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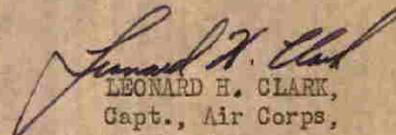
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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Unit History.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, 25, D.C.

1. In accordance with AR 345-105 and AAF Regulation 20-8, submit herewith the history of this organization for the month of April 1945, which has been inspected and verified by the undersigned.

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HISTORY OF THE 403rd BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

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| a. Original Unit  | Not applicable |
| b. Changes in Organization  | Section II     |
| c. Strength   | Section II     |
| d. Stations   | Section I      |
| e. Number of Sorties  | Section II     |
| f. Bombs dropped and ammunition fired                                     | Section II     |
| g. Aerial attacks on our ground installations                             | Not applicable |
| h. Ground battles engaged in by unit                                      | Not applicable |
| i. Losses in action   | Section II     |
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## CHRONOLOGICAL NARRATIVE FOR APRIL 1945

On 1 April we made our first strike on installations north of Giran Airdrome on the NE coast of Formosa. Japanese aircraft and maintenance facilities were the principal targets. Three B-24s each carrying 720 x 20 pound frags in 120 pound clusters pounded the target while 16 P-38s provided cover in case of possible interception. Between 1221/I and 1244/I at an altitude of 10,000 feet, the "boxcars" dumped their loads with good results. Several buildings on the south boundary of the target were set afire with substantial damage to some. AA was slight, medium and heavy, and inaccurate. There was no interception and all planes returned safely. (1)

The target for 2 April was tiny Ft. Drum. A single B-24 carrying 4 x 2000 pound GPs represented our squadron in the effort to silence the heavy guns mounted on this small island fortress. Coming in at an altitude of 5000 to 6000 feet on a westerly heading, four bombing runs were made with a 2000 pounder being released on each run. Two bombs hit along the south wall of the fort, missing by 10 feet, one bomb fell 40 feet off the north wall, and one bomb landed 500 feet NW. There were no hits. (2)

On 3 April our squadron put seven planes over Hong Kong. With two planes from another squadron acting as spotters for shipping, we were directed to attack one of four ships doing violent evasive action. The lead element made the ship commit itself and the second element put their bombs right on the deck of the ship - three direct hits. As no good pictures were taken of the ship, we were given credit for "one patrol or escort vessel" sunk. Five planes were used in this coordinated attack. The fifth plane, however, momentarily losing sight of the target, held his bombs and dropped them north of the Chemical Wharves with direct hits on the highway. The sixth plane bombed oil storage tanks with nil visible damage. Our seventh plane bombed those very same tanks and got 100% hits in target. Nice oil fires were started and smoke was seen rising to 7000 feet. The Nips threw up plenty of ack-ack, holing two of our B-24s. "Hoop" was used effectively, as bursts were seen as far as a mile and a half in back of us. All planes returned safely. The mission was indeed a successful one. (3)

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- (1) Final Mission Report FFO 91-A-1.  
 (2) Final Mission Report FFO 92-A-3.  
 (3) Final Mission Report FFO 93-A-2.

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Shipping and oil storage tanks in Hong Kong harbor were the "meaty" targets for our squadron on 4 April. On that morning seven B-24s took off from Clark Field, each carrying 8 x 1000 pound GP bombs. On the way to the target one "heavy" developed supercharger trouble in one engine, jettisoned its bombs safe in Lingayen Gulf and returned early to base. Two other planes lost the rest of the squadron in heavy weather but joined up with another B-24 from a different squadron who was apparently in the same predicament. From the Luzon coast to Hong Kong the weather was excellent with the visibility somewhat limited by haze. The four ships made a run on a 5100 ton Fox Baker in Helts Wharves. Unfortunately, two of the planes had failures of their bomb release mechanism and were forced to salvo, one stick of eight bombs falling in the water just off Victoria, the other about 500 feet inshore with results unobserved. The other two planes hit the wharves but were short of the ship. However, photos indicated that the middle and west pier were probably rendered unserviceable, and a tug and a number of barges were damaged or sunk. Our two planes that became separated from the squadron made a joint attack with their new-found leader on a Fox Tare Able at Taikoo Docks. Their strings started in the water north of the docks and ran over shore installations short of the ship. It is possible the ship was damaged and docks, buildings, and shops were certainly damaged. AA was light, medium and heavy, moderate to intense, inaccurate to accurate, holing one plane. AA was thrown up by ships in the harbor as well as shore installations. The P-38s that provided such excellent cover sighted four Tonys and 2 SSFs, possibly Zekes, on our breakaway. As usual, the Nips were reluctant to attack our formation. All planes returned safely. (4)

5 April the squadron attacked shipping and dock installations at Hong Kong for the third consecutive day. We were scheduled to put seven planes over the target: one as a "spotter" to locate any shipping targets, the other six to constitute the main striking power (each plane carrying 8 x 1000 lb .1 second delay demos). Immediately after takeoff one of our planes developed a serious vibration in the rudder which kept increasing as the plane joined the formation. The pilot, realizing his danger, came in at once for a landing, bringing his bomb load back intact. The pilot made a beautiful landing under the most hazardous and difficult conditions. We found half the fabric torn off the rudder and part of the metal in the rudder split - a complete investigation was ordered.

The weather was bad. Hong Kong was completely socked in. The spotter plane made an ETA run on the general area of Victoria. The other five planes were instructed to pick targets of opportunity. Releases were made on the Royal Navy Yard, Causeway Bay, and the Kai Tok Airdrome. Results on the first two releases were unobserved. However, Kai Tok strip received a good drubbing. AA was inaccurate. No holes - no interception. Our bombing may have been effective to some extent, but bad weather obscured any visible results. (5)

(4) Narrative Mission Report FFO 94-A-2.

(5) Final Mission Reports FFO 95-A-1 & 95-A-5

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Our target for 7 April was Shinchiku Airdrome - a group of assembly and repair shops containing 4 fighters and one twin engine bomber. Again the weather was with the Japs and the targets remained unmolested. The front started in southern Formosa and must have run all the way up to Japan. The H2K plane broke out at 23,000 feet somewhere in the vicinity of Shinchiku. He was alone and the extremely high altitude rendered the radar inoperative. His 240 x 20 pound frags were dropped on a position determined by the navigator to be "somewhere over Shinchiku." Three of the remaining planes dropped on industrial areas in Tainan and Koshun with unobserved results. The other two planes jettisoned their bombs in the water. All planes returned safely. (6)

Weather was beginning to present a bigger problem to our flyers than anything the Japs could throw up against us. On 8 April the fun started again as our planes were winging their way past southern Formosa. Our mission was to destroy planes at Matsuyama but already our planes were splitting up to fly safely on instruments. Nary a plane reached the target. Planes were "flubbing" around in the soup trying to find a hole - some went as high as 22,000 feet picking up ice on the leading edges of their wings and cowling. The boys finally decided to turn back and bomb a target of opportunity. The planes ranged over Koshun, Koto-Sho, Iranumiriku, and one plane gave the fish a thrill. Results were unobserved. Six planes had taken off originally but one plane lost #3 engine shortly after takeoff, jettisoned his bombs in the water and returned safely to base. A total of 672 x 20 pound frags left their mark on Formosan soil. No ack-ack; no interception. After another fierce bout with weather, our planes returned to base safely. What a way to make a living! (7)

Six B-24s from our squadron were in the air on 11 April to help our ground troops in the Baguio area. Our target was a bivouac area where Japanese reinforcements were being sent. This target was soaked in so the boys headed for the secondary, Fuga Island off the north coast of Luzon. This target is a staging base for Jap troops. There were various shore defenses, gun emplacements, and a few buildings of various sizes. The squadron made their run at 4000 feet planting 45 out of 48 x 1000 pound bombs in the group target area. Eighteen of these were in the target assigned to this squadron. Two buildings were damaged by near misses and one was completely demolished. Damage to the ground defenses could not be ascertained. All planes returned safely to Clark Field. (8)

The results of the mission of 12 April will probably never be

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- (6) Final Mission Report FFO 97-A-1.
  - (7) Final Mission Report FFO 98-A-3.
  - (8) Final Mission Report FFO 101-A-1.

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known to us, for once again the Formosan weather ran interference for the Japs. The 403rd put six B-24s in the air to hit Kagi Town, primary; or Okayama, secondary; or Tainan, the tertiary. As it was, our planes latched on to the 64th Squadron and made a mickey run on Tainan. There was a ten-tenths undercast over Tainan so results were unobserved. We dropped 1008 x 20 pound frags. The Nips threw up about ten bursts of ack-ack, accurate as to altitude, but 100 yards from the formation. Fifty units of "rope" were dropped and RCM was used to fool the Nips. (9)

Six 403rd B-24s took off on 13 April for Hong Kong, each carrying 8 x 1000 pounders. One plane developed mechanical trouble, jettisoned its bombs in Lingayen Gulf, and returned safely to base. However, the stand-by plane had ample time to take off and catch up with our formation. The bombing was not too sharp. VBC PI reported simply - "machine and erecting shop further damaged" in the Taikoo Dock area. No doubt, there will be no fish biting off the Taikoo Docks for several days. The AA was very accurate, one of our planes receiving 10 holes. The plane's left landing gear collapsed on landing, swerving it into a ditch causing a complete washout of the plane. No one was injured. (10)

On the night of 13 April one B-24 from the 403rd took off to bomb shipping in the inner harbor at Kirun, Formosa. The radar operator made a mickey run 30 miles long, dropped his 6 x 1000 demos from 10,000 feet, and saw 3 flashes and explosions from the target area. No ack-ack was encountered but 3 or 4 searchlights tried in vain to pick up this night intruder. "Rope" was used effectively. Three unidentified planes followed the boys back for an hour, one making a pass and firing a short burst. No hits were received and the fire was not returned by our plane. The pilot ducked his B-24 into some clouds and the fighters were not seen again. They arrived safely at their base, another successful night H2X mission completed.

On 14 April six heavies from our squadron went after planes in revetments at Kagi Airbase. 1008 x 20 pound frags were dropped with 60% in the target area, 40% falling 500 feet short. Two small fires were started and four to five planes in the revetments were destroyed. Ack-ack was inaccurate with nil interception. Good mission. (11)

On the night of 14 April one B-24 from this squadron took off to bomb installations at Kirun Harbor. However, a leaking gas tank cap was causing the plane to lose gas rapidly. The pilot jettisoned his bombs safe in Lingayen Gulf and landed on the fighter strip there.

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- (9) Final Mission Report FFO 102-A-3.
  - (10) Final Mission Report FFO 103-A-4.
  - (11) Final Mission Report FFO 104-A-4 & 104-A-2.

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Six B-24s took off the morning of 15 April to help our Navy at Okinawa by destroying Jap planes on the ground at Shinchiku, Formosa. The target was socked in, however, so the boys headed for the secondary at Toyohara. Weather there was only .3 scattered cumulus. A total of 1008 x 20 pound frags were dropped on the apron and hangars. It is unlikely that much damage was done to the hangars with our light frags. One plane received one hole and another, two, from the moderate but heavy and accurate ack-ack. Some of the bursts were phosphorus explosions similar to the well known aerial bombs. One plane landed with a dead engine and another with a main line blown out. However, they both landed without damage. What a way to fight a war! (12)

The "Fighting 403rd" had a good day on 16 April 1945. Eight of our planes took to the air for the revetment area between two Matsuyama strips. Six planes put 60% of their bombs directly through the group target area, knocking out seven fighters and three transports. One plane, due to rack trouble, dropped his bombs in the heart of Kirun City. One plane spoiled a perfect day by dropping all of its bombs in the water. The ack-ack was moderate to intense, heavy and accurate, holing one plane and rocking a whole formation. The crews returned safely to base, not too elated over an uneventful mission. However, when next morning the photos showed the ten planes destroyed, a cheery atmosphere pervaded the Intelligence briefing room as the crews chalked up another successful mission for the "Fighting 403rd." (13)

The target for 17 April was hangars, repair facilities, 2 or 3 serviceable planes and about 5 unserviceable ones at the Shinchiku Airrome. Our maximum effort this day was almost 10 heavies, but just before takeoff one had carburetor trouble and got no further than takeoff position. The 9 which took off, however, constituted the highest number in the Group, of which we felt justly proud. Each plane carried 240 x 20 pound frags in 120 pound clusters. 67% of our bombs were in the target, destroying two serviceable planes. The AA was heavy but meager and inaccurate. All 9 planes returned safely to base. (14)

The 18th of April saw 8 of our B-24s on their way to Giran Airrome in northern Formosa. Each plane carried 240 x 20 pound frag bombs. Eight-tenths scattered cumulus floated over the target area. However, the boys dropped their bombs and managed to destroy or damage three fighters. Ack-ack was inaccurate and no planes were holed. All planes returned safely. (15)

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- (12) Final Mission Report FFC 105-A-2 & 105-A-4.
  - (13) Final Mission Report FFC 106-A-2.
  - (14) Final Mission Report FFC 107-A-1.
  - (15) Final Mission Report FFC 108-A-3.

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The mission for 19 April was to bomb officers' barracks in Shinchiku Town. The weather was so bad that our six B-24s dropped their 48 x 1000 pound bombs by H2K and "semi-visually." Results were unobserved. Ack-ack was meager, heavy, inaccurate to accurate, holing one plane. (16)

On 20 April six heavies took off to shower frags on the unlucky inhabitants of Tainan, Formosa. One plane dropped 30 x 260 pound frags at Kato due to engine trouble and returned safely to base. The remaining 5 planes went on up to Tainan and dropped 148 x 260 pound frags at Tainan by H2K. Two warehouse type buildings were hit and some fires were started. Ack-ack was accurate, holing 3 planes. However, all planes returned safely to base.

On the night of 20 April one of our planes bombed Tainan Town again, dropping 12 x 500 pound incendiaries in the center of the town. The run was H2K. One large explosion and two big fires were started, one of which was probably an oil fire. There was nil AA. One unidentified plane trailed our B-24 for a while with neither plane firing. A probable rocket was seen fired 600 yards in front of the plane from an unidentified source. Plane returned safely to base. (17)

The night of 21 April one of our planes bombed the Matsuyama Dispersal Area in northern Formosa. The run was made by H2K starting one fire. No ack-ack and no interception. The dropping of rope caused Nip searchlights to fall to rear of plane. Bomb weight was 240 x 20 pound frags. Plane returned safely to base. (18)

"The Fighting 403rd" took off in four B-24s on the 22nd of April to knock out a bridge spanning a small river just northwest of Dupax in the Balete Pass area. The target was socked in so the boys dropped their 32 x 1000 pound GPs on the town of Ilagan. Guerilla intelligence reported 1000 Jap officers and men in the town. In all, ten to twelve buildings were demolished. Excellent pictures were taken which showed the havoc we created in this unlucky town. (19)

Shipping in Yulin Bay on the island of Hainan was the target for 23 April. Rather than waste paper may it simply be said that several thousand pounds of bombs were wasted with no hits on anything. Enough said. (20)

On 25 April six of our crews heeded the weather man's advice, got up at 0445/I and took off at 0715/I. Target: again that old bridge northeast of Dupax. Our pilots set up a regular traffic

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- (16) Final Mission Report FFO 109-A-5.  
 (17) " " " " 110-A-1 & 110-A-2.  
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pattern and their bombardiers put all of the 23 x 2000 pound demos within 470 feet of the bridge. But more important, we scored two direct hits and one near miss, knocking out 75% of the bridge. Not content with that, the boys placed two bombs directly on the road approaching the bridge. It was indeed a successful day. (21)

The failure of the mission on 26 April was due to weather. Oil storage tanks in Toshien was the target for our six B-24s. The Group leader took the whole Group into this weather in a vain attempt to find the target. As was expected, the squadrons and elements became separated and were soon milling around all over Formosa. One plane bombed Kato Town starting several fires. Another bombed Tainan on an ETA run with results unobserved. Still another plane bombed dwellings in Shajo. The remaining three planes dropped their eggs on Koshun. A total of 48 x 1000 pound GPs were dropped. The general consensus of opinion was the boys would rather fly through all the flak in Formosa than mill around in bad weather with 100 B-24s.

