

Sasebo

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 235

6 July 1945

1. Date: 28 June 1945
2. Target: Sasebo Urban Area
3. Participating Unit: 73rd Bombardment Wing
4. Number A/C Airborne: 145
5. % A/C Bombing Primary: 95.68% (141 primary and 2 opportunity)
6. Type of Bombs and Fuzes: AN-M76 500# incendiary bombs, instantaneous nose and non-delay tail and M17A1, E-48 and E46 incendiary clusters set to open 5000 feet above target.
7. Tons of Bombs Dropped: 1058.9 on primary and 18.11 tons on opportunity.
8. Time Over Primary: 0137K - 0253K
9. Altitude of Attack: 10,100 - 11,700 feet
10. Weather Over Target: 9/10 - 10/10
11. Total A/C Lost: 0
12. Resume of Mission: Photo reconnaissance showed damage to area totalled .41 sq. miles or 17.9% of urban and industrial areas. One hundred thirty-five A/C bombed by radar and 6 visually. Flak was heavy and medium, meager to moderate and inaccurate. Nine E/A sighted made 1 attack. No claims. Two A/C were non-effective. Eight A/C landed at Iwo Jima. Average bomb load: 14,706 pounds. Average fuel reserve: 692 gallons.

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