursts on south half of target. Eight sticks of bombs hit the target. Poor photography, smoke and dust prevented damage assessment. Thirteen A/C bombed visually and 16 by radar. Two A/C were non-effective. Flak was heavy, milder to intense, inaccurate to accurate. No fighter cover was provided. Thirty-five E/A made 35 attacks. No claims. Seven A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 11,770 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 757 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 229

4 July 1945

1. Date: 26 June 1945
2. Target: Aichi A/C Co. at Eitoku (90.20 - 1729)
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 67
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 74.50% (50 primary and 14 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M66, 2000# G.P., 1/100 sec.
delay nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 346 tons on primary and 98 tons on
opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 1013K - 1034K
9. Altitude of Attack: 17,200 - 24,700 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 2

12. Resume of Mission: A number of bombs fell in the harbor SE of the target. Smoke and fire observed in targets 90.20 - 1800 and 90.20 - 1829. Three A/C bombed visually and 47 by radar. Three A/C were non-effective. Flak was heavy, meager to moderate, inaccurate. Up to 100 friendly fighters were seen in the target area. Of A/C lost, one was damaged by flak over the target and 1 is missing. Seventeen E/A made 4 attacks. No claims. Average bomb load: 14,324 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 574 gallons. Fifteen A/C landed at Iwo Jima.

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Mission Number 228

4 July 1945

1. Date: 26 June 1945
2. Target: Mitsubishi A/C Plant, Kagamigahara (90.20 - 1833)
Tsu - Secondary Target
3. Participating Unit: 58th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 79
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 75.60% (60 primary, 15 secondary and
2 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M64, 500# G.P. instantaneous nose
and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 411.5 tons on primary, 102.2 tons on
secondary and 13.3 on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 1012K - 1055K
9. Altitude of Attack: 15,000 - 16,900 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 3/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 1

12. Resume of Mission: Plant received numerous hits, majority to the NE of MPI. Kagamigahara A/F was rendered temporarily inoperative. Tsu Urban Area was bombed by 15 A/C, with photo coverage showing bursts from 2 planes. All bombing was visual on primary target. Flak was heavy, meager to moderate, and accurate to inaccurate. Friendly fighters seen in the target area. Two A/C were non-effective. The A/C lost was to survey at Iwo Jima after it had suffered extensive flak damage. Twenty-one E/A made 44 attacks. Claims were 6-3-3. Eleven A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 15,327 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 699 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 227

4 July 1945

1. Date: 26 June 1945
2. Target: Atsuta Factory, Nagoya Arsenal and Nippon Vehicle Co. (90.25 - 197 and 241)
3. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 32
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 77.5% (25 primary and 6 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M64, 500# G.P., 1/40 sec. delay nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 143.8 tons on primary and 36 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 1010K - 1029K
9. Altitude of Attack: 15,500 - 19,910 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 1

12. Resume of Mission: Incomplete strike photos revealed pattern of bombs across NE portion of target. Two formations hit the target with fair results. Sixteen A/C bombed visually and 9 by radar. One A/C was non-effective. Flak was heavy, me ger to moderate inaccurate to accurate. No friendly fighters observed in target area. The B-29 lost in the target area was to flak. Twelve crew members bailed out at sea and were rescued. Twenty-nine E/A made 52 attacks. Claims were 4-2-1. Four A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 12,573 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 648 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 226

4 July 1945

1. Date: 26 June 1945
2. Target: Chigura Factory Nagoya Arsenal (90.20 - 196)
3. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 35
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 92.4% (33 A/C)
6. Types of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M64, 500^{lb} G.P., 1/40 sec. delay nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Fropped: 189.5 tons on primary.
8. Time Over Primary: 1007K - 1011K
9. Altitude of Attack: 16,400 - 18,400 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Strike photos revealed bomb bursts covered almost the entire target area. One group dropped all bombs except 2 on target. All bombing was visual. Flak was heavy, moderate to intense, inaccurate to accurate. Two A/C non-effective. Twenty-nine E/A made 56 attacks. Claims 6-0-1. Two A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 12,351 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 624 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 225

4 July 1945

1. Date: 26 June 1945
2. Target: Kawasaki A/C Plant at Akashi (90.25 - 1547)
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 38
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 80.6% (31 primary and 5 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M56, 4000# L.C., instantaneous nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 184 tons on primary and 30 tons on opportunity.
8. Altitude of Attack: 16,000 - 26,200 feet
9. Time Over Primary: 1001K - 1052K
10. Weather Over Target: 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Strike attack photos revealed probable hits on the machinery building, the railroad right-of-way SW of the plant, the gun installation on the coast to the SW of the target. There was a near miss of the final assembly building, but NW wall showed blast damage. Near misses damaged the roof of the parts assembly building. Flak was heavy, meager to moderate and inaccurate. No fighter cover was provided. Two A/C were non-effective. Nine A/C bombed visually and 22 by radar. Six E/A made 2 attacks. Claims 1-0-1. Eight A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 12,950 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 619 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 224

4 July 1945

1. Date: 26 June 1945
2. Target: Osaka Army Arsenal (90.25 - 382)
3. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 120
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 90.47% (109 primary and 3 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M66 - 2000# G.P., 1/40 sec.
delay nose and tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 758 tons on primary and 25 tons on
opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 1018K - 1116K
9. Altitude of Attack: 17,400 - 29,060 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 1

12. Resume of Mission: Strike reports showed bomb bursts and fires immediately NW of Castle and about 2000 yards S of target. All bombing was by radar. Eight A/C were non-effective. Flak was heavy, meager and inaccurate. A number of P-51's were seen in the target area. Twelve E/A sighted made 7 attacks. Claims were 1-1-0. The B-29 missing was to unknown reasons. Fourteen A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,402 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 593 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 223

4 July 1945

1. Date: 26 June 1945
2. Target: Sumitomo Light Metal Industry (90.25 -263A)
3. Participating Unit: 58th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 71
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 89.6% (64 primary and 4 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M56, 4000^u L.C. instantaneous nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 382 tons on primary and 26 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 1026K - 1202K
9. Altitude of Attack: 19,600 - 25,300 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: No strike photos were obtained. All bombing was by radar. Three A/C were non-effective. Flak was heavy, meager to moderate, inaccurate to accurate. Escort consisted of 144 P-51's and 1 formation observed in target area. Five E/A sighted made 5 attacks. No claims. Eight A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 13,065 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 675 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 222

2 July 1945

1. Date: 25 June 1945
2. Target: Shimonoseki Straits, Maizuru, and Obama
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 27
5. % A/C Mining Primary: 96.2% (26 aircraft)
6. Type of Mines Planted: MK 25, 2000# and MK 26-36, 1000# mines, with various settings.
7. Tons of Mines Planted: 177 tons
8. Time Over Primary: 0111K - 0211K
9. Altitude of Attack: 6200 - 8700 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 7/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: All of the 201 mines dropped were believed to have been effective and continued the blockade of the straits. A/A was nil and no B-29's were damaged. Thirty E/A made 6 attacks. No claims. Two B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average mine load: 13,357 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 792 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 221

2 July 1945

1. Date: 24 June 1945
2. Target: Fukuoka, Karatsu, Sakai & Niigata Harbors
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 27
5. % A/C Mining Primary: 96.2% (26 aircraft)
6. Type of Mines Planted: MK25, 2000# and MK 26-36 1000#
mines with various settings.
7. Tons of Mines Planted: 163 tons
8. Time Over Primary: 0132K - 0346K
9. Altitude of Attack: 4200 - 8700 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 1/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 1
12. Resume of Mission: Of the 277 mines dropped, 276 were believed to have been effective. The aircraft lost crashed on take-off. No casualties. Flak was medium and heavy, meager to moderate and inaccurate. Six E/A sighted made no attacks. One A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average mine load: 12,747 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 659 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 220

2 July 1945

1. Date: 22 June 1945
2. Target: Kawasaki A/C Plant at Akashi (90.25 - 1547)
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 30
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 83.25% (25 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M56, 4000# L.C. instantaneous nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 148 tons on primary and 6 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 1051K - 1053K
9. Altitude of Attack: 18,000 - 19,600 feet.
10. Weather Over Target: 3/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Approximately 18% of the total original roof area damaged. Total damage inflicted to date is approximately 45.1% of total original roof area. Bombing was visual. Heavy caliber flak of meager to moderate intensity and accurate to inaccurate. Four B-29's were non-effective. Seven E/A made 11 attacks. No claims. Average bomb load: 12,920 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 531 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 219

2 July 1945

1. Date: 22 June 1945
2. Target: Kawasaki A/C Plant at Kagamighara (90.20 - 240)
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 21
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 79.9% (17 primary and 4 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M56, 4000# L.C., and AN-M66, 2000# G.P., instantaneous nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 116 tons on primary and 28 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 0019K - 0023K
9. Altitude of Attack: 16,100 - 18,200 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 5/10 - 7/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 1
12. Resume of Mission: Target was about 35% damaged or destroyed. Bombs of the first squadron fell 700' SE of the briefed MPI and 9 impacts are visible on the wing assembly building. One squadron bombed short and to the right of the briefed MPI. Flak was heavy, meager and generally accurate. All bombing was visual. The B-29 lost was in the target vicinity. Fifteen E/A made 14 attacks. Claims 0-3-4. Average bomb load: 15,022 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 787 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 218

2 July 1945

1. Date: 22 June 1945
2. Target: Mitsubishi A/C Plant at Kagamigahara (90.20-1833)
Utsube Oil Refinery, Secondary Target, (218)
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 28
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 59.5% (17 primary and 6 secondary)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M56, 4000# L.C., instantaneous
nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 90 tons on primary, 34 tons secondary.
8. Time Over Primary: 1016K - 1018K
9. Altitude of Attack: 16,000 - 18,400 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 5/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: 75% of the bombs of the squadron that bombed the secondary target were within 1000 ft. of the MPI. The primary target was bombed visually and no photo reconnaissance has been obtained to indicate what results were attained. Flak was heavy, meager to moderate and accurate. Thirty-three E/A made 54 attacks. Claims: 0-1-2. Five B-29's were non-effective. Eleven A/C landed at Iwo Jima for this mission and 219 and 220. Average bomb load: 13,065 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 835 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 217

1 July 1945

1. Date: 22 June 1945
2. Target: Kawanishi A/C Plant at Himeji (90.27 - 2047)
3. Participating Unit: 58th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 58
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 88.4% 52 primary and 4 opportunity)
6. Type Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M64, 500# G.P., 1/100 sec. nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 350.7 tons on primary and 25.5 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 1046K - 1137K
9. Altitude of Attack: 15,200 - 18,000 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 5/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Photo reconnaissance showed buildings in S 3/4 of plant destroyed or structurally damaged, with a majority of these buildings being completely destroyed. Bomb patterns indicated probable destruction of buildings in the northern area of the target. The target may be considered as being completely destroyed. All bombing was visual. Two aircraft were non-effective. Flak was meager, inaccurate at target. Twelve E/A sighted made 17 attacks. Claims 0-0-2. Average bomb load: 14,964 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 734 gallons. Eleven B-29's landed at Iwo Jima.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 216

1 July 1945

1. Date: 22 June 1945
 2. Target: Mitsubishi Aircraft Plant at Tamashima (90.27-1681)
 3. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
 4. Number A/C Airborne: 123
 5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 87.48% (108 primary & 10 opportunity)
 6. Type Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M64, 500# G.P., 1/40 sec. delay nose and non-delay tail.
 7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 602.8 tons on primary and 58 tons on opportunity.
 8. Time Over Primary: 0936K - 1030K
 9. Altitude of Attack: 15,400 - 18,300 feet
 10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 2/10
 11. Total A/C Lost: 2
 12. Resume of Mission: Approximately 85% of the total roof area damaged. The MPI building, another sub-assembly building, an assembly building, 2 shops and 7 other buildings were hit. Ninety-five A/C bombed visually and 13 by radar. Heavy, meager to moderate, accurate and inaccurate flak was encountered and damaged 16 B-29's. Forty-nine E/A made 41 attacks and shot down 1 B-29. Claims 1-0-0. The other B-29 was lost to unknown reasons. Three A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 12,192 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 778 gallons.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 215

1 July 1945

1. Date: 22 June 1945
2. Target: Kure Naval Arsenal (90.30-657A)
3. Participating Units: 58th and 73rd Bombardment Wings
4. Number A/C Airborne: 195
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 82.62% (162 primary and 12 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M65, 1000# G.P. 1/10 & 1/40 sec. delay nose and 1/40 sec. delay tail; AN-M64, 500# G.P., 1/40 sec. delay nose & tail; AN-M66, 2000# G.P., 1/40 sec. delay nose and tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 795.8 tons on primary and 65.5 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 1031K - 1143K
9. Altitude of Attack: 18,000 - 26,250 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 2/10 - 3/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 2
12. Resume of Mission: Photo coverage from 3 of the 5 formations that bombed the target showed the SW area well hit. 57% of the bombs dropped hit the target. One hundred thirty five A/C bombed visually and 27 by radar. Twenty E/A sighted made no attacks. Flak was heavy, intense and accurate. Considerable naval flak was experienced. One of the lost B-29's was hit by flak and the other crashed at Kobler Field while attempting to land with 2 engines out. Ninety-six A/C were damaged by flak. Twelve B-29's were non-effective. Ten A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 10,460 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 848 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 214

28 June 1945

1. Date: 21 June 1945
2. Target: Fushiki, Senzaki, Nanao and Yuga Sea approaches
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 30
5. % A/C Mining Primary: 83.75% (25 primary and 2 alternate)
6. Type Mines Planted: MK-25, 2000 lb. and MK 26-36, 1000 lb. mines, with various settings.
7. Number Mines Planted: 56 MK-25 and 204 MK 26-36 mines on primary and 24 MK 26-36 on alternate.
8. Time Over Primary: 0048K - 0239K
9. Altitude of Attack: 6500 - 8600 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 1/10 - 5/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: It was estimated all mines dropped were effective. Fushiki, and Nanao were closed for 3 to 4 days. New attrition minefields were established at Yuga and Senzaki. Several A/C reported shore batteries used lights to spot the location mines went into the water. Flak was of medium and heavy caliber, meager and accurate. Three B-29's were non-effective. One B-29 landed at Iwo Jima. No E/A sighted. Average mine load: 12,755 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 881 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 213

28 June 1945

1. Date: 19 June 1945
 2. Target: Shimonoseki Straits, Niigata, Miyaza and Maizuru
 3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing.
 4. Number A/C Airborne: 28
 5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
 6. Type of Mines Planted: MK-25, 2000 lb. and MK-26-36, 1000 lb. mines. Various settings.
 7. Number of Mines Planted: 108 MK-25 mines and 144 MK 26-36 mines.
 8. Time Over Primary: 0132K - 0218K
 9. Altitude of Attack: 8000 - 10,200 feet
 10. Weather Over Target: 5/10 - 6/10
 11. Total A/C Lost: 0
 12. Resume of Mission: It was estimated that all the mines dropped were effective. The Shimonoseki Straits blockade was extended and Niigata, Miyaza and Maizuru were re-mined. Flak was heavy, meager and inaccurate. Six E/A sighted made no attacks. Two B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average mine load: 13,069 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 761 gallons.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 212

28 June 1945

1. Date: 19 June 1945
2. Target: Shizuoka Urban Area (90.18)
3. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 137
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 91.25% (125 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: E-46 500 lb. incendiary clusters set to open 2500' above target and AN-M47A2 100 lb. incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 868.3 tons on primary and 9.6 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 0151K - 0354K
9. Altitude of Attack: 8000 - 12,000 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 2/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 2
12. Resume of Mission: Main portion of city destroyed. Damage totaled 2.28 sq. miles or 66% of built-up portion of city. Eighteen E/A sighted made 4 attacks. Light, medium and heavy flak, meager to moderate, generally inaccurate. Several S/L observed. Both B-29's were lost to unknown reasons. Eleven A/C were non-effective. Two B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 15,078 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 954 gallons.

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Mission Number 211

28 June 1945

1. Date: 19 June 1945
2. Target: Fukuoka Urban Area (90.35)
3. Participating Units: 73rd and 313th Bombardment Wings
4. Number A/C Airborne: 237
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 92.82% (221 primary and 2 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: E-46 and E-36, 500 lb. incendiary clusters set to open 2500' above target, and AN-M47A2 incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 1525 tons on primary and 13.3 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 0011K - 0153K
9. Altitude of Attack: 9000 - 10,000 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 1/10 - 3/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: 73rd Wing strike photos showed good results, with numerous fires in the built up area of the city. 1.3 sq. miles destroyed (20%) of built up area. Medium and heavy A/A, milder to moderate and generally inaccurate. Twelve E/A sighted made 4 attacks. Ten B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Fourteen B-29's were non-effective. Average bomb load: 14,399 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 717 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 210

28 June 1945

1. Date: 19 June 1945
 2. Target: Toyohashi Urban Area (90.21-1224)
 3. Participating Unit: 58th Bombardment Wing
 4. Number A/C Airborne: 141
 5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 95.2% (136 aircraft)
 6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: E-46, AN-M17A1 and E-28, 500 lb. incendiary clusters set to open 2500' above target and AN-M47A2, 100 lb. incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose.
 7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 946.4 tons of bombs on primary
 8. Time Over Primary: 0158K - 0417K
 9. Altitude of Attack: 6900 - 8800 feet
 10. Weather Over Target: 7/10 - 10/10
 11. Total A/C Lost: 0
 12. Resume of Mission: Reconnaissance showed 1.7 sq. miles (or 52%) of built up portion of the city was destroyed. Heavy and medium flak, generally meager and inaccurate. Thirteen E/A sighted made 13 attacks. One was probably damaged. Four A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Five B-29's were non-effective. Average bomb load: 14,856 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 916 gallons.
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Mission Number 209

28 June 1945

1. Date: 17 June 1945
2. Target: Yokkaichi Urban Area (90.20)
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 94
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 92.56% (89 aircraft)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M17A1 and E-46, 500 lb. clusters set to open 5000' above target and AN-M47A2 100 lb. incendiary bombs, instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 567.3 tons on primary
8. Time Over Primary: 0246K - 0405K
9. Altitude of Attack: 7000 - 7800 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 6/10 - 7/10
11. Total A/C Lost; 0

12. Resume of Mission: Main urban area of city destroyed. Damage totalled 1.23 sq. miles or 59 per cent of the built-up portion of the city (excluding industrial area) Nine E/A sighted made 1 attack. Flak was heavy, medium and light caliber, meager and inaccurate at target. Twelve S/L observed. Five B-29's were non-effective. Average bomb load: 13,217 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 1128 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 208

28 June 1945

1. Date: 17 June 1945
2. Target: Hamamatsu Urban Area (90,21)
3. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 137
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 94.90% (130 aircraft)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M17A1 and E-46 incendiary clusters with respective noses and tails set to open 5000' above target; AN-M47A2, 100# incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 911 tons on primary.
8. Time Over Primary: 0159K - 0305K
9. Altitude of Attack: 7850 - 9010 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 3/10 - 9/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Reconnaissance indicated 1.28 sq. miles or 30 per cent of the city's built-up area was damaged or destroyed. Heavy and medium, very meager, and inaccurate flak was encountered. Five E/A sighted made 2 attacks. No claims. One B-29 landed at Iwo Jima. Seven A/C were non-effective. Average bomb load: 14,754 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 1025 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 207

28 June 1945

1. Date: 17 June 1945
2. Target: Omuta Urban Area (90.35)
3. Participating Unit: 58th Bombardment Wing.
4. Number of A/C Airborne: 126
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 91.64% (116 primary and 3 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M47A2, 100 lb. incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose, and E-46 500 lb. incendiary clusters set to open 5000' above target.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 769.2 tons on primary and 16.2 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 0200K - 0409K
9. Altitude of Attack: 6550 - 9000 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: About .11 sq. miles or 2.5 per cent of the total built up area of the city damaged. A/A was heavy, medium, light, meager and inaccurate. Eight E/A sighted made no attacks. Seven B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 13,928 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 709 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 206

28 June 1945

1. Date: 17 June 1945
2. Target: Kagoshima Urban Area (90.38)
3. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 120
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 97.46% (117 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type Bombs and Fuzes: E-46 and AN-M17A1, 500 lb. incendiary clusters set to open 5000' above target; AN-M47A2, 100 lb. incendiary bombs, instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 809.6 tons on primary and 7 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 0006K - 0149K
9. Altitude of Attack: 7000-9200 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 6/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 1

12. Resume of Mission: Reconnaissance showed 2 sq. mi. (or 41%) of the built-up area destroyed. Total damage is now 50%. The B-29 lost crashed into sea 50 to 75 miles off coast of Japan, reason unknown. All crew members are missing. Two B-29's were non-effective. Heavy and automatic weapons A/A fire, was intense, accurate and inaccurate in target area. Sixteen E/A sighted made 1 attack. Three B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,508 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 712 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 205

28 June 1945

1. Date: 17 June 1945
2. Target: Shimonoseki Straits and Kobe
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 28
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 89.25% (25 primary and 2 alternate)
6. Type Mines Planted: MK 25, 2000 lb. mines and MK 26-36
1000 lb. mines with various settings.
7. Number of Mines Planted: 42 MK 25 and 215 MK 26-36 mines
8. Time Over Primary: 0024K - 0213K
9. Altitude of Attack: 6200 - 8550
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 8/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: It was believed the mining of the anchorage at Shimonoseki Straits and Kobe would flush out the ships at the anchorage and further discourage shipping in those areas. Of the 277 mines dropped, only 1 was believed to be non-effective. Three E/A sighted made no attacks. One B-29 was non-effective. Two B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average mine load: 12,738 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 850 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 204

