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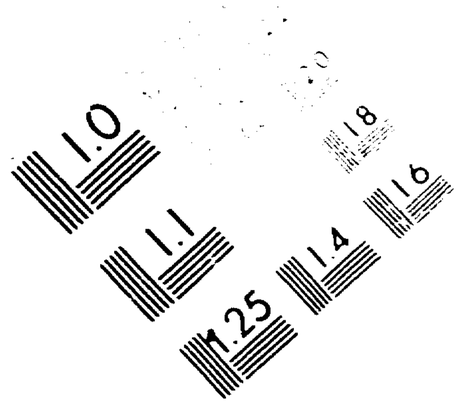
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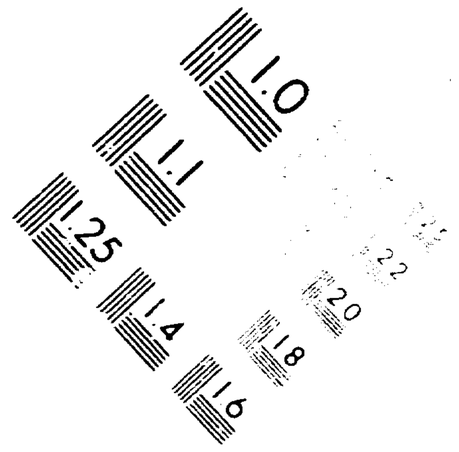
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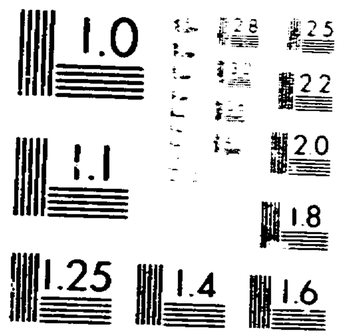
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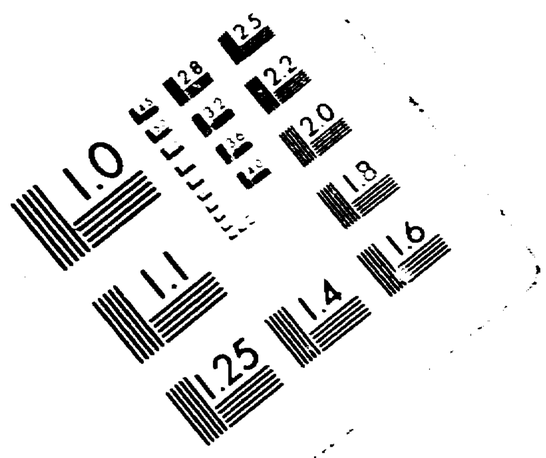
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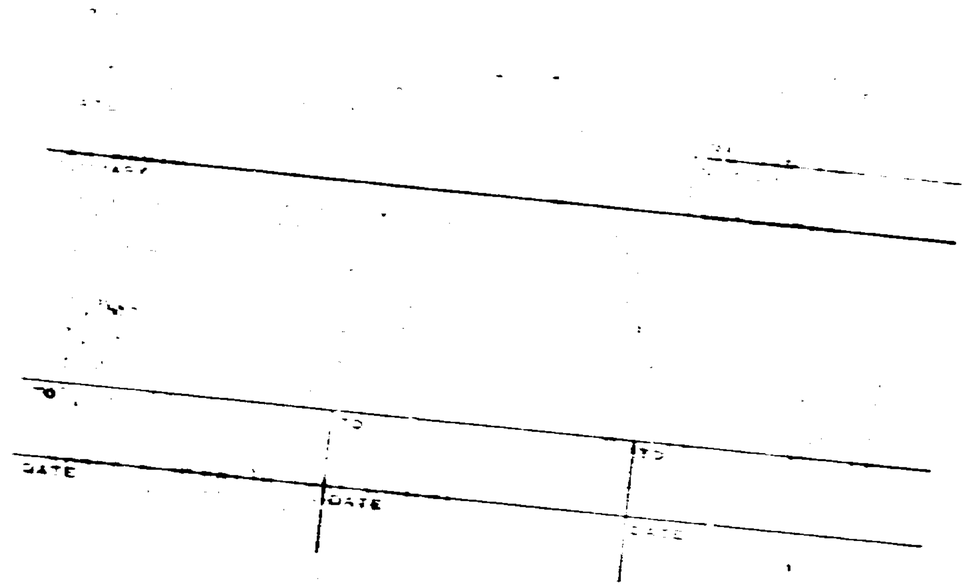
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30 Nov 1943

HISTORICAL REPORT

1. Following is a historical resume of the first eleven (11) months of activity of the 358th Fighter Group.

2. GENERAL. Activated 1 Jan 1943 at Richmond (Va) Army Air Base, the 358th Fighter Group had, by the date of this report, achieved a high efficiency in training and had reached its overseas base which was to become the site for the Group's first operational missions over German-held territory. Progress of the unit through its training period and in its preparation for foreign duty was characterized by the following:

A. Continuity of Command: Lt Col (then Maj) Cecil L. Wells, commanding the Group at the time of its activation, was in command as the Group reached its overseas operational base. Maj (then Capt) George L. Wertenbaker, Jr., now deputy Group commander, was executive officer when the group was activated. Other officers who helped to activate the Group and remained with the Group as it moved overseas included Maj (then Capt) Joseph A. Lawton, intelligence officer: Maj (then Capt) Randall D. Keator, operations officer: Maj (then Capt) Archie C. Graham, materiel officer: Maj (then 1st Lt) Frank M. Ross, commanding the 365th Fighter Squadron: Maj (then 1st Lt) Jack A. Therriault, commanding the 366th Fighter Squadron: and Maj (then 1st Lt) Donald A. Younglas, commanding the 367th Fighter Squadron.

B. Stability of Personnel. As in the case of command, there were relatively few changes either in flying personnel or in ground personnel. The unit reached approximate full strength ninety (90) days after activation and remained at or near that level, with but few changes, thereafter.

C. Effective Training Program. The training program fulfilled and exceeded minimum requirements set up as necessary for combat operations. Since 5 Mar 1943 the Group has been assigned P-47 aircraft.

D. As a result of the above listed factors, the Group reached the last stage prior to actual operations a closely-knit unit, well-trained physically, technically and mentally, a Group that promised to fulfill in combat all that was expected from it.

3. ACTIVATION. The 358th Fighter Group was activated 1 Jan 1943 at Army Air Base, Richmond, Va., by authority of Paragraph 1, General Order No 32, Headquarters 1 Fighter Command, Mitchel Field, N.Y. dated 29 Dec 1942. Major Wells assumed command under authority of Paragraph 4, Special Order No 1, Headquarters Philadelphia Air Defense Wing, dated 1 Jan 1943. (Copy of General Orders, 358th Fighter Group, attached as Appendix I). Major Wells was a

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veteran of nearly six years in the Air Corps and had seen 20 months service in the Caribbean area. He was transferred from the 324th Fighter Squadron, 327th Fighter Group, to take command of the 358th.

A. Cadre for the 358th Fighter Group numbered twenty (20) officers and one hundred seventy eight (178) enlisted men. In general, the personnel for the Headquarters 358th Fighter Group came from Headquarters 327th Fighter Group: for the 365th Fighter Squadron from the 323rd Fighter Squadron: for the 366th Fighter Squadron from the 324th Fighter Squadron: for the 367th Fighter Squadron from the 325th Fighter Squadron (Copy Paragraphs 4,5 and 6 of Special Order No 1, Headquarters Philadelphia Air Defense Wing, dated 1 Jan 1943 is attached as Appendix II and Copy Paragraph 7 of Special Order No 1, Headquarters 358th Fighter Group is attached as Appendix III). Eight (8) officers and twelve (12) enlisted men were assigned to Headquarters 358th Fighter Group: four (4) officers and fifty-six (56) enlisted men were assigned to the 365th and 367th Fighter Squadrons and four (4) officers and fifty-four (54) enlisted men to the 366th Fighter Squadron.

B. First staff officers are listed in General Orders of Headquarters 358th Fighter Group (Appendix I).

4. STATIONS OCCUPIED. After activation the Group remained at Richmond Army Air Base until it moved to Army Air Base, Baltimore, Md. 28 Apr 1943. Subsequent moves were to Army Air Base, Camp Springs Field, Washington, D.C. 28 May 1943 to Army Air Base, Municipal Airport, Philadelphia, Pa. 16 June 1943; to Army Air Base, Richmond, Va. 13 Aug 1943; to Camp Kilmer, N.J. 26 Sept 1943. From Camp Kilmer the Group and Squadrons began overseas movement as a unit. During the United States training period, Group Headquarters was attached in turn to the various Squadrons, which were scattered at different fields. Location of Group Headquarters and Squadrons is given in Report of Status of Unit, dated 6 Jul 1943, copy of which is attached as Appendix IV, and in copies of movement orders, attached as Appendices V and VI.

5. TRAINING IN THE UNITED STATES. See Appendix VII-OTU in the United States, prepared by Group Operations.

6. MOVEMENT OVERSEAS. The Group and Squadrons, numbering twenty-three (23) officers and fifty (50) enlisted men in Group Headquarters and thirty-eight (38) officers and two hundred fifty two (252) men in each Squadron, boarded the transport S.S. Monterrey at Brooklyn Army Base 7 Oct 1943, departed from the port of embarkation 8 Oct 1943, and arrived at Liverpool, England on

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19 Oct 1943. Debarkation was effected 20 Oct 1943 and the Unit entrained immediately for AAF Station F-345, arriving there the same day. An advance party of three (3) officers, Major Wertenbaker, Major Keator and Major Lawton, had preceded the Group to the ETO by plane. (Secret orders, including roster of personnel moving overseas and orders covering movement of unit from port of debarkation to Station F-345 are not available as supporting documents to this report).

7. IN THE ETO. With no changes in command, the Group was stationed at AAF Station F-345 from 20 October 1943 to 29 Nov 1943. Station F-345 is located near Goxhill. Here training was continued (see Appendix VIII, OTU in the United Kingdom, prepared by Group Operations) and authorized aircraft were assigned to the Group. On 29 Nov 1943 Group Headquarters and Squadrons moved, by rail, motor convoy and air, to AAF Station F-373, located near Leiston, which was the operational field assigned the 358th by the VIII Fighter Command. Service groups assigned to the new station already had arrived at the site and had accomplished preliminary work. Arriving at Station F-373 18 Oct 1943 were 70th Station Complement Squadron of eleven (11) officers and one hundred six (106) men: 469th Service Squadron of the 50th Service Group, with nine (9) officers and two hundred twenty five (225) men. On 29 Oct 1943 arrived the 1177th Quartermaster Company, Service Group, with five (5) officers and seventy six (76) men, and the 1260th Military Police Company, Aviation, with four (4) officers and ninety nine (99) men. They were followed on 22 Oct 1943 by Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 50th Service Group, with three (3) officers and ninety seven (97) men. The work of completing the field, completing the movement of assigned aircraft to the new base, bettering housing conditions, providing full servicing facilities and many other problems confronted the personnel of Station F-373 before actual operations could begin. (Copy of order authorizing movement of Group to AAF Station F-373 is attached as Appendix IX.)

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APPENDIX I

HQ 3d [illegible] 368TH FIGHTER GROUP
Army Air Base
Richmond, Virginia

1 JANUARY, 1943.

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 1)

I.--Activation of 368th Fighter Group.-- Pursuant to paragraph 1, General Order No.82, Headquarters First Fighter Command, Mitchel Field, New York, dated December 29, 1942, the 368th Fighter Group is activated at 12:01 A.M., January 1, 1943.

II.--Assumption of Command.-- Pursuant to Paragraph 4, Special Orders No. 1, Headquarters A.B., dated January 1, 1943, the undersigned hereby assumes command of the 368th Fighter Group.

III.-- Appointments to Staff.-- The following appointments to the staff, 368th Fighter Group are announced:

Executive Officer	Capt. George L. Hartenbaker, Jr	0-8-3756
Adjutant	2nd Lt. Tomard J. Harris, Jr.	0-[illegible]027
Personnel Officer	2nd Lt. Donald C. [illegible]	0-[illegible]24
Intelligence Officer	Capt. Joseph M. Lawton	0-[illegible]89
Operations Officer	Capt. Randall B. Hester	0-112276
Material Officer	Capt. Archie J. Orton	0-[illegible]96

CECIL L. WELLS,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding

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[illegible]
[illegible] Air Base
Richmond, Virginia

1 JANUARY 1943

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 1)

IV.-- Appointment to Staff.--The following appointment to the Staff, Headquarters 368th. Fighter Group is announced:

Physical Training Director 2nd Lt. PAUL E. BELL 0-[illegible]

BY ORDER OF COLONEL WELLS,

[illegible] Major, Air Corps.,
Commanding.

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[illegible] 368TH FIGHTER [illegible]
[illegible] Air Base
[illegible], Virginia

1 [illegible] 1945.

[illegible] ORDER)
:
NUMBER 1)

1.--In addition to his other duties, Capt. [illegible], [illegible], 0-478328, is appointed Defense Cryptographic Security Officer, effective this date.

DECIL I. WELLS:
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 388TH FIGHTER GROUP
Army Air Base
Richmond, Virginia.

5 JANUARY 1943

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 2)

I.--Appointment to Staff.--The following appointment to the Staff, Headquarters 388th Fighter Group is announced:

Group Surgeon Captain DONALD E. MC CLUSKY 0-478389

CECIL L. ELLIS,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
Army Air Base
Richmond, Virginia

5 JANUARY 1943

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 2)

I.--Appointment to Staff.--The following appointment to the Staff, Headquarters 358th Fighter Group is announced:

Group Surgeon Captain DONALD E. MC CLUSKY 0-473339

CECIL L. WELLS,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
[illegible]
Richard, Virginia

12 JANUARY 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 3)

I.--Appointment to Staff.--The following appointments to the Staff, Headquarters 358th Fighter Group are announced.

Statistical Officer — 2nd Lt. [illegible]
Ordnance Officer — 2nd Lt. [illegible]

[illegible]

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Richland, Virginia

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GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 4)

I.--Appointment to Staff.--The following appointment to the Staff, Headquarters 8[illegible]th Flight, Group, is announced.

Assistant Intelligence Officer, 2nd Lt. MILTON A. DALTON, [illegible], 0-[illegible]737.

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[illegible]
[illegible] Morris.
Colonel, Wing.

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HQ 2'D R'D RTLRD 363TH FIGHTER GROUP
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Richmond, Virginia

19 JANUARY 1943

GENER L .RDERS)
:
NUMBER 4)

II.--In addition to his other duties, 2nd Lieut. MILTON . . MILTON, S.., 0-567687, is appointed Group Bas Officer, effective this date.

CECIL L. WELLS,
Major, .ir Corps,
Commanding.

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[illegible]
[illegible], Virginia.

[illegible]

PRIVATE L. PHIPPS)
:
NUMBER 5)

II.--In addition to his other duties, 2nd Lieut. [illegible], C.A.C., is appointed Troop [illegible] Officer, effective January [illegible].

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[illegible],
[illegible]der, Air Corps,
[illegible].

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 6)

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...r, ... Corps,
Commanding.

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[illegible], Virginia

29 [illegible] 1[illegible]

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 8)

II.--In addition to his other duties, Captain [illegible], [illegible], 0-[illegible]3829, is appointed Group War Bond Officer, effective January 23, 1943.

CECIL L. [illegible],
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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DEVER 1 (SDTR6)
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NUMBER 7)

I.--The undersigned Group Surgeon, commanding of the 56th Fighter Group in the temporary absence of Major Odell L. Gilbert, for the return of Major Tolle, the [illegible] is ordered without further order.

[illegible]
[illegible],
Major, Air Corps.
Commanding.

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HQ 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
Army Air Base
Richmond, Virginia

7 FEBRUARY 1943

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 7)

II.--In addition to his other duties, 2nd Lieut. DENNIS C. FINTER, O-570824, is appointed Special Service Officer for the 358th Fighter Group, effective February 1, 1943.

CECIL L. WELLS,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
[illegible] Air Base
Richmond, Virginia

9 FEBRUARY 1943

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 8)

I.--Appointment of Staff.--The following appointment to the Staff, Headquarters 358th Fighter Group, is announced.

Communication Officer, 2nd Lt. MARTIN PURSNIEL, 0-857334

CECIL I. [illegible],
Major, Air Corps.
Commanding.

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[illegible] 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
[illegible] Air Base
Richmond, Virginia

15 FEBRUARY 1943

STAFF (L 0858-S)
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II.--In addition to his other duties, 2nd Lieut. P[illegible] L. BELL, 0-662604, is appointed Special Inspector of Messes for the 358th Fighter Group, effective February 14, 1943.

III.--In addition to his other duties, 2nd Lieut. EDWARD H[illegible]D, 0-671894, is appointed Special Service Officer for the 358th Fighter Group, effective February 15, 1943, vice 2nd Lieut. DENNIS C. HUNTER, 0-670824, relieved.

CECIL L. ELLIS,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 368TH FIGHTER GROUP
Army Air Base
Richmond, Virginia

20 FEBRUARY 1943

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 11)

II.--So much of paragraph I, General Orders Number 11, this headquarters, dated February 20, 1943, that reads:

"Clerk, Sgt. WILBERT H. GUSTAFSON, 35247618"

is amended to read:

"Clerk, Private ALFRED S. HOWDE, 37233048"

CECIL L. WELLS,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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[illegible] Air Base
Richmond, Virginia

27 FEBRUARY 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 12)

I.--1st Lieut. [illegible], [illegible], 0-473[illegible], [illegible] Field Hospital Squadron, is hereby attached to Group Headquarters and appointed Group Surgeon in the absence of Captain [illegible] F. MCCLUSKY, 0-473380. Upon the return of Captain [illegible] F. MCCLUSKY to duty, 1st Lieut. [illegible] will automatically become relieved from attachment and duty as Group Surgeon.

CECIL L. [illegible],
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 368TH FIGHTER GROUP
Army Air Base
Richmond, Virginia

27 FEBRUARY 1943

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 13)

I.--In addition to his other duties, 2nd Lieut. JAMES F. BLAIR, 0-567334, 369th Fighter Squadron, is appointed Assistant Group Gas Officer, effective this date.

CECIL L. WELLS,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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[illegible]

[illegible]

I.--In addition to his other duties, Capt. [illegible],
[illegible], 325th Fighter Squadron, is assigned [illegible]
in the rear Group Operations Office at Headquarters.

[illegible]

[illegible],
[illegible], Air Corps,
[illegible].

[illegible]

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[illegible] 25TH FIGHT [illegible]
[illegible] Air Base
Richmond, Virginia

[illegible]

SPECIAL ORDER)
:
NUMBER 16)

I.--Paragraph [illegible] of General Order Number 14, this headquarters, dated March 1, 1944, is amended to read March 7, 1944.

II.--In addition to his other duties, 2nd Lieut. [illegible], 0-671334, is appointed Group Dental Officer.

[illegible]
[illegible],
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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[illegible] 325TH FIGHTER GROUP
[illegible] Air Base
Richmond, Virginia

13 [illegible] 1942

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 17)

I.-- Appointment of Staff.--The following appointment to the Staff, Headquarters 325th Fighter Group, is announced.

Adjutant, Captain [illegible] J. DEMICK, 0-908681, 1st Lieut.

EDWARD J. MORRIS, JR., 0-[illegible]27, relieved.

CECIL L. WELLS,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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[illegible] 365TH FIGHTER GROUP
Army Air [illegible]
Richmond, Virginia

2 APRIL 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 13)

I.--In addition to his other duties, 1st Lieut. WALTER H. BARTLETT, O-662477, is appointed Group Mess Officer.

CECIL L. WELLS,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
Army Air Base
Richmond, Virginia

3 APRIL 1943

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 19)

I.--In addition to his other duties, 1st Lieut. HENRY D. JOHNSON, O-563420, is appointed Group Transportation Officer.

CECIL E. DAVIS,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

DISTRIBUTION: (1) file; (1) I AF; (1) I FC; (1) PADW; (1) COAB; (1) TAG;

HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
Army Air Base
Richmond, Virginia

13 APRIL 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 20)

I.--In addition to his other duties, 1st Lieut. WALTER H. BARTLETT, O-562477, is appointed Group Postal Officer, vice 2nd Lieut. EDWARD HADDAD, O-571894, relieved.

CECIL L. [illegible],
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 358th FIGHTER GROUP
Army Air Base
Richmond, Virginia

14 APRIL 1943

GENERAL ORDERS:

NUMBER

Paragraph I, General Order Number 20, this Headquarters, dated April [illegible] 1943, is hereby revoked.

Appointment to Staff.--The following appointment to the Headquarters, 358th Fighter Group, is announced.

Special Service Officer, 1st Lt. WALTER H. BARTLETT, O-562477, vice 2nd Lt. EDWARD HADDAD, O-571894, relieved.

In addition to his other duties, 1st Lt. WALTER H. BARTLETT, O-562477, [illegible] Group Postal Officer, vice 2nd Lt. EDWARD HADDAD, O-571894, [illegible].

In addition to his other duties, 1st Lt. ALVIN S. GUTHRIE, [illegible] Assistant Adjutant for the 358th Fighter Group, vice 2nd Lt. [illegible] O-571894, relieved.

In addition to his other duties, 2nd Lt. JAMES S. CRAFT, [illegible] Assistant Adjutant for the 358th Fighter Group.

GREGG L. WELLS,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 355TH FIGHTER GROUP
Army Air Base
Richmond, Virginia

21 APRIL 1943

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 22)

I.--In addition to his other duties, S/Sgt. JOHN D. RIDDELL, 6909499, is appointed Group Parachute Inspector.

~~CEOIL~~ L. ~~WELLS~~,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
Army Air Base
Baltimore, Maryland

30 APRIL 1943

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 2)

I.--General Order Number 21, this Headquarters, dated April 21, 1943, is hereby revoked.

II.--Appointment to Staff.--The following appointment to the Staff, Headquarters 358th Fighter Group, is announced.

Armament Officer, 1st Lt. [redacted] A. STONE. O-655690.

CECIL L. [redacted]
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

DISTRIBUTION: (1) file; (1) I AF; (1) I FC; (1) PADW; (1) COAB; (1) TAG; (5) Ea Off; (1) Ea Off 201-file; (1) Ea EM 201-file; (2) Ea Sq; (1) Diary; (20) Surplus.

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Army Air Base, Municipal Airport
Baltimore, Maryland

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1. In addition to his other duties, [illegible]
[illegible], is appointed Group Guc Officer, [illegible]
[illegible], Md., [illegible], relieved.

2. In addition to his other duties, [illegible]
[illegible], Md., is appointed Personnel Officer, [illegible]
[illegible], Md., [illegible], relieved.

[illegible]

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Camp Springs Army Air Field
Washington, D. C.

3 JUNE 1943

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;
NUMBER 30 }

I.--So much of General Orders dated May 17, 1943, that reads: "General Orders Number 100," is amended to read: "General Orders Number 24."

II.--So much of paragraph III, General Orders Number 21, this headquarters that reads:

"In addition to his other duties, 1st Lt. WALTER H. BARTLETT, O-562477, is appointed Group Postal Officer, vice 2nd Lt. EDWARD LADD, O-571394, relieved."

is revoked.

III.--General Orders Number 18, this headquarters, dated April 2, 1943, is deleted by adding the following paragraph:

II.--In addition to his other duties, 1st Lieut. WALTER H. BARTLETT, O-562477, is appointed Special Inspector for Conservation of Food and Mess Supervisor.

CECIL L. WELLS,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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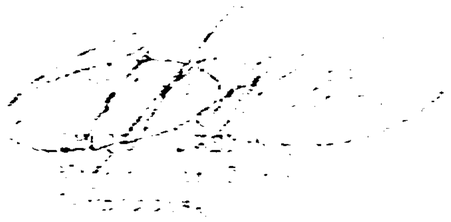

HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
Army Air Base, Municipal Airport
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

26 JUN 1943

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 27)

I--Appointment to Staff.--The following appointment to the Staff, Headquarters 358th Fighter Group is announced:

Communications Officer, 2nd Lt. GLENN A. SAUDER, O-1041243, AC, vice 2nd Lt. MARVIN CAPPEL, JR., O-859791, AC, relieved.

II--Appointment to Staff.--The following appointment to the Staff, Headquarters 358th Fighter Group is announced:

Assistant Communications Officer, 2nd Lt. MARVIN CAPPEL, JR., O-859791, AC.

CECIL L. WELLS,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 35gTH FIGHTER GROUP
Army Air Base, Municipal Airport
Philadelphia, Pa.

25 Jul 43

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER ~~28~~ 29)

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-20 the undersigned hereby assumes command of the 35[illegible] Fighter Group, effective this date. Upon the return of Major Wells the undersigned automatically stands relieved.

[illegible] Tunnell, Jr.
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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28 July 194[illegible]

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[illegible]

[illegible] 359th Fighter Group
Army Air Base
Richmond, Virginia

4 September 1943

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 31)

I.—In addition to his other duties, Major [illegible], O-906651, is appointed Group Administrative Inspector, vice Major [illegible], O-357486, relieved.

[illegible],
Lt. Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

THIS IS A TRUE COPY:

J. S. GRANT,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

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Lieut. Colonel, Air Corps,
Assistant.

1 Enclosure
Letter to Air Corps Supply Officers, dated 31 October 1939.

Subject: Air Corps Supply Officers' Conference.

Headquarters Air Corps Supply Depot
Fort Worth, Texas

6 November 1939

Subject: Air Corps Supply Officers' Conference.

To: Air Corps Supply Officers, Air Corps Training Center, Air Corps Supply Depot, Air Corps Depot, Air Corps Maintenance Depot, Air Corps Repair Depot, Air Corps Stations, Air Corps Schools, Air Corps Boards, Air Corps Laboratories, Air Corps Experimental Stations, Air Corps Representatives, Air Corps Inspectors, Air Corps Procurement Districts, Air Corps Procurement Agents, Air Corps Procurement Officers, Air Corps Purchasing Officers, Air Corps Contracting Officers, Air Corps Property Officers, Air Corps Property Custodians, Air Corps Property Accountants, Air Corps Property Clerks, Air Corps Property Boards, Air Corps Property Committees, Air Corps Property Inspectors, Air Corps Property Representatives, Air Corps Property Agents

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Army Air Force Station F-345
APO 307 U. S. Army

21 OCTOBER 1943

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 38)

I.--Major GEORGE L. TEMPLETON, JR., 0-388700, is appointed Deputy Group Commander, effective this date.

II.--Major THADDEUS A. BARTNICK, 0-416681, is appointed Executive, vice Major GEORGE L. TEMPLETON, JR., 0-388700, relieved, effective this date.

III.--1st Lt. CHARLES S. [illegible], [illegible], is relieved as Assistant Adjutant and is appointed Major [illegible], vice Major THADDEUS A. BARTNICK, 0-416681, relieved, effective this date.

IV.--1st Lt. ALVIN C. [illegible], 0-680188, is appointed Personnel OFFICER (S-1), effective this date.

CECIL L. WELLS,
Lieut. Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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APPENDIX II

SPECIAL ORDERS) RESTRICTED
:
NO. 1) E X T R A C T

HEADQUARTERS PHILADELPHIA AIR DEFENSE WING
P. O. BOX 87, PHILADELPHIA, PA.
JANUARY 1, 1943

4. Major CECIL L. WELLS, 0-22505, is reld fr asgmt to and dy with the 324th Fitr Sq, 327th Fitr Gp, AAB Richmond, Va., and is asgd to Hq 358th Fitr Gp, AAB Richmond, Va., and is appointed Commanding Officer thereof. No travel involved.

5. The following-named O are reld fr asgmt and dy with the orgns ~~indicated, of the 327th Fitr Gp,~~ AAB Richmond, Va., and are asgd to the orgns indicated of the 358th Fitr Gp, AAB Richmond, Va., and will report to the CO thereof for dy. No travel involved.

GRADE	NAME	ASN	RELD FR	ASGD TO
Captain	GEORGE L. WERTENBAKER, JR.	0-383756	Hq 327th Fitr Gp	Hq 358th Fitr Gp
2nd Lt.	EDWARD J. HARRIS, JR.	0-889027	do	do
2nd Lt.	DENNIS C. WINTER	0-570824	do	do
2nd Lt.	PAUL E. BELL	0-562504	do	do
Captain	RANDALL D. KEATOR	0-412276	324th Fitr Sq	do
Captain	ARCHIE C. GRAHAM	0-357486	Hq 327th Fitr Gp	do
Captain	JOSEPH A. LANTON	0-458829	323rd Fitr Sq	do
1st Lt.	FRANK M. ROSS	0-406490	324th Fitr Sq	365th Fitr Sq
1st Lt.	ARTHUR L. BILLIN	0-907771	323rd Fitr Sq	do
1st Lt.	BURTON D. YARLIN	0-432738	do	do
2nd Lt.	HENRY D. JOHNSON	0-563420	do	do
1st Lt.	JACK A THERRIAULT	0-432140	Hq 327th Fitr Gp	366th Fitr Sq
Capt.	TADDEUS A. BARTNICK	0-906651	324th Fitr Sq	do
1st Lt.	JOSEPH D. UNDERWOOD	0-432732	Hq 327th Fitr Gp	do
2nd Lt.	LESLIE M. JANOWIK	0-563398	324th Fitr Sq	do
1st Lt.	DONALD A. YOUNGLAS	0-417813	325th Fitr Sq	367th Fitr Sq
2nd Lt.	HARVEY HALL	0-563197	do	do
2nd Lt.	FELIX A. FRALIER, JR.	0-437065	do	do
1st Lt.	ANDREW J. MALINESKA	0-311039	324th Fitr Sq	do

6. The following-named EM are trfd in gr fr the indicated orgns of the 327th Fitr Gp, AAB Richmond, Va., to the indicated orgns of the 353th Fitr Gp, AAB Richmond, Va., and will report to the CO thereof for dy. No travel involved.

FROM: HQ 327th FITR GP TO: HQ 353th FITR GP

Pvt lcl	(075)	Robert W. Dobshaw	35277141
Sgt	(502)	Emil C. Dirado	13057907
Cpl	(502)	John L. Nieman	35453210
Pvt	(055)	Alex Richmond	35336700
Cpl	(502)	Peter M. Onuschak	32394527
Pvt	(055)	William H. Fedwell	36748466
Cpl	(502)	Wilbert F. Gustafson	33247615
T/Sgt	(513)	Harry E. Glavin	6539496
/Sgt	(754)	Harvey G. Cross	6940578
Pvt	(755)	Lawrence L. Norton	36355721
Cpl	(839)	William I. Higgins	11036995
Pvt lcl	(759)	Eustis D. Lancaster	33126605

FROM: 353RD FITR SQ TO: 365TH FITR SQ

1st Sgt	(535)	Ben E. Bryan	18033204
Sgt	(501)	Edwin A. Golinas	11033303
Sgt	(5[illegible])	Hartwin C. W. Albert	33117837
Cpl	(5[illegible])	Joseph D. McClure	35173105
Pvt	(501)	Harold H. Lindsey	38038915
T/Sgt	(911)	Charles C. Loughty	6395264
Cpl	(911)	William E. Dertino	32850807
Cpl	(911)	Leonard Bloom	32190091
Pvt lcl	(911)	Edward W. Lutes	33315607
Pvt lcl	(911)	Paul M. March, Jr.	33320909
Pvt	(001)	John H. Schesser	37211139
Sgt	(814)	Lester R. Brantley	7033231
S/Sgt	(824)	Louis L. Longmore	R-441215
Cpl	(060)	Orville L. McComb	37205990
Cpl	(060)	Eugene E. Farley	34343568
Pvt	(060)	John J. Bolch	33249944
Pvt	(060)	Thomas J. Warwick	35466516
Pvt	(060)	William Getchey	33290133
Pvt lcl	(245)	Nelson D. Lash	36146955
Sgt	(014)	Clarance P. Schlossman	33233206
S/Sgt	(542)	William H. Russell	14067527
Pvt	(177)	Walter Kwap	32405848
Pvt	(177)	Joseph P. Starkey	12093574
Pvt lcl	(754)	Harry K. Lotta	36383567
Pvt	(754)	William V. Desvaux	37369695
Pvt lcl	(754)	Elmer H. Lammay	33125596

(SO # 1, Par. #5, HDW, Cont.)

Pvt	(755)	Sam Barkett	16109353
Pvt	(755)	Fred F. Antioco	12123509
Pvt	(755)	William J. Duffy	16076782
Pvt	(755)	Edward C. Lancaster	32377948
Pvt	(177)	Atlee A. Grey	35406765
Pvt	(177)	Austin J. Waldron, Jr.	32386642
Pvt	(238)	Robert E. Shannon	11114750
Pvt	(177)	John C. Oberg	32380051
M/Sgt	(752)	Harry T. Fritz	6032230
T/Sgt	(747)	Frederick G. Dryden	6829960
Pvt	(621)	Lawrence L. Painter	33206362
Sgt	(750)	Frank M. Crichton	15074091
Sgt	(750)	Victor J. Gruss	35275784
Pvt	(685)	Charles Cantley	32273424
Cpl	(747)	Herbert J. Dawson	35043127
S/Sgt	(687)	Wallace A. Losse	6756759
Pvt lcl	(747)	Carl O. Kem	35135262
Pvt lcl	(747)	Lawrence Kiehl	37192077
Pvt lcl	(747)	John [illegible] Miller	7020285
Cpl	(247)	George M. Sobczak	16093732
Pvt	(747)	Clarence R. Keith	36058856
Sgt	(750)	Elmer L. Benson	15085307
Sgt	(750)	Emil Weinl	39043144
Sgt	(750)	Dallas J. Cornwell	16043161
Sgt	(750)	Kenneth H. Lindemint	36237457
Sgt	(747)	Mark L. Dehner	13072016
Cpl	(585)	Frank L. Hessey	31124260
Pvt	(585)	Louis J. Smith	33339671
Sgt	(539)	Joseph F. Mahone	32092762
Sgt	(506)	Charles E. Wilkinson	11034038

FROM: 324TH FIGHTER SQ TO: 366TH FIGHTER SQ

S/Sgt	(816)	Thomas Lieber	32164384
Cpl	(405)	Raymond L. Martin	35134068
Pvt	(747)	John E. Scott	36199552
Cpl	(501)	Carl Green	34263264
T/Sgt	(663)	Lester A. Ross	6912887
Sgt	(911)	Raymond C. Peters	14065835
Cpl	(911)	Claude Moore	33182455
Cpl	(911)	George Jacobs	16044342
Cpl	(911)	Melvin A. Leininger	16093351
Pvt	(911)	Arthur S. Safford	32424366
Cpl	(501)	Constantine Tomao	35043341
Sgt	(060)	Robert J. Dirosa	31082045
Cpl	(060)	Forest V. Evans	36407672
Pvt lcl	(060)	Lawrence W. Rita	34388267
Pvt lcl	(060)	Henry Weinberg	33206361
Pvt	(060)	George E. Lutz	32490877
Pvt	(060)	William O. DeVaul	37231264

(SO #1, Par 5, PAOW dtd)

Pvt 1cl	(714)	Raymond M. Gardner	31396451
Sgt	(756)	Harold J. Putnam	12024396
Pvt	(756)	John H. Shoemake	35350342
Pvt	(756)	Carl G. Pierce	34350951
Pvt 1cl	(754)	Michael J. Jamiolkowski	12069057
Pvt	(756)	Marion T. Miemiec	33375370
Pvt	(754)	Leo T. Dempsey	32409654
Pvt	(754)	Albert A. Dinenzio	32403632
Pvt	(755)	Jack A. Wright	19100073
Pvt	(755)	Frank X.Manonte	33193071
Pvt	(756)	Sam S. Haynes	33335940
Pvt	(756)	Ishadeo E. Watson	33114627
Pvt	(757)	Russell P. Inworks	11056431
Pvt	(754)	John J. Kodich	35360709
Pvt 1cl	(754)	Evan L. Pristoo	35321375
M/Sgt	(759)	Russell C. Sherry	6942709
S/Sgt	(761)	George J. Sokzer	32161719
S/Sgt	(1-7)	John D. Fiddell	6009409
T/Sgt	(512)	Ross S. Wynott	6149159
S/Sgt	(751)	Benjamin J. Billings	34241003
Sgt	(750)	Albert Kocherer	35831854
Sgt	(750)	Robert E. Pichiri	34160954
Cpl	(747)	Irwin H. Messerole	35043832
Pvt	(747)	Robert W. Lantz	35135894
Pvt	(747)	Woodrow W. Leonhart	37117112
Cpl	(686)	Stewart L. Grooly	13052127
Cpl	(780)	William H. Blackwell	34131193
Pvt	(687)	Lawrence W. Morse	36197171
Cpl	(801)	Frank J. Chiodo	32772049
Pvt	(801)	Orin T. Claybrook	37231583
Pvt	(747)	Roscoe C. Burke	35471283
Pvt	(747)	Clarence G. Monsching	35335324
Pvt	(756)	Horace E. West	37196330
Pvt	(745)	Ernest W. Bogart	17072385
Pvt	(850)	Edward F. Greco	31138063
Sgt	(511)	George A. Morris	20126458
Cpl	(501)	Robert G. Wilson	35175620

FROM: 385TH FTR SQ TO: 367TH FTR SQ

S/Sgt	(816)	Herman P. Steinbarger	19060255
Pvt	(856)	Thomas J. Finta	38203786
Cpl	(802)	Francis W. Kulas	11037347
Cpl	(855)	Robert L. Clason	6570877
Cpl	(803)	William E. Rhein	33109148
T/Sgt	(811)	William C. Powell	6536336
S/Sgt	(811)	John H. Wright	14005602
Pvt 1cl	(811)	Carmen P. Pennulla	33101138
Pvt	(811)	George C. Long	14123852
PVT	(811)	Edgar L. Matheson	37036957
Pvt	(803)	Paul E. Kispert	11039139
Pvt 1cl	(803)	Sandlge B. Neal	35473148
S/Sgt	(860)	Ernest Knowles	31112815
Cpl	(860)	Clarence L. Mccomber	37035750
Pvt 1cl	(860)	Benjamin E. Knobert	35330352
Pvt 1cl	(860)	Henry J. Strong	37426130

Pvt	(060)	Charles L. Larson	37331579
Pvt	(060)	George Brown	37333496
Pvt 1cl	(245)	Frank Riches	37-27947
Pvt 1cl	(014)	Julian J. Cook	12142735
T/Sgt	(759)	John J. Kretchek	6941427
Pvt 1cl	(759)	Lawrence T. Heffernan	32170496
Pvt 1cl	(756)	Harold D. Kyte	34288507
Pvt	(756)	William J. Ryan	12032886
Pvt 1cl	(754)	Charles W. Cooper	12073301
Pvt	(759)	Arthur H. Lowe	33126849
Pvt	(756)	Paul J. Mescoe	13080299
Pvt	(756)	Thomas M. Mingeler	36346930
Pvt	(759)	Guy A. Lichtner	33234993
Pvt	(754)	Harvey G. Dize	33202637
Pvt	(177)	James E. Burke	37422252
Pvt	(177)	William McCann	32141990
Pvt	(177)	Charles E. Sawyer	39248829
Pvt	(237)	Ernest C. Workmen	17055729
M/Sgt	(008)	Alexander Blowwage, Jr.	6896121
S/Sgt	(008)	Joseph A. Byrnes	32171635
Sgt	(147)	Vernon S. Jensen	18025257
S/Sgt	(008)	Ramon Pena, Jr.	18048131
Cpl	(008)	James T. Adams	34189150
Cpl	(008)	Thomas A. Deutsch	37166354
Cpl	(008)	Edward J. Dahlmen	32192742
Pvt 1cl	(008)	Robert M. Romack	16100201
Pvt 1cl	(008)	Rocco Bartolo	32237633
Pvt 1cl	(685)	Samuel Eisentrout	35377552
Cpl	(008)	Marvin S. Pero	36233157
Pvt 1cl	(008)	DeWayne W. Burck	1602-953
Pvt	(587)	Kenneth E. Carlson	33270196
Pvt 1cl	(201)	Marino Pizzintrilli	12166691
Pvt 1cl	(008)	Edward C. Johnson	12031648
Pvt	(245)	Richard T. Trimmer	33230039
Pvt	(114)	Abe Seidman	12145413
Pvt	(256)	Vernon F. Brown	38329050
Pvt	(014)	Ned E. Walker	37221391
Cpl	(050)	Duane E. Estes	19005261
Sgt	(539)	Howard A. Wenz	12009809
Pvt 1cl	(504)	James E. Howard	34330283

(Auth AR 615-200)

By order of Colonel BAROUH:

OFFICIAL:

H. L. BAIR
Capt., A.C.
Adjutant

W. R. MORGAN
Lieut. Colonel, A.C.
Executive

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APPENDIX III

HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
Army Air Base
Richmond, Virginia

1 JANUARY 1943

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 1)

E X T R A C T

7. The following named officers are appointed Squadron Commanders of the squadron indicated above their names, effective this date.

365th Fighter Squadron, AAB, Richmond, Va.
1st Lieut. FRANK M. ROSS 0-406490

366th Fighter Squadron, AAB, Richmond, Va.
1st Lieut. JACK M. THEARAULT 0-432140

367th Fighter Squadron, AAB, Richmond, Va.
1st Lieut. DONALD M. YOUNGLAS 0-417613

By order of Major WELLS:

EDWARD J. HARRIS, JR.,
2nd Lieut., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

EDWARD J. HARRIS, JR.,
2nd Lieut., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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APPENDIX IV

By

Edward S Stickson

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[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	AAB., Dow Springs Fld, Washington, D. C. 2 Jul 1943	[illegible]	[illegible]	Temporary change of station
366th Fighter Squadron	AAB., Richmond, Va. 28 Apr 1943	AAB., [illegible] Airport, Allentown, Pennsylvania [illegible]	Par. 3, SO [illegible], Hq., [illegible], dated 24 Apr 1943	Temporary change of station
	AAB., Municipal Airport Baltimore, Maryland 29 May 1943	[illegible] Army Air Field Millville, New Jersey [illegible]	Par. 1, SO [illegible], Hq., Baltimore Area, Balto. Md. dated 24 May 1943	Temporary change of station
	Millville Army Air Fld, Millville, New Jersey 3 Jul 1943	AAB., Dow Springs Fld. Washington, D. C. 3 Jul 1943	Par. 4, SO [illegible], Hq., AAB., Dow Springs Fld. Wash., D. C. dated 1 Jul 1943	Temporary change of station
367th Fighter Squadron	AAB., Richmond, Va. 27 Apr 1943	AAB., Langley Field, Va. [illegible]	Par. 6, SO [illegible], Hq., [illegible], dated 24 Apr 1943	Temporary change of station
	AAB., Langley Field Va. 25 May 1943	AAB., Dow Springs Fld, Washington, D. C. 25 May 1943	Par. 7, SO [illegible], Hq., Langley Field, Va. dated 21 May 1943	Temporary change of station
	AAB., Dow Springs Fld, Washington, D. C. 2 Jul 1943	AAB., Municipal Airport, Philadelphia, Pa. 2 Jul 1943	Par. 3, SO [illegible], Hq., AAB., Dow Springs Fld, Wash., D. C. dated 1 Jul 1943	Temporary change of station

ORGANIZATION	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	AUTHORITY	REASON FOR MOVEMENT
368th Fighter Squadron	AAB., Richmond, Va. 21 Apr 1943	AAB., Camp Springs Fld, Washington, D. C. 21 Apr 1943	Par. 5, SO 111, WD, dated 20 Apr 1943	Temporary change of station
	AAB., Camp Springs Fld, Washington, D. C. 24 May 1943	Millville Army Air Fld, Millville, New Jersey 24 May 1943	Par. 4, SO 144, WD, dated 24 May 1943	Temporary change of station
	Millville Army Air Fld, Millville, New Jersey 14 Jun 1943	AAB., Municipal Airport, Philadelphia, Pa. 14 Jun 1943	Par. 5, SO 24, WD, AAB., Camp Springs Fld, Washington, D. C. dated 14 Jun 1943	Temporary change of station

APPENDIX V

R E S T R I C T E D

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 108)

HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR BASE
CAMP SPRINGS ARMY AIR FIELD
WASHINGTON, D. C.