The night mission for 26 April ran into rough weather and returned its 24 x 260 pound frags to base. (22)

On the night of 27 April one B-24 from this squadron made an H2X run on Tansui fighter plane base in Formosa, dropping 240 x 20 pound frags. Results were unobserved due to weather. An unidentified plane trailed our B-24 for a while but was reluctant to attack. (23)

Weather again caused our formation to split up over Formosa on 28 April. Four of our planes jettisoned 96 x 250 pound demos safely in the water. One plane bombed an unidentified town in southern Formosa and the last plane bombed Toshien. Results were unobserved in both instances. This weather was beginning to present a very difficult problem to our crews. (24)

Finally, on 30 April we were able to put 5 planes over those oil storage tanks in Toshien. 84% of our 144 x 250 pound GPs were in the target. Direct hits were scored on the tanks which were apparently empty. Nothing caught fire. The ack-ack boys were active and fairly accurate, holing one of our planes. However, all planes returned safely to base. (25)

Well, the month of April 1945 wasn't too bad a month. Most of our unsuccessful missions can be attributed to the fronts lying

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- (21) Final Mission Report PFO 115-A-5.  
 (22) " " " " 116-A-3 & 116-A-4.  
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around the South China Sea. Our strikes ranged from Formosa to Hong Kong, China to Yulin Bay in Hainan. The Infantry in Northern Luzon received our close support in the battle areas around Balete Pass. Our boys were really trying so we'll give them "E" for Effort and in many instances "K" for Close.

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## SQUADRON ACTIVITIES

April was a month devoted to extensive construction work for the Squadron. Both administrative and private buildings mushroomed up under the impetus of 1st Sgt. Tommy Hall and grim necessity.

By the end of April there were a total of eight permanent structures to house the official needs of the Squadron. Perhaps the word "permanent" is too strong in this case although they did boast of concrete floors with a very solid stone foundation.

In connection with the stone it might be worth mentioning that a large pile of this was left by the Imperial Japanese Army not far from the location of the 403rd. Very possibly they had anticipated our needs before their departure.

Supply was moved under a solid roof and along side it stood the building housing "Ye Olde Welding Shoppe, Sam, prop.", the PX (closed all day Sunday), the Laundry Office and the Barber Shop. Personal Equipment finally got settled, sharing its quarters with Ordnance. Special Service found its location along side of the Mail Room and one of its first official acts was to set up the Library. A definite addition to the intellectual and entertainment life of the Squadron.

All of this took a certain amount of work - some provided by Filipino civilians and the rest by tense, grim faced individuals who "fell out" in a manner of speaking twice a day. Under protest. But the fact remained that by the time the rains started in May, the official life of the Squadron was well housed, well clothed and well fed. With tin roofs and concrete floors.

The private building program during April was due more from a desire to escape the dust and rain of Luzon than from any surplus energy among the "Mareeba Butchers." It was a simple affair at first, floors made out of scrap lumber and a few empty boxes. Then the next step was a complete floor made out of frag bomb boxes. This material became almost standard for all floors and the question even came up as to whether frags were used in many of the strikes to provide the Squadron with boxes. Probably not, but a pleasant thought none the less.

Once started, the desire for a higher standard of living took hold and work began in earnest. It might be wise not to go into too much detail as to where all the various material for this gigantic construction drive came from. April had many moonless nights. And there were no casualties.

When the fire of enthusiasm finally died out towards the end of the month, almost every tent had at least a floor, some had the semblance of walls, and others had gone quite out of this world, discarded

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the pyramid tent and took to living in splendor in houses with floors, walls, roofs and practically everything else but a well stocked wine cellar. That will take a little more time. But individual initiative is not dead, even in the army.

All along the line, improvements sprang up. The officers' mess was opened with cups and trays and native dishwashers to boot. The earth opened up in front of the Orderly Room and a drinking fountain appeared. There were even sinks in the showers.

At this point it might be well to mention that the 403rd made a decided bid for privacy by erecting a barbed wire fence around the area to keep the swarms of civilians out. Since its arrival at Clark Field, the members of this Squadron had been subjected to the almost constant strain of various business transactions with the natives. This was beginning to interfere with even sleeping. While the fence drew a few uncalled for remarks from some of the more radical elements of the 43rd Group, the men of the 403rd found it convenient. We were to miss the charming feminine laughter of our laundry girls but on the other hand there was a marked decrease in unaccounted for losses and as mentioned before, it was possible to get in a full twenty-four hours sleep without being annoyed by the familiar "It is up to you."

The Squadron was definitely taking shape. Things were pretty settled when the Public Address system was installed and that voice that commences "Attention Squadron! The following men report to the Orderly Room immediately" - could be heard from even the most remote sacks. And off in the distance the plans and lumber were ready for the Officers' Club and the EM's Club. The 403rd was here to stay. For a while anyway.

The evacuation of the 403rd from Clark Field on 13 April will be remembered as being one of the shortest operations of its kind - barring none.

It was during lunch, a moderately good meal as we recall, when pleasant chatter was broken by what can best be described as a "violent explosion." The mess hall vibrated in a most unpleasant manner. The old-timers, wise in the ways of such things, took cover. Under tables, behind G.I. cans. The raw recruits with only a year or so overseas service, stood up to gape like so many dull rabbits. In the distance, columns of smoke climbed high in the sky. But there didn't seem to be any damage and the food was getting cold. The chatter resumed.

Boom! Bang, bang, bang! Under the tables. "Here we go again, boys!" But still no damage. A few minutes later came word to evacuate the area. The 403rd took to the hills taking only such necessities as helmet, canteen and cigarettes.

Taking refuge in a comfortable bomb dump we awaited the next

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development. It never came off. The evacuees returned - in time for the afternoon work-call.

Later that day the cause was announced. A few civilians playing in a Jap bomb dump. It went off and so did a few others around it. Signs were immediately posted warning, in very strong language, to stop this practice.

But for the next few weeks the nerves of some of the more sensitive members of the Squadron were strained by our own Navy's demolition squads disposing of enemy explosives in a very loud manner. While no one mentioned it in public, the general feeling was that they could have made a little less noise. After all, it woke up a lot of relaxing flyers.

Compared with such Pacific garden spots as New Guinea, Owi and Leyte, conditions at Clark Field were pretty good. The days, it is true, were hot, but the nights were cool with a minimum of marauding insects about. In the early hours of the morning it was actually cold. Two blankets were required.

At first the dust made things rather difficult, but the rains of late April took care of this pretty well.

Boredom, the soldiers curse, was also at a minimum. While most of the small villages surrounding us had been placed off limits shortly after our arrival, it was possible to go to San Fernando, a rather sizable town where you could purchase, among other items, ice cream. It was even possible to visit Manila. If not on pass, then as part of various details sent in to bring back Squadron equipment. This trip was most interesting. Aside from having a chance to see how much benefit this city derived from the "Co-Prosperity Sphere", it was a nice change to see women on the streets with silk stockings, high heels and gay colored dresses.

Down at Fort Stotsenburg one could find both an Officers' and E.M.'s swimming pool complete with Red Cross girls serving cold drinks and Coca Cola. There was another pool down on the line near the old hangars which was convenient, being only a few minutes drive from the Squadron.

In the Squadron itself there was a volley-ball court in front of the Orderly Room that was kept busy. The games in the evening drawing a sizable crowd of spectators and kibitzers. A short walk from the area was the soft-ball diamond with the Squadron team preparing to get started in the Group league.

The Group Theater across the road with three performances per week, did its part in adding to the general morale.

But life was far from being all play and no work. Group Plans

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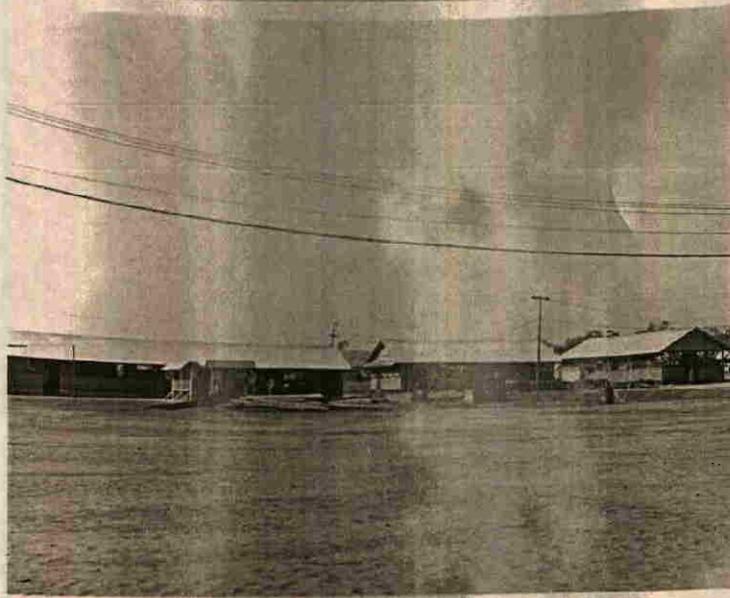
and Training came through with classes for all combat crews to keep them up with the latest developments. A skeet range afforded gunners a chance to shoot at something more tangible than the South China Sea. Code classes, engineering, gunnery and a host of other subjects all had their turn. Lectures on crash (God forbid) landings, survival at sea, and escape from enemy territory were all taken up. And most encouraging.

Crews were taken down to view the captured JAF planes on view at Technical Air Intelligence Unit. This provided many members with what may be their only chance of seeing a Jap plane. Something to tell the children about.

The overall feeling among members of this organization was, that if one did have to fight a war, and fight it in the Pacific, Clark Field was the best place to do it at.

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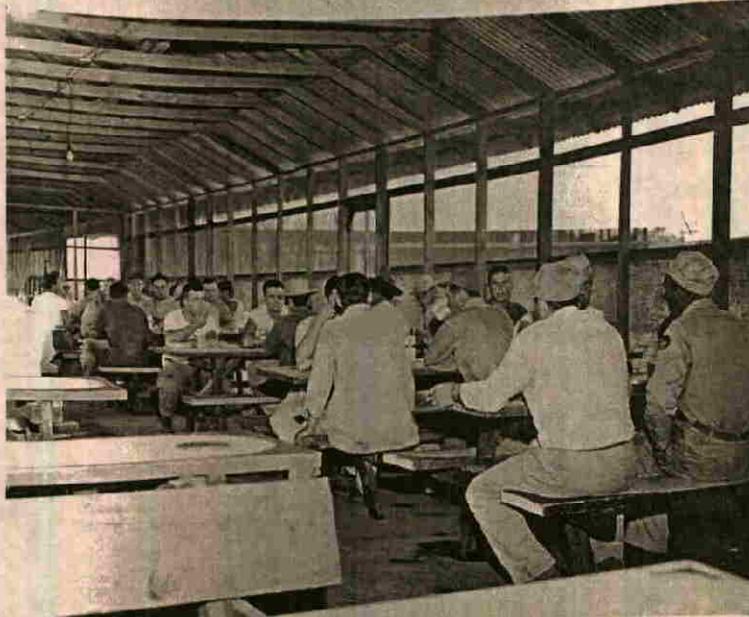
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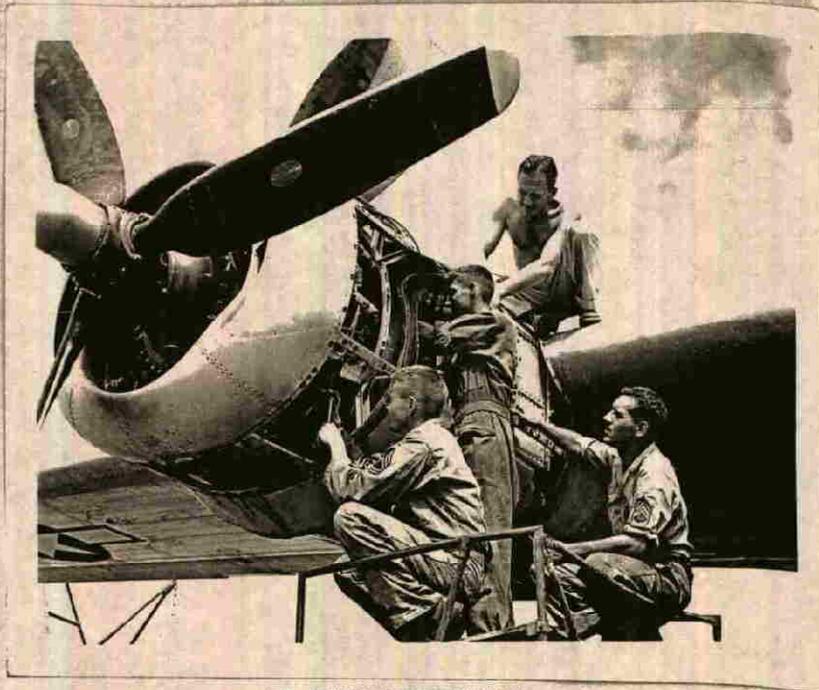
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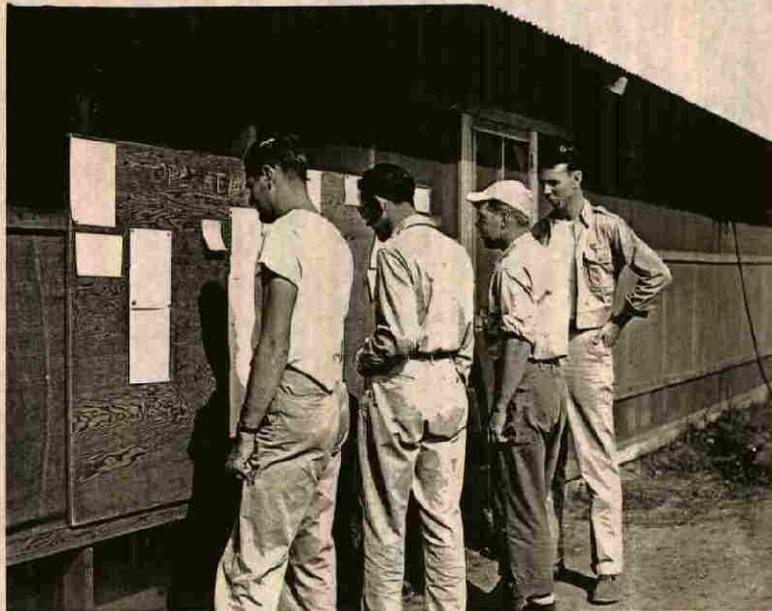
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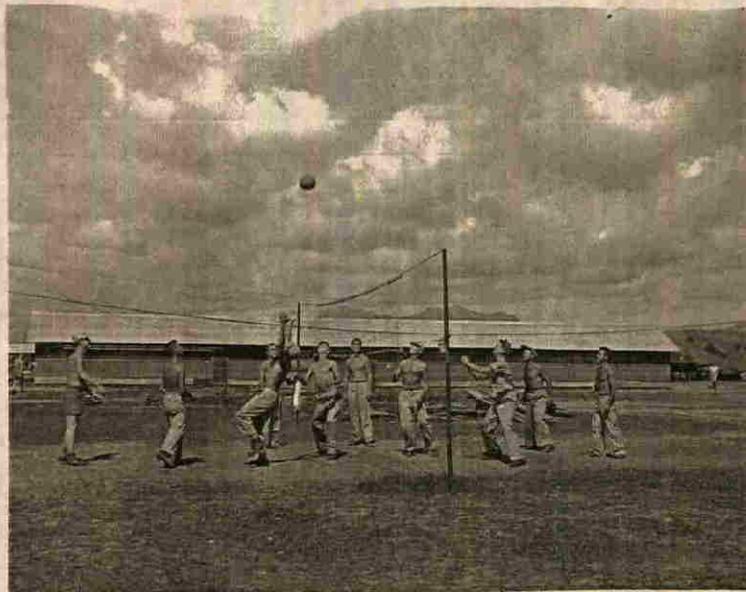
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*"EXHIBITS"*

**SECRET**FOUR HUNDRED THIRD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON(H)  
Office of the Squadron CommanderA.P.O. 74,  
10 May, 1945.