28 June 1945

1. Date: 15 June 1954
2. Target: Shimonoseki Straits, Fukuoka, Karatsu and Fushiki.
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 30
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
6. Type of Mines Planted: MK25, 2000-lb. mines and MK 26-36 1000-lb. mines with various delay settings.
7. Number of Mines Planted: 53 MK25 mines and 244 MK26-36 mines.
8. Time Over Primary: 0155K - 0350K
9. Altitude of Attack: 7800 - 9000 feet.
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: The Shimonoseki Straits blockade was continued. Fushiki also was re-mined. Attrition fields were laid at Fukuoka, and Karatsu. All 297 mines dropped were believed to be effective. Flak was heavy and light caliber, meager and inaccurate. Two B-29's were damaged by flak. Fifteen E/A sighted made no attacks. One B-29 landed at Iwo Jima. Average mine load: 12,755 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 760 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 203

28 June 1945

1. Date: 15 June 1945
2. Target: Osaka-Amagasaki Urban Area
3. Participating Units: 58th, 73rd, 313th and 314th Wings
4. Number A/C Airborne: 511
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 84.36% (444 primary and 25 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M17 A1 and E46, 500-lb. incendiary clusters set to open 5000' above target and AN-M47A2 100-lb. incendiary bombs with instantaneous nose.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 3157.3 on primary and 176.1 on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 0944K - 1155K
9. Altitude of Attack: 16,300 - 26,900 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 2

12. Resume of Mission: Cloud coverage has prevented photo reconnaissance pictures from being taken of the target. Flak was heavy, meager and generally inaccurate. One hundred P-51's were airborne as escort but turned back because of poor weather conditions. One B-29 crashed off runway and 1 crashed into the sea 4 miles north of Guam. Thirty-two B-29's were non-effective. Forty-three B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 13,577 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 708 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 202

28 June 1945

1. Date: 13 June 1945
2. Target: Shimonoseki Straits and Niigata.
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing.
4. Number A/C Airborne: 30
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 96.7 (29 aircraft)
6. Type of Mines Planted: MK25, 2000-lb. mines and MK26-36, 1000-lb. mines.
7. Tons of Bombs Planted: 269 MK26-36 and 42 MK25 mines.
8. Time Over Primary: 0119K - 0243K
9. Altitude of Attack: 7000 - 7700 feet.
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: The Shimonoseki Straits blockade, in effect since 7 June, was extended. Niigata was closed for several days. A/A was nil. No B-29's were damaged. Three E/A sighted made 1 attack. No claims. Average mine load: 12,686 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 854 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 201

28 June 1945

1. Date: 11 June 1945
2. Target: Shimonoseki Straits and Tsuruga Bay
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 27
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 96.2% (26 aircraft)
6. Type of Mines Planted: MK25, 2000 lb. mines.
7. Tons of Mines Planted: 182 in Primary Field.
8. Time Over Primary: 0140K - 0239K
9. Altitude of Attack: 7200 - 8500 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 2/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: The Shimonoseki Straits blockade was continued for 3 or 4 more days. Tsuruga Bay was blockaded for several days. A/A was nil, no B-29's being damaged. Ten E/A sighted made no attacks. No claims. Average mine load: 13,510 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 864 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 200

28 June 1945

1. Date: 10 June 1945
2. Target: Tachikawa Air Depot (90.17 - 2008)
3. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 34
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 87% (29 primary and 3 opportunity)
6. Types of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M64, 500#-general purpose, 1/100 sec. delay nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 163.5 on primary and 18 on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 0852K - 0857K
9. Altitude of Attack: 20,100 - 22,000 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Strike attack pictures indicated that 3 squadrons attacked the target and bombs of 2 squadrons hit the target. No subsequent reconnaissance pictures have been obtained. Flak was heavy, meager and inaccurate at Tachikawa. Nine P-51's observed north of Tokyo along withdrawal route. Twenty-five E/A sighted made 35 attacks. Claims were 0-1-3. Two B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 12,980 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 801 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 199

28 June 1945

1. Date: 10 June 1945
2. Target: Nakajima Aircraft Co. at Ogikubu (PV) (90.17 - 356)
Kasumiguara Seaplane Base (PR) (90.14 - 1491)
3. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 65
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: (PR) 68.85% (45 radar and 4 opportunity)
(PV) 10.71% (7 aircraft)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M64, 500#-general purpose, 1/100
second delay nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 281.3 on primary targets and 18 tons
on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: (Radar) 0837K - 0859K
(Visual) 0924K - 0927K
9. Altitude of Attack: Radar 21,000 - 23,000 feet
Visual 21,000 - 21,100 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 1

12. Resume of Mission: Strike attack photographs of bombing on the radar target indicated that the target was approximately 33% destroyed. Heavy, meager to moderate and inaccurate flak at West Tokyo, Tachikawa, Tokyo and Yokohama. Approximately 30 P-51's observed over the Tokyo Area and on withdrawal 39 E/A sighted made 83 attacks. Claims were 1-4-9. Nine B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 12,028 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 704 gallons. Fighter claims on Missions 195-200 were 22-6-12.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 198

28 June 1945

1. Date: 10 June 1945
 2. Target: Hitachi Aircraft Co. at Chiba (90.14 - 2145)
 3. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
 4. Number A/C Airborne: 27
 5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 96.5% (26 primary)
 6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M64, 500# general purpose, 1/100 second delay nose and non-delay tail.
 7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 138.2 tons on primary.
 8. Time Over Primary: 0845K - 0846K
 9. Altitude of Attack: 15,600 - 17,200 feet
 10. Weather Over Target: 10/10
 11. Total A/C Lost: 0
 12. Resume of Mission: Strike attack pictures showed that 3 squadrons attacked the target. Photos revealed no damage to the plant. Sixteen E/A sighted made no attacks. No claims. Flak was heavy, weak and inaccurate. Several A/C believed to be P-51's were seen 5000 feet below the B-29's. Two B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 11,754 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 1026 gallons.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 197

28 June 1945

1. Date: 10 June 1945
2. Target: Nakajima Aircraft Co. at Musashino (PV) (90.17-357)
Hitachi Engine Works Kaigan Plant (PR) (90.17 - 2009)
3. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 124
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: (PR) 95.11% (118 radar and 2 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M66, 2000#-general purpose,
variable delay nose and 1/40 sec.
delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 806 tons on primary radar and 14 on
opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: (PR) 0957K - 1038K
9. Altitude of Attack: 19,600 - 21,200 feet
10. Weather Over Radar Target: 2/10 - 3/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Strike report photographs indicated excellent bombing results, with approximately 85 per cent of target destroyed. Reinforced concrete buildings at center of eastern edge of target sustained at least 10 direct hits. Internal damage impossible to assess, but it is believed to be severe. All other major buildings gutted or destroyed. Flak (at radar) was heavy, meager to moderate and occasionally accurate. Flak damaged 19 B-29's. Approximately 50 P-51's met the first B-29 Groups over Aoga Shima and escorted them to target area. Forty-five E/A sighted made 41 attacks. Claims not available. Eighteen B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,352 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 631 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 196

28 June 1945

1. Date: 10 June 1945
2. Target: Japan Aircraft Co. at Tomioka (90.17 - 1391)
3. Participating Unit: 58th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 33
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 96.66% (32 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M64, 500# general purpose, instantaneous nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 172.5 tons on primary and 5.3 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 1024K - 1029K
9. Altitude of Attack: 21,000 - 22,000 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Unobserved due to clouds and no subsequent photo coverage has been obtained due to cloud coverage. Flak was heavy, meager and inaccurate. No P-51 escort observed in target area. Seven E/A sighted made no attacks. No claims. Average bomb load: 12,100 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 733 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 195

21 June 1945

1. Date: 10 June 1945
2. Target: Nakajima Aircraft Co. at Omiya (90.17-2097)
Kasumigaura Seaplane Base (PR)
3. Participating Unit: 58th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 29
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: Radar Target 79.35% (23 A/C) and 2 A/C opportunity.
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M64, general purpose, 500#, 1/100 sec. delay nose, non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 123.3 on primary and 11.2 on opportunity
8. Time Over Primary: Radar Target: 1001K - 1012K
9. Altitude of Attack: 17,700 - 20,100 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 2/10 - 9/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Twenty-three A/C attacked the primary radar target. Visible damage included 13 buildings damaged or destroyed, according to strike attack photography. Twenty-seven E/A sighted made 27 attacks. Claims 0-4-8. Flak was reported as heavy, nil to meager and inaccurate. Two B-29's were damaged by flak. Fighter escort of 107 P-51's airborne from Iwo Jima. Approximately 36 P-51's sighted at assembly point, but none over target. Three B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 11,910 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 700 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 194

21 June 1945

1. Date: 9 June 1945
2. Target: Shimonoseki Straits
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 28
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 92.82% (26 primary and 1 alternate field)
6. Type of Mines and Settings: MK-25 and MK-26-36, with various settings.
7. Tons of Mines Dropped: 90 1000-pound mines and 126 2000-pound mines. 18 1000-pound mines in alternate field.
8. Time Over Primary: 090101K - 090243K
9. Altitude of Attack: 6200 - 8400 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 2/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Minefields Mike and Love were re-mined and the Inland Sea was used as an alternate field. Five A/C landed at Iwo Jima. A/A was nil. Eight E/A sighted did not attack. No claims. Average mine load: 13,179. Average fuel reserve: 794 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 193

21 June 1945

1. Date: 9 June 1945
2. Target: Aichi Aircraft Works, Atsuta Plant at Nagoya
City of Hamamatsu (PR) (90,20-2010/198)
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 44
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 96.6% (42 primary and 1 PR)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M56, 4000#, light case, instantaneous nose and non-delay tail and
AN-M66, 2000# G.P., instantaneous nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 265 tons on primary and 6 tons on PR
8. Time Over Primary: 091017K - 091023K
9. Altitude of Attack: 19,000 - 20,700 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: Photo reconnaissance showed the plant to be approximately 95.7% destroyed or damaged. The Nagoya Plant of the Aichi A/C Engine Works was 53 per cent destroyed or damaged. Flak was heavy, moderate generally inaccurate. Thirty-two E/A sighted made 87 attacks. Claims were 2-3-2. Seven B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,233 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 703 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 192

21 June 1945

1. Date: 9 June 1945
2. Target: Kawasaki Aircraft Co., at Akashi (90.25-1547)
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 26
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 92.16% (24 primary and 2 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M56, 4000#, light case, instantaneous nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 144 tons on primary and 12 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 091052K - 091054K
9. Altitude of Attack: 16,700 - 17,400 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 8/10 - 9/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Reconnaissance photographs showed little damage to the plant. Bombing was chiefly by radar. One pattern of bombs was in Akashi, about 1000 yards SE of target. No enemy opposition was encountered. Four B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 13,065 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 615 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 191

20 June 1945

1. Date: 9 June 1945
2. Target: Kawanishi Aircraft Co. at Naruo (90.25-18)
3. Participating Unit: 58th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 46
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 96.26% (44 primary and 1 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M65, 1000# G.P., 1/100 sec. delay nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 263.5 tons on primary and 6 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 090930K - 091003K
9. Altitude of Attack: 19,400 - 21,200 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 5/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Post strike photos showed the plant almost completely destroyed, with 69% of total roof area damaged or destroyed. Twenty-six per cent of the plant is beyond repair. One B-29 was non-effective. Thirty E/A sighted made 54 attacks. Claims were 3-5-15. No B-29's were lost. Flak was heavy, meager to moderate and inaccurate. Eight B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 12,720 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 778 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 190

15 June 1945

1. Date: 7 June 1945
2. Target: Shimonoseki Straits, Fukuoka and Karatsu.
3. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 31
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 83.82% (26 A/C)
6. Type Mines and Settings: MK26 and MK 25 mines, with various settings.
7. No. of Mines Laid: 240, 1000-pound mines and 39 2000-pound mines on primary
8. Time Over Primary: 070128K - 070239K
9. Altitude of Attack: 5700 - 8400 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 8/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0

12. Resume of Mission: Minefields Mike, Love, and Charlie were re-mined. A/A was nil and the 5 E/A sighted made no attacks. Five B-29's were non-effective. Four A/C landed at Iwo Jima and 1 landed at Okinawa. Average Mine Load: 12,713 lbs. Average Fuel Reserve: 889 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 189

15 June 1945

1. Date: 7 June 1945
2. Target: Osaka Urban Area
3. Participating Units: 58th, 73rd, 313th, and 314th Wings
4. Number A/C Airborne: 449
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 89.98% (409 primary and 9 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: E46, non-delay nose, various tail settings; T4E4, various nose and tail settings; E-48, non-delay nose, various tail settings; AN-M47A2, instantaneous nose and non-delay tail; AN-M46, 1/10 sec. nose and 1/100 sec. tail; AN-M65- 1/100 sec. nose and tail; AN-M64, 1/100 sec. nose and tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 2593.6 primary and 58.6 opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 071209K - 071323K
9. Altitude of Attack: 17,900 - 23,150
10. Weather Over Target: 8/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 2

12. Resume of Mission: Strike attack photographs indicated 2.21 square miles had been destroyed bringing the total to date from the Command's Strikes to 13.46 square miles, or 22.5% of the built-up portion of the city. Thirty-one A/C were non-effective. Fighter opposition was nil to meager, with 10 E/A sighted making 30 attacks. Claims were 0-0-3. Flak over the target was heavy, nil to meager, and inaccurate. Seven B-29's were damaged by flak. Fighter escort was provided by 144 P-51's. Fighter claims were 2-0-1. Fifty-nine A/C landed at Iwo Jima. The 2 B-29's were lost to mechanical reasons. One P-51 caught fire near Iwo Jima. Average Bomb Load: 13,182 lbs. Average Fuel Reserve: 544 gallons.

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Mission Number 188

15 June 1945

1. Date: 5 June 1945
2. Target: Kobe Urban Area (90.25-11)
3. Participating Units: 58th, 73rd, 313th, and 314th Wings
4. Number A/C Airborne: 530 (including 7 Super Dumbos)
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 89.37% (473 primary and 8 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: E-46, Non-delay nose and varied delay tails; T4E4, varied delay nose and non-delay tail; AN-M47A2, instantaneous nose and non-delay tails and ML7-A1, 24 sec. nose and non-delay tail.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 3079.1 primary and 54.7 on opportunity
8. Time Over Primary: 050822K - 050947K
9. Altitude of Attack: 13,650 - 18,800 Feet.
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 8/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 11

12. Resume of Mission: About 3.8 square miles of the city were destroyed and about 1/2 square mile east of Kobe. Nine numbered industrial targets were damaged. Total damage to city is 8 square miles, about 51% of the built up portion of the city. Of the B-29's lost, 3 were due to E/AC, 3 to enemy A/A, 3 to E/AC and A/A, 1 crashed at Iwo Jima and 1 to unknown causes. Forty-nine A/C were non-effective. The 125 E/AC sighted made 672 attacks. Claims were 86-31-78. E/AA was heavy, ranging to intense, generally accurate and damaged 139 B-29's. Forty-three A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average Bomb load: 13,178 lbs. Average Fuel Reserve: 677 gallons.

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Mission Numbre 187

16 June 1945

1. Date: 1 June 1945
2. Target: Osaka Urban Area
3. Participating Units: 58th, 73rd, 313th, and 314th Wings
4. Number A/C Airborne: 509
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 91.6% (458 primary and 16 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: M-17-30.7, 31.3, 31.9, 32.5, and 31 sec. nose; M-47- instantaneous nose and non-delay tail; E-46-33.3, 34.4, 35.2, 35.5, 36.3, and 36.5 sec. tail, and M26 (T4E4)-14,14.5, 15.1, 15.2, and 15.3 nose fuzings.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 2788.5 Primary and 102.2 Opportunity
8. Time Over Primary: 1028K - 1200K
9. Altitude of Attack: 18,000 - 28,500 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 10

12. Resume of Mission: Approximately 3.4 square miles were destroyed by this mission, mainly north and northwest of the castle. Total damage to Osaka is now 14.65 square miles or 24 per cent of the built up portion of the city. Eighty-five E/A sighted made 221 attacks and damaged 4 B-29's. Claims were 16-9-24. Flak was heavy, meager to intense and inaccurate to accurate, accounting for 5 B-29's. Two aircraft colided at assembly, 2 were lost due to mechanical reasons, and 1 to unknown causes. Thirty-five A/C were non-effective. Of the 4 crews that bailed out, all but 2 men were rescued. Fighter escort was formed by 148 P-51's, but a majority turned back. Twenty-seven P-51's and 26 fighter pilots were lost due to severe weather conditions. Eighty-one B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 12,364 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 655 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 186

1. Date: 29 May 1945
 2. Target: Yokohama Area
 3. Participating Units: 58th, 73rd, 313th, and 314th Wings
 4. Number A/C Airborne: 510
 5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 90.8% (454 primary and 21 opportunity)
 6. Time Over Primary: 291014K - 291129K
 7. Altitude of Attack: 17,500 - 21,000
 8. Weather Over Target: 9/10 high cloud
 9. Total A/C Lost: 7
 10. Resume of mission: Available photos indicated excellent bombing results. A total of 6.9 square miles of the city were burned and destroyed. A total of 2569.6 tons of bombs were dropped on the primary target and 105.6 tons on targets of opportunity. Thirty-five A/C were non-effective. Fighter opposition consisted of 55 A/C sighted making 110 attacks. Claims were 6-5-10. Flak was heavy, meager to intense, accurate to inaccurate and shot down 3 B-29's. The B-29's were escorted by 101 P-51's. Two P-51's were lost over the target. One B-29 was intentionally rammed. Two A/C ditched. Thirty-nine A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average Bomb Load: 12,040 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 811 gallons.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 185

1. Date: 28 May 1945
2. Code Name: Starvation #17
3. Target: Shimonoseki Straits and Moji Area
4. Participating Unit: 313th Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 11
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 81% (9 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 280058K - 280126K
8. Altitude of Attack: 6000 - 7700
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 1

11. Resume of mission: Sixty-three MK-25 Mines were dropped in the 3 primary areas, with 62 reported as effective. Two A/C were non-effective. A/A shot down 1 B-29 over the target, with all 11 crew members missing. A/A also damaged 3 B-29's. A/A was heavy, meager to intense and accurate to inaccurate. Eleven E/A sighted made 6 attacks. No claims. Average mine load: 13,510 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 755 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 184

1. Date: 27 May 1945
2. Code Name: Starvation #16
3. Target: Shimonoseki Straits, Fishiki, Fukuoka, and Karatsu
4. Participating Unit: 313th Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 30
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 96.57% (29 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 270132K - 270330K
8. Altitude of Attack: 5900-8200
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 to 3/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of mission: 194 MK-25 mines and 12 MK-36 mines were dropped in primary fields, with 198 of these reported as effective. One B-29 was non-effective. Two B-29's were damaged by A/A. Five E/A sighted and made 1 attack. No claims. One A/C landed at Iwo Jima and 1 at Okinawa. Average mine load: 13,441 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 609 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY
Mission Number 183

1. Date: 25 May 1945
2. Target: Tokyo Urban Area
3. Participating Units: 58th, 73rd, 313th and 314th Wings
4. Number A/C Airborne: 498
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 92.8% (464 primary and 6 opportunity)
6. Time Over Primary: 252338K - 260213K
7. Altitude of Attack: 7915 - 22,000
8. Weather Over Target: 1/10 to 9/10
9. Total A/C lost: 26

10. Resume of mission: Aircraft dropped a total of 3262 tons of incendiary bombs on the target with excellent results. This mission and Mission No. 181 accounted for 18.6 square miles of area burned out. Twenty-eight A/C were non-effective. Enemy A/A, which was heavy and medium, moderate to intense, destroyed 3 B-29's and combined with E/AC to down another; 2 planes were abandoned near Iwo Jima, and 20 B-29's were lost to unknown reasons. A/A damaged 89 B-29's and combined with A/C damaged 11 more. E/A damaged 10 planes. Sixty E/A sighted made 99 attacks. Claims were 19-0-4. Average bomb load: 13,517 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 794 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 182

1. Date: 25 May 1945
2. Code Name: Starvation #15
3. Target: Shimonoseki Straits, Niigata, Nanao and Fishiki
4. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 30
6. % A/C Airborne: 83.25% (23 A/C primary and 2 A/C alternate)
7. Time Over Primary: 250144K - 250359K
8. Altitude of Attack: 6000-8400
9. Weather Over Target: Clear
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of mission: 186 MK-25 mines laid in primary areas. M/F Uncle, Nan, Mike, Inland Sea and Nagoya Bay. Three A/C non-effective. Three A/C landed at Iwo Jima and 1 landed at Okinawa. Average mine load: 13,510 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 645 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 181

1. Date: 23 May 1945
2. Target: Tokyo Urban Area
3. Participating Units: 58th, 73rd, 313th and 314th Wings
4. Number A/C Airborne: 558
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 93.60% (520 primary and 5 opportunity)
6. Time over Primary: 240239K - 240438K
7. Altitude of Attack: 7800 - 15,100
8. Weather over Target: 1/10 - 6/10
9. Total A/C Lost: 17