G/P&T/rja

10 August 1943

E X T R A C T

6. The following named O and EM of the Hq 368th Fighter Gp and the 368th Fighter Fighter Sq of the 368th Fighter Gp, now at AAB, Philadelphia Airdrome, Philadelphia, Pa, WP by GOMT and Mil Aircraft at 0800 on 18 August 1943 fr AAB, Philadelphia Airdrome, Philadelphia, Pa to AAB, Richmond, Va.

The above movement is for temp change of sta.

GOMT for the movement will be furn and operated by the 208lst QM Truck Co (Avn), AAB Camp Springs Army Air Field, Washington D. C., now at AAB, Dover Army Air Field.

March Tables, time schedules and routes will be as prescribed by the CC, AAB, Camp Springs Army Air Field, Washington, D. C.

Pers not required to accompany troops may be given verbal permission to perform travel by privately owned conveyance, provided that no additional expenses to the Govt is incurred thereby and that travel time consumed in excess of that required for the movement of the unit is adequately covered by an approved lv of absence.

The atchd roster of the Officers and EM of the Hq, 368th Fighter Gp and the 368th Fighter Sq of the 368th Fighter Gp is hereby made an integral part of this order.

The CC, 208lst QM Truck Co (Avn) will act in the capacity of Convoy Commander.

The provisions of Ltr, Hq, Air Forces, EDC & LAF, Mitchel Field N. Y., dated 8 August 1943, file 370.5, Subject: "Movement of Units of 368th and 361st Fighter Groups"., will be complied with.

TDN 1-5106 P 488-01, 02, 03, 04, 07, 08, A C-25-24.

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1st Lt.	Stone, Bertram A.	0-[illegible]590
2nd Lt.	Cappel, Marvin Jr.	0-859791
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Marx, Alvin A	14[illegible]061
Matheny, Larry L	3[illegible]39
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23 September 1943

EXTRACT

1. The commissioned and enlisted personnel listed on the attached roster, which is made an integral part of this order, will by rail and/or Government-owned motor transportation, from Army Air Base, Richmond, Va., to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, reporting upon arrival to the Commanding General thereof for further orders.

This is a PERMANENT change of station.

Clothing and individual equipment authorized to be taken from present station by movement orders will accompany personnel.

Rations will be furnished in accordance with the provisions of TD Cir. #10, 1943, as amended by TD Cir. #171, 1943.

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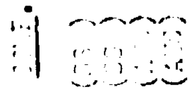

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[illegible], John J.	Sgt.	[illegible]	(SS)
BEIGEL, Richard L.	Sgt.	[illegible]	(SS)
BELL, Leo G.	Sgt.	[illegible]	(SS)
[illegible], John E.	Sgt.	[illegible]	(AUS)
[illegible], Francis T.	Sgt.	[illegible]	(SS)
COOK, Leighton H.	Sgt.	[illegible]	(AUS)

NAME	RANK	SER. NO.	DUTIES	A. F.
[illegible], Jo[illegible] R.	Sgt.	14[illegible]		(AUS)
LITTLE, Robert C.	Sgt.	36[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Jerald C.	Sgt.	32[illegible]		(SS)
SOBLESK, George W.	Sgt.	16[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], Archie W.	Sgt.	33[illegible]		(SS)
LEWIS, Henry S.	Sgt.	32344074		(SS)
SAEDFIELD, Irving (NMI)	Cpl.	32627153		(SS)
CLIFTON, Elmer M.	Cpl.	12073510		(AUS)
COLIANNI, Salvatore A.	Cpl.	32539882		(SS)
COUSINS, Ethan F.	Cpl.	36408500		(SS)
COX, Robert M.	Cpl.	34611467		(SS)
FOGILA, Guerino (NMI)	Cpl.	32512642		(SS)
FOLEY, Sylvester E.	Cpl.	32612583		(SS)
HINSINGER, Harry C.	Cpl.	12192[illegible]		(AUS)
JOHNSON, Kyle H.	Cpl.	37308[illegible]		(SS)
LANIAU, James H.	Cpl.	14143[illegible]		(AUS)
MAY, Walter F.	Cpl.	355[illegible]		(SS)
MEINHOLZ, Joseph (NMI) Jr.	Cpl.	36268909		(SS)
O'MALLEY, Thomas P.	Cpl.	32620015		(SS)
PARKER, Robert H.	Cpl.	35524[illegible]		(SS)
PUNTSI, Elpedio A.	Cpl.	32177[illegible]		(SS)
PENSON, Charles (NMI)	Cpl.	31031730		(SS)
ROHLFING, Fred W.	Cpl.	15528192		(AUS)
SANDRI, Dudley F.	Cpl.	31[illegible]60		(SS)
SHARON, Robert E.	Cpl.	11114750		(AUS)
VIBIN, Ivan D.	Cpl.	3[illegible]313		(SS)
WHITE, Alfred R.	Cpl.	15384[illegible]		(AUS)
WILLIAMS, George L.	Cpl.	34[illegible]		(SS)
WILES, Edward H.	Cpl.	16020[illegible]		(AUS)
WOLFE, Roy (NMI)	Cpl.	13192224		(AUS)
ZITTA, Peter R.	Cpl.	12[illegible]922		(AUS)
PYBURN, William R.	Pfc.	6098531		(AUS)
CYR, Mayo C.	Pfc.	31130[illegible]		(SS)
MILLER, Fred C.	Pfc.	12[illegible]131		(AUS)
ROSI, John J.	Pfc.	31139[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible]KI, Victor F.	Pfc.	34[illegible]		(SS)
SUTLER, Donald R.	Pvt.	345[illegible]185		(SS)
CLARK, Paul G.	Pvt.	3265[illegible]13		(SS)
KIZAKEAS, Charles D.	Pvt.	31[illegible]		(SS)

"D" FLIGHT

(HUNT, George W.	1st Lt.	O-[illegible]539	Flt. Cmdr.	RFS)
([illegible]DGE, James C.	1st Lt.	O-[illegible]134	Pilot	RFS)
([illegible]DONALD, Jean K.	1st Lt.	O-[illegible]731	Pilot	RFS)
([illegible]RIGHT, Norvin K.	2nd Lt.	O-[illegible]982	Pilot	RFS)
(DUDA, Edward J.	2nd Lt.	O-[illegible]036	Radio O.	AUS)
(GRELL, Albert F.	2nd Lt.	O-[illegible]12	Pilot	RFS)
([illegible]HNSON, Darwin L.	2nd Lt.	O-[illegible]972	Nav. O.	AUS)
(THOMSON, Jay V.	2nd Lt.	O-[illegible]346	Pilot	RFS)

LOUGHTY, Charles C.	T/Sgt.	6995[illegible]64	(AUS)
[illegible]ITZ, Harowig C. W.	S/Sgt.	3311[illegible]27	(SS)
DUSKIEWICZ, Casimer J.	S/Sgt.	3237[illegible]45	(SS)
GIACLANI, Guido J.	S/Sgt.	2[illegible]348325	(SS)
GRABEL, Robert J.	S/Sgt.	17056513	(AUS)
GRUSS, Victor J.	S/Sgt.	35275794	(SS)
HUFFMAN, Fred D.	S/Sgt.	1[illegible]102779	(AUS)
LENGUF, Virgil L.	S/Sgt.	3[illegible]38586	(SS)
LEE, Carroll E.	S/Sgt.	13[illegible]14	(AUS)
LLOYD, Leo B.	S/Sgt.	38164110	(SS)
MOORE, Robert W.	S/Sgt.	18[illegible]33)	(AUS)
[illegible]GG, John C.	S/Sgt.	33[illegible]51	(SS)
OLSGAARD, Roy[illegible]nd H.	S/Sgt.	37[illegible]243	(SS)
OWENS, K[illegible]nneth E.	S/Sgt.	11[illegible]05	(AUS)

NAME	RANK	SER. NO.	UNITS	REP.
[illegible], Michael A.	S/Sgt.	35350[illegible]		( )
[illegible], Charles (NMI) Jr.	S/Sgt.	[illegible]		(SS)
SCHNEIDER, Julius W.	S/Sgt.	3[illegible]115		(SS)
SPRINGER, Frederick R.	S/Sgt.	[illegible]		(SS)
STRAW, Joseph P.	S/Sgt.	1[illegible]574		(AUS)
SZEPLAWSKI, Alexander H.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(SS)
VONTERING, Herbert H.	Sgt.	[illegible]351		(SS)
[illegible], Gerald (NMI)	Sgt.	3[illegible]79		(SS)
[illegible], Miles L.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(SS)
FOSTER, Gordon D.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
JACOBSEN, Harry W.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(SS)
KEITH, Clarence L.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(SS)
LEVIN, Victor (NMI)	Sgt.	[illegible]		(SS)
MILLER, Jerry D.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Robert F.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], Joseph F.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], George T.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], John L.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Leonard H.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
PELOQUIN, William J.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Robert E.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(SS)
WARNICK, Thomas J.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Robert S.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(SS)
BLICK, Paul D.	Cpl.	[illegible]		(SS)
CHURCHWOOD, Lester W.	Cpl.	[illegible]		(SS)
HARRIS, Warren H.	Cpl.	[illegible]		(SS)
JONES, Orlof C.	Cpl.	[illegible]		(AUS)
KENNERLY, James H.	Cpl.	[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], George H.	Cpl.	[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], Lawrence J.	Cpl.	[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Francis E.	Cpl.	[illegible]		(SS)
SHAPIRO, Louis (NMI)	Cpl.	[illegible]		(SS)
STEIN, Joseph (NMI)	Cpl.	[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], Austin J. Jr.	Cpl.	[illegible]		(SS)
WISEMAN, Albert C.	Cpl.	[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], John A.	Pfc.	[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], Herbert H.	Pfc.	[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Saul J.	Pfc.	[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], Thaddeus F.	Pfc.	[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Frank J.	Pfc.	[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Ernest C.	Pvt.	[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Saul I.	Pvt.	[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Daniel J.	Pvt.	[illegible]		(SS)

"A" FLIGHT (CONT.)

LAST	RANK	SER. NO.	DUTIES	COM.
[illegible], Harry (NMI)	Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], William C.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
WILDE, Harry P.	Sgt.	36544223		(AUS)
ALDSCHOTT, Wolfgang E.	Cpl.	18162919		(AUS)
DANILUK, John (NMI)	Cpl.	13114797		(AUS)
OLIVER, Boyd [illegible]	Cpl.	33236874		(AUS)
[illegible]GNES, Sam S.	Cpl.	32[illegible]940		(AUS)
[illegible]RIBEL, Edwin (NMI)	Cpl.	38[illegible]383		(AUS)
[illegible]LEN, Arthur W. Jr.	Cpl.	3[illegible]9605		(AUS)
[illegible]RUEMMSCHUEDEL, Clyde W.	Cpl.	35541743		(AUS)
[illegible]SCHELF, Robert W.	Cpl.	3[illegible]4276		(AUS)
ROGERS, William R.	Cpl.	3[illegible]7659		(AUS)
SMILE, Thomas D.	Cpl.	38369139		(AUS)
WILLIAMS, Fred J.	Cpl.	3[illegible]5312		(AUS)
SMITHERS, Paul A.	Pfc.	3444[illegible]31		(AUS)
[illegible]MUS, Joseph F.	Pvt.	3[illegible]19112		(AUS)
[illegible]ULMER, Walter (NMI)	Pvt.	3[illegible]45282		(AUS)
[illegible]LIVENY, Larry L.	Pvt.	3444[illegible]439		(AUS)
[illegible]MILEY, James E.	Pvt.	13156222		(AUS)
[illegible]OTT, Walter L.	Pvt.	34036169		(AUS)

"B" FLIGHT

(JONES, George E.	1st Lt.	O-[illegible]543	Flt. Cmdr.	RES)
(DE [illegible]CHY, Oliver W. Jr.	1st Lt.	O-[illegible]652	Pilot	RA)
(FARLOW, Allan M.	1st Lt.	O-[illegible]093	Pilot	RES)
(HAMILTON, Augustus (NMI) Jr.	2nd Lt.	O-[illegible]57	Pilot	RES)
(MC DANIEL, Meredith M.	2nd Lt.	O-[illegible]57)	Pilot	RES)
(SHOOK, Carm[illegible] W.	2nd Lt.	O-[illegible]4	Pilot	AUS)

SPALDING, John F.	1st Sgt.	15047132		(RA)
SHERRY, Russell C.	T/Sgt.	[illegible]287		(RA)
BENSON, Norton E.	T/Sgt.	36170201		(AUS)
CHERRIN, Virgil E.	T/Sgt.	35043191		(AUS)
CHIRSON, Samuel B.	T/Sgt.	3[illegible]9		(AUS)
DI FOGGIO, Peter (NMI)	T/Sgt.	11[illegible]162		(AUS)
LEWIS, Marvin W.	T/Sgt.	36050555		(AUS)
AUSTIN, Fred (NMI)	S/Sgt.	32425177		(AUS)
BERULIONIS, John A.	S/Sgt.	33150446		(AUS)
CLAYBROOK, Orin F.	S/Sgt.	37231383		(AUS)
CUZZOLA, Anthony J.	S/Sgt.	33273670		(AUS)
FRISTOE, Evan L. Jr.	S/Sgt.	35323975		(AUS)
GETZ, Harold W.	S/Sgt.	35[illegible]3477		(AUS)
GREEN, Carl (NMI)	S/Sgt.	34263264		(AUS)
GROVES, Donald A.	S/Sgt.	3[illegible]6254		(AUS)
HAZEL, Alton E.	S/Sgt.	3[illegible]2491		(RA)
KOCHEVAR, Albert (NMI)	S/Sgt.	3[illegible]1034		(AUS)
LEONHART, Woodrow W.	S/Sgt.	3[illegible]7112		(AUS)
MC IECD, Frederick R.	S/Sgt.	3[illegible]105		(AUS)
MOCKUS, George A.	S/Sgt.	16049567		(AUS)
OLSON, Norton F.	S/Sgt.	36813788		(AUS)
PIERCE, Carl G.	S/Sgt.	34350951		(AUS)
POE, Leonard C.	S/Sgt.	17065956		(AUS)
ROMEITCHER, Miles (NMI)	S/Sgt.	36044326		(AUS)
ANDERSON, Lewis E.	Sgt.	36707726		(AUS)
BOOTS, Herman (NMI) Jr.	Sgt.	36381605		(AUS)
FLANARY, William R.	Sgt.	33200456		(AUS)
GENGO, Matthew F.	Sgt.	32218653		(AUS)
HILL, Frank E.	Sgt.	37163598		(AUS)
FUSI, Lawrence L.	Sgt.	3[illegible]3478		(AUS)
HUELS, Robert P.	Sgt.	32981131		(AUS)
KILLOREN, Robert C.	Sgt.	31935114		(AUS)
LEE, David M.	Sgt.	37041020		(AUS)
LENTZOS, Sotirios J.	Sgt.	32412366		(AUS)

[illegible], Alfred M.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], Francis A.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], Leonard F.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], Ray H.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], [illegible]	Cpl.	[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], [illegible]	Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], Harold T.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
COLLINS, Paul D.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], Oscar L. Jr.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], William L.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
HILLIN, Warren [illegible]	Cpl.	[illegible]		(AUS)
INGLIS, Clarence G.	Cpl.	13132191		(AUS)
KELLY, Joseph D.	Cpl.	[illegible]		(AUS)
LITTLE, [illegible]	Cpl.	[illegible]		(AUS)
MURPHY, James F.	Cpl.	11071019		(AUS)
[illegible], Cheryl [illegible]	Cpl.	11156132		(AUS)
[illegible], Jesse [illegible]	Cpl.	[illegible]		(AUS)
PEPPY, Charles S.	Cpl.	[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], Edwin T. Jr.	Cpl.	[illegible]		(AUS)
SCHWARTZ, Walter H.	Cpl.	[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], Abel (NMI)	Cpl.	[illegible]		(AUS)
WOLLEN, Orvil R.	Cpl.	[illegible]		(AUS)
YANCHIK, Walter C.	Cpl.	[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], Donald C.	Pfc.	[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], Virgil C.	Pfc.	[illegible]		(RA)
[illegible], Charles (NMI)	Pfc.	[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], Richard J.	Pfc.	[illegible]		(AUS)

"C" FLIGHT

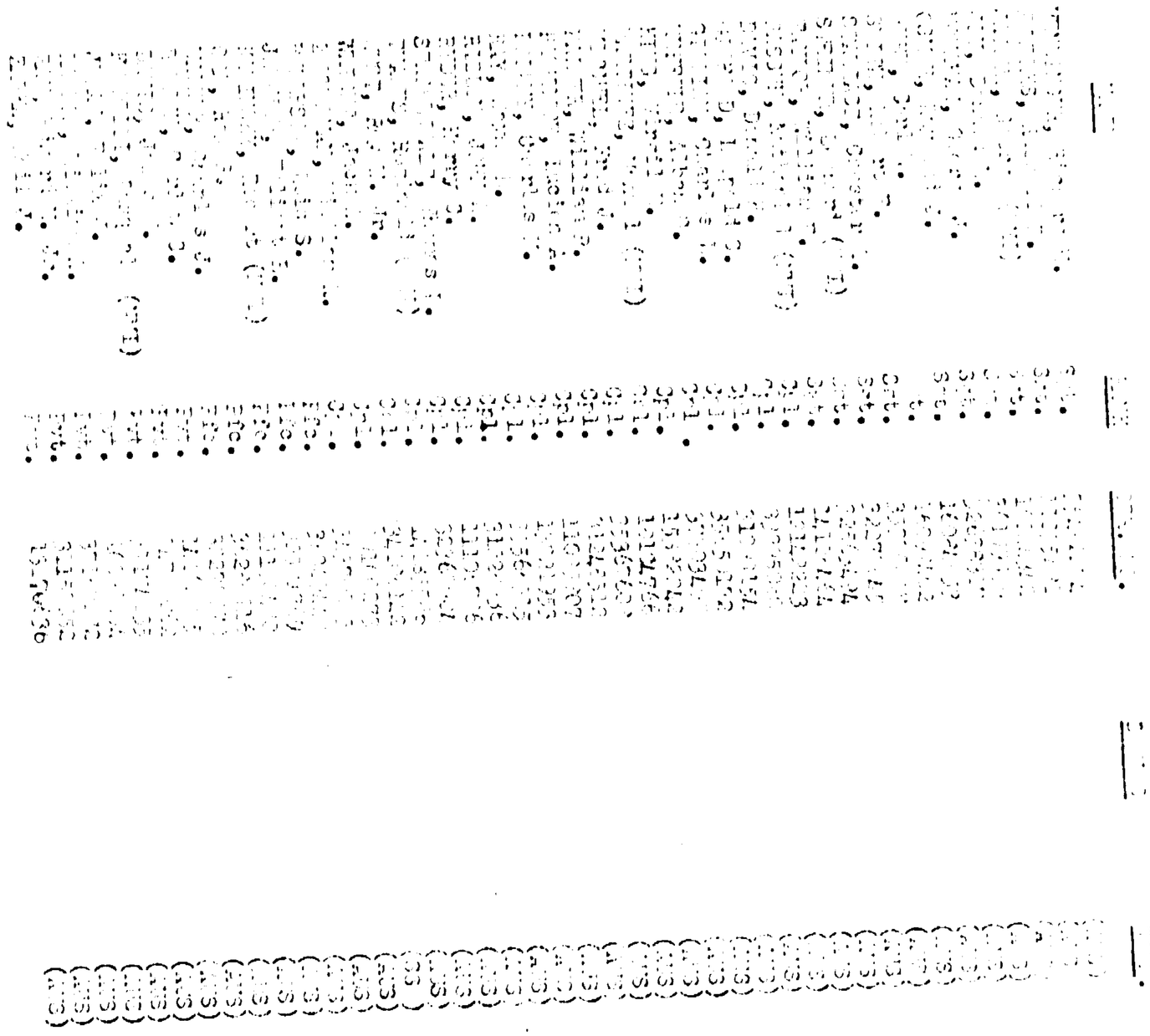
(HELLBUSH, Alexander J. Jr.	1st Lt.	O-666568	Flt. Cmdr.	RES)
(AUSTIN, C. A. (IO)	1st Lt.	O-[illegible]	Pilot	RES)
([illegible], John H.	1st Lt.	O-[illegible]	Pilot	RA)
(COLBERT, Clyde L.	2nd Lt.	O-531939	Pilot	AUS)
(DEAN, William (NMI)	2nd Lt.	O-531401	Pilot	AUS)
(HITTLEMEY, Erik P.	2nd Lt.	O-442402	Pilot	RES)
ANDERSON, Henry W.	S/Sgt.	35816464		(AUS)
COHEN, Harry P.	S/Sgt.	31186793		(AUS)
DEFEBY, Leo T.	S/Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
GREBING, Walter W.	S/Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
HAVLIK, Joseph W.	S/Sgt.	16037533		(AUS)
HEINE, Claude (NMI)	S/Sgt.	33125455		(AUS)
MEREDY, Harold J.	S/Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
MIGGS, Edward J.	S/Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
MILLER, Roy C.	S/Sgt.	13045967		(RA)
NEIS, Woodrow (NMI)	S/Sgt.	35043158		(AUS)
NORMO, Constantine (NMI)	S/Sgt.	35043341		(AUS)
PECK, Maurice J.	S/Sgt.	37331166		(AUS)
PICKARD, Robert E.	S/Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
ROBINSON, James F.	S/Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
ROUCHICCIOLI, Oliver J.	S/Sgt.	35501647		(AUS)
SLYE, Robert R.	S/Sgt.	6150055		(RA)
TURNER, Wilbert H.	S/Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
CRIDER, Howard G.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
DECKER, Max (NMI)	Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
DE WALL, William C.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], James E. Jr.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], Raymond M.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(RA)
[illegible], Manuel L.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
REED, [illegible]	Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
RYE, Edward L.	Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
SMITH, [illegible]	Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], [illegible]	Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], [illegible]	Cpl.	[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], [illegible]	Cpl.	[illegible]		(AUS)

[illegible], [illegible] (NMI)	Cpl.	12[illegible].1		(AUS)
[illegible], [illegible]r (NMI)	Cpl.	13[illegible].11		(AUS)
[illegible], [illegible]	Cpl.	3[illegible]5		(AUS)
[illegible], Alfred R.	Cpl.	35[illegible]02		(AUS)
[illegible], Edward (NMI)	Cpl.	32443269		(AUS)
HINSLEY, Gerald R.	Cpl.	3718[illegible]23		(AUS)
[illegible], Rowe (NMI)	Cpl.	3[illegible]6716		(AUS)
[illegible], Stanley F.	Cpl.	3[illegible]3[illegible]16		(AUS)
[illegible], Michael M.	Cpl.	141[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], Miriam A. L.	Cpl.	31116[illegible]19		(AUS)
[illegible], Charles V.	Cpl.	3[illegible]55[illegible]7		(AUS)
[illegible], John M.	Cpl.	32362[illegible]01		(AUS)
[illegible], Harry L.	Cpl.	[illegible]25[illegible]752		(AUS)
[illegible], Phillip L.	Cpl.	13[illegible]4546		(AUS)
[illegible], Lyle F.	Cpl.	13[illegible]72		(AUS)
[illegible], Jesse M.	Cpl.	33[illegible]15		(AUS)
[illegible], Lloyd J.	Cpl.	3[illegible]4[illegible]2		(AUS)
[illegible], Lowell M.	Cpl.	14[illegible]450		(AUS)
[illegible], Herbert R.	Cpl.	17[illegible]615		(AUS)
[illegible], Louis (NMI)	Cpl.	32560[illegible]42		(AUS)
[illegible], Enno L.	Pfc.	1[illegible]5		(AUS)
[illegible], Lawrence (NMI)	Pfc.	3[illegible]8281		(AUS)
[illegible], Angelo (NMI)	Pfc.	32[illegible]8		(AUS)
[illegible], Fred E.	Pfc.	32[illegible]191		(AUS)
[illegible], Leonard (NMI)	Pfc.	31[illegible]73		(AUS)
[illegible], Arthur R.	Pfc.	33[illegible]396		(AUS)
[illegible], Alvin A.	Pfc.	16[illegible]1		(AUS)
[illegible], John (NMI)	Pfc.	32[illegible]2		(AUS)
[illegible], Elmer J.	Pvt.	34[illegible]2		(AUS)
[illegible], Stanley S.	Pvt.	32[illegible]008		(AUS)
[illegible], Patrick J.	Pvt.	3[illegible]57		(AUS)
[illegible], Gilbert H.	Pvt.	34[illegible]37		(AUS)
[illegible], John W.	Pvt.	34[illegible]79		(AUS)
[illegible], Paul H.	Pvt.	37420[illegible]11		(AUS)

"D" FLIGHT

(SCHUSTER, Robert C.	1st Lt.	O-[illegible]542	Flt. Cmdr.	RES)
(DENNICK, Allen E.	1st Lt.	O-[illegible]9	Pilot	RES)
(IDOL, Victor W. Jr.	1st Lt.	O-[illegible]4	Pilot	RES)
([illegible]NS, Philip D.	2nd Lt.	O-[illegible]	Pilot	RES)
(HARPER, John H.	2nd Lt.	O-[illegible]7	Pilot	RES)
(GORDON, Peter (NMI)	2nd Lt.	O-[illegible]5	Pilot	RES)

JONES, Harold A.	T/Sgt.	36[illegible]26	(AUS)
ALLGOOD, John F.	S/Sgt.	32[illegible]41	(AUS)
[illegible], Harold J.	S/Sgt.	[illegible]2	(AUS)
[illegible], Albert H.	S/Sgt.	35[illegible]14	(AUS)
CIPRIANI, Louis S.	S/Sgt.	31[illegible]	(AUS)
[illegible], Walter B.	S/Sgt.	3[illegible]9	(AUS)
MURRAY, Ralph P.	S/Sgt.	3[illegible]3	(AUS)
[illegible], Clinton H.	S/Sgt.	1[illegible]1	(AUS)
[illegible], Jacob J.	S/Sgt.	36[illegible]45	(AUS)
LYNDON, Edward H.	S/Sgt.	3[illegible]616	(AUS)
[illegible], Robert A.	S/Sgt.	12017[illegible]4	(AUS)
[illegible], Ralph H.	S/Sgt.	39[illegible]583	(AUS)
[illegible], Ira J.	S/Sgt.	3624[illegible]42	(AUS)
[illegible], Donald M.	S/Sgt.	39[illegible]741	(AUS)
[illegible], Charles T.	S/Sgt.	3[illegible]104	(AUS)
[illegible], Virgil (NMI) Jr.	S/Sgt.	1[illegible]	(AUS)
[illegible], Anthony (NMI)	Sgt.	3240[illegible]4	(AUS)
[illegible], Albert A.	Sgt.	32402534	(AUS)
[illegible], Vincent J.	Sgt.	32403675	(AUS)
[illegible], Edward F.	Sgt.	31139963	(AUS)
[illegible], Robert M.	Sgt.	354723[illegible]	(AUS)



"A" FLIGHT

NAME	RANK	SER. NO.	DUTIES	UNIT
(DOUGLAS, Donald A.	Major	0-417913	Sqdn. Cmdr.	AAF)
(BENJAMIN, Kenneth W.	Capt.	0-439782	Flt. Surgeon	AAF)
(FLEETER, Felix A. Jr.	Capt.	0-439665	Opns. O.	AAF)
(HILL, Harvey (MMI)	Capt.	0-563197	Exec. O.	AAF)
(ALLEN, Earl W.	1st Lt.	0-457699	Armament O.	AAF)
(BAKER, Henry H.	1st Lt.	0-1550192	Ordnance O.	AUS)
(BELL, Paul E.	1st Lt.	0-562504	Supply O.	AUS)
(BOREN, Robert W.	1st Lt.	0-567295	Intell. O.	AAF)
(BOYLAN, Thomas L. Jr.	1st Lt.	0-559756	Comm. O.	AAF)
(BOYLE, Merl C.	1st Lt.	0-559152	Adjutant	AUS)
(BESS, Lew P.	1st Lt.	0-559664	Eng. O.	AUS)
(BOURETTE, Lance A.	1st Lt.	0-793530	Ass't. Opns. O.	AAF)
(BUETSCHKOFF, Otto ".	1st Lt.	0-666993	Pilot	AAF)
(BERENTZ, Edward H.	1st Lt.	0-732092	Flt. Cmdr.	AAF)
(WOOLWINES, Alan V.	1st Lt.	0-666580	Pilot	AAF)
(BALLINGER, Philip R.	2nd Lt.	0-671494	Pilot	AAF)
(BEDFORD, Carlys A.	2nd Lt.	0-671468	Pilot	AAF)
(HOLLOWAY, Joe R. Jr.	2nd Lt.	0-671744	Pilot	AAF)
(BALAIA, Ralph F.	2nd Lt.	0-575830	Ass't. Intell. O.	AUS)
(BONSI, Nello L.	2nd Lt.	0-673104	Radio O.	AUS)
RUSSELL, Barnett R.	1st Sgt.	15014995		(RA)
ELCAVAGE, Alexander (MMI)	Jr/Sgt.	6[illegible]121		(RA)
POWELL, William C.	S/Sgt.	6[illegible]838		(RA)
EISENBRAT, Samuel (MMI)	S/Sgt.	35377662		(SS)
CRUBB, Norman S.	S/Sgt.	34211[illegible]		(SS)
BRYANT, William H.	S/Sgt.	14078[illegible]		(AUS)
DEUTSCH, Thomas A.	S/Sgt.	37166354		(SS)
HARRIS, Marshall N.	S/Sgt.	31105757		(SS)
HRUSH, Stephen A.	S/Sgt.	13104404		(AUS)
MATHESON, Edgar L.	S/Sgt.	37246037		(SS)
WIEDENTHAL, Robert J.	S/Sgt.	18046[illegible]4		(RA)
RHEIN, William E. H.	S/Sgt.	33109[illegible]		(SS)
RUSSELL, J. B. Jr.	S/Sgt.	34257332		(SS)
[illegible]MAN, William I.	S/Sgt.	35460[illegible]6		(SS)
WILMI, Bill (MMI)	S/Sgt.	35434402		(SS)
HALL, Edward J.	S/Sgt.	11054925		(AUS)
WILCOX, Paul J.	S/Sgt.	13000239		(AUS)
FOX, Joseph F.	Sgt.	11094655		(AUS)
[illegible]ERY, Wayne I.	Sgt.	13022340		(RA)
AYSOME, Joseph F.	Sgt.	34451316		(SS)
BAER, Willard D.	Sgt.	35242552		(SS)
BOYER, Darrel L.	Sgt.	37229[illegible]		(SS)
BLACKER, James A.	Sgt.	18076236		(AUS)
BOOK, Orril V.	Sgt.	35134023		(SS)
[illegible]ERON, Willard R.	Sgt.	34074422		(AUS)
BUTLER, Delois O.	Sgt.	34057589		(SS)
HUMBEY, Vincent P.	Sgt.	12023997		(RA)
HOFFER, Richard M.	Sgt.	33242645		(SS)
MC CANN, William J. Jr.	Sgt.	32141990		(SS)
MARTENS[illegible], Arthur W.	Sgt.	37273238		(SS)
PARENTEAU, Guy H.	Sgt.	3745062[illegible]		(SS)
LOPEZ, Lawrence A.	Sgt.	35367479		(SS)
PIGOTT, Osborne G.	Sgt.	34301012		(SS)
SMITH, Kirman P.	Sgt.	35408254		(SS)
SCAVOLONE, Ralph M.	Sgt.	31148579		(SS)
VON BRUNS, Charles A.	Sgt.	31115573		(SS)
WESTBROOK, Fred W.	Sgt.	39536292		(SS)
BENTON, Charles W.	Cpl.	3327923[illegible]		(SS)
BLAZER, Eugene T.	Cpl.	393[illegible]688		(SS)
COTE, John H.	Cpl.	311775[illegible]7		(SS)
DIELLA, William S.	Cpl.	32436338		(SS)
FISCHER, Earl C.	Cpl.	37230128		(SS)
GILLETTE, Elvin J.	Cpl.	39840786		(SS)
RICE, Lloyd D.	Pvt.	37202[illegible]1[illegible]		(AUS)
HUNSFIELD, Robert E.	Cpl.	31171368		(SS)

"A" FLIGHT (cont'd)

NAME	RANK	SER. NO.	DUTIES	A.F.
[illegible], Peter P.	Cpl.	34402[illegible]5		(SS)
[illegible], Marshall D.	Cpl.	36617141		(SS)
[illegible], Wilbur (NMI)	Cpl.	32539148		(SS)
O'BRIEN, Edward L.	Cpl.	31242539		(SS)
RHODE, William R.	Cpl.	34435774		(SS)
SHEAHAN, Gerard M.	Cpl.	31157357		(AUS)
STINE, Leonard F.	Cpl.	13102002		(SS)
STORY, Robert L.	Cpl.	32388963		(SS)
WEGNER, William R.	Cpl.	32455852		(AUS)
WEISS, Alton I.	Cpl.	12133545		(SS)
WIGHMAN, James P.	Cpl.	35669542		(SS)
MC CLELLAND, Harry R.	Pfc.	33168617		(SS)
MILLAR, Palmer H.	Pfc.	39561475		(SS)
PARKER, James R.	Pfc.	34448223		(SS)
PRONE, Michael (NMI)	Pfc.	31089970		(SS)
VALENTINO, Patsy A.	Pfc.	32197060		(SS)
DESKOVICK, Charles (NMI)	Pvt.	32555361		(SS)
LARSON, Charles L.	Pvt.	37251677		(SS)
MILLER, James D.	Pvt.	35037316		(PA)
MOSES, Fred (NMI)	Pvt.	6995120		(SS)
RACE, Daniel (NMI)	Pvt.	33326902		(AUS)
SIMS, Oscar E.	Pvt.	12095776		(SS)
WARWICK, Elsman (NMI)	Pvt.	39849762		
HOWMAN, Ernest C.	S/Sgt.	17055729		(AUS)
MAIER, Andrew (NMI)	S/Sgt.	33173622		(SS)
FORD, Thomas J.	Cpl.	34301011		(SS)
MINER, Ned E.	Cpl.	37221391		(SS)

"B" FLIGHT

(SCHILKE, James F.	1st Lt.	0-[illegible]6978	Flt. Cmdr.	RES)
(POOL, Lawrence [illegible].	1st Lt.	0-666576	Pilot	RES)
(BEACH, Victor (NMI)	2nd Lt.	0-522154	Pilot	AUS)
(LIVINGORE, James B. Jr.	2nd Lt.	0-675183	Pilot	AUS)
(MC CABE, James J.	2nd Lt.	0-672636	Pilot	RES)
(SCHNEIDER, Robert (NMI)	2nd Lt.	0-671777	Pilot	RES)
(WATERS, Olen L.	2nd Lt.	0-672126	Pilot	RES)
BURKE, James H.	M/Sgt.	34197761		(SS)
ADAMS, James F.	T/Sgt.	34189150		(SS)
FLANDERS, Marvin J.	T/Sgt.	32405057		(PA)
BARDELO, Bruce (NMI)	S/Sgt.	32237[illegible]3		(SS)
[illegible], Robert L.	S/Sgt.	16049407		(AUS)
[illegible], Michael F.	S/Sgt.	33264277		(SS)
[illegible], Robert E.	S/Sgt.	3[illegible]106918		(SS)
[illegible], Edward C.	S/Sgt.	12031648		(AUS)
LOWE, Arthur H.	S/Sgt.	33126849		(SS)
MEARNS, David (NMI)	S/Sgt.	36245158		(SS)
[illegible], Robert L.	S/Sgt.	6570877		(PA)
[illegible], Robert E.	S/Sgt.	15104152		(AUS)
MILLER, Charles L.	S/Sgt.	35403309		(SS)
RILEY, Harold S.	Sgt.	37452374		(SS)
[illegible], Robert W.	Sgt.	32430678		(SS)
[illegible], Abraham I.	Sgt.	13155885		(AUS)
FOLEY, James J.	Sgt.	32399703		(SS)
[illegible], Edward I.	Sgt.	16097[illegible]0		(AUS)
HENZE, Wilbert H.	Sgt.	35505092		(SS)
KILLGORE, Albert J.	Sgt.	19079362		(AUS)
LEWIS, William A.	Sgt.	16071990		(AUS)
LICHTNER, Guy A.	Sgt.	33234993		(SS)
MC ALOON, Vincent A.	Sgt.	31136482		(SS)
PERO, Marvin S.	Sgt.	36233157		(SS)
SIFFORD, James R.	Sgt.	35405753		(SS)
TRICK, Hammond W.	Sgt.	37422968		(SS)
WEISS, Otto J.	Sgt.	32389645		(SS)

NAME	RANK	SER. NO.	POSITION	UNIT
[illegible], Walter D. Jr.	S/Sgt.	11004[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], [illegible]	Cpl.	[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Francis (NMI) Jr.	Cpl.	[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Walter C.	Cpl.	[illegible]		(SS)
CROCKER, Charles W.	Cpl.	12073801		(AUS)
DEHM, Jacob M.	Cpl.	13174[illegible]		(AUS)
EISENBERG, Bernard L.	Cpl.	12717[illegible]		(AUS)
FIORILLO, Joseph C.	Cpl.	31120759		(SS)
HALL, Raymond (NMI)	Cpl.	13036572		(AUS)
HEINAT, Paul A.	Cpl.	11089139		(AUS)
LUSK, Frederick A.	Cpl.	32503395		(SS)
MEYER, Albert G.	Cpl.	31229014		(SS)
[illegible], [illegible] C.	Cpl.	14123652		(AUS)
LY[illegible], L.	Cpl.	3722[illegible]55		(SS)
[illegible], Clarence	Cpl.	3387[illegible]4		(SS)
MASSENGILL, Henry W.	Cpl.	[illegible]		(SS)
MILEK, Stanley C.	Cpl.	[illegible]		(SS)
OTIS, Howard L.	Cpl.	[illegible]		(SS)
PAINTER, Charles C.	Cpl.	[illegible]		(SS)
SHARP, Myron (NMI)	Cpl.	[illegible]		(SS)
SMITH, James F.	Cpl.	[illegible]		(SS)
SPRINGER, Dorrell[illegible] J.	Cpl.	[illegible]		(SS)
WAGNER, Steve (NMI)	Cpl.	[illegible]		(SS)
ANDREWS, Doyle W.	Pfc.	3[illegible]361		(AUS)
CRAWFORD, Timothy F.	Pfc.	[illegible]		(SS)
LANE, Charles L. Jr.	Pfc.	[illegible]		(SS)
MITCHELL, Harry W.	Pfc.	[illegible]		(SS)
SMITH, Joseph (NMI)	Pfc.	[illegible]		(SS)
BOYD, George L.	Pvt.	[illegible]		(SS)
FISHMAN, James T.	Pvt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
JACOBSEN, Edward L.	Pvt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
LEATHERDALE, Donald F.	Pvt.	[illegible]		(SS)
MC [illegible], Alton J.	Pvt.	[illegible]		(SS)

"C" FLIGHT

(WILCOTT, Clarence E.	1st Lt.	0-732409	Flt. Comdr.	RES)
(FAUTT, Robert H. Jr.	1st Lt.	0-[illegible]	Pilot	RA)
(REDICO, John H.	1st Lt.	0-[illegible]	Pilot	RES)
(SIEGEL, Alvin M.	1st Lt.	0-732395	Pilot	RES)
(WISNESKA, John A.	2nd Lt.	0-732423	Pilot	RES)
BYRNES, Joseph A.	T/Sgt.	32171635		(SS)
CAMPBELL, Merrell H.	T/Sgt.	34139727		(SS)
SLOAN, Paul (NMI)	T/Sgt.	[illegible]		(RA)
WINZELER, Thomas M.	T/Sgt.	36346930		(SS)
BURCH, Dewayne W.	S/Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
FELSHAW, Philip A.	S/Sgt.	12044214		(AUS)
LEWIS, Stephen J.	S/Sgt.	[illegible]		(RA)
MARER, Herbert (NMI)	S/Sgt.	12090753		(AUS)
MAYHODE, William G.	S/Sgt.	11038461		(AUS)
SAWYER, Charles E.	S/Sgt.	39243829		(SS)
SOUTHARD, Emmett (NMI)	S/Sgt.	35360336		(SS)
STEPHENS, Carl W.	S/Sgt.	[illegible]		(AUS)
WAGNER, William D.	S/Sgt.	32250278		(SS)
WALLMAN, Arnold (NMI)	S/Sgt.	32388092		(SS)
WIEMANN, Donald J.	S/Sgt.	39529767		(SS)
BRUNT, Harry W. Jr.	Sgt.	33249007		(SS)
BROWN, Cecil B.	Sgt.	34048041		(RA)
CLAVELAGE, Leander H.	Sgt.	35345210		(SS)
CONRAD, James S.	Sgt.	18116942		(AUS)
FINK, Stanford I.	Sgt.	15015331		(RA)
LYONS, Paul F.	Sgt.	31139856		(SS)
MC [illegible]SON, Raymond E.	Sgt.	35369773		(SS)
REDFORD, Edwin C.	Sgt.	38154182		(SS)
OGLE, Oliver J.	Sgt.	35416303		(SS)

NAME	RANK	ASN.		
[illegible], Clifford L.	Sgt.	34582[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Clarence G.	Sgt.	3[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Alfred J.	Sgt.	35453776		(SS)
[illegible], Rudolph T.	Sgt.	33077177		(SS)
[illegible], Robert W.	Sgt.	13091172		(AUS)
[illegible], Vernon H.	Cpl.	38329060		(SS)
[illegible], Basil E. Jr.	Cpl.	16012204		(RA)
[illegible], Harry D.	Cpl.	16063060		(AUS)
[illegible], Arthur R.	Cpl.	17068032		(AUS)
[illegible], Harvey O.	Cpl.	33208637		(SS)
[illegible], James L.	Cpl.	33212569		(SS)
[illegible], Vernon S.	Cpl.	13025257		(RA)
[illegible], Joseph (NMI)	Cpl.	33214928		(SS)
[illegible]WICK, Charles L.	Cpl.	33054593		(SS)
[illegible] BRANT, Richard E.	Cpl.	31117434		(SS)
[illegible], George E.	Cpl.	34209354		(SS)
O'CONNOR, George E.	Cpl.	37305273		(SS)
[illegible], Carmen F.	Cpl.	33101239		(SS)
PERROTTO, Joseph (NMI)	Cpl.	32114389		(SS)
RICHES, Frank (NMI)	Cpl.	37427947		(SS)
RUBIN, Herbert (NMI)	Cpl.	32414734		(SS)
RYAN, William J.	Cpl.	12032986		(RA)
STABILE, Carmine J.	Cpl.	34503326		(SS)
WILLIAMS, Frank A.	Cpl.	35354609		(SS)
WRIGHT, Fred F.	Cpl.	34470939		(SS)
BALDWIN, Howard J.	Pfc.	32729439		(SS)
BECK, Owen L.	Pfc.	34059915		(SS)
HUGER, Max R.	Pfc.	33546216		(SS)
KILDAY, Peter J.	Pfc.	33392163		(SS)
PIETROWSKI, Joseph W.	Pfc.	33474873		(SS)
POLI, Armando J.	Pfc.	11044263		(AUS)
RUST, William C.	Pfc.	15107326		(AUS)
SIMPLETON, Raymond P.	Pfc.	13094807		(AUS)
OSTRANDER, Ray T.	Pvt.	33273932		(SS)
POWELL, Vanzie (NMI)	Pvt.	34303090		(SS)
STAPLES, James F.	Pvt.	31201450		(SS)

"D" FLIGHT

(OGNISTY, Michael F.	1st Lt.	O-793527	Flt. Cmdr.	RES)
(PERRY, Alfred W.	1st Lt.	O-793529	Pilot	RES)
(WILSON, Louis L. Jr.	1st Lt.	O-35623	Pilot	RA)
(ARNOLD, Max C.	2nd Lt.	O-671482	Pilot	RES)
(PARRISH, Owen S. Jr.	2nd Lt.	O-672[illegible]2	Pilot	RES)
(PETERSON, Milford C.	2nd Lt.	O-520319	Pilot	AUS)
BYRD, John (NMI)	T/Sgt.	14092210		(AUS)
CARLSON, Kenneth E.	T/Sgt.	33270196		(SS)
REID, Milton E.	T/Sgt.	18035659		(RA)
BERRY, Edwin L.	S/Sgt.	16050167		(AUS)
BUCCA, Charles (NMI)	S/Sgt.	6697569		(RA)
BURKE, James E.	S/Sgt.	37422252		(SS)
DAHLGREN, Edward J.	S/Sgt.	32192742		(SS)
GOLDBERG, Arnold (NMI)	S/Sgt.	12021119		(RA)
KAMPLOS, Ernest (NMI)	S/Sgt.	31112625		(SS)
KULAS, Francis W.	S/Sgt.	11037247		(AUS)
LOWE, Lawrence A. Jr.	S/Sgt.	34333706		(SS)
MALAN, Edward J.	S/Sgt.	13049658		(AUS)
MC LEAN, John (NMI)	S/Sgt.	39606274		(SS)
PARKS, Arthur B.	S/Sgt.	13052499		(AUS)
PARKS, James W.	S/Sgt.	17078192		(AUS)
RAYACK, Robert N.	S/Sgt.	15100201		(AUS)
WEBSTER, Robert D.	S/Sgt.	12095163		(AUS)
WICKI, Peter Paul	S/Sgt.	32370026		(SS)
VOLGARINO, Donald W.	S/Sgt.	32271231		(SS)
ANSELL, Earl H.	Sgt.	34450882		(SS)

NAME	RANK	SER. NO.	UNIT	REMARKS
[illegible], Clifford A.	Sgt.	3547[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Harold S.	Sgt.	3[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible]FRO, John L.	Sgt.	3315[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Duane D.	Sgt.	1[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], Herman F.	Sgt.	1[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], James W.	Sgt.	34390[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Zorn A.	Sgt.	31[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Stanislaw J.	Sgt.	31129[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Don [illegible] S.	Sgt.	3542[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Ralph W.	Sgt.	31126[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Frank (NMI)	Sgt.	16051[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], William S.	Sgt.	33303[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Irene [illegible]	Sgt.	14129[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], Robert W.	Sgt.	3[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Emma R.	Cpl.	3332[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Jack D.	Cpl.	1221[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], Robert G.	Cpl.	3[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Alexander S.	Cpl.	31[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Raymond W.	Cpl.	1[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], Victor D.	Cpl.	1[illegible]		(AUS)
SCHNELLY, James T.	Cpl.	3[illegible]		(SS)
SHUMAN, Charles L.	Cpl.	34[illegible]		(SS)
WEISSER, Glenn A.	Cpl.	3[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Paul (NMI)	Cpl.	13[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], John R.	Pfc.	1[illegible]		(AUS)
D'ANDY, Walter S.	Pfc.	3[illegible]		(SS)
DEMING, Louis (NMI)	Pfc.	3[illegible]		(SS)
DILLENBECK, Mark [illegible] R.	Pfc.	3[illegible]		(SS)
GROSS, Solomon M.	Pfc.	1[illegible]		(AUS)
[illegible], Steve P.	Pfc.	1[illegible]		(AUS)
FIZZINGHILLI, Marino (NMI)	Pfc.	1[illegible]		(AUS)
RICHARDSON, Leroy S.	Pfc.	1[illegible]		(AUS)
ROGERS, Jack (NMI) Jr.	Pfc.	3[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Stanley J.	Pfc.	3[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], William H.	Pfc.	3[illegible]		(SS)
MC DANIEL, Raymond M.	Pvt.	3[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Jack V.	Pvt.	3[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], James L.	Pvt.	3[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Joseph J.	Pvt.	3[illegible]		(SS)
[illegible], Jacob E.	Pfc.	3[illegible]		(SS)

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Subject: CFU in the United States.