SUBJECT: Unit History, Extracts from Field Orders 1 to 30 April, 1945, Incl.

TO : Squadron Historian, 403rd Bombardment Squadron(H), A.P.O. 74.

AUTH: CO  
Init: /cam  
43rd Bombardment Group(H)

FIELD ORDERS )

## EXTRACTS

No. 90 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 31 March and 1 April, 1945:
  - d. Conduct strike against GIRAN A/D with nine (9) B-24's. Mission 91-A-1.
3.
  - d. The 403rd Sq will perform Mission 91-A-1 with three (3) B-24's.  
Loading: Fuel: 2700 gals.  
Bombs: 40 X 120# Frag Clusters.

FIELD ORDERS )

## EXTRACTS

No. 92 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 1/2 April, 1945:
  - c. Conduct strike against FORT DRUM with three (3) B-24's. Mission 92-A-3.
3.
  - d. The 403rd Sq will perform Mission 92-A-3 with one (1) B-24.  
Loading: Fuel: 2,000 gals.  
Bombs: 4 X 2000# Inst.

FIELD ORDERS (

## EXTRACTS

No. 93 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 2/3 April, 1945:
  - a. Conduct Ferret Mission from HONGKONG-SAIGON with one (1) B-24.  
Mission No. 93-A-7.
3.
  - e. Conduct strike against HONGKONG SHIPPING WITH THREE (3) Squadrons of B-24's.  
Mission 93-A-2.

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3.  
 3. d. The 403rd Sq will perform Mission 93-A-2 with six (6) B-24's, and Mission 93-A-7 with one (1) B-24.
- Loading: Fuel: 2700 gals.  
 Bombs: 8 X 1000# .1 Sec Delay nose  
 .01 sec tail.

FIELD ORDERS )

EXTRACTS

No. 94 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 3/4 April, 1945:
- b. Conduct strike against HONGKONG DOCKS and OIL STORAGEES with three (3) Squadrons of B-24's. Mission 94-A-2.

3.  
 d. The 403rd Sq will perform Mission 94-A-2 with seven (7) B-24's.

Loading: Fuel: 2700 gals.  
 Bombs: 8 X 1000# 1/10 sec delay nose  
 and 1/100 tail.

FIELD ORDERS )

EXTRACTS

No. 95 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 4/5 April, 1945:
- c. Conduct strike against SHIPPING HONGKONG with three (3) Squadrons of B-24's. Mission 95-A-11.
- d. Conduct strike against SHIPPING HONGKONG with three B-24's. "Gangway Special". Mission No. 95-A-5.
3.  
 d. The 403rd Sq will perform Missions 95-A-1 and 95-A-5 respectively with six (6) B-24's and with one (1) B-24.

Loading: Fuel: 2700 gals.  
 8 X 1000# 1/10 sec Nose. .01 Tail.

FIELD ORDERS )

EXTRACTS

No. 96 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 5/6 April, 1945:
- d. Release one (1) Squadron for Maintenance and training.
3.  
 d. The 403rd Sq will be released for Maintenance and training.

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EXTRACTS

No. 97 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 6/7 April, 1945:

c. Conduct strike against SHINOHIKU A/D with three Squadrons of B-24's.  
Mission 97-A-1.

3.

d. The 403rd Sq will perform Mission 97-A-1 with six (6) B-24's.

Loading: Fuel: 2500 gals.

Bombs: Max Frag Clus(40 X 120#)

FIELD ORDERS )

EXTRACTS

No. 98 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 7/8 April, 1945:

c. Conduct strike against MATSUYAMA A/D with three Squadrons of B-24's.  
Mission 98-A-3.

3.

d. The 403rd Sq will perform Mission 98-A-3 with six (6) B-24's.

Loading: Fuel: 2500 gals.

Bombs: Max Frag Clus(40 X 120#)

FIELD ORDERS )

EXTRACTS

No. 99 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 8/9 April, 1945:

d. Release two(2) Squadrons for Maintenance and training.

3.

d. The 403rd Squadron will be released for Maintenance and training.

FIELD ORDERS )

EXTRACTS

No. 100 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 9/10 April, 1945:

d. Release two (2) Squadrons for Maintenance and training.

3.

d. The 403rd Sq adron will be released for Maintenance and training.

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EXTRACTS

No. 101 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 10/11 April 1945:
- c. Conduct strike against GAGAYEN VALLEY with eighteen (18) B-24's.  
Mission 101-A-2.
- 3.
- d. The 403rd Sq will perform Mission 101-A-2 with six (6) B-24's.

Loading: Fuel: 3100 gals.  
Bombs: 8 X1000# inst.

FIELD ORDERS )

EXTRACTS

No. 102 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 11/12 April, 1945:
- c. Conduct strike against KAGI A/D with eighteen (18) B-24's.  
Mission 102-A-3.
- 3.
- d. The 403rd Squadron will perform Mission 102-A-3 with six (6) B-24's.

Loading: Fuel 2500 gals.  
Bombs: 28 X 120# Frag Clusters.

FIELD ORDERS )

EXTRACTS

No. 103 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 12/13 April, 1945:
- c. Conduct strike against SHIPPING HONGKONG with three (3) Squadrons of B-24's.  
Mission 103-A-4.
- 3.
- d. The 403rd Squadron will perform Mission 103-A-4 with six (6) B-24's.

Loading: Fuel: 2700 gals.  
Bombs: 8 X1000# 1/10 nose, 1/100 tail.

FIELD ORDERS )

EXTRACTS

No. 104 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 13/14 April, 1945:
- b. Conduct strike against KIIRUN SHIPPING with one (1) B-24-2. Mission 104-A-4.
- c. Conduct strike against KAGI A/D, with three (3) Squadrons Of B-24's.  
Mission No. 104-A-2.

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3.

- d. The 403rd Sq will perform Mission 104-A-4 with six (6) B-24's and Mission 104-A-4 with one (1) B-24-2.

Loading: Mission 104-A-2. Fuel: 2500 gals.  
Bombs: 28 X 120#

Loading: Mission 104-A-4. Fuel: 2700 gals.  
Bombs: 6 X 1000# inst.

FIELD ORDERS (

EXTRACTS

No. 105 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 14/15 April, 1945:

- b. Conduct strike against KIIRUN SHIPPING with one (1) B-24-2-Miss 105-A-2.  
c. Conduct strike against SHINCHIKU A/D with three (3) Squadrons of B-24's. Mission 105-A-4.

3.

- d. The 403rd Sq will perform Mission 105-A-2 with one B-24-2.

Loading: Fuel: 2700 gals.  
Bombs: 6 X 1000# .1 Nose, .01 Tail.

- (2) Perform Mission 105-A-4 with six (6) B-24's.

Loading: Fuel: 2700 gals.  
Bombs: 28 X 120# Frag Clusters.

FIELD ORDERS )

EXTRACTS

No. 106 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 15/16 April, 1945:

- b. Conduct strike against MATSUYAMA A/D with three (3) Squadrons of B-24's. Mission 106-A-2.

3.

- d. The 403rd Sq will perform Mission 106-A-2 with eight (8) B-24's.

Loading: Fuel: 2700 gals.  
Bombs: Max Frags.

FIELD ORDERS )

EXTRACTS

No. 107 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 16/17 April, 1945:

- c. Conduct strike against SHINCHIKU A/D with three (3) Squadrons Of B-24's. Mission 107-A-1.

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3.

d. The 403rd Sq will perform Mission 107-A-1 with ten (10) B-24's.

Loading: Fuel: 2700 gals.  
Bombs: 40 X 260# Frags.

FIELD ORDERS )

EXTRACTS

No. 108 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 17/18 April, 1945:

c. Conduct strike against GIRAN A/D with three (3) Squadrons of B-24's.  
Mission 108-A-3.

3.

d. The 403rd Sq will perform Mission 108-A-3 with eight (8) B-24's.

Loading: Fuel: 2700 gals.  
Bombs: 12 X 500# Frag Clusters.

FIELD ORDERS )

EXTRACTS

No. 109 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 18/19 April, 1945:

a. Conduct strike against MATSUYAMA A/D with one (1) B-24-2. Miss 109-A-2.  
b. Conduct strike against SHINCHIKU A/D with three (3) Squadrons Of B-24's.  
Mission 109-A-5.

3.

d. The 403rd Sq will perform Mission 109-A-2 with one (1) B-24-2 and Mission  
109-A-5 with six (6) B-24's.Loading: Mission 109-A-2. Fuel: 2700 gals.  
Bombs; 12 X 500# Frags.Loading: Mission 109-A-5. Fuel: 2700 gals.  
Bombs: 8 X 1000# inst.

FIELD ORDERS )

EXTRACTS

No. 110 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 19/20 April, 1945:

a. Conduct strike against TAINAN TOWN with one (1) B-24-2. Mission 110-A-2.  
b. Conduct strike against TAINAN A/D with three (3) Squadrons of B-24's.  
Mission 110-A-1.

3.

d. The 403rd Sq will perform Mission 110-A-1 with six (6) B-24's and Mission  
Mission 110-A-2 with one (1) with one (1) B-24-2.

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Loading: Mission 110-A-1 Fuel: 2500 gals.  
Bombs: 34 X 260# Frags.

Mission 110-A-2 Fuel: 2700 gals.  
Bombs: 12 X 500# Incen.

FIELD ORDERS )

EXTRACTS

No. 111 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 20/21 April, 1945:
  - d. Release one (1) Squadron for maintenance and training.
3.
  - d. The 403rd Sq will be released for maintenance and training.

FIELD ORDERS )

EXTRACTS

No. 112 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 21/22 April, 1945:
  - B. Conduct strikes against MATSUYAMA A/D with two (2) B-24-2's. Miss 112-A-4.
  - c. Conduct strike against BRIDGES NORTH BELETE PASS with twelve (12) B-24's. Mission 112-A-3.
3.
  - d. The 403rd Squadron will:
    - (1) Perform mission 112-A-4 with one (1) B-24's.

Loading: Fuel: 2700 gals.  
Bombs: Max 100# Frag Clusters.

- (2) Perform mission 112-A-3 with four (4) B-24's.

Loading: Fuel: 2,000 gals.  
Bombs: 8 X 1000# .1 Nose, .01 Tail.

FIELD ORDERS )

EXTRACTS

No. 113 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 22/23 April, 1945:
  - c. Conduct strike on YULIN HARBOR SHIPPING with maximum number of B-24's. Mission 113-A-5.
3.
  - d. The 403rd Sq will perform Mission 113-A-5 with eight (8) B-24's.
 

Loading: Fuel: 2700 gals.  
Bombs: 8 X 1000# .1 sec Nose. .01 Tail.

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EXTRACT

No. 114 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 23/24 April, 1945:
- c. Conduct strike against GIRAN A/D with three Squadrons Of B-24's.  
Mission 114-A-8
- 3.
- d. The 403rd Sq will perform Mission 114--A-8 with seven (7) B-24's.

Loading: Fuel: 2700 gals.  
Bombs: 12 X 500# Frags.

FIELD ORDERS )

EXTRACTS

No. 115 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 24/25 April, 1945:
- c. Conduct strike against BRIDGES NORTH BELTE PASS with 15 B-24's.  
Mission 115-A-5.
- 3.
- d. The 403rd Sq will perform Mission 115-A-5 with five (5) B-24's.

Loading: Fuel: 2,000# gals.  
Bombs: 4 X 2000#. 1b Nose .01 Tail.

FIELD ORDERS )

EXTRACTS

No. 116 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 25/26 April, 1945:
- c. Conduct strike against TAMSUI FLOAT PLANES with two (2) B-24'2's.  
Mission 116-A-4.
- d. Conduct strike against TOSHLEN OIL STORAGE WITH three (3) Squadrons  
of B-24's. Mission 116-A-3.
- 3.
- d. The 403rd Sq will perform Mission 116-A-3 with six (6) B-24's and  
Mission 116-A-4 with one (1) B-24-2.

Loading: Mission 116-A-4. Fuel: 2700 gals.  
Bombs: 24 X 260# Prox.  
Mission 116-A-3. Fuel: 2700 gals.  
Bombs: 8 X 1000# GP Inst.

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EXTRACTS

No. 117 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 26/27 April, 1945:

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- d. Conduct strike against TANSUI FLOAT PLANE BASE with three (3) B-24-2's. Mission 117-A-4.
- 3.
- e. (1) The 403rd Squadron will perform Mission 117-A-4 with one (1) B-24-1.  
(2) Release remainder of squadron for maintenance and training.

Loading: Fuel: 2700 gals.  
Bombs: 40X120# Frags.

FIELD ORDERS )

EXTRACTS

No. 118 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 27/28 April, 1945:
- c. Conduct strike against TOSHIEO OIL STORAGE with three (3) Squadrons Of B-24's. Mission 118-A-4.
- 3.
- d. The 403rd Sq will perform Mission 118-A-4 with six (6) B-24's.

Loading: Fuel: 2700 gals.  
Bombs: 24 X 250# .1 Nose. .01 Tail.

FIELD ORDERS )

EXTRACTS

No. 119 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 28/29 April, 1945:
- b. Conduct strike against TOSHIEO OIL STORAGE with three (3) Squadrons of B-24's. Mission 119-A-7.
- 3.
- d. The 403rd Sq will perform Mission 119-A-7 with six (6) B-24's.

Loading: Fuel: 2700 gals.  
Bombs: 24 X 250# .1 Nose. .01 Tail.

FIELD ORDERS )

EXTRACTS

No. 120 )

2. The 43rd Bombardment Group(H) will on 29/30 April, 1945:
- b. Conduct strike against TOSHIEO OIL STORAGE with three (3) Squadrons of B-24's. Mission 120-A-2.
- 3.
- d. The 403rd Sq will perform mission 120-A-2 with six B-24's.