10. Resume of mission: A total of 3645.7 tons of incendiary bombs was dropped on the primary target. Thirty-three A/C were non-effective. Pictures were not taken due to overcast, and damage is included in Mission Summary 183. Two B-29's lost to A/A, which was heavy, medium, moderate to intense, but inaccurate. One A/C lost to E/AC and A/A, 4 to accidents and 10 to unknown causes. Sixty E/A sighted made 83 attacks. Claims were 6-1-2. Forty-nine B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,138 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 633 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 180

1. Date: 23 May 1945
2. Code Name: Starvation #14
3. Target: Shimonoseki Straits (Inner and Outer)
4. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 32
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 93.6% (30 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 230207K - 230311K
8. Altitude of Attack: 5300 - 8100
9. Weather Over Target: 4/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 1

11. Resume of mission: 176 MK-25 mines laid in primary target areas, M/F Mike and Love. Eleven E/A sighted made no attacks. No claims. Lost B-29 crashed into sea 10-20 miles off Japanese coast as a result of damage caused by E/AA. Three of 11 crew members rescued. Three A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average mine load: 11580 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 727 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 179

1. Date: 20/21 May 1945
2. Code Name: Starvation #13
3. Target: Shimonoseki Straits and He Saki Anchorage and Maizuru Harbor.
4. Participating Unit: 313th Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 30
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 210148K - 210311K
8. Altitude of Attack: 5500 - 6600
9. Weather Over Target: 6/10 - 8/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 3

11. Resume of Mission: Shimonoseki Straits were again re-mined, Maizuru Harbor was mined second time. 1 A/C crashed on take-off, killing 10 crew members. 2 A/C parked near runway demolished by the explosions. 184 MK-25 Mines laid. 4 A/C landed at Iwo Jima. 12 E/A sighted made 1 attack. No claims. Average Mine Load: 12,144 lbs. Average Fuel Reserve: 802 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 178

1. Date: 19 May 1945
2. Target: Tachikawa Air Arsenal (90.30-2008) and A/C Plant (792) PV Hamamatsu City (PR)
3. Participating Units: 58th, 73rd, 313th and 314th Wings
4. Number A/C Airborne: 309
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 87.04% (272 radar and 14 opportunity)
6. Time Over Primary: (Radar) 191151K - 191258K
7. Altitude of Attack: 13,300 - 26,640
8. Weather Over Target: 10/10
9. Total A/C Lost: 4

10. Resume of Mission: 64 acres of city burned. The target was not visible and all bombing was done by radar on the primary radar target, on which 1486 tons of bombs were dropped. 23 A/C non-effective. Only 8 E/A sighted and they made no attacks. No claims. A/A did no damage. 20 B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average Bomb Load: 12,029 lbs. Average Fuel Reserve: 817 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 177

1. Date: 19 May 1945
2. Code Name: Starvation #12
3. Target: Shimonoseki Straits and Tsuruga Harbor
4. Participating Unit: 313th Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 34
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 87% (30 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 190152K - 190309K
8. Altitude of Attack: 5800 - 6700
9. Weather Over Target: 3/10 - 6/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
Resume of Mission:

11. The Shimonoseki Straits were again blockaded. A new field was laid in Tsuruga Harbor. 192 MK 25 Mines laid. Four A/C non-effective. Thirty-three E/A sighted made 2 attacks. No claims. Average Mine load: 12,579 lbs. Average Fuel reserve: 826 gallons. Two A/C landed at Iwo Jima.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 176

1. Date: 16 May 1945
2. Code Name: Microscope #5
3. Target: South Nagoya Urban Area (197)
4. Participating Units: 58th, 73rd, 313th, and 314th Wings.
5. Number A/C Airborne: 516
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 79% (457 primary and 11 opportunity)
7. Time over Primary: 170305K - 170558K
8. Altitude of Attack: 6600 - 18,340
9. Weather Over Target: 3/10 - 9/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 3

11. Resume of Mission: Crews reported fair results. Limited photo coverage showed fires in north section of city. Clouds and smoke caused A/C to bomb by radar. 3609.2 tons of bombs were dropped on primary target. Forty-eight A/C were non-effective. Twenty E/A sighted made 11 attacks. Claims: 2-0-0. E/AA damaged 14 B-29's. Sixteen A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average Bomb Load: 14,966 lbs. Average Fuel Reserve: 802 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 175

1. Date: 16 May 1945
2. Code Name: Starvation #11
3. Target: Shimonoseki Straits and Maizuru and Miyazu Harbors
4. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing.
5. Number A/C Airborne: 30
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 83.25% (25 primary and 2 secondary)
7. Time Over Primary: 140148K - 140326K
8. Altitude of Attack: 6200 - 11,000
9. Weather Over Target: 4/10 - 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission. Shimonoseki Straits remained for several days. North coast ports of Maizuru and Miyazu blockaded for first time. Eight E/A sighted made 1 attack. No claims. A/A heavy, meager and inaccurate. Eight A/C bracketed by S/L before receiving fire. Two B-29's damaged by A/A. Three B-29's non-effective. Average Mine Load: 12,276 lbs. Average Fuel Reserve: 828 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 174

1. Date: 14 May 1945
2. Code Name: Microscope #4
3. Target: North Nagoya Urban Area (197)
4. Participating Units: 58th, 73rd, 313th and 314th Wings
5. Number of A/C Airborne: 524
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 89.68% (472 primary and 8 opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 140905K - 141025K
8. Altitude of Attack: 16,200 - 20,500
9. Weather Over Target: 1/10 - 8/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 11

11. Resume of Mission: Flash strike report indicated fires extended about 2000 yards NW of Nagoya Castle across N part of city. Mitsubishi Electric Manufacturing Co. and undamaged part of Mitsubishi A/C Engine Plant had fires. Enemy Air Opposition generally was aggressive, uncoordinated and ineffective. Forty-four A/C non-effective. B-29 losses: 1 to E/A; 1 to E/AA; 4 to accident; 4 to other causes and 1 to unknown. Casualties, 8 killed, 41 missing, and 13 wounded. Two B-29's damaged by E/AC and 54 by E/AA. Ninety E/A sighted made 275 attacks. Claims 23-16-31. Average Bomb Load: 11,479 lbs. Average Fuel Reserve: 642 gallons.

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Mission Number 173

1. Date: 13/14 May 1945
2. Code Name: Starvation #10
3. Target: Shimonoseki Straits
4. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 12
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 140120K - 140229K
8. Altitude of Attack: 5800 - 8030
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 2/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume Of Mission: Mined shipping channels expected to be closed several days. Seven E/A sighted made no attacks. No claims. A/A medium, moderate to intense, fairly accurate. 30-50 S/L between Moji and Yawata. No B-29's were damaged by A/A. Average Mine Load: 12,366 lbs. Average Fuel Reserve: 826 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 172

1. Date: 11 May 1945
2. Code Name: Leafstalk #1
3. Target: Kawanishi A/C Plant, Kobe 90.25-1702
4. Participating Units: 58th, 73rd, and 314th Bombardment Wings.
5. Number A/C Airborne: 102
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 92% (92 primary and 1 opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 111153K - 111103K
8. Altitude of Attack: 15,700 - 20,000
9. Weather Over Target: 4/10 - 8/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 1

11. Resume of Mission: Strike photos showed 2 patterns of bursts in urban areas 10,000 feet W of target. Poor results indicated. Several near misses on E side of target. Hits on seaplane ramp in SE corner of target started fire. Nine A/C were non-effective. 314th Wing A/C lost, crashed into ocean at take-off. All 11 crew members killed. Forty-one E/A sighted made 261 attacks. Damaged 3 B-29's. Claims 9-22-15. Enemy A/A damaged twenty aircraft. Flak was heavy, meager to intense and accurate to inaccurate. Fourteen B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average Bomb Load: 11,313 lbs. Average Fuel Reserve: 752 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 171

1. Date: 11 May 1945
2. Code Name: Dropper # 7
3. Target: Miyakonojo A/F (PV) 90.38-2527
Miyakonojo (PR)
4. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number of A/C Airborne: 11
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 111615K - 111646K
8. Altitude of Attack: 17,000 - 20,000
9. Weather Over Target: 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing was by radar with results unobserved. No E/A sighted. No flak damage. Flak was heavy, meager and inaccurate. Two B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average Bomb Load: 13,750 lbs. Average Fuel Reserve: 648 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 170

1. Date: 11 May 1945
2. Code Name: Neckcloth #8
3. Target: Miyazaki A/F (PV) 90.38-2529
Miyazaki (PR)
4. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 12
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 111610K - 111640K
8. Altitude of Attack: 15,000 - 20,000
9. Weather Over Target: 10/10
10. Total A/C lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing was by radar with unobserved results. No E/A sighted. No A/A damage. Flak was heavy, meager and inaccurate. Three B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average Bomb Load: 13,591 lbs. Average Fuel Reserve: 843 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 169

1. Date: 11 May 1945
2. Code Name: Bushing #5
3. Target: Nittagahara A/F (PV) 90.33-2531
Niyazaki (PR) 90.38-2529
4. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number of A/C Airborne: 11
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 55% (5 primary and 6 opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 111653K - 111715K
8. Altitude of Attack: 15,400 - 22,400
9. Weather Over Target: 2/10-6/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Photo reconnaissance showed numerous craters in S portion of field not filled in. Field is operative. Flak was heavy, meager and inaccurate. No E/A sighted. Two A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average Bomb Load: 11,440. Average Fuel Reserve: 723 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 168

1. Date: 11 May 1945
2. Code Name: Cockcrow #4
3. Target: Saeki A/F 90.33-1306
4. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing.
5. Number A/C Airborne: 11
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 63% (7 primary and 1 opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 110931K
8. Altitude of Attack: 19,400
9. Weather over Target: 0/10-2/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: Crews reported 27 bursts on S half of A/F. Two bursts on or near radio station across river. Three A/C were non-effective. Five E/A sighted made no attacks. No Claims. No A/A damage. Flak was heavy, meager and inaccurate. One A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average Bomb Load: 12,841 lbs. Average Fuel Reserve: 516 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 167

1. Date: 11 May 1945
2. Code Name: Camlet #8
3. Oita A/F 90.33-1308
4. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number of A/C Airborne: 20
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 85% (17 primary and 1 opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 110903K - 110927K
8. Altitude of Attack: 18,000 - 19,000
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 2/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Crews reported good bombing accuracy, with pattern extending across target. No E/A sighted. No flak damage. A/A heavy, meager and inaccurate. Two A/C non-effective. One B-29 landed at Iwo Jima. Average Bomb Load: 11,875 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 699 gallons

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 166

1. Date: 10 May 1945
2. Code Name: Anaphase #1
3. Target: O'Shima Oil Storage 90.32-1884
Kure Naval Arsenal 90.30-657A (Secondary)
4. Participating Unit: 58th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 88
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 90.40% (80 primary and 4 opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 101105K - 101150K
8. Altitude of Attack: 16,850 - 18,700
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Crews reported bombing accuracy good to excellent, with 7 tanks appeared to have been hit. Greatest concentration of bombs in target. Three unidentified buildings in area hit. Twenty-nine E/L sighted made 3 attacks and no B-29's were damaged. Claims: 0-0-1. Flak was heavy, meager and inaccurate. Enemy A/A damaged 4 B-29's. Six A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average Bomb Load: 10,607 lbs. Average Fuel Reserve: 760 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 165

1. Date: 10 May 1945
2. Code Name: Fainter #1
3. Target: Otake Oil Refinery 90.30-2121
Kure Urban Area (Secondary)
4. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number of A/C Airborne: 132
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 74% (112 primary and 14 opportunity)
7. Time Over Target: 101048K - 101114K
8. Altitude of Attack: 14,620 - 19,700
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 1

11. Resume of Mission. First photographs showed concentration of bursts in target. The A/C lost, crashed on landing at North Field, Guam. No casualties. Six A/C were non-effective. 39 E/A sighted made 54 attacks and damaged 1 B-29. Claims: 3-2-8. Flak was heavy, meager and inaccurate. A/A damaged 19 B-29's. Twelve A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average Bomb Load: 10,862 lbs. Average Fuel Reserve: 683 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 164

1. Date: 10 May 1945
2. Code Name: Rotative #1
3. Target: Tokuyama Coal Yard 90.32-674
Kure Naval Arsenal 90.30-657A
4. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing.
5. Number of A/C Airborne: 63
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 88.48% (56 primary and 1 opportunity)
7. Time over Primary: 101107K - 101120K
8. Altitude of Attack: 18,700 - 21,080
9. Weather over Target: 2/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Crews reported large columns of smoke interfered with damage evaluation. Concentration of hits seen on jetty and with majority of bombs falling in target area. Five E/A sighted made no attacks. No claims. Flak was heavy, meager and inaccurate. Enemy A/A damaged 7 B-29's. Four A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Six A/C were non-effective. Average Bomb Load: 10,395 lbs. Average Fuel reserve: 723 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 163

1. Date: 10 May 1945
2. Code Name: Indices #1
3. Target: Tokuyama Naval Fuel Station 90.32-73
Kure Naval Arsenal 90.30-657A
4. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number of A/C Airborne: 60
6. % of A/C Bombing Primary: 93% (54 primary and 2 opportunity)
7. Time over Target: 101052K - 101103K
8. Altitude of Attack: 14,900 - 20,000
9. Weather Over Target: 2/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Crew reports were that target sustained major damage. Direct hits on storage tanks resulted in large columns of dense smoke. Four A/C were non-effective. Four E/A sighted made 1 attack. No damages. Flak was heavy, meager and inaccurate. Five B-29's damaged by A/A. Two A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average Bomb Load: 9726 lbs. Average Fuel Reserve: 950 gallons.

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Mission Number 162

1. Date: 10 May 1945
2. Code Name: Checkbook #15
3. Target: Koneya A/F (PV) 90.38-1378
Kokubu (PR) 90.38-2520
4. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing.
5. Number of A/C Airborne: 12
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 33% (4 primary and 6 opportunity)
7. Time over Target: 100855K - 100857K
8. Altitude of Attack: 18,000
9. Weather over Target: CAVU
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Crews reported bombs from 4 A/C fell on target, with at least 8 bursts in buildings which front apron. Other A/C in squadron dropped bombs in open country causing no damage. Two A/C were non-effective. Flak was heavy, meager and inaccurate. No B-29 was damaged by A/A. Twenty eight E/A sighted made 30 attacks and damaged 1 B-29. Claims: 4-4-8. One A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average Bomb Load: 12,398 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 751 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 161

1. Date: 10 May 1945
2. Code Name: Neckcloth #7
3. Target: Miyazaki A/F (PV) 90.38-2529
Urban area (PR)
4. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing.
5. Number of A/C Airborne: 11
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 63% (7 primary and 1 opportunity)
7. Time over Primary: 100906K
8. Altitude of Attack: 19,000
9. Weather Over Target: CAVU
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Crews reported all bombs fell in target area, S and W of runway intersection. Number of bursts in building area. Pattern approximately 4400 ft. long. Three A/C non-effective. One B-29 damaged by A/A. No E/A sighted. No claims. Four A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average Bomb Load: 12,355 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 701 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 160

1. Date: 10 May 1945
2. Code Name: Blowsy #4
3. Target: Usa A/F (PV) 90.33-1307
Oita City (PR)
4. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing.
5. Number of A/C Airborne: 22
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 67.5% (15 primary and 5 opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 100839K - 100906K
8. Altitude of Attack: 18,400 - 19,000
9. Weather over Target: CAVU
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Crews reported bomb pattern good and well centered with heavy concentration in hangar area. 3 hits on hangars. Two B-29's were non-effective. No B-29's were damaged by A/A. Twenty E/L were sighted and made 10 attacks. One B-29 was damaged. Claims: 3-0-2. Eight A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average Bomb Load: 10,360 lbs. Age fuel reserve: 573 gallons.

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Mission Number 159

1. Date: 10 May 1945
2. Code Name: Mopish #4
3. Target: Matsuyama A/F PV & (PR) 90.13-2777
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number of A/C Airborne: 22
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 72% (16 primary and 2 opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 100827K - 100835K
8. Altitude of Attack: 18,000 - 18,500
9. Weather Over Target: CAVU
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Crews reported bomb patterns compact and well centered on field. Heavy concentration in building area, damage to specific installations obscured by smoke. Only 1 B-29 damaged by A/A. Nine E/A sighted, made 1 attack. No claims. Seven A/C landed at Iwo Jima. B-29 non-effective: 4. Average bomb load 13,606 lbs. Average gas reserve 676 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 158

1. Date: 8 May 1945
2. Code Name: Mopish #3
3. Target: Matsuyama A/F 90.13-2777
4. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 12
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 93.5% (11 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 081236K - 081325K
8. Altitude of Attack: 18,000 - 23,000
9. Weather Over Target: 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: For bombing results see Missions 155 and 156. Enemy air opposition and A/A nil. Three aircraft landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 13,909 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 745 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 157

1. Date: 8 May 1945
2. Code Name: Camlet #7
3. Target: Oita A/F 90.33 - 1308
4. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 12
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 081239K - 081325K
8. Altitude of Attack: 17,200 - 20,000
9. Weather Over Target: 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: For bombing results see Missions 155 and 156. Enemy air opposition and A/A nil. Six B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 13,750 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 715 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Numbers 155 & 156

1. Date: 8 May 1945
2. Code Name: Checkbook #15 and Dripper #6
3. Targets: Kanoya A/F 90.38 - 1378 and Miyakonojo A/F 90.38 - 2527
4. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 20
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 85% (17 primary and 1 opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 081222K - 081333K
8. Altitude of Attack: 17,900 - 21,200
9. Weather Over Target: 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: Bombing was done by radar and results were unobserved. Subsequent photo reconnaissance missions were unable to get photographs due to adverse weather conditions. Enemy air opposition and A/A nil. Average bomb load: 12,093 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 893 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 154

1. Date: 7 May 1945
2. Code Name: Bloway #3
3. Target: Usa A/F 90.33 - 1307
4. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 11
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 071307K
8. Altitude of Attack: 14,100
9. Weather Over Target: 2/10 - 3/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 1
11. Resume of Mission: Crews reported bursts were visible on apron and extended northeast to cover part of field. No bursts seen in hangar area. Enemy air opposition - 34 E/A sighted with 40 attacks made. Enemy aircraft destroyed - 21, probably destroyed - 5 and 0 damaged. A/A heavy, meager and inaccurate. One B-29 lost over target, presumably to E/A. Four aircraft landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 13,319 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 675 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 153

1. Date: 7 May 1945
2. Code Name: Camlet #1
3. Target: Oita A/F 90.33 - 1308
4. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 10
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 071329K
8. Altitude of Attack: 12,250
9. Weather Over Target: 2/10 - 3/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 2

11. Resume of Mission: Strike attack photos showed bombing results to be unsatisfactory. Approximately 39 bursts south of the town of Iyutusaki, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of briefed target. Enemy air opposition - 50 E/A sighted with 75 attacks made. Enemy aircraft destroyed - 13, probably destroyed - 11, and 0 damaged. One aircraft ditched on return after 2 engines were shot out by E/A - 10 of 11 crew members rescued. One aircraft missing over target, probably due to E/A. Four aircraft landed at Iwo Jima. A/A heavy, meager and inaccurate. Average bomb load: 13,227 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 712 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 152

1. Date: 7 May 1945
2. Code Name: Infirmary #2
3. Target: Ibusuki A/F 90.38 - 2507
4. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 11
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 91% (10 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 071308K
8. Altitude of Attack: 12,000
9. Weather Over Target: 2/10 - 3/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Crews reported bomb pattern on ramp hangars and area beyond to northwest of hangars. No direct hits observed on installations. Much smoke obscured target. Enemy air opposition - 24 E/A sighted with 14 attacks made. Enemy aircraft destroyed or probably destroyed none with 2 damaged. Two B-29's landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 11,583 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 920 gallons. A/A nil.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 151

1. Date: 7 May 1945
2. Code Name: Checkbook #14
3. Target: Kanoya A/F 90.38 - 1378
4. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 10
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 071333K
8. Altitude of Attack: 14,400
9. Weather Over Target: 2/10 - 3/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Crews reported bomb pattern clustered in hangar and service areas with 4 near misses on hangars and 3 hits on buildings. Results believed excellent. Enemy air opposition - 37 E/A sighted with 26 attacks made. Enemy aircraft destroyed none, 1 probably destroyed with 2 damaged. Three B-29's damaged by flak. Average bomb load: 11,098 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 776 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 150

1. Date: 5 May 1945
2. Code Name: Starvation #9
3. Target: Tokyo Bay, Ise Bay and Inland Sea
4. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 98
6. % A/C Mining Primary: 86% (86 primary and 4 alternate)
7. Time Over Primary: 060016K - 060419K
8. Altitude of Attack: 4925 - 8400
9. Weather Over Target: 7/10 - 8/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Mining results were considered good. Operation adds considerably to Japanese shipping problem. The blockade established at Kobe-Osaka area 3 May was strengthened with additional blockades across the Inland Sea which are expected to last from one to two weeks. Attrition fields were also laid at Tokuyama, Aki, Noda, Hiroshima, Kure, Nagoya and Tokyo. All of these fields are expected to harass, sink and damage Japanese shipping for several weeks. Eight A/C non-effective. Enemy air opposition - 11 E/A sighted with 1 attack made. A/A meager and inaccurate. Two aircraft landed at Iwo Jima. Average mine load: 13,078 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 992 gallons.