The CFU program pursued in the United States by units of this organization was in accordance with First Fighter Command Operation Plan No. 2 dated [illegible].

From the date of activation until February 15, 1943, with the exception of three officers assigned as cadre personnel, the Group had no flying officers serving at that date however the headquarters of the 56th Fighter Group, Mac Dill Field, Tampa, Florida, some forty-five (45) flying officers and flight officers were assigned to squadrons of this Group. It is significant to note that twenty-three (23) of these same pilots, of whom all have now been rated Aces, are still members of this Group.

As members of the 328th Fighter Group each pilot had completed approximately fifty (50) flying hours in the Curtiss P-40 during the first two (2) weeks after their new assignment continued flight in this aircraft in ships [illegible] from the 328th Group.

On March 5th 1943 the first Thunderbolt (P-47) was assigned to this Group and has been the type of aircraft in which the CFU program was accomplished as well as the type this Group takes into combat.

During the course of the training there occurred only two (2) fatalities these at Baltimore, Maryland, involving 2nd Lt's. James W. Tolan and Dean F. Scroggie, 368th Fighter Squadron. In this same regard the Group records all classes of aircraft accident to date at approximately 11 per 1000 flying hours.

The purpose of the CFU program as pursued by this Group was to establish the qualification requirements and proficiencies considered necessary for a combat fighter pilot. A total of one hundred and fifty (150) flying hours per pilot was outlined or the basic minimum to be accomplished but in all cases considerably more hours were actually accomplished by the end of the training period. September 1, 1943. (See Appendix 11 to this report).

In the presentation of the pilots ground school course a minimum of four hundred and sixteen (416) hours per pilot was outlined. With the cooperation of all departments within the Group as well as with the services of outstanding authorities from other units this program was initiated and completed by all flying personnel. (See Appendix 13 to this report).

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APPENDIX 1B

Flying (150 hours)
Pre-flight (5 hours)
Familiarization and Transition (1[illegible] hours,
Gunnery (60 hours)
Camera Gunnery (10 hours above 20,[illegible]0 feet)
Aerial Gunnery (22 hours, 11 hours above [illegible],[illegible]00 feet)
Aerobatics (12 hours, 4 hours above 15,[illegible] feet, [illegible] hours above [illegible], [illegible] feet)
Formation (3[illegible] hours, 18 hours above 15,[illegible]00 feet, 14 hours above 20,[illegible]00 feet,
to be attained by continuous formation training in conjunction with
other missions)
Individual Combat ([illegible] hours above 2,[illegible]00 feet)
Navigation ([illegible] hours, [illegible] hours above [illegible],[illegible]00 feet)
Night flying (12 hours)
Instrument (as in accordance with AAF Reg [illegible]-[illegible])
High Altitude operations (continuous)
Interception Procedure (to be continuous)

APPENDIX 1B

Ground ([illegible]16 hours)
Aircraft type familiarization (15 hours)
Pilots Information File (2 hours)
Flying Regulations (2 hours)
Armament and Gunnery (10 hours)
Technical Orders (6 hours)
Airplane and Engine Maintenance (2[illegible] hours)
Tactics and Technique (11 hours)
Critique (66 hours)
Signal Communications (2[illegible] hours)
Link Trainer (12 hours)
Army air force Forms (2 hours)
Navigation (6 hours)
Military Intelligence (50 hours)
Meteorology (10 hours)
Chemical Warfare (10 hours)
Altitude Flying (3 hours)
Medical Training (4 hours)
Safety of Personnel (4 hours)
Airdrome Defense (6 hours)
Destruction of Equipment and Supplies (10 hours)
Interior Guard (2 hours)
Infantry Drill (6 hours)
Staff and Squadron Duties ([illegible] hours)
Intercept procedure (12 hours)

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APPENDIX VIII

SUBJECT: OTU in the United Kingdom.

Upon arrival in the United Kingdom and assignment to AAF Station F-345, the Group found four (4) P-47's already assigned. It was hoped that an extensive training and re-familiarization program could be accomplished before going on operations but the Group was destined to wait until 9th of November before any further aircraft were assigned and until 23 November 1943 before the TO strength of 75 aircraft assigned was reached.

During the period at Station F-345 training operations were hampered considerably by a number of factors:

(1) The delay of assignment of Aircraft.
(2) Time required to properly modify the aircraft for operations.
(3) Weather. The latter factor was perhaps the most confining for the records show approximately 25% of all daylight hours as suitable for flying during that period. However, the Group was able to fly some 718 hours at AAF Station F-345 with special emphasis placed on aerial gunnery.

The aerial gunnery requirements call for the completion of five (5) missions with an average score of five (5) percent. At the time this Group's departure from AAF Station F-345 for course as listed above, all pilots were unable to complete the required missions. To make this possible, however, a gunnery detachment, composed of eight (8) pilots and four (4) aircraft have been stationed at AAF Station F-345 since the departure of their units and upon completion of their missions are being replaced from this Group with other pilots who have not completed the requirements. In this manner each pilot will soon have fired the required course.

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APPENDIX IX

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SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 267)

HEADQUARTERS AMERICAN FORCES
APO 637, ARMY AIR FORCE STATION F-345
26 NOVEMBER 1943

E X T R A C T

1. Pursuant to authority contained in TWX WAR FI, Hq 67th Ftr Wg, 12 Nov 1943 and SECRET TWX X 7 G, same Hq, 19 Nov 1943, the Hq 35[illegible]th Fighter Group, is reld fr present sta and AF to AAF Station F-373 c/a 29 Nov 1943.

a. This is a PERMANENT change of station.

b. Movement will be by Rail, Air, and/or Government Motor vehicle.

c. Individual equipment, organ equipment and organ property impedimenta to accompany unit from present station.

d. A roster of the organization is attached hereto and made an integral part of this order.

e. The provisions of VIII Fighter Command Memo No. [illegible]-3, dtd 9 June 1943 and Ltr Hq VIII Fighter Command, dated 2 Sept 1943, file 370.5, Sub: "Teleprinter Report of Troop Movements", will be complied with.

f. Obligate the following procurement authorities to the extent necessary FSA 95-1 P 433-99 A 0425-24.

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By order of Colonel McGEE:

A. B. McCULLY,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

A. B. McCULLY,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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November 1943

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP

MODE OF TRAVEL		ASN	STATUS
	FIELD OFFICERS		
Rail	[illegible] L.	O-23505	DS AAF Sta F-141
	[illegible]		
Rail	[illegible], Gen. L. Jr.	O-[illegible]56	Present
Motor	[illegible]	O-[illegible]359	Present
Motor	[illegible]	O-[illegible]31	DS [illegible] F-373
Rail	[illegible]	O-[illegible]29	Present
Rail	[illegible]	O-[illegible]39	Present
Rail	[illegible], Jr.	O-426851	Present
	CAPTAINS		
Rail	[illegible], James C.	O-[illegible]708	Present
Rail	[illegible]	O-[illegible]501	DS AAF Sta F-373
Rail	[illegible], Charles J.	O-[illegible]1077	Present
	1ST LIEUTENANTS		
Rail	[illegible]	O-[illegible]490	Present
Motor	[illegible]	O-[illegible]190	Present
Rail	[illegible] H.	O-[illegible]177	Present
Rail	[illegible]	O-[illegible]183	Present
Rail	[illegible] W. Jr.	O-[illegible]38975	Present
Rail	[illegible]	O-[illegible]383	Present
Rail	[illegible]	O-[illegible]710	Present
Rail	[illegible] (NMI)	O-[illegible]741	Present
Rail	[illegible] Jr.	O-[illegible]537	Present
Rail	[illegible] (NMI) Jr.	O-[illegible]9791	DS AAF Sta F-373
Rail	[illegible], Glenn A.	O-1845243	Present
	2ND LIEUTENANTS		
Rail	[illegible] (NMI)	O-861857	Present
Rail	[illegible], Jacob (NMI)	O-[illegible]234	Present
	W/O (jg)		
Rail	[illegible], Gale E.	W-2122069	Present
	MASTER SERGEANTS		
Rail	[illegible]	6940578	Present
Rail	[illegible]	17057907	Present
Rail	[illegible]	6148835	Present
Rail	[illegible]	34404983	Present
	TECHNICAL SERGEANTS		
Motor	[illegible], Melvin S.	33102273	Present
Rail	[illegible]	34464201	Present
Rail	[illegible]	37283046	Present
Motor	[illegible]	36355721	Present
	STAFF SERGEANTS		
Rail	[illegible]	12003736	Present
Rail	[illegible] (NMI) Jr.	13004980	Present
Rail	[illegible]	36452219	Present

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP (Cont'd)

MODE OF TRAVEL	NAME & RANK	ASN	STATUS
	SERGEANTS		
Rail	Bedwell, William H.	36348465	Present
Motor	Fay, Nathan F.	19064570	Present
Rail	Hilburger, Edward W.	6796804	Present
Rail	Higgins, William T.	11036795	Present
Motor	Lester, Herbert S.	33045857	Present
Rail	Rawitz, Sidney B.	32590428	Present
Rail	Conway, William G.	20274591	Present
Rail	Granstein, Nathan (NMI)	15015656	Present
Rail	Kilar, Marion F.	36251636	Present
Rail	Medich, John J.	35360709	Present
Motor	Watt, Robert S.	13168052	DS AAF Sta F-373
	CORPORALS		
Rail	Dobshaw, Robert W.	35277141	DS No. 5, Radio School, Oxford.
Rail	Richmond, Alex (NMI)	36336700	Present
Rail	Davis, Benjamin M. Jr.	32481292	Present
Rail	Glass, Louis L.	35537065	Present
Motor	Hill, Arnold L.	14188442	Present
Rail	Nielsen, Louis B.	33357540	Present
Rail	Fosek, Frank T.	36381405	DS AAF Sta F-373
Rail	Peterson, Gerald C.	17071436	Present
Rail	Remley, Dean F.	37399239	Present
Rail	Zunkeller, Paul R.	14082673	Present
Motor	Meyer, Charles J.	13040468	Present
Rail	Dean, Edwin W.	35614256	Present
Rail	Rodriguez, Severo (NMI)	38359968	Present
Rail	Beard, Charles E.	38325047	Present
Motor	Little, Lawrence F.	38231902	Present
	PRIVATES FIRST CLASS		
Motor	Heilman, John R.	14170852	Present
Rail	Schnelker, Alfred T.	36502673	Present
Motor	Adams, Charles R.	15341058	Present
Rail	Morrison, Charlie R.	34399906	Present
Rail	Vivat, Sumner (NMI)	31296751	Present
Rail	Randolph, John W.	32761918	Present
	PRIVATES		
Motor	Cross, Harvey G.	6940578	DS AAF Sta F-373
Rail	Demenas, James R.	39194090	Present
Motor	Tazza, Otello J.	32362845	Present
Rail	Breton, Francis G.	31316151	DS No. 5, Radio School, Oxford.
Rail	Cordle, Robert C.	34501413	Present
Rail	Corr, Francis (NMI)	11111819	Present
Rail	Weinberg, Louis (NMI)	32832422	Present

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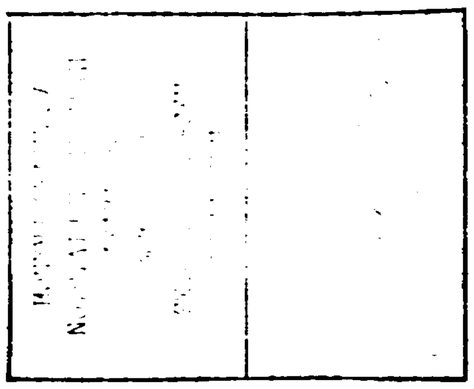

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31 December 1943

UNIT HISTORY REPORT
358TH FIGHTER GROUP

The goal for which the 358th Fighter Group had been aiming for nearly a year was reached in December, 1943, when the Group participated in its first combat missions.

To reach that goal, however, there were three weeks of intensive work by all units of AAF Station F-373 to organize the new base for operations. It was a battle against time, against mud, against the supply problem, and against transportation, housing, power and communications difficulties.

Six missions were flown during December, the first on 20 December. Those activities are summarized later in this report.

Personnel for the new station was virtually complete with arrival of the 358th Fighter Group and the three Fighter Squadrons 29 Nov 1943. Organization of the station administration took shape gradually during December. That organization was of such a type to emphasize a single, large unit and to minimize subordinate units.

In meetings with his officer personnel, Lt Col Cecil I Wells, station commander, pointed out there was one main object in any decisions he might make -- to put fighter planes in the air so that the war could be ended as quickly as possible. Every officer and every man was expected, he said, to contribute his best effort to that same end. Any officer who failed to accomplish his assigned task would be removed from that assignment, Colonel Wells added, pointing out that he, as station commander, could not expect to remain in command should he fail to do the job before him.

Colonel Wells announced he would be active in flying and in the direction of administrative matters as well. Maj George L Wertenbaker Jr became Deputy Station Commander; Maj E R Kenney, Executive Officer; Maj T A Bartnick, Adjutant; Maj Shelby W Phillips, Station S-1; Maj Joseph A Lawton, Station S-2; Maj Randall D Keator, Station S-3; and Maj Archie C Graham, Station S-4. On 31 December Major Bartnick succeeded Major Kenney as Executive Officer.

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The command of the Fighter Squadrons remained the same, Maj Frank A Ross commanding the 365th, Maj Jack A Therriault commanding the 366th, and Maj Donald A Younglas commanding the 367th.

(Special orders listing station duty assignments are attached as Appendix I).

On arrival at Station F-373, the Group found the base only partially completed. Nearly everyone turned construction worker for a few weeks. Station headquarters and such other important units as quartermaster, which had to feed the Group, had to operate from buildings which were to be their quarters only temporarily. Details were drawn from all units to supplement the British laborers who were working at the base. Such work as wiring buildings for electricity and making plumbing installations was done by details drawn from the station personnel.

Of significance to morale was the frequent sight of large numbers of bombers and fighters overhead on missions -- the first views for the majority of the men who made up the station personnel of combat operations they had heard about throughout their training period. Those views emphasized for all that actual operations for the Group soon were to start.

Mud was important. It hindered all efforts to do the necessary work. It handicapped the training program, the supply processes and the airplane maintenance. By the end of December there still was plenty of mud, but it was possible to see that progress was being made against it. Perhaps the greatest assistance came in the form of a company of Engineers, colored troops brought from near Ipswich. They poured cement to widen roads so that vehicles could have hard surfaces for transport of supplies and personnel. They extended the drainage system.

All departments worked under handicaps. Air Corps Supply had no buildings to operate from until it got them built, doing much of the work with army personnel. A farm house was converted into the station combat photo laboratory, the photo department doing most of the labor.

Contacts had to be made with supply depots, and many vehicles were tied up in transporting necessary supplies to the new base from supply bases. Supply personnel had to learn many points about the British supply set-up.

Airplane maintenance was a tremendous problem that was solved chiefly by determination and willingness of the crews, who worked under difficult circumstances.

Pilot training went forward but it, too, was deterred by conditions the Group found at the new station. Weather was

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get airplanes to the new base as quickly and in as large number as was desired. It was possible, however, to get in considerable practice for combat operations. Maj Edward W Szaniawski of the 355th Fighter Group was sent to the 358th to lead practice flights and to assist in the final preparation of the 358th pilots for combat. He led the first missions in which the Group participated.

Colonel Wells, meanwhile, had initiated action to maintain morale at a high level by providing what could be obtained rapidly in the line of entertainment and comforts. Movies were shown almost nightly in a Nissen hut. A post exchange began to function. The Red Cross started work on a projected Aeroclub. An enlisted men's library was established. Day rooms were installed in all sites. As quickly as was practical, use of mess kits in the enlisted men's mess hall was discontinued and plates were used. Work was started on an officer's club and the club was opened formally on New Year's Eve in celebration of the first anniversary of the 358th's activation.

The new base was located near Leiston and near Saxmundham, in Suffolk. It was well dispersed. For housing and administration there were a total of seven separated sites. The squadron ready rooms and operations offices were spaced around the perimeter of the field.

Work had been started on this base fourteen (14) months previously by British contractors. The airfield proper was designed as a fighter base, but with runways capable of handling heavy bombers as well. When the Group arrived, work on the field was eighty-three (83) per cent complete. By the first of 1944, work was ninety-five (95) per cent complete. The field had three runways, one two thousand (2,000) yards long and two one thousand four hundred (1,400) yards long. The runways were fifty (50) yards wide. The perimeter track was five thousand two hundred thirty (5,230) yards in length and thirty-five (35) feet wide. The field had twelve (12) twin engine pens, thirty-eight (38) hard stands, twelve (12) blister hangars and two (2) larger, type T-2, hangars. The field was designed to accommodate three (3) American fighter squadrons, an RAF Typhoon squadron, and a British Air-Sea Rescue flight. It was uncertain at the end of December whether the Typhoon squadron and the Air-Sea Rescue flight were to be stationed at the base.

(Map of base is attached at Appendix II).

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On 20 Dec 1943, in accordance with Field Order 204 of VIII Fighter Command, the 358th Fighter Group left its new base on its first mission. The job was bomber escort. Major Szaniawski led the Group off at 1029. Rendezvous with the bombers was made over Vessel Island, escort was maintained for eight minutes, and the Group headed for home base. The first plane returned at 1225. The mission was uneventful, with no enemy aircraft encountered and only light flak reported.

Pilots who completed the first mission were:

365th Fighter Squadron -- Major Mertenbaker, Major Ross, Capt Burton D Yarian, Lt Jack W Coulter, Lt John W Dickson, Lt Arnold N Farbstein, Lt Robert R Fishel, Lt James F Hackler Jr, Lt Mark A Osborn, Lt Cletus W Tusing, Lt James C Elledge, Lt George W Hunt Jr, Lt Jean K Woodyard Jr, Lt Raymond F Lowman, Lt Jay V Thomson.

366th Fighter Squadron -- Capt James C Stewart, Capt Joseph D Underwood, Lt Arik F Littlejohn, Lt Charles T Kimball, Lt Harold L McClellan, Lt George E Jones, Lt Anthony L Serapiglia, Lt David B Tuck, Lt C A Austin Jr, Lt Peter Corson, Lt Victor H Idol Jr, Lt William Dian.

367th Fighter Squadron -- Major Szaniawski, Colonel Wells, Major Younglas, Capt Felix A Frazier Jr, Lt Alfred W Perry, Lt James F Schilke, Lt James J McCabe, Lt Michael F Ognisty, Lt Louis L Wilson Jr, Lt Lance A Pousette, Lt Clarence E Van Cott, Lt John Alen Wiersema, Lt Alen V Voorhees, Lt John H Pedigo, Lt Robert H Fautt Jr, Lt Alvin W Siegel, Lt Victor Beach.

Major General Kepner, commanding the VIII Fighter Command, visited this base on 20 December.

The second mission for the Group occurred on the following day, 21 December. The field order was received too late for the Group to be in position at zero hour. When the Group reached the designated area, bombers were sighted coming out. The Group was over enemy territory nine minutes. No enemy aircraft and no flak were encountered.

For the third day running the Group had a mission. It was another uneventful job. But like the others it added a bit more experience for the newly-initiated Group and served, like earlier missions, to add to the confidence of the pilots. No enemy aircraft nor flak was encountered. The Group found no bombers at the designated rendezvous point, so flew the designated course and returned to home base.

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On 22 December Colonel Woodbury, commanding the 66th Fighter Wing, visited this base.

The Group's fourth mission occurred on 24 December and called for general area support. Colonel Wells led this mission, taking over from Major Szaniawski, leader on the previous missions. The Group followed its designated course over France for fifty-five (55) minutes, then returned home with no encounters. Accurate and heavy flak bursts were reported.

Nearly a week passed before the Group was ordered out on another mission. On 30 December the 358th was given the job of providing penetration support to the bombers. Arriving at the rendezvous point over Roye, the Group found no bombers. The designated course was flown and return home was made without sighting the bombers. There were no enemy encounters and only slight flak. One plane was damaged slightly by flak.

On 31 December, the Group received orders that sent it out on its most important mission of the month. The 358th escorted the "big friends" over the designated target -- Paris. It was a long flight for the 358th. It had been calculated that gas supplies would run low on the homeward trip and the pilots were instructed to land at an advance base, Manston, for refueling before returning to [redacted] leiston. The mission was uneventful, from the standpoint of enemy encounters, but it was a critical mission because of the fuel problem. Because they were running too low on fuel or because the weather closed in on them at airports where they might have made landings, seven (7) pilots found it necessary to crash land. As a result seven (7) airplanes were put out of use and three (3) pilots were injured seriously. It was necessary to hospitalize Lt Joseph L Green of the 365th and Lt Robert H Fautt Jr and Lt Michael F Ognisty of the 367th.

(Copies of Tactical Commander's Reports are attached as Appendix III).

By the end of December, the following pilots had qualified for the Air Medal: Colonel Wells, Major Wertenbaker, Major Ross, Major Therriault, Major Younglas, Captain Yarian, Captain Underwood, Captain Frazier, Lieutenants Hunt, Dickson, Kimball, Perry and Schilke. Major Younglas was eligible for an oak leaf cluster to the Air Medal.

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APPENDIX I

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1. PAC TWX SAS [illegible] 371 c the foll named [illegible] and EM Det [illegible], [illegible] Serv Sq [illegible] A-F Sta F-357, c/a 30 Nov 43 on perm change of Sta. TDN Q.T.

2nd Lt JOHN L WILKINSON	O-1289940 AC
Sgt Robert C Baker	35397349
Sgt Ross (nmi) Volking	37226366
Cpl Norman E Carlson Jr	37335429
Pfc Arthur E Myers	35419555
Pfc Charles [illegible] Smith	32720927

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2. PAC TWX SAS [illegible] 440 V Capt AUGUST RUNGE, O-[illegible]5445 MF, 1260th MP Co (Avn) MF fr this Sta to AAF Sta F-357 on TD for a period of one (1) day. Pvt Warren O Beaty, 34770596, 70th Sta Comp Sq, will accompany party as driver. TDN Q.T.

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3. The foll named EM of the 469th Serv Sq are placed on TD for a period of three (3) days eff 29 Nov 43 at Sta F-365 for the purpose of Supply and Engineering Duty. Upon completion of TD will return to proper Sta. TDN Q.T

M/Sgt George (nmi) Moody	7695654
M/Sgt George (nmi) Kruger	12125977
M/Sgt James B Graham	33079100
M/Sgt John (nmi) Wright	18[illegible]3[illegible]0
T/Sgt Preston B Wilbur	31133450
T/Sgt Gilbert A Gutman	17108206
T/Sgt Franklin J Schwartz	39844958
T/Sgt Frank Del Real Jr	39405921
T/Sgt Joseph A Bennett	39191384
T/Sgt Ivo [illegible] Preller	12145090
T/Sgt John [illegible] Bogdanoff	19067435
S/Sgt Donald D Balmer	33241239
S/Sgt William F Busch	14078303
Sgt Thomas E Cole	33463690

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4. Cpl George L Krompasky, 13185152, 70th Sta Comp Sq, is placed on TD, eff this date for a period of seven (7) days and WP to Sta F-365. Purpose instruction in Officer's Club Bookkeeping Procedure. Upon completion of TD EM will return to his proper Sta. TDN Q.T.

5. The foll named Off are apptd as members of the Officer's Club Council this Sta.

Maj ARCHIE C GRAHAM	O-357486	AC
Maj GEORGE E NAGEL	O-301391	Ord
Maj SHELBY L PHILLIPS	O-301249	AC

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c. The following officers are hereby relieved from assignment to the 8th Station Post Liaison Detachment, Council.

Maj T... MARTIN	0-[illegible]91	AC	358th Gp Hq
Maj CHESLEY [illegible] PHILLIPS	0-[illegible]1248	AC	7[illegible]th Sta Comp Sq
Maj FRANK [illegible] ROSS	0-406490	AC	365th F Sq
Maj JACK H THERRIAULT	0-432141	AC	366th F Sq
Maj DONALD [illegible] YOUNGLESS	0-417913	AC	367th F Sq
Capt ROBERT F SMITH	0-429215	AC	469th Serv Sq
Capt AUGUST RUTGE	0-505445	CMP	1260th MP Co
Capt CHESTER C HARBISON JR	0-387703	AC	1076th Sig Co
1st Lt VIC BODNER	0-1583957	QMC	1177th QM Co
1st Lt MARK S GIBSON	0-384282	Ord	1600th Ord Supp & Maint Co
2d Lt JOHN B MAIN	0-575520	AC	Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Serv Gp

By order of Major KENNEY:

JAMES G LOWRY,
Capt, AC,
Sta Adj.

OFFICIAL:

JAMES G LOWRY,
Capt, AC,
Sta Adj.

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1. [illegible] Letter 3, 31 AAF, this Hq, dtd, subj: [illegible]

2. The following officers are detailed to the Station Complement [illegible] effective the date, until this date.

Major [illegible] I. WINTERBAKER JR.	0383756	AC	Depty Commander
Major D. L. RITTER	0422873	AC	Executive
Major T. A. PAINTER	0906651	AC	Adjutant
Captain JAMES C. LOVEY	0492631	AC	Asst Adjutant
1st Lt LAWRENCE P. IEE	0561490	AC	S-1 Asst Adjutant
1st Lt ALVIN S. GUTHEIM	0563183	AC	Stat & Classific Officer
Major JOSEPH A. YATSON	0403829	AC	S-2
1st Lt [illegible] L. CARLSON SR.	0567587	AC	Asst S-2
1st Lt [illegible] (NMI) HIBER	0569441	AC	Asst S-2
Major RANDALL D. NELSON	0412276	AC	S-3
Captain JAMES C. STEWART	0900782	AC	Asst S-3 & Signal Officer
1st Lt THOMAS [illegible]. SCHNEIDLEBACH	0734275	AC	Asst S-3
1st Lt LEWIS F. STEVENS	0732383	AC	Asst S-3 & Control Officer
1st Lt JAMES S. CRAFT	0649760	AC	Stat, Victories, Awards & Credits Officer
2nd Lt DAVID (NMI) THALER	0861857	AC	Weather Officer
1st Lt FLOYD L. SMITH	02044353	AC	Flying Control Officer
2nd Lt FRANCIS M. ELLIS	02044706	AC	Asst Flying Control Officer
1st Lt [illegible] I. KOSOFSKY	01035296	CWS	Plans & Training C
2nd Lt WILLIAM McINTYRE	01322252	INF	Defense Officer
Major ARCHIE C. GILLAM	0357486	AC	S-4
1st Lt HENRY D. JOHNSON	0563420	AC	Asst S-4
Captain [illegible] H. STUDLEY	0909446	AC	Air Corps Supply
1st Lt [illegible] (NMI) SCHLESTEIN	01586176	QMC	Station QM
1st Lt VIC [illegible]	01583957	QMC	Asst Station QM
1st Lt [illegible] R. MORGAN	01585924	QMC	QM Property Officer
2nd Lt HERBERT E. OHL	01589418	QMC	Commissary Officer
2nd Lt [illegible] H. THOMASSON	01592107	QMC	Personnel & Graves Registration
2nd Lt HENRY (NMI) JACOBS	01592301	QMC	Salvage Officer
1st Lt TURNER A. DAVIS JR.	0434504	AC	Billeting & Agriculture C
2nd Lt JESSE W. WEISE	0861353	AC	Utilities Officer
Major [illegible] D. NAGEL	0301391	ORD	Ordnance & Armament O
1st Lt [illegible] S. GIBSON	0384282	ORD	Asst Ord & Arm O
1st Lt BENJAMIN A. STONE	0855690	AC	Asst Ord & Arm O
2nd Lt SIDNEY (NMI) SIEGOWITZ	0514991	AC	Motor Pool Officer
1st Lt IRVING D. ROSS	01553898	ORD	Ordnance Property O
1st Lt CECIL F. HUMPHREYS	01551433	ORD	Arm & Organization Supply O
1st Lt ROBERT I. SIROTEK	01583679	ORD	Auto Maint O
2nd Lt JOHN McDONALD	01552744	ORD	Ammunition Officer
2nd Lt JACOB (NMI) KAUFMAN	0862284	AC	Combat Photo Officer
Major GEORGE L. WINTERBAKER JR.	0383756	AC	Air Inspector
Major RANDALL D. NELSON	0412276	AC	Tactical Inspector
Major SHELBY W. PHILLIPS	0301249	AC	Administrative Inspector
Captain ROBERT W. SMITH	0429215	AC	Engineering & Tech Insp
WO (jg) [illegible] C. McALLISTER	W2122069		Asst Eng & Tech Insp
WO (jg) PAUL B. BRENT	W2123538		Asst Eng & Tech Insp

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1st Lt [illegible]	[illegible]		
2nd Lt [illegible]	[illegible]		
Captain [illegible]	0387763	SC	Signal [illegible]
1st Lt [illegible]	[illegible]	SC	Signal Property [illegible]
2nd Lt [illegible]	[illegible]	SC	Cryptographic Officer
Major ROBERT P. FARLEY	0253348	AC	Summary Court & Boards & Claims Officer
1st Lt [illegible]	0542177	AC	Special Services
2nd Lt [illegible]	0569603	AC	Asst Special Serv O
2nd Lt [illegible]	01038339	CWS	Chemical, Fire Marshall Postal C & Censor
Captain [illegible]	0386484	AC	Post Exchange O
Captain [illegible]	0507707	FD	Finance Officer
Captain [illegible]	0596445	CIP	Provost Marshall
2nd Lt [illegible]	01796549	CIP	Police & Prison Officer
Major DONALD P. McCUSHY	0473339	MC	Surgeon
Captain KENNETH W. [illegible]	0473782	MC	Asst Surgeon
Captain CHARLES J. NICK	01691377	DC	Dental Surgeon
1st Lt SIDNEY (NMI) SUGOLL	01705400	DC	Asst Dent & Surgeon
1st Lt JOSEPH P. [illegible]	01690575	MC	Med Plans & Training O
Captain WILLIAM (NMI) [illegible]	01696152	MC	Mol Gas Defense Officer
Major DONALD P. McCUSHY	0473339	MC	Sanitary Inspector
Captain [illegible]	0407311	MC	Venereal Disease Officer
1st Lt SIDNEY (NMI) SUGOLL	01705400	DC	Medical Supply Officer
Captain [illegible]	0272192	MC	Officer in Charge of Sick Quarters
1st Lt JOSEPH P. [illegible]	01690575	MC	Dispensary Officer
Captain KENNETH W. [illegible]	0473782	MC	Respiratory Disease C

3. PAR TWX 9.SD63C the foll named O and EM, 1276th HP Co (Avn) are placed on TS and WP o/a 5 Dec 43 to Sta F-374. TDN QMT

1st Lt GORDON H. GRIFFITH	01796459	CIP
Sgt John A. Lasorda	33491394	
Sgt William E. Tucker	35694649	
T/5 Gerald (NMI) Vinning	36493645	
T/5 Frederick G. Vogler, Jr.	32607026	
T/5 Earl C. Wellington	37610009	
Cpl Wesley V. Urch	36463594	
Pfc Darius B. Smith	31313159	
Pfc Truman K. Weldron	35544381	
Pfc Samuel J. Sicoli	33500827	
Pfc Richard J. McClung	35529167	
Pfc Charles J. Wilson, Jr.	32832649	
Pfc Arnold W. Steffen	36802019	
Pvt Thurston E. Galloway	34708057	
Pvt James J. Kelly	35626554	
Pvt Andy (NMI) Portyka	33677026	
Pvt Hilton E. Travis, Jr.	35536294	
Pvt William (NMI) Vandergrift	33598365	
Pvt Alvin J. Tarolli	32933150	
Pvt Thomas J. Sweeney, Jr.	31261[illegible]	

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4. The foll named EM, 1076th Sig Co, 50th Serv Gp, are placed on TD for approx two (2) days and WP to G45 o/a 5 Dec 43. TDN QMT. EM will be reimbursed for actual cost of subs and/or qrs for period when Govt fac are not available not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs (not to exceed two (2) days) and $2.50 per day for rats (not to exceed two (2) days).

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By order of Mr. WELLS:

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APO 637
8 December 1943

1. SHOP 1, SO #13, this Hq, cs, as reads: "is placed on TD" is amended to read: "is placed on DS".

2. SHOP 4, SO #6, this Hq, cs, as reads: "is placed on TD" is amended to read: "is placed on DS".

3. SHOP 3, SO #8, this Hq, cs, as pertains to Pfc Richard F. Haskell, 11091642, 70th Sta Comp Sq, is rescinded.

4. Cpl James R. Green, Jr., 39856667, 70th Sta Comp Sq, is placed on SD with the Station Utilities O until relieved by competent authority and will report to the Station Utilities O for dy.

5. SHOP 3, SO #13, as reads: "367th Ftr Sq, Sgt Dunne (NMI) Estes, 1900526", is amended to read: "367th Ftr Sq, Pvt Loyd E. Rife, 37202816".

6. SHOP 11, SO #15, as reads: "Hq & Hq Sq, 40th Serv Gp", is amended to read: "Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Serv Gp".

7. The foll O are detailed dy asgmts (add dy), set after their names, eff this date.

CAPT RUSSELL T. LOESCH	0493501	ChC	358th Ftr Gp	Chaplain
1ST LT HENRY H. BANKE	01550102	AC	367th Ftr Sq	Bomb Recon O
1ST LT GAIL A. JONES	0575131	AC	469th Serv Sq	Asst AC Supply

8. PAC Par 1, Adm Cir 37, Hq, SOS, ETOUSA, 1943, Cpl George R. Bingham, 39266439, 366th Ftr Sq, 358th Ftr Gp, is trfd to 30th Gen Hosp, APO 514, U. S. Army. Service Record, Allied Papers, Individual Equipment and Personal Effects will be forwarded to this orgn.

9. SHOP 7, SO #13, this Hq, cs, as reads: "Sgt Forrest V. Evans, 35407672", is amended to read: "Sgt Lawrence L. Fust, 39613478".

10. SHOP 3, SO #13, this Hq, cs, as reads: "366th Ftr Sq, Sgt Edward F. Grace, 31138963; Cpl Dexter (NMI) Baldridge, 15339941; Cpl Harry C. Ryder, 11106705; is amended to read: "Pvt James N. Davis, 34723062; Pvt Walter (NMI) Galvin, 32845222; Pvt Felix J. Jezak, 16093054, 366th Ftr Sq".

11. The foll named EM, orgns indicated, are placed on DS, and WP o/a 8 Dec 43 to AAF Sta F-366, rptg thereat to 353rd Ftr Gp for dy. TDN QMT.

S/Sgt Louie C. Akins	34353262	365th Ftr Sq
Sgt Hammond M. Trick	37422968	367th Ftr Sq

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By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELLS:

E. R. KENNEY,
Major, Air Corps,
Executive.

OFFICIAL:

T. A. BARTHICK,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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APO 637
9 December 1943

1. The foll named EM, orgns indicated, are placed on TD for approx two (2) days and WP by rail to AAF Sta F-105 o/a 9 Dec 43. Purpose receiving and returning organizational equipment to this sta. TDN QMT. EM will be reimbursed for actual cost of subs and/or qrs for period when Govt fac are not available not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs (not to exceed two (2) days) and $2.00 per day for rats (not to exceed two (2) days). An itinerary together with receipted bills and copies of these Orders will be furnished the Disbursing O.

Pfc Eugene F. Toscon	39197996	Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Serv Gp
Pvt Robert L. Chappell	34189100	469th Serv Sq

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2. VOCO eff 7 Dec 43 and the exigencies of the Serv having made it impracticable to issue O in advance the foll named EM, 367th Ftr Sq, is placed on DS and WP to AAF Sta F-414 is hereby confirmed and made a matter of record.

S/Sgt James G. Burke 37432252

3. PAC TWX SASD127C 1ST LT LEWIS F. SHERMAN, 0732383, 358th Ftr Gp, is placed on DS at AAF Sta F-342 and WP MEMT w/o Delay to sta for transition course in Spitfire Ap. Upon completion of course O WP to RAF Sta Sutton Bridge on TD rptg thereat not later than 1600 hrs 22 Dec 43. Purpose instruction in gunnery course. CTRS TDN QMT. O will be reimbursed for actual cost of subs and/or qrs for period when Govt fac are not available not to exceed $4.00 per day for qrs and $1.25 per day for rats. An itinerary together with receipted bills and copies of these Orders will be furnished the Disbursing O.

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4. The foll named EM, orgns indicated are placed on SD this sta, and will rpt at 0800 daily to Station Utilities O for dy. EM will remain on this SD until reld by proper auth.

70TH STA COMP SQ

Pvt Godfrey R. Hutchison	38189089
Pvt Richard R. Ferris	33265517
Pvt James R. Moore	38326348

469TH SERV SQ

Sgt Lawrence W. Greider	35612719
Sgt Gerald E. Webber	36637092
Sgt Claude R. Ledford	34354758
Pvt Joseph R. Vanden Bosch	32280152
Pvt Anthony (NMI) Saccone	32714847
Pvt Wilfred B. Wiggins	15067828

HQ & HQ SQ, 50TH SERV GP

Pfc Donald J. Dillie	37354895
Pvt John L. Trabucco	11033004
Pvt Charles (NMI) Lamb	33376662

1076TH SIG CO

Cpl Roger G. Cantwell 36805023
Pvt Dudley (NMI) Lasser 32980705
Pvt Peter J. Wright 12188619

1600TH ORD SUPP & MAINT CO

Pfc Lawrence H. McCants 13153094
Pvt Eugene H. Tyzykowski 33308298

365TH FTR SQ

Pvt Van R. Hamilton 34440104
Pvt George H. Russell 31296891

366TH FTR SQ

Sgt Manuel L. Gurule 18046716
Pfc Virgil L. Callahan 6966919

367TH FTR SQ

Cpl Cornelius J. Spoelstra 36169109
Pfc Steve P. Palmisano 17123962

5. SMOP 3, SO #13, this Hq, cs, as reads: "1600th Ord Supp & Maint Co, Pvt James E. Watson, 38220670", is amended to read: "Pvt Michael J. Lagana, 32086545, 1600th Ord Supp & Maint Co."

6. 1ST LT TURNER A. GRAVES, JR, 0434594, AC, 50th Serv Gp, is detailed to the Sta dy asgmt (add dy) as Hq Supply O.

7. Par 3, SO #14, this Hq, cs, is rescinded.

8. SMOP 2, SO #13, this Hq, cs, as reads: "c/a 6 Dec 43", is amended to read: "c/a 10 Dec 43".

9. SMOP 7, SO #16, this Hq, cs, as reads: "The foll O are detailed dy asgmts (add dy)", is amended to read: "The foll O are detailed Sta dy asgmts (add dy)".

10. SMOP 2, SO #13, this Hq, cs, is amended to incl: Sgt Stanley W. Newbury, 31321674, 70th Sta Comp Sq, and Cpl Leslie H. Haack, 37549566, 70th Sta Comp Sq, will accompany party as drivers. EM will be reimbursed for actual cost of subs and/or qrs for period when Govt fac are not available not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs (not to exceed two (2) days) and $2.00 per day for rats (not to exceed two (2) days).

11. UP AR 615-5 Sgt Thomas E. Cole (826), 469th Serv Sq, 50th Serv Gp, is promoted to gr of Staff Sergeant.

12. PAC TWX SAS D144E 2ND LT JOHN T. McDONALD, 01552744, Ord, 1600th Ord Supp & Maint Co, is placed on TD for seven (7) days at the Royal Engineering Training Wing, Duke of York Headquarters, Sloane Square, London S W 1 and WP by rail so as to arr between the hrs of 1400 and 1700, 12 Dec 43 for registration. O will rpt to Billeting O No 5, North Audley St., London. Purpose to pursue a one (1) wk course in Bomb Reconnaissance. O will carry clothing and equipment for one (1) wk and include helmet, fatigues, flashlight and notebook. O will be reimbursed for actual cost of subs and/or qrs for period when Govt fac are not available not to exceed $4.00 per day for qrs (not to exceed seven (7) days) and $1.25 per day for rats (not to exceed seven (7) days). TDN QMT. An itinerary together with receipted bills and duplicates of these O will be furnished the Disbursing O.

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By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELLS:

E. R. KENNEY,
Major, Air Corps,
Executive.

OFFICIAL:

Lawrence B. Lee

LAWRENCE B. LEE,
1st Lieutenant, Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 637
10 December 1943

1. 2ND LT WILLIAM (NMI) McINTYRE, 01322252, INF, 70th Sta Comp Sq, is aptd Post Exchange O (add dy) vice CAPT JAMES R. COXE, 0306489, AC, reld.

2. UP AR 210-65 and existing 8th AF Reg, 1ST LT GEORGE R. EBERLE, 0559759, AC, 70th Sta Comp Sq, is aptd Inventory O (add dy) for purpose of Post Exchange audit, this sta.