Loading: Fuel: 2700 gals.  
Bombs: 24 X 250# G.P.

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By Order of Colonel PETTUS:

ARTHUR F. MULLIGAN,  
Major, Air Corps,  
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THESE ARE TRUE EXTRACT COPIES

  
LEONARD H. CLARK,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Commanding.

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FOUR HUNDRED THIRD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
 FORTY THIRD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
 Office of the Intelligence Officer

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AFO 74  
 16 May 1945

SUBJECT: Operational Report.

TO : Historical Officer, 403rd Bombardment Squadron (H).

1. Submitted herewith Operational Report for the month of April 1945.

a. Airplanes departing on missions	148
b. Airplanes completing missions	133
c. Enemy A/C destroyed	0
d. Enemy A/C probably destroyed	0
e. Enemy ships sunk or probably sunk	1
f. Enemy ships hit or damaged	0
g. Personnel lost in combat	0
h. Airplanes lost in combat	0
i. Personnel injured in combat	0
j. Combat hours flown	1,197.6
k. Time other than combat	39.8
l. Total weight of bombs dropped at target	821,520 lbs.
m. Total ammunition expended	0 rds.

*David Davivier*  
 DAVID DAVIVIER,  
 Captain, Air Corps,  
 S-2.

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Office of the Operations Officer

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A.P.O. 74  
10 May, 1945

SUBJECT: Data For Unit History.

TO : Squadron Historian, 403rd Bombardment Squadron (H),  
43rd Bombardment Group (H), APO 74.

1. The following information has been compiled for the Unit History.

- A. (1) Aircraft Available on 1 April 1945: 5 B-24J's  
1 B-24M
- (2) Aircraft Unavailable on 1 April 1945: 3 B-24J's  
1 B-24M  
1 B-24L-2
- (3) Aircraft Available on 30 April 1945: 3 B-24J's  
4 B-24M's  
1 B-24L-2
- (4) Aircraft Unavailable on 30 April 1945: 3 B-24J's  
1 B-24M
- B. (1) Pilots assigned and trained on 1 April 1945: -45-  
Crews assigned and trained on 1 April 1945: -21-
- (2) Pilots assigned and trained on 30 April 1945: -60-  
Crews assigned and trained on 30 April 1945: -25-
- C. (1) Number of Combat Sorties:
- a. 148 Strike Sorties.
- b. 139 Strike Sorties Completed.

*James E. Beck*  
JAMES E. BECK,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Operations Officer.

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FOUR HUNDRED THIRD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
 FORTY THIRD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
 APO 74

9 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Personnel Status for Month of April 1945.

TO : Squadron Historian.

1. Strength as of 1 April 1945:      Strength as of 30 April 1945:

FLYING PERSONNEL

a. Enlisted Men      116  
 b. Officers            80

FLYING PERSONNEL

a. Enlisted Men      148  
 b. Officers            116

GROUND PERSONNEL

a. Enlisted Men      223  
 b. Officers            10

GROUND PERSONNEL

b. Officers            13  
 a. Enlisted Men      234

2. Promotion of Officers for the month.

a. Fourteen (14).

3. Promotion of Enlisted Men for the month.

a. Fifty-eight (58).

4. Personnel killed in action during the month.

a. None (0).

b. One (1) Navigator, Lt THOMAS O. GALEY, O-2060788, was missing in flight other than combat, in a transport plane between Townsville, Australia and Finchafen, New Guinea on 5 April.

5. Six (6) Enlisted Men were returned to the United States under the provisions of the Rotation Plan, and one Enl-man took TD to the USA.

For the Squadron Commander:

*Lyman L. Woodman*  
 LYMAN L. WOODMAN,  
 Captain, Air Corps,  
 Adjutant.

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FOUR HUNDRED THIRD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
FORTY THIRD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APO 74

9 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Citations for the Month of April 1945.

TO : Squadron Historian.

1. Air Medals and/or Oak Leaf Clusters were awarded to personnel as follows:

- a. Enlisted Men, 5.
- b. Officers, 1.

2. Extracts of the above awards are attached hereto.

3. Scarcity of awards this month was due to new regulations pertaining to forms used in recommendations for awards. Ninety-seven recommendations had "bounced," were re-submitted within two days.

*William L. Clearman*  
WILLIAM L. CLEARMAN,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Citations Officer.

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No. 299 )

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HEADQUARTERS  
FAR EAST AIR FORCES  
APO 925 - 1 March 1945

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II. AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medals awarded to the following named enlisted men, by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters are awarded to them by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942).

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2. SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Staff Sergeant CLAIR D. SHAFER, (35283541), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 26 June 1944 to 25 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Clara D. Shafer (Mother), 729 E. North St., Lima, Ohio

Staff Sergeant WAYNE C. STOUT, (39246131), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 8 March 1944 to 16 November 1944. Home address: Mrs A A Stout (Mother), 9620 S LaSalle Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

GO # 300, Hq, Far East Air Forces, 1 March 1945:

Technical Sergeant DONALD L. HAWTHORNE, (16154346), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 19 August 1944 to 25 October 1944. Home address: Mr Everett R Hawthorne (Father), 205 Park St., Milford, Ill.

Staff Sergeant EUGENE J. SESSLER, (36648453), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 19 August 1944 to 25 October 1944. Home address: Mrs Anna Sessler (Mother), 2436 N Maplewood Ave., Chicago, Ill.

GO # 312, Hq, Far East Air Forces, 2 March 1945:

III. AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER).

Captain URLEY B. CAUDILL, (0673092), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 30 July 1944 to 25 November 1944. Home address: Mrs Ollie D Caudill (Mother), 925 Coolidge Drive, Wenatchee, Wash.

GO # 372, Hq, Far East Air Forces, 12 March 1945:

Technical Sergeant SEYMOUR KEERKEL, (12083788), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 26 June 1944 to 2 September 1944. Home address: Mrs Ida Keerkel (Mother), 1451 Boston Road, Bronx, N. Y.

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A TRUE EXTRACT:

*William L. Clearman*  
WILLIAM L. CLEARMAN, 1st Lt., Air Corps.

/s/ George C. Kenney  
/t/ GEORGE C. KENNEY,  
General, United States Army.

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FOUR HUNDRED THIRD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
Office of the Flight Surgeon

A.F.O. 74  
26 May 1945

SUBJECT: Medical Data for April, 1945.

TO : Squadron Historian, 403rd Bombardment Squadron (H), APO 74.

1. No battle casualties or serious injuries were sustained during the month. The general health of the command is satisfactory.

*Wendel R. Freeman*  
WENDEL R. FREEMAN,  
Captain, Medical Corps,  
Flight Surgeon.

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## FINAL MISSION REPORT

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY  
CONFIDENTIAL*Anderson  
Cramer  
Belton*

TO : A-8, V Bomber Command.

FROM : B-1, 42nd Bomb Group (M)

- (A) FEO 91-A1                      402nd Bomb Sq                      1 April, 1948                      525
- (B) Revetments and buildings N of OYAN A/D.
- (C) 1221/I to 1244/I                      9800 to 10,200 feet                      courses 282 to 282 degrees
- (D) Three M's dropped <sup>660</sup> ~~1500 lb~~ <sup>Bomb</sup> ~~frag~~ ~~munitions~~ on target and EM's dropped <sup>60</sup> ~~munitions~~ up to 300 feet W of target. Most of buildings S of Circular road in target set on fire and a few burned down before M's left area. Some burned with bright orange flames.
- (E and F) Nil.
- (G) Winger, medium and heavy, and inaccurate from ~~the~~ positions near strip S of target.
- (H) Photos taken of target and ~~of~~ ~~BASE~~ ~~ISLAND~~.
- (I) Target, 1222/I, 9800 feet: fires among buildings at crossroads S boundary of target: A/A flashes just W of end and about 2000 feet of E end of strip and also from position near road just of SW corner of strip and possibly from building area just SW of southernmost ~~ES~~ ~~2~~ revetments on road leading S of E end of strip. Two ~~v~~ ~~1~~ ~~A~~ ~~I~~ in one of these revetments
- Sup-~~W~~ Basin, 10,000 feet, 1215/I: about 20 fishing boats or barges lying around edges of basin
- Shimo, 1122/I, 9800 feet: 2 small ships or large barges.
- (J) Target, out and return: .4 to .5 scattered on 6000 to 6500 feet: base over Miyagan Gulf.
- (K) Nil.
- (L) <sup>720 x 20</sup> ~~500~~ ~~lb~~ ~~frag~~ <sup>Bomb</sup> ~~munitions~~ at target.

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TO : A-2, V Bomber Command

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FROM: S-2, 42nd Bomb Group (H)

(A) WFO 92-A-2 402nd Bomb Sq 2 April, 1949 IM

(B) Fort Irwin

(C) 1053 to 1130/1 5000 feet course 252 to 275

(D) IM dropped 2 bombs along S wall of Fort, missing by 10 feet, 1 bomb 40 feet off N wall and 1 bomb 500 feet NW. All hits.

(E thru G) Nil.

(H) CS before, during and after bombing, 1028 to 1138/1, 5000 to 6000 feet.

(I) Nil.

(J) .C. en route 8000 feet along route and at target.

(K) H made 2 runs dropping 1 bomb each time.

(L) 4 x 2000 lb GP IM at target

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TO : A-2, 7 Bomber Command

FROM: B-2, 43rd Bomb Group (B)

(A) WFO 22-2+2 403rd Bomb Sq 3 April, 1943 212

- (B) (1) Shipping Hong Kong Harbor  
(2) Oil storage tanks ~~Stanscuttern~~ S of Cosmopolitan Rocks.  
(3) Wharfe S tip of Kowloon

(C) 1241 to 1508/1 12,000 to 11,000 feet course 20, 20 to 100, 225 degrees

(D) 4th attacked one of four ships making sharp evasive action approximately 3000 feet SE of Stanscuttern Island. 32 bombs dropped/missing 3 direct hits on FU; with

a large explosion occurred ship stopped dead. One FU claimed definitely sunk.

(E) 4th (1st bombing with 8th Squadron) bombed oil storage tanks on W side of Kowloon City. 12 bombs directly in target with 4 falling up to 200 feet long. Black oil smoke rose to 7000 feet.

(F) 1st dropped 3 bombs thru S end of Kowloon wharf's with nil visible results observed.

(G) and (F) nil.

(H) Light medium heavy moderate to intense inaccurate to accurate bombing 1st.

Intense accurate thrown up by four ships doing evasive action SE of Stanscuttern Island also from positions in Victoria, and Taikoo docks; from known position 2500 feet W of Taikoo docks. Rope was dropped proving effective as immediately after bursts were far to rear of planes. Black and white bursts observed from 4000 to 12,000 feet. Two agents reported 1st burst with a sharp explosion leaving little or no smoke.

(I) 32 pictures of target area.

(J) Pictures obtained of shipping in Hong Kong Harbor. SE corner of Pratas Reef, 2000 feet, 1208/1: life raft seen, most visible signs of life in vicinity.

1222-11429, 1215/1, 2000 feet: possible life raft seen, nil signs of life.

2154-11430, 1200/1, 12,000 feet: 2 large U/I boats with high super structure.

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Tung-sha Island, 1130/I, 8200 feet: possible large antennae E end of Island.  
 1230/I, 10,400 feet: 2 large towers on island adjoining Naglan Island; approximately 50 small barges and sail boats in cove at W side Putoi Island; one medium sized ship E cove of Lamma Island; approximately 50 small barges and sail boats in W cove of Cheung Island, also 3 of Island.

(J) Target: clear. Enroute and return: .2 to .5 scattered on from 8000 to 8200 feet.

(K) Fighter cover excellent. LM had engine trouble jettisoned 3 bombs safe in Lingayen Gulf landed at Lingayen and plane is remaining there for engine change.

LM flew with the 68th Squadron.

(L) 56 x 1000 lb .1 sec delay denses at target

3 x 1000 lb bombs jettisoned.

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ee LM observed string of bombs (possibly from this squadron) falling thru Kowloon Wharves with one bomb scoring a near miss on a large transport stationary at dock.

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FROM: S-2, 43rd Bomb Sq. (H).

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(A) FPO 3444-2 403rd Bomb Sq. 4 April, 1945

(B) 1. FB at Holt's dock  
2. Freighter San Jose in Taikoo docks(C) (1) 1248/I 11,500 and 12,000 feet course 170 degrees  
(2) 1232/I 12,000 feet course 160 to 180 degrees

(D) (1) 1M salvaged 8 bombs 500 feet inshore 3500 feet E of Royal Navy Yard, HKO.

1M dropped 8 bombs along W pier of Holt's dock: 1 near miss on FB. 1M dropped 1 bomb early, middle Kowloon Peninsula E of pier #5 and 7 bombs in water 2000 feet E of Royal Navy Yard just off shore; 1M salvaged 8 bombs at S end of middle pier Holt's dock, near miss on FB. HCO.

(2) 21B dropped 4 bombs in water just N of target, 4 bombs on ship and remainder across dock. HCO due to smoke from bombs of w/i plane.

(E and V) Nil.

(G) Weather heavy inaccurate. Nil holes.

(H) (1) Photos taken, before during and after run.

(2) Nil by planes of 403rd.

(I) (1) Target, 1225/I to 1235/I, 12,000 feet: AA flashes from w/i vessel just W of Royal Navy Yard, from one position middle Stonecutters Island, from position SE corner Kowloon Peninsula near Holts, from position just N of NW-SE strip, Kai Tak airbase, from position just E of Royal Navy Yard, Nil A/C in revetments at Kai Tak. Fuel dump near shipyard SE of Holts on Hong Kong Island burning, black smoke to 9000 feet. TU in harbor NE of POW camp W side Kowloon Peninsula, with oil barge along side. 2 SSB, possibly 2000, over Kowloon at 10,000 feet. SD 1 mile SW Stonecutters, not moving.

Position at 2208N-11549E, 1245/I, 10,000 feet: possible DE on course 20 degrees then taking evasive action 7 miles S of plane.

(2) Target, 11,500 feet, 1245/I to 1250/I: possible GA Kowloon harbor 1/2 mile E of Taikoo docks taking violent evasive action. AA flashes from peninsula 1 mile SE of target.

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(J) Enroute: .5 cu 4000 to 8000 feet 1/3 distance to target, then clear.  
Target: .2 scattered cu, hazy. Return: .1 scattered cu up to 7000 feet.

(K) 4ms bombed 403rd target. 2ms lost squadron enroute and bombed 64th target  
with one 64th plane #308. 1M returned early due to mechanical trouble, salvaging  
bombs middle Lingayen Gulf safe. Salvos and early release over 403rd target due  
to release mechanism failure.

(L) (1) 32 x 1000 lb GP .1 nose, .085 tail, at target.

(2) 16 x 1000 lb GP Hit at target.

8 x 1000 lb bombs jettisoned.

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TO: A 4-2, 7 Bomber Command

FROM: B-2, 43rd Bomb Group (M)

(A) FPO 95-4-5 403rd Bomb Sq 5 April, 1945 1M

(B) Spottar mission to Hsiao and Hong Kong.