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Mission Number 149

1. Date: 5 May 1945
2. Code Name: Infirmary #1
3. Target: Ibusuki A/F 90.38 - 2507
4. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 10
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 052038K
8. Altitude of Attack: 17,000
9. Weather Over Target: Clear
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results were good. Pattern of bursts 1000 feet wide across target area. Enemy air opposition - 5 E/A sighted with no attacks made. A/A nil. Average bomb load: 11,000 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 1098 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 148

1. Date: 5 May 1945
2. Code Name: Treadle #1
3. Target: Chiran A/F 90.38 - 2501
4. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 11
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 72% (8 primary and 1 opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 052111K
8. Altitude of Attack: 17,100
9. Weather Over Target: Clear
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results were poor. Bursts were in open country northwest of field. Enemy air opposition - 3 E/A sighted with no attacks made. A/L heavy, meager and inaccurate. One B-29 landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 8000 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 735 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 147

1. Date: 5 May 1945
2. Code Name: Checkbook #13
3. Target: Kancya A/F 90.38 - 1378
4. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 11
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 91% (10 primary and 1 opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 052053K
8. Altitude of Attack: 18,000
9. Weather Over Target: Clear
10. Total A/C Lost: 1

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results were good. Bomb pattern 1500 feet wide extended northwest across apron and hangar area. Enemy air opposition - 4 E/A sighted no attacks made. I/A heavy, meager and inaccurate. Aircraft that was lost crashed at Saipan. Average bomb load: 10,981 lbs. Average fuel reserves: 873 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 146

1. Date: 5 May 1945
2. Code Name: Thunderhead #1
3. Target: Hiro Naval A/C Factory (primary visual) (90.30 - 660)
Hiro Arsenal (primary radar) 90.30 - 794)
4. Participating Units: 73rd and 58th Bombardment Wings
5. Number A/C Airborne: 170
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 85.04% (148 primary and 4 opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 051140K - 051211K
8. Altitude of Attack: 18,000 - 24,700
9. Weather Over Target: clear to 3/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 2

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results were good to excellent. Major buildings in west half of target received direct hits. Direct hit on large U-shaped building of Hiro Naval Engine and Turbine Factory. One major building in southwest section of Hiro Arsenal received direct hit. 80% of target estimated to be destroyed. All buildings, except seaplane hangars at south end of target area, gutted or destroyed. 578 tons of bombs placed on target. Eighteen aircraft non-effective. Enemy air opposition - 56 E/A sighted made 16 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed 3, probably destroyed 2 and 1 damaged. A/A heavy, moderate to intense and inaccurate to accurate. Sixty-eight aircraft landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 8245 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 572 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 145

1. Date: 5 May 1945
2. Code Name: Aghast #7
3. Target: Tachiaru A/F 90.35 - 1236
4. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 11
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 91% (10 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 051325K
8. Altitude of Attack: 18,200 - 18,500
9. Weather Over Target: Clear
10. Total A/C Lost: 2

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results were fair. Pattern of bursts were in a reported mechanics school and emergency landing field about 16,000 feet east of target. Enemy air opposition - approximately 27 E/A sighted and all attacked in waves. E/A shot down 2 B-29's and damaged 2 others. Enemy aircraft destroyed 7; probably destroyed 7 and 7 damaged. A/A heavy, meager to moderate and inaccurate. Average bomb load: 12,100 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 564 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 144

1. Date: 5 May 1945
2. Code Name: Camlet #5
3. Target: Oita A/F 90.33 - 1308
4. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 17
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 051316K - 051320K
8. Altitude of Attack: 17,275 - 17,900
9. Weather Over Target: Clear
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results were good to excellent. Half of target covered with bursts. One bomb pattern was in west portion of Oita Naval Air Depot. Buildings in southeast section of the Oita Naval Air Depot and airdrome section received hits. Enemy air opposition - 6 E/A sighted made 1 attack. A/A heavy, meager and inaccurate. One enemy aircraft destroyed with none probably destroyed or damaged. Average bomb load: 12,359 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 795 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 143

1. Date: 4 May 1945
2. Code Name: Mopish #2
3. Target: Matsuyama A/F 90.13 - 2777
4. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 21
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 79.9% (17 primary and 2 opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 040909K - 040925K
8. Altitude of Attack: 18,000 - 18,900
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - haze
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results were from excellent to poor. Bomb pattern was at upper edge of field area also among barrack-type buildings. Enemy air opposition - 33 E/A sighted made 18 attacks. Four enemy aircraft were damaged with none destroyed or probably destroyed. A/A weak. Two A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 10,623 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 579 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 142

1. Date: 4 May 1945
2. Code Name: Cockcrow #3
3. Target: Saeki A/F 90.33 - 1306
4. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 9
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 041008K - 041015K
8. Altitude of Attack: 18,200 - 18,450
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 haze
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Strike attack pictures showed bombing results were fair. Area of bursts across target approximately 800 feet wide. One aircraft probably destroyed. Field remained operational. On the field 38 aircraft visible, all but one S/E. Enemy air opposition 10 E/A sighted made no attacks. A/L nil. One aircraft landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 10,224 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 875 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 141

1. Date: 4 May 1945
2. Code Name: Vamoose #1
3. Target: Omura A/F 90.36 - 849
4. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 10
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 040953K - 040956K
8. Altitude of Attack: 18,000 - 18,500
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - haze
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Strike attack report showed bombing results were poor. Bomb pattern 1250 feet wide cut through revetment area to north of field and probably destroyed two aircraft and possibly a third. Airfield remained operative. Fifty-three E/E and 9 T/E visible. Enemy air opposition - 14 E/A sighted made 10 attacks. One enemy aircraft destroyed with none probably destroyed and damaged. A/A heavy, meager and 90% inaccurate. Five to 8 E/A made up to 8 inaccurate phosphorus bomb attacks. Four aircraft landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 8507 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 464 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 140

1. Date: 4 May 1945
2. Code Name: Gamlet #4
3. Target: Oita A/F 90.33 - 1308
4. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 22
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 50% (11 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 041006K - 041007K
8. Altitude of Attack: 17,200 - 18,040
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - haze
10. Total A/C Lost: 1

11. Resume of Mission: Strike photos showed bombing results accuracy was unsatisfactory and results were negative. One squadron dropped bombs six miles east southeast of target in open field. Field is operative and 30 A/C visible. Enemy air opposition consisted of 19 E/A sighted with 14 attacks made. Enemy aircraft destroyed and probably destroyed: 0 and 6 damaged. A/L heavy, meager and inaccurate. One aircraft crash landed at Iwo Jima - 4 crew members rescued. Ten aircraft landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 9970 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 616 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 139

1. Date: 3 May 1945
2. Code Name: Starvation #8
3. Target: Shimonoseki Straits and Inland Sea
4. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 97
6. % A/C Mining Primary: 89% (88 primary and 3 alternate)
7. Time Over Minefield: 040000K - 040335K
8. Altitude of Attack: 4800 - 8650
9. Weather Over Target: 5/10 low cloud
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Results were considered good. Thirty-nine E/A sighted made 3 attacks. A/A was heavy, medium, meager to intense and inaccurate. Searchlights observed as follows: 15 in Osaka, 20 in Kobe, 2 batteries of 4 each Awajashima, 6 at Bofu, 9 at Ogon and 12 at Futaoshima. A/A fire not coordinated with searchlights. Seven aircraft landed at Iwo Jima. Average mine load: 13,170 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 829 gallons. Six aircraft non-effective.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 138

1. Date: 3 May 1945
2. Code Name: Barranca #9
3. Target: Kokubu A/F 90.38 - 2520
4. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 11
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 81% (9 primary and 1 opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 031634K
8. Altitude of Attack: 18,500
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - haze
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Strike photos showed bombing results were excellent. Bomb pattern approximately 1500 feet wide across center of airfield and north through revetment area. Airfield was inoperative, the southeast corner being only area without craters. No repairs evident to field or buildings. Only 7 A/C visible. Enemy air opposition was moderate consisting of forty attacks by fifty E/A. A/A nil. Three aircraft landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 10,700 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 720 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 137

1. Date: 3 May 1945
2. Code Name: Famish #7
3. Target: Kanoya East A/F 90.38 - 2516
4. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 11
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 031631K
8. Altitude of Attack: 17,400
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - haze
10. Total A/C Lost: 1

11. Resume of Mission: Strike photos showed bombing results were excellent. Bomb pattern about 2000 feet wide covered center of field and extended northeast about 2000' beyond field. Hangar area was damaged and the airfield was badly cratered, but main strip shows evidence of patching and may be operative. Nine S/E A/C and 11 dummy A/C were visible. Fighter opposition weak - 10 E/A sighted and made 6 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed: none, probably destroyed 1 and none damaged. One aircraft landed at Iwo Jima, one aircraft landed at Okinawa and one aircraft ditched near Iwo Jima - five crew members rescued. A/A nil. Average bomb load: 10,700 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 955 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 136

1. Date: 3 May 1945
2. Code Name: Checkbook #11
3. Target: Kanoya A/F 90.38 - 1378
4. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 11
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 72% (8 primary and 3 opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 031636K
8. Altitude of Attack: 18,000
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - haze
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Strike photos show bombing results and accuracy were excellent. Bomb pattern 2000' X 5500' crossed field from south, through center to north, and cut both runways. Field badly cratered but probably operational. Enemy air opposition consisted of 28 E/A sighted with 18 attacks made. A/A nil. Two aircraft landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 10,700 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 782 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 135

1. Date: 3 May 1945
2. Code Name: Dripper #5
3. Target: Miyakonojo A/F 90.38 - 2527
4. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 11
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 031557K - 031558K
8. Altitude of Attack: 17,900 - 18,100
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - haze
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Strike photos showed bombing results were poor. All bombs off airfield in southwest revetment area. One burst caused a small explosion near a group of trees about 1500 feet west of the southwest corner of field. Some craters were filled and others visible along edge of runway. Several S/E A/C visible, also 24 S/E dummies. Enemy Air Opposition consisted of 40 E/A sighted and made 20 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed: none, probably destroyed 1 and 2 damaged. A/I heavy: meager and inaccurate. One aircraft landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 11,478 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 776 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 134

1. Date: 3 May 1945
2. Code Name: Neckcloth #6
3. Target: Miyazaki A/F 90.38 -2529
4. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 11
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 031612K - 031614K
8. Altitude of Attack: 17,450 - 17,650
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 haze
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: Strike photos show bombing results were good. Bomb pattern 1500 feet wide started at south end and covered west side. Hits visible on two runways and service apron. Field probably operative. Seven S/E and 20 T/E A/C visible. Enemy air opposition and A/A nil. Average bomb load: 11,916 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 762 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 133

1. Date: 3 May 1945
2. Code Name: Aghast #4
3. Target: Tachiar A/F 90.35 - 1236
4. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 11
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 81% (9 primary and 1 opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 031607K - 031608K
8. Altitude of Attack: 18,600 - 18,800
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - haze
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Strike photos show bombing results were fair. 33% of identified bursts were within 1000 feet of AP. Area of bursts about 1500 feet started center of field, traveled northwest across service apron, hangar area and into shop area. One hangar, one shop building and two previously damaged hangars were hit. Field probably operative. Thirty four S/E and three T/E A/C visible. Fighter opposition moderate - 41 E/A making 40 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed: 10, probably destroyed: 4, and 2 damaged. A/A heavy, meager and accurate. Six aircraft landed at Two Jima. Average bomb load: 11,527 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 781 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 132

1. Date: 30 April 1945
2. Code Name: Cockorow #2
3. Target: Saeki A/F 90.33 - 1306
4. Participating Units: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 11
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 301113K
8. Altitude of Attack: 17,100 - 17,700
9. Weather Over Target: 7/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results were poor. One probable destroyer received direct hit, and another possible destroyer received a near miss or possible hit in channel north of Saeki Bay. Enemy air opposition nil. AA meager and inaccurate. Average bomb load 11,770 lbs. Average gas reserve 924 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 131

1. Date: 30 April 1945
2. Code Name: Skewer #3
3. Target: Tomitaka A/F (90.33 - 2536)
4. Participating Unit: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 12
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 91.63% (11 primary and 1 opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 301114K - 301115K
8. Altitude of Attack: 16,900 - 17,550
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results were good to excellent. The concentration of bursts approximately 2500 feet wide crossed the service area and airfield. Enemy air opposition and A/A nil. Average bomb load: 10,700 lbs. Average gas reserve 698 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 130

1. Date: 30 April 1945
2. Code Name: Camlet #3
3. Target: Oita A/F 90.33 - 1308
4. Participating Units: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 11
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 91% (10 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 301113K - 301114K
8. Altitude of Attack: 17,270 - 17,900
9. Weather Over Target: 9/10 - 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results were poor. Bursts in an area of 1500 feet by 6500 feet and cut the northeast edge of the airfield. Enemy air opposition and A nil. Average bomb load 11,663 lbs. Average gas reserve 48 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 129

1. Date: 30 April 1945
2. Code Name: Barranca #8
3. Target: Kokubu A/F 90.38-2520
4. Participating Units: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 10
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 50% (5 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 301142K - 301144K
8. Altitude of Attack: 17,200 - 17,900
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results were good to excellent. Area of bursts approximately 1500 feet wide extended across center of airfield and both runways. Secondary target bombed was Oita Airfield. Fighter opposition was heavy - 54 enemy aircraft making 61 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed six, probably destroyed four and nine damaged. AA heavy, meager and inaccurate. Average bomb load 10,272 lbs. Average gas reserve 962 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 128

1. Date: 30 April 1945
2. Code Name: Famish #6
3. Target: Kanoya East A/F 90.38-2516
4. Participating Units: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 11
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 91% (10 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 301138K
8. Altitude of Attack: 17,100
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results unobserved to good. An area of bursts approximately 2000 feet covered the west edge of the airfield and hit the west end of the runway. Fighter opposition consisted of sixteen enemy aircraft sighted making fifty attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed two, probably destroyed one and two damaged. AA meager, moderate, inaccurate to accurate. Average bomb load 11,877 lbs. Average gas reserve 781 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 127

1. Date: 30 April 1945
2. Code Name: Checkbook #10
3. Target: Kanoya A/F 90.38-1378
4. Participating Units: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 11
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 301140K
8. Altitude of Attack: 18,200
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results were unobserved to good. Bursts were approximately 2500 ft. wide, with hits on west taxiway, parking area and service apron. Fighter opposition consisted of 35 attacks by 15 enemy aircraft sighted. Enemy aircraft destroyed one, probably destroyed none and two damaged. AA meager, moderate, inaccurate to accurate. Average bomb load 11,075 lbs. Average gas reserve 849 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 126

1. Date: 30 April 1945
2. Code Name: Blockhouse #1
3. Target: Tachikawa Air Depot, Hamamatsu (primary visual) 90.17-1404 and City of Hamamatsu (primary radar).
4. Participating Units: 73rd and 313th Bombardment Wings
5. Number A/C Airborne: 106
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 65% (69 prim, 9 Sec & 14 Opp)
7. Time Over Primary: 301122K - 301154K
8. Altitude of Attack: 17,800 - 21,500
9. Weather Over Target: 6/10 - 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results were unobserved with 313th Wing aircraft attacking primary visual and primary radar target. Four of 73rd Wing six squadrons hit Hamamatsu with good results. Two overlapping patterns of bursts started large fires in area. Several hits on Imperial Government Shop. Fighter opposition consisted of 90 sighted enemy aircraft making 46 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed one, probably destroyed none and four damaged. AA heavy, meager and inaccurate. Fifteen aircraft landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load 11,595 lbs. Average gas reserve 737 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 125

1. Date: 29 April 1945
2. Code Name: Aeroscope #6
3. Target: Kushira A/F 90.38 - 2524
4. Participating Units: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 20
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 80% (16 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 290954K - 290957K
8. Altitude of Attack: 17,200, - 17,600
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 1/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results good. Two concentrations of bursts about 1000 ft. wide, one hit top of north-south runway in parking area and second covered the two east-west runways. Thirty four enemy aircraft sighted, but only one attack was made. One enemy aircraft was damaged with none destroyed or probably destroyed. AA heavy, meager and inaccurate. Average bomb load 11,129 lbs. Average gas reserve 878 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 124

1. Date: 29 April 1945
2. Code Name: Checkbook #9
3. Target: Kanoya A/F 90.38-1378
4. Participating Units: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 20
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 90% (18 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 290925K - 290936K
8. Altitude of Attack: 17,500 - 18,500
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 1/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results good - bombs were dropped in good patterns. Two concentrations of bursts about 2000 ft. wide covered both runways. Nineteen aircraft sighted and made fifteen attacks. AA heavy, meager and inaccurate. Average bomb load 10,700 lbs. Average gas reserve 700 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 123

1. Date: 29 April 1945
2. Code Name: Famish #5
3. Target: Kanoya East A/F 90.38-2516
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 15
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 93.24% (14 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 290821K - 290822K
8. Altitude of Attack: 14,000 - 14,500
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 hazy
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results were excellent. Sixty percent of bombs within 1000 ft. of MPI. Approximately 1/3 of visible smoke in hangar area. Damage obscured by smoke. One squadron's bombs dropped in open country 1.5 miles south of MPI. Twenty five enemy aircraft executed fifteen attacks, taking full advantage of the sun. Eight phosphorus bombs were dropped in pairs. Enemy aircraft destroyed five, probably destroyed three and six damaged. AA was reported as heavy, medium, meager, inaccurate and pointed. Average bomb load 11,513 lbs. Average gas reserve 778 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 122

1. Date: 29 April 1945
2. Code Name: Barranca #7
3. Target: Kokubu A/F 90.38-2520
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 22
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 290805K - 290806K
8. Altitude of Attack: 12,300 - 13,000
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 hazy
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results were from excellent to poor. One lead aircraft had a malfunction which caused its bombs to fall over the target and hit the city of Kokubu. One large explosion resulted in the city. One squadron placed bombs slightly left of MPI. Bursts on four covered revetments damaged two aircraft. Landing field was cratered. Fifty enemy aircraft sighted made sixty coordinated and well timed attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed twelve, probably destroyed five and seven damaged. Average bomb load 14,267 lbs. Average gas reserve 707 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 121

1. Date: 29 April 1945
2. Code Name: Dropper #4
3. Target: Miyakonojo A/F 90.38-2527
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 23
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 95.65% (22 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 290817K - 290820K
8. Altitude of Attack: 14,920 - 16,600
9. Weather Over Target: 1/10 - 2/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 2

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results good. Majority of bombs within 1000 ft. of aiming lines. Two bomb patterns cratered north and south portions of field. Several hits visible in dispersal area north corner of airfield. Enemy aircraft sighted - 52. Air opposition consisted of 45 attacks, which destroyed two B-29's. Enemy aircraft destroyed eleven; probably destroyed two and two damaged. AA heavy, medium, moderate and fairly accurate. Average bomb load 12,305 lbs. Average gas reserve 639 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 120

1. Date: 29 April 1945
2. Code Name: Neckcloth #5
3. Target: Miyazaki A/F 90.38-2529
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 21
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 90.44% (19 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 290858K
8. Altitude of Attack: 15,400 - 15,950
9. Weather Over Target: 1/10 - 2/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results excellent. All aircraft bombing bombed designated primary target. Majority of bombs within 1000 ft. of aiming lines. Both concrete runways cratered by twelve direct hits. Several aircraft destroyed with a bombing pattern that saturated dispersal area at southwest corner of field. Enemy air opposition nil. AA heavy, medium, moderate and inaccurate. Average bomb load 12,305 lbs. Average gas reserve 704 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 119

1. Date: 28 April 1945
2. Code Name: Aeroscope #5
3. Target: Kushira A/F 90.38-2524
4. Participating Units: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 23
6. % A /C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 280925K - 280927K
8. Altitude of Attack: 16,200 - 17,800
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 2/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 2

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results: Crews reported excellent - one pattern extended from west runway intersection covered northwest part of field to hangar area. Second pattern crossed both south runways and 1/3 north-south runway. Runways probably inoperative. Enemy air opposition heavy - 85 attacks with some phosphorus bombs dropped. One aircraft rammed by enemy aircraft over target forced to ditch on return. AA heavy, meager, inaccurate to accurate - extensive use of phosphorus bombs reported. Enemy aircraft destroyed ten, probably destroyed seven and ten damaged. Average bomb load 11,161 lbs. Average gas reserve 871 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 118

1. Date: 28 April 1945
2. Code Name: Checkbook #8
3. Target: Kanoya A/F 90.38-1378
4. Participating Units: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 23
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 95.5% (22primary & 1 Opp)
7. Time Over Primary: 280953K - 280957K
8. Altitude of Attack: 15,000 - 17,000
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 2/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 1

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - crews reported excellent. One pattern covered west edge of field extending into main hangar area. Apron hit - second pattern from southwest hangar area to north runway. Enemy air opposition - 14 attacks: AA heavy, meager to moderate, inaccurate to accurate. One aircraft crash landed at Iwo Jima on return. One enemy aircraft probably destroyed with none destroyed or damaged. Average bomb load 10,700 lbs. Average gas reserve 647 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 117