3. UP AR 210-65 and existing 8th AF Reg, 2D LT HARVEY C. AMSTERDAM, 0[illegible]369, CWS, 70th Sta Comp Sq, and 2D LT WILLIAM P. NELSON, 057553, AC 70th Sta Comp Sq, are aptd Asst Inventory O (add dy) for purpose of Post Exchange audit, this sta.

4. ELC TWX SASD16TH CAPT PHILIP A. COX, 0407311, AC, 365th Ftr Sq, 359th Ftr Gp, is placed on TD for aprox three (3) days and TP HENT o/a 12 Dec AF to 77th Sta Hosp, Wymondham. Purpose pursue course in plaster technique. Upon completion of TD O will rpt to proper sta. TDN QMT O will be reimbursed for actual cost of qrs not to exceed $4.00 per day if qrs are not available and $1.25 per day for rats when Govt messing fac are not available.

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5. SECP 3, SO #7, this Hq, as reads: "2nd Lt HUMPHREYS, CECIL F. 01551433, Cml", is amended to read: "1ST LT HUMPHREYS, CECIL F. 01551433, Cml".

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELLS:

E. R. KENNEY,
Major, Air Corps,
Executive.

OFFICIAL:

T. L. BARTNICK,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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13 December 1943

1. GO AR 615-5 the foll named EM, Hq 358th Ftr Gp are promoted as follows:

TO BE SERGEANT (Temp)

Cpl (239) Frank T. Pesek 36381405

TO BE CORPORAL (Temp)

Pvt 1CL 9501) Charles R. Adams 15341058

TO BE PVT 1CL (Temp)

Pvt (929) Francis G. Breton 31316151

2. HRH Par 1, SO #146, Hq Weather Sq, 8 Dec 43, the foll named EM are atchd 70th Sta Comp Sq for qrs and rats.

T/Sgt Charles R. Corbett 36395306
S/Sgt Michael (NMI) Buhai 32250437

3. PAC Par 1, sub par c Adm Cir No 37, Hq, SOS ETOUSA, dtd 22 June [redacted], Sgt Antonio (NMI) Esquivel, 18157838, 469th Serv Sq, 50th Serv Gp is [redacted]rfd 19th Gen Hosp, APO 518, U. S. Army. Service Record, Allied Papers, Individual Equip and Personal Effects will be forwarded to this organ.

4. [redacted] SHELBY W. PHILLIPS, 0301249, AC, 70th Sta Comp Sq, is apptd Sta Adj (add dy) vice 1ST LT LAWRENCE B. LEE, 0561490, AC, reld.

5. CAPT JAMES G. LOWEY, 0492631, AC, 50th Serv Gp, is apptd Sta Adm Insp (add dy) vice MAJ SHELBY W. PHILLIPS, 0301249, AC, reld.

6. 1ST LT LAWRENCE B. LEE, 0561490, AC, 70th Sta Comp Sq is apptd Asst Adj (add dy) vice CAPT JAMES G. LOWEY, 0492631, AC, reld.

7. GO AR 615-5 the foll named EM, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Serv Gp, are promoted as follows:

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (Temp)

S/Sgt (502) James F. Walsh, Jr. 3301237

TO BE SERGEANT (Temp)

Cpl (623) Harvey W. Puethe 36537937
Cpl (186) Edwin P. Smith 33437867

TO BE CORPORAL (Temp)

Pvt 1CL (623) Hyman (NMI) Aberman 36702634
Pvt 1CL (624) Stephen J. Novinsky 36382208

[redacted] SO #19, this Hq, cs, as reads: "is atchd 70th Sta Comp Sq [redacted]" is amended to read: "is atchd 70th Sta Comp Sq [redacted] observation."

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[illegible] 8-[illegible], 13 DEC 43 (CONT'D)

[illegible] #[illegible], this Hq, cs, is [illegible].

[illegible] Pvt [illegible] ASN [illegible], [illegible] Co, [illegible] Inf Bn, [illegible] Div, APO [illegible], c/o PM, [illegible], Northern Ireland. EM will rpt to CO of Sch before 1700 hrs 16 Dec 43. For inst pursuant course at 8th AF AA MG Sch. EM will be reimbursed for actual cost of subs and/or qrs for period when Govt fac not available not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for rats while in travel status. CITS TDN. CMT. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43). AGPM: PTR 8.8 D205E.

	Cpl William B. Elder	11114523	70th Sta Comp Sq
(In charge)	Cpl Robert (NMI) Schuman	13099521	70th Sta Comp Sq
	Pvt Robert C. Cordle	34501413	Hq 358th Ftr Gp

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11. SWOP 2, SO #20, this Hq, cs, as reads: "For a period of two (2) days" is amended to read: "for a period of three (3) days".

12. The following named O are detailed to the Sta Dy Asgmts (Add dy) as indicated, effective this date.

CAPT WASHINGTON G. RALPH	0474029	AC	Sta Camouflage O
1ST LT [illegible] T. SCHTELLENBACH	0732375	AC	Asst Sta Camouflage O
2ND LT [illegible] L. DICKSON	01642797	SC	Asst S-2 (Photo Int)

13. [illegible] Par 4, SO #171, Hq 66th Ftr Wg, 12 Dec 43, the following named EM [illegible] 70th Sta Comp Sq for qrs and rats.

Sgt George L. Hatfield	18118779
Cpl Ralph F. Melville	37491267

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELLS:

L. R. SMITH,
Major, Air Corps
Executive.

OFFICIAL:

T. [illegible] BARTHICK,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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By order of the Assistant Chief of Air Staff, G-2:

[illegible]
1st Lt. [illegible],
Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

[illegible]:

[illegible]
1st Lieutenant, Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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SPECIAL ORDERS
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1. PAC Par 1, sub par [illegible] Hq ETOUSA, dtd 22 June 43, S/Sgt Donald M. Prescott, 39738741, [illegible] Ftr Sq, 368th Ftr Gp, trfd 281st Sta Hosp, APO #651, U. S. Army. Service Record, Allied Papers, Individual Equip and Personal Effects will be forwarded to this orgn.

2. The foll named EM, orgns indicated, WP o/a 28 Dec 43 on TD to London for a period of two (2) days. Purpose transporting and receiving ldry. CTRS TDN QMT. EM will be reimbursed for actual cost of subs and/or qrs for period when Govt fac are not available not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs (not to exceed two (2) days) and $2.00 per day for rats (not to exceed two (2) days). (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43)
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Sgt Mervyn C. Taylor	32752352	1177th QM Co
Cpl Eugene T. Towndrow	18121454	469th Serv Sq
Cpl Harold L. Yocum	35517515	469th Serv Sq
Pvt Raymond E. Patten	32752352	1177th QM Co

3. UF AR 615-5, S/Sgt Michael J. Jamiolkowski, 12065087, 368th Ftr Sq, is reduced to gr of Private, for cause.

4. The foll named EM, 469th Serv Sq, now on SD this Sta with Utilities O are reld of SD and will rpt to their CO for dy.

Sgt Gerald E. Webber	36637092
Cpl Clarence (NMI) Plooster	36421947
Pfc David J. McFarlin	13107917
Pvt Joseph R. Vandon Bosch	32280152

SMOP 6, SO #29, this Hq, os, as reads: "are placed on TD for approx three (3) days", is amended to read: "are placed on TD for approx four (4) days", and as pertains to subs and/or qrs is amended to read: "(not to exceed four (4) days)".

6. 2D LT GUYON C. ZIMMER, 02044815, AC, is aptd Asst Flying Control O (add dy).

7. The foll named O, 359th Ftr Gp, are aptd to the Station Aircraft Accident Committee. The alternate member in each case will be the Operations Officer of the squadron concerned. (Auth: AAF Reg 62-14 26 May 42).

MAJ GEORGE L. WERTENBAKER	0383756	AC
MAJ RANDALL D. KEATOR	0412276	AC
1ST LT THOMAS W. SCHWELLENBACH	0732375	AC

8. SMOP 2, SO #19, this Hq, os, as reads: "T/5 Joseph L. W. Lemay", is amended to read: "T/5 Joseph W. L. Lemay", and is further amended to read: "Pvt Raymond E. Patten".

9. 1ST LT THOMAS W. SCHWELLENBACH, 0732375, AC, is aptd Plans & Training O (add dy), vice 2D LT WILLIAM (NMI) McINTYRE, reld.

10. 2D LT LEO A. MILLER, 0880763, AC, is aptd Asst Weather O (add dy).

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELIS:

E. R. KENNEY,
Major, Air Corps,
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OFFICIAL:

T. A. BARTWICK,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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APPENDIX II

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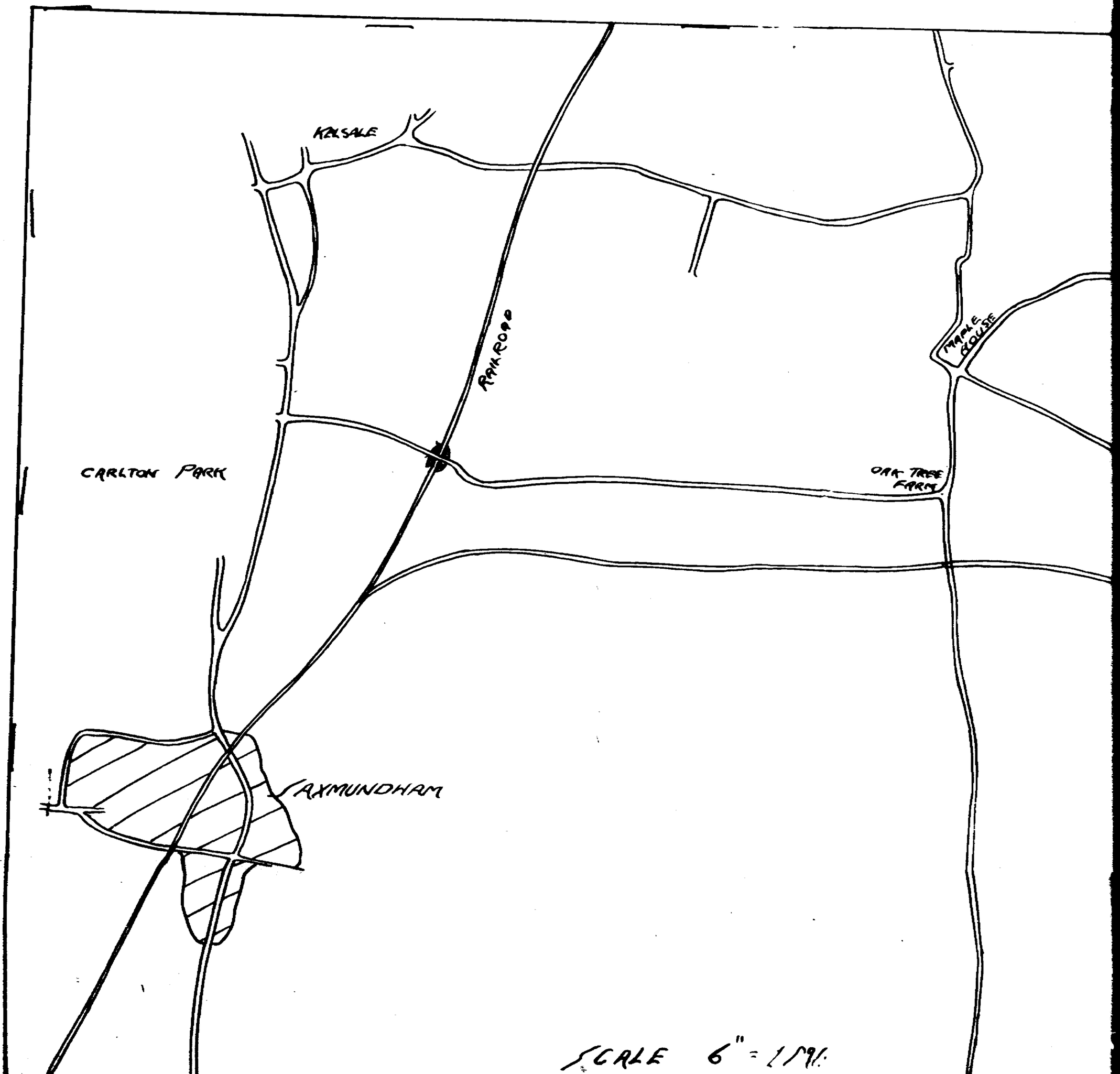
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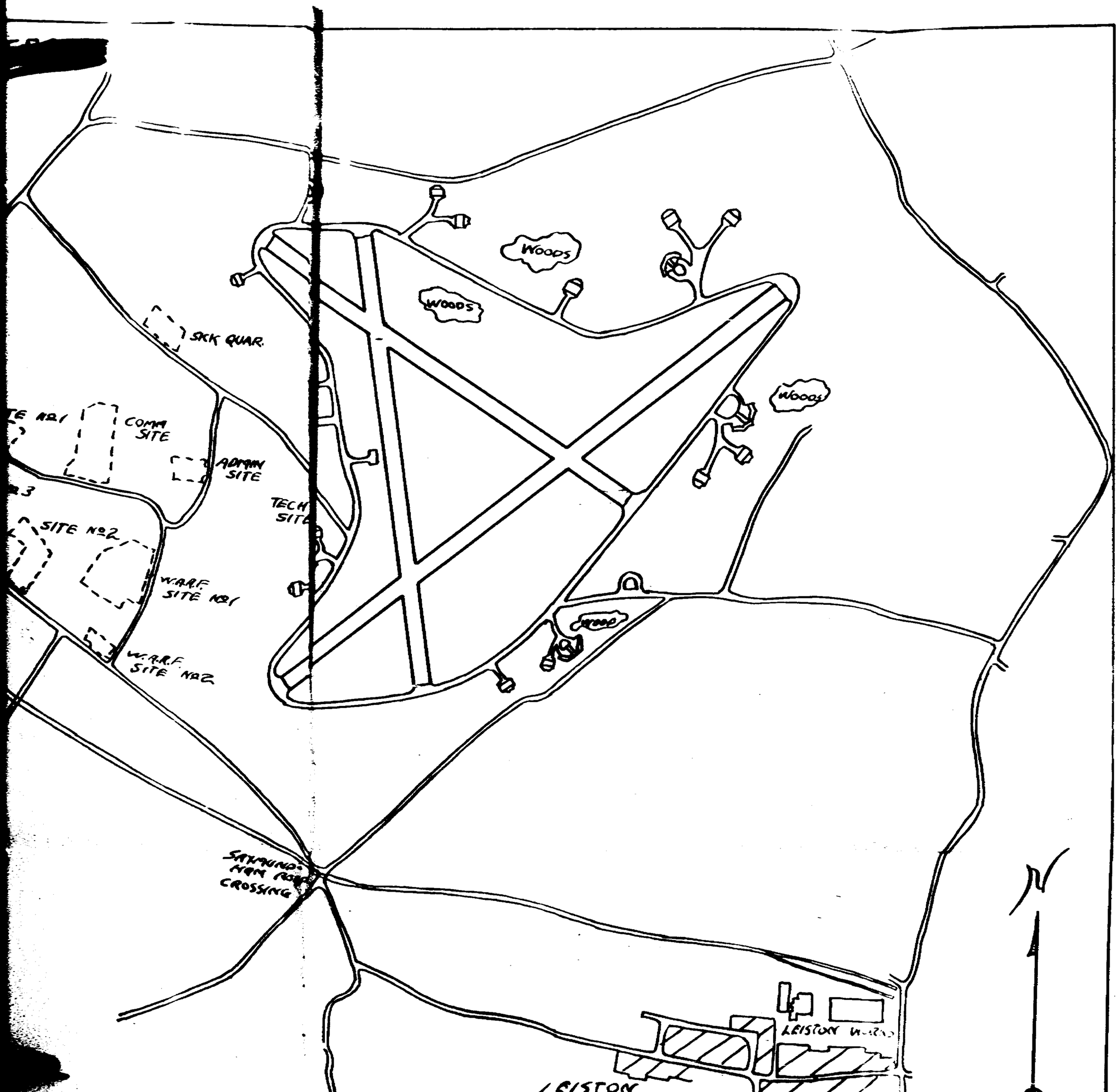
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APPENDIX III

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TACTICAL COMMANDER'S REPORT

No. 1

24 December 1943

TO: Commanding General, VIII Fighter Command, Attention: A-3.

FROM: 359th Fighter Group.

Mission of December 24, 1943 (F.O. 204 VIII Fi. Com.

a. Track Flown.

1019 Started engines.
1029 First plane took off.
1050 Set course at 10,000 feet.
1128 Landfall over TESSEL ISLAND.
1133 R/V with Bombers over TESSEL ISLAND at 17,000 feet.
1141 Left Bombers.
1142 Out enemy coast over BERGEN.
1225 First plane down at home base.

b. R/V with Bombers (and narrative of escort).

The Group made landfall over TESSEL ISLAND at 1128. Bombers were five minutes late. Escort position was taken over rear of 2nd Air Task Force with the 367th Squadron low and to the right, the 368th Squadron over Bombers, and the 369th Squadron high and up sun affording top cover. No enemy aircraft were encountered or seen to attack the Bombers. Escort was continued to the vicinity of Groningen, where Group made a right orbit into the sun and turned off on home base heading.

c. Strategy and Tactics Employed.
&
d. Usual cover was provided with Squadrons stacked down sun. Inasmuch as no enemy fighters were encountered, escort was uneventful.

e. Formation employed.

Four (4) ship "V" climb. Battle formation wide "V" flights abreast, sections stepped up 500 feet.

f. Encounters with E/A.

None.

g. Tactics required against Flak.

Only light flak encountered over TESSEL ISLAND and along Bomber routs. No tactics required.

h. Communications.

R/T was good.

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i. Description of weather.

Weather 7/10 overcast up to 30,000 feet from mid-channel to enemy coast. Clear above 20,000 feet. Contrails persistent at 25,000 feet.

j. Equipment failure.

Seven aborts. One oil leak and smoke in cockpit, one with prop out and air lock due to running out of gas in belly tank, three belly tank failures, one altimeter and air speed indicator failure, one super charger failure.

k. Recommendations.

None.

EDWARD W. SZANIAWSKI,
Major, AC,
Group Leader.

[redacted]

TACTICAL COMMANDER'S REPORT

No. 2

24 December 1943

TO : Commanding General, VIII Fighter Command, Attention: A-3.

FROM: 358th Fighter Group.

Mission of 21 December 1943 (F.O. 20c VIII Fi. Com.)

a. Track flown.

1110 Started engines.
1130 First plane took off.
1139 Set course at 3,000 feet.
1201 Landfall vicinity of POINT ST. [illegible].
1220 Out enemy coast vicinity of FIVILLE.
1317 First plane down at home base.

b. R/V with Bombers (and narrative of escort).
Field order received much too late for Group to be in position at Zero hour. This mission called for general area support. When Group entered designated area bombers were sighted coming out. Also many little friends sighted on way out of area.

c. Strategy and Tactics Employed.
&
d. No enemy fighters encountered. Mission was uneventful.

e. Formation employed.

Four (4) ship "V" climb. Battle formation wide "V" flights abreast, sections stepped up 500 feet. Squadrons stepped up away from sun at 2,000 feet intervals at 14,000, 16,000, and 18,000 feet.

f. Encounters with E/A.

None.

g. Tactics required against flak.
No flak encountered.

h. Communications.

R/T good.

i. Description of weather.

8/10 to 10/10 clouds over base extending to 4,500 feet with lower scattered clouds at 800 feet breaking up over channel to scattered at same elevation. No low clouds over continent with about 5/10 - 7/10 thin high clouds between 16,000-17,000 feet. Visibility excellent above clouds. No contrails made at operating altitudes but reports of contrails above group at about 18,000 feet over continent.

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j. Equipment failure.

Three aborti[illegible], [illegible] oil leak and one engine trouble.

k. Recommendations.

None.

EDWARD M. SCALESKI,
Major, AC,
Group Leader.

[redacted]

[redacted]

TACTICAL COMMANDER'S REPORT

No. 2 24 December 1943

TO : Commanding General, VIII Fighter Command, ATTN.TIL : A-3.

FROM: 359th Fighter Group.

Mission of 22 December 1943 (F.O. #7, VIII Fi. Com.)

a. Track flown.

1135 Started engines.
1205 First plane took off.
1225 Set course at 14,000 feet.
1255 Landfall at ELL.D.
1330 Out enemy coast approximate vicinity of ELL.D.
1410 First plane down at home base.

b. R/V with Bombers (and narrative of escort).

Group made landfall at ELL.D at 1255. Bombers not seen at rendezvous point so group continued on designated course and made a 180 degree turn about 15 miles south of Z.OLLE, three minutes beyond designated withdrawel point. Made landfall out in vicinity of ELL.D at 1330 hours, at 24,000 feet. Bombers sighted going in when Group was approximately 10 miles out over North Sea between 24,000 and 25,000 feet.

c & d. Strategy and tactics employed.

In view of fact that escort of Bombers was not carried out and no enemy aircraft encountered, mission was uneventful.

e. Formation employed.

Four (4) ship "V" climb. Battle formation wide "V" flights abreast, sections stepped up 500 feet.

f. Encounters with E/A.

No encounters.

g. Tactics required against flak.

No flak encountered.

h. Communications.

R/T reception from Parker was weak. Homer excellent.

[redacted]

[redacted]

i. Description of weather.

Solid overcast from 4,500 feet to 13,000 feet along entire route. Scattered to broken patches of cirrus between 17,000 to 22,000 feet. Visibility above clouds was excellent horizontally and vertically. Persistent contrails observed between 23,000 and 24,000 feet. Overcast persisted on return trip up to base, where clouds became scattered at 4,500 feet.

j. Equipment failure.

One belly tank failure.

k. Recommendations.

None.

EDWARD H. SZAFRANSKI,
Major, AC,
Group Leader.

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TACTICAL COMMANDER'S REPORT

No. 4 25 December 1943

TO : Commanding General, VIII Fighter Command, ATTENTION: A-3.

FROM: 354th Fighter Group.

Mission of 24 December 1943 (F.O. 209 VIII Fi. Com.)

a. Track flown.

1235 Started engines.
1245 First plane took off.
1304 Set course at 14,000 feet.
1325 Landfall at DRAVILLES.
1430 Out enemy coast at CAPE GRIS NEZ.
1455 First plane down at home base.

b. R/V with Bombers (and narrative of escort).
Mission called for general area support. Group made landfall at DRAVILLES at 1325. Followed route as briefed for a period of 35 minutes. No enemy aircraft engaged and no bombers seen attacked. Crossed enemy coast out at CAPE GRIS NEZ at 1430.

c. Strategy and Tactics Employed.
&
d. As no enemy fighters were encountered, the mission was uneventful. Group essed continually during period in enemy area.

e. Formation employed.

Four (4) ship "V" climb. Battle formation wide "V" flights abreast, sections stepped up 500 feet. Squadrons stepped up away from sun at 2000 foot intervals at 22,000, 24,000, and 26,000 feet.

f. Encounters with E/A.

No encounters.

g. Tactics required against flak.

As Group made landfall in enemy territory heavy and accurate flak bursts were encountered in DUNKIRK and CALAIS areas. Group took evasive action making 45 degree starboard turn.

h. Communications.

R/T good.

[redacted]

i. Description of weather.

3/10 scattered clouds at 10,000 feet over channel and continent. No middle or high clouds, visibility unrestricted. Contrails moderately persistent at 27,000 to 30,000 feet.

j. Equipment failure.

Two. One radio and one oxygen.

k. Recommendations.

None.

CECIL L. WELLS,
Lt. Colonel, AC,
Commanding.

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TACTICAL COMMANDER'S REPORT

No. 5 1 January 1944

TO : Commanding General, VIII Fighter Command. ATTENDION: A-3.

FROM: 358th Fighter Group

Mission of 30 December 1943 (F.O. 210, VIII Fighter Command

a. Track flown.

1007 Started engines.
1017 First plane took off.
1043 Set course at 14,000 feet.
1102 Landfall at GRAVELINES.
1155 Landfall out at NIEUPORT.
1230 First plane down at home base.

b. R/V with Bombers (and narrative of escort.)

Mission called for this Group to provide penetration support. Arrived over town of ROYE, designated R/V point 1½ minutes late at 1115 hours. Radio reports were that bombers were 3 minutes early. Group proceeded in southeasterly direction, deviating slightly from course on report of contrails to the south. Made port turn in vicinity of RETHEL, then northwest ot vicinity of LIART. Up to this point no Bombers observed along route. Midway between LIART and landfall out friendly Bombers were observed at 8 o'clock flying along designated route to target north of LAON. As Group leader was crossing out enemy coast near NIEUPORT an unknown A/C dived on formation from above. Leader and several others pursued A/C over channel until it was identified as a P-51.

c & d. Strategy and tactics employed.

As no enemy A/C were encountered mission was uneventful.

e. Formation employed.

Four (4) ship "V" climb. Battle formation wide "V" flights abreast, sections stepped up 500 feet. Squadrons stepped up at 1000-foot intervals from 23,500 feet, 24,500 feet and 25,500 feet.

f. Encounters with E/A.

No encounters.

g. Tactics required against flak.

None required. One of our planes had slight damage from flak in vicinity of ST OMER.

h. Communications.

R/T used.

i. Description of weather.

7/10 - 8/10ths strato-cumulus over channel and continent. No visible sich cloud reported, but further inland to the E degrees west still many cast up to 15,000-X,000 feet. Visibility air to air unlimited. Air to ground over continent restricted by haze, but ground readily visible. Condensation trails formed 25,000-26,000 feet and persisted to 21,000 feet.

j. Equipment failure.

One belly tank failure.

k. Recommendations.

Reference is made to the following information contained in F.O. 2.10. Quote: "Note: There will be a lapse of approximately 30 minutes between front and rear of this task force." End quote. The above information is considered as not conducive to a good rendezvous. In plotting mission for our Group, calculations were made to arrive at R/V point at a time to meet the center block of the task force. As indicated under paragraph b, rendezvous was not made.

CECIL L. WELLS,
Lieut. Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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E.G. DICKSON,
2/Lt, Signal Corps.

[redacted]

g. Tactics Required against Flak.

None required.

h. Communications.

R/T good.

i. Description of Weather.

Over channel 6/10ths-8/10ths cloud at 15,000 feet, decreasing to 2/10ths-4/10ths over continent. Air to air and air to ground visibility excellent over channel and continent. Visibility deteriorated on return trip, becoming very poor in southern England. Non-persistent contrails at 28,000 feet.

j. Equipment Failure.

Three (One oil leak, one belly tank trouble, one engine trouble).

k. Recommendations.

(See letter attached hereto).

CECIL L. WELLS,
Lieut. Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
Office of the Station Commander
APO 637 U.S. Army

4 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on Mission of 31 December 1943, Field Order #211, Hq VIII Fighter Command.

TO: Commanding Officer, 66th Fighter Wing, AAF Station F-371, APO 637, U.S. Army.

1. Pursuant to verbal instructions from Major Baily, A-3, 66th Fighter Wing, the following report of mission 31 December 1943 is submitted.

2. Mission was performed as ordered by Field Order #211 and planned by this Headquarters. Mission was considered successful as bombers were well escorted, but a number of factors contributed to the loss of seven (7) P-47 aircraft through belly landings back in England.

3. Three factors which are considered to have contributed to the loss of the aircraft are, in the order of their importance:

a. Mission was too long. A total engine time of 2:45 with 75 gallon belly tanks is an extreme figure which sacrifices all reserves and leaves no time for combat. Several aircraft landed with engine time over 3 hours because of necessity for reducing speed to conserve fuel on return trip.

b. Emergency homer at Manston very weak and only a few of the calls for homings were successfully completed. Successful homings were very hard to understand and consumed a much longer time to obtain so that some aircraft were forced to land anywhere to save the pilots' lives.

c. Weather was bad with a haze bank, visibility ¼ to ½ mile, existing along the entire coast south of Manston. This haze reached an altitude of approximately 5000 feet and was run into by those pilots who, being low on fuel, had reduced power to such an extent that loss of altitude followed. Once in the haze and realizing that only four or five minutes of fuel remained, four pilots made controlled landings - wheels up. Due to the physical condition of the other three pilots they have not been questioned and no information has been gained regarding their accidents.

(Rpt on Mission, Hq AAF Sta F-373, 4 Jan 44 cont'd)

4. It is recommended that a mission of this length not be attempted unless 108 gallon belly tanks are used.

CECIL L. WELLS,
Lieut Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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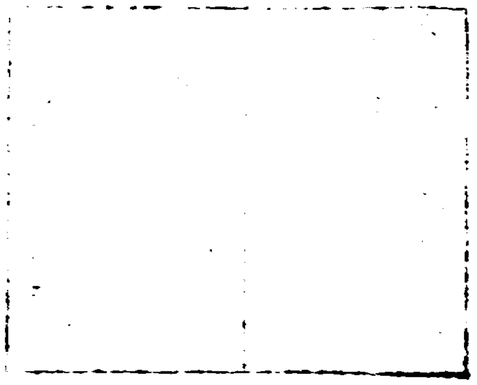

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[illegible] Battalion, [illegible], per Special Order Number 1, [illegible], 6, [illegible] Air Force, 7 January 1944.

[illegible] Sgt. [illegible], per Special Order Number 1, [illegible] paragraph 6, HQ., [illegible], 1 January 1944.

[illegible] Pfc. [illegible] Stone, to Sgt, per Special Order Number [illegible], paragraph 19, Hq., [illegible], 1 December 1943.

PROMOTIONS

Promotions and demotions of enlisted men [illegible] in Special Orders for the month. (See Appendix II).

TRANSFER OF SOUTH DAKOTA GIRL

On January 16th [illegible] received a phone call from [illegible] Headquarters, that she had [illegible] must be [illegible] transferred to the [illegible] and moved to Boston. [illegible] and losing and storming [illegible] ever [illegible] that he would remain until [illegible] months. [illegible] disappointed to [illegible] Boston [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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TACTICAL COMMANDER'S REPORT

No. 7 7 January 1944.

TO : Commanding General, VIII Fighter Command. ATTENTION: A-3.

FROM: 358th Fighter Group.

Mission of 4 January 1944 (F. O. 212, VIII Fighter Command).

a. Track Flown.

0845 Started engines.
0855 First plane took off.
0916 Set course at 10,000 feet.
0951 Landfall over TESSEL ISLAND.
1035 Out enemy coast vicinity IJMUIDEN.
1115 First plane down at home base.

b. R/V with Bombers (and narrative of escort).

Bombers were approximately seven minutes early so Group turned to right and made rendezvous southeast of DOKKUM. Escort continued on course for about ten minutes until Group was relieved by other P-47's. Left bombers in vicinity of EMMEN.

c. Strategy and Tactics Employed.
&
d. No enemy A/C encountered. Mission uneventful.

e. Formation Employed.

Four (4) ship "V" climb. Battle formation wide "V" flights abreast, sections stepped up 500 feet.

f. Encounters with E/A.

None.

g. Tactics Required against Flak.

None required.

h. Communications.

R/T poor, apparently due to jamming.

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[redacted]

i. Description of Weather.

7/10th to 9/10th clouds over channel decreasing to 5/10th to 7/10th over continent. Tops 12,000 - 15,000 feet. Air to air visibility good. Semi-persistent contrails above 22,000 feet.

j. Equipment Failure.

Four (Two supercharger, one oil leak, one prop failure).

k. Recommendations.

None.

CECIL L. WELLS,
Lieut. Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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TACTICAL COMMANDER'S REPORT

No. 8 7 January 1944

TO: Commanding General, VIII Fighter Command. Attn: A-3.

FROM: 358th Fighter Group.

Mission of 5 January 1944 (F.O. 213, VIII Fi. Com.)

a. Track flown.

1104 Started engines.
1114 First plane took off.
1138 Set course at 14,000 feet.
1159 Landfall over WALCHEREN ISLAND.
1210 R/V with bombers.
1252 Out enemy coast over GOLDERENDE ISLAND.
1320 First plane down at home base.

b. R/V with bombers (and narrative of escort).

Proceeded to designated rendezvous point. Bombers reported over radio as being early and soon after observed to be on way out. Group executed left turn and R/V was made in vicinity HASSELT at approximately 1210 at 17,000 feet. Escort was maintained until 1245.

c. Strategy and tactics employed.
&
d. Immediately on meeting bombers Lt Colonel Wells sighted an Me-109 and went after him with his flight but was unable to get in position for an attack.

e. Formation employed.

Four (4) ship "V" climb. Battle formation wide "V" flights abreast, sections stepped up 500 feet. One squadron covering lower level on bombers, one squadron acting as middle cover, and the third as high cover.

f. Encounter with E/A.

Enemy A/C referred to in paragraph c and d was fired upon by Lt Buckner of 366th Squadron but does not claim any hits as he was unable to observe results of his shots.

As 367th Squadron was positioning over bombers, a single FW-190 was observed diving from above toward the squadron. Major Youngblas, leading, executed a sharp left turn and placed himself dead astern of E/A. He fired a long burst from approximately 100 yards dead astern and E/A appeared to stop in air, quiver, and then flip over on its back and go down. It had a large object attached to underside of fuselage, believed to be a belly tank. Major Youngblas claims a probable.

[redacted]t Siegel, flying white flight, number 4 of 307th Squadron, fired short deflection burst at above L/A. As it was rolling over but makes no claim.

g. Defects required against flak.

None required.

h. Communications.

R/T fair. Loud and whining probably due to jamming.

i. Description of weather.

Over channel and continent 10/10 clouds from 10,000 to 12,000 feet. Beyond 5 degrees east broken clouds were seen. Visibility above clouds excellent. Non-persistent contrails at 18,000 feet.

j. Equipment failure.

None.

k. Recommendations.

Suggest R/T listenings be immediately marked with some wordings as those of RAF in this theatre.

[redacted]
Lieut. Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

[redacted]

[redacted]

a. Track Chart.

0953 Started engines.
1003 First plane took off.
1023 Set course at 10,[illegible] feet.
1051 Approximate landfall over [illegible].
1114 R/V with bombers.
1131 Left bombers.
1158 Approximate time landfall out over [illegible].

b. R/V with bombers (and narrative of escort).

Bombers not sighted at designated R/V point. Group followed Briefed course and made R/V at 1114. Escort was continued until 1151 at which time another fighter group took up the escort. Mission uneventful during period of escort.

c Strategy and Tactics employed.

d. No E/A seen or engaged during period of escort.

e. Formation Employed.

Four (4) ship "V" climb, battle formation wide "V" flights abreast, sections stepped up 500 feet. 365th Squadron patrolled under bombers, 366th Squadron just above the bombers and 367th Squadron stepped up high cover.

f. Encounters with E.A.

About 1210 hours flight led by Major Douglas consisting of Lt. Rousette, Lt. Bedford and Lt. Rueschhoff let down thru overcast and while flying at approximately 700 feet observed what appeared to be a landing field. At this time Lt. Rueschhoff saw an E/A coming head-on and firing. He pulled back hard on the stick and E/A passed under him. At the same time an E/A passed just to his left in a vertical bank and Lt. Rueschhoff recognized it as an Me-109. Lt. Rueschhoff instantly put his RPM full forward and ran the throttle thru the gate to get water injection, at the same time pulling up in a steep climb. At the same time he was being attacked by an Me-109 from about ten o'clock. Lt. Rueschhoff broke hard into him, and as E/A passed under him, he rolled out in a steep climb trying to make the overcast.

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[illegible] from about 2 o'clock so again be [illegible] it. Leader[illegible] of its turn too [illegible] rear [illegible] 1/[illegible], pulled back [illegible] overcast in about a vertical position. [illegible] attack on the flight. [illegible]

7. Tactics required against flak.

Ix planes led by [illegible] overcast [illegible] identified [illegible] at the same time [illegible] town at [illegible] flight received [illegible] flying on the [illegible] used.

One plane of this flight received flak damage while

8. Formations

8/T used.

9. Description of target.

Solid overcast during entire route [illegible] along upstream to 15,[illegible] cirrus over 30,000 feet over continent. Horizontal visibility excellent, vertical visibility restricted by cloud. Non-persistent contrails at 24,000 feet, extending to at least 28,000 feet.

10. Equipment Failure.

One (belly tank trouble.

11. Recommendations.

None.

[redacted]
Lieut. Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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TACTICAL COMMAND REPORT

No. 10. 23 January 1944.

TO : Commanding General, VIII Fighter Command. Attention: A-3.

FROM: 358th Fighter Group.

Mission of 11 January 1944. (F. O. 216, VIII Fighter Command.)

a. Track Flown.

1023 Started engines.
1033 First plane took off.
1053 Set course at 10,000 feet.
1115 R/V with bombers off enemy coast.
1123 Approximate time landfall in vicinity IJMUYDEN.
1155 Broke escort with bombers.
1229 Approximate time out enemy coast south of IJMUYDEN.
1303 First plane down at home base.

b. R/V with Bombers (and narrative of escort).

Bombers were apparently eighteen minutes late as a consequence of which R/V was made about twenty miles off enemy coast instead of point indicated in field order. Escort was continued for forty minutes. Bombers were strung out with five miles or more between each wing, which was not conducive to good escort. One combat wing turned back toward England in vicinity of GRAN BERGEN. No enemy A/C seen during period of escort. Several ragged clouds of smoke trails were seen coming up from ground exploding with black mushroom effect at approximate altitude of bombers. It is believed those were bursts from ground rockets.

c. Strategy and Tactics Employed.
&
d. As no E/A were encountered during escort, mission was uneventful from this viewpoint.

e. Formation Employed.

Four (4) ship "V" climb. Battle formation wide "V" flights abreast. Sections stepped up 500 feet. The 365th Squadron was positioned on right hand side of bombers box at 22,000 feet, the 367th Squadron on left hand side at 22,000 feet and the 366th Squadron free lanced as top cover at 30,000 feet.

f. Encouters with E/A.

None.

g. Tactics Required Against Flak.

None required.

[redacted]

h. Communications.

R/T fair on "A" channel with apparent jamming "C" Channel was good.

i. Description of Weather.

Complete overcast up to 12,000 feet after leaving base with multi-layer clouds extending to 25,000 feet. These clouds persisted to approximately seven degrees east beyond which ceiling and visibility were unlimited. Air to air visibility up to approximately seven degrees east was poor. Persistent contrails started at 18,000 feet extending to 23,000 feet. Semi-persistent contrails 25,000 to 30,000 feet.

j. Equipment Failure.

Six. (2 landing gear trouble -- 1 oil leak -- 1 air speed indicator 1 fuel pump -- 1 engine trouble).

k. Recommendations.

None.

CECIL I. ELLIS,
Lieut. Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

[redacted]

PHOTO-RECONNAISSANCE REPORT

No. 11 18 January 1944.

TO : Commanding General, VIII Fighter Command. ATTENTION: A-3.

FROM: 358th Fighter Group.

Mission of 14 January 1944 (F. O. 217, VIII Fighter Command).

a. Track Flown.

1409 Started engines.
1419 First plane took off.
1432 Set course at 5,000 feet.
1456 Landfall in over NIEUPORT.
1545 Landfall out over GRAVELINES.
1617 First plane down at home base.

b. R/V with Bombers (and narrative of escort).

Mission called for general area support. Patrolled area as briefed. No bombers seen attacked by E/A during period of patrol.

c. Strategy and Tactics Employed.

d. No E/A engaged during mission. Ten or twelve E/A observed taking off from St Omer field but quickly disappeared.

e. Formation Employed.

Four (4) ship "V" climb, battle formation wide "V" flights abreast, sections stepped up 500 feet. The 365th and 367th Squadrons operated at 15,000 feet in the patrolled area. The 366th Squadron operated as high cover at 20,000 feet. (See also paragraph K.)

f. Encounters with E/A.

None.

g. Tactics Required against Flak.

None required during mission.

h. Communications.

R/T good, no jamming.

[redacted]

[redacted]

i. Description of Weather.

High, wispy clouds above 25,000 feet. No low or middle clouds. Air to air visibility good. Air to water over channel hazy. Haze layer on surface over channel and continent. Non-persistent contrails above 25,000 feet. No signs of cold front back from area covered.

j. Equipment failure.

Four (One instrument and prop out, one oil leak, one belly tank leak, one oxygen.)

k. Recommendations.

It is recommended on future missions of this character that bomber crews be thoroughly briefed on the necessity of releasing bombs from height specified in the field order. On this mission some of the bombers in area patrolled by this group released bombs at approximately 22,000 feet instead of 12,000 feet. This necessitated taking our two low squadrons to 19,000 feet to eliminate any possibility of A/C being hit by bombs from our own bombers.

CECIL L. WELLS,
Lieut. Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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c. [illegible]

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2. [illegible].

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3. [illegible].

[illegible].

4. [illegible].

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No. 15. 18 January 1944

[redacted] Commanding Officer, [redacted] Fighter Group, [redacted]-41, [redacted]-47, [redacted]. [redacted] Army. Operation: [redacted].

[redacted] 368th Fighter Group, [redacted]-375, [redacted]-47, [redacted]. [redacted] Army.

Mission of 14 January 1944 ([redacted] Fighter Escort).

a. Enemy Action.

0814 Target sighted.
0938 First plane to go off.
0938 RV occurs at 14,000 feet.
1010 Landfall in vicinity of [redacted].
1051 R/V with bombers vicinity of [redacted].
1114 Last enemy coast vicinity of Zuiderberghe.
1145 First plane down at home base.

b. R/V with Bombers (see narrative of escort).

Bombers were in good formation and rendezvous was established on time briefed. Escort was maintained along course until two boxes of B-17's turned back, one making right turn and other a left turn. The boxes rejoined and our group also turned back to escort them. At the time of turning back, another P-47 Group had taken up escort of the third box of bombers which had continued along briefed course. It was later learned that the two boxes turning back had been recalled because of weather clearing in at their home bases. No enemy A/C were seen or engaged during period of escort and no bombers reports being in trouble.

c. Aircraft and Pilots Employed.

d.

e. No enemy A/C engaged. Mission uneventful.

g. Formation Employed.

Four (4) ships "V" climb. Battle formation also "V" flights abreast, sections stepped up 500 feet. The 383th Squadron operated at 27,000 feet, the 387th Squadron operated at 26,000 feet, and the 385th Squadron operated as high cover at 25,000 feet.

f. Encounters with E/A.

None.

[redacted]

[redacted]

g. Tactics required against flak.

None.

h. Communications.

R/T was good.

i. Description of weather.

10/10ths clouds over channel up to 22,000 feet. 3/10th to 5/10th from the enemy coast to vicinity of Brussels and 8/10th to 10/10th beyond to 29,000 feet. Visibility fair, restricted by haze. Heavy persistent contrails from 24,000 to 27,000 feet.

j. Equipment failure.

One (carburetor trouble.)

k. Recommendations.

None.

[illegible],
Lieut. Colonel, A.C.,
Commanding.

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1. [illegible]

[illegible]

2. [illegible]

[illegible]

3. [illegible]

None.

[illegible]
[illegible], Colonel, U.S.,
Chief Signal Officer.

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TACTICAL COMMANDER'S REPORT

No. 15. 29 January 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 66th Fighter Wing, AAF-Station F-371, APO 637, U. S. Army. Attention: A-3.

FROM: 358th Fighter Group, AAF Station F-373, APO 637, U. S. Army.

Mission of 28 January 1944 (F. O. 42, Hq. 66th Fighter Wing).

a. Track Flown.

1511 Started engines.
1521 First plane took off.
1536 Set course at 9,000 feet.
1606 Landfall vicinity DEN HELDER.
1627 Landfall over TEXEL ISLAND.
1710 First plane landed at home base.

b Strategy and Tactics Employed.
&
c. No E/A encountered. Mission uneventful. This was Group's first Thunder-Bomber mission. Target was completely obscured by overcast and bombs were consequently not released.

d. Encounters with E/A.

None.

e. Communications.

R/T good.

f. Description of Weather.

Solid overcast up to 7,000 feet over the target and continent. Scattered middle clouds at 18,000 feet over the same area, and high clouds at 25,000 feet. Contrails light at 28,000 feet. Low overcast extended into the North Sea.

g. Recommendations.

None.

GEORGE L. BERTKEBAKER, JR.,
Lieut. Colonel, Air Corps,
Group Leader.