(C) 1538/1 10,000 feet course 180 degrees

(D) 1M dropped 8 bombs thru between the undercast in general vicinity of Hong Kong Harbor - probably in the area of Victoria or southern tip of Newbyen. 1M0 due 1M.

(E thru G) Nil.

(H) Photos taken of Hsiao.

(I) OH Lantau Island, 1538/1, 10,000 feet: 3 large sailboats.

Hsiao, 1538/1, 8000 feet: 2 w/1 M of at least 5000 tons each.

(J) Route: front at Lingayen 60 miles out. Target: complete overcast up to Hsiao. Hsiao clear. Return: scattered cu 3000 to 7000 feet.

(K) Went in advance of main strike to spot shipping targets. Nil targets observed at Hsiao except two w/1 M of at least 5000 tons plus up at 4-15.

Three runs made over Hong Kong but complete overcast hindered bombing.

Fighter cover excellent.

(L) 8 x 1000 lb .1 second delay down at target.

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TO : A-2, V Bomber Command.

FROM: S-2; 403rd Bomb Group (H)

(A) FPO 95-A-1 403rd Bomb Sq 5 April, 1945 618

(B) Shipping, Hong Kong area.

(C) 1312 to 1338/L 10,500 to 11,000 feet course 102, 210 to 225

(D) 5Ms over target: 1M unable to see shipping targets due WX; after three runs dropped 4 bombs on Kai Tak airframe hitting runway and walking across the pier. 3Ms dropped 23 bombs in water between Kowloon and Causeway Bay with 9 of these bombs in the water inside the breakwater at Causeway Bay possibly damaging some junks. 1M dropped 6 bombs thru clouds hitting land S of Causeway Bay with 4M due WX.

(E and F) Nil.

(G) Manger heavy inaccurate. Black bursts coming from Kowloon Dock positions and position S of Causeway Bay. 3 possible bursts from area next to large hospital on southern part of Hong Kong Island.

(H) Photos taken of Kai Tak and Hong Kong.

(J) Target: .8 to ten-tenths undercast. Enroute and return: .8 to ten-tenths stratus cu.

(I) Cosmopolitan Docks, 1330/L, 11,000 feet: one possible SAL or BAI tied up to dock with three barges next to it.

(K) M #263 suffered large rip in rudder immediately after take-off and returned 8 bombs to base. 1M due to mechanical trouble unable to keep up with formation so jettisoned 4 bombs in Lingayen Gulf and was able to go over target with formation. 1M carried 7 bombs (instead of 8) as M carried HQ equipment. H2X inoperative to all guns made visually. "Rope" was dropped.

(L) 35 x 1000 lb .1 second delay at Hong Kong.

4 x 1000 lb bombs jettisoned in water east

5 x 1000 lb bombs returned to base

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TO : A-2, V Bomber Command.

FROM: 3-2, 63rd Bomb Group

(A) WFO 37-A-1 603rd Bomb Sq 7 April, 1945 644

- (B) (1) Shinchiku  
(2) Tainan  
(3) Tainan  
(4) Koshun

- (C) (1) 1415/I 21,100 feet course 250  
(2) 1332/I 5800 feet course 00  
(3) 1344/I 12,000 feet course 170  
(4) 1420/I 7000 feet course 100

(D) (1) 1B dropped 250 x 20 lb frags thru a forest over Shinchiku. Hit w/o it due to heavy clouds.

(2) 1B dropped 250 x 20 lb frags just N of an w/i canal with semi-circular projection on E side. Frags fell in rice paddies. Nil damage.

(3) 1B dropped 250 x 20 lb frags on five grey warehouses in w/i location near coast NW of Tainan. Hit except bomb bursts.

(4) 1B dropped 250 x 20 lb frags in Koshun area partly on small buildings probably dwellings. Area w/i, near river, road and bridge.

1B jettisoned 250 x 20 lb frags in water 1 mile W of Taiko. 1B jettisoned 250 x 20 lb frags in water 3 miles W Takao.

(E thru G) Nil.

(H) Photos taken of Tainan (2) and (3).

(I) Between Okoyama and Tainan, 1114/I, 12,000 feet; at approximately 12007E-2252N; 7 to 8 ships, course undetermined; 2 possible SAL or SAI, remaining 5 to 7 possible EEs.

(J) Enroute: cu and cu strato, layers, 5000 to 9000 feet, building up to 20,000 feet along NW Formosa coast. Target: ten-baths alto cumulus tops 20,000 feet  
Return: Same conditions, clearing to .3 to .5 cu 3 to 5000 feet over Lingayen.

(K) All 1B became separated due to weather conditions and radio failure. At Isogg strip, NW Luzon, one C-47 and 2 P-51s sighted on ground.

(L) 250 x 20 lb frags at targets.

250 x 20 lb frags jettisoned.

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TO : A-2, V Bomber Command  
FROM : S-2, 43rd Bomb Group (H),

(A) FPO 98-1-5 403rd Bomb Sq 8 April 1945 618

(B) 1. KANSHU (2400-12140).  
2. HOTO-SHO IZU (2005-12123)  
3. KOSHIN Revetment area.

(C) 1. 1315/T 20000 course 230  
2. 1351/T to 1403/T 10000 to 10600 " 08 to 125  
3. 1410/T 13500 " 240

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(D) XE IM bombed through complete XE undercast KANSHU with 200. IM's individually made runs on HOTO-SHO. One of these planes bombed by XE on IRANUMIRIKU with 200. The other H dropped on island through clouds with 200. 1 H latched on to 62nd Squadron Hickory Run and bombed KOSHIN revetment area starting 3 fires. IM unable to locate HOTO-SHO jettisoned in water at 2000-12140. IM had to feather 28 engine on the way to the target, jettisoned bombs in water at 1415/13028.

(E through H) Nil

(I) Nil.

(J) Complete .30 overcast with bases at 5 to 6000 feet up to 21000 feet over N. coast of FOUNDOA. KOSHIN .7 on up to 7000 feet. KANSHU complete XE ten tenths undercast. HOTO-SHO ten tenths covered at 5000 feet.

(K) Formation became separated due to weather; planes climbed to 22000 feet to get over clouds going as far as 2450-12200 but saw land targets soaked in opportunity. Primary MATSUYAMA not bombed due XE so H's selected targets of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~.

(L) 672 x 20 lb FPO at targets of opportunity  
336 x 20 lb FPO jettisoned in water.

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TO : A-1, 7 Bomber Command

FROM : S-2, 43rd Bomb Group (E),

(A) FLO 191-A-2 43rd Bomb Sq 11 April 1945 SIF

(B) Wake Island

(C) 1420 to 1440/I 4000 feet Course 330;180 to 190 degrees

(D) CMA dropped 48 x 1000 lb bombs on target with possible damage to large building in SE corner of Squadron target. Other results N/O. IM dropped 3 bombs up to 300 feet N of the target.

(E, F and G) Nil.

(H) Photos taken.

(I) 1745N-12025E, 1515/I, 5000 feet: large barge stationary in small cove. Island in CAGAYAN RIVER (1811N-12533E), 1230/I, 8000 feet: one TEB, possibly dummy, though appeared in good condition.

APAREI, 1228/I, 8000 feet: several damaged BOPs on strip near water and one APP/S TEB near hangar.

(J) Enroute: .7 to .9 en and alt on 4000 to 10,000 feet. Targets: .4 to .9 en 2000 to 3000 feet scattered 15 sp target, .3 N. Returns: .3 to .5 clearing by ocean with base.

(K) IM made S to N run, 2 planes dropping bombs on this run. Squadron then made N to S run on which remainder of bombs were dropped.

(L) 48 x 1000 lb GP 10 at target.

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## FINAL MISSION REPORT

TO : A-2, 7 Bomber Command

FROM: A-2, 42nd Bomb Group (B)

(A) FPO 102-A-8

405 Bomb Sq

12 April, 1945

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(B) Taiwan

(C)

(D) 1304/I 12,000 feet course 90

(E) 50% of this squadron dropped 1000 x 20 lb frags in vicinity of Taiwan with 500 dug WL.

(F and G) Nil.

(H) Heavier heavy inaccurate from target area. Black bursts exact accurate as to altitude but nearest burst 100 yards or more from formation.

(I and J) Nil.

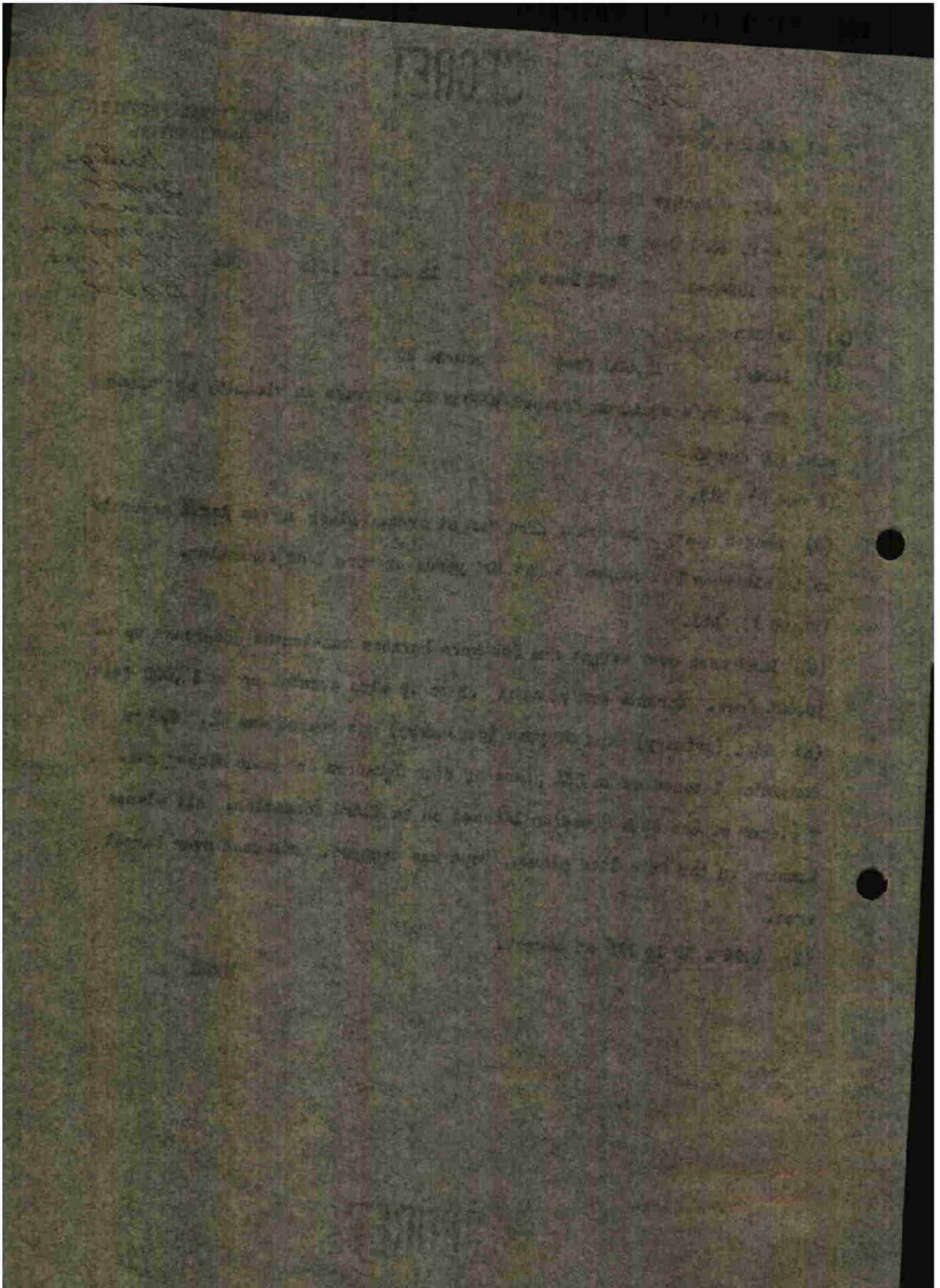
(K) Land area over target and Southern Formosa ten-tenths undercut up to 10,000 feet. Enroute and return: .2 to .3 altc starts up to 12,000 feet.

(L) Nagi (primary) and Grayana (secondary) not bombed due WL. 405 rd formation latched on to 64th plane of 64th Squadron and made Hickey run. 2 planes of the 64th Squadron latched on to 405rd formation. All planes bombing on the 64th lead plane. Rope was dropped. HMK used over target area.

(M) 1000 x 20 lb FPO at target.

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TO : A-2, V Bomber Command

FROM: E-2, 43rd Bomb Group (H)

(A) 108-A-34 43rd Bomb Sq 13 April, 1945 7M

(B) Hong Kong - Talkoo Docks

(C) 1350 to 1405/I 11,500 feet course 200 to 275 degrees

(D) 4M dropped 52 bombs in water up to 500 feet E and short of target. 1M dropped 5 bombs in water just E of target and 3 along Northern edge and 1M dropped 5 bombs along Northern edge of docks. Results except bombbursts w/o. Possible damage to small buildings N of dry-dock previously undamaged.

(E and F) Nil.

(G) Moderate to intense heavy and accurate to inaccurate. 1M received 10 holes.

(H) Photos taken.

(I) Target, 1400/I, 11,500 feet: 1 U/I enemy A/P at 5000 feet over Victoria Harbor heading W.

(J) Enroute: .3 to .4 cu 4000 to 8000 feet. Target: .2 cu with haze. Returns from Prata Reef .9 cu and alto cu up to 9000 feet clearing gradually to .2, 3000 to 5000 feet.

(K) 1M returned early, mechanical failure, jettisoning bombs at 1001/I in Lingayen Gulf, 12002E-1625N. 8M over target area bombed Talkoo Docks on instruction from Gangway Special to <sup>be five</sup> 'Item five' on grid photo. No shipping other than hulk at docks and ships in drydock and Marine Bns seen in "Item five" or nearby sectors. 1M damaged on landing due to tire blow out from AA over target. Nil injuries. Fighter cover good. RCM plane did not throw "rope" or use jammer - picked up only early warning signals. Right Wing second element had rope aboard and threw it out both during dry run and bombing run. Most of AA around lead element.

(L) 48 x 1000 lb GP .1 second nose, .01 tail at target.

8 x 1000 lb ditto jettisoned.

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TO : A-2, V Bomber Command

FROM: S-2, 43rd Bomb Group (H)

- (A) FFO 104-A-4                      408rd Bomb Sq      13-14 April 1945                      1M
- (B) Inner harbor KIRUN.
- (C) 0105/I      10000ft.      Course 220
- (D) 1M over target dropped by H2K causing 3 flashes and explosions. Nil other results observed.
- (E) 3 u/i planes, probably SEF, 0105-0200/I, 10000 ft.
- (F) 3 u/i enemy planes tracked 1M from the target area down the east coast of FORMOSA about 30 miles offshore. 1 pass made from 4 o'clock high, enemy plane firing one short burst from approximately 1000 yards. Nil damage. M did not fire. M lost three planes when flew into clouds.
- (G) Nil ack-ack. 3-4 S/L from KIRUN, all inaccurate.
- (H) Nil.
- (I) FUGA ISLAND 2230/I 10000 ft: 3 lights.  
1910-12000, 2200/I 10000 ft: 1 u/i F/U, course and speed unknown.
- (J) .6 sec du at 6000-7000 ft. En route and return: two weak fronts: running E-W just N of KOTO-SHO, and E-W off N coast of FORMOSA just S of KIRUN, base 8000, tops 20000ft.
- (K) Nil filter cover observed. "Rope" was dropped.
- (L) 6 x 1000 # GPED's at target.