1. Date: 28 April 1945
2. Code Name: Dripper #3
3. Target: Miyakonojo A/F 90.38-2527
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 19
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 89.5% (17 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 280951K - 280952K
8. Altitude of Attack: 11,000 - 12,000
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 2/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - crews reported excellent. Compact pattern of bursts in hangar area with second pattern on field extending into dispersal area. Enemy air opposition moderate - 20 attacks with 12 attacks with phosphorus bombs, inaccurate. AA heavy, meager, inaccurate to accurate. Enemy aircraft destroyed one, probably destroyed one and four damaged. Average bomb load 14,329 lbs. Average gas reserve 688 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 116

1. Date: 28 April 1945
2. Code Name: Barranca #6
3. Target: Kokubu A/F 90.38-2520
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 20
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 85% (17 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 281012K - 281013K
8. Altitude of Attack: 12,000 - 12,250
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 2/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 1

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - crews reported excellent. Compact pattern of bursts in hangar area with minor cratering on field. Enemy air opposition 16 attacks with some rocket fire and phosphorus bombs. Two enemy aircraft destroyed, two probably destroyed and six damaged. One aircraft lost to unknown reasons. AA moderate and inaccurate. Average bomb load 13,283 lbs. Average gas reserve 747 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 115

1. Date: 28 April 1945
2. Code Name: Neckcloth #4
3. Target: Miyazaki A/F 90.38-2529
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 20
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 281052K - 281053K
8. Altitude of Attack: 11,500 - 12,800
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 2/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 1
11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - crews reported good. One pattern in dispersal area and one pattern on east edge of field. Both runways inoperative. Enemy air opposition nil. AA heavy, moderate and accurate. Average bomb load 13,214 lbs. Average gas reserve 738 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 114

1. Date: 28 April 1945
2. Code Name: Bullish #6
3. Target: Izumi A/F 90.37-2512
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 24
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 95.91% (23 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 280950K - 280958K
8. Altitude of Attack: 15,775 - 17,380
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 2/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - crews reported good. Two overlapping patterns on dispersal area and field. Enemy air opposition weak - 2 attacks with one dropping phosphorus bombs. AA heavy, meager and inaccurate. Average bomb load 13,375 lbs. Average gas reserve 592 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 113

1. Date: 27 April 1945
2. Code Name: Aeroscope #4
3. Target: Kushira A/F 90.38-2524
4. Participating Units: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 19
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 89.43% (17 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 270925K - 270931K
8. Altitude of Attack: 15,000 - 17,610
9. Weather Over Target: clear-visibility restricted by haze

10. Total A/C Lost: 1

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - crews reported excellent. Strike photos show large concentration on airfield and hangar area - string of bursts on revetments. Enemy air opposition see Mission 112. AA heavy, meager, inaccurate to accurate. Eleven enemy aircraft damaged with none destroyed or probably destroyed. Average bomb load 9,780 lbs, Average gas reserve 940 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 112

1. Date: 27 April 1945
2. Code Name: Checkbook #7
3. Target: Kanoya A/F 90.38-1378
4. Participating Units: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 21
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 95.20% (20 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 270953K - 270955K
8. Altitude of Attack: 16,000 - 17,020
9. Weather Over Target: clear - light haze
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - crews reported excellent. Two patterns of bursts on field and in hangar area. Enemy air opposition heavy and aggressive. phosphorus bombs used - 51 attacks reported for Missions 112 and 113. AA heavy, meager to moderate, inaccurate to accurate. One forced to ditch due to damage by AA and enemy action. Two enemy aircraft were damaged with none destroyed or probably destroyed. Average bomb load 10,700 lbs. Average gas reserve 727 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 111

1. Date: 27 April 1945
2. Code Name: Dropper #2
3. Target: Miyakonojo A/F 90.38-2527
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 18
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 77.8% (14 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 271017K - 271051K
8. Altitude of Attack: 10,000 - 12,000
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 2/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - crews reported good. Pattern diagonally across field and pattern in north part of hangar area. Enemy air opposition slight - 11 attacks. Enemy aircraft damaged one with none destroyed or probably destroyed. AA heavy, meager to moderate and accurate. Average bomb load 14,281 lbs. Average gas reserve 804 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 110

1. Date: 27 April 1945
2. Code Name: Barranca #5
3. Target: Kokubu A/F 90.38-2520
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 22
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 84.26% (19 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 270937K - 270958K
8. Altitude of Attack: 10,310 - 12,000
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 2/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - crews reported excellent. One good pattern in hangar area, evenly spaced pattern across field and bursts visible in dispersal area. Enemy air opposition heavy. Initial attacks made with phosphorus bombs and coordinated machine gun and cannon attacks followed - 40 to 50 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed four, probably destroyed three and six damaged. AA nil. Average bomb load 12,331 lbs. Average gas reserve 917 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 109

1. Date: 27 April 1945
2. Code Name: Neckcloth #3
3. Target: Miyazaki A/F 90.38-2529
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 21
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 271030K - 271034K
8. Altitude of Attack: 11,950 - 12,900
9. Weather Over Target: 2/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results excellent - two patterns on field and hits visible in barracks area. All runways cratered. Enemy air opposition nil. AA heavy and medium - mostly inaccurate. Average bomb load 9,095 lbs. Average gas reserve 1340 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 108

1. Date: 27 April 1945
2. Code Name: Bullish #5
3. Target: Izumi A/F 90.37-2512
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 22
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 95.34% (21 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 270946K - 271045K
8. Altitude of Attack: 15,800 - 17,700
9. Weather Over Target: clear to 2/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 1

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - crews reported excellent. Strike photos show two excellent patterns on field - hits visible in various buildings in shop area. Runway cratered at south end. Enemy air opposition - 30 attacks some aggressive and coordinated. Enemy aircraft destroyed one, probably destroyed one and one damaged. AA heavy, meager and inaccurate. One aircraft lost on return - crew bailed out over Agrigan with eleven out of twelve crew members rescued. Average bomb load 9,146 lbs. Average gas reserve 975 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 107

1. Date: 26 April 1945
2. Code Name: Dropper #1
3. Target: Miyakonojo A/F (primary visual) 90.38-2527
and Miyazaki A/F (primary radar) 90.38-2529
4. Participating Units: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 21
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 81% (2 bombed Miyakonojo,
15 bombed Miyazaki and
3 bombed other targets)
7. Time Over Primary: 261107K - 261153K
8. Altitude of Attack: 10,000 - 26,100
9. Weather Over Target: 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: For bombing results see Mission 104. Enemy air opposition and AA nil. Average bomb load 12,305 lbs. Average gas reserve 490 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 106

1. Date: 26 April 1945
2. Code Name: Barranca #4
3. Target: Kokubu A/F 90.38-2520
4. Participating Units: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 22
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 77.4% (17 primary and 3 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 261054K - 261139K
8. Altitude of Attack: 20,570
9. Weather Over Target: 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: For bombing results see Mission 104. Enemy air opposition and AA nil. Average bomb load 10,357 lbs. Average gas reserve 808 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 105

1. Date: 26 April 1945
2. Code Name: Aeroscope #3
3. Target: Kushira A/F (primary visual) 90.38-2524
and Miyazaki A/F (primary radar) 90.38-2529
4. Participating Units: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 22
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 59.4% (13 bombed Miyazaki
and 9 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 261104K - 261203K
8. Altitude of Attack: 22,000 - 29,000
9. Weather Over Target: 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: For bombing results see Mission 104. Enemy air opposition and AA nil. Average bomb load 11,000 lbs. Average gas reserve 703 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 104

1. Date: 26 April 1945
 2. Code Name: Checkbook #6
 3. Target: Kanoya A/F (primary visual) 90.38-1378
and Kokubu A/F (primary radar) 90.38-2520
 4. Participating Units: 314th Bombardment Wing
 5. Number A/C Airborne: 22
 6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 86.4% (2 bombed Kanoya,
17 bombed Kokubu and
2 Opportunity)
 7. Time Over Primary: 261052K - 261131K
 8. Altitude of Attack: 20,000 - 27,000
 9. Weather Over Target: 10/10
 10. Total A/C Lost: 0
 11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results unobserved. No
enemy air opposition. AA nil. Average bomb load 8,656 lbs.
Average gas reserve 754 gallons.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 103

1. Date: 26 April 1945
2. Code Name: Neckcloth #2
3. Target: Miyazaki A/F 90.38-2529
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 21
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 90.6% (19 primary and 1 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 261017K - 261119K
8. Altitude of Attack: 13,500 - 19,000
9. Weather Over Target: 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: For bombing results see Mission 101. Enemy air opposition and AA nil. Average bomb load 9,994 lbs. Average gas reserve 1125 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 102

1. Date: 26 April 1945
2. Code Name: Bushing #4
3. Target: Nittagahara A/F 90.33-2531
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 23
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 78.4% (18 primary and 2 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 260940K - 260958K
8. Altitude of Attack: 13,700 - 25,000
9. Weather Over Target: 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: For bombing results see Mission 101. Enemy air opposition and AA nil. Average bomb load 11,235 lbs. Average gas reserve 1015 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 101

1. Date: 26 April 1945
2. Code Name: Mopish #1
3. Target: Matsuyama A/F (primary visual) 90.13-2777
and Imabari A/F (primary radar)
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 37
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 40.5% (15 bombed Imabari
A/F and 16 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 260947K - 261032K
8. Altitude of Attack: 22,800 - 26,615
9. Weather Over Target: 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results unobserved
10/10 clouds. Enemy air opposition and AA nil. Average
bomb load 10,210 lbs. Average gas reserve 1074 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 100

1. Date: 26 April 1945
2. Code Name: Skewer #2
3. Target: Tomitaka A/F 90.33-1403
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 22
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 95.4% (21 primary and 1 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 260707K - 260845K
8. Altitude of Attack: 13,000 - 24,500
9. Weather Over Target: 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: For bombing results see Mission 98. Enemy air opposition and AA nil. Average bomb load 9,095 lbs. Average gas reserve 1250 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 99

1. Date: 26 April 1945
2. Code Name: Cockorow #1
3. Target: Saeki A/F 90.33-1306
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 23
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 82.6% (19 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 260753K - 260818K
8. Altitude of Attack: 20,800 - 25,390
9. Weather Over Target: 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: For bombing results see Mission 98. Enemy air opposition and AA nil. Average bomb load 9,095 lbs. Average gas reserve 1175 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 98

1. Date: 26 April 1945
2. Code Name: Camlet #2
3. Target: Oita A/F 90.33-1308
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 22
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 86.4% (19 primary and 2 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 260713K - 260807K
8. Altitude of Attack: 13,500 - 24,000
9. Weather Over Target: 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results unobserved 10/10 undercast. Enemy air opposition and AA nil. Average bomb load 9,095 lbs. Average gas reserve 1152 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 97

1. Date: 26 April 1945
2. Code Name: Blowsy #2
3. Target: Usa A/F 90.33-1307
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 21
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 85.7% (18 primary and 2 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 260816K - 260844K
8. Altitude of Attack: 15,500 - 26,500
9. Weather Over Target: 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - unobserved 10/10 undercast. Enemy air opposition nil. AA - one crew going below cloud cover at 7,000 feet reported heavy, meager and inaccurate. Average bomb load 9,095 lbs. Average gas reserve 1023 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 96

1. Date: 24 April 1945
2. Code Name: Catcall #1
3. Target: Hitachi A/C Plant Tachikawa 90.17-2009
See Shizuoka
4. Participating Units: 73rd, 313th and 314th
Bombardment Wings
5. Number A/C Airborne: 131
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 77.1% (101 primary, 8
Secondary and 13
Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 240952K - 241006K
8. Altitude of Attack: 10,000 - 14,500
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 2/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 5

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - crews reported good to excellent. Smoke obscured most of target but severe damage reported to the large main engine assembly building and many direct hits on buildings in south-west portion of plant. Strike photography shows that aircraft of 313th Wing bombing Tachikawa Aircraft Company (Secondary target) made 15 hits on major buildings of plant and two hits on hangars with several additional bursts in the service apron area. Also that aircraft of 73rd Wing bombing Shizuoka A/C Plant (Secondary target) reported 60 visible hits along W-edge of Target destroyed four small buildings. Two aircraft lost to AA, one aircraft lost to enemy action, one aircraft lost to accident and one aircraft lost to unknown reasons. Enemy air opposition heavy & aggressive- 249 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed seventeen; probably destroyed twenty three and twenty five damaged. AA heavy, meager to intense, inaccurate to accurate. Average bomb load 73rd Wing 9,898 lbs., 313th Wing 10,058 lbs., and 314th Wing 10,063 lbs. Average gas reserve 73rd Wing 855 gallons, 313th Wing 1077 gallons and 314th Wing 1070 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 95

1. Date: 22 April 1945
2. Code Name: Checkbook #5
3. Target: Kanoya A/F 90.38-1378
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 25
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 76% (19 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 220834K - 220936K
8. Altitude of Attack: 15,350 - 15,950
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 1
11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - crews reported good to excellent. Runways cratered, hangars and service apron well covered by pattern. One aircraft probably destroyed. Five hangars gutted and two destroyed. Enemy air opposition light - 10 attacks. AA heavy, meager to moderate, fairly accurate. One aircraft crash landed on return. Average bomb load 9,091 lbs. Average gas reserve 1079 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 94

1. Date: 22 April 1945
2. Code Name: Skewer #1
3. Target: Tomitaka A/F 90.33-2536
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 18
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 220936K
8. Altitude of Attack: 16,450 - 17,500
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - crews reported excellent. Strike photos show one concentration of hits covers entire length of field. Second concentration in and immediately southwest of the hangar line. Direct hits on at least four hangars, three smaller buildings. Seven single engine destroyed, two single engine probably destroyed and one single engine probably damaged. Enemy air opposition and AA nil. Average bomb load 9,095 lbs. Average gas reserve 1194 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 93

1. Date: 22 April 1945
2. Code Name: Neckcloth #1
3. Target: Miyazaki A/F 90.38-2529
4. Participating Units: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 22
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 220834K - 221010K
8. Altitude of Attack: 14,000 - 17,500
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results: Crews reported excellent. Strike photos show at least five sticks of bursts across airfield. Enemy air opposition weak - 3 attacks. Post strike photography show about twenty craters visible on the two completed runways. Field could still be operational. Several fires still burning in residential area to the immediate west of the field. AA heavy, meager to moderate, inaccurate to accurate. Average bomb load 9,217 lbs. Average gas reserve 1095 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 92

1. Date: 22 April 1945
2. Code Name: Aeroscope #2
3. Target: Kushira A/F 90.38-2524
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 18
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 50% (9 primary and 5 Secondary)
7. Time Over Primary: 220858K - 220945K
8. Altitude of Attack: 16,000 - 16,600
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - crews reported excellent. Strike photos show hangar area well covered with bursts. Runways cratered near intersecting point. One aircraft probably destroyed. Enemy air opposition light - 8 attacks. AA heavy, meager to moderate, fairly accurate. Average bomb load 9,363 lbs. Average gas reserve 1083 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 91

1. Date: 22 April 1945
2. Code Name: Bullish #4
3. Target: Izumi A/F 90.37-2512
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 21
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 90.5% (19 primary and 1 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 220852K - 220905K
8. Altitude of Attack: 16,000 - 18,000
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - good to excellent reported by crews. Strike photos show good concentration of hits diagonally across A/F. Four small buildings destroyed and additional damage to hangars. Enemy aircraft probably damaged on ground one twin engine and three single. Enemy air opposition moderate - 51 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed none, probably destroyed two and two damaged. AA heavy, meager, inaccurate to fairly accurate. Average bomb load 9,095 lbs. Average gas reserve 958 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 90

1. Date: 21 April 1945
2. Code Name: Bushing #3
3. Target: Nittagahara A/F 90.33-2531
4. Participating Units: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 23
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 95.5% (22 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 210925K - 210934K
8. Altitude of Attack: 15,000 - 16,500
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 3/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results for Missions 74, 81 and 90 include four barracks-type buildings destroyed. Four other buildings at the edge of the target northeast of hangars were also destroyed. There are about six bomb craters in the landing strip on south side of the field. Field still operational. One aircraft non-effective. Enemy air opposition weak - 2 attacks. AA nil. Average bomb load 8,845 lbs. Average gas reserve 949 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 89

1. Date: 21 April 1945
2. Code Name: Bullish #3
3. Target: Izumi A/F 90.37-2512
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 16
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 81.1% (13 primary and 3 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 210814K - 210949K
8. Altitude of Attack: 14,100 - 14,500
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 3/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - good concentration of hits centered on hangar area and string of bursts across airfield. Enemy fighter opposition moderate - 60 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed one, probably destroyed three and five damaged. AA heavy, meager to moderate, inaccurate to accurate. Average bomb load 13643 lbs. Average gas reserve 744 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 88

1. Date: 21 April 1945
2. Code Name: Aghast #3
3. Target: Tachiarai A/F 90.35-1236
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 21
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 81% (17 primary and 1 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 211003K - 211004K
8. Altitude of Attack: 18,500 - 19,200
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 1/10 - haze
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results poor - bomb patterns scattered. One twin engine and one single damaged. Majority of bombs fell in open area south of airfield. Three aircraft non-effective. Enemy air opposition weak - 5 attacks. Enemy aircraft probably destroyed one, damaged one and none destroyed. AA heavy, meager to moderate and inaccurate. Average bomb load 10,165 lbs. Average gas reserve 555 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 87

1. Date: 21 April 1945
2. Code Name: Aeroscope #1
3. Target: Kushira A/F 90.38-2524
4. Participating Units: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 31
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 90% (28 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 210959K - 211007K
8. Altitude of Attack: 17,400 - 17,675
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 3/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - no photography with crews reporting unobserved to excellent. Enemy air opposition weak - 3 attacks. AA heavy, meager, inaccurate to accurate. Two aircraft non-effective. Average bomb load 9,492 lbs. Average gas reserve 1120 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 86

1. Date: 21 April 1945
2. Code Name: Barranca #3
3. Target: Kokubu A/F 90.38-2520
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 35
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 97.1% (34 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 210920K - 210953K
8. Altitude of Attack: 12,000 - 14,000
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 3/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results: Damage slight, several hits in service apron area and one aircraft damaged. One aircraft non-effective. Enemy air opposition slight - 17 attacks. AA heavy, meager to moderate, inaccurate to accurate. Average bomb load 12,885 lbs. Average gas reserve 835 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 85

1. Date: 21 April 1945
2. Code Name: Blowzy #1
3. Target: Usa Airfield 90.33-1307
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 30
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 96.7% (29 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 210911K - 210922K
8. Altitude of Attack: 14,500 - 15,800
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 1/10 with haze
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - all six hangars damaged, two completely gutted. Ten single engine destroyed, five single engine probably destroyed and eight twin engine damaged. One aircraft non-effective. Enemy air opposition nil. AA nil. Average bomb load 10,165 lbs. Average gas reserve 716 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 84

1. Date: 21 April 1945
2. Code Name: Checkbook #4
3. Target: Kanoya A/F 90.38-1378
4. Participating Units: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 33
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 84% (30 primary and 1 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 210804K - 210835K
8. Altitude of Attack: 16,000 - 17,800
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - heavy haze
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results of Missions 75, 78, 84 include sixteen small buildings destroyed. Four of these located in the hangar and shop area immediately north-east of the hangars. The rest are located just north of the shop and hangar area. The field is probably operational. Two aircraft non-effective. Enemy air opposition slight - 5 attacks. AA heavy, meager to moderate, inaccurate to accurate. Average bomb load 9,080 lbs. Average gas reserve 1107 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 83

1. Date: 21 April 1945
2. Code Name: Famish #4
3. Target: Kanoya East A/F 90.38-2516
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 33
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 81.8% (27 primary, 0 Secondary and 4 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 210809K - 210901K
8. Altitude of Attack: 16,200 - 17,350
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 2/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - several bomb patterns on field with concentration in hangar area. One aircraft damaged. Two aircraft non-effective. Enemy fighter opposition weak - 10 attacks. AA heavy, meager to moderate and inaccurate. Average bomb load 13,245 lbs. Average gas reserve 704 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 82

1. Date: 21 April 1945
2. Code Name: Camlet #1
3. Target: Oita Airfield 90.33-308
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 30
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 56.5% (17 primary, 11 Kagoshima City target of opportunity and 1 other target)
7. Time Over Primary: 210755K - 210756K
8. Altitude of Attack: 14,300 - 15,300
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 1/10 some haze
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results: strike photos show excellent bomb patterns with two twin engine destroyed, eleven single engine probably destroyed and many hits in hangars and administration buildings. One aircraft non-effective. AA nil over Oita, heavy, meager and accurate over Kagoshima City. Enemy air opposition nil over Oita slight over Kagoshima City - 24 attacks. Six enemy aircraft were damaged with none destroyed or probably destroyed. Average bomb load 10,165 lbs. Average gas reserve 801 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 81

1. Date: 18 April 1945
2. Code Name: Bushing #2
3. Target: Nittagahara A/F (Visual) 90.33-2531 and Miyazaki A/F (Radar) 90.38-2529
4. Participating Units: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 11
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 181003K - 181023K
8. Altitude of Attack: 18,000 - 18,200
9. Weather Over Target: 2/10 - 7/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results good - damage to hangars and other buildings. Runways cratered. One Super Dumbo not included in above totals bombed Nokubi. Enemy air opposition nil. AA heavy, meager, inaccurate to accurate. Average bomb load 5,950 lbs. Average gas reserve 1047 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 80