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APO 637
26 December 1943

1. The following named officers and enlisted men are placed on DS and ASSIGNED o/a 1 Jan 44 to Hdq and Hdq Sq, Fighter Command School for duty not later than 1600 hrs 2 Jan 44 to 20 Individual Medical Field Service Sch. Purpose to receive training in Unit Equipment. Upon completion of course these Equip C will be returned to Hdq Fighter Command School. Upon completion of DS C will rpt to proper sta. T/N AT. C will be reimbursed for actual cost of subs and/or grs for period when Govt fac are not available not to exceed $4.00 per day for grs and $1.25 per day for rats. (Auth: ltr Hq ETOUSA 5 Nov 43). 991-5 I (2)-2 A 210/43.25

1LT LT HENRY D. JOHNSON 0700440 353th Ftr Gp AC
1LT LT PAUL E. BELL 0662504 367th Ftr Sq AC
1ST LT LAUREL M. HENLEY 0672002 365th Ftr Sq AC
1ST LT GORDAN K. YARID 0662077 364th Ftr Sq AC

2. MED par 1 & 2, SO #342, Hq AAF Sta F-342, 26 Dec 43 and having been assigned to the 353th Ftr Gp, the following named C are further assigned to organization.

2D LT EDWARD KANTOWSKI 0683263 AC 366th Ftr Sq
F/O EDWARD P. KORFAS T-182,963 AUS 367th Ftr Sq

3. PAR 1, sub par c Fwd Dir No 37, Hq SOS ETOUSA, dtd 22 June 43, S/Sgt Edwin L. Berry, 16050107, 367th Ftr Sq, 353th Ftr Gp, is trfd to the Detachment of Patients, 30th Gen Hosp, APO 634, U. S. Army. Service Records, Allied Papers, Individual Equip and Personal Effects will be forwarded to this organ.

4. Par 1, SO #9, this Hq, cs, is amended to incl: EM will be reimbursed for actual cost of subs and/or grs for period when Govt fac are not available not to exceed $2.00 per day for grs (not to exceed three (3) days) and $2.00 per day for rats (not to exceed three (3) days).

5. SMOP 3, SO #13, this Hq, cs, as pertains to Pvt Wilbur W. Sund is rescinded.

6. SMOP 3, SO #35, this Hq, cs, as reads: "for rats and grs", is amended to read: "for rats, grs and ads".

7. SMOP 2, SO #34, this Hq, cs, as pertains to the following named EM is rescinded.

T/Sgt Ralph F. Girard, Jr
S/Sgt Ray C. McDaniel
Sgt Jack C. Summers
Cpl William B. Elder
Cpl Robert Schumann
Pvt Robert J. Cordle

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELLS:

E. R. KENNEY,
Major, Air Corps,
Executive.

OFFICIAL:

T. A. BARTNICK,
Major, Air Corps,
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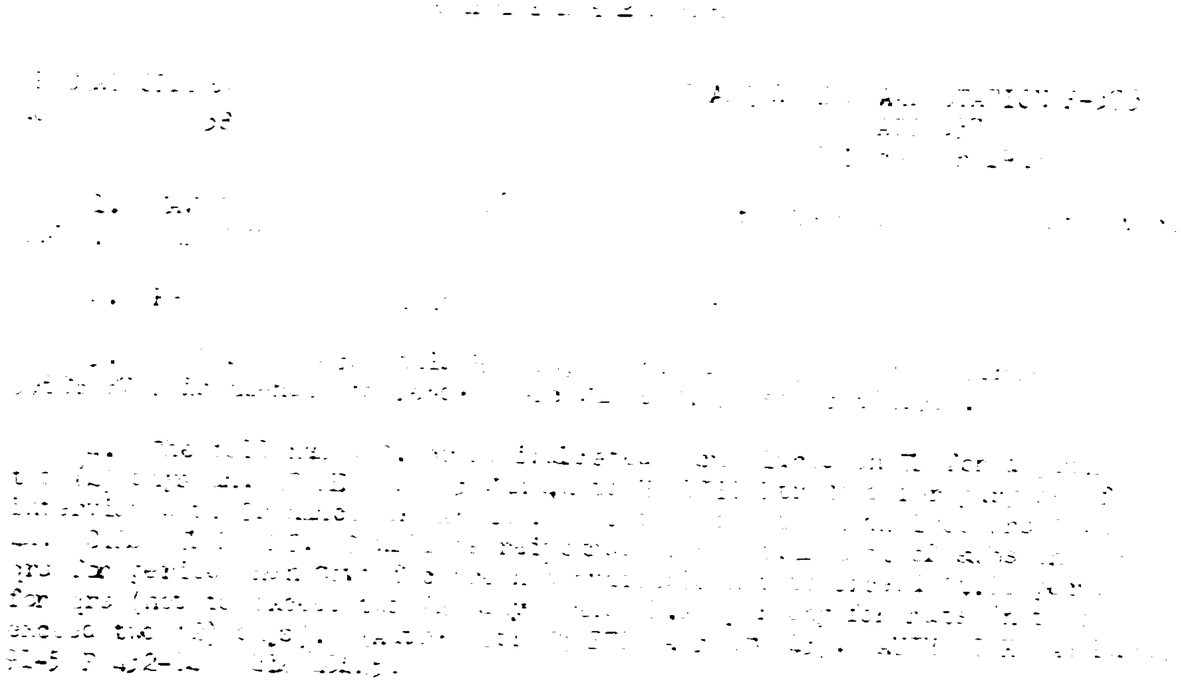

5. The following EM, having been separated from the 3rd A. B. Sq. (H) for approximately four (4) weeks and [illegible] P. E. T. S/A [illegible] to Drumright, Oklahoma, for duty with the Radio School at Drumwell for the purpose of assisting in the AF Maintenance. Upon completion of the EM will return to proper station. Travel by A. M. E. will be reimbursed for actual cost of subs and/or grs for period when Govt fac are not available not to exceed $2.00 per day for grs (not to exceed fourteen (14) days) and $2.50 per day for rats (not to exceed fourteen (14) days). (Auth: Ltr Hq EATC[illegible] 5 Nov 43. AUTH: Ltr Sub 15047. 91-5 P 432-12 A 212 [illegible]25.

T/Sgt Theo W. Root	36024661
T/3 Milton F. Heimerdinger	251[illegible]1930

6. P.C ltr Hq 8th AF, Subject: Orders, etc 27 Dec 43, 2nd Lt [illegible] 0-[illegible], 0900th AAF, is assgd 79th Sta Comp Sq.

7. S.O. [illegible] 37, this Hq, as pertains to T/Sgt Ralph T. [illegible] 32056160, is rescinded.

BY ORDER of Lieutenant Colonel MILLS:

[illegible]
Major, Air Corps,
Executive.

OFFICIAL:

T. A. BARTHOLOW,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant

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APO [illegible]
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1. UP AR 615-5 the following named EM, whose indication, are promoted as follows:

TO BE TECH SERGEANT (Temp)

T/Sgt (357) Gordon E. Bigelow 35513023 1680th Ord S & M Co

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (Temp)

Sgt (755) Nathan (NMI) Granstein 15015656 354th Ftr Gp

TO BE SERGEANT (Temp)

Cpl (638) Elmer E. Clemons 12073510 365th Ftr Sq
Cpl (636) Sylvester R. Foley 32612563 365th Ftr Sq

TO BE CORPORAL (Temp)

Pvt 1cl (411) Edward (NMI) Carter 12113911 365th Ftr Sq
Pvt 1 cl (952) Dominick P. Massi 32024707 365th Ftr Sq
Pvt 1cl (245) Herbert H. Norton 36110993 365th Ftr Sq

TO BE TECH 5TH GR (Temp)

Pvt (669) William R. Cahill 16109708 1076th Dig Co Typist
Pvt (259) William J. J. Cunningham 32866418 1076th Dig Co Typewriter Repair
Pvt (369) Norman (NMI) Harbin 34105343 1680th Ord S & M Co Crane Opr
Pvt (901) John G. Mulvey 31179542 1680th Ord S & M Co Munitions Insp
Pvt (901) Joseph H. St. Jacques 31128910 1680th Ord S & M Co Auto Mech
Pvt (914) Frank T. Bowman 36396032 1680th Ord S & M Co Wrecker Opr
Pvt (529) Clyde H. Taylor 35442500 1680th Ord S & M Co Wrecker Opr
Pvt (348) John G. Fitzpatrick 37239057 1680th Ord S & M Co Auto Parts Clk

TO BE PRIVATE 1CL (Temp)

Pvt (901) Mark B. Lampe 33538555 1680th Ord S & M Co
Pvt (414) Edward N. Wolff 36727240 1680th Ord S & M Co
Pvt (414) Victor (NMI) Champigny 31203577 1680th Ord S & M Co
Pvt (660) Lester R. Hall 32498456 1680th Ord S & M Co

2. Chaplain (CAPT) RUSSELL T. [illegible]SH, 0495501, HP HQ T of A 2 Jan 44 fr this Sta, in turn, to Gravesend, Kent; Bexhill, Sussex; APO Sta F-536, for a period not to exceed four (4) days. Purpose to carry out instructions of CO. CPS TDN Q.M. O will be reimbursed for actual cost of subs and/or qrs for period when Govt fac are not available not to exceed $4.00 per day for qrs (not to exceed four (4) days) and $1.25 per day for rats (not to exceed four (4) days). 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NO 3

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 637 US ARMY
3 January 1944

1. UP AR 615-5 and upon recommendation of their organization commander the foll named EM, 366th Ftr Sq, 358 Ftr Gp are promoted to grades indicated:

TO BE SERGEANT TEMP

Pvt Michael J. Jamiolkowski 12065087 Radio Mech (CNS)

TO BE CORPORAL TEMP

Pvt 1cl John (nmi) Rosenkrantz 32611403 Radio Op & Mech

2. UP AR 615-5, Sgt Nathan F Fay, 19064570, Hq 358th Ftr Gp is reduced to the grade of Private for cause.

3. PAC par 1, sub par c, Adm Cir No 37, Hq SOS ETOUSA, dtd 22 June 43, T/4 John W Platt Jr, 13115616, 1076th Sig Co, 50th Serv Gp, is trfd to the Detachment of Patients, 108th Gen Hosp, APO 513-A, U.S.Army. Service Record, Allied Papers, Individual Equip and Personal Effects will be forwarded to this orgn.

4. PAC TWX SAS J26M Major DONALD K McCLUSKY, 04733339, MC, Hq 358th Ftr Gp, is placed on TD for three (3) days and WP MEMT o/a 19 Jan 44 fr this Sta to Hq Eighth Air Force. Purpose: attend a meeting of the ETOUSA Medical Society. O will be reimbursed for actual cost of qrs not to exceed $4.00 per for three (3) days if qrs are not available and $1.25 per day for subs when adequate Govt messing fac are not available for three (3) days. CTRS TDN QMT. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425.

5. PAC TWX SAS J29E 2d Lt KENNETH C CRUMB, 01646490, SC, 1076th Sig Co, 50th Serv Gp, is placed on DS for approx thirty (30) days and WP by rail to Oxford rptg to CO thereof not later than 1500 hrs 5 Jan 44. Purpose: to attend radio school No. 5. O will be reimbursed for actual cost of qrs not to exceed $4.00 per day if qrs are not available and $1.25 per day for subs when adequate Govt messing fac are not available. CTRS TDN QMT. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELLS:

T. A. BARTNICK,
Major, Air Corps,
Executive.

OFFICIAL:
LAWRENCE B LEE,
1st Lieut, Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NO 4

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 637 US ARMY
4 January 1944

1. Pvt Icl Vito F Ferranti, 32199670, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Serv Gp, is placed on TD for approx three (3) days and WP MEMT o/a 4 Jan 44 to Rotherham, Yorkshire. Purpose: receiving and returning equipment to this Sta. EM will make application for Govt qrs and subs and when not available EM will be reimbursed for actual cost of subs and/or qrs not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs (not to exceed three (3) days) and $2.00 per day for rats (not to exceed three (3) days). CTRS TDN QMT. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425 (Auth ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43).

2. PAC TWX SAS J30C Cpl Robert (nmi) Schumann, 13099521, 70th Sta Comp Sq, is placed on DS for sixty (60) days and WP MEMT fr this Sta to AAF Sta F-237. Purpose: carry out the instructions of the CG. EM will make application for Govt qrs and subs and when not available EM will be reimbursed for actual cost of subs and/or qrs not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for rats. CTRS TDN QMT. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43).

3. T/4 Eugene F Haggerty, 39327273, 1260th MP Co. (Avn), is placed on TD for two (2) days and WP MEMT o/a 4 Jan 44 fr this Sta to AAF Sta F-341. Purpose: deliver Govt vehicle and return orgn equipment to this Sta. EM will make application for Govt qrs and subs and when not available EM will be reimbursed for actual cost of subs and/or qrs not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for rats. CTRS TDN QMT. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43).

4. 1st Lt LESTER (nmi) DOWEN, 01641247, SC, 1076th Sig Co, 50th Serv Gp, is aptd Asst Sta Cryptographic O (Add dy).

5. Major ARCHIE C GRAHAM, 0357406, FA, 358th Ftr Gp, WP MEMT on TD for period of approx three (3) days fr this Sta in turn to AAF Sta F-341 and AAF Sta F-371. Purpose: to carry out the instructions of the CO. O will make application for Govt qrs and subs. O will be reimbursed for actual cost of qrs not to exceed $4.00 per day (not to exceed three (3) days) if qrs are not available and $1.25 per day (for three (3) days) for subs when adequate Govt messing fac are not available. CTRS TDN QMT. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43).

By order of Lieutenant Colonel ELLIS:

T. A. BARTNICK,
Major, Air Corps,
Executive.

OFFICIAL:

LAWRENCE B LEE,
1st Lieut, Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

SPECIAL ORDERS
NO 5

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 637
5 January 1944

1. Pfc Shellie (NMI) Thomas 35678798, 469th Serv Sq, is placed on TD for approx two (2) days and WP HEAT o/a 5 Jan 44 to Kings' Cliffe, Northhamptonshire. Purpose receive organizational equip. EM will make application for Govt qrs and subs and when not available EM will be reimbursed for actual cost of subs and/or qrs not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs (not to exceed two (2) days) and $2.00 per day for rats (not to exceed two (2) days). CTRS TDN QMT. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43).

2. CAPT JAMES C. STEWART, 0366788, AC, is designated Class "A" Agent Fin O for the Disbursing O at AAF Sta F-365 for the purpose of paying O on DS at AAF Sta F-345.

3. The foll named EM, orgns indicated, are placed on DS for approx two (2) days and WP HEAT o/a 6 Jan 44, in turn, to AAF Sta F-122 and AAF Sta F-357. Purpose receive organizational equip. EM will make application for Govt qrs and subs and when not available EM will be reimbursed for actual cost of subs and/or qrs not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs (not to exceed two (2) days) and $2.00 per day for rats (not to exceed two (2) days). CTRS TDN QMT. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43).

(In charge)	Sgt Lyle C. Whidden	11008748	Hq & Hq Sq, 50th SG
	Cpl Bernard K. McIntyre	37338449	Hq & Hq Sq, 50th SG
	Cpl Raymond (NMI) Lee	18163298	1600th Ord S&M Co
	T/4 Joseph G. Bogati	33301018	1600th Ord S&M Co
	T/5 Edmund A. Kanterowski	35530361	1600th Ord S&M Co
	Pvt Merril (NMI) Herman	35402248	Hq & Hq Sq, 50th SG

4. UP AR 615-5, Pvt Leighton H. Cook, 19052671, 365th Ftr Sq, is promoted to gr of Corporal (Temp).

5. Par 1, SO #22, this Hq, 14 Dec 43, is amended to incl: Purpose to receive supplies.

6. 2D LT JOHN H. CHAMBERS, 0579857, AC, is designated Class "A" Agent Fin O for the Disbursing O at AAF Sta F-365 for the purpose of making payment to the 70th Sta Comp Sq, this Sta, of regular payrolls, supplemental payrolls and furlough ration money until properly relieved, vice 1ST LT LAWRENCE B. LEE, 0561490, AC, reld.

7. Par 9, SO #29, this Hq, 21 Dec 43, is amended to incl: Purpose to receive supplies.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELLS:

T. A. BARWICK,
Major, Air Corps,
Executive.

OFFICIAL:

Lawrence B. Lee
LAWRENCE B. LEE,
1st Lieutenant, Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

[illegible] Hq [illegible]

2. [illegible] Hq [illegible] Ftr Gp [illegible]

3. [illegible] Hq [illegible] Ftr Gp [illegible] three (3) [illegible] AT [illegible] / is [illegible] [illegible] Fighter Forces Decoration Society. [illegible] HDC [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] publishing Co. [illegible] 5 N Fourth Ave Lay St., [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Ohio. (Auth: Ltr Hq AAF [illegible], AG 200 (5 Nov 43)) [illegible] 4th Ftr Gp. AFIH: TLX SAC 3654.

CAPT CHARLES J. RICK 0[illegible] [illegible] Ftr Gp
1ST LT CHESNEY (NMI) SUGOLL 0[illegible] [illegible] SQ

4. GP AR 615-[illegible], T/Sgt Vincent T. Gervasi, [illegible], [illegible] Sig C., is reduced to gr of Private, for cause.

5. 2D LT SEYMOUR W. GOTTLIEB, 01646825, AC, [illegible] Hq 354th Ftr Gp and is further assgd 365th Ftr Sq, 354th Ftr Gp. [illegible] of 354th involved.

6. HRD par Par 2, SO #1, Hq 66th Ftr Wg, 1 Jan 44, Sgt Eugene A. Stouder, 32532002, is assgd Hq 358th Ftr Gp.

7. SHOP 6, SO #6, this Hq, 28 Nov 43, as reads:

MAJ T. A. BARTNICK	0906651	AC	358th Gp Hq
MAJ SHELBY W. PHILLIPS	0301249	AC	70th Sta Comp Sq
MAJ FRANK D. PEBBLES	0900612	AC	365th Ftr Sq
MAJ JACK H. [illegible]	0432140	AC	366th Ftr Sq
MAJ [illegible]	0[illegible]7313	AC	[illegible] Ftr Sq
CAPT ROBERT [illegible] SMITH	0[illegible]9215	AC	[illegible]9th Serv Sq
CAPT [illegible]	0505445	CMP	1260th MP Co
CAPT CHESTER T. HARRISON JR	0387705	AC	1[illegible]76th Sig Co
1ST LT VIC [illegible]	01583957	QMC	1[illegible]7th QM Co
1ST LT [illegible] GIBSON	0384282	Ord	1[illegible]00th Ord S & M Co
2D LT JOHN [illegible]	0575520	AC	Hq & Hq Sq, 50th SG

is amended to read:

MAJ SHELBY W. PHILLIPS	0301249	AC	70th Sta Comp Sq
CAPT FRANK D. PEBBLES	0900612	AC	365th Ftr Sq
CAPT A[illegible] (NMI) [illegible]	0505445	CMP	1260th MP Co
CAPT HARVEY (NMI) HALL	0563197	AC	367th Ftr Sq
CAPT ROBERT W. SMITH	0[illegible]9215	AC	[illegible]9th Serv Sq
CAPT FRANK S. GIACH	0384282	Ord	1[illegible]00th Ord S & M Co

8. HRH par Par AFF Sta 470 (220.48) Subject: Travel Orders, dtd 5 Jan 44, the following [illegible] 70th Sta Comp Sq for qrs and rats.

Sgt Franklin H. Frahmer	33342870
Cpl [illegible] G. Vasquez	39278[illegible]4
Cpl Robert T. I. Ogg	39[illegible]2678
Pfc Howard (NMI) Foster	32[illegible]3840
Pvt J. C. Miller	3801[illegible]751

By Order of Lieutenant Colonel WELIS:

T. A. BARTNICK,
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OFFICIAL:

CARLYLE D. HOFFMAN,
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[illegible] rpt the (2) [illegible] rpt to exceed thirty-one (31) days). Sig [illegible] 49) AG1H: MX 000 D/12E

5. SHAEF 7 SC #[illegible] this Hq, cs, 3 Nov 44, "CAPT [illegible] S. DIBBLE".

6. Auth to carry out instr contained in SC, the [illegible] 28th Serv Sq, 50th SG, for qrs and rats

M/Sgt Harry C. Lands	[illegible]
Cpl Willi[illegible] J. Dulsy	31125235
Cpl Morris C. Bac[illegible]	19123997
Pfc Louis H. Horschel	12146055
Pfc Clifford W. Bauer	32303347
Pfc Ray H. Snow	20424319
Pvt Jack J. Ward	37376100

7. Pursuant to VCCG, VIII Ftr Comd, the following EM, organized, MP [illegible] ID for approx one (1) day fr AAF Sta F-373 to the British Great Orton Artillery Range, near Felixstowe, Suffolk and complete course of practice fire at towed targets, ret upon comp thereof to AAF Sta F-373. The CO, AAF Sta F-373, will furn the nec T, to include the foll:

1 ea Command Car
1 ea Weapons Carrier
2 ea Trucks, 6x6, 2½ T, w/trailers

The CO will furn the nec rat in kind, for one (1) O and thirty-two (32) EM, for the meal. The Ordnance O, AAF Sta F-373, will make available the foll arms and ammunition:

4 ea Browning Machine Guns, Cal., 50, M-2 A/C, w/mounts complete, accessories and spare parts.
12 ea Chests, Ammunition, C.I., 50" M-2
5,000 rd Ammunition (AP), Cal., 50, belted to include every fifth cartridge a tracer, C.I., 50, M-1

70TH SQN, 50TH SG

2D LT WILLIAM (NMI) McINTIRE	01322252	Inf
Cpl William B. Elder	11114523	
Cpl Harry D. Hightower	36739169	
Pfc James G. Frost	35621198	
Pfc Leo A. Pharo	14107534	

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CPT Hal:

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[redacted], Air Corps,
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[illegible] AAF STATION #-341)
APO [illegible]
14 Jan 44.

1. [illegible], effective [illegible], are placed on TD for approximately (1) day [illegible] AAF Sta #-341, not to exceed [illegible]. CG, IDC.

[illegible] 0663009 AC Hq & Hq Sq, 70th Sta Sq
[illegible] 36502675 Hq 368th Ftr Sq

2. Capt Arthur A. [illegible], AC, 70th Sta Sq, now on TD this Sta with [illegible] will rpt to this CO for dy.

3. [illegible], Capt, [illegible], AC, 467th Serv Sq, now on TD, this Sta, [illegible] for dy. He will remain on this TD until reld by proper auth.

4. [illegible] 368th Ftr Sq, are placed on TD at El Kose and will rpt to this CO for dy. They will remain on this TD until relieved by proper auth.

Cpl Theodore C. Bundonis 32771009
Pvt Vernon (NMI) Ewell 31393090
Pvt James L. Trotter 37608924

6. [illegible] El, 368th Ftr Sq, now on TD this Sta at El Kose are reld fr TD and will rpt to their CO for dy.

Pfc Doyle A. Andrews 16169361
Pfc James R. Parker 34442223
Pvt Lloyd D. Rife 37302816

7. Col Edwin W. Dean, 35614256, 350th Ftr Gp, WP LEMT o/a 25 Jan 44 fr this Sta to 7 Grosvenor Sq, London, W-1 for the purpose of taking Mental and Physical Examination for Aviation Cadet. Billets and mess facilities will be furnished at Central Center CCS 44, Cadogan Place, CTRS. TDN. GMT. 91-[illegible] A 212/40425. TAG Ltr Hq ETOUSA, dtd 3 Nov 43. EM to rpt not later than 1330 hrs 25 Jan 44.

8. CAPT JAMES S. LOWRY, 0499631, AC, [illegible] Hq Sq, 50th Gp, is placed on TD for approx one (1) day and WP LEMT o/a 14 Jan 44 to AAF Sta #-341, not to carry out instructions of CO. CTRS. TDN. GMT.

9. UP par 2? AR 210-65, dtd 1? Mar 43 the foll EM, orgn as indicated are aptd to Post Exchange Committee for this Sta.

1st Sgt Ben E. Bryan	12033202	368th Ftr Sq
1st Sgt John T. Spalding	15047131	368th Ftr Sq
1st Sgt Melvin O. Lindquist	37330163	107th Sig Co
T/Sgt Frank K. Gullian	12137213	70th Sta Comp Sq
T/Sgt Norman S. Grubb	34411739	367th Ftr Sq
Sgt Donald E. McLean	39350203	467th Serv Sq

10. PAC Par 1, sub par c Adv Cir No 37, Hq SOS ETOUSA, dtd 22 June 43, Sgt Richard L. Beigel, 32373106, 365th Ftr Sq, 350th Ftr Gp, is trfd to Detachment of Patients, 30th General Hospital, APO #514, U. S. Army. Service Records, Allied Papers, Individual Equipment and personal effects will be forwarded without delay to 30th General Hospital.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELLS:

T. A. BARTHICK,
Major, Air Corps,
Executive.

OFFICIAL:

CARLYLE D. HOFFMAN,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant

1. [illegible] (AF 35, Pg [illegible]).

Cpl [illegible], [illegible]drow [illegible] [illegible]q
[illegible] Ralph H. Meds n [illegible] [illegible]q
[illegible] Raymon [illegible]. Hatten [illegible] [illegible]

2. The foll named EM, arms indicated, are placed on TD for approx two (2) days and PP MEMT, in turn, to Leopoldam Sub Depot. Upon completion temp. duty, ORSC. EM. AMF. EM will rpt to the Casual Center, CSC, Wilmslow Area, for rpt billeting and messing fac. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA, AG 548 (4 Nov 43)PA-ati 16 Nov 43). EM will be allowed temporary allws for subs at the rate of $2.50 per day for two (2) days while in transit status. Settlement will be effected on a reimbursement basis not to exceed prescribed rate. 21-5 P 400-02 A 212/40428. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43). (Auth: Dir AF 35, Hq ET [illegible] 24 Oct 43).

Sgt Herman C. Taylor 32106282 117th QM Co
Cpl Harold L. Yocom [illegible]5 [illegible]q

3. PAO Par 4, AP 35-1100, the foll named O, 117th QM Co, are designated to witness the count of the cash on hand and verify the cash balance in the accounts of CWO W. L. PERRY, Fin D, Adv Sta F-373, 201 for Jan.

2D LT CHARLES L. THOMAS [illegible] 01590107
2D LT [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]

4. The foll named O, 117th QM Co, are placed on TD and WP MEMT o/a 21 Jan 44 to VIII Ftr Comd Hq. Purpose attend a QM meeting. Upon completion of TD O will rpt to proper sta. TDN. MT. O will rpt to the Billeting O, TSC, 5 North Audley St., for new billeting and messing fac. (Auth: Ltr Hq SOS ETOUSA, AG 210 (4 Nov 43)PA-ati 16 Nov 43). AGMH: DMX SAD 22010.

1ST LT [illegible] (MMT) BUSHER [illegible]
1ST LT CHARLES R. LORMAN [illegible]

5. WP AP 615-5 S/Sgt Charles A. Rodgers, 13139513, 469th Sqdn Hq, is reduced to the grade of Pvt, for cause.

6. WP AR 615-200, T/Sgt (750) John C. Oberg, 38336481, 368th Ftr Sq, is transferred to the 383th Ftr Sq.

7. Pvt Ernest P. Carter, 31099340, 368th Ftr Sq, is placed on TD for approx three (3) days and WP MEMT o/a 14 Jan 44 to Stockport, Lancashire. Purpose carry out instructions of CO. TSC. TDN. QMT. EM will be reimbursed for actual cost of subs and/or qrs for period when govt fac are not available not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs (not to exceed three (3) days) and $2.00 per day for rats (not to exceed three (3) days). 21-5 P 400-02 A 212/40428. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43).

8. T/Sgt Louis W. Kahl, 12065822, 1078th Sig Co, is placed on DS for approx two (2) weeks and WP MEMT o/a 17 Jan 44 to AAF Sta F-341. Purpose instruction Teletypewriter Maintenance. Upon completion of DS EM will rpt to proper sta. TDN. QMT. EM will rpt to 413th Sig Co (Avn) for rats and qrs.

9. The foll named O having been on Precourse Flying Control Training, this Sta, MEMT o/a 14 Jan 44 to AAF Sta Watchfield rptg not later than 1700 hrs 16 Jan 44. AGMH: TDN SAD 22010.

2D LT JOSEPH R. MORENO 01638113
2D LT NORMAN H. MORSE 01638174
2D LT MICHAEL F. MULLEN 01638138

OFFICIAL:

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Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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R E S T R I C T E D

SPECIAL ORDERS
NO 17

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 637
17 January 1944

1. PAC Par 1, sub par c, Adm Cir No 37, Hq SOS ETOUSA, dtd 22 June 43, Pvt John J. Rizzuto, 36367380, 1300th Ord S & M Co, is trfd to Detachment of Patients, 231st Station Hospital, APO #551, U. S. Army. Service record, allied papers, individual equipment, personal effects will be forwarded without delay to 231st Station Hospital.

2. HRD PAC Par 1, SO #9, Hq, 66th Ftr Wg, 11 Jan 44, S/Sgt (502) Robert B. Grasbaugh is asgd 353th Ftr Gp, eff 15 Jan 44.

3. S/Sgt Atlee A. Gray, 35406765, 365th Ftr Sq, is placed on DS and WP LEAVE eff 18 Jan 44 to AAF Sta F-345. Upon completion of DS EM will ret to proper Sta. QMT. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43).

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELLS:

CARLYLE D. HOFFMAN,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

CARLYLE D. HOFFMAN,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NO. 19

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 637
19 January 1944

1. 2D LT JACOB (NMI) KAUFMAN, 0862284, AC, is reld fr asgd Hq 358th Ftr Gp and asgd 366th Ftr Sq. Auth: TWX SAS J20-C.

2. 1ST LT ROBERT R. FISHEL, 025459, AC, 365th Ftr Sq, is placed on TD for approx one (1) day and WP HERT o/a 19 Jan 44 to London reporting not later than 1000 hours to P R C Room 202, 26 Grosvenor Square. Purpose making arrangements for TDN. CMT.

3. Pvt Ralph M. Saccone, 32714776, [redacted] Serv Sq, now on SD this Sta with Utilities O is reld of SD and will rpt to CO for dy.

4. S E C R E T.

5. GP of AR 600-68, dtd 4 May 1943, the foll EM, 365th Ftr Sq [redacted] auth to wear the "Good Conduct Ribbon" in lieu of the "Good Conduct Medal".

1st Sgt Ben E. Bryen	16033204
M/Sgt Harry E. Glavin	6739496
M/Sgt Thomas R. Hicks	36317284
M/Sgt Paul M. March, Jr	33320909
T/Sgt Albert Aldoroty	32222193
T/Sgt Charles Bantlay	32272424
T/Sgt Bailey J. Cornwell	16048161
T/Sgt Frank M. Crichton	16074091
T/Sgt William R. Dentino	32250637
T/Sgt Jerold H. Heinrich	39094379
T/Sgt Steve L. Kohat	13040426
T/Sgt James F. Kelleher	31140645
T/Sgt Charles C. Keighty	6995264
T/Sgt Kenneth R. Lindquist	36237457
T/Sgt Wallace A. Losee	6756759
T/Sgt John T. Welch	14047222
T/Sgt Charles E. Williamson	11038038
S/Sgt Hartwig C. W. Albert	33117887
S/Sgt Eugene W. Adams	35143148
S/Sgt Leonard Bloom	32150011
S/Sgt Mark P. Danner	13072011
S/Sgt Edwin T. Delaney	37115522
S/Sgt Casimer J. Dzikiewicz	32379745
S/Sgt Nick C. Gelichak	35276382
S/Sgt Guido J. Girolami	36548325
S/Sgt Atlee A. Gray	35406765
S/Sgt Paul E. Heinl	35043144
S/Sgt Frank W. Kassay	31124260
S/Sgt Carl C. Kem	35135262
S/Sgt Walter A. Krumenacker	33278387
S/Sgt Louie E. Akins	34355262
S/Sgt Romuald A. Belka	36172869
S/Sgt Orin F. Buffington	34261984
S/Sgt Herbert J. Denson	35043127
S/Sgt Donald P. Finch	12025575
S/Sgt Edwin A. Gelinas	11038303
S/Sgt Robert J. Graber	17056513
S/Sgt Victor J. Gruss	35275784
S/Sgt Fred L. Huffman	19102779
S/Sgt Paul E. Kirby	11031034
S/Sgt Luvern Kuehl	37192677
S/Sgt Frank N. Kuhn	31143144
S/Sgt Arnold L. Larson	36222174
S/Sgt Virgil R. League	39238586
S/Sgt Carrel E. Lewis	32379227
S/Sgt Burleigh E. Lowe	31117387

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9. PAO Ltr HQ [redacted] rendered:

"In the [redacted] Pvt [redacted], 38[redacted] Ftr Sq, [redacted] Ftr Gp, [redacted] summary court-martial [redacted] appointed place of [redacted], in violation [redacted] sentence as approved [redacted] the approving [redacted] under Article of War 42, for the period from [redacted] 1943, as provided by the limitation [redacted] this limitation [redacted] months and forfeiture [redacted] dollars per month for [redacted] effect because in excess [redacted] legal maximum [redacted] this will be corrected to conform to [redacted] Pvt [redacted] Black will be reimbursed for all [redacted] forfeited in excess [redacted]."

7. HRH par 4, SO 242, HQ 8th Ftr Gp, 14 Dec [redacted], 2/Lt George A. Lasch, [redacted], is atchd 10[redacted]th Sq [redacted] for qrs, rats and sub.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel [redacted]:

CARLISLE D. HOFFMAN,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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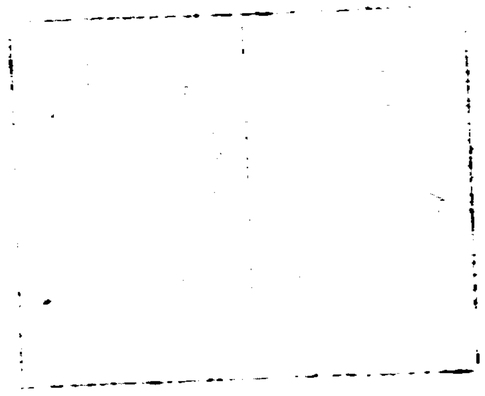

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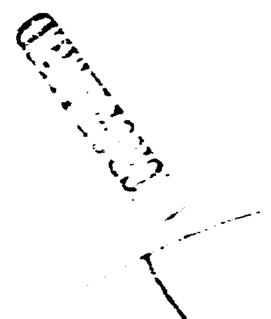

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UNIT HISTORY REPORT
358TH FIGHTER GROUP
(Month of February 1944)

MOVEMENT OF THE 358TH FIGHTER GROUP

Group Headquarters had moved to new Station F-157 located at RAYDON on January 31st. The Squadrons followed by motor convoy on February 1st and 2nd. The planes were flown in also on the 2nd. The first mission from the new station was flown on the 3rd.

A summary of missions flown during the month will be found in Appendix I.

STRENGTH OF GROUP AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 1944.

Group Headquarters	Officers	21	Enlisted Men	51
365th Fighter Squadron	"	39	"	251
366th Fighter Squadron	"	39	"	252
367th Fighter Squadron	"	37	"	247

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS.

"III. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq. ETOUSA, 5 April 1943, and letter Hq. Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 16 April 1943, an AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following named Officers:

CITATION: For meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of ten (10) operational sorties, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe:

MISSING IN ACTION

DONALD A. YOUNGLAS, 0-417813, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 1620 Pennsylvania Avenue, Flint, Michigan.

LANCE A. POUSETTE, 0-793530, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: Hannaford, North Dakota.

"V. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq.

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ETOUSA, 5 April 1943, and letter, Hq. Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 16 April 1943, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officers in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded:

CITATION: For meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of ten (10) operational sorties, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe:

MISSING IN ACTION

DONALD A. YOUNGLAS, O-417813, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 1620 Pennsylvania Avenue, Flint, Michigan."

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CITATION: For meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of ten (10) operational sorties, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe.

JAMES C. STEWART, O-366788, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: Fort Payne, Alabama.

OLIVER W. DeGRUCHY, O-25652, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 1724 N. Wakefield Street, Arlington, Virginia.

HOWARD L. GURLEY, JR., O-675696, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 418 Governor Ritchie Hwy, Brooklyn Park, Md.

JAMES F. HACKLER, JR., O-25767, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 129 Forest Hill Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina.

VICTOR H. IDOL, JR., O-666542, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: Madison, North Carolina.

RAYMOND P. LOWMAN, O-673398, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: Geary, Oklahoma.

ROBERT C. SCHUSTER, O-793542, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Adress: 263 E. Dorrance Street, Kingston, Pennsylvania.

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MAX C. ARNOLD, O-671482, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 130 South Street, Rochester, Michigan.

AUGUSTUS HAMILTON, JR., O-675767, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: P.O. Box 565, Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

JOHN R. HARBER, O-675768, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 813 S. Belle Vista, Youngstown, Ohio.

MILFORD C. PETERSON, O-522319, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 165 Grand Avenue, Ocean Park, California.

ROBERT SCHNEIDER, O-671777, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: Rock Glen, Pennsylvania. "

"VI. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq. ETOUSA, 5 April 1943, and letter, Hq. Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 16 April 1943, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named officers in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded:

CITATION: For meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of ten (10) operational sorties, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe:

CECIL L. WELLS, O-22505, Lt. Col., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 215 Buchanan Street, Edwardsville, Illinois.

FRANK M. ROSS, O-406490, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 222 South Main Street, Smyrna, Delaware.

JACK A. THERRIAULT, O-432140, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 2930 Fairview Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

JOHN W. DICKSON, O-732189, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: Henryville, Indiana.

FELIX A. FRAZIER, JR., O-437065, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 1132 Walnut Street, Greenville, Texas.

JOSEPH D. UNDERWOOD, O-432732, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 635 W. Washington Street, Gainesville, Georgia.

GEORGE W. HUNT, JR., O-666539, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: Box 403, Angleton, Texas.

ALFRED W. PERRY, O-793529, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: Franklin, North Carolina.

JAMES F. SCHILKE, 0-666998, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 2651 North Hubbard Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin."

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CITATION: For meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of ten(10) operational sorties, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe:

NORVIN K. AVERETT, 0-795882, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 905 North 18th Avenue, Pensacola, Florida.

PAUL D. FLOYD, 0-675686, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 3434 Gallia Avenue, New Boston, Ohio.

JAMES D. GREY, 0-675694, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 5042 N. Winthrop Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

DAVID W. JOHNSTON, 0-678057, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 556 W. Princeton Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio.

EDWARD (NMI) KANTORSKI, 0-688269, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 494 Pavonia Avenue, Jersey City, N. J.

JOHN J. KROPENICKI, 0-688270, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 700 Hunterdon Street, Newark, N. J."

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CITATION: For meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of ten (10) operational sorties, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe:

JOHN H. BUCKNER, 0-25439, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 902 Prairie Avenue, Cleburne, Texas.

JACK W. COULTER, 0-523271, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: Box 716, Sweet Home, Oregon.

ARNOLD N. FARBSTEIN, 0-732202, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 714 - 84th Street, North Bergen, N. J.

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ROBERT R. FISHEL, 0-25459, 1st Lt. Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 1775 Grape Street, Denver, Colorado.

ROBERT C. FLETCHER, 0-732207, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: Alameda, California.

GEORGE W. HUNT, JR., 0-666539, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: Box 403, Angleton, Texas.

KNUTE N. HYLEN, 0-732257, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 631 Roop Street, Susanville, California.

CHARLES T. KIMBALL, 0-666953, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 1800 East 76th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

ROBERT F. KRUG, 0-732276, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 6545 Richmond Street, Chicago, Illinois.

MAX W. MC CLURE, 0-675786, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: Spur, Texas.

OTTO M. RUESCHHOFF, 0-666993, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: Park, Kansas.

ANTHONY L. SERAPIGLIA, 0-732381, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 19451 Exeter Street, Detroit, Michigan.

CARMEL M. SHOCK, 0-521664, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: Banner Elk, North Carolina.

EDWARD H. SPRIETSMA, 0-732392, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 181 Longcommon Road, Riverside, Illinois.

JACK A. THERRIAULT, 0-432140, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 2930 Fairview Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

LOUIS L. WILSON, JR., 0-25623, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: Hurricaine, West Virginia.

BURTON D. YARIAN, 0-432738, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 560 East 46th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

JAMES F. HACKLER, JR., 0-25767, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 129 Forest Hill Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina."

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PROMOTIONS OF OFFICERS

The following officers of Group Headquarters were promoted as indicated:

ALVIN S. GUTHRIE, AC-AUS, 0563183, fr 1st Lt AUS to Capt AUS per par 8, SO 32, Hq ETOUSA, 1 Feb 44.

LEWIS F. SHERMAN, AC-Res, O-732383 fr 1st Lt AUS to Capt AUS per par 49, SO 28, Hq ETOUSA, 28 Jan 44.

THOMAS W. SCHAELLENBACH, AC-Res, O-732375, fr 1st Lt AUS to Capt AUS per par 13, SO 31, Hq ETOUSA, 31 Jan 44.

ASSIGNMENTS AND REASSIGNMENTS

Assignments and reassignments of personnel of Group are contained in SPECIAL ORDERS attached (See Appendix II).

OPERATIONS

Enclosed are copies of Mission Summary Reports covering missions flown during the month. (See Appendix I).

PRACTICE DIVE BOMBING

Practice dive bombing was carried on during the month on such days as weather permitted.

Unit histories of 365th, 366th and 367th Fighter Squadrons of this Group for the month of February, 1944 are enclosed.

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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

358th Fighter Group
4 February 1944

1. (A) 358th Fighter Group - Major Merriault leading.

(B) 52 P-47's, up 0945 down 1252.

(C) Six.

(D) F.O. 233.

(E) Thru.(H) Nil.

(I) Landfall 1024 at 20,000 feet, vicinity Egmond over solid overcast. R/V'd with bombers 1028 hours 18,000 feet, vicinity Alkmaar. Escort proceeded uneventfully until 1103 hours, vicinity Lathen, where Group turned back and met another bomber formation coming in over Zuider Zee and made a wide orbit over these bombers after which returned to base. Landfall 1208 hours, vicinity Ijmuiden, 19,000 feet. Bombers in good formation. R/T good.

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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT
358th Fighter Group

4 February 1944

A. 358th Fighter Group, Lt Col Wells leading.

B. 51 P-47's 17 (360th Squadron) 16 (366th Squadron) 18 (367th Squadron.)
Up 1057 Down 1322.

C. 3 1 belly tank, 1 oil leak, 1 broken canopy.

D. Penetration support. F.O. 234.

E. Thru H. Nil.

I. L/F southern tip Walcheren Island, 1128, 21,000 feet. R/V with 3 boxes of B-24's, circular markings, Roosendaal, 1135, 24,000 feet. Escort maintained without incident to vicinity Duren 1154, where group executed port turn, flew to vicinity Nijmegen, where group executed port turn and flew to enemy coast. L/F vicinity Katwijk, 1224, 18,000 feet. Bombers in good formation. No enemy E/A seen. R/T good.

Weather: Scattered cumulus over channel to 10,000 feet, becoming broken over continent to 5-1/2 degrees E. up to 15,000, beyond which was a solid overcast to 20,000 feet. Air to ground and air to air visibility generally excellent. Light non-persistent contrails formed at 23,000 feet, extending to 26,000 feet.

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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT
358th Fighter Group

5 February 1944.

A. 358th Fighter Group, Lt Col Wells leading.

B. 52 P-48's 17 (365th Squadron) 16 (366th Squadron) 19 (367th Squadron).
Up 1037 Down 1328.

C. One generator failure.

D. Area support, F.O. 235 VIII Fighter Command.

E. Thru H. Nil.

I. L/F 1116, vicinity Fecamp, 22,000 feet. Entered assigned area 1131. Proceeded out to vicinity Orleans where made R/V with first assigned area. Made 180 degree turn, returning to vicinity Orlean meeting second formation B-17's escorting back thru assigned area. Left area 1200 hours, continuing out with bombers until 1225 hours when broke off escort. L/F Fecamp, 1230 hours, 18,000 feet. A/F south of Rouen hit by the bombers. Buildings on north side of field were hit and burning.