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TO : A-3, V Bomber Command

FROM: 8-2, 43rd Bomb Group

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- (A) FTO 104-A-2 402rd Bomb Sq 14 April 1945 GMA
- (B) Kagi revetment area 1800 feet N of N end of runway
- (C) 1235/I 11,500 feet course 80 degrees
- (D) GMA dropped 80% of bombs blanketing entire target area with 40% of bombs falling up to 500 feet short, SW of target. Two small fires started. Four to five planes in revetments destroyed.

(E) (A) NIL.

(G) Moderate heavy inaccurate from target area, positions not identified.

(H) Photos taken of bombing.

(I) Target area, 1235/I, 11,500 feet: 10 airplanes apparently serviceable at strip 10 miles SE of Kagi; numerous trains and freight cars in town of Kagi.

7 Miles SE Tainan, 1220/I, 12,000 feet: 1 small w/i ship one mile off shore burning, giving off black smoke and five minutes later giving off white smoke.

Yosaki, 1220/I, 11,000 feet: 1 silver Twin engine airplane resembling a transport type plane, round wing tips, single stabilizer heading S at 1600 feet.

Takao Harbor, 1210/I, 11,000 feet: 50 small barges or fishing boats, 3 possible SCS.

(J) Enroute and return: .3 to ten-cents cu 5000 to 13,000 feet.

Target: .3 scattered cu 3000 to 6000 feet.

(K) Fighter cover excellent.

(L) 1008x20 lb frags at target.

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TO : A-2, V Bomber Command.

FROM: S-2, 43rd Bomb Group (B).

(A) FFG 105-A-4 403rd Bomb Sq. 14-15 April, 1945 1M

(B) KINEW HARBOR - Installations on NE Peninsula.

(C) through (J) Nil.

(K) M had mechanical failure ( leaking gas tank cap ), was losing gas rapidly and landed on fighter strip at LINGAYEN about 2245/I, 14 April, with full load of bombs. RCH. Jett isoned bombs 1244/I, 15 April, in LINGAYEN GULF safe at 1827N-12007E, and returned to base.

(L) 6x1000 lb BP .1 sec nose .51 sec tail jettisoned.

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TO : A-2, V Bomber Command

FROM: S-2, 43rd Bomb Group

- (A) IFO 105-A-2      403rd Bomb Sq      15 April, 1945      8Ms
- (B) Toyohara - apron and hangars
- (C) 1340/I to 1400/I      12,000 feet      180 to 200 degrees
- (D) 5Ms dropped 548 bombs in target damaging apron and hangars. 4Ms dropped 482 bombs along E side of apron up to 400 feet E of target and up to 500 feet S of target, the latter starting a small fire about 500 feet S of target.
- (E and F) Nil.
- (G) Moderate, heavy, and accurate.
- (H) Photos taken.
- (I) Target, 1345/I, 12,000 feet: 2 SE A/P landing on strip; flashes from 4 AA guns just S of dirt strip W of airdrome; also AA flashed from position 1000 feet SW of airdrome and at road junction W of airdrome, and just W of town. 2 or 3 AA bursts seen similar to those of phosphorus bombs. 4 SE A/P seen in the 3 revetments just N of airdrome.
- 5 miles offshore W of Kari, 1220/I, 8000 feet: probable 308 on fire, black smoke; 2 possible FIBs apparently not loaded; these three ships close inshore at approximately 2308N-12000E; also 2 u/i SE A/Ps over coast at 4000 feet heading N.
- 6 miles off HOKUMDH, 1408/I, 8000 feet: 2 E/Ws possibly FIBs stationary at approximately 2514N-12003E.
- 8 miles off JOSEKI, 1400/I, 8000 feet: 4 or 5 u/i enemy A/P on the deck over the coast heading E.
- (J) Enroute: .1 on building up to .8, tops 15,000 feet over Shinchiku. Target: .2 to .4 strats on 5000 to 8000 feet. Return: .5 on 8000 feet clearing to savu.

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(K) Fighter cover good. Accurate AA put 2 holes in one plane and one in another. IM lost one engine, possibly due to AA, and another M landed on flat tire main gear also possibly due to AA. All injuries. IM dropped 4 or 5 rolls of rope just before and during bomb run.

(L) 1008 x 20 lb frags dropped at target.

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(TO) : A-2, V Bomber Command

FROM: B-2, 43rd Bomb Group (H)

(A) FPO 106-1-2 403rd Bomb Sq 16 April, 1945

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(B) (1) Revetment area between two Matsuyama strips.

(2) Kirun Town

(C) (1) 1214/I 13,000 feet courses 290 to 315 degrees

(2) 1230/I 13,500 feet course 330

(D) (1) 8Ms over primary. 6Ms dropped 1440 x 20 lb frags, 50% directly through Group target with 40% falling within 500 feet SW and NW of target. One large explosion and one fire resulted with black smoke to 2500 feet. One A/P in revetment area set on fire. One plane did not release bombs over target and dropped 240 bombs in water NW of Kirun. One plane bombed target of opportunity. See next paragraph.

(2) 1M unable to release bombs over primary due to rack malfunction salvaged his bombs 3000 feet E of the middle of Kirun inner harbor. Nil visible damage.

(E and F) Nil.

(G) ~~Weathering~~ Heavy, moderate to intense, inaccurate to accurate rocking 3 Ms and holing 1M. AA from known positions in center of H2K target and E of Matsuyama strip also from w/c positions. Slight heavy inaccurate from Kirun. One crew observed a burst from primary which seemed to be a three foot ball of fire at 13,500 feet.

(H) Photos of Matsuyama, Kirun, Kashi-to and Koto-Sho.

(I) Suako harbor, 1259/I, 13,500 feet: 6 small ships in well built up harbor.

Kirun, 1221/I, 13,000 feet: one medium sized merchant vessel in Kirun inner harbor.

Toi, 1208/I, 13,000 feet: several small coastal vessels in harbor.

(J) Target: clear. Enroute and return: .2 to .5 scattered cu 5000 to 8000 feet.

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(K) Rope was dropped and ROM used.

(L) 1440 x 20 lb frags at Matsuyama

240 x 20 lb frags at Kirun

240 x 20 lb frags in water

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## FINAL MISSION REPORT

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TO : A-2, V Bomber Command.

FROM: S-2, 42nd Bomb Group (H).

(A) PFO 124-1-1 403rd Bomb Sq. 17 April, 1945 9M's

(B) Repair installations 1500 feet N of S Shinshiku A/D.

(C) 1818/I 14,100 to 14,500 feet courses 8 to 21 degrees

(D) 9M's over target. 1620 bombs directly in target area, 522 bombs within 300 feet N of target. Two large fires, two small fires, two explosions with flames 50 to 100 feet caused by bombing. Five or six u/A A/P's probably damaged by bombing. 18 bombs hung up: 6 dropped on Shinshiku coast, 4 kicked out in water.

(E and F) Nil.

(G) Messer, heavy and inaccurate from target #7; northerly part of coastal revetment area; and from the neighborhood of target #16; 4 gun heavy position 3000 feet N of W end of N runway. Heavy, messer, inaccurate from Koryu including several phosphorus bursts.

(H) Photos taken of bombing.

(I) 8 miles SW of target, 14,800 feet, 1817/I: one stationary PTD.

Target, 1818/I, 14,100 feet: observed one probable parachute with u/A object attached to shrouds at 15,500 feet; this remained at approximately same altitude for at least 10 minutes till it was out of sight.

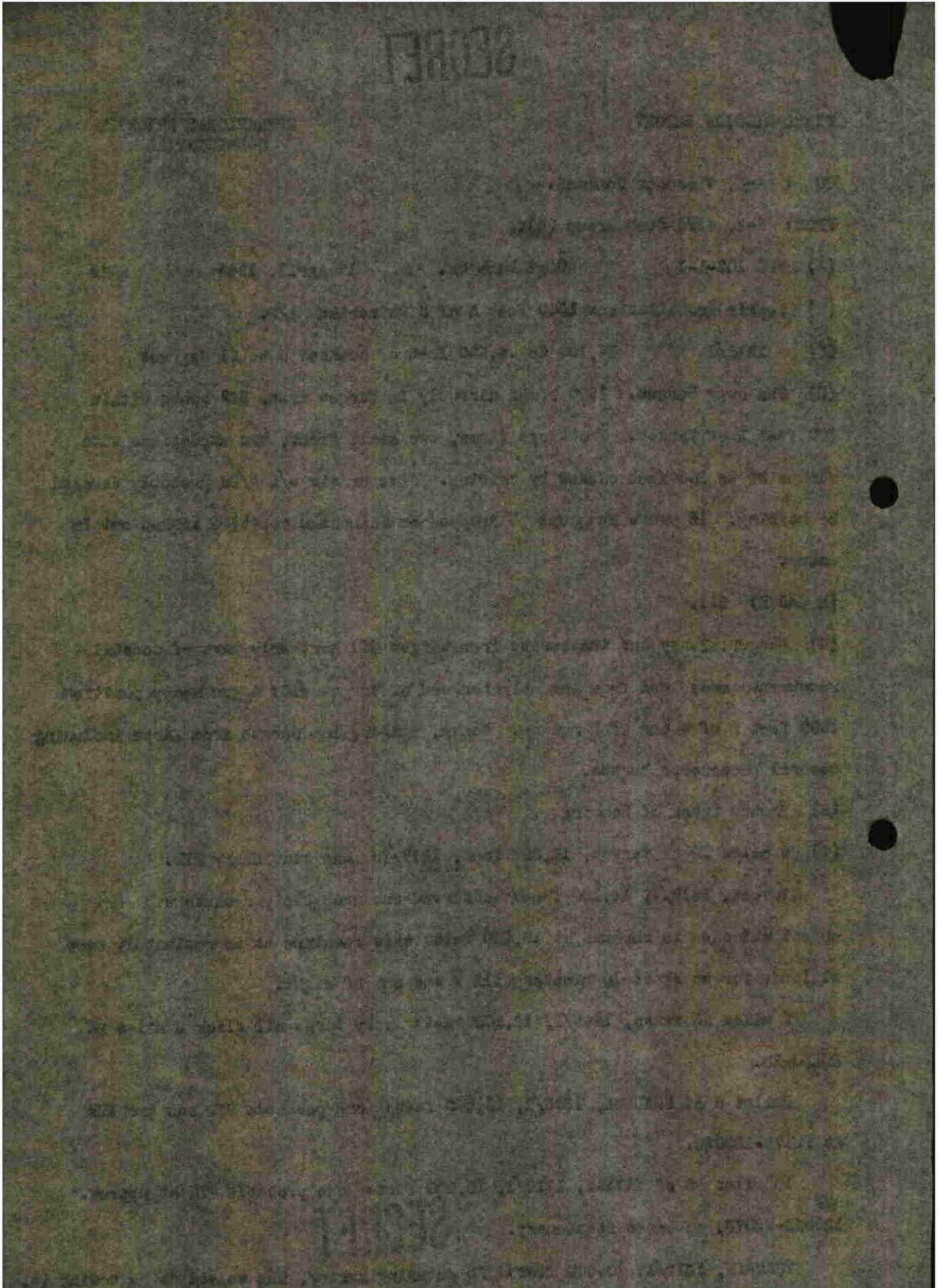
5 miles NW Takao, 1245/I, 12,900 feet: very large oil slick 8 miles NW HOKURO-KO.

5 miles W of HOKURUMI, 1305/I, 10,000 feet: one possible PTD and two VIs at 2517E-12002E.

15 miles NW of TAINAN, 1510/I, 10,000 feet: one probable PTD at approx. 12002E-2307E, appeared stationary.

TOSHIN, 1517/I, 10,000 feet: PU entering harbor, tug seemed to be towing it.

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8 coast of BORO-10 (Pescadore), 1420/1, 10,000 feet: 2 medium sized u/1 vessels.

(J) Target: clear. Enroute and return: .5 to .7 scattered at 5000 to 8000 feet.

Return: casualties building up over Formosa and haze seemed to be increasing.

(K) Nil.

(L) 2142 x 30 lb frags at target.

10 x 30 lb frags jettisoned.

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TO : A-2, V Bomber Command.

FROM: S-2, 43rd Bomb Group (R).

(A) FPO 108-A-2                      403rd Bomb Sq.                      18 April, 1945                      8M7H

(B) Airplanes in revetments S of S runway (Giran)

(C) 1459 to 1507/I                      11,500 to 12,000 feet                      courses 259 to 280 degrees

(D) 8Mz over target dropped 1920 x 20 lb frags through revetment area.

Two strings of bombs went through revetments 2600 feet S of E end of S runway damaging or destroying <sup>two</sup> E/A's. Two strings hit in area of plane parked 25 feet S of Western part of S runway damaging E/A. One string damaged E/A 1200 feet S of center of S runway. Three other strings through revetment area with nil visible damage. Four planes claimed damaged or destroyed. Two fires and one explosion caused by bombing.

(E and F) Nil.

(G) Slight, heavy, inaccurate from positions at NE end of S strip; 4000 feet E of S runway; 2600 feet S of E end of S runway, probable AA inaccurate from Sus.

(H) Photos taken of bombing and Sus-Ko harbor.

(I) <sup>on</sup> SUS Peninsula, 1515/I, 11,000 feet: one fire from land and one fire from possible boat burning in harbor.

KIZAN Island, 1508/I, 11,000 feet: one small <sup>v</sup>/I MV stationary.