1. Date: 18 April 1945
2. Code Name: Barranca #2
3. Target: Kokubu A/F (Visual & Radar) Target 90.38-2525, Secondary - Izumi A/F 90.37-2512
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 22
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 86% (19 primary and 1 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 180845K - 180901K
8. Altitude of Attack: 15,600 - 17,000
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 3/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results for missions 72 and 80 - three hangars show damage, several additional buildings damaged. Four single engine destroyed and five single engine damaged. Two aircraft non-effective. One aircraft bombed Akune A/F target of opportunity. Enemy air opposition nil. AA heavy, meager to intense, inaccurate. Average bomb load 14,390 lbs. Average gas reserve 933 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 79

1. Date: 18 April 1945
2. Code Name: Bullish #2
3. Target: Izumi A/F (Visual) 90.37-2512 and Kokubu
A/F (Radar) 90.38-2525
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 23
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 91% (21 primary and 2 Opp-
portunity)
7. Time over Primary: 180829K - 180858K
8. Altitude of Attack: 15,390-16,300
9. Weather Over Target: clear, visibility limited
by haze
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results good - three hangars show damage, one single engine destroyed, three single engine damaged and two twin engine damaged. Enemy air opposition and AA nil. Average bomb load 8,449 lbs. Average gas reserve 943 gallons. One aircraft landed at Okinawa with two engines out.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 78

1. Date: 18 April 1945
2. Code Name: Checkbook #3
3. Target: Kanoya A/F (Visual) 90.38-1378 and
Kanoya East A/F (Radar) 90.38-2516
4. Participating Units: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 33
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 90% (30 primary and 1 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 180850K-180858K
8. Altitude of Attack: 18,000-19,140
9. Weather Over Target: 2/10 - 7/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results good - additional damage to hangars and other buildings. Runways cratered and a dozen miscellaneous buildings damaged. Two aircraft non-effective. Enemy air opposition - one attack. AA heavy, meager and inaccurate. Average bomb load 5718 lbs. Average gas reserve 1299 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 77

1. Date: 18 April 1945
2. Code Name: Famish #3
3. Target: Kanoya East A/F (Visual) Target 90,38-
2516, Kokubu A/F (Radar)
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 20
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 95% (19 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 180850K - 180917K
8. Altitude of Attack: 16,000 - 16,800
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results good. Four twin engine destroyed and five twin engine damaged. Additional damage to hangars and other buildings. One aircraft non-effective. Enemy air opposition weak - one attack. AA heavy, meager to intense, inaccurate. Average bomb load 12,000 lbs. Average gas reserve 780 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 76

1. Date: 18 April 1945
2. Code Name: Aghast #2
3. Target: Tachiari A/F (Visual) 90.35-1236, Omura
A/F (Radar) 90.36-849
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 21
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 95% (20 primary and 1
Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 180841K-180854K
8. Altitude of Attack: 15,000-15,400
9. Weather Over Target: clear - visibility restricted
to 10 miles by haze
10. Total A/C Lost: 2

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results good - additional damage to hangars and other buildings. Four single engine and three twin engine damaged and one single engine and one twin engine destroyed on ground. One aircraft lost over target to enemy action and one aircraft hit by enemy aircraft ditched on return. Enemy air opposition heavy - 67 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed one, probably destroyed three and six damaged. AA heavy, meager and inaccurate. Average bomb load 8,472 lbs. Average gas reserve 557 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 75

1. Date: 17 April 1945
2. Code Name: Checkbook #2
3. Target: Kanoya A/F (90.38-1378)
4. Participating Units: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 34
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 88% (30 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 171538K - 171544K
8. Altitude of Attack: 17,800-19,400
9. Weather Over Target: clear, light ground haze,
air-ground visibility 10-12
miles
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results good - see
mission 78 for details. Four aircraft non-effective. En-
emy air opposition nil. AA heavy, meager and inaccurate.
Average bomb load 4,888 lbs. Average gas reserve 1,436
gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 74

1. Date: 17 April 1945
2. Code Name: Bushing #1
3. Target: Nittagahara A/F - 90.33-2531
4. Participating Units: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 10
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 70% (7 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 171610K
8. Altitude of Attack: 18,000-18,500
9. Weather Over Target: clear, light ground haze,
air-ground visibility 10-12
miles
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results good - see mission 81 for details. Three aircraft non-effective. Enemy air opposition nil. AA heavy, meager and inaccurate. Average bomb load 5,950 lbs. Average gas reserve 1516 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 73

1. Date: 17 April 1945
2. Code Name: Famish #2
3. Target: Kanoya East A/F - Target 90,38-2516
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 21
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 95% (20 primary and 1 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 171547K - 171550K
8. Altitude of Attack: 16,000 - 17,300
9. Weather Over Target: Clear, light ground haze,
air-ground visibility 10-12
miles
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results good - see mission 77 for details. 1 A/C bombed Miyazaki. Enemy air opposition nil. AA heavy, meager and inaccurate. Average bomb load 11,780 lbs. Average gas reserve 949 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 72

1. Date: 17 April 1945
2. Code Name: Barranca #1
3. Target: Kokubu A/F 90.38-2525
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 24
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 83% (20 primary and 1 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 171530K - 171538K
8. Altitude of Attack: 17,300
9. Weather Over Target: Clear, light ground haze,
air-ground visibility 10-12
miles
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - see mission 80. Three aircraft non-effective. One aircraft bombed Miyazaki A/F. Enemy air opposition weak - 3 attacks. One aircraft damaged with none destroyed or probably destroyed. AA heavy, meager and inaccurate. Average bomb load 13,780 lbs. Average gas reserve 878 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 71

1. Date: 17 April 1945
2. Code Name: Aghast #1
3. Target: Tachiari A/F - Target 90.35-1236
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 21
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 171551K - 171600K
8. Altitude of Attack: 15,000 - 16,000
9. Weather Over Target: Clear - light ground haze,
air-ground visibility 10-12
miles
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results good - see
mission 76 for details. Enemy air opposition slight - 15
attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed one, probably destroyed
six and two damaged. AA heavy, meager and inaccurate. Av-
erage bomb load 8,544 lbs. Average gas reserve 706 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 70

1. Date: 17 April 1945
2. Code Name: Bullish #1
3. Target: Izumi A/F, 90.37-2512
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 22
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 91% (20 primary and 2 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 171528K - 171529K
8. Altitude of Attack: 15,000 - 16,100
9. Weather Over Target: Clear, light ground haze,
air-ground visibility 10-12
miles
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results good - see mission 79 for details. Two aircraft bombed Pagan and Chichi Jima respectively. Enemy air opposition nil. AA over target nil. Enroute to target - heavy, meager and inaccurate. Average bomb load 8,480 lbs. Average gas reserve 714 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 69

1. Date: 15 April 1945
2. Code Name: Arrange #1
3. Target: Tokyo Urban Area - 90.17-3601
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 118
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 92% (109 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 152325K - 160055K
8. Altitude of Attack: 8000 - 10,110
9. Weather Over Target: Clear to 3/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 1

11. Resume of Mission: Low level incendiary attack on Tokyo Urban Area. Bombing results: 144,680,000 square feet or 5.2 square miles destroyed as a result of missions 68 and 69. Total damage to date is 909,826,000 square feet or 32.74 square miles. Nine aircraft non-effective. One aircraft crash landed at Iwo Jima on return. Enemy air opposition slight - 22 attacks. One enemy aircraft was destroyed with none probably destroyed or damaged. Several "Balls of Fire" noted. AA heavy and medium, meager to intense, inaccurate to accurate. Average bomb load 14,784 lbs. Average gas reserve 893 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 68

1. Date: 15 April 1945
2. Code Name: Brisket # 1
3. Target: Kawasaki Urban Area (90.17-3604)
4. Participating Units: 313th and 314th Bombardment Wings.
5. Number A/C Airborne: 219
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 89% (194 primary and 8 opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 152343K - 160156K
8. Altitude of Attack: 6420 - 10,020
9. Weather Over Target: clear to 3/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 12
11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results: 80,920,000 square feet or 2.9 square miles destroyed. Eight aircraft mission to reasons unknown. Seventeen aircraft non-effective. Enemy air opposition moderate to heavy, aggressive -279 sighted 53 attacks. Observations from crew interrogations show numerous B-29's goind down in flames over target. A/A heavy, meager to intense, inaccurate to accurate. Average bomb load 313th Wing, 14,985 lbs. and 314th Wing 9659 lbs. Average fuel reserve, 313th Wing 1065 gallons and 314th Wing 1060 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 67

1. Date: 13 April 1945
 2. Code Name: Perdition # 1
 3. Target: Tokyo Arsenal Area, Tokyo 90.17-201-309
 4. Participating Units: 73rd, 313th and 314th Bombardment Wings
 5. Number A/C Airborne: 348
 6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 94.3% (327 primary and 3 opportunity)
 6. Time Over Primary: 132357K - 140336K
 7. Altitude of Attack: 6750 - 11,000
 8. Weather Over Target: Clear-visibility unrestricted except for smoke rising from fires.
 9. Total A/C Lost: 7
 10. Resume of Mission: Bombing results: Excellent 296,000,000 square feet - 10.7 square miles, 6,850 acres destroyed. Eighteen aircraft non-effective. Six aircraft missing to unknown reasons and one aircraft ditched on return. Enemy air opposition - moderate 102 attacks 1/3 aggressive. Enemy aircraft destroyed six, probably destroyed none and two damaged. A/A heavy and medium, meager to intense, inaccurate to accurate. Average bomb load 73rd Wing, 16,887 lbs., 313th Wing 15,125 lbs., and 314 Wing, 9,409 lbs. Average fuel reserve 73rd Wing, 779 gallons, 313th Wing, 1006 gallons, and 314th Wing 1158 gallons.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 66

1. Date: 12 April 1945
2. Code Name: Starvation #7
3. Target: Minefield Love - Shimonoseki Sts Area
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 5
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 130146K - 130216K
8. Altitude of Attack: 6,850 - 7,110
9. Weather Over Target: Haze - visibility 5 miles
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Mining results excellent. Estimated that blockade of the Eastern entrance to Shimonoseki Straits will be maintained an additional two to three days. Due to nature of mine settings ship passage will not be safe for several weeks. Enemy air opposition and AA nil. Average mine load: 8000 lbs. Average gas reserve unavailable.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 65

1. Date: 12 April 1945
2. Code Name: Lunchroom #1
3. Target: Koriyama Chemical Plant, Koriyama 90.9-6129
4. Participating Units: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 85
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 84% (70 primary and 6 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 121233K - 121328K
8. Altitude of Attack: 7,000 - 9,000
9. Weather Over Target: Clear visibility 12-15 miles
10. Total A/C Lost: • 2

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results excellent - all main buildings seriously damaged or destroyed. 555,000 square feet or 73% of total roof area. One aircraft ditched on return and one aircraft crashed and burned at Agana Airfield - one survivor. Nine aircraft non-effective. Enemy air opposition slight - 2 air to air bombing attempts reported no claims. AA medium, meager and inaccurate. Average bomb load 5,342 lbs. Average gas reserve 927 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 64

1. Date: 12 April 1945
2. Code Name: Butterball #1
3. Target: Hodagaya Chemical Company, Koriyama 90.9 - 2025
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 82
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 80 % (66 primary and 9 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 121220K - 121330K
8. Altitude of Attack: 7,000 - 15,000
9. Weather Over Target: Clear 12-15 mi. visibility
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results excellent - 458,000 square feet or 59% of original roof area destroyed or damaged. Target 1658 Northeast Aluminum Plant - north of and adjacent to Target 2025 has 130,000 square feet or 68% of total roof area destroyed or damaged. Seven aircraft non-effective. Enemy air opposition slight - 3 attacks no claims. AA-AW, meager, inaccurate. Possible ground to air rockets. Average bomb load 8,939 lbs. Average gas reserve 948 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 63

1. Date: 12 April 1945
2. Code Name: Enkindle #8
3. Target: Nakajima A/C Factory, Tokyo 90.17-357
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 114
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 82.5% (93 primary, 11 secondary and 13 opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 121208K - 121221K
8. Altitude of Attack: 12,000 - 17,500
9. Weather Over Target: Thick haze - 2/10 cumulus
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results: Damage resulting from missions 58 and 63 amounts to 886,900 square feet or 48.2% of total roof area. Damage mostly in Eastern Section of plant - 1,075,500 square feet or 94% of roof area. Western section has 71,000 square feet or 10.1% of roof area destroyed or damaged. Total damage to date to 357 is 1,146,500 square feet or 62.6% of total roof area. Damage resulting to the Shizuoka A/C Engine Plant (90.18-2011) amounts to 823,000 square feet or 86% of the total roof area of the target proper. Four aircraft not included in above totals airborne as navigational escort to approximately 90 P-51's. Seven aircraft non-effective. Enemy air opposition moderate - 105 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed eleven, probably destroyed two and ten damaged. P-51's claim twenty aircraft destroyed. AA heavy, moderate to intense, generally accurate. Four P-51's lost - one pilot rescued. Average bomb load 10,762 lbs. Average gas reserve 532 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 62

1. Date: 9 April 1945
2. Code Name: Starvation #6
3. Target: Shimonoseki Straits
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 20
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 80% (16 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 100140K - 100216K
8. Altitude of Attack: 5,000 - 6,300
9. Weather Over Target: 8/10 - 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: Mining results excellent. Estimated that mission will maintain blockade of Western entrance of Shimonoseki Straits for an additional five to seven days. Enemy air opposition and AA nil. Average mine load 12,000 lbs.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 61

1. Date: 8 April 1945
2. Code Name: Famish #1
3. Target: Kanoya East A/F (primary - visual)
Target 90.38-2516, Kogoshima (primary-
radar), Secondary - Kokubu A/F Target
90.38-2525
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 21
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 29% (6 A/C primary visual)
62% (13 A/C " radar)
7. Time Over Primary: Kanoya East A/F - 081132K
Kagoshima - 081132K-081135K
8. Altitude of Attack: Kanoya East A/F - 17010-17800
Kagoshima - 17000 - 18800
9. Weather Over Target: 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 1

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - total destruction to Kagoshima from missions 60 and 61 amounts to 1,260,000 square feet. One aircraft missing - crashed shortly after take off. One aircraft returned early. Enemy air opposition and AA nil. Average bomb load 9,095 lbs. Average gas reserve 1076 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 60

1. Date: 8 April 1945
2. Code Name: Checkbook #1
3. Target: Primary - Kanoya Airfield (Visual)
Target 90.38-1378 and Kagoshima Urban
(Radar), Secondary - Izumi Airfield
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 32
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 91% (29 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 081129K - 081153K
8. Altitude of Attack: 17,400 - 19,300
9. Weather Over Target: 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - see mission
61. City of Kagoshima bombed by radar through 10/10. Three
aircraft non-effective. Enemy air opposition nil. AA weak,
inaccurate. Average bomb load 8,560 lbs. Average gas res-
erve 639 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 59

1. Date: 7 April 1945
2. Code Name: Eradicate #7
3. Target: Mitsubishi A/C Engine Plant, Nagoya 90.20-193
4. Participating Units: 313th and 314th Bombardment Wings
5. Number A/C Airborne: 194
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 78% (153 primary and 29 Last Resort)
7. Time Over Primary: 071200K - 071354K
8. Altitude of Attack: 16,000 - 25,000
9. Weather Over Target: CAVU - 2/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 2

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results excellent. Post strike photography shows target virtually destroyed - 3,584,100 square feet of roof area destroyed or damaged representing 94% of original roof area. Ten aircraft returned early. One aircraft lost to AA and one aircraft lost to enemy action. Enemy air opposition heavy, ineffective, unaggressive - 233 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed twenty-one, probably destroyed 11 and twenty-two damaged. AA heavy, moderate to intense, inaccurate to accurate. Average bomb load 313th Wing 8,776 lbs and 314th Wing 8,993 lbs. Average gas reserve 313th Wing 975 gallons and 314th Wing 754 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 58

1. Date: 7 April 1945
2. Code Name: Enkindle #7
3. Target: Nakajima A/C Plant, Tokyo 90.17-357
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 107
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 94% (101 primary, 2 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 071100K - 071106K
8. Altitude of Attack: 11,500 - 15,550
9. Weather Over Target: CAVU - 2/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 3

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - see mission 63 for details. Four aircraft non-effective. Two aircraft lost to flak and one aircraft lost to air to air bombing. First mission to have friendly fighter escort - approximately 97 P-51's escorted formations. Escort efficient in breaking up enemy aircraft concentrations. Enemy fighter opposition heavy, aggressive to very aggressive - 531 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed 80, probably destroyed 23 and fifty damaged. Crews reported that P-51's destroyed 21 enemy aircraft. Report may contain some duplication. Two P-51's lost. AA heavy, moderate to intense, accurate to very accurate. Three aircraft airborne as navigational escort to fighters not included in above totals. Average bomb load 10,275 lbs. Average gas reserve 547 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 57

1. Date: 3 April 1945
 2. Code Name: Modeller #1
 3. Target: Tachikawa A/C Company, Tachikawa 90.17-792, Secondary - Kawasaki Urban Area
 4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
 5. Number A/C Airborne: 113
 6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 53% (61 primary, 47 secondary and 2 Opportunity)
 7. Time Over Primary: 040330K - 040534K
 8. Altitude of Attack: 5,700 - 7,200
 9. Weather Over Target: 9/10 - 10/10
 10. Total A/C Lost: 1
 11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results good - 365,081 square feet or 12.7% of total roof area destroyed or damaged. Total damage to date - 505,081 square feet or 17.5% of total roof area. Four aircraft non-effective. One aircraft missing to unknown reasons. Enemy air opposition weak. AA heavy and medium, meager to moderate, inaccurate. "Ball of Fire" noted following A/C. Average bomb load 17,959 lbs. Average gas reserve 796 gallons.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 56

1. Date: 3 April 1945
2. Code Name: Furious # 1
3. Target: Nakajima A/C Factory in Koizumi 90.17 - 1545,
Secondary - Urban Tokyo
4. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 68
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 71% (48 primary and 18 Secondary)
7. Time Over Primary: 040214K - 040341K
8. Altitude of Attack: 7200 - 7950
9. Weather Over Target: 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - 353,600 square feet or 9.5% of total roof area destroyed or damaged. Total damage to date is 882,900 square feet or 23.8% of the total roof area. Twelve aircraft were non-effective. Enemy opposition weak - 3 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed, one and none probably destroyed or damaged. A/A heavy, meager to intense, inaccurate to accurate. Average bomb load 14,829 lbs. Average fuel reserve 947 gallons. One B-29 received minor damage by E/A. Three B-29's received minor damage by A/A.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 55

1. Date: 3 April 1945
2. Code Name: Upcast #1
3. Target: Shizuoka A/C Plant, Shizuoka (2011)
4. Participating Units: 314th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 49
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 98% (48 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 040230K - 040435K
8. Altitude of Attack: 7,000 - 8,575
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 2/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - crews reported poor to excellent. Accuracy could not be assessed due to limited photography. Enemy air opposition nil. AA medium and heavy, meager, inaccurate to accurate. Average bomb load 9,300 lbs. Average gas reserve 1126 gallons. One aircraft returned early.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 54

1. Date: 3 April 1945
2. Code Name: Starvation #5
3. Target: Minefield Item, Hiroshima Area
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 9
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 040010K - 040045K
8. Altitude of Attack: 6,000 - 6,150
9. Weather Over Target: 1/10 - 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: Mining results - excellent. Estimated that Southern entrance to Kure Harbor completely blockaded and presents a strong threat to shipping using Eastern entrance. Enemy air opposition nil. AA nil to meager. Average mine load 12,000 lbs.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 53

1. Date: 2 April 1945
 2. Code Name: Starvation #4
 3. Target: Minefield Item, Hiroshima Area
 4. Participating Units: 213th Bombardment Wing
 5. Number A/C Airborne: 10
 6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 90% (9 A/C)
 7. Time Over Primary: 030116K - 030136K
 8. Altitude of Attack: 6,000 - 6,100
 9. Weather Over Target: 3/10
 10. Total A/C Lost: 0
 11. Resume of Mission: Mining results - excellent. Successfully mined areas left vacant by Starvation Two. Relatively strong blockade of Kure-Hiroshima Area. One early return. Enemy air opposition nil. AA meager and inaccurate. Average mine load 12,354 lbs.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 52

1. Date: 1 April 1945
 2. Code Name: Starvation #3
 3. Target: Minefield How, Kure Harbor
 4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
 5. Number A/C Airborne: 6
 6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
 7. Time Over Primary: 012302K - 012333K
 8. Altitude of Attack: 25,700 - 26,450
 9. Weather Over Target: CAVU
 10. Total A/C Lost: 0
 11. Resume of Mission: Mining results excellent - 40 out of 48 mines carried estimated to be effective. Believed shipping seriously disrupted in Kure Harbor for several days. Enemy air opposition nil. AA slight and inaccurate. Average mine load 8,000 lbs.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 51

1. Date: 1 April 1945
2. Code Name: Enkindle #6
3. Target: Nakajima A/C Factory, Tokyo (357)
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 121
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 95% (115 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 020301K - 030443K
8. Altitude of Attack: 5230 - 7960
9. Weather Over Target: Clear - some haze
10. Total A/C Lost: 6

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - no visible damage from photo interpretation. Three early returns. One aircraft crashed just after take off and five aircraft missing to unknown reasons. Enemy air opposition slight - 33 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed one, probably destroyed none and none damaged. AA light, medium to heavy, moderate to intense, inaccurate to accurate. One aircraft included in total airborne carried flares. Average bomb load 19,428 lbs. Average gas reserve 737 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 50