R/T good.

Weather: Few low clouds over channel, becoming 3/10th - 5/10th over continent. Haze layer along continental coast 18,000 - 20,000 feet. Visibility excellent. Light non-persistent contrail 25,000 feet up.

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358TH FIGHTER GROUP
MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

6 February 1944.

A. 358th Fighter Group, Lt. Col. Wells Leading.

B. 49 P-47's, - 16 (360th Sqdn), 17 (366th Sqdn), 16 (367th Sqdn). Up 0955L Down 1228.

C. 1, Oil Leak.

D. Penetration Support, F. O. NR. 236, Hdqs. VIII Fighter Command.

E. thru G. Nil

H. 1 FW 190 Probably Destroyed. Lt. Arnold, 367 Sqdn.

I. L/F SAUCATTE, 1029, 18,000 ft. R/V with bombers vicinity Poix, 1034, 20,000 ft. Escort maintained to vicinity Nailly Le C. 1105 On withdrawal Group escorted Liberators with Spitfire escort from Fruges to Enemy Coast. L/F Berch sur Ner, 1152, 16,000 FT. AT APPROXIMATELY 1045, vicinity Senlis. 367th Sqdn at 22,000 ft. was bounced by 10 silver coated FW 190's at 26,000 Ft. In the Ensuing encounter, 1 E/A was probably destroyed. The others quickly dispersed. Bombers in good formation.

R/T good.

Weather: 6/10 - 8/10 low clouds. Base and top unknown over channel to vicinity Amiens. Beyond, solid overcast. Visibility excellent. Persistent contrails above 26,000 ft.

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358TH FIGHTER GROUP
MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

8 February 1944.

A. 358TH FIGHTER GROUP, Major Ross leading.

B. 52 P-47's, 19 (365th Sqdn), 16 (366th Sqdn), 17 (367th Sqdn).
Up 0925, Down 1214. 2 down Manston. 2 down other base.

C. Three, 2 engine trouble, 1 escort (367th sqdn)

D. Penetration escort, FO # 237, Hq. VIII FI. COMD.

E. thru G. Nil.

H. 2-1-0
1 Me-109 destroyed, Major Ross, 365th Sqdn.
1 Me-109 destroyed, Capt. Dickson, 365th Sqdn.
1 Me-109 probably destroyed, Lt. Coulter, 365th Sqdn.

I. R/F Cayeux, 1017, 25,000 feet. R/V 15 miles North of Amiens, 1022, 26,000 Ft. Withdrew 1045, over solid overcast, about 15 miles North of Charleville. R/F out 1130 vicinity Dunkirk, 18,000 ft. One box bombers turned back during escort In vicinity R/V point coming in at 1022 hours Lead Sqdn at 26,000 feet bounced from above by 10 silver coated Me-109's who dove thru formation and were followed down to 6,000 ft. by Major Ross and others resulting in claims of two destroyed and one probably destroyed. One B-17 exploded vicinity Fourmies. Four chutes seen. 1 U/I T/E E/A and 3 FW-190's seen same vicinity. Unaggressive and dove away. Bombers in good formations.

R/T good.

Weather: 3/10 to 5/10 clouds over channel to 6,000 feet increasing to 8/10 over continent. Visibility excellent. Light non-persistent contrails 26,000 feet.

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358TH FIGHTER GROUP
MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

11 February 1944.

A. 358th Fighter Group, Lt. Col. Mertenbaker, Leading.

B. 62 P-47's, 21 (365th Sqdn), 20 (366th Sqdn), 21 (367th Sqdn). Up 0944, Down 1206.

C. 4, (1 Radio, 1 Engine, 1 High cylinder head temperature, 1 Prop), (1 escort).

D. Penetration escort, F.O. #240, Hq. VIII Fi. Comd.

E. thru H. Nil.

I. L/F vicinity Nieuport, 26,000 ft., 1026. R/V with bombers over channel approximately 10 miles before L/F, 26,000 ft., 1023. Maintained escort without incident to vicinity Malmedy, 27,000 ft., 1108, when group made starboard turn to investigate bogies to Southwest, then proceeded on course out. L/F vicinity Dunkirk, 24,000, 1135. Several Me-109's observed South of Spa being engaged by P-47's with Red, Green and Blue noses. Also observed P-47's without any markings. Bombers in good formation. Had triangular markings.

R/T good, no jamming.

Weather: 3/10 to 4/10 over channel and continent at 10,000 ft., increasing to 7/10 inland vicinity of Liege. Excellent visibility above contrails Non-persistent at 20,000 ft., becoming persistent above 25,000 ft.

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358Th FIGHTER GROUP
MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

20 Feb. 1944.

A. 358th Fighter Group, Lt. Col. Wells leading.

B. 49 P-47's, 17 (365th Sqdn); 16 (366th Sqdn); 16 (367th Sqdn)/ Up 1116, Down 1429. 2 down Mattisham, 1 down Mertlesham Heath, 1 Down other base.

C. One, 365th Sqdn, electrical trouble.

D. Penetration Escort, F.O. 245, VIII Fitr. Comd.

E. thru H. NIL.

I. L/F in 12p6, 21,000 feet., Zandvoort. R/V with three boxes B-24's with circular markings vicinity Lingen, 1233, 21,000 feet. Proceeded on course escorting uneventfully, until withdrew Southeast of Dummer Lake, at 1247, 21,000 feet. L/F out North of Hague, 1319 hours, 16,000 ft. Heavy, accurate flak over Osnabruck at 21,000 feet. R/T good. Weather: 10/10 clouds, base 1500 feet, tops 4,000 feet over channel to continent. 6/10 to 8/10 same tops and base over continent. Haze up to 17,000 feet restricting visibility to 7 miles. Contrails non-persistent above 24,000 ft.

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358TH FIGHTER GROUP
MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

21 February 1944

A. 358th Fighter Group, Lt. Col. Mertenbaker leading.

B. 51 P-47's, 18 (365th Sqdn); 16 (366th Sqdn) 17 (367th Sqdn). Up 1220 Down 1506.

C. Five, 1 instrument failure, 2 belly tank trouble, 1 aileron trouble, 1 pilot ear trouble.

D. Penetration Escort, F.O. 246 Hq VIII Fi. Comd.

E. thru H. NIL.

F. I/F in 1317, 20,000 feet, North of Ijmuiden. R/V with 1st Division B-17's with triangular markings South West of Meppel and escorted without incident until 1354, 23,000 feet, when Group withdrew over solid overcast at point believed to be about 15 miles North West of Osnabruck. I/F out 1419, 20,000 feet, vicinity Zandvoort. Going in bandits reported over "H" for Haw but on arrival were not to be seen. Light, inaccurate flak encountered vicinity Ijmuiden. R/T good

Weather: 10/10's clouds, base 5,000 feet, tops 6,000 feet to continent. 9/10's clouds inland, air to air visibility good. Non-persistent contrails above 24,000 feet. Persistent contrails above 26,000 feet.

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358TH FIGHTER GROUP
MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

22 February 1944

A. 358th Fighter Group, Lt. Col. Mertenbeker leading.

B. 48 P-47's, 16 (365th Sqdn.), 16 (366th Sqdn.), 16 (367th Sqdn.) Up 1116, Down 1353, 5 down Boxsted.

C. Two, 1 supercharger regulator failure, 1 escort.

D. Penetration escort, F. C. 247, Hq. VIII Fi. Comd.

E. thru H. Nil.

I. L/F in 1208, vicinity Westhoof, 27,000 feet. R/V with 3rd Division B-17's with square markings approximately 35 miles east of Rotterdam, 1229, 26,000 feet. Group withdrew 1254 hours, vicinity Borken, 26,000 feet. L/F out south of Noordwal, 22,000 feet. Meagre flak vicinity Dordrecht approximately 12 miles SE of Rotterdam at 26,000 feet. Accurate as to direction but low. Bombers in good formation in elements of about 12 A/C strung out over wide area.
R/T good.
Weather: 9/10 - 10/10 multi-layer cloud up to 22,000 feet, first layer base 2,000 feet, tops, 7,000 feet. 3/10 - 6/10 cloud between 8,000 and 10,000 feet over continent. Light, persistent contrails above 24,000 feet. Heavy, persistent contrails above 26,000 feet.

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358TH FIGHTER GP.U.
MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

24 February 1944

A. 358th Fighter Group, Lt. Col. Wells leading.

B. 50 P-47's, 17 (365th Sqdn.), 16 (366th Sqdn.), 17 (367th Sqdn). Up 1312, down 1534.

C. Two, 1 supercharger regulator failure, 1 brake failure.

D. Withdrawal escort, F. C. 250, Hq. VIII Fi. Comd.

E. thru H. Nil.

I. L/F in Walcheren Island, 1353, 20,000 feet. R/V with bombers about 15 miles SE of Liege, 1427, 20,000 feet. Escorted B-24's out to coast south of Ostend and turned back twice to escort two different formations of B-17's out, leaving bombers in mid channel, 1505, 18,000 feet. L/F out 1455, south of Ostend, 18,500 feet. Heavy and accurate flak encountered at 20,000 feet over Flushing, Antwerp, and Liest A/D. Bombers in good formation. R/T good.
Weather: 1 - 2/10 cloud, base 4,000 feet, top 5,000 feet. Haze up to 10,000 feet. Visibility excellent. Light, non-persistent contrails above 24,000 feet.

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56TH FIGHTER GROUP
MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

25 February 1944

A. 56th Fighter Group, Lt. Col. Wells leading.

B. 51 P-47's, 17 (365th Sqdn), 17 (366th Sqdn), 17 (367th Sqdn) Up 1405, Down 1711.

C. THREE, 2 - 366th Sqdn (1 Mechanical Failure, 1 Oil leak), 1 - 367th Sqdn (Oxygen regulator.)

D. Withdrawal escort, F.O. #251, hq VIII Fitr. Comd.

E. 1 NYR - Reason unknown.

F. 1 P-47 Nosed up on landing cat. B.

G. 1 NYR -- Lt. Shannon, 367th Sqdn.

H. 1/F ostend, 1458, 16,000 ft. R/V with bombers 10 miles Northwest Saarbruckern, 1554, 20,000 ft. Escort maintained without incident to approximately 10 miles south of Abbeville, 1605, 20,000 ft. 1/F vicinity Le Treport, 1639, 4000 ft. B-17's in good formation.
R/T Good.
Weather: 10/10ths cloud with base 2000 ft. and tops 4000 ft. to 50 degrees N. - 4 Degrees E. Nil clouds beyond. Persistent contrails above 26,000 ft. Visibility excellent above 5000 ft.

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358TH FIGHTER GROUP
MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

29 February 1944

A. 358th Fighter Group, Major Theriault leading.

B. 51 P-47's, - 17 (366th Sqdn.), 17 (366th Sqdn.), 17 (367th Sqdn.) Up 1040. Down 1052. 1 Down Woodbridge, 1 Down Wattisham.

C. 2, 2 - 365th Sqdn (1 Electrical, 1 Belly Tank), 3 - 367th Sqdn (2 Oil Leak, 1 Engine Trouble) 4 Escorts.

D. Withdrawal escort, F.O. 26b, Hq. VIII Fighter Comd.

E. 1 NYR - Reason unknown.

F. 1 P-47, Flak, Category AC

G. 1 NYR, Lt. Fusing, 366th Sqdn.

H. NIL

I. I/F south of Zandvoort, 1131, 25,000 ft. R/V with Bombers 15 miles west of Dummer lake, 1157, 26,000 ft. Escort maintained without incident to enemy coast where group left Bombers. I/F vicinity Egmond, 1241, 20,000 ft. Flak heavy and accurate in R/V area at 26,000 ft. Believed to come from Hesepe and Quakenbruck A/F's. Light flak observed vicinity Soesterberg, on course in. Bombers spread out loosely, not in usual good formation.
R/T good.
Weather: 6/10 cloud over channel, base 5000 ft., top 7000 ft. 4/10 cloud over continent to 52 degrees n. 08 degrees E. visibility 6 miles. Haze up to 10,000 ft. Non-persistent contrails above 20,000 ft. Moderate persistent contrails above 25,000 ft.

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APPENDIX II

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Army Air Forces Station 1
APO 638 U. S. Army

6 February 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NO. 1)

1. Cpl LOUIS E. NIESE, Jr., 33257240, WP MEMT Kenworthy's Hydro, Southport, Lancashire, on TD ap rox three (3) weeks as stu RAF Central School of Recognition o/a 7 Feb 44 rptg to CO thereat not later than 1600 hrs 8 Feb 44. CTNS. PDM. QMT. Sch will provide rats and qrs. Helmets, gas masks, pencils, and paper will accompany E. PX rations should be procured in advance for duration of course. (AGO 3RCJ421C)

2. 2nd Lt. LEE J. [illegible]SON, 0164[illegible]27, Sig C, having rptd to this orgn per par 1, SO #22, Hq VIII [illegible] Cmd dtd 20 Jan 44, is further asgd to the 366th Fitr Sq.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELLS:

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HEADQUARTERS [illegible] FIGHTER GROUP
APO 638 U. S. Army

7 February 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 2)

1. 1st Lt. HARLEY A. [illegible]RNETTE, 0856[illegible] 21st Weather Sq, atchd to 358th Fitr Gp per par [illegible], SO [illegible], Hq AAF Sta 157, dtd 4 Feb 44, is further atchd to 366th Fitr Sq for qrs and [illegible] purposes.

2. The foll EM of 21st Weather Sq atchd to 358th Fitr Gp per par 2, SO 11, Hq AAF Sta 157, dtd 4 Feb 44, are further atchd to 366th Fitr Sq for qrs, rats, and adm purposes.

T/Sgt Sylvester F. Bielawski	36148916
Sgt Joseph G. [illegible]	35170843
Sgt Denver V. Gilford	35466192
Sgt Edward W. Kienappel	16060673
Sgt John F. Lanton	12073980
Cpl Cecil M. Bowling	37157259
Cpl Herman L. Bowling	15323031
Cpl James T. Fernon	18159068

3. The foll EM of 40th Mobile Communication Sq, atchd to 358th Fitr Gp per par 2, SO 11, Hq AAF Sta 157, dtd 4 Feb 44, are further atchd to 366th Fitr Sq for qrs, rats, and adm purposes.

T/Sgt John B. Shuler	15070558
Sgt Rodney D. Block	35381411
Sgt William B. Hyland	35412752
Sgt Carl (NMI) Soria	11037999
Cpl Nathaniel (NMI) Capillo	31090744
Cpl Augustus A. Mondillo	11101978
Cpl Linwood E. Hare	31099708
Cpl Isidore (NMI) Weiss	14083051
Pfc William (NMI) Tallcull	39610357

4. The foll [illegible] O and EM, orgns indicated, WP o/a 11 Feb 44 to Hq IX Air Support Command APO 1[illegible] for two (2) days to pursue course of instructions and CTRS. O will be reimbursed $[illegible].25 per day for subsistence and for actual cost of qrs not to exceed $4.00 per day when Govt fac are not available. EM will be reimbursed for actual cost of subsistence and/or qrs when Govt fac are not available, not to exceed $[illegible].00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for rats. TDN. QMT. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212 .04.25

1st Lt. MILTON [illegible] CARLTON,	SR. 0567587	Hq 358th Fitr Gp
1st Lt. THOMAS A. GUTHRIE	0571[illegible]36	366th Fitr Sq
Sgt. Sidney B. Rawitz	32590428	Hq 358th Fitr Gp

(Auth: [illegible]th Air Force Memo 5-4 dtd 8 Nov 43)

SO 2, Hq [illegible]th Inf Gp

5. Under th[illegible] [illegible] Sept 45, [illegible]
EM, organs indicated, [illegible] the dates [illegible]

[illegible]th Fighter Squadron

1st Sgt John T. Spelding	1[illegible]7152	S/Sgt Clinton D. Kern	1[illegible]
M/Sgt Alfred J. C[illegible]ba	[illegible]	S/Sgt Jacob J. Kern	38[illegible]
M/Sgt Lester A. Rees	[illegible]	S/Sgt Eligio J. Kiess	33[illegible]
M/Sgt Russell C. Sherry	0[illegible]	S/Sgt Stephen C. Klucka	361[illegible]
T/Sgt Dwight E. Abbott	[illegible]	S/Sgt Albert (NMI) Kochevar	38[illegible]
T/Sgt [illegible] E. Pearson	[illegible]	S/Sgt Howard H. Louche	38[illegible]
T/Sgt [illegible] E. [illegible]	[illegible]	S/Sgt Melvin A. Leininger	16[illegible]
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T/Sgt Harold A. Jones	[illegible]	S/Sgt Raymond A. Martin	35[illegible]
T/Sgt Marvin W. Lemke	3[illegible]	S/Sgt Frederick McLeod	38[illegible]
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T/Sgt Raymond C. Peters	1[illegible]	S/Sgt Ray O. Miller	1[illegible]
T/Sgt Robert E. Richard	[illegible]	S/Sgt George A. Mockus	16[illegible]
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T/Sgt Ross S. Wynott	[illegible]	S/Sgt Constantine (NMI) Nonno	35043341
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S/Sgt Henry N. Anderson	3[illegible]	S/Sgt John (NMI) Paczak	36325189
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S/Sgt Harold J. Berg	1[illegible]	S/Sgt Jerry (NMI) Patton	36134892
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S/Sgt William F. Blackwell	[illegible]	S/Sgt Ralph H. Pedersen	39606533
S/Sgt Albert H. Blamer	[illegible]	S/Sgt Lee J. Peterson	36243342
S/Sgt Harold L. Brymes	[illegible]	S/Sgt Carl G. Pierce	34350051
S/Sgt Louis S. Cirrincione	1[illegible]	S/Sgt Leonard C. Poe	19065956
S/Sgt Orin T. Claybrook	[illegible]	S/Sgt Donald M. Presnell	39385741
S/Sgt Warren F. Cowan	[illegible]	S/Sgt James F. Robinson	39299178
S/Sgt Anthony J. Cuzzola	[illegible]	S/Sgt Oliver J. Rocchiccioli	35501647
S/Sgt Leo T. Dempsey	[illegible]	S/Sgt Miles (NMI) Roubitchek	36344226
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S/Sgt Carl (NMI) [illegible]n	[illegible]	S/Sgt Sylvio J. Trudel	6139603
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S/Sgt Myron C. Guinn	[illegible]	S/Sgt Virgil (NMI) Virden	18029379
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S/Sgt Alton E. Haz[illegible]	[illegible]	Sgt Howard G. Crider	38188688
S/Sgt Claude (NMI) Hoare	[illegible]	Sgt Max (NMI) Decker	36322136
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S/Sgt Harold J. Kennedy	[illegible]	Sgt Jesse F. Dwire, Jr.	11098740

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Pfc Louis S. Burleson	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pfc Laurence (NMI) Carley	[illegible]	[illegible] (?), Ferrelli	[illegible]
Pfc Leonard (NMI) Fox	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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T/Sgt Marshall W. Harris	31105757	Sgt Guy [illegible]. Lightner	332[illegible]
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T/Sgt David Meagher	362[illegible]158	Sgt Frank Thais	160516[illegible]
S/Sgt Robert J. Niedenthal	16046804	Sgt Steve Yacyshyn	35285467
S/Sgt Robert L. Cle[illegible]on	4570877	Cpl Charles W. Benton	33279293
S/Sgt Edward C. Johnson	1[illegible]18	Cpl George Brown, Jr.	37333496
S/Sgt James G. Burke	3742[illegible]92	Cpl Henry D. Ciesielski	160630c0

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Cpl William S. D'Elia	[illegible]	Cpl [illegible]	[illegible]
Cpl Harvey O. Dise	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cpl Alexander S. Kerti	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cpl Paul A. Kespert	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cpl George C. Long	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cpl George E. Menk	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cpl Stanley C. Miller	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cpl [illegible] L. Ott	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cpl [illegible] Parker	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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9 February 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NO. 3)

1. 1st Lt. ALVIN S. GUTHRIE, 0563184, is aptd Adjutant vice 1st Lt JAMES S. CRAFT, 0649760, AD, reld.

2. 1st Lt EDWARD HLEVIN, 0265433, AC, is aptd Special Service Officer.

3. 1st Lt EDWARD H. LEVIN, 0265433, AC, is appt Personnel Officer (S-2) vice 1st Lt ALVIN S. GUTHRIE, 0563185, AC, reld (edd duty).

4. S/Sgt John C. Oberg, 32580051, is reld fr asgmt with Hq 358th Fitr Gp and asgd to 365th Fitr Sq.

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11 February 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NO. 4)

1. Pars 1, 2, and 3, SO #2, this Hq, dtd 7 Feb 44, is hereby revoked.

2. Detachment "U" 21st Weather Sq and 40th Mobile Comm Sq, atchd to 358th Fitr Gp per par 2, SO #11, Hq AAF Sta 157, dtd 4 Feb 44, is further atchd to 366th Fitr Sq for qrs, rats, and adm purposes.

3. So much of par 4, SO #[illegible] this Hq, dtd 7 Feb 44, as pertains to 1st Lt THOMAS A. GUTHRIE, 057285[illegible], 366th Fitr Sq and Sgt Sidney B. Rawitz, 32590428, Hq 358th Fitr Gp, is hereby revoked.

4. Capt [illegible]RTRUDE A. STONE, 0855090, Hq 358th Fitr Gp, is placed on TD for a period of three (3) days and WP HLAT o/a 15 Feb 44 to Hq IX Air Support Command. Purpose: to attend photographic conference. CTRS. O will be reimbursed $1.25 per day for subsistence and for actual cost of qrs not to exceed $4.00 per day when Govt fac are not available. TDN 91-5 P 432 A 212/ 40425. (Auth: 9ASCF 439E and Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4 dtd 8 Nov 43)

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Army Air Forces Station F-[illegible]
A.P.O. [illegible] U. S. A.

13 February 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 5)

1. Pvt [illegible] IX Air Support Command F510J and Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4 Hq 8 Nov 43 Cpl Francis A. Mohr, 36[illegible]1242, 365th Fitr Sq and Cpl Marshall E. Neilsen, 36614141, 367th Fitr Sq, are placed on TD for course of instructions at No. 5 Radio School, Oxford, for period of sixteen (16) days and WP by rail o/a 15 Feb 44 rptg upon arrival to CO not later than 1500 hrs 15 Feb 44. CTHS. WD AR [illegible]-4520 and in accordance with cir 85, Hq ETOUSA, 24 Oct 43, cir 64, Hq SOS, [illegible]USA, 25 Nov 43, and Policy 30-1A, Hq USAAF UK, 9 Nov 43, FD will pay monetary allws in lieu of rat and qrs in advance for two (2) men for period of sixteen (16) days at rate of $2.00 per man per day for qrs and $2.00 per man per day for mts where Govt messing fac and/or qrs are not available. Settlement will be effective on a reimbursement basis for actual expenses, basis not to exceed these rates. PX rations should be procured in advance for duration of course. TDN 91-5 P 432-02 A 412/40425

2. Major Robert B. Hanley, 0253348, 365th Fitr Sq, is hereby appointed investigating officer in the case of the following named EM of the 365th Fitr Sq.

Sgt William J. Duffy 18[illegible]782
Cpl Albert E. Channon 11[illegible]150
Pfc John J. Rossi [illegible]083

3. Par 1, SO #3, this Hq, dtd 9 Feb [illegible] is amended to read effective 3 Feb 44.

4. Par 2, SO #3, this Hq, dtd 9 Feb 44 is amended to read effective 3 Feb 44.

5. Par 3, SO #3, this Hq, dtd 9 Feb 44 is amended to read effective 3 Feb 44.

6. 1st Lt. EDWARD H. [illegible], 0[illegible]423, AC, is appointed ass't adjutant, effective 3 Feb 44. (add duty)

7. Capt. [illegible] A. STONE, 0[illegible], AC, is appointed Defense Officer. (add duty)

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELLS:

ALVIN S. GUTHRIE,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

ALVIN S. [illegible]
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

SO 5, Hq 358th Fighter Gp, A. P. O. [illegible]

DISTRIBUTION: (5) [illegible]; (1) [illegible]; (1) Sta; (1) Ea Sq; (5) Ea Off; (5) [illegible]; (1) [illegible]; (1) Ea Dept; (1) Gp Hist; (1) File.

HEAD[illegible] 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
Army Station [illegible]
APO [illegible], U. S. Army

15 February 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 7)

1. 1st Lt [illegible] F. [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], 367th Fitr Sq, 358th Fitr Gp, WF by rail o/a 17 Feb 44 for this sta to [illegible] on TD for period of two (2) days. Purpose to attend [illegible] 91-[illegible].32-02 A 412/40425. (Auth: Lt [illegible] ltr [illegible] 5-4, dtd [illegible] Nov 43)

2. So much of par 1, SO #6, this Hq, dtd 14 Feb 44, as reads: "reld fr asgmt and dy with 365th Fitr Sq" is amended to read: " reld fr asgmt and dy with 367th Fitr Sq."

3. 1st Lt HARLEY A. [illegible], 0-656320, AC, asgd to 358th Fitr Gp per par 14, SO #32, Hq Ninth Air Force, dtd 1 Feb 44 as amended by par 5, SO #38, Hq Ninth Air Force, dtd 7 Feb 44, is further asgd to Hq 358th Fitr Gp.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel MILLS:

ALVIN S. GUTHRIE,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

ALVIN S. GUTHRIE,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO Station 157
% Postmaster, U. S. Army

18 February 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 8)

1. Capt. FELIX A. PRESTIA, [illegible], 0-370[illegible], AC, is reld fr asgmt with Hq 358th Fitr Gp and asgd to Hq IX Air Support Comd, Middle Wallop, Hampshire, and will report to Hq 70th Fitr Wg prior to rpt to Hq IX Air Support Comd. TDN. The QM will furnish the necessary T. [illegible]1-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. This is a perm change of sta. (Auth: Ltr Hq IX Air Support Comd, Subj: Disposition of Pilots Prior to Action by Evaluation Board, dtd 5 Feb 44 and Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4 dtd 8 Nov 44)

2. Cpl Edwin T. Dean, 35614256, Hq 358th Fitr Gp, WP MEMT o/a 22 Feb 44 fr this sta to 7 Grosvenor Sq, London, W 1, for purpose of rpting to Aviation Cadet Examining Board, billets and messing facilities will be provided at Casual Center CBS 44 Caledon Place. CTRS. TDN. QMT. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. EM to rpt not later than 1000 hrs 22 Feb 44. (Auth: TWX FPC F437C and Ninth AF Memo 5-4 dtd 8 Nov 43.

3. GO No 11, this Hq, dtd 20 Feb 43 is rescinded.

4. In compliance with AAF Memo 120-5 dtd 5 Feb 43 the foll O and EM are aptd as Special Inspection Staff for the 358th Fitr Gp:

Air Inspector, Lt Col [illegible], 0383756 (add dy)
Administrative Inspector, Major THADDEUS A. [illegible], 0906651 (add dy)
Tactical Inspector, Major [illegible] D. KEATON, 0412276 (add dy)
Ass't Tactical Inspectors, Captain [illegible] P. [illegible], 0432738 (add dy)
Captain JOSEPH D. [illegible]WOOD, 0432732 (add dy)
Captain JAMES F. SCHILKE, 0666998 (add dy)
Captain THOMAS W. SCHEFFLENBACH, 0732375 (add dy)
1st Lt [illegible] W. HASEL, 0732243 (add dy)
Technical Inspector, WO[illegible] DALE E. [illegible] ALLISON, W2122069
Armament Inspector, M/Sgt Larry M. Hooks, 6241901
Airplane Inspector, M/Sgt Harold M. Lewis, 6148355
Radio Inspector, M/Sgt James T. Cavanaugh, 32404983
Clk for Technical Inspector, S/Sgt Edward J. Sullivan, 12003736
Clk for Administrative Inspector, Cpl Louis I. Glass, 35537065 (add dy)

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELLS:

ALVIN S. GUTHRIE,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

ALVIN S. GUTHRIE,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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13 February 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NO. 9)

1. [illegible] Sec II, [illegible], tw[illegible] 42, twp 1st Lt named C of the 367th Fitr Sq, are granted [illegible] of absence for a period of five (5) days effective o/a 14 Feb 44.

and Lt [illegible] 0[illegible]319
[illegible] 0[illegible]154
[illegible] 0[illegible]576
[illegible] 0672728

2. [illegible] travel [illegible] this [illegible] per par 5, SO 48, Hq AAF Sta F-342, [illegible], for [illegible] as [illegible] indicated. No travel involved.

2nd Lt [illegible] 0[illegible]130, AC — 365th Fitr Sq
2nd Lt [illegible] 0[illegible]772, AC — 365th Fitr Sq
2nd Lt [illegible] 0[illegible]738, AC — 366th Fitr Sq
2nd Lt [illegible] 0[illegible], AC — 367th Fitr Sq

3. Capt [illegible] 0[illegible]7[illegible], DC, Hq 358th Fitr Gp, WP o/a 26 Feb 44 on TD for [illegible] (5) days for this sta to London for purpose of attending Dental Society Meeting at [illegible] of Tropical Medicine. CTRS. TDN. AT. 91-5 P 452-02 a [illegible]. (Auth: Ltr Hq 70th Ftr Wg, Subj: Allied Forces Dental Society [illegible] 44 and Ninth AF Memo 5-4, 8 Nov 43)

4. PAS in Ninth AF Memo 156-4, 17 Dec 43, and instructions contained in General Court-Martial Orders No 9, Hq VIII Ftr Comd, 12 Feb 44, Pvt Winzle Powell, 34[illegible], 367th Fitr Sq, is trfd to Disciplinary Trg Center No 4, APO 546, U. S. Army. [illegible] by GMT under guard o/a 24 Feb 44.

5. 1st Lt [illegible] CAFIEL, JR., [illegible]01, AC, is aptd Radio Officer for Hq 358th Fitr Gp. (add duty)

6. 1st Lt [illegible] A. SAUBER, 01[illegible]243, AC, is aptd Criptographic Security Officer for Hq 358th Fitr Gp. (add duty)

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELLS:

ALVIN S. GUTHRIE,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

ALVIN S. GUTHRIE,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

DIST: (5) Ninth [illegible]; (4) IX ASC; (1) 70th FW; (5) 26th [illegible]; (1) Sta; (1) Ea Sq; (5) Ea Off; (1) Ea 201 file; (1) Ea Dept; (3) Gp Hist; (1) file.

HEADQUARTERS [illegible] FIGHTER GROUP
[illegible]
APO [illegible] U. S. Army

22 February 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 10)

1. WP Sec II, AR 600-115, 14 July 44, the foll named O of the [illegible]th Fighter Sq, is granted ordinary lv of absence for a period of five (5) days effective o/a 23 Feb 44.

1st Lt. [illegible] J. STUART 0732335

2. WP Sec II, AR 600-115, 14 July 44, the foll named O of the [illegible]th Fighter Sq, is granted ordinary lv of absence for a period of five (5) days effective o/a 24 Feb 44.

1st Lt. [illegible] L. TOOMBOFF 0666493

3. So much of Par. 1, SO #, this Hq, dtd 19 Feb 44, as pertains to 1st Lt [illegible] L. TOOMBOFF is revoked.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELLS:

ALVIN S. GUTHRIE,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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ALVIN S. GUTHRIE,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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(5) [illegible]; (1) Ea 201 file; (1) Ea Dept; (3) Gp Hist;
(1) file.

HEA[illegible] 359TH FIGHTER GROUP
AAF S[illegible] 157
APO [illegible] S[illegible]

27 February 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 11)

1. UP Sec II, AR 605-115, [illegible], the foll named O, Hq, 359th Fitr Gp, are granted ordinary lv of a[illegible] for a period of five (5) days effecti[illegible]

Major [illegible] 0468829
[illegible] 0473339

2. [illegible] July 42, 2nd Lt JOHN A. VEERSEMA, 0732[illegible], of [illegible] is granted ordinary lv of absence for a period [illegible] effective o/a 29 Feb 44.

3. UP Sec II, AR 605-115, 14 July 42, 1st Lt MARVIN (NMI) CAPPEL JR, 085[illegible], [illegible] 359th Fitr Gp, is granted ordinary lv of absence for a period of five (5) days eff o/a 7 March 44.

4. Captain PHILIP (NMI) COX, 0407311, AC, is aptd Venereal Disease Control Officer 359th Fitr Gp (add dy)

5. Major ROBERT E. [illegible], 0[illegible]3348, AC is placed on TD for approx fourteen (14) days and WP o/a 27 Feb 44 fr this sta to Hq 70th Fitr Wg. CTHS. TDN. [illegible] C atzd reimbursement for actual cost of qrs not to exceed $4.00 per day and/or $1.25 per day for subs where govt messing fac are not available. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40200. (Auth: Policy No 30-1, Hq USAAFUK, 9 Nov 43 and North Air Force Memo 3-4, 8 Nov 43).

6. 1st Lt THOMAS A. [illegible], 0[illegible], AC, is placed on TD for approx ten (10) days and WP o/a 28 Feb [illegible] fr this sta to Hq 70th Fitr Wg. CTHS. TDN. [illegible] C atzd reimbursement for actual cost of qrs not to exceed $4.00 per day and/or [illegible] per day for subs where govt messing fac are not available. [illegible] P 432-02 A 212/40425. 91-5 P 432-02 [illegible]. (Auth: Policy No 30-1, Hq USAAFUK, 9 Nov 43 and North Air [illegible] Memo 3-4, 8 Nov 43).

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELLS:

T. A. BARTNICK,
Major, Air Corps,
Executive.

OFFICIAL:

T. A. BARTNICK,
Major, Air Corps,
Executive.

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HEADQUARTERS 35[illegible] FIGHTER WING
APO [illegible] U. S. Army

28 February 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 12)

1. Travel [illegible] the following named O and EM of orgns indicated to low Altitude Attack Sch at Milfield, Northumberland, on 22 Feb 44 is hereby and a matter of record. They will remain on temp [illegible] period of approx three (3) weeks from 22 Feb 44. Upon completion of temp duty will ret to proper orgn and sta. Reimbursement for actual cost of qrs not to exceed $4.00 per day and allws of $1.25 per day for subs is atzd O where govt qrs and/or messing fac are not available. Reimbursement for actual cost of qrs not to exceed $2.00 per day and subs not to exceed $2.00 per day where govt qrs and/or messing fac are not available is atzd EM. TDN by CT, mil aoft or rail. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: IX ASC CF6843 and Ninth Air Force Memo No 5-4 dtd 8 Nov 43).

Capt JOHN W. DICKSON	0732189	365th Fitr Sq
Capt CHARLES T KINSALL	0666793	366th Fitr Sq
1st Lt GERALD (NMI) ROBBINS	0820130	366th Fitr Sq
Capt [illegible]LD H SPIELDSIA	07 2392	367th Fitr Sq
Pfc Cecil G. [illegible]ulton	11[illegible]	365th Fitr Sq
Sgt Stephen J. Connelly	11088902	365th Fitr Sq
Cpl Richard O. Burnside	35390247	365th Fitr Sq
S/Sgt Luvern (NMI) Kuchs	31[illegible]2677	365th Fitr Sq
Sgt Gilbert R. Martin	32550[illegible]47	366th Fitr Sq
S/Sgt Joseph W. Fish	39026713	366th Fitr Sq
S/Sgt Prestyman J. Jones	36175701	3[illegible] Fitr Sq
S/Sgt Herbirt (NMI) [illegible]ner	12090753	366th Fitr Sq
Pvt William [illegible]. [illegible]ain	33109[illegible]	[illegible] Fitr Sq
Cpl Charles W. Benton	33277293	[illegible] Fitr Sq
S/Sgt Robert J. [illegible]mond	1[illegible]6804	36[illegible] Fitr Sq

2. S/Sgt [illegible]ert O. [illegible]nders, 13065438, 365th Fitr Sq, is placed on temp dy and WP o/a 28 Feb 44 to Low Altitude Attack Sch, Milfield, Northumberland for a period of approx fifteen (15) days. Upon comp of temp dy will ret to proper orgn and sta. Reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or subs for periods when govt fac are not available not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for rats is atzd. TDN by MC, mil aoft or rail. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: IX ASC CF6843 and Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4 dtd 8 Nov 43).

3. The foll named EM of orgns indicated are placed on temp dy for a period of twelve (12) days and WP to Code and Cypher Sch, AAF Sta 449, o/a 2 Mar 44 not later than 1500 hrs, 3 Mar 44, to Cryptographic C, AAF Sta 449. EM will be atchd to Hq and Hq Sqdn, IX Air Support Cond for rats and qrs. Reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or subs for periods when govt fac are not available not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for rats is atzd. TDN by CT, mil aoft, or rail. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth:

Cpl [illegible] (NMI) [illegible]	[illegible]	365th Fitr Sq
Cpl Arthur W. [illegible]n Jr.	[illegible]	366th Fitr Sq
Cpl [illegible]t P. [illegible]ield	[illegible]	367th Fitr Sq
Sgt William T. Higgins	11078699	Hq 358th Fitr Gp

4. UP Spec II, AR 605-115, 14 July 42, 2nd Lt JOSEPH L. GREEN, 0675760, AC, of 365th Fitr Sq, is granted ordinary lv of absence for a period of five (5) days effective o/a 28 Feb 44.

5. UP Spec II, AR 605-115, 14 July 42, 1st Lt LOUIS L. WILSON JR, 025523, AC, of 367th Fitr Sq, is granted ordinary lv of absence for a period of five (5) days effective o/a 29 Feb 44.

6. UP Spec II, AR 605-115, 14 July 42, 2nd Lt MERVIN K. AVERETT, 0795882, AC, [illegible] Sq, is granted ordinary lv of absence for a period of five (5) days effective o/a 1 March 44.

7. [illegible] LEWIS F. GUTHRIE, 0732963, AC, is reld fr asgmt and dy with Hq 358th Fitr Gp and attd to 367th Fitr Sq.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELLS:

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Adjutant.

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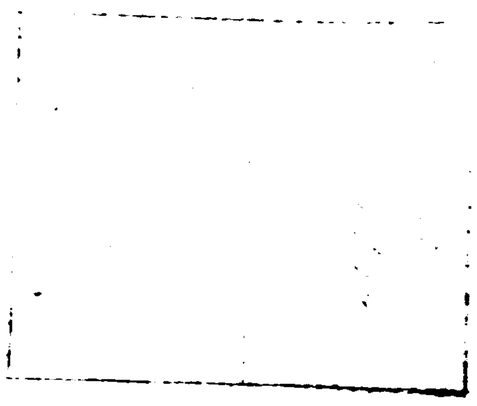

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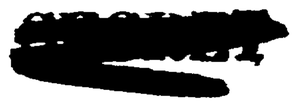

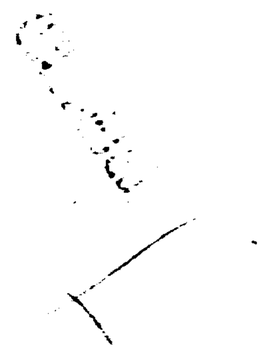

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Letter of Transmittal, History Reports. (5 Apr 44)
314.7 1st Ind. G-G1
Headquarters 358th Fighter Group, APO 595, U. S. Army, 5 April 1944.

To: Commanding Officer, 70th Fighter Wing, APO 595, U. S. Army.
Forwarded.
For the Group Commander:

ALVIN S. GUTHRIE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

314.7 2nd Ind L-5

Headquarters, 70th Fighter Wing, APO 595, U.S. Army, 7 April 1944

TO: Commanding General, IX Air Support Command, APO 595, U.S. Army.
ATTENTION: A Cof S, A-2, Historical Section.

Forwarded for your information and necessary action.

For the Commanding Officer:

DONALD B. HEADLE
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

Incl: n/c

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AUTH:
Date
INIT:

HEADQUARTERS 359TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 635
U. S. Army

D-2-1

5 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal, History Reports.

TO: Commanding Officer, 359th Fighter Group, APO 635, U. S. Army.

1. In accordance with AR F. C. Memorandum No. 70-4, dated 20 December 1943, subdivided hereinafter Unit History Reports for all units of 359th Fighter Group, covering period March 1944.

Joseph A. Lanton
JOSEPH A. LANTON,
Major, Air Corps,
Historian.

4 Incls:
Incl 1 - Hist. Report 359 F Gp.
Incl 2 - Hist. Report 368 F Sq.
Incl 3 - Hist. Report 369 F Sq.
Incl 4 - Hist. Report 370 F Sq.

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1 March 1944.

UNIT HISTORY REPORT
56TH FIGHTER GROUP
(Month of March, 1944)

GENERAL

During the month of March, the 56th Fighter Group carried out 12 missions. Several additional missions were planned, but scrubbed at the last moment. Group became inoperational on March 24th for approximately a two week period, having transferred out 50 of our planes and awaiting arrival of replacement of 50 other planes.

On March 24th, twenty-seven pilots of the 434th Squadron, 371st Group, arrived to remain with us for several days for Operations and Intelligence training.

STRENGTH OF GROUP AS OF MARCH 31, 1944

Group Headquarters --	Officers, 16;	Enlisted Men,	69
61st Fighter Squadron --	" 37;	"	" 244
62nd Fighter Squadron --	" 38;	"	" 246
63rd Fighter Squadron --	" 35;	"	" 240

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

On March 10th at 1600 hours in a brief but impressive ceremony, Brigadier General Quesada, Commanding General of IX Air Support Command, presented air medals and oak leaf clusters to a large number of pilots of the Group. The ceremony took place on the taxi strip opposite Combat Operations Room.

Those receiving the decorations are as follows:

Group Headquarters	Award
Lt. Col. Cecil L. Wells	2nd oak leaf cluster

[redacted]

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366th Fighter Squadron	Award
Major Frank J. Ross	D.C. Oak Leaf Cluster
Capt. George A. Hurt, Jr.	1st and 2nd Oak Leaf Clusters
Capt. Burton B. Yerian	1st and 2nd Oak Leaf Clusters
Capt. Frank A. Dickson	1st Oak Leaf Cluster
1st Lt. Jack A. Chilter	Air Medal and 1st Oak Leaf Cluster
1st Lt. Robert A. Fishel	Air Medal and 1st Oak Leaf Cluster
1st Lt. Robert C. Fletcher	Air Medal and 1st Oak Leaf Cluster
1st Lt. Howard L. Gurley	Air Medal
1st Lt. James F. Hackler	Air Medal and 1st Oak Leaf Cluster
1st Lt. Raymond F. Homan	Air Medal and 1st Oak Leaf Cluster
1st Lt. Albert A. Farbstein (Posthumous)	Air Medal and 1st Oak Leaf Cluster
1st Lt. James C. Eldredge	Air Medal
2nd Lt. John L. Buston	Air Medal
2nd Lt. Paul D. Floyd	Air Medal
2nd Lt. David A. Johnston	Air Medal
2nd Lt. Cletus A. Musing (Posthumous)	Air Medal
2nd Lt. Albert A. Osell	Air Medal
2nd Lt. Norwin A. Averett	Air Medal
2nd Lt. James D. Grey	Air Medal

366th Fighter Squadron	Award
Major Jack A. Merriam	1st and 2nd Oak Leaf Clusters
Capt. Joseph D. Underwood	1st Oak Leaf Cluster
Capt. Charles F. Kimball	1st Oak Leaf Cluster
Capt. Robert C. Schuster	Air Medal
1st Lt. John H. Buckner	Air Medal and 1st Oak Leaf Cluster
1st Lt. Anthony A. Serapiglia	1st Oak Leaf Cluster
1st Lt. Allan W. Farlow	Air Medal
1st Lt. Robert F. Krug	Air Medal and 1st Oak Leaf Cluster
1st Lt. Knute N. Myhre	Air Medal and 1st Oak Leaf Cluster
1st Lt. Peter Corson	Air Medal
1st Lt. Victor H. Idol	Air Medal
1st Lt. Oliver W. DeGruchy	Air Medal
2nd Lt. Erik A. Littlejohn	Air Medal
2nd Lt. Cornel L. Shook	Air Medal and 1st Oak Leaf Cluster
2nd Lt. Max W. McClure	Air Medal and 1st Oak Leaf Cluster

[redacted]

Capt. Miguel Sylvain Gabb'a.