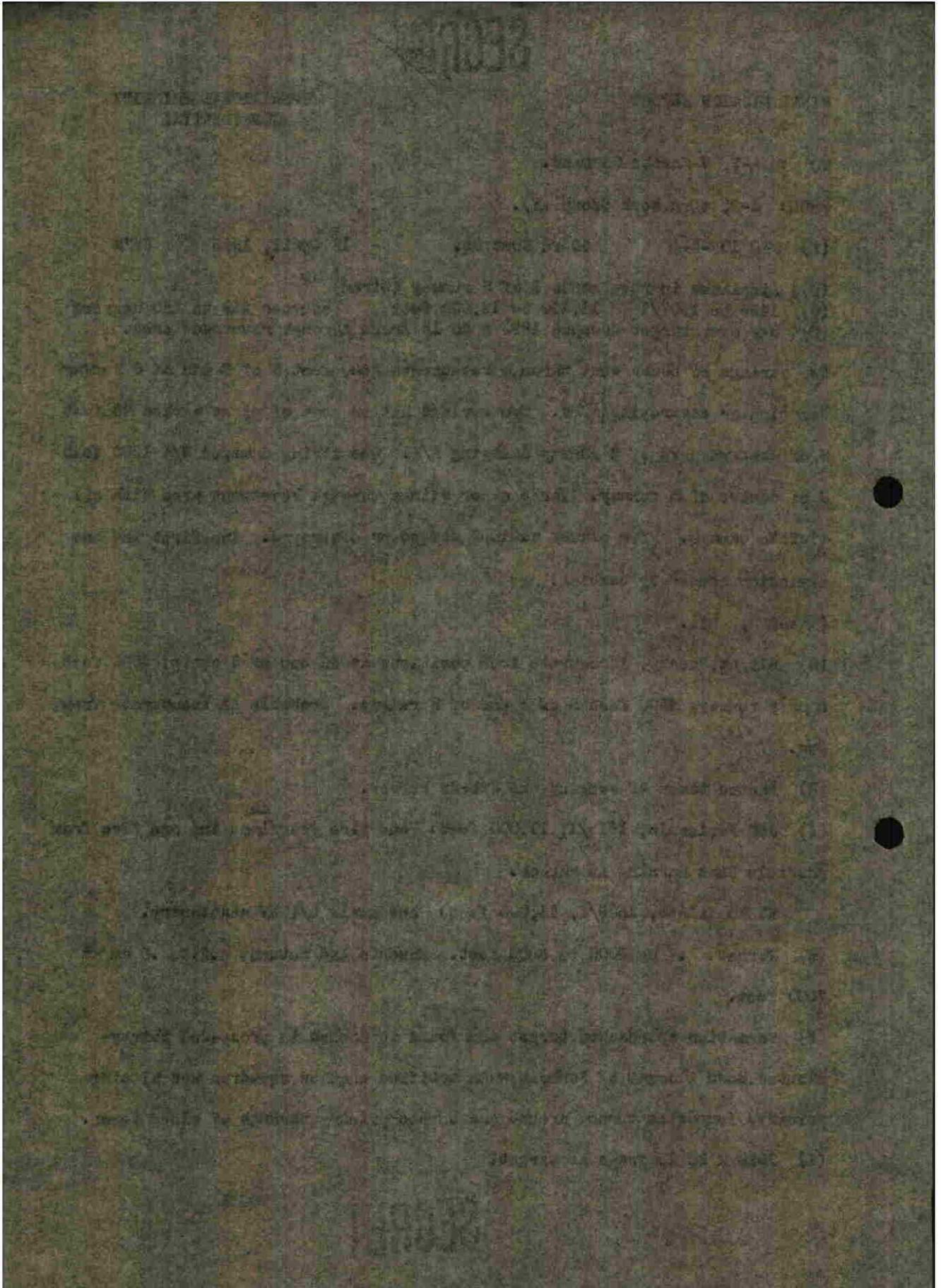
(J) Target: .7 on 4000 to 6000 feet. Enroute and return: .2 to .8 on at 7000 feet.

(K) Formation approached target and found it socked in proceeded thirty-minutes down E coast of Formosa when notified another squadron was hitting primary; formation turned around and bombed primary through .7 cloud cover.

(L) 1920 x 20 lb frags at target.

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TO : A-2, V Bomber Command.

FROM: S-2, 43rd Bomb Group (H)

- (A) FPO 109-A-5            403rd Bomb Sq            19 April 1945            6Ms
- (B) Shinohiku Town - Officers barracks
- (C) 1404 to 1410/I            altitude 15,000 feet            course 325 degrees
- (D) 6Ms dropped 48 x 1000 lb bombs at target. Lead plane made H2K run and 3 other planes toggled on it. 2 planes dropped visually at last minute. One string seen to fall in field probably to NE of target. Hits of other bombs U/O due to WX.
- (E and F) Nil.
- (G) Meager, heavy, inaccurate to accurate, holding one plane.
- (H) Photos taken.
- (I) 6 miles off TAKAO, 1502/I, 10,000 feet: one FTD or lugger between outer breakwaters.
- RYUKYU SHO ISLAND, 1213/I, 10,000 feet: 18 large VUs in harbor ~~xx~~
- 10 miles E BOKO-TO ISLAND, 1300/I, 12,000 feet: two small u/i MVs one mile SE of island.
- (J) Out: .2 strato cu 7000 to 8500 feet up to Tainan, then gradual build-up along and inshore. Target: .9 cu and strato cu 6000 to 15,000 feet over target and inland, with small breaks over target. Return: S of Formosa .3 strato cu up to 5000 feet.
- (K) Ms made start of H2K run. Returns on scope slightly garbled possibly due to instrument failure. 2Ms dropped visually at last minute on break just before reaching target.
- (L) 48 x 1000 lb GP ID at target.

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TO : A-2, V Bomber Command

FROM: 3-2, 43rd Bomb Sq (H)

(A) WFO 110-1-2 403rd Bomb Sq 20 April 1946 1M

(B) TAINAN TOWN.

(C). 0345/1 10900 ft. Course 145 degrees.

(D). 1 M over target bombed center of town by HEX started one large explosion and two big fires. One probably oil fire started with black smoke to 1000 feet. Mike circled and came back near target 25 minutes later, and observed fires still raging.

(E-F). One u/1 e/a started trailing M as M was on the bombing run and followed M down west coast of Formosa till just before the N tip of Luzon was reached. The e/a had navigation lights on, red on both wing-tips, and stayed out at approximately 3 miles. Nil fire from e/a or M.

(G). Nil fire, nil e/a.

(H). Nil

(I). 1830-11980. 8000 ft, 0530/1: pilot, radar operator and left waist gunner observed an incandescent object, rounded at front, and with an approximate 6 inch streamer at its tail first seen directly overhead, and then made a large curve, shooting down 800 yards in front of M. Pilot estimated its speed at minimum of 400 MPH. Believed possibility of some type of rocket bomb, but could not see any e/a at that time as interception had been broken off by this time.

(J). Targets: .7 cu 4000-6000 ft. En route and return: .7-.8 cu 4000-8000

(K). Nil

(L). 12 x 500 incendiaries at target.

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TO : A-2, V Bomber Command.

FROM: 8-2, 43rd Bomb Gp. (H).

REF (A) WFO 110-4-1

43rd Bomb Sq.

20 April, 1945

GMP's

(B) 1. TAINAN

2. KATO

(C) 1. 1805/I 12,500 to 13,000 feet course 250 to 280 degrees

2. 1211/I 11,400 feet course ~~250~~ 2 degrees

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(D) 1. 5M over target dropped ~~20~~ frag bombs thru HX target in center of Tainan town starting two fires with heavy grey smoke. Two warehouse type buildings hit by bombs.2. 1M dropped 28 bombs thru S part of Kato town, 2 ~~misses~~ bombs fell in water. Bomb bursts only visible results.

(E and F) Nil.

(G) Heavy, moderate to intense, accurate from FI position #25 and 32 at Tainan also from coastal guns S of Tainan. 3 planes holed. Nil from Kato

(H) Photos of Tainan bombing.

(I) Nil.

(J) Target (primary): .7 scattered on 5000 to 8000 feet. Kato: .2 cu.

Enroute and return: .5 to .9 on 5000 to 15,000 feet.

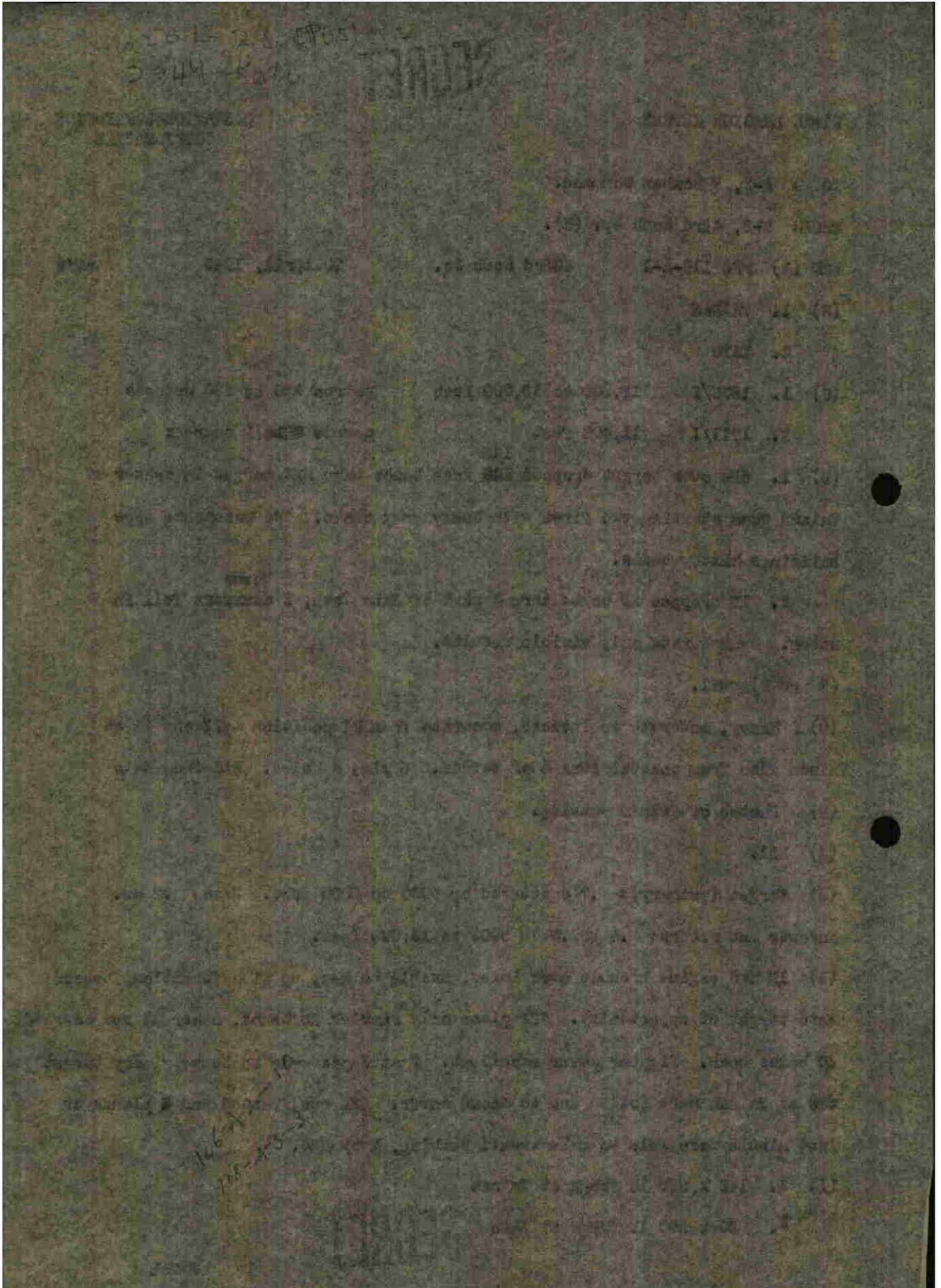
(K) 1M had engine trouble over Lason, unable to keep up with formation, bombed Kato target of opportunity. HX plane only carried 28 bombs, other planes carried 30 bombs each. Fighter cover excellent. 2 attempts made to bomb primary target ~~at~~ at Tainan were foiled due to cloud cover, HX run started and 3 planes at last minute were able to make visual bombing, 2 by HX.

(L) 1. 143 x 250 lb frags at Tainan

2. 30 x 250 lb frags at Kato

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## FINAL MISSION REPORT.

TO : A-2, V Bomber Command

FROM: S-2, 43rd Bomb Gp, (U).

- (A). WFO 112-A-4 403rd Bomb Sq 21-22 April 1946. 1M
- (B). MATSUYAMA DISPERSAL AREA.
- (C). 0250/1 12000 ft course 350 degrees
- (D). 1B over target bombed by H2K, starting one fire. Nil other results observed.
- (E-F) Nil
- (G). Several flashes from possible ack-ack positions. Nil bursts observed.
- 16 S/L seen in TAIHOKU + MATSUYAMA area, inaccurate.
- (H-I). Nil
- (J). En route and return: .7-.8 on 2000-3000 feet. Target: .1 so on.
- (K). Rope was dropped causing radar controlled S/1a to fall far to rear of M.
- (L). 240 x 20% frage at target.

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TO : A-2, V Bomber Command

FROM: S-2, 43rd Bomb Group (H)

(A) FFO 112-A-3 403rd Bomb Sq 22 April 1945 4Ms

(B) Ilagan

(C) 1222, 1233/I 10,000 feet course 120 to 170 degrees

(D) 4Ms over target dropped 32 bombs through Western and Northern sections of town destroying 10 to 12 buildings. Black smoke rose to 200 feet.

(E thru G) Nil.

(H) Photos of Bombing.

(I) 10 miles S of Ilagan, 1215/I, 10,000 feet: small auxiliary field with 4 u/i planes parked near strip.

Town 20 miles on a 220 degree bearing from Ilagan, 1213/I, 10,000 feet: near buildings on the ground was the following sign; 800 TT. The arrow was directly under 600 and was pointing toward Ilagan. The sign was clearly visible from 10,000 feet.

(J) Primary: ten-tenths covered. Ilagan: .7 cu 5000 to 8000 feet.

Enroute and return: .6 to ten-tenths scattered cu from 3000 to 9000 feet.

(K) Primary not bombed due WX.

(L) 32 x 1000 lb GP IDs at target.

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TO : A-2, V Bomber Command

FROM: S-2, 43rd Bomb Group (H),

(( FFO 115-A-5 403rd Bomb Sq 23 April 1945 8M)

(B) 1. One SOS, one SD or FTD and four VB, type D, 1500 feet E of Yulin Town.

2. 12 VB, type D, along side ore dock, E side Yulin Harbor entrance.

(C) 1. 1251 to 1256/I 12,000 feet course 350 to 340

2. 1307/I 10,500 feet course 215

(D) 1. 5M dropped 37 bombs <sup>on</sup> ships, nearest falling from 50 to 75 feet from largest one. Nil visible damage.2. 2M dropped 16 bombs <sup>on</sup> barges, nearest 100 feet from dock. Nil visible damage.

(E and F) Nil.

(G) Moderate, medium and heavy, generally inaccurate from H4/4 and H 2/2 positions one mile S of the center of Yulin Town. About 30 bursts, mostly low but a few on level hitting 3 planes. Crews reported red fire in center of black AA bursts. AA flashes also seen along beach SE of Samah dome.

(H) 9 of bombing.

