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FROM: 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) 161720A
TO : COMMANDING GENERALS, ALL COMBAT WINGS
COMMANDING OFFICERS, ALL BOMB GROUPS
COMMANDING OFFICER, 1ST PFF SQUADRON (PROV)

CONFIDENTIAL 9BD R-1243-A PLEASE INFORM ALL CREWS THAT EXAMINATION OF APPROXIMATELY 25 RECONNAISSANCE SORTIES FLOWN ON 14 AND 15 MARCH REVEALS THAT THE LARGE NUMBER OF PFF MISSIONS FLOWN BY THE 9TH BOMB DIVISION (M) DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH WERE EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE. APPROXIMATELY 90PERCENT OF TARGETS ATTACKED WERE HIT. DAMAGE RANGED FROM MODERATE TO SEVERE. PATTERNS ON THE GROUND REVEAL THAT MAJORITY OF FORMATIONS WERE EXCELLENT AND THAT GROUPS DID AN EXCELLENT JOB OF BOMBING ON PFF LEAD. THIS IS EXTREMELY GRATIFYING TO ME AND A SOURCE OF GREAT CREDIT TO ALL CONCERNED IN VIEW OF THE ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH MOST OF THESE MISSIONS WERE FLOWN AND DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED WITH PFF SIGNALS. I REALIZE THE ADVERSE EFFECT OF BOMBING BLIND WITH NO KNOWLEDGE OF HOW MUCH YOU ARE HURTING THE ENEMY. I HOPE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT ON THESE BLIND MISSIONS YOU HURT HIM PLENTY WILL BE THE SAME SHOT IN THE ARM THAT THE SIGHT OF A BRIDGE YOU HAVE PUT IN THE WATER IS. ANYWAY, THE RESULTS ARE GRAND AND I'M PROUD OF YOU ALL.

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