2nd Lt. Augustus Hamilton	Air Medal and 1st Oak Leaf Cluster
2nd Lt. John R. Harber	Air Medal
2nd Lt. Edward Mantorski	Air Medal
2nd Lt. John J. Mc Glinn	Air Medal

Combat Pilot Squadron — Award

Capt. James C. Stewart	Air Medal
Capt. James F. Schilke	1st Oak Leaf Cluster
Capt. Edward R. Sprietsma	1st Oak Leaf Cluster
Capt. Clarence E. Van Cott	Air Medal
1st Lt. John R. Reilly	Air Medal
1st Lt. Otto F. Koeschoff	Air Medal and 1st Oak Leaf Cluster
1st Lt. Alfred M. Perry	1st Oak Leaf Cluster
1st Lt. Louis E. Wilson, Jr.	1st Oak Leaf Cluster
1st Lt. Melvin M. Siegel	Air Medal
2nd Lt. John [illegible] Wiersma	Air Medal
2nd Lt. Clifford C. Peterson	Air Medal
2nd Lt. Max C. Arnold	Air Medal
2nd Lt. Robert Schneider	Air Medal

ASSIGNMENTS AND RELIEVALS

See Special Orders (Appendix I).

PROMOTIONS AND DEMOTIONS

See Special Orders (Appendix I).

DECORATIONS

Missions during the month were carried out on the following dates: 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th (2), 8th (2), 9th, 10th (2), 16th, 18th, 20th, 25th and 28th.

In addition several practice dive bombing missions were carried out.

APPENDIX I

SPECIAL ORDERS

REDACTED

HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO [illegible] U. S. ARMY

1 March 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 13)

1. Par 2, SO [illegible], Hq, dtd 28 Feb 44, is amended to include statement: "Upon completion of [illegible] proper orgn and sta."

2. The [illegible] per Par 2, SO #43, Hq IX Fitr Comd, dtd 2[illegible], the [illegible] as indicated. No change of sta, no travel involved.

1st Lt DAVID [illegible], [illegible], Sig C. Hq 358th Fitr Gp.
2nd Lt SIDNEY [illegible], [illegible], C. 365th Fitr Sq.
2nd Lt CHARLES [illegible], [illegible], (AC). 366th Fitr Sq.
2nd Lt DAVID L. [illegible], [illegible], Sig C. 367th Fitr Sq.

3. Under the [illegible] of AR 615-5, and upon the recommendation of their comdr, the following [illegible] and orgn indicated are announced effective this date.

[illegible] TO SGT

Sgt Basil [illegible] Pryant [illegible] 367th Fighter Squadron
Sgt Abraham I. Erlich [illegible] 367th Fighter Squadron
Sgt William A. Lewis [illegible] 367th Fighter Squadron
Sgt Bronislaw Maliga 31139821 367th Fighter Squadron
Sgt Arthur W. Mortenson [illegible] 367th Fighter Squadron

TO BE SERGEANT

Cpl Eugene T. Blazer [illegible] 367th Fighter Squadron
Cpl James L. Elder [illegible] 367th Fighter Squadron
Cpl Charles R. [illegible] [illegible] 367th Fighter Squadron
Cpl Edward L. O'Brien 31242559 367th Fighter Squadron
Cpl Robert L. Story [illegible] 367th Fighter Squadron

[illegible] TO CPL

Pfc Doyil H. Andrews [illegible] 367th Fighter Squadron
Pfc John L. [illegible] [illegible] 367th Fighter Squadron
Pfc Jack Ro[illegible] [illegible] 367th Fighter Squadron
Pfc Victor J. [illegible] [illegible] 365th Fighter Squadron
Pfc Alfred [illegible]t [illegible] 365th Fighter Squadron

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

Pvt William E. [illegible]main [illegible] 367th Fighter Squadron
Pvt James D. Harris [illegible] 365th Fighter Squadron
Pvt Joseph J. Lesley [illegible] 365th Fighter Squadron
Pvt Felix J. [illegible] [illegible] 366th Fighter Squadron

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SO #13, Hq 358th Fitr [illegible].

4. [illegible] Provisions of Sec II, AR 605-115, 14 July 42, and in accordance with [illegible] Dec 43, the following named O of the 365th Fitr Sq, are granted [illegible] furlough for a period of five (5) days effective c/a 1 March 1944.

1st Lt [illegible] 0572[illegible] AC
1st Lt [illegible], JR. 0675696 /C

5. [illegible] Provisions of Sec II, AR 605-115, 14 July 42, and in accordance with [illegible] Dec 43, FOJG DALE E. /C ALLISTER, W-2122069, AUS, Hq 358th Fitr [illegible] ordinary lv of absence for a period of five (5) days effective [illegible].

6. [illegible] promotion of Par 1b, [illegible]-5, PFC Richard Sargent, 19155385, 366th Fitr Sq, [illegible] grade of private, for cause, effective this date.

7. 1st [illegible], [illegible], AC, is apptd Special Service O, (add'l).

By [illegible] Colonel WILLIS:

ALVIN S. GUTHRIE,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

ALVIN S. GUTHRIE,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

DISTRIBUTION: (5) Hq 358th; (4) IX FCC; (1) 7th FW; (1) Sta; (1) Ea Sq; (5) Ea O; (1) Ea 201 file; (1) Sv Dept; (3) Gp Hqst; (1) file.

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[illegible]
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No. 15)

1. [illegible] Hq, [illegible] Fitr Gp, are [illegible] to the Group Aircraft Accident Committee.

Lt.Col	[illegible]	AC
Major	[illegible]	AC
Captain	[illegible]	AC

The alternate member in each case will be the Operations Officer of the squadron concerned. Lt Col CHOATE, 0-[illegible], AC, will act as a member of the committee in the absence of Lt Col [illegible] (AAF Reg 62-14, 26 May 42).

2. T/Sgt Laurence L. Lorton, 38355721, [illegible], 359th Fitr Sq, is placed on temp dy and TF by CO [illegible] sta to Chilbolton, Hampshire o/a 7 Mar 44 for a period of approx three (3) days for the purpose of carrying out the instructions of the CO. Upon comp of temp dy he will ret to proper org and sta. TDN. Reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or subs not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for subs for periods that govt facs are not available is atzd. 91-5 F 432-02 A 212/404.5.

3. Under the provisions of Sec II, AR 615-115, 14 July 42, and in accordance with Cir 69, Hq ETO USA, 21 Dec 43, Capt [illegible], 01696152, AC, 366th Fitr Sq, is granted ordinary lv of absence for a period of five (5) days effective o/a 12 March 1944.

4. Under the provisions of Sec II, AR 615-115, 14 July 42, and in accordance with Cir 69, Hq ETO USA, 21 Dec 43, the following named O of the 366th Fitr Sq, are granted ordinary lv of absence for a period of five (5) days effective o/a 6 March 1944.

1st Lt C. A. AUSTIN	0673297 AC
1st Lt [illegible]	0254[illegible] AC

5. Under the provisions of Sec II, AR 615-115, 14 July 43, and in accordance with Cir 69, Hq ETO USA, 21 Dec 43, 2nd Lt [illegible] SCHNEIDER, 0671777, AC, 366th Fitr Sq, is granted ordinary lv of absence for a period of five (5) days effective o/a 5 March 1944.

6. Under the provisions of Par 13, AR 615-5, Cpl Lawrence F. Little, 38231902, Hq, 359th Fitr Gp, is reduced to grade of private, for cause, effective this date.

7. Under the provisions of Sec II, AR 615-115, 14 July 42, and in accordance with Cir 69, Hq ETO USA, 21 Dec 43, Capt ALVIN S. [illegible], 0563183, AC, Hq, 359th Fitr Gp, is granted ordinary lv of absence for a period of five (5) days effective o/a 13 March 1944.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel [illegible]:

ALVIN S. [illegible],
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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[signature]
ALVIN S. [illegible],
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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7 March 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NO. 15)

1. Under the provisions of AR 605-67, as amd, Sec I, Cir 43, the foll EM of the 367th Fitr Sq, are awarded the Good Conduct Medal:

S/Sgt	Lawrence A. Love, Jr.	34033706	Cpl	Jacob E. Diehl	13176430
S/Sgt	Andrew (NMI) Mater	33173683	Cpl	James L. Elder	33412569
S/Sgt	Edward J. Wall	11034115	Cpl	Earl C. Fischer	37230128
S/Sgt	Ray M. Parmenter	37450446	Cpl	Joseph C. Furtado	33180579
S/Sgt	Emmett (NMI) Southard	35360336	Cpl	Joseph (NMI) Latwin	33294922
S/Sgt	Nolan V. Szudlas	31126826	Cpl	Clarence M. Maguire	33374984
S/Sgt	Charles L. Taylor	35408309	Cpl	Charles L. McCormick	33254508
S/Sgt	William L. Tipman	35460806	Cpl	Eugene T. Blazer	39398688
S/Sgt	Bill (NMI) Veltri	35434402	Cpl	Marshall B. Neilsen	36617141
S/Sgt	Robert D. Vesper	12035163	Cpl	Peter P. Morici	36408605
S/Sgt	Peter P. Vicki	32379096	Cpl	Milton (NMI) Newman	32539148
S/Sgt	Donald W. Volgarino	33271231	Cpl	George F. O'Connor	37305273
S/Sgt	Charles S. Vonbrunn	31115573	Cpl	Thomas J. Pound	38301011
S/Sgt	Arnold (NMI) Wallin	32382092	Cpl	Carmine J. Stabile	32503326
S/Sgt	Otto J. Weiss	32389645	Cpl	Stanley J. Vincent	31083651
Sgt	Darrel L. Boyer	37229848	Cpl	Alton I. Weiss	12133545
Sgt	Norman S. Butterworth	33326330	Cpl	Glenn A. Weisser	36427104
Sgt	James S. Conrad	18116942	Cpl	James B. Wickman	35469542
Sgt	Delois O. Dunlap	34037589	Cpl	William E. Webber	35368218
S/Sgt	Millard R. Currin	14074422	Cpl	Fred F. Wright	34473838
Sgt	Wilbert H. Henaq	35595092	Cpl	Paul (NMI) Zlonkiewicz	13116330
Sgt	Richard M. Heffer	33242645	Pfc	Timothy F. Crimmins	32660291
Sgt	Paul F. Lyons	31139856	Pfc	Walter S. D'Arcy	32661447
Sgt	Leo M. Lyster	37229855	Pfc	Lewis (NMI) Derring	32587597
Sgt	Raymond E. McCullough	35369773	Pfc	Herbert R. Dillenkofer	32583178
Sgt	Oliver J. Ogle	35416503	Pfc	Solomon M. Gross	12147997
Sgt	Clarence G. Prichard	36610248	Pfc	Peter J. Kilday	33392163
Sgt	Charles L. Shumate	34420265	Pfc	Steve P. Palmasino	17123962
Sgt	Kirman P. Smith	35408254	Pfc	James R. Parker	34448223
Sgt	James E. Smith	38426687	Pfc	Michael F. Prone	31083970
Sgt	Hammond W. Trick	37422968	Pfc	James F. Staples	31201450
Sgt	James E. Walker	14129063	Pvt	Charles (NMI) Deskovick	32555961
Sgt	Robert W. Weinhold	13091172	Pvt	Edward R. Jandran	31130475
Sgt	William B. Wieland	33303854	Cpl	John H. Cote	31177597
Sgt	Walter D. Williams Jr.	11004125	Sgt	Robert M. Young	39831109

2. Under the provisions par 3a, AR 35-320, Capt HARVEY (NMI) HALL, 0563197, AC, is aptd Class "A" Finance Agent to Capt FREDERICK M. GANNON, FD, accountable dispersing officer, AAF Sta 157, for payment of O and EM of 367th Fitr Sq, on supplementary payrolls and vouchers for the month of February 1944.

3. 2nd Lt JACK L. HADDOCK, 01551414, Ord, asgd to 358th Fitr Gp per par 7, SO #43, Hq IX Air Support Command, dtd 1 Mar 44, is further asgd to 366th Fitr Sq. No change of sta, no travel involved.

4. Under the provisions of Sec II, AR 605-115, 14 July 42, and in accordance with Cir 99, Hq ETOUSA, 21 Dec 43, the foll named O of the 365th Fitr Sq, are granted ordinary lv of absence for a period of five (5) days effective o/a 7 March 1944.

1st Lt RAYMOND P. LOTHAN 0673398 AC
2nd Lt JAMES D. [illegible]EY 0675694 AC

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[illegible]
[illegible]
five (5) days effective [illegible].

By order of Lieutenant Colonel [illegible]:

ALVIN S. [illegible],
[illegible], Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

ALVIN S. [illegible],
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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10 March 19__.

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1. The foll[illegible] are placed on temp dy and TF fr this sta o/a 11 Mar [illegible] to Hq Casualty Branch, IX Air Support [illegible], Sta [illegible] for a period of approx one (1) wk for purpose of attending Battle [illegible] Safety Crs.

Sgt.	William H. Bethell	3[illegible]56
Cpl.	[illegible] H[illegible] Hammond	6[illegible]0

Upon comp of temp dy ENroll ret to pr per sta[illegible] TDN or MTC, rail acft or rail. 91-5 P 32-20 a[illegible] Arm. TM [illegible] and Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4 dtd 8 Nov 43).

2. Capt [illegible] is appointed Group Claims Officer in addition to [illegible] duties. He is authorized to act as a board of one officer in any case [illegible] the provisions of Article of War 105. (Auth: par 7 c, AR 25-20, dtd [illegible] 43).

3. Under the provisions of par 13, AR 615-5, Sgt. Manuel L. Gurule, 18046716, 368th Fighter Squadron, is reduced to grade of private, for cause, effective this date.

4. Under the provisions of Sec II, AR 605-115, 14 July 42, and in accordance with Cir 99, Hq EUCOM, 21 Dec 43, the foll named O of the 367th Fitr Sq, are granted ordinary lv of absence for a period of five (5) days effective o/a 10 Mar 44.

1st Lt.	JOHN H. PEDIGO	0666985 AC
2nd Lt.	PHILIP L. [illegible]LLINGER	0671484 AC

5. Under the provisions of Sec II, AR 605-115, 14 July 43, and in accordance with Cir 99, Hq EUCOM, 21 Dec 43, 1st Lt. MILTON A. CARLTON, Sn., 0567587, AC, Hq 358th Fitr Sq is granted ordinary lv of absence for a period of five (5) days effective o/a 10 Mar 44.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELLS:

ALVIN S. GUTHRIE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

ALVIN S. GUTHRIE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS [illegible] TCGP
APO 638 [illegible]

11 March 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NO. 18)

1. Under the provisions of par 13, AR 615-5, S/Sgt. Atlee A. Gray, 35406765, 365th Fighter Squadron, is reduced to grade of private, for cause, effective this date.

2. Under the provisions of Sec II, AR 605-115, 24 July 43, the following named O of the Squadrons indicated, are granted emergency leave of absence for a period of five (5) days effective o/a 11 March 1944.

1st Lt [illegible], 0857701, AC, 365th Fitr Sq
1st Lt [illegible], 0672731, AC, 365th Fitr Sq
1st Lt [illegible], 0723695, AC, 366th Fitr Sq
Capt [illegible], 0[illegible], AC, 366th Fitr Sq

3. 2nd Lt [illegible], 0855126, AC, asgd to 358th Fitr Gp per par 1, ltr 70th Fitr Wg, Subj: Travel Order, dtd 9 March 1944, is further asgd to the 366th Fitr Sq. No change of sta, no travel involved.

4. 1st Lt NELLO L. TORSI, 0873104, AC, 367th Fitr Sq, is aptd IFF insp for the purpose of inspection IFF equip in the 365th, 366th, and 367th Fitr Sqs, o/a 15 March 1944 until completion of inspection tour. No travel involved.

5. Sgt Frank T. Pesek, 36381[illegible], 358th Fitr Gp, is placed on temp dy and WP dy AT for trg sta o/a 14 March 1944, rptg to 70th Fitr Wg, APO 638, for purpose of receiving instructions pertaining to communications. Upon completion of temp dy AT will ret to proper sta and org. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: WOCO 70th Fitr Wg and Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4 dtd 8 Nov 43)

By order of Lieutenant Colonel ELLIS:

J. S. CRAFT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

J. S. CRAFT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

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[illegible] 368TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 634 U. S. Army

1 March 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NO. 20)

1. Under the provisions of Sec II, AR 605-115, 14 July 43, and in accordance with Cir 99, HQ 9th AF, 21 Dec 43, Capt. CLARENCE E. VAN COTT, 0732409, AC, 367th Fitr Sq, is granted ordinary lv of absence for a period of five (5) days effective o/a 15 March 1944.

2. Under the provisions of Sec II, AR 605-115, 14 July 43, and in accordance with Cir 99, HQ 9th AF, 21 Dec 43, the following named Off of the Squadrons indicated, are granted lv of absence for a period of five (5) days effective o/a 16 March 1944.

1st Lt.	KARL A. HANSEN	AC	0[illegible]	[illegible] Fitr Sq
1st Lt.	[illegible] C. [illegible]	AC	0[illegible]	[illegible] Fitr Sq
2nd Lt.	DAVID P. TUCK	AC	[illegible]	[illegible] Fitr Sq

3. Under the provisions of Sec II, AR 605-115, 14 July 43, and in accordance with Cir 99, HQ 9th AF, 21 Dec 43, 1st Lt. JAMES S. CRAFT, 0649760, AC, Hq. 368th Fitr Gp, is granted ordinary lv of absence for a period of five (5) days effective o/a 18 March 1944.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELLS:

J. S. CRAFT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

J. S. CRAFT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

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17 March 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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No. 81)

1. The foll nmd EM of 8 7th Fighter S quadron are pl ced on temp dy and will proceed by MT fr this sta o/a 17 March 1944 rptg this date to Dept. Spriatsom at AAF Station Winston for an ind-finite period to carry out instructions of the CO.

S/Sgt.	(750)	Nolan V. Szmulis	31176956
Sgt.	(747)	Harold B. Cerley	30194437

Upon comm of temp dy EM will rpt by MT, mil acft or rail, to proper crew and sta. EM atzd reimbursement in li-u of actual cost of qrs not to exceed ($2.00) per dy and/or ($2.00) per day for subs if govt facilities are not available. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: VCOC and Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4 dtd 8 Nov 43).

2. MAJ JACK A. [illegible], 0438140, AC, 366th Ftr Sq, is placed on temp dy and will proceed o/a 18 Mar 44 fr this sta to Sta 449 for the purpose of performing cut instructions of the CO, returning upon comp to proper crew and sta. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail.

Where govt qrs and/or subs is not available, reimbursement for actual cost of qrs not to exceed $4.00 per day and allw of $1.25 to cover excess cost of subs is atzd in accordance w/ par 7, sec II, Policy No. 30-1, Hq USSTAF, 9 Nov 43. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425.
(Auth: Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, 8 Nov 43)

3. VOCO directing the travel and temp dy of the foll named O of sqdns indicated to Warrington, Lancashire for perios of three days fr 15 Mar 44 to 17 Mar 44 is he eby confirmed and made of a matter of record.

1ST LT	JACK M. DOUTHER	0528371 AC 365th Fitr Sq
2ND LT	GERALD D. BALCH	0693100 AC 365th Fitr Sq
2ND LT	STEVEN B. ERA	0812744 AC 365th Fitr Sq
1ST LT	JOHN H. BUCKNER	0525439 AC 366th Fitr Sq
1ST LT	VICTOR E. IDOL, JR	0666542 AC 366th Fitr Sq
2ND LT	WILLIAM (NMI) DEAN	0531401 AC 366th Fitr Sq
2ND LT	AUGUSTUS (NMI) HAMILTON, JR.	0675767 AC 366th Fitr Sq
1ST LT	LOUIS L. WILSON, JR.	0525623 AC 367th Fitr Sq
2ND LT	ROBERT (NMI) SCHEIDER	0671777 AC 367th Fitr Sq
2ND LT	JAMES J. MC CABE	0679638 AC 367th Fitr Sq

Where Govt qrs and/or subs is not available, reimbursement for actual cost of qrs not to exceed $4.00 per day and allw of $1.25 to cover excess cost of subs is atzd in accordance w/ par 7, sec II, Policy No 30-1, Hq USSTAF, 9 Nov 43. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4 dtd 8 Nov 43).

4. 2ND LT BRUCE G. ALLISON, 01642834, Sig C asgd to 358th Fitr Gp per Gen Or 1, SO #49, Hq IX Fitr Comd, dtd 16 Mar 44 is further asgd to Hq 358th Fitr Gp. No change of sta, or travel involved.

5. 2ND LT. BRUCE G. ALLISON, 01642834, Sig C is aptd Public Relations Offi er for 358th Fitr Gp.

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[redacted]

By order of Lieutenant Colonel [redacted]:

T. S. [redacted],
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

T. S. CRAFT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Adjutant.

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SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NO.)

1. Pvt (T/Sgt) [redacted], [redacted], [redacted] to 359th Fitr Gp per par SO #43, Hq 70th Fitr Wg, dtd 20 Mar 44, is further assigned to 367th Fitr Sq.

2. Capt ALVIN S. [redacted], [redacted], AC, will proceed o/a 21 Mar 44, fr AAF [redacted] to US AAF [redacted] for [redacted] temporary duty, returning completion to proper orgn and sta. Official business 13 thru 22 Mar 44. TDN by RR, air or rail. Authd reimbursement for actual cost of gas not to exceed $4.00 per day at $1.25 per gal for such where govt [redacted] for [redacted]. 42-5 P 432-02 A 21. (AUTH: Par 7, Policy No 30-1 Hq, USAFIK, dtd [redacted] and TWX Hq IX Air Support Com RL0690, dtd 19 Mar 44).

3. Under the provisions of Par II, AR [redacted], 14 July 43, the following Officers of the Squadron are granted [redacted] ordinary leave of absence for a period of five days effective o/a 23 March 44.

1st Lt [redacted] [redacted] 367th Fitr Sq
2nd Lt [redacted] [redacted] 367th Fitr Sq
1st Lt [redacted] [redacted] 367th Fitr Sq

4. Under the provisions of Par II, AR [redacted], 14 July 43, 1st Lt EDWIN [redacted], O15539.M, CAD, 367th Fitr Sq, is granted [redacted] ordinary leave of absence for a period five (5) days effective o/a 21 [redacted].

By command of Colonel [redacted]:

[redacted] S. [redacted],
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

[redacted]
ALVIN S. [redacted],
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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R E S T R I C T E D

[illegible] Nov 44.

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O. [illegible])

1. [illegible] Jr., 6[illegible] 81[illegible], [illegible]7th Fitr Sq, is placed t temp dy for [illegible] indefinite [illegible] will proceed fr [illegible] sta to sta 449, o/a 25 [illegible] rptg to [illegible] WLIGHT [illegible]. Upon comp of t[illegible] DI will ret to proper org [illegible] sta. Entitled reimbursement [illegible] cost of qrs [illegible] subs not to exceed $2.0[illegible] per day for qrs and $2.50 per day for [illegible] for periods [illegible] qrs fac are not availabl[illegible] DN by MT, rail refer or mil. [illegible] A 212/40425. (AUTH: Ninth Air Force Memo [illegible]-4, 8 Nov 43)

2. 2nd Lt [illegible], 0[illegible], AC, Hq 368th Fitr Gp, is placed [illegible] temp dy for a period of approx Eight (8) days and will proceed fr this sta to sta [illegible]49 o/a 26 Mar 44, rptg [illegible] for TDN upon arrival. Upon comp of temp dy O will [illegible]ret to proper org and sta. Where govt qrs and/or subs is not available, reimbursement [illegible] for actual cost of qrs not to exceed $4.00 per day and allws of $1.25 per day to cover [illegible]xcess cost of subs is atzd in accordance w/ par 7, Sec II, Policy No 5-1, Hq USAAFIME, [illegible] Nov 43. TDN by MT, rail refer, or mil. 291-5 I 432-[illegible] A 212/40425. (AUTH: Ninth [illegible]ir Force Memo 5-4, 8 Nov 43)

3. The following [illegible] O (pilots) are temp dy this sta for a period of appro[illegible]ten (10) days per par 3, SO [illegible], Hq 100th Fitr Wg, dtd 22 Mar 44, are atchd to sqdns [illegible]dicated, for purpose of familiarization and orientation training and operational fly[illegible]ing. Stations and qrs will be furnish[illegible].

365TH FITR SQ

Capt	ELLIS L. [illegible]	[illegible]	AC
Capt	[illegible] T. O'[illegible]	[illegible]67	AC
1st Lt	[illegible] P. [illegible]	[illegible]	AC
2nd Lt	[illegible]. [illegible]	[illegible]184	AC
2nd Lt	[illegible] D. [illegible]	[illegible]	AC
2nd Lt	HERBERT J. [illegible]	[illegible]	AC
1st Lt	JOHN P. [illegible]	026207	AC
2nd Lt	[illegible] W. [illegible]	0809135	AC
2nd Lt	[illegible]	[illegible]564	AC

366TH FITR SQ

Major	[illegible]	0425346	AC
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	AC
2nd Lt	JOSEPH E. La[illegible]IE	[illegible]	AC
2nd Lt	[illegible]	[illegible]	AC
2nd Lt	IKE H. [illegible]	0669241	AC
1st Lt	[illegible]	0804081	AC
2nd Lt	HARRY W. STRALENDORF	[illegible]	AC
2nd Lt	HOMER C. [illegible]	[illegible]	AC
2nd Lt	JAMES S. [illegible]	0809126	AC
1st Lt	LEONARD S. MARSHALL	024977	AC

367TH FITR SQ

Capt	[illegible]	0660075	AC
1st Lt	[illegible]	[illegible]	AC
1st Lt	RICHARD W. [illegible]	[illegible]	AC
2nd Lt	LOUIS A. SCOTT	0505730	AC
2nd Lt	JOHN H. CASSELLS	[illegible]	AC
1st Lt	KELSEY H. [illegible]	[illegible]	AC
2nd Lt	LLOYD V. [illegible]	[illegible]	AC
2nd Lt	[illegible]	[illegible]	AC
2nd Lt	[illegible]	[illegible]	AC

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X, [redacted], AC, [redacted] 15th Fltr S., is [redacted] for a period of five (5) days effective o/a 29 [illegible].

6. Under the provisions of Sec I, AR 605-115, 14 July 43, 1st Lt RAPHAEL [illegible], [redacted], AC, [redacted] 15th Fltr S., is granted ordinary leave of absence for a period of five (5) days effective o/a 1 April 1944.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WILLIS:

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Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEAD QUARTERS 358[illegible] FIGHTER GROUP
APO 5[illegible] U. S. ARMY

27 March 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 24)

1. Pvt (S21) Francis (NMI) Carr, 11111819, asgd to 358th Fitr Gp per par 6, SO #56, Hq ETO DTC #4, dtd 24 Mar 44, is further asgd to Hq 358th Fitr Gp.

2. Under the provisions of Sec II, AR 605-115, 14 July 43, the foll named O of the 366th Fitr Sq, are granted ordinary lv of absence for a period of five (5) days effective o/a 27 March 1944.

2nd Lt ERIK P. LITTLEJOHN	0449002
2nd Lt JOHN R. HARBER	0675768
2nd Lt WILLIAM DIAN	0531401

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELLS:

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29 March 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 25)

1. The foll named EM are reld fr asgmt with sqdns indicated, asgd to Hq 358th Ftr Gp and atchd to former orgns for dy, rats and qrs.

Cpl (405)	Herbert H. Norton	36416590	365th Ftr Sq
Pfc (345)	Philip F. Favicchio	32503347	365th Ftr Sq
Pvt (409)	Saul L. Cohen	31201773	365th Ftr Sq
Pvt (861)	Charles D. Kizauskas	31190794	365th Ftr Sq
Cpl (409)	Edward (NMI) Kertes	32443269	366th Ftr Sq
Pfc (409)	Lawrence (NMI) Carley	36232281	366th Ftr Sq
Pvt (405)	Larry L. Matheny	34495339	366th Ftr Sq
Pvt (345)	Edward M. Ray, Jr.	31153052	366th Ftr Sq
Pvt (861)	Pasquale (NMI) Ferrelli	31174635	366th Ftr Sq
Cpl (409)	Joseph C. Furtado	31180759	367th Ftr Sq
Pfc (409)	Michael (NMI) Prone, Jr.	31083970	367th Ftr Sq
Pfc (405)	James F. Staples	31201450	367th Ftr Sq
Pvt (345)	Edward R. Jandran	31130475	367th Ftr Sq
Pvt (409)	Joseph J. Vacirca	31201664	367th Ftr Sq

2. The foll named EM are reld fr asgmt with sqdns indicated and asgd to Hq 358th Ftr Gp. No travel involved.

T/Sgt (505)	Edward J. Malan	13049658	367th Ftr Sq
S/Sgt (826)	Frederick R. McLeod	36176105	366th Ftr Sq
S/Sgt (060)	Ernest (NMI) Kanelos	31112625	367th Ftr Sq
Sgt (511)	Lewis M. Anderson	36707786	366th Ftr Sq
Pfc (521)	Steve P. [illegible]isano	17123962	367th Ftr Sq
Pvt (555)	Paul B. Blank	36173036	365th Ftr Sq
Pvt (060)	Alton J. McMan	18219303	367th Ftr Sq

3. Sgt (060) Edward W. Hilburger, 6796804, is reld fr asgmt with Hq 358th Ftr Gp and asgd to 367th Ftr Sq. No travel involved.

4. The foll named O are reld fr asgmt with 367th Ftr Sq and asgd to Hq 358th Ftr Gp. No travel involved.

1ST LT	HENRY H. BANKE	01550102 ORD
1ST LT	PAUL E. BELL	0562504 AC
1ST LT	NELLO L. TONSI	0873104 AC

5. The foll named O of Hq 358th Ftr Gp are placed on temp dy with 367th Ftr Sq. for an indefinite period. No travel involved.

1ST LT	HENRY H. BANKE	01550102 ORD
1ST LT	PAUL E. BELL	0562504 AC

6. 1ST LT JOHN B. CANDELARIA, 0855888, AC, asgd to 358th Ftr Gp per par 14, SO #43, Hq 70th Ftr Wg, dtd 21 Mar 44, is further asgd to 367th Ftr Sq. No travel involved.

7. Under the provisions of Sec II, AR 605-115, 14 July 43, 2ND LT ALBERT P. GSELL, JR., 0675762, AC, is granted ordinary leave of absence for a period of five (5) days effective o/a 29 Mar 44.

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SO # ..., HQ 35th I... Corps

8. ... 35th Fld Hosp Gp. will proceed o/a 31 Mar ... by ... to London for purpose of ... at London School of Tropical Medicine. Upon comp of temp duty O ... rail, rail ... aft or ... 4th Air Force Memo 5-4 dtd 8 Nov 43)

By order of Lieutenant Colonel ...

...
...
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

...
Captain, A.G.D.,
Adjutant.

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31 March 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 26)

1. The following named EM, 358th Ftr Gp, are temp dy as drivers for pilots atchd this orgn for trans per par 6, SO 26, this hqs, dtd 24 Mar 44, are atchd to the 358th Ftr Sq for rats and qrs.

Cpl. Edwin P. Webster 36[illegible]4
Pvt. Carmello (NMI) Milazzo 32[illegible]1

2. So much of par 2, SO 26, this hqs, dtd 29 Mar 44, that reads:

"Sgt. (Sll) Lewis M. Anderson 31707738 358th Ftr Sq"

is amended to read:

"Sgt. (Sll) Erwin I. Anders[illegible] 17[illegible] 358th Ftr Sq".

3. [redacted], 0[illegible]01, Hq 358th Ftr Gp, will proceed o/a 3 Apr 44 to New Castle-Upon-Tyne [illegible] and, Goxhill via London on temp dy on matters pertaining to [illegible] for a period of approx four (4) days, returning upon completion to [illegible] and sta. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. O atchd reimburse[illegible] for actual [illegible] of qrs not to exceed ($4.[illegible]) per day and/or ($1.[illegible]) per day for subs where mess facilities are not available, in accordance w/ Par 7, Policy No 38-1, Hq, USAAF, UK, 9 Nov 1943. 91-5 [illegible] 432-02 [illegible]. (Auth: Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, 8 Nov 43)

4. 1[illegible] [illegible]. DAVID P. FIELDS, 01837411, Sig C, Hq 358th Ftr Gp, will proceed o/a 3 Apr 44 to the Parachute Jumping and Inspection, and, Dinghy and Inspection at School of Aircraft Eng, Burtonwood Repair Depot, Warrington, Lancashire on temp dy for the purpose of attending school for a period of approx one (1) day, returning upon completion to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. O atchd reimbursement for actual cost of qrs not to exceed ($4.00) per day and/or ($1.50) per day for subs where mess facilities are not available, in accordance w/ Par 7, Policy No 38-1, Hq, USAAF, UK, 9 Nov 1943. 91-5 [illegible] 432-02 [illegible] 218/40425. (Auth: CG 70FW R8242 and Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4 dtd 8 Nov 43)

5. 1ST LT. MARVIN (NMI) CAPPEL, JR, 0389731, AC, is aptd Gp Cryptographic O, vice, 1ST LT GLENN A. SAUDER, 01845246, AC, reld.

6. 1ST LT. MELLO L. TOM[illegible], 0378104, AC, is aptd Gp Radar and Radio O, vice, 1ST LT. MARVIN (NMI) CAPPEL, JR, 0389731, AC, reld.

7. Sgt. Sidney B. Rawitz, 32590428, Hq 358th Ftr Gp, will proceed o/a 3 Apr 44 to The Command Officer Candidate School Board at Sta 449 on temp dy for the purpose of appearing before an OCS Board for an ~~indefinite period of time, returning~~ upon completion to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. O atchd reimbursement [illegible] lieu of actual cost of qrs not to exceed ($2.00) per day and/or ($1.00) [illegible] day for subs in port facilities are not available, in accordance w/ [illegible] olicy No 38-1, Hq, USAAF, UK, 9 Nov 43. 91-[illegible] [illegible] 432-02 [illegible] 218/40425. [illegible] and Ninth Air Force [illegible] 8 Nov 43)

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[illegible] 44 to [illegible] the purpose of [illegible] approx one (1) wk, returning upon completion to proper orgn and sta.

Cpl.	(406)	Robert S. Thompson	[illegible]	385th Ftr Sq
Pfc.	(014)	William L. Ferris	[illegible]	385th Ftr Sq
Pvt.	(---)	James E. Marin	[illegible]	385th Ftr Sq
Pfc.	(014)	Elliott E. Maquith	[illegible]	385th Ftr Sq
Pvt.	(446)	Cornelius F. Spoelstra	[illegible]	387th Ftr Sq
Pvt.	(011)	Henry [illegible] assmenberg	[illegible]	387th Ftr Sq

TDY by MT, mil rail or rail. Pvt [illegible] lieu of actual cost of qrs not to exceed [illegible] per day and/or ($1.00) per day for subs if govt facilities are not availa[illegible]. By command of Lt Gen Spaatz, Policy No 30-1, Hq, [illegible], UK, 8 Nov 1942. [illegible] 291/42. (Auth: TWX 70FW 8088E; TWX 70FW 8289E; WD [illegible] Memo 80-3; and, 8th Air Force Memo No 5-4 Hq 8 Nov 43)

10. TDCO on 7 Mar 44, placing 2/Lt. ALLEN F. ROSENBECK, 0569998, AC, 385th Ftr Sq, will proceed to Eighth Air Force Headquarters for the purpose of attending orientation course, returning upon completion of temp dy to proper orgn and sta, authorizing reimbursement for actual cost of qrs not to exceed ($4.00) per day and/or ($1.50) per day for subs where govt messing facilities are not available, in accordance w/ Par 7, Policy No 30-1, Hq, [illegible], UK, 8 Nov 43, are hereby confirmed and made of record. TDY by MT, mil rail or rail. [illegible] 291/1942.

Publication of the [illegible] the issuance of orders in advance.

DEPARTED	Sta 117	1700 hrs	7 Mar 43
ARRIVED	Eighth Air Force	[illegible] hrs	8 Mar 43
DEPARTED	Eighth Air Force	[illegible] hrs	8 Mar 43
ARRIVED	Sta 117	1830 hrs	8 Mar 43

By order of Lieutenant Colonel ELLIS:

[illegible]
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

[illegible]
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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[illegible] April 1941

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1. [illegible] per [illegible], [illegible] per [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

1 April 1.[illegible]

[illegible]

No. 37;

1. Under the provisions of [illegible], and upon the [illegible] indicated, the officers mentioned are relieved from assignment to the units indicated and [illegible] their [illegible], as [illegible] shall from inception of [illegible] unless sooner relieved.

[illegible]

Capt. [illegible] 27th Ftr Sq
Capt. [illegible] 27th Ftr Sq
1st Lt. Edward [illegible] Hilbert [illegible] 27th Ftr Sq

[illegible]

Capt. [illegible] 70th Ftr Sq
Capt. Carrol S. [illegible] Heard [illegible] 70th Ftr Sq
Capt. [illegible] Lewis, Jr. [illegible] 70th Ftr Sq
1st Lt. Robert T. [illegible] [illegible] 70th Ftr Sq
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 70th Ftr Sq
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 70th Ftr Sq
[illegible] Paul [illegible] [illegible] 70th Ftr Sq

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 80th Ftr Sq
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 80th Ftr Sq
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 80th Ftr Sq
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 80th Ftr Sq
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 80th Ftr Sq
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 80th Ftr Sq

[illegible]

1st Lt. [illegible] [illegible] 36th Ftr Sq

2. Under the provisions of Sec II, AR 600-116, 14 July 40, the following named [illegible] are relieved from assignment [illegible] and will proceed to their stations for a period of five (5) days [illegible] 1 April 1941.

1st Lt. [illegible] [illegible] RE [illegible] 36th Ftr Sq
1st Lt. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 36th Ftr Sq

3. Under the provisions of Sec II, AR 600-116, 14 July 40, the following named officers are relieved from assignment [illegible] and will proceed to their stations for a period of five (5) days [illegible] 1 April 1941.

2nd Lt. Patrick J. [illegible], Jr. [illegible] 94th Ftr Sq
1st Lt. [illegible] [illegible], Jr. [illegible] 94th Ftr Sq
1st Lt. [illegible] [illegible], Jr. [illegible] 94th Ftr Sq

4. 1st Lt. [illegible] [illegible], Jr., 0[illegible], AC, asgd to 36th Ftr Sq per par [illegible], AO 419, Hq 70th Ftr Gp, dtd 31 March 1941, is further asgd to 94th Ftr Sq, same stn. No travel involved.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel [illegible]:

[illegible] RE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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[illegible] S. SMITH,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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[illegible] April 1944.

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(Written 30 April 1944)

MOVEMENT OF GROUP

On April 7th [illegible] the Group [illegible] New Hebrides [illegible] a purpose of serving by duty, [illegible] Group [illegible] for the arrival of the balance of the organization. The main body of the Group departed from [illegible] on April 20th traveling both by train the water [illegible] of [illegible] one week.

Pilots [illegible] from [illegible] on April 20th [illegible] completed [illegible] new field.

STRENGTH OF GROUP AS OF 30 APRIL 1944

Group Headquarters -- Officers, 25; Enlisted men, 71.
489th Fighter Squadron -- Officers, 40; Enlisted men, 240.
490th Fighter Squadron -- Officers, 38; Enlisted men, 242.
507th Fighter Squadron -- Officers, 38; Enlisted men, 241.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

On April 21, 1944, Brigadier General [illegible] (Now Major General) [illegible] ceremony presented [illegible] to a large number of pilots of the Group. The ceremony took place on the [illegible] Combat Operations Officer [illegible].

Officers [illegible] Group Headquarters receiving the decorations were as listed:

Colonel Cecil L. [illegible] - - - - - - - 3rd and 4th Oak Leaf Clusters.

Lt. Colonel George L. Weitzenfeld, Jr.-1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Oak Leaf Clusters to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Lt. Colonel [illegible] - - - - Distinguished Service Cross *

Capt. [illegible] - - - - Air Medal

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* Former presentation of an award made for service in the Philippines in December 1941.

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PROMOTIONS AND DECORATIONS

Promotions:

Lieut. Col. [illegible] was promoted per A.O. 1, Hq. 8th AF, dated 30 Dec 43 to rank of Brig. Gen. A.U.S. effective 1 Jan 44.

Capt. Thomas B. Morgan, Jr. Group Operations Officer, was promoted to Major, same order as above.

Capt. Philip H. Goodhart to Major, same order as above.

Decorations awarded: (See Special Orders, A.P.O. 634, U.S. Army.)

ASSIGNMENTS AND REASSIGNMENTS

Lieut. Colonel George L. Hertenbach, Jr., Deputy Group Commander, was lost to our organization during the month by transfer as Group Commander to the 56th Fighter Group. Lieut. Colonel Hertenbach had been with our Group since the date of activation. He was a most able assistant to Colonel Wells in the organization and administrative operation of the Group, which experience coupled with his combat work, fitted him well for his new assignment.

Major Jack A. Thornblad, 65th Squadron Commander, was transferred to Group Headquarters and appointed Deputy Group Commander per A.O. 81, dated 24 April 1944.

Other assignments and reassignments are contained in Special Orders (see Appendix I enclosed).

OPERATIONS

Our Group was off operations at the beginning of the month due to exchange of planes which had taken place in March. It was not until April 4th that we were ready for our first mission of the month. From that date until the balance of the month, our Group went on twenty three missions. With but few exceptions these missions were dive bombing in character.

Our record of missions carried out for the month would be much better than it is but for the poor condition of the field at our new base which was soft and wet for several days, making it too hazardous for take offs.

On April 11th on the only strafing mission this Group has ever conducted up to the present date, we suffered the loss of Major Frank E. Reed, 65th Squadron Commander, a fine and inspiring leader and a great fighter. On the same mission we also lost Capt. John W. Dickson, Assistant Operations Officer of the 65th Squadron and 2nd Lieut Phillip H. Bellinger of the [illegible]

Every citizen of the United States, British or United Nations subject may be called upon to render service in defending the United Nations cause by the enemy, and should be prepared to serve where he is most needed in the war effort.

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[redacted] Fighter Group

Colonel Cecil [redacted]

Lt. Col. [illegible], commanding officer of the 386th Bomb Group, is the husky, frank, popular "park place" of his unit. Born in 1917, the colonel's home is in Edwardsville, Illinois, where his mother, Mrs. Taylor Wells, lives at 115 Hamilton Street.

Col. [illegible] attended the University of Illinois, studying mechanical engineering. He enlisted as an aviation cadet in June, 1937, graduated as 2nd Lt. in June, 1938, was 1st Lt. in September, 1940, Captain in February, 1942, Major in March of the same year, Lt. Col. in August, 1943. He served in the Carribean for 20 months, and was appointed senior pilot in October, 1942. So far, the colonel has been awarded the air medal and three oak leaf clusters.

The colonel's pride and joy are his wife and child, Mrs. Dorothy Wells, and Martha Ann Wells. The colonel's 7-47 Thunderbolt, "Martha Ann III", is named after her.

"Sports? I like 'em all!" the colonel says, "especially tennis, golf, and swimming."

Note: Lieut. Colonel Wells was promoted to Colonel on April 21, 1944.

Col. [illegible] . . . [illegible] Col. Daniel L. [illegible], Jr.

Col. [illegible] learned to fly in Hawaii when he was 19, and it has been his life and enthusiasm ever since. He went to the University of Virginia, but found what he really wanted when he entered Randolph Field in October 1938. He graduated from Kelly Field in August, 1939, and was subsequently stationed in Hawaii, Mitchel Field, N.Y., and Iceland. It was here that he wrote a book on flying and living in Iceland, which was lost on the way back to the states.

The Colonel is fond of riding, tennis, and shooting. His mother, Mrs. George A. Hertenbaker, lives on Rugby Ave., Charlottesville, Va.

The Colonel, to date, has managed one [illegible] 109, and has been awarded the air medal and three oak leaf clusters. He calls his A-[illegible], "Betty L".

OPERATIONS OFFICER . . . MAJOR RANDALL L. KEATOR

MAJOR KEATOR is the calmest, and one of the most competent, officers in the Group. Enlisting in September, 1940, he was commissioned in April, 1941, and went directly to the Phillipines. When the Jap struck, he was one of the few that got off the ground, picking off two Jap planes and getting one probable. Retreating to Bataan, where he commanded a company of infantry, then to Mindanao, where he flew for a month, Major Keator finally escaped to Australia in the baggage compartment of a pursuit ship. No wonder he's calm!