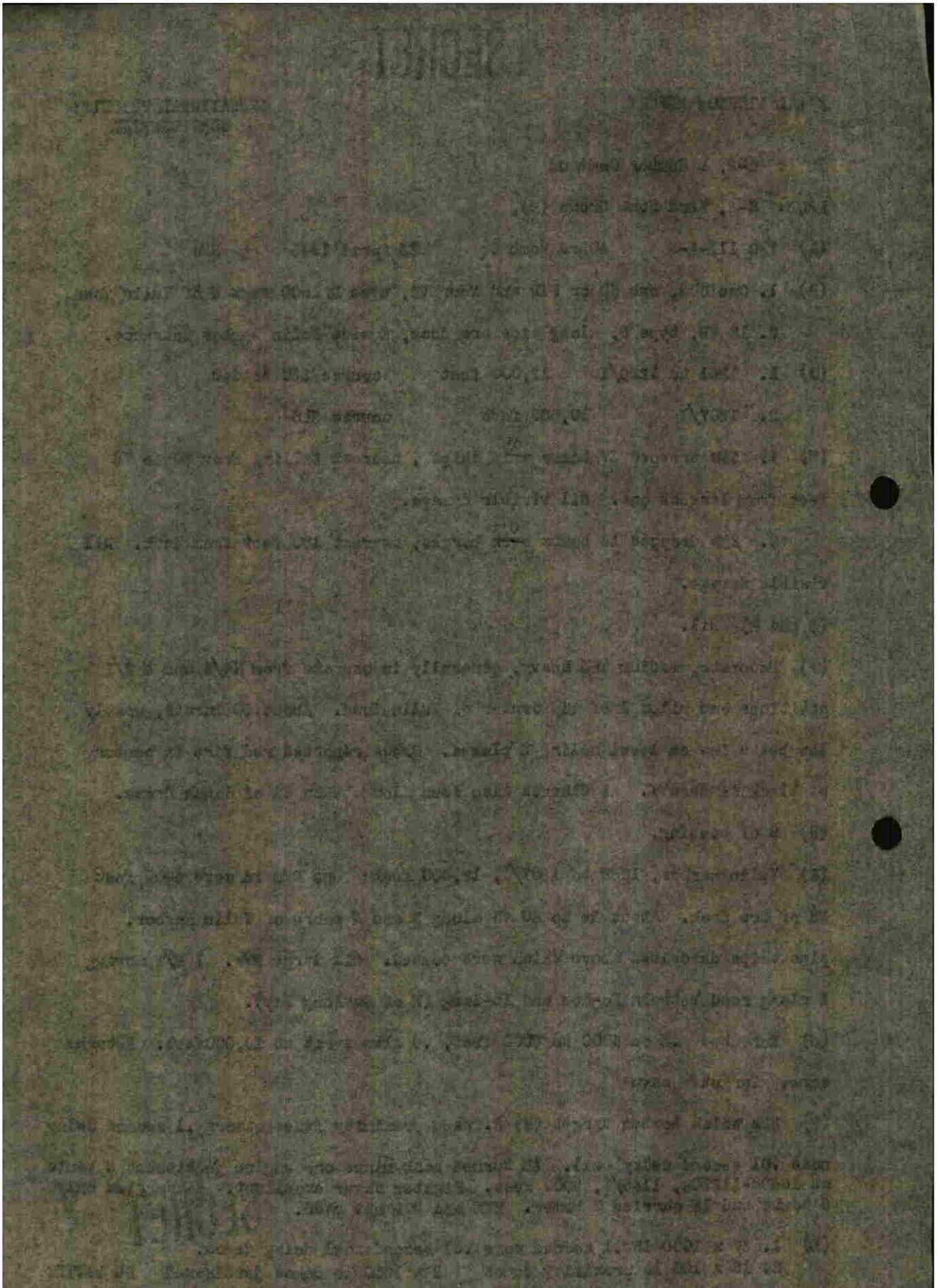
(I) Yulin Harbor, 1250 to 1307/I, 12,000 feet: One FTD in cove 4000 feet NE of Ore dock. About 25 to 40 VB along E and N shore of Yulin Harbor, plus ships described above which were bombed. Nil large MVs. 7 M/T moving E along road between Fo-hou and Yu-lang (N of Gaalong Bay).

(J) Enroute: .3 on 4000 to 5000 feet, .6 alto strat at 15,000 feet. Returns same. Target: cavi

(K) 2M which bombed target (H) 2. used proximity fuses, others <sup>used</sup> .1 second delay nose .01 second delay tail. 1M turned back minus one engine jettisoned 8 bombs at 1600H-11230H, 1145/I, 9000 feet. Fighter cover excellent. 1M carried only 8 bombs and 1M carried 7 bombs. HEM and ECM not used.(L) 1. 37 x 1000 lb .1 second nose .01 second tail delay demos.  
2. 16 x 100 lb proximity demos 8 x 1000 lb demos jettisoned DM VIVIER

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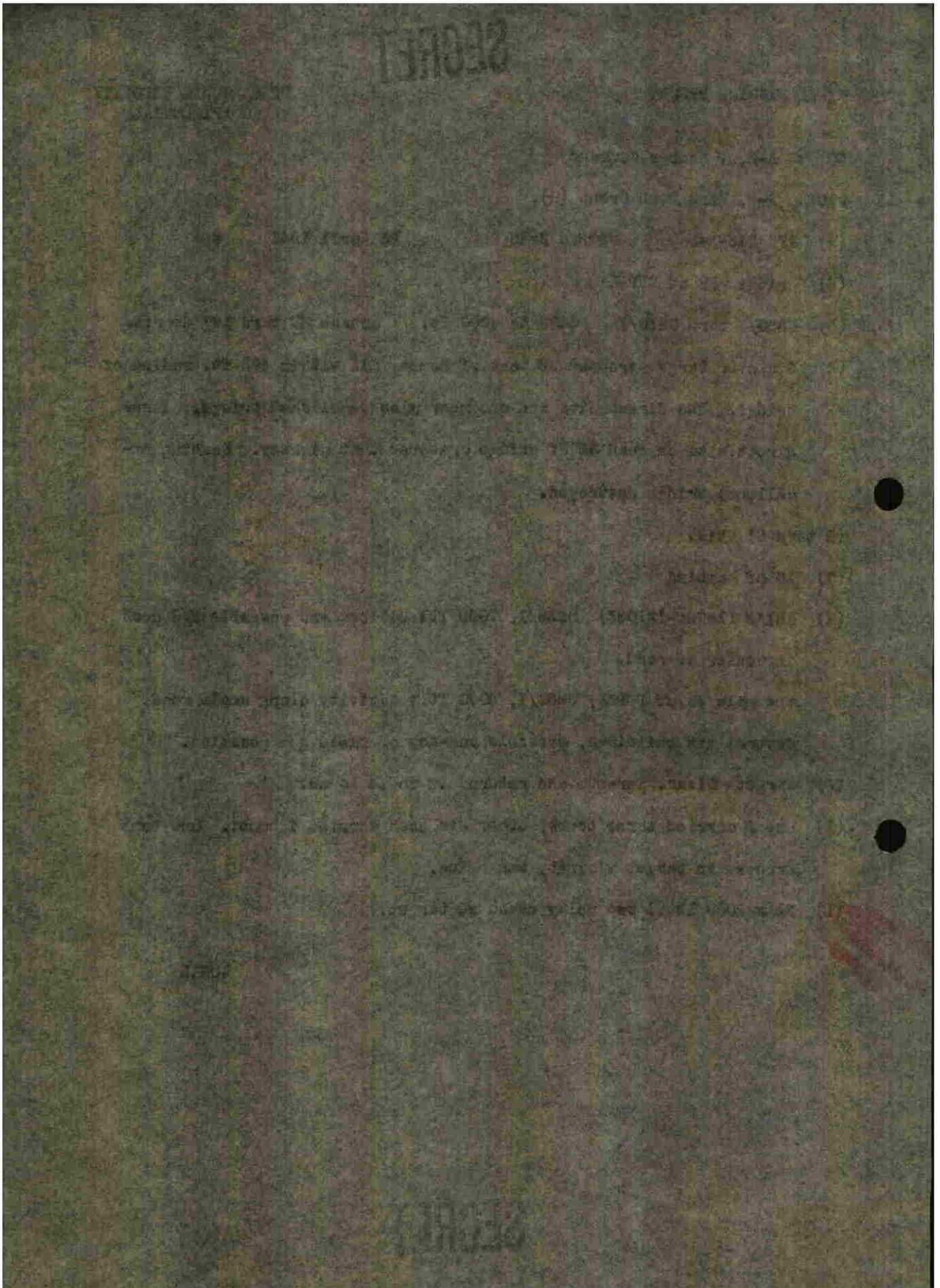
TO : A-2, V Bomber Command

FROM: B-2, 42nd Bomb Group (H),

- (A) FPO 115-A-5                      402nd Bomb Sq                      25 April 1945                      612
- (B) Bridge NE of DUPAK
- (C) 0850/I thru 0930/I                      3500 to 4000 ft.                      course 20 thru 197 degrees
- (D) 5Ms over target dropped 25 tons of bombs, all within 400 ft. radius of bridge. Two direct hits and one near miss demolished bridge. Three direct hits on road SW of bridge cratered that highway. Bombing excellent; bridge destroyed.
- (E thru G) Nil.
- (H) 16 of bombing
- (I) ARIAN (12265-121085) 0935/I, 7000 ft; Pillbox and possible M/G nest in center of road.  
One mile SE of DUPAK, 0850/I, 2000 ft.; activity along small road, several new buildings, possible ack-ack or field gun position.
- (J) Target: Clear. Enroute and return: .2 to .4 sec ou.
- (K) One H carried three bombs, other 5Ms each carried 4 bombs. One bomb dropped in target vicinity was a dud.
- (L) 23 x 2000 lb .1 sec delay demon at target.

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TO : A-2, V Bomber Command

FROM : S-2, 43rd Bomb Group (H)

(A) FPO 110-1-4                      402nd Bomb Sq                      20 April, 1945                      1M

(B) thru (E) nil.

(J) Reported hourly as ordered.  
Nil target

(K). ~~Ships~~ not bombed, radar out.

(L). 24 x 200# frags, proximity fuses returned to base.

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TO : 1-3, V Bomber Command.  
FROM : 1-3, 43rd Bomb Sq. (H).

(A) WFO 11041-3      433rd Bomb Sq.      26 April, 1945      0076

(B) 1. Kato 289

2. Tainan 43-44

3. Shajo (3 miles NE of Koshun)

4. Koshun

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|---------------|-------------|------------|
| (C) 1. 1411/1 | 11,000 feet | course 90  |
| 2. 1422/1     | 10,500 feet | course 30  |
| 3. 1414/1     | 11,000 feet | course 150 |
| 4. 1418/1     | 10,500 feet | course 230 |

(D) 1. 1M dropped 2 bombs down main street destroying several small buildings.  
2 bombs

2. 1M dropped on/2M22 vicinity of targets 43-44, 1/2 mi to clouds.

3. 1M dropped 24 bombs in NE portion and through center of town, destroying several small residential type houses. One small fire. Near also on bridge across Shijo River at N end of town.

4. 1M dropped 3 bombs along E edge of town. One explosion and two fires observed but smoke from these fires was of short duration.

(E and F) nil.

(G) Slight, probably medium, and inaccurate at Kato. Total six bursts.

(H) 3 oblique at Kato bombing.

(I) Kato, 1411/1, 11,000 feet: explosion in building 1000 yards SE of Kato caused by 2-25s bombing.

2122-12055E, 1422/1, 10,500 feet: one probable HE heading of 2000m leaving fairly large wake.

(J) Sweeper: Broken on 4000 to 7000 feet as far as Kato when low-bombing on seeking in both Tainan and Koshun.

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Return: same as out.

(K) Propaganda leaflets dropped at Tainan and Shajo. Mil H2L plane in any of three squadrons and weather prevented visual bombing at both primary and secondary. Mil H2M. Fighter cover present during strike.

- (L)
1. 8 x 1000 lb GP ID
  2. 8 x 1000 lb GP ID
  3. 24 x 1000 lb GP ID
  4. 8 x 1000 lb GP ID

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- (A) FFG 117-A-4                      405rd Bomb Sq                      27 April 1945                      LM
- (B) TANSUI F/P BASE
- (C) 0154/I                              10,500 feet                              course 60
- (D) M dropped bombs through undercast with R/U/O due wx.
- (E) One u/1 plane, 0200 to 0204/I, 10,000 feet, N tip of Formosa as M left target.
- (F) Trailed M at 500 to 600 yards. Made no pass.
- (G) Nil.
- (H) Nil.
- (I) 2007 N - 12005 E, 2239/I, 9000 feet: One probable medium sized ship picked up on scope.
- (J) Reported as ordered.
- (K) Nil.
- (L) 240 x 20 lb. frags at target.

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TO : A-2, V Bomber Command

FROM: S-2, 42nd Bomb Group

*Samuel  
W. T. Hays  
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(A) FFO 118-A-4 403rd Bomb Group 29 April 1945 GMS

(B) 1. U/I town on N coast of FORMOSA within 15 miles N of KOSHUN,

2. TOSHIEN, target #27 (VBC Photo 129C),

(C) 1. 1236/I 12,300 feet course 080 degrees

2. 1238/I 12,500 feet course 90 degrees

(D) 1. 1M bombed target of opportunity with 12 bombs in water, 12 in town, nil visible damage observed.

2. 1M-2 dropped 24 bombs along road 700 feet S of oil tanks in target #27, with bomb bursts only results observed. All bombs in assigned target.

(E and F) Nil.

(G) Moderate, heavy, inaccurate from FI positions #4, #6 at TOSHIEN, FI #22 at OKAYAMA.

(H) 3 photos of target-of-opportunity bombing.

(I) South end of TOSHIEN HARBOR (2200 feet W of target #6 VBC Photo Map 129B), 1253/I, 12,500 feet, 1DD or CL, stationary, anchored N-W, high superstructure forward, single prominent stack amidships, flush deck to stern.

1750N-11925E, 8000 feet, 1500/I: possible life raft and sea marker observed; M went down to 500 feet, but could not pick up sighting again.

(J) Enroute and return: .3 to ten/tenths strato cu 7000 to 13,000 feet; rime ice at 18,000 feet. TOSHIEN, .4 scattered cu 3500 to 8000 feet. Target of opportunity .7 strato cu 8000 feet.

(K) Formation was separated due wx. 1M jettisoned unfused bombs in water 1800/I, 1914N-12008E, 9000 feet. 1M jettisoned unfused bombs in water 1830N-12017E, 1200/I, 5000 feet due wx and radio out. 1M jettisoned fused bombs

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In water at 18158-12041E, 22200/I, 17,800 feet due W. 1W  
jettisoned unburned bombs at 18278-13041E, 1440/I, 7000 feet due W.  
1W bombed target of opportunity due W. 1X-2 made direct zigzag run on  
primary.

(L) 24 x 250 .1 second delay bombs at primary.

24 x 250 .1 second delay bombs at target of opportunity.

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22 x 250 bombs jettisoned in water

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## FIELD REPORT

TO: 4-2-5, Fifth Bomber Command

FROM: 42nd Bomb Group (B)

- (A) FPD 120-A-2, 20 April, 1945, 42nd Squadron, 52Fs & 12-2
- (B) TOSKIN 927
- (C) 1205/1, 11,500 feet, course 82.
- (D) BOMBING OBSERVANT: 60s dropped 120 bombs in target, 24 short 50 to 150 feet and 2 long by 100 feet. Hits on pump house and two central tanks in target, small fire, orange smoke, quickly blew away. Tanks believed empty. 1M holed by 4s at target.
- (E) and (F) nil.
- (G) Moderate, heavy and medium, inaccurate from BATTEN PT 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6. About 20 bursts in all, mostly high on breakaway in barrage zone. About 20 bursts seen over GUYANA from PT 423 and possible new position at 620-120 on Route F, 124, all out of range from formation.
- (H) 8 verticals and two obliques of bombing.
- (I) Target, 1205 to 1210/1, 11,500 feet: black smoke rising in two columns to 5000 feet from TOSKIN 927.
- THAS area, 1210/1, 11,000 feet: medium sized fire and smoke from BOLLER and possibly also from point just S of THAS A/D.
- (J) BERTON and BERTON: .5 cu bases 5000, tops 6000. Target: .2 on same bases and tops.
- (K) 1M dropped 2 bombs in water on opening bomb bay doors. All bombing visual. nil ECM. Leaflets dropped. Fighters present.
- (L) 144 x 100 lb GP10 at target.

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