1. Date: 31 March 1945
2. Code Name: Fearless #2
3. Target: Kyushu Area - Tachiari Machine Works and Omura Airfield Installations
4. Participating Units: 73rd and 314th Bombardment Wings
5. Number A/C Airborne: 149
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 92% (13% primary, 0 Secondary and Last Resort)
7. Time Over Primary: Tachiari - 311140K - 311219K
Omura - 311151K - 311242K
8. Altitude of Attack: Tachiari - 14,500 - 17,050
Omura - 16,000 - 18,100
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 3/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 1
11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results fair - Tachiari, excellent - Omura. Twelve aircraft non-effective. One aircraft ditched on way to target. Enemy air opposition light-175 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed 11, probably destroyed five and 3 damaged. AA heavy, meager to intense, inaccurate to accurate at Omura. AA heavy, meager to moderate, inaccurate at Tachiari. Average bomb load 7,867 lbs. Average gas reserve 677 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 49

1. Date: 30 March 1945
2. Code Name: Starvation #2
3. Target: Shimonoseki Straits
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 94
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 90 % (85 primary, 2 Secondary and Last Resort)
7. Time Over Primary: L-310134K to 310245K
I-310124K to 310348K
J-310053K to 310141K
R-310203K to 310302K
8. Altitude of Attack: L-4,850-5,150
I-4,700-6,000
J-7,800-8,200
R-6,900-7,450
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 8/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 1

11. Resume of Mission: 94 aircraft dispatched to minefields Love, Item, Jig and Roger. 39 aircraft Love; 11 aircraft Jig; 28 aircraft Item; nine aircraft Roger. Seven aircraft non-effective. Results estimated as excellent. Eastern entrance of Shimonoseki Straits closed for two weeks. Traffic restricted to and from Kure and Hiro Shima for one week. Passage of large vessels to Sasebo restricted for one week. One aircraft crash landed on return to base. Enemy air opposition none (1 attack). AA light and heavy, meager to moderate, inaccurate to accurate. Average mine load 12,094 lbs. Average gas reserve 879 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 48

1. Date: 30 March 1945
 2. Code Name: Eradicate #6
 3. Target: Mitsubishi Engine Plant, Nagoya (193)
 4. Participating Units: 314th Bombardment Wing
 5. Number A/C Airborne: 14
 6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 86% (12 Primary, 0 Secondary and Last Resort)
 7. Time Over Primary: 310046K - 310150K
 8. Altitude of Attack: 6,800 - 7,910
 9. Weather Over Target: 10/10
 10. Total A/C Lost: 0
 11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results poor. No new damage visible: Two aircraft non-effective. Enemy air opposition nil. AA heavy, meager to moderate, inaccurate to accurate. Average bomb load 8,682 lbs. Average gas reserve 852 gallons.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 47

1. Date: 27 March 1945
2. Code Name: Starvation #1
3. Target: Shimonoseki Straits
4. Participating Unit: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 102
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 92% (94 primary, 0 secondary and 0 last resort and 0 opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: Mike - 272337K - 280106K
Love - 280010K - 280142K
8. Altitude of Attack: Mike - 4900 - 5400
Love - 6000 - 8000
9. Weather Over Target: Mike - 0/10 - 6/10
Love - 2/10 - 8/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 3
11. Resume of Mission: Mining mission - estimated results excellent. Western approaches to Shimonoseki Straits closed for two weeks or longer. Eight aircraft non-effective. Three aircraft lost to unknown reasons. Enemy air opposition weak - 7 attacks. One enemy aircraft destroyed with none probably destroyed or damaged. AA heavy; nearer to intense, inaccurate to accurate. Average bomb load: 12,157 lbs. Average fuel reserve: 976 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 46

1. Date: 27 March 1945
2. Code Name: Fearless #1
3. Target: Kyushu Area - Tachiari and Oita Airfields and Omura A/C Factory
4. Participating Units: 73rd and 314th Bombardment Wings
5. Number A/C Airborne: 161
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 94% (151 primary, 0 Secondary, 3 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary:
 1. Tachiari - 271140K-271205K
 2. Oita - 271144K-271259K
 3. Omura - 271206K-271220K
8. Altitude of Attack:
 1. Tachiari - 14,500-18,000
 2. Oita - 15,300-18,300
 3. Omura - 15,000-16,000
9. Weather Over Target:
 1. Tachiari - 1/10-2/10
 2. Oita - 1/10-3/10
 3. Omura - 1/10-7/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: Tachiari airfield - 606,500 square feet destroyed or damaged; Omura A/C Factory (1627)- 257,000 square feet destroyed or damaged; Oita Airfield - 112,175 square feet and 250,000 square feet residential area destroyed. 113 aircraft of the 73rd Wing attacked Tachiari and Oita Airfields. 39 aircraft of the 314th Wing attacked Omura A/C Factory. Seven aircraft were non-effective. Enemy air opposition - Tachiari Airfield weak - 21 attacks; Oita Airfield - none; Omura A/C Factory weak - 16 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed one, probably destroyed two and 4 damaged. AA: Tachiari - heavy, meager and ineffective; Oita - heavy, meager and inaccurate; Omura - heavy, meager to intense, inaccurate to accurate. Average bomb load 6,907 lbs. Average gas reserve 788 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 45

1. Date: 24 March 1945
2. Code Name: Eradicate #5
3. Target: Nagoya, Mitsubishi Engine Plant (193)
4. Participating Units: 73rd, 313th and 314th
Bombardment Wings
5. Number A/C Airborne: 248
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 90% (223 primary, 0 Secondary, 3 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 250100K - 250217K
8. Altitude of Attack: 5,650 - 9,800
9. Weather Over Target: 3/10 - 5/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 5

11. Resume of Mission: One aircraft included in total airborne as observation photo mission and to direct any change in tactics necessary. 173,500 square feet additional damage to Target 193. 8,053,800 square feet of Urban Nagoya destroyed. Fifty one buildings of Chigusa Factory, Nagoya Arsenal (196) destroyed; 502,000 square feet of Mitsubishi Electric Company (254) destroyed or damaged; 129,000 square feet of Torimatsu Factory, Nagoya Arsenal (200) destroyed or damaged. Kureha Textile Mill totally destroyed approximately 350,000 square feet; Asashi Pottery Works totally destroyed - approximately 474,000 square feet. One aircraft lost to flak over target, one aircraft ditched on way to target and three aircraft missing to unknown reasons. Twenty two aircraft non-effective. Enemy air opposition weak, no claims. AA heavy, meager to intense, inaccurate to accurate. Average bomb load 16,957 lbs. 73rd Wing, 15,330 lbs. 313th Wing and 8,784 lbs. 314th Wing. Average gas reserve 1021 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 44

1. Date: 18 March 1945
 2. Code Name: Microscope #3
 3. Target: Nagoya Urban Area
 4. Participating Units: 73rd, 313th and 314th
Bombardment Wings
 5. Number A/C Airborne: 310
 6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 94% (290 primary, 0 Secondary, 0 Last Resort and Opportunity)
 7. Time Over Primary: 190304K - 190548K
 8. Altitude of Attack: 4,500 - 9,000
 9. Weather Over Target: 2/10
 10. Total A/C Lost: 1
 11. Resume of Mission: 82,000,000 square feet (1890 acres or 2.95 square miles) destroyed. Total damage to Nagoya from missions 41 and 44 - 139,800,000 square feet (3200 acres or 5.0 square miles). Twenty aircraft non-effective. One aircraft ditched on way back. Enemy air opposition weak - 44 attacks no claims. AA medium to heavy, meager to moderate, inaccurate. Radar control indicated for first time by very accurate tracking by searchlights. Average bomb load 13,144 lbs. Average gas reserve 1085 gallons.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 43

1. Date: 16 March 1945
2. Code Name: Middleman #2
3. Target: Kobe Urban Area
4. Participating Units: 73rd, 313th and 314th
Bombardment Wings
5. Number A/C Airborne: 330
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 93% (306 primary, 0 Secondary and 3 Last Resort and Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 170338K - 170546K
8. Altitude of Attack: 4600 - 9000
9. Weather Over Target: 1/10 - 3/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 3
11. Résumé of Mission: 85,458,000 square feet (1920 acres or 3.0 square miles) destroyed. Twenty one aircraft non-effective. Three aircraft lost to reasons unknown. Enemy fighter opposition medium to heavy, unaggressive - 93 attacks. AA medium to heavy, meager to intense, inaccurate. Average bomb load 14,931 lbs. Average gas reserve 889 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 42

1. Date: 13 March 1945
 2. Code Name: Peachblow #1
 3. Target: Osaka Urban Area
 4. Participating Units: 73rd, 313th and 314th
Bombardment Wings
 5. Number A/C Airborne: 298
 6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 92% (274 primary, 0 Secondary and 5 Opportunity)
 7. Time Over Primary: 140057K - 140425K
 8. Altitude of Attack: 5,000 - 9,400
 9. Weather Over Target: 5/10 - 6/10
 10. Total A/C Lost: 2
 11. Resume of Mission: 226,010,000 square feet (5200 acres or 8.1 square miles) destroyed. Fifteen early returns. One aircraft lost to unknown reasons and one aircraft lost to survey. Enemy air opposition slight - 40 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed one and none probably destroyed or damaged. AA medium to heavy, meager to moderate, inaccurate to accurate. Average bomb load 13,739 lbs. Average gas reserve 1049 gallons.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 41

1. Date: 11 March 1945
2. Code Name: Microscope #2
3. Target: Nagoya Urban Area
4. Participating Units: 73rd, 313th and 314th
Bombardment Wings
5. Number A/C Airborne: 310
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 92% (285 primary, 0 Secondary and 6 Last Resort and Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 120119K - 120417K
8. Altitude of Attack: 5,100 - 8,500
9. Weather Over Target: 2/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 1

11. Resume of Mission: 394,660 square feet destroyed of Target 1729 and 56,892,000 square feet (1300 acres or 2.05 square miles) of urban area destroyed. Nineteen aircraft non-effective. One aircraft ditched just after take off. Enemy fighter opposition weak - 47 attacks no claims. AA heavy, meager to intense, generally inaccurate. Average bomb load 13,880 lbs. 73rd Wing, 13,695 lbs. 313th Wing and 9,827 lbs. 314th wing. Average gas reserve 920 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 40

1. Date: 9 March 1945
2. Code Name: Meetinghouse #2
3. Target: Tokyo Urban Area
4. Participating Units: 73rd, 313th and 314th Bombardment Wings.
5. Number A/C Airborne: 325
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 86% (279 primary, 0 Secondary, 5 Last Resort and 15 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 100107K - 100400K
8. Altitude of Attack: 4,900 - 9,200
9. Weather Over Target: 3/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 14
11. Resume of Mission: 469,146,000 square feet destroyed or damaged (1080 acres - 16.8 square miles). Bombing results excellent. Twenty six aircraft non-effective. One aircraft lost to AA, one aircraft lost to survey, five aircraft ditched and seven aircraft lost to reasons unknown. Enemy air opposition weak - 40 attacks, no claims. AA moderate to intense and accurate. Average bomb load 13,880 lbs. 73rd wing, 12,857 lbs. 313th wing and 9,673 lbs. 314th wing. Average gas reserve 1044 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 39

1. Date: 4 March 1945
2. Code Name: Enkindle #5
3. Target: Tokyo (357) - Nakajima A/C Plant,
Musashino
4. Participating Units: 73rd and 313th Bombardment
Wings
5. Number A/C Airborne: 192
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 0 (0 primary, 159 Secondary,
17 Last Resort and
1 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Secondary: 050940K - 051051K
8. Altitude of Attack: 25,100 - 28,900
9. Weather Over Target: 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 1

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results unknown. No damage assessment obtained from strike or post strike photography. Fifteen early returns. Enemy air opposition nil. AA meager to moderate and inaccurate. Average bomb load 6,833 lbs. 73rd Wing and 5,646 lbs. 313th Wing. Average gas reserve 947 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 38

1. Date: 25 February 1945
2. Code Name: Meetinghouse #1
3. Target: Tokyo Urban Area
4. Participating Units: 73rd, 313th and 314th
Bombardment Wings
5. Number A/C Airborne: 229
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 75% (172 primary, 0 Secondary, 28 Last Resort
and 1 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 251458K - 251652K
8. Altitude of Attack: 23,500 - 31,000
9. Weather Over Target: 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 3
11. Resume of Mission: First three wing strike. 28,000,000 square feet of urban area destroyed. Twenty eight non-effective. Two aircraft collided at wing assembly point and one aircraft lost to survey. Enemy air opposition nil. AA meager and inaccurate. Average bomb load 7,085 lbs. 73rd Wing, 5,147 lbs. 313th Wing and 3944 lbs. 314th Wing. Average gas reserve 883 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 37

1. Date: 19 February 1945
2. Code Name: Enkindle #4
3. Target: Tokyo (357) - Nakajima A/C Plant, Musashino
4. Participating Units: 73rd and 313th Bombardment Wings
5. Number A/C Airborne: 150
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 0 (0 primary, 119 secondary, 7 last resort, and 5 opportunity)
7. Time Over Secondary: 191549K - 191647K
8. Altitude of Attack: 24,500 - 30,000
9. Weather Over Target: 5/10 and haze cirrus deck
10. Total A/C Lost: 6

11. Resume of Mission: Cloud cover over primary necessitated bombing of secondary, Tokyo Urban Area, by radar. Damage assessment amounted to 800,900 square feet of the target area. Thirteen early returns, eight of which bombed targets of opportunity and last resort. One aircraft ditched on return, two aircraft lost to enemy action by ramming, one aircraft missing to unknown reasons, two aircraft destroyed on return to base when one crashed and collided with a parked aircraft. Enemy air opposition heavy - 570 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed thirty nine, probably destroyed sixteen and thirty seven damaged. AA moderate to intense, inaccurate to accurate. Some air-to-air bombing reported. Average bomb load 6860 lbs. 73rd Wing, 5439 lbs. 313th Wing. Average fuel reserve 953 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 36

1. Date: 18 February 1945
2. Code Name: Panhandle #5
3. Target: Truk Airfields One and Two
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 36
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
7. Time Over Primary: 181227K - 181340K
8. Altitude of Attack: 24,000 - 25,900
9. Weather Over Target: 1/10 - 4/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results poor. Slight cratering of runways. AA and enemy air opposition nil. Average bomb load 9492 lbs. Average gas reserve 1335 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 35

1. Date: 17 February 1945
 2. Code Name: Panhandle #4
 3. Target: Truk, Dublon Island Submarine Base
 4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
 5. Number A/C Airborne: 9
 6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 89% (8 A/C)
 7. Time Over Primary: 171646K - 171647K
 8. Altitude of Attack: ~~25,300~~ - 26,900
 9. Weather Over Target: CAVU
 10. Total A/C Lost: 0
 11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results excellent. One aircraft non-effective. No enemy air opposition. AA Heavy, moderate and accurate. Average bomb load 2,500 lbs. Average gas reserve 1335 gallons.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 34

1. Date: 15 February 1945
 2. Code Name: Eradicate #4
 3. Target: Nagoya (193) - Mitsubishi Engine Plant
 4. Participating Units: 73rd and 313th Bombardment Wings
 5. Number A/C Airborne: 117
 6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 28% (33 primary, 0 Secondary, 54 Last Resort, 14 Opportunity)
 7. Time Over Primary: 151502K - 151555K
 8. Altitude of Attack: 25,300 - 34,000
 9. Weather Over Target: CAVU to 3/10
 10. Total A/C Lost: 1
 11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results - 203,000 square feet destroyed or damaged. 5.4% of total roof area. Severe weather enroute caused formations to break up. Sixteen early returns. One aircraft ditched on return. Enemy air opposition weak. - 166 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed seven, probably destroyed eight and damaged twenty three. AA meager to moderate, inaccurate to accurate. Average bomb load 6,000 lbs. for 73rd wing, 5,000 lbs. for 313th Wing. Average gas reserve 1191 gallons. Fifty four aircraft Hamamatsu - 2,000,000 square feet destroyed or damaged.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 33

1. Date: 14 February 1945
 2. Code Name: Sea Search #3
 3. Target: Search of Area - Base Line 28 degrees 02'N - 145 degrees 55' E to 28 degrees 44' N - 148 degrees 00' E.
 4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
 5. Number A/C Airborne: 6
 6. % A/C Over Search Area: 83% (5 A/C) .
 7. Time Over Primary: 141415K - 141725K (Estimated)
 8. Altitude Over Search Area: 3,000 feet
 9. Weather Over Target: 4/10
 10. Total A/C Lost: 0
 11. Resume of Mission: Sea search for enemy picket boats. Two early returns. No AA. Enemy shipping observed in target area as follows: 4 small freighters, 1 picket boat, 1 DD escorting freighters, 1 small fishing boat and 1 unidentified vessel. No bomb load. Average gas reserve unavailable.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 32

1. Date: 12 February 1945
2. Code Name: Sea Search #2
3. Target: 60 miles each side 135 degrees 00' east -
148 degrees 00' east longitude, 30 degrees
00' north latitude
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 10
6. % A/C Over Search Area: 80% (8 A/C)
7. Time Over Area: 121643K - 122030K (Estimated)
8. Altitude at Search Area: 2,000
9. Weather Over Target: 1/10 - 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 1
11. Resume of Mission: Repeat of mission 30 due to incomplete coverage. Two early returns. One aircraft caught fire, exploded and crashed 65 miles northwest of Tinian. AA meager and accurate from CL or DD at 30 degrees 35' N - 144 degrees 00' E. No enemy air opposition. Two enemy patrol or torpedo boats, two unidentified submarines, unidentified convoy of 12-15 ships, one enemy DD and an unidentified convoy of eleven ships observed during this mission. All but 20% of assigned area was covered. No bomb load. Average gas reserve unavailable

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 31

1. Date: 12 February 1945
 2. Code Name: Starlit #3
 3. Target: Iwo Jima Heavy AA
 4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
 5. Number A/C Airborne: 21
 6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 100%
 7. Time Over Primary: 121211K - 121250K
 8. Altitude of Attack: 24,000 - 24,500
 9. Weather Over Target: 3/10 - 4/10
 10. Total A/C Lost: 0
 11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results good. Enemy air opposition nil. AA heavy, meager and inaccurate. Average bomb load 8,000 lbs. Average gas reserve 1015 gallons.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 30

1. Date: 11 February 1945
 2. Code Name: Sea Search #1
 3. Target: 60 miles each side L 135 degrees east -
148 degrees east L 30 degrees north
 4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
 5. Number A/C Airborne: 9
 6. % A/C Over Search Area: 8 A/C - 88%
 7. Time Over Area: 111518K (ETA over search area)
 8. Altitude: 3,000 feet
 9. Weather Over Target: 10/10 overcast
 10. Total A/C Lost: 0
 11. Resume of Mission: Nine aircraft to search for enemy picket boats. One early return. Search area 10/10 overcast radar used. AA - Sofu-Gan heavy, meager and inaccurate. Enemy convoy - heavy, meager and inaccurate. No enemy fighter opposition. Enemy convoy of 4 DD, 2 tankers and 5 freighters sighted at 29 degrees 29 minutes north - 140 degrees 20 minutes east. No bomb load. Average gas reserve unavailable.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 29

1. Date: 10 February 1945
2. Code Name: Fraction #1
3. Target: Tokyo (1544) - Nakajima A/C Plant, Ota
4. Participating Units: 73rd and 313th Bombardment Wings
5. Number A/C Airborne: 120
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 70% (84 primary, 0 Secondary, 16 Last Resort and Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 101605K - 101641K
8. Altitude of Attack: 26,000 - 29,400
9. Weather Over Target: 1/10 - 2/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 12

11. Resume of Mission: Two aircraft included in the above total were dispatched as a diversionary force against Hammatsu. Damage assessment revealed 755,900 square feet of roof area damaged in target area. Eighteen aircraft returned early. One aircraft was lost to enemy action, one aircraft crashed on take off, two aircraft collided in mid-air, seven aircraft ditched and one aircraft missing to unknown reasons. Enemy air opposition moderate to strong - 330 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed twenty one, probably destroyed fifteen and twenty six damaged. AA weak and inaccurate. Average bomb load 6,522 lbs - 73rd Wing and 5,317 lbs - 313th Wing. Average gas reserve 576 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 28

1. Date: 9 February 1945
2. Code Name: Panhandle #3
3. Target: Truk Airfield Two, Moon Island
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 30
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 97% (29 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 091119K - 091121K
8. Altitude of Attack: 24,000 - 26,000
9. Weather Over Target: 2/10 - 6/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results fair. One early return. Enemy air opposition nil. AA heavy, meager and inaccurate. Average bomb load 10,000 lbs. Average gas reserve 1620 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 27

1. Date: 8 February 1945
 2. Code Name: Panhandle #2
 3. Target: Truk Airfield One, Moen Island
 4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
 5. Number A/C Airborne: 31
 6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 97% (30 A/C)
 7. Time Over Primary: 081057K - 081133K
 8. Altitude of Attack: 29,500 - 30,700
 9. Weather Over Target: 8/10 - 9/10
 10. Total A/C Lost: 0
 11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results poor. One early return. Enemy air opposition nil. AA heavy, meager and inaccurate. Average bomb load 10,000 lbs. Average gas reserve 1,000 gallons.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 26

1. Date: 4 February 1945
 2. Code Name: Middleman #1
 3. Target: Kobe Area (90.25) - Kobe Urban Area
 4. Participating Units: 73rd and 313th Bombardment Wings
 5. Number A/C Airborne: 110
 6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 57% (69 primary, 0 Secondary, 30 Last Resort and Opportunity)
 7. Time Over Primary: 041557K - 041656K
 8. Altitude of Attack: 24,500 - 27,000
 9. Weather Over Target: 5/10 - 6/10
 10. Total A/C Lost: 2
 11. Resume of Mission: 2,651,000 square feet of the target area was destroyed or damaged. Fifteen aircraft bombed Natsuzaka and fifteen aircraft bombed various other last resort targets. One aircraft ditched on return and one aircraft burned after landing at home base classified as lost to survey. Enemy air opposition heavy and aggressive - 273 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed four, probably destroyed twenty and thirty nine damaged. AA heavy, moderate to intense, inaccurate to accurate. Average bomb load 6,030 lbs. for 73rd wing and 4,880 lbs. for 313th Wing. Average gas reserve 696 gallons.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 25

1. Date: 29 January 1945
 2. Code Name: Starlit #2
 3. Target: Iwo Jima Airfields One and Two
 4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
 5. Number A/C Airborne: 33
 6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 85% (28 A/C)
 7. Time Over Primary: 291428K - 291447K
 8. Altitude of Attack: 23,000 - 25,200
 9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 3/10
 10. Total A/C Lost: 0
 11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results fair. 14% of bombs dropped fell within target area. Enemy air opposition slight. AA heavy, moderate & inaccurate. Average bomb load 12,000 lbs. Average gas reserve 1385 gallons.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 24

1. Date: 27 January 1945
2. Code Name: Enkindle #3
3. Target: Tokyo (357) - Nakajima A/C Plant,
Musashino
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 74
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 0 (0 primary, 56 Secondary, 6 Last Resort and Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 271504K - 271558K
8. Altitude of Attack: 24,500 - 29,600
9. Weather Over Target: 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 9

11. Resume of Mission: Mission planned for either Musashino (357) or Mitsubishi Engine Factory (193) at Nagoya or if weather was bad, urban areas of Tokyo or Nagoya were to be bombed by Radar. Two aircraft were dispatched early as weather reconnaissance and reported that 357 was to be target. Complete undercast necessitated radar run on Urban Tokyo. Bombing results unobserved. Twelve early returns. Five aircraft lost to enemy action, two aircraft ditched on return, one aircraft crash landed on return to base and one aircraft lost to survey. Enemy fighter opposition of unparalleled intensity - 984 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed sixty, probably destroyed seventeen and thirty nine damaged. Many ramming attempts. AA heavy, moderate to intense, inaccurate to accurate. Average bomb load 6,000 lbs. Average gas reserve 1059 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 23

1. Date: 24 January 1945
2. Code Name: Starlit #1
3. Target: Iwo Jima Airfields One and Two
4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 28
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 71% (20 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 241228K - 241330K
8. Altitude of Attack: 26,000 - 28,000
9. Weather Over Target: 0/10 - 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results good. Airfield number one rendered unserviceable. Eight early returns. Enemy air opposition nil. AA heavy, meager & inaccurate. Average bomb load 12,000 lbs. Average gas reserve 1622 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 22

1. Date: 23 January 1945
2. Code Name: Eradicate #3
3. Target: Nagoya (193) - Mitsubishi Engine Plant
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 73
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 38% (28 primary, 27 Secondary, 5 Last Resort and Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 230535K - 230547K
8. Altitude of Attack: 25,300 - 27,200
9. Weather Over Target: 9/10 - 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 2
11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results unsatisfactory. Due to weather twenty seven aircraft bombed Urban area of Nagoya. Thirteen early returns. One aircraft ditched just after take off and one aircraft lost to enemy aircraft and AA. Enemy fighter opposition heavy and aggressive - 691 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed thirty three, probably destroyed twenty two and damaged forty. AA heavy, meager to moderate, inaccurate to accurate. Average bomb load 6,000 lbs. Average gas reserve 1053 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 21

1. Date: 21 January 1945
 2. Code Name: Panhandle #1
 3. Target: Truk, Moen Island Airfield
 4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
 5. Number A/C Airborne: 33
 6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 91% (30 A/C)
 7. Time Over Primary: 211034K - 211108K
 8. Altitude of Attack: 25,500 - 26,000
 9. Weather Over Target: 1/10 - 2/10
 10. Total A/C Lost: 0
 11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results good. 52% of bombs dropped hitting the target. Three aircraft non-effective. Enemy air opposition nil. AA heavy, meager and inaccurate. Average bomb load 11,000 lbs. Average gas reserve 1817 gallons.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 20

1. Date: 19 January 1945
 2. Code Name: Fruitcake #1
 3. Target: Osaka (1547) - Kawasaki A/C Plant, Akashi
 4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
 5. Number A/C Airborne: 80
 6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 78% (62 primary, 0 Secondary, 9 Last Resort and Opportunity)
 7. Time Over Primary: 191450K - 191524K
 8. Altitude of Attack: 25,100 - 27,400
 9. Weather Over Target: 2/10 - 3/10
 10. Total A/C Lost: 0
 11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results good - major damage 39% of total roof area of engine and assembly plants destroyed or damaged- 1,032,000 square feet. Seven early returns. Enemy air opposition light to moderate, unaggressive - 159 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed four, probably destroyed four and damaged eight. AA meager to moderate, inaccurate. Average bomb load 5,000 lbs. Average gas reserve 1037 gallons. Three aircraft included in above total were airborne as a diversionary force to drop rope, bomb Hammatsu and obtain scope photos. One aircraft returned early and the other two aircraft bombed Hammatsu.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number - None Assigned

1. Date: 16 January 1945
 2. Code Name: Pagan Island
 3. Target: Airstrip on Pagan
 4. Participating Units: 313th Bombardment Wing
 5. Number A/C Airborne: 44
 6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 73% (32 A/C)
 7. Time Over Primary: 161133K - 161754K
 8. Altitude of Attack: 28,300 - 28,400
 9. Weather Over Target: 6/10 - 10/10
 10. Total A/C Lost: 0
 11. Resume of Mission: Shakedown mission for wing. First effort with bombing results fair. Eleven early returns. Enemy air opposition and AA nil. Average bomb load 12,000 lbs. Average gas reserve 1854 gallons.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 19

1. Date: 14 January 1945
2. Code Name: Hestitation #2
3. Target: Nagoya (194) - Mitsubishi A/C Plant
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 73
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 55% (40 primary, 0 Secondary, 23 Last Resort and Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 141540K - 141628K
8. Altitude of Attack: 29,080 - 32,000
9. Weather Over Target: 4/10 altocumulus and dense haze
10. Total A/C Lost: 5

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results fair - 166,100 square feet destroyed and damaged. Nineteen early returns. One aircraft ditched enroute to target, two aircraft ditched enroute back, one aircraft lost to unknown causes and one aircraft lost to survey. Enemy air opposition moderate to heavy, inaggressive to aggressive - 583 attacks. AA meager to moderate, inaccurate to accurate. Average bomb load 5,000 lbs. Average gas reserve 909 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 18

1. Date: 9 January 1945
2. Code Name: Enkindle #2
3. Target: Tokyo (357) - Nakajima A/C Plant,
Musashino
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 72
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 25% (18 primary, 0 Secondary,
34 Last Resort and Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 091513K - 091535K
8. Altitude of Attack: 29,500 - 34,400
9. Weather Over Target: CAVU
10. Total A/C Lost: 6

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results poor - visual bombing - extremely bad weather on route out prevented formation flying to any large extent. Diversionary force of three aircraft dispensed rope. Nineteen early returns. Two aircraft lost to enemy aircraft, one aircraft ditched on route back and two aircraft are missing to unknown reasons. Enemy air opposition meager to moderate, unaggressive to aggressive. AA meager to moderate, inaccurate. Average bomb load 5,000 lbs. Average gas reserve 1174 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 17

1. Date: 3 January 1945
2. Code Name: Microscope #1
3. Target: Nagoya City - Docks and Urban Areas
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 97
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 59% (57 primary, 0 Secondary, 21 Last Resort and Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 031545K - 031633K
8. Altitude of Attack: 28,200 - 31,500
9. Weather Over Target: 6/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 5
11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results fair - 140,000 square feet destroyed and 75 fires started. Eighteen early returns. One aircraft lost to enemy aircraft, three aircraft lost to unknown causes and one aircraft ditched on return. Enemy air opposition moderate to heavy, inaggressive to aggressive - 346 attacks with fourteen destroyed, fourteen probably destroyed and twenty damaged. AA meager - accurate. Average bomb load 5,300 lbs. Average gas reserve 761 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 16

1. Date: 27 December 1944
2. Code Name: Enkindle #1
3. Target: Tokyo (357) - Nakajima A/C Plant,
Musashino
4. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 72
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 54% (39 primary, 9 secondary, 4
last resort and opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 271342K - 271503K
8. Altitude of Attack: 28,800 - 33,800
9. Weather Over Target: 2/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 3

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results poor. Six hits within 1000 feet of AP. Results unobserved on secondary, last resort and opportunity targets. Twenty-two early returns. One aircraft ditched on return. Enemy air opposition moderate to heavy, inaggressive to aggressive - 272 attacks with twenty one destroyed, ten probably destroyed and seven damaged. A/I meager to intense, generally inaccurate. Average bomb load 5500 lbs. Average gas reserve 1200 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 15

1. Date: 24 December 1944
2. Code Name: Rockcrusher #1
3. Target: Iwo Jima Airfields One and Two
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 29
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 88% (23 primary, 1 last resort)
7. Time Over Primary: 241424K - 241535K
8. Altitude of Attack: 19,500 - 21,800
9. Weather Over Target: 7/10 - 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Bombs dropped by visual and radar means with poor results. Three aircraft airborne not included in above totals as navigational escort for fighter sweep. Enemy fighter opposition nil. A/A meager, moderate to inaccurate. Average bomb load 10,000 lbs. Average gas reserve 1832 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 14

1. Date: 22 December 1944
 2. Code Name: Eradicate #2
 3. Target: Nagoya (193) - Mitsubishi Engine Plant
 4. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
 5. Number A/C Airborne: 78
 6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 62% (48 primary, 0 secondary, 3 last resort, 11 opportunity)
 7. Time Over Primary: 221404K - 221558K
 8. Altitude of Attack: 28,600 - 32,600
 9. Weather Over Target: 6/10 - 10/10
 10. Total A/C Lost: 3
 11. Resume of Mission: Bombed by radar. No bomb strike photos or damage assessment. Enemy air opposition, heavy to moderate, un-aggressive to aggressive - 508 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed 9, probably destroyed 17 and damaged 15. A/A heavy, inaccurate to accurate. One aircraft ditched when two engines cut out, one aircraft hit by fighters or flak over target and later ditched and one aircraft seriously damaged on this mission later designated as lost and redesignated TB-29. Average bomb load 5500 lbs. Average gas reserve 1046 gallons.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 13

1. Date: 18 December 1944
2. Code Name: Hesitation #1
3. Target: Nagoya (194) Mitsubishi A/C Plant
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 89
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 71% (63 primary, 0 Secondary,
Last Resort and Opportunity 10)
7. Time Over Primary: 181400K - 181543K
8. Altitude of Attack: 28,000 - 32,000
9. Weather Over Target: 5/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 4

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results good - 921,670 square feet destroyed or damaged, 2,500,000 square feet of residential area destroyed and moderate damage to shipyards and other industries. Enemy fighter opposition moderate with 188 unaggressive attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed 5, probably destroyed 11 and damaged 12. Two aircraft missing reasons unknown, one aircraft ditched and one aircraft crashed on return to Saipan. A/A meager, moderate to inaccurate. Average bomb load 5000 lbs. Average gas reserve 705 gallons

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 12

1. Date: 13 December 1944
2. Code Name: Memphis #1
3. Target: Primary - Mitsubishi A/C Engine Plant (193) Nagoya,
Secondary - Nagoya Urban Area, Last Resort - Any
Industrial City
4. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 90
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 79% (71 A/C)
7. Time Over Primary: 131457K - 131638K
8. Altitude of Attack: 26,450 - 32,300
9. Weather Over Target: 3/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 4

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results good - 691,050 square feet destroyed of main buildings and others damaged with 230 bursts in target area. Fifteen early returns. Two aircraft ditched, one aircraft lost to unknown causes and one aircraft presumed lost to flak. Fighter opposition heavy to light - unaggressive to aggressive with 106 attacks made with four destroyed, one probably destroyed and none damaged. A/A heavy, moderate to intense, accurate. Average bomb load 5000 lbs. Average gas reserved 783 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 11

1. Date: 8 December 1944
2. Code Name: Sledgehammer #1
3. Target: Primary - Airfields at Iwo Jima
Secondary - Pagan Island
4. Participating Units: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 79
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 80% (63)
7. Time Over Primary: 081020K - 081150K
8. Altitude of Attack: 19,670 - 23,400
9. Weather Over Target: 7/10 - 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Remarks of Mission: Bombing results mainly unobserved to cloud cover - one squadron observed bombs through break. Three aircraft airborne as navigation escort to 28 P-51's not included in above totals. Fifteen early returns. Four aircraft bombed secondary. Enemy air opposition and A/C nil. Average bomb load 20,000 lbs. Average gas reserve 1454 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 10

1. Date: 3 December 1944
 2. Code Name: San Antonio #3
 3. Target: Musashino A/C Plant (357), Secondary - Urban and Dock Area Tokyo
 4. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
 5. Number A/C Aircraft: 86
 6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 85% (73)
 7. Time Over Primary: 030503K - 030630K
 8. Altitude of Attack: 16,000 - 33,100
 9. Weather Over Target: CAVU
 10. Total A/C Lost: 5
 11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results unsatisfactory on primary - 2580 square feet destroyed and unobserved on secondary. 2.5% hit target. Eight aircraft bombed secondary. Eight early returns two of which bombed Pagan Island. One aircraft lost to enemy aircraft and four ditched. Enemy air opposition slight to moderate - 75 attacks were made with 10 destroyed, 11 probably destroyed and 18 damaged. A/I heavy, meager to intense, inaccurate. Average bomb load 5000 lbs. Average gas reserve 815 gallons.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 9

1. Date: 29 November 1944
2. Code Name: Brooklyn #1
3. Target: Primary - Industrial Area Tokyo, Secondary - None.
Last Resort - Any Industrial City
4. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 29
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 79% (Primary 23, Last Resort - 2)
7. Time Over Primary: Primary - 300050K - 300527K
Last Resort - 300108K - 300157K
8. Altitude of Attack: Primary - 25,000 - 33,200
Last Resort - 21,000 - 33,200
9. Weather Over Target: Primary - 10/10, Last Resort - 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 1

11. Resume of Mission: Bombed by radar results unknown. Last resort targets Yokohama and Numazu. Four aircraft non-effective. One aircraft missing to unknown reasons. A/I heavy, meager to inaccurate. Enemy air opposition slight - five attacks. Average bomb load 7000 lbs. Average gas reserve 1238 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 8

1. Date: 27 November 1944
2. Code Name: San Antonio #2
3. Target: Primary - Musashino Plant, Nakajima A/C Factory
Tokyo (357), Secondary - Urban and Dock Area Tokyo
4. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 81
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 0 Primary, 49 Secondary
7. Time Over Primary: Secondary - 271347K - 271525K
Opportunity - 271420K - 271423K
8. Altitude of Attack: Secondary - 27,700 - 34,000
Opportunity - 32,500
9. Weather Over Target: 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 1

11. Resume of Mission: Bombing results unobserved. Primary completely obscured. Forty-nine aircraft bombed secondary target by radar. Seven aircraft bombed Hamamatsu. While this mission was being flown nine to eleven enemy aircraft attacked Isley Field. All but one destroyed by A/A and fighters. Three B-29's destroyed, two extensively damaged, undertermined number damaged. Nineteen aircraft non-effective. One aircraft ditched on return to base, 12 crew members missing. Enemy air opposition and flak nil. Average bomb load 10,000 lbs. Average gas reserve 1093 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 7

1. Date: 24 November 1944
2. Code Name: San Antonio #1
3. Target: Musashino A/C Plant Tokyo (357), Secondary - Urban and Dock Area Tokyo
4. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 111
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 22% (24)
7. Time Over Primary: 241312K - 241532K
8. Altitude of Attack: 27,000 - 32,000
9. Weather Over Target: 2/10 - 9/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 2

11. Resume of Mission: Fifty-nine aircraft attacked urban and dock area of Tokyo and five aircraft attacked Matsuzaki village, target of opportunity. Bombing results poor - 16,058 square feet destroyed or damaged. Ground speeds estimated at 445 mph over target - 16 bursts in target area. Twenty three aircraft non-effective. One aircraft ditched all crew rescued. One aircraft believed lost in collision with enemy aircraft. Enemy air opposition meager, moderate to intense - 184 attacks. Enemy aircraft destroyed seven, probably destroyed eighteen and damaged nine. A/A heavy, meager to moderate. Inaccurate to accurate. Average bomb load 10,000 lbs. Average gas reserve 1048 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 6

1. Date: 11 November 1944
 2. Code Name: Truk
 3. Target: Submarine Base, Dublon Island, -Secondary - Dublon Island Shipping.
 4. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
 5. Number A/C Airborne: 9
 6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 89% (8)
 7. Time Over Primary: 111355K - 111357K
 8. Altitude of Attack: 25,000 - 25,000
 9. Weather Over Target: 2/10 - 3/10
 10. Total A/C Lost: 0
 11. Resume of Mission: Shakedown mission. Bombing results fair. One aircraft non-effective. Enemy air opposition slight by five un-aggressive attacks. One enemy aircraft damaged. Average bomb load 10,000 lbs. Average gas reserve 2212 gallons. A/A meager to inaccurate.
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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 5

1. Date: 8 November 1944
2. Code Name: Iwo Jima
3. Target: Airfields at Iwo Jima
4. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 17
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 35% (6)
7. Time Over Primary: 081232K - 081234K
8. Altitude of Attack: 27,650 - 29,000
9. Weather Over Target: 4/10 - 5/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 1

11. Resume of Mission: Shakedown mission. Bombing results - no photos. Crews reported excellent. Formation of eight aircraft missed target entirely when lead aircraft over ran IP. Eleven A/C non-effective. One aircraft ditched at 18 degrees north 141 degrees east. Enemy air opposition slight, eight enemy aircraft made attacks. Six phosphorus bombs dropped on formations. A/A heavy, moderate to inaccurate. Average bomb load 10,000 lbs. Average gas reserve 1167 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 4

1. Date: 5 November 1944
2. Code Name: Iwo Jima
3. Target: Two Airfields at Iwo Jima
4. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 36
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 67% (24)
7. Time Over Primary: 051623K - 051639K
8. Altitude of Attack: 26,750 - 27,500
9. Weather Over Target: 9/10 - 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0

11. Resume of Mission: Shakedown mission. Mission planned to give training in daylight visual bombing and test of night landing facilities at base. Two aircraft non-effective. Ten aircraft reaching target were ineffective due to malfunction of bomb bay doors on lead aircraft. Bombs dropped at various intervals beyond target. No enemy air opposition. A/A heavy, meager to inaccurate. Bombing results poor. Average bomb load 10,000 pounds. Average gas reserve 1409 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 3

1. Date: 2 November 1944
2. Code Name: Truk
3. Target Submarine Pens, Dublon Island, Truk Atoll
4. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
5. Number A/C Airborne: 20
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 85% (17)
7. Time Over Primary: 021034 - 021135
8. Altitude of Attack: 25,900 - 27,300
9. Weather Over Target: 7/10 - 8/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 0
11. Resume of Mission: Shakedown mission. Bombing results poor. Three aircraft non-effective. No enemy air opposition. Mission planned to afford practice in using radar bombing procedure. A/A heavy, meager to inaccurate. Assemblies made according to plan. Average bomb load 5000 lbs. Average gas reserve 2053 gallons.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 2

1. Date: 30 October 1944
 2. Code Name: Truk
 3. Target: Submarine pens, Dublon Island, Truk Atoll
 4. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
 5. Number A/C Airborne: 18
 6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 44% (8)
 7. Time Over Primary: 301100K - 301103K
 8. Altitude of Attack: 25,500 - 27,450
 9. Weather Over Target: 5/10 cumulus
 10. Total A/C Lost: 0
 11. Resume of Mission: Shakedown mission. Bombing results poor. Ten aircraft non-effective. No enemy air opposition. A/A meager to nil. Nine aircraft dropped bombs by radar two miles beyond target. Assembly made as planned. Average bomb load 6000 lbs. Average gas reserve 2011 gallons.
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MISSION SUMMARY
Mission Number 1

1. Date: 27 October 1944
 2. Code Name: Truk
 3. Target: Submarine Pens, Dublon Island, Truk
 4. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
 5. Number A/C Airborne: 18
 6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 78% (14)
 7. Time Over Primary: 280855K - 280900K
 8. Altitude of Attack: 25,900 - 27,450
 9. Weather Over Target: CAVU
 10. Total A/C Lost: 0
 11. Resume of Mission: Shakedown mission, bombing results poor to fair. Four aircraft non-effective. There were 2 attacks by E/A. A/A heavy, merger to inaccurate. Average bomb load 6000 lbs. Average fuel reserve 1812 gallons.
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