Major Keator's wife, Mrs. Litha Davis Keator, lives in Front, La; his father, Mr. Charles D. Keator, lives in Campti, La. The Major took his B.S. in Mathematics and science at Louisiana State Normal College in 1939. He is a member of Kappa Delta Kappa fraternity and the American Legion. He enjoys hunting and fishing, and received a letter in baseball at college.

Note: Major Keator was promoted to Lieut. Colonel on April 21, 1944

ASST. OPERATIONS OFFICER . . . CAPTAIN [illegible] N.

SCHWELLENBACH

CAPTAIN **SCHWELLENBACH, the lively, friendly,** contribution of the Great **Northwest** to the group, hails from Seattle, Wash., where his wife and parents live at 4814 41st St. He graduated from Washington State College, where he was on the varsity swimming team for two years, and a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

The captain enlisted as an aviation cadet in March 1942, and was commissioned in October of the same year. He has been awarded the Air Medal.

APENDIX I

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 411
APO 141 U. S. ARMY
13 April 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NO. 1)

1. The undersigned hereby assumes command of AAF Station 411.

CECIL N. ELLS,
Lieut. Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NO. 1)

[illegible] AAF STATION 411
APO 411, U. S. ARMY
14 April 1944.

1. The following are detailed to the Staff by aspts (all dy) set after their names.

MAJ JACK A [illegible]	[illegible]	AC	Deputy Commander and Air Insp
MAJ T A BARTRUM	[illegible]	AC	Executive and Admin Insp
CAPT ALVIN S GUTHRIE	0563183	AC	Adjutant
1ST LT JAMES S CRAFT	[illegible]	AC	S-1, Stat O and Asst Adj
MAJ JOSEPH A LAITCH	0408824	AC	S-2
MAJ RANDALL D HEATON	0412274	AC	S-3
CAPT RALPH H STUDLEY	0409443	AC	S-4
CAPT THOMAS W SCHTELLENBACH	0732375	AC	Camouflage Officer
CAPT LEWIS F SHERMAN	0732383	AC	Gunnery Officer
1ST LT PAUL E BELL	0562504	AC	Engineering Officer
WO(jg) GALE E MC ALLISTER	W2122069	ANS	Technical Insp
CAPT BERTRAM A STONE	0556490	AC	Defense O, Chl Warfare O, and Boards and Claims O.
MAJ DONALD K MC CUSKY	0473339	MC	Surgeon
CAPT KENNETH W BENJAMIN	0473782	MC	Respiratory Disease Officer
CAPT WILLIAM (NMI) PERLMAN	0169e152	MC	Medical Gas Defense Officer
CAPT PHILIP A COX	0403511	MC	Venereal Disease Officer
CAPT RUSSELL M VOLLMER	0559426	AC	Post Exchange Officer
CAPT MERLE C HOPPE	0559152	AC	Officers Mess Officer
2ND LT BOBBIE L LEDBETTER	01798367	CMP	Police and Prison Officer
1ST LT MARVIN (NMI) CAPPEL JR	0819791	AC	Cryptographic Officer
1ST LT ROBERT D OAKS	0561782	AC	Special Service Officer
2ND LT BRUCE G ELLISON	01642834	Sig C	Public Relations Officer
1ST LT HARLEY A BARNETTE	0856326	AC	Weather Officer
CAPT LEWIS (NMI) ALLENSON	01035226	CWS	Summary Courts Officer
1ST LT WILLIAM R WHEELER	01114328	CE	Fire Marshall
1ST LT BILLIE L HETHILL	01044539	AC	Flying Control Officer
CAPT MILTON Z REISS	0367131	CMP	Asst Provost Marshall

2. A Special Court-Martial Board is aptd to meet at Station 411 o/a 18 April 1944 for the trial of such persons as may be properly brought before it.

DETAIL FOR THE COURT			
MAJ DONALD K MC CUSKY	0473339	MC	
MAJ ARTHUR D JENKINS	0539458	AC	
CAPT KENNETH W BENJAMIN	0473782	MC	
CAPT HARVEY (NMI) HALL	0562197	AC	
CAPT FRANK D PERKINS	0400612	AC	
CAPT ALLAN W CHRISTY	0907375	AC	
CAPT RAYMOND G SHEA	0334677	MC	
CAPT HENRY D JOHNSON	0563420	AC	
CAPT BERTRAM A STONE	0556490	AC	Trial Judge Advocate
1ST LT EMANUEL (NMI) HABER	0668441	AC	Asst Trial Judge Advocate
CAPT LEWIS (NMI) ALLENSON	01035226	CWS	Defense Counsel
1ST LT MILTON A CARLTON JR	0567587	AC	Asst Defense Counsel

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELLS:

ALVIN S. GUTHRIE,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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ALVIN S. GUTHRIE,
Capt., Air Corps,
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1. The roll no [illegible] will [illegible] to [illegible] Apr 44 to [illegible] to [illegible] to [illegible] will sort for an [illegible] proper org and stn.

1st Lt [illegible], [illegible]
2nd Lt [illegible], [illegible]
1st Lt [illegible], [illegible]

TDY by MT, mil acft or rail. [illegible] not to exceed ($4.00) per day and/or ($1.5) per day for subsistence when messing facilities are not available, [illegible] Hq, [illegible], WY, 8 Nov 1944. [illegible] Forces here (-) Std 8 Nov 43)

2. [illegible] the 30[illegible]th Ptr Sq and assd to the [illegible]th Ptr Sq. [illegible]

3. The roll number [illegible] c/a 8 Apr 44 fr [illegible] to [illegible] instructions of the [illegible] completion to proper org and stn.

1st Lt [illegible]
2nd Lt [illegible]
S/Sgt. Timothy H. [illegible]
Sgt. John E. [illegible]
S/Sgt. [illegible]

TDY by MT, mil acft or rail. [illegible] not to exceed ($4.00) per day and/or ($1.5[illegible]) per day for subsistence when messing facilities are not available, [illegible] Hq, [illegible], WY, 8 Nov 1944. [illegible] ers not to exceed ($2.00) per day and/or ($1.[illegible]) per day for subsistence when messing facilities are not available, [illegible] [illegible], WY, 8 Nov 44. [illegible] Forces here (-) Std 8 Nov 43)

4. 1st Lt [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] classification Officer. [illegible]

5. Par 2, SO 41, this hqs, [illegible] reads:

"Upon directing the transfer and temporary duty of the following officers indicated to Harrington, Delaware, for period of [illegible] Mar 44 to 17 Mar 44 is hereby confirmed and made a matter of record"

is amended to read:

"Upon and 15 Mar 44 directing the transfer [illegible] of the following named 9 officers indicated to Harrington, Delaware, for period of [illegible] days fr 15 Mar 44 to 17 Mar 44 is hereby confirmed and made a matter of [illegible]

R E C A P I T U L A T I O N

[illegible] HQ 366TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 595 U. S. ARMY

8 April 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 29)

1. The foll named O of sqdns indicated will proceed o/a 9 April 44 fr Sta 157 to Burton Wood Repair Depot, Warrington, Lancashire, on temp dy for approx one (1) week for purpose of attending Parachute Rigging and Inspection and Dinghy Packing and Inspection School, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta.

2ND LT CHARLES E. WILLIAMS 01594552 QMC 366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT DAVID L. RAWNINGS, JR. 01646521 Sig C 367th Ftr Sq

TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. O atzd reimbursement for actual cost of qrs not to exceed $4.00 per day and/or $1.25 per day for subs where govt facilities are not available in accordance w/ Par 7, Policy No 30-1, Hq USAAFUK, 9 Nov 43. 91 -5 P 432-02 A 292/4.425. (Auth: Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, 8 Nov 43)

2. The foll named O and EM of the sqdns indicated will proceed o/a 10 Apr 44 fr Sta 157 to Western Ld temp dy to carry out instructions of the CO for an indefinite period of time, returning upon completion to proper orgn and sta.

[illegible] L. [illegible], JR. [illegible] AC Hq 358th Ftr Gp
S/Sgt [illegible] R. Miller [illegible]35 365th Ftr Sq
S/Sgt [illegible] W. Adams 37043148 365th Ftr Sq
Cpl [illegible] F. Pejsek 335[illegible]92 365th Ftr Sq

TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. O atzd reimbursement for actual cost of qrs not to exceed $4.00 per day and/or $1.25 per day for subs where govt messing facilities are not available, in accordance w/ Par 7, Policy No 30-1, Hq USAAFUK, 9 Nov 43. EM atzd reimbursement for actual cost of qrs not to exceed $2.00 per day and/or $2.00 per day for subs if govt facilities are not available, in accordance w/ Par 8a, Policy No 30-1, Hq USAAFUK, 9 Nov 43. 91-5 P 432-02 A [illegible]/4.425. (Auth: Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, 8 Nov 43)

3. [illegible] 14168, S Sgt, AC, Hq 358th Ftr Gp, will proceed o/a 10 Apr 44 fr Sta 157 to Air Engr Sch, Bovingdon, Herts, for the purpose of attending Instructors Course for a period of approx six ( ) days, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. Where govt q.s and/or subs is not available, rail transp for actual cost of qrs not to exceed $4.00 per day and allws of $1.25 per day for subs where govt facilities are not available in accordance w/ Par 7, Sec II, Policy No 30-1, Hq USAAFUK, 9 Nov 43. 91-5 P 432-02 A 292/4.425. (Auth: Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, 8 Nov 43)

4. Pursuant to provisions of par 18, AR 615-5, Pvt [illegible], [illegible], 16038436, is reduced to the grade of private for convenience of the Govt.

5. Pvt (747) [illegible], [illegible], 16[illegible]45, asgd to 366th Ftr Sq per par 4, SO #53, Hq 70th Ftr Wg dtd 5 Apr 44, is further asgd to the 367th Ftr Sq.

6. 2LT LT ARTHUR W. [illegible], [illegible]410, AC, asgd to 366th Ftr Sq per par 9, SO #53, Hq 70th Ftr Wg, dtd 5 Apr 44 is further asgd to the 367th Ftr Sq.

7. 2 Lt (AC) [illegible], [illegible], asgd to 358th Ftr Sq per par 10, SO #53, Hq 70th Ftr Wg, dtd 5 Apr 44, is further asgd to the 367th Ftr Sq.

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8. Under the provisions of AR 600-68, the foll named EM, 367th Ftr Sq, are awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

S/Sgt	Harry W. Brant	33249007
Sgt	Raymond J. Belford	37202768
Sgt	Clifford L. Posey	34520270
Sgt	Charles R. Lane, Jr	33229651
Cpl	William R. Reece	34435774
Pfc	Raymond B. Stapleton	13094807

9. Having reported to 358th Ftr Gp per par 5, SO #97, Hq AAF Sta 342, dtd 6 Apr 44 as amended by par 1, SC #98, Hq AAF Sta 342, dtd 7 Apr 44, the foll named O are asgd to sqdns indicated.

2ND LT	EDWARD F. BLEVINS	0816629 AC	366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	ARTHUR P CHARBONNEAU	0815282 AC	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	ERNEST R GIVEN JR.	0814678 AC	366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	ALBERT E. EIGELE	0815293 AC	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	RICHARD S. MANWARING	0815359 AC	367th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	JOHN A. MC DEVITT	0815363 AC	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	OTTO H. SCHROEDER	0815399 AC	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	ROBERT E. WARD	0815435 AC	367th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	JOHN H. WHEELER	0815438 AC	366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	CLARENCE O. WRIGHT	0815449 AC	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	MARTIN E. ALLEN	0814626 AC	366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	JAMES E. HOGAN	0815338 AC	367th Ftr Sq
F/O	JACOB C. BLAZICEK	T-61516 AUS	367th Ftr Sq

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELLS:

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E X T R A C T

6. Pursuant to instructions contained in ltr, IX Air Support Command, subj: "Movement of Troops," file number 340.5, dtd 26 Mar 44, the foll named units are reld fr assmt AAF Sta 157 and WP AAF Sta 411 o/a 10 Apr 44.

Headquarters 358th Fighter Group
365th Fighter Squadron
366th Fighter Squadron
367th Fighter Squadron
1104th MP Company (Avn) (less Det "A")
Det "C", 21st Weather Squadron
Det "F", 40th Mob Com Squadron
1066th Eng FF Platoon

a. This is a permanent change of sta.

b. Movement will be made by motor, air and/or rail transportation.

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c. Individual equip and orgn equip, property and impediments will accompany unit fr present sta.

d. Roster of unit attached hereto is made an integral part of this order.

e. Sufficient class "C" or "K" rations to last the journey and three (3) days class "B" rations will be taken.

f. Units CO will be responsible for submission of reports required by ltr, Hqs, SOS, ETO, subj: "Teleprinter Reports of Troop Movements", dtd 14 Dec 43.

g. The foll procurement auth will be obligated to the extent necessary: 91-5 P 433-01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, A 212/404.25. TDN.

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[illegible] 358TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

MODE OF TRAVEL	NAME & RANK	ASN	STATUS
	SERGEANTS (Cont'd)		
Rail	Watt, Robert S.	13168052	Present
Rail	Pesek, Frank T.	36381405	Present
Rail	Beard, Charles E.	38325047	Present
Rail	Davis, Benjamin M. Jr.	32481292	Present
Rail	Dobshaw, Robert W.	35277141	Present
Rail	Richmond, Alex (NMI)	36336700	Present
Rail	Zunkeller, Paul R.	14082673	Present
	CORPORALS		
Motor	Dean, Edwin W.	35614256	Present
Rail	Glass, Louis I.	35537065	Present
Motor	Nielsen, Louis B. Jr.	33357540	Present
Rail	Peterson, Gerald C.	17071436	Present
Motor	Remley, Dean F.	37399239	Present
Motor	Hill, Arnold L.	14188442	Present
Motor	Meyer, Charles J.	13040468	Present
Rail	Rodriguez, Severo (NMI)	38359968	Present
Rail	Kertes, Edward (NMI)	32443269	Present
Rail	Furtado, Joseph C.	31180759	Present
Motor	Adams, Charles R.	15341058	Present
Rail	Norton, Herbert H.	36416590	Present
Rail	Cross, Harvey G.	6940578	Present
Motor	Heilman, John R.	14170852	Present
Rail	Randolph, John W. F.	32761918	Present
Rail	Vivas, Sumner (NMI)	31296751	Present
	PRIVATES FIRST CLASS		
Rail	Prone, Michael (NMI)	31083970	Present
Rail	Staples, James F.	31201450	Present
Rail	Schnelker, Alfred T.	36502673	Present
Rail	Carley, Laurence (NMI)	36232231	Present
Rail	Morrison, Charlie R.	34399906	DS
Rail	Palmisano, Steve P.	17123962	Present
Motor	Favicchio, Philip F.	32503347	Present
	Breton, Francis G.	31316151	Present
	PRIVATES		
Rail	Fay, Nathan F.	19064570	Present
Rail	Black, Paul B.	36173036	Present
Rail	Ferrelli, Pasquale (NMI)	31174635	Present
Rail	Cohen, Saul L.	31201773	Present
Motor	Ray, Edward M. Jr.	31153052	Present
Rail	Tazza, Otello J.	32362845	Present
Rail	Vacirca, Joseph J.	31201664	Present
Rail	Kizauskas, Charles D.	31190794	Present
Rail	Jandran, Edward R.	31130475	Present
Rail	Demezas, James R.	39194090	Present
Rail	Little, Lawrence F.	38231902	Present
Rail	Matheny, Larry L.	34495339	Present
Rail	Corr, Francis (NMI)	11111819	Present
Rail	McMan, Alton J.	18219303	Present
Rail	Cordle, Robert C.	34501413	Present
Rail	Weinberg, Louis (NMI)	32882422	Present

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	MAJORS		
Air	FRANK D. PASS	O-406490	Present
	CAPTAINS		
Motor	PHILIP A. COX	O-407311	Present
Air	JOHN W. DICKSON	O-732189	Present
Air	GEORGE W. HUNT, JR.	O-666539	DS
Rail	FRANK D. PEBBLES	O-900612	Present
Motor	ALLAN F. ROSEBROCK	O-569996	Present
Air	BURTON D. VARIAN	O-432738	Present
	1ST LIEUTENANTS		
Air	HARRY D. BASSLER	O-665377	DS
Rail	SIDNEY R. BREITOWICH	O-857701	Present
Air	JACK W. COULTER	O-523271	Present
Air	ROBERT R. FISHEL	O-25459	Present
Rail	FRANCIS P. FOLEY	O-857959	Present
Air	CLAIR R. GEARHART	O-732219	Present
Air	HOWARD L. GURLEY, JR.	O-675696	Present
Air	JAMES F. HACKLER, JR.	O-25767	Present
Rail	KARL A. HANSEN	O-571934	Present
Motor	LAUREL M. HENLEY	O-572002	Present
Motor	DARWIN A. JOHNSON	O-578072	Present
Rail	DAVID W. JOHNSTON, JR.	O-678057	Present
Air	RAYMOND P. LORDAN	O-673398	Present
Motor	WALTER P. MORGAN, JR.	O-561723	Present
Motor	EDWARD MMI WEGLARZ	O-1953929	Present
Air	JEAN H. WOODYARD, JR.	O-672731	Present
	2ND LIEUTENANTS		
Air	JOSEPH MMI ATKINSON	O-687223	Present
Air	NORVIN H. AVERETT	O-795882	Present
Air	GERALD D. BLICK	O-693100	Present
Air	STEPHEN B. BRAK	O-812744	Present
Air	JOHN M. BUSTON	O-671497	Present
Rail	ARTHUR P. CHARBONNEAU	O-815282	Present
Rail	ALBERT E. EISELE	O-815293	Present
Air	ALBERT P. GSELL, JR.	O-675762	Present
Air	PAUL D. FLOYD	O-675686	Present
Rail	SEYMOUR W. GOTTLIEB	O-1046205	Present
Air	JOSEPH L. GREEN, JR.	O-675760	Present
Air	JAMES D. GREY	O-675694	Present
Rail	STEVE MMI LAZZIO	O-1589983	Present
Air	LEROY J. MANOR	O-810535	Present
Rail	JOHN A. MCDEVITT	O-815363	Present
Rail	OTTO H. SCHROEDER, JR.	O-815399	Present
Rail	WILLIAM H. SPRAGUE, JR.	O-810589	Present
Air	FRED H. TEW	O-675730	Present
Air	JAY V. THOMSON	O-674346	Present
Rail	CLARENCE O. WRIGHT	O-815449	Present
	FIRST SERGEANTS		
Rail	Ben E. Bryan	18033204	Present
	MASTER SERGEANTS		
Motor	Frank M. Crichton	15074091	Present
Motor	Harry E. Glavin	6539496	Present
Motor	Thomas R. Hicks	36317284	Present
Motor	Paul M. March, Jr.	33320909	Present
	TECHNICAL SERGEANTS		
Rail	Albert MMI Aldoroty	32222193	Present
Motor	Donald P. Blacketer	16067277	Present
Rail	Leonard MMI Bloom	32190091	Present
Rail	Charles MMI Cantlay	32278424	Present
Motor	Dailey J. Cornwell	16048161	Present
Motor	William E. Dentino	32250607	Present
Motor	Robert J. Graber	17056513	Present
Motor	Joseph M. Heinrich	39094379	Present
Motor	Steve L. Kahat	13040426	Present

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	[illegible] CONT'D		
Rail	[illegible] D. Lengley	[illegible]	Present
Motor	Kenneth H. Linquist	3[illegible]	Present
Rail	Wallace A. Lesee	6750759	Present
Motor	John T. Welch	14047227	Present
Motor	Charles E. Wilkinson	11038038	Present
	STAFF SERGEANTS		
Rail	Eugene W. Adams	35043148	DS
Motor	Louie E. Akins	34353262	Present
Motor	Hartwig C. Albert	33117887	Present
Motor	Romuald A. Belka	36172869	Present
Rail	Orin F. Buffington	34261984	Present
Motor	Harold K. Chickering	39834351	Present
Motor	Elmer E. Clemons	12073510	Present
Rail	Mark B. Danner	13072011	Present
Rail	Herbert J. Dawson	35043127	Present
Rail	Edwin T. Delaney	37115522	Present
Motor	Casimer J. Doskiewicz	32379945	Present
Rail	Donald P. Finch	12025575	Present
Motor	Nick C. Gelichak	35276882	Present
Motor	Edwin A. Gelinas	11038303	Present
Motor	Guido J. Girolami	36348325	Present
Rail	Charles D. Grove	37147366	Present
Rail	Victor J. Gruss	35275784	Present
Rail	Paul E. Heinl	35043144	Present
Rail	Fred D. Huffman	19102779	Present
Motor	Edward C. Jenkins	39118120	Present
Rail	Frank W. Kassay	31124260	Present
Rail	Carl C. Kem	35135262	Present
Rail	Paul E. Kirby	11031034	DS
Rail	Walter A. Krumenacker	33278387	Present
Rail	Luvern NMI Kuehl	37192677	Hosp
Motor	Frank M. Kuhn	31143144	Present
Motor	Elmer H. Lamay	33125596	Present
Rail	Arnold L. Larson	36223174	BS
Motor	Harry K. Latta	35383567	Present
Motor	Virgil R. League	39223586	Present
Motor	Carroll E. Lee	13069234	Present
Motor	Carrel E. Lewis	32379227	Present
Motor	Winifred NMI Lewis	6560399	Present
Rail	Jerry E. Lindesmith	39391698	Present
Rail	Leo B. Lloyd	38164110	Present
Rail	Lubbertus H. Lok	12094797	Present
Rail	Lloyd M. Looney	34352461	Present
Motor	Burleigh E. Lowe	31117387	Present
Rail	Marvin E. Loyd	14128989	Present
Motor	Edward W. Lutes, Jr.	33315007	Present
Motor	Laurence C. Maher	37368408	Present
Motor	Joseph D. McClure	35278106	Present
Rail	John R. Miller	7022285	DS
Rail	Robert A. Miller	33115267	Present
Motor	Robert H. Moore	18081939	Present
Motor	Frank Y. Murray	38161024	Present
Rail	John A. Newton	31081088	Present
Rail	John C. Oberg	32380051	Present
Rail	Raymond H. Olsgaard	37287248	Present
Rail	Samuel M. Osteen	38387649	Present
Motor	Kenneth R. Owen	11015202	Present
Motor	Charles W. Powers	35133984	Present
Motor	Lester K. Prichard	38114086	Present
Motor	Richard K. Quackenbush	35358909	Present
Motor	Joseph NMI Reinle, Jr.	32398527	Present
Motor	Harry C. Richardville	35482369	Present
Rail	Theodore M. Roy	11070792	Present
Motor	Richard O. Saunders	13065438	Present
Rail	Mat NMI Scarborough	34209374	Present
Motor	Clarence F. Schlossman	33238206	Present
Rail	Julius V. Schraishuhn	33320115	Present
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

	NAME		STATUS
	[illegible]		
Motor	Frederick F. [illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Motor	Joseph P. O'Markey	12223674	Present
Motor	James J. Stratton	26038751	Present
	[illegible]		
Rail	Albert F. Ahlfeld	32392600	Present
Rail	Laurence L. Allen	32142293	Present
Motor	Alphonse NMI Auglis	31158[illegible]	Present
Motor	John J. Babich	3324994[illegible]	Present
Rail	Richard L. Beigel	32378406	Present
Motor	Leo G. Bell	3624[illegible]2927	Present
Motor	Alexander H. Biedrzycki	33324499	Present
Rail	John B. Brinegar	18125495	Present
Rail	Lester E. Brinkman	35347278	Present
Rail	Richard O. Burnside	3539024[illegible]	Present
Motor	Francis E. Cadwallader	32270331	Present
Motor	Milton M. Cohen	12162416	Present
Rail	Samuel NMI Cohen	32236678	Present
Motor	Stephen J. Connolly	11088902	Present
Motor	Miles A. Crichman	31201391	Present
Motor	William V. Desvaux	37369695	Present
Rail	William J. Duffy	16076782	Present
Motor	Sylvester R. Foley	32[illegible]12583	Present
Rail	Jesse R. Halbrooks	14108301	Present
Rail	James J. Housenfluck	18041890	Present
Motor	Warren M. Jacobson	37266772	Present
Motor	Clarence M. Keith	36059956	Present
Motor	Carl E. Kersh	31512071	Present
Motor	Fred S. Koon	31330171	Present
Rail	Walter NMI Kwap	32405848	Present
Rail	Edward C. Lancaster	32377948	Present
Motor	Eustis D. Lancaster	33126605	Present
Motor	Nelson O. Lash	361[illegible]6995	Present
Motor	Victor NMI Layine	32271325	Present
Rail	Salvatore J. Lavorgna	31142983	Present
Rail	Robert C. Little	36508136	Present
Rail	Robert E. Luton	13045635	Present
Motor	Joseph F. Marone	32092762	Present
Motor	Dominick D. Massi	32634707	Present
Rail	Charles J. Maxwell	35514267	Present
Rail	Orville L. McComb	37205990	Present
Rail	Lonnie W. McGlothin	18180729	Present
Rail	Joseph NMI Micallef	39539208	Present
Rail	George T. Neumann	32397727	Present
Rail	Donald N. Olson	37298404	Present
Motor	William B. Patterson	13032519	Present
Rail	Leonard N. Patton	19122902	Present
Rail	William J. Pearston	31189372	Present
Rail	Joseph V. Radford	12039578	Present
Motor	Elmer L. Reason	15085307	Present
Motor	Raymond E. Rittman	35567322	Present
Motor	Israel S. Rosenthal	32399846	Present
Motor	Leon N. Sawyer	16217095	Present
Motor	Morris L. Schumer	32388351	Present
Motor	George J. Sobczak	16093732	Present
Motor	Archie W. St. Clair	33203738	Present
Motor	Harlan D. Taylor	11101004	Present
Motor	Henry S. Theys	32344674	Present
Motor	John R. Vaughn	34438560	Present
Rail	Thomas J. Warwick	35166517	Present
Rail	Robert S. Waters	38140169	Present
Motor	Raymond M. Weiss	37266009	Present
Motor	George L. Williams	36426594	Present
Rail	James W. Wilson, Jr.	13032538	Present
Motor	Nial L. Witherel	32502777	Present

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Rail			
	CHIEF RAIL		
Rail	Irving M.I Bornfield	32627153	Present
Motor	Thomas MMI Biggieri	31069793	Present
Rail	Lester R. Brantley	7033231	Present
Motor	Byrnes, William R.	8098531	Present
Rail	Louis A. Caron	31067170	Present
Rail	Edward M.I Carter	12119911	Present
Rail	Bernard C. Chipman	31201243	Present
Rail	Lester M. Chitwood	39318009	Present
Rail	Edward J. Clare	32349475	Present
Motor	Salvatore A. Colianni	32559882	Present
Motor	Leighton H. Cook	19052671	Present
Rail	Woodrow L. Costin, Sr.	13167521	Present
Motor	Ethan E. Cousins	34408500	Present
Rail	Robert H. Cox	34613467	Present
Rail	Donald R. Cushman	36408496	Present
Rail	Guerino MMI Foglia	32512642	Present
Motor	William MMI Getchey	33290133	Present
Motor	Byrl E. Gideon	6288405	Present
Rail	Victor J. Hajek	15332799	Present
Rail	Warren K. Harris	37226875	Present
Motor	Harry C. Hunsinger	12199294	Present
Rail	Lyle N. Johnson	37308578	Present
Rail	Grief G. Jones	13120991	Present
Rail	James W. Kennerly	34355778	Present
Rail	John F. Kowalski	32466915	Present
Rail	James H. Latham	14142116	Present
Motor	Walter J. LeVanway	31076460	Present
Motor	Albert W. Maier	37133257	Present
Rail	George H. Marston	11097297	Present
Motor	Charles W. Martindale	36500659	Present
Rail	Laurence J. Martineau	31172991	Present
Rail	Walter F. May	35509861	Present
Motor	Joseph MMI Meinholz, Jr.	36268909	Present
Motor	Robert J. Mephan Jr.	12153544	Present
Motor	Thomas L. Merrill	37436258	Present
Rail	Francis X. Mohr	36281242	Present
Motor	Thomas P. O'Malley	32620015	Present
Motor	Lawrence L. Painter	33206362	Present
Rail	Robert H. Parker	35514123	DS
Motor	Earl F. Pedro	31149674	Present
Motor	Charles MMI Petrow	31081730	Present
Rail	John L. Pickering	12132950	Present
Rail	John E. Pisano	12211784	Present
Motor	Orville L. Potter	37224800	Present
Rail	Oscar MMI Prince	12147074	Present
Rail	William H. Rae	31129807	Present
Rail	Fred W. Rohleder	15329192	Present
Rail	Dudley F. Sannell	31190460	Present
Motor	Joseph MMI Sano	35626774	Present
Motor	Robert E. Shannon	11114750	Present
Rail	Louis MMI Shapiro	37212774	Present
Rail	Joseph MMI Stern	12193406	Present
Rail	Harold MMI Stone	35711578	Present
Rail	Richard J. Suhr	36291876	Present
Motor	Robert S. Thompson	33499787	Present
Motor	Harry E. Upshurch	34163774	Present
Rail	Evan D. Vagin	39116313	Present
Rail	Edward F. Vojack	32565882	DS
Rail	Austin J. Waldron Jr.	32388642	Present
Rail	Raymond A. Waldrop	34724256	Present
Rail	Winston W. Wehrwein	36264676	Present

Rail	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Rail	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

Rail	Bittle, John A. Jr.	111 81?1	Present
Rail	Nicholas A. Violorito	3[illegible]	Present
Rail	Royce C. Cyr	3113[illegible]	Present
Motor	James D. Morris	11056?68	Present
Rail	Joseph J. Lasley	3257b556	Present
Motor	Aubrey MNI Landers	34441024	Present
Rail	John W. Moore	33631895	Present
Motor	Saul J. Paysnick	11117353	Present
Rail	Cecil G. Relation	11056448	Present
Motor	John J. Rossi	311396?3	Present
Motor	Thaddeus F. Rybkowski	3?582248	Present
Motor	Victor F. Tomaszewski	3?504?7?	Present
Motor	Charles S. Ulerick	13099041	Present
Rail	Frank MNI Wohinz	32335148	Present
Rail	Frank J. Zunic	33419098	Present

PRIVATES

Rail	Ronald R. Butler	3[illegible]195	Present
Motor	Ernest C. Carter	31[illegible]	Present
Rail	Paul G. Carver	35[illegible]139	Present
Motor	Thomas J. Davison	33[illegible]	Present
Motor	Atlee A. Grey	35[illegible]	Present
Motor	Van R. Hamilton	3[illegible]	[illegible]
Rail	Homer F. Montgomery	3[illegible]	Present
Motor	Fred C. Muller	12[illegible]139	Present
Rail	Daniel J. Murphy	3[illegible]3?3	Present
Rail	Albert MNI Phelps	3?[illegible]218	Present
Rail	George M. Russell	3129[illegible]	Present
Motor	Robert F. Stenking	3[illegible]12	Present
Rail	Walter F. Surmillo	3?[illegible]?92	Present

[illegible] FIGHTER SQUADRON

MODE OF TRAVEL	NAME & RANK	ASN	STATUS
	MAJOR		
Air	JACK A. THERIAULT	0-[illegible]	
	CAPTAINS		
Motor	ALLAN W. CHARLTON	0-907075	Present
Air	CHARLES T. KIMBALL	0-666953	Present
Rail	JOHN R. LOSS	0-569083	Present
Motor	WILLIAM (NMI) PEARSON	0-1696152	Present
Air	ROBERT C. SCHUSTER	0-793542	Present
Air	JOSEPH D. UNDERWOOD JR.	0-432732	Present
Motor	RUSSELL M. VOLLINK	0-559428	Present
	1ST LIEUTENANTS		
Air	C. A. (IO) AUSTIN JR.	0-673297	Present
Air	JOHN H. BUCKNER	0-25439	Present
Air	PETER (NMI) CORSON	0-726595	Present
Air	OLIVER W. DE GRUCHY JR.	0-25652	Present
Air	ALLAN W. FARLOW	0-665393	Present
Rail	KNUTE N. HYLEN	0-732257	Present
Air	VICTOR H. IDOL JR.	0-666542	Present
Air	ROBERT F. KROG	0-732276	Present
Air	MAX W. MC CLURE	0-675786	Present
Motor	WILLIAM D. RATHGEBER	0-860074	Present
Motor	GEORGE (NMI) ROBBINS	0-860160	Present
Air	ANTHONY L. SERAPIGLIA	0-732381	DS
Rail	RAPHAEL (NMI) SEACHES	0-857501	Present
Motor	SEYMOUR K. WARD	0-443999	Present
	2ND LIEUTENANTS		
Air	PHILIP D. BROCKUS	0-671494	Present
Air	WILLIAM DEAN	0-531401	Present
Rail	WALTER E. FELTZ	0-812783	Present
Motor	JACK L. HADDOCK	0-1551414	Present
Air	AUGUSTUS HAMILTON JR.	0-675767	
Air	JOHN R. HARBER,	0-675768	Present
Rail	EDWARD (NMI) KANTOREK	0-688269	Present
Air	JOHN J. KROENICK	0-688270	Present
Air	ERIK F. LINDENCRON	0-[illegible]462	Present
Air	HAROLD L. MC CLELLAN	0-673409	Present
Air	MEREDITH M. MC DANIEL	0-675789	Present
Air	CARREL M. SHOOK	0-521664	Present
Air	DAVID E. TUCK	0-674425	Present
Motor	JOSEPH (NMI) URBANC	0-855126	Present
Rail	CHARLES E. WILLIAMS	0-1594553	DS
	1ST SERGEANT		
Motor	John T. Spalding	15047132	Present
	MASTER SERGEANTS		
Motor	Alfred J. Gouba	6853720	Present
Motor	Lester A. Ross	6912267	Present
Motor	Russell C. Sherry	6942700	Present
	TECHNICAL SERGEANTS		
Motor	Dwight E. Abbott	37086176	Present
Motor	Morton E. Benson	36170201	Present
Motor	Virgil E. Chenoweth	35043191	Present
Motor	Samuel D. Chirsan	33261940	Present
Motor	Francis E. Cooke	13058372	Present
Motor	Peter (nmi) DiFoggio	11067162	Present
Motor	Harold A. Jones	36325826	Present
Motor	Marvin W. Lemke	36050555	Present
Motor	Raymond C. Peters	1[illegible]065685	Present

Type of Trade	Name	Seniority	Status
Motor	[illegible] Pickard	[illegible]	Present
Motor	Harold T. Putnam	12024396	Present
Motor	George A. Morris	20156258	Present
Motor	Michael E. Selbovitz	11024124	Present
Motor	Ross S. Wynott	6149159	Present
	STAFF SERGEANTS		
Rail	John F. Allgood	39530441	Present
Rail	Henry M. Anderson	35316484	Present
Rail	Fred (nmi) Austin	32425177	Present
Rail	Harold J. Berg	16033062	Present
Rail	John A. Bernatonis	33150646	Present
Rail	William F. Blackwell	34231193	Present
Rail	Albert H. Blamer	35137914	Present
Motor	Harold L. Brynes	32575331	Present
Rail	Louis S. Cipriani	13058349	Present
Motor	Orin T. Claybrook	37231383	Present
Rail	Warren F. Cowan	34188793	Present
Motor	Anthony J. Cuzzola	33273670	Present
Rail	Leo T. Dempsey	32449654	Present
Rail	Joseph W. Fish	39026713	Present
Rail	Evan L. Fristoe, Jr.	35328975	Present
Rail	Harold W. Getz	35043477	Present
Rail	Walter W. Grebing	38130263	Present
Motor	Carl (nmi) Green	34263264	Present
Rail	Donald A. Groves	38106254	Present
Motor	Myron C. Guinn	34201052	Present
Rail	Donald V. Hall	12035549	Present
Rail	Walter B. Harvey	38209152	Present
Rail	Joseph H. Havlik	16073533	DS
Rail	Alton E. Hazel	37033491	Present
Rail	Claude (nmi) Heere	33185455	Present
Motor	Edward F. Hobza	37126799	Present
Rail	Ralph E. Hurry	36058873	Present
Rail	Prattyman J. Jones	36175501	Present
Rail	Fred A. Kelly	3115394	Present
Rail	Harold J. Kennedy	36237446	Present
Rail	Clinton E. Kern	16043981	Present
Rail	Jacob J. Kern	36395345	Present
Motor	Edward J. Kiess	33350418	Present
Rail	Stephen C. Klucka	36174515	Present
Rail	Albert (nmi) Kochevar	36231234	DS
Motor	Edward H. Leache	38116616	Present
Rail	Woodrow W. Leonhart	37117112	Present
Rail	Melvin A. Leininger	16093051	Present
Rail	Robert V. Lentz	35135294	Present
Motor	Zeke B. Marchant	38105059	Present
Motor	Raymond A. Martin	35134868	Present
Motor	Ervin H. Masserole	35043532	Present
Rail	Ray O. Miller	18045959	Present
Rail	George A. Mockus	16049567	Present
Motor	Hans H. Newman	18075782	Present
Rail	Woodrow (nmi) Nime	35043158	Present
Motor	Constantine Nonno	35043341	Present
Rail	Morton F. Olson	36313788	Present
Rail	John (nmi) Paczak	36325189	Present
Rail	Robert A. Parry	12017764	Present
Rail	John (nmi) Patton	35134892	Present
Rail	Maurice J. Peck	37331166	Present
Rail	Ralph H. Pederson	39606533	Present
Rail	Leo J. Peterson	36243342	Present
Rail	Carl G. Pierce	34350951	Present
Motor	Leonard C. Poe	19065956	Present
Motor	Presnell, Donald M.	38385741	Present
Rail	James F. Robinson	39239173	Present
Rail	Oliver J. Rocchicioli	35501647	Present

Motor			
Rail	Wilbert H. [illegible]		
Motor	Sylvia J. [illegible]		
Motor	Martin M. [illegible]		
Motor	Virgil Vinson Jr.		
	SURGEONS		
Rail	[illegible]		
Motor	Herman (Hal) [illegible] Jr.		
Rail	H[illegible]rl S. Snider		
Rail	Max (Mac) Decker		
Rail	James D. Dent		
Rail	William O. Dent		
Rail	Albert A. Diamond		
Rail	Robert O. Drake		
Rail	Jesse E. Duke Jr.		
Rail	Robert W. Dyer		
Rail	Vincent J. Englund		
Rail	Willi[illegible] P. Fahey		
Rail	James T. [illegible]		
Rail	[illegible] F. Flint		
Motor	Reginald M. [illegible]		
Rail	Matthew T. [illegible]		
Motor	Edward F. Good		
Rail	Robert H. [illegible]		
Motor	Richard F. Hohnbaum		
Motor	Warren J. Hill		
Rail	Frank E. Hill		
Rail	Robert J. [illegible]		
Rail	Russell J. Iwaszko		
Motor	George (Bill) Jacot		
Motor	Michael J. Jurich[illegible]		
Motor	Louis M. Jurdic		
Rail	Donald L. [illegible]		
Motor	Robert C. [illegible]		
Rail	David H. [illegible]		
Rail	Stanislaw J. Lapinski		
Rail	Robert L. [illegible]		
Rail	Mac[illegible] Mansfield E.		
Rail	Gilbert R. [illegible]		
Rail	John A. McCall		
Rail	George G. [illegible]		
Rail	Delmar [illegible]		
Motor	Garner W. [illegible]		
Motor	Raymond J. [illegible]		
Motor	James L. [illegible]		
Rail	Carl L. [illegible]		
Rail	Wiley T. [illegible]		
Rail	Alfred M. Rodell		
Rail	Edward L. Rye		
Rail	Kenton L. Schmidt		
Rail	Francis A. Sellitti		
Rail	Leonard F. Schulz		
Rail	Lester L. Smith		
Rail	Robert E. Smith		
Motor	William R. Smith		
Rail	Roy M. Starr		
Motor	Chester L. Stowe[illegible]		
Rail	Leonard (Lud) Stuller		

LINE OF [illegible]	[illegible]	ASN	STATUS
Motor	[illegible] E. Taylor	141[illegible]	Present
Motor	[illegible] . Webb	31[illegible]165	Present
Rail	[illegible] (nmi) Weinberg	33[illegible]	Present
Rail	[illegible] E. Bell	35[illegible]	Present
Rail	[illegible]	3654[illegible]223	Present
	CORPORALS		
Rail	Lester [illegible]	33407762	Present
Rail	Melbourn E. Altstatt	18166919	Present
Motor	Anthony (nmi) Amaro	12193921	Present
Motor	Dexter (nmi) Baldridge	15039941	Present
Rail	Nathaniel (nmi) Bassuk	12142223	Present
Motor	George R. Bingham	33266139	Present
Rail	Delbert L. Blair	36055531	Present
Rail	Donald G. Bueton	36248311	Present
Motor	Harold T. Cannon	32363818	Present
Rail	Vene J. Clove	39834935	Present
Rail	Earl E. Collins	33[illegible]050	Present
Motor	Oscar A. Cronk Jr.	13141536	Present
Rail	John (nmi) Danilu[illegible]	13114996	Present
Rail	Donald R Davis	332950[illegible]	Present
Rail	Fred E. Epke	32586191	Present
Rail	William A. Fordyce	13108[illegible]3	Present
Rail	Charles L. Gilliam	35[illegible]50172	Present
Rail	Hayden G. Graver	3323[illegible]074	Present
Motor	Manuel L. Gurule	18046716	Present
Rail	Alban G. Heffele	37393489	Present
Rail	Clarence S. Inglis	13103181	Present
Rail	Alfred R. Kaufman	35255902	Present
Rail	Joseph D. Kelly	32578490	Present
Motor	Virgil E. King	15382212	Present
Motor	Arthur M. Knobloch	33[illegible]78536	Present
Rail	LeRoy J. Lindberg	39539679	Present
Rail	Gerald H. Linsley	37189623	Present
Rail	Sam S. Magnes	32382940	Present
Motor	James F. Maloney	11071019	Present
Rail	Manuel (nmi) Martinez	18184766	Present
Rail	Hayes (nmi) Martinez	39546716	Present
Rail	Charles J. Mathews	14156423	Present
Rail	Rubin (nmi) Meisel	32647233	Present
Rail	Marion T. Michalak	32375370	Present
Motor	Stanley F. Michalowski	[illegible]3053475	Present
Rail	Fred J. Mitchell	35367[illegible]02	Present
Motor	James E. Nairn	1315[illegible]222	Present
Rail	Arthur W. Nelson Jr.	37259605	Present
Rail	Clyde W. Neuenschwander	35341743	Present
Motor	Robert W. Oberschelp	37394276	Present
Motor	Roy B. Ora	35280216	Present
Motor	William B. Palmer	31248512	Present
Motor	Lucien A. Paquette	11069307	Present
Motor	Michael N. Parker	14112166	Present
Rail	Norman A. K. Pearson	11116616	Present
Rail	Charles V. Petkon	33255199	Present
Motor	Charles M. Polley	13021953	Present
Rail	John W. Potter	32362801	Present
Rail	Harry H. Pugh	3[illegible]259852	Present
Motor	Ernest L. Rasmake	130[illegible]545	Present
Rail	Wayne L. Ray	355655 5	Present
Motor	John A. Rialon	31228936	Present
Motor	Charlie S. Rigby	34385461	Present
Rail	Edwin E. Roberts Jr.	14119930	Present
Rail	John (nmi) Rosenkrantz	32611403	Present
Motor	Harry C. Ryder	11106706	Present
Rail	Walter H. Schukantz	56242153	Present

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MODE OF TRAVEL	NAME & RANK	ASN	STATUS
Rail	Thomas D. Sharp	33360199	Present
Rail	Luther J. Smith	13096878	Present
Rail	Thomas L. Stuckenwalt	33362904	Present
Motor	Paul A. Stephens	34440311	Present
Rail	Joseph N. Stine	33373615	Present
Motor	Ludwig J. Swasnick	35314122	Present
Motor	Reginald (nmi) Thames	14155586	Present
Rail	Paul H. Tyler	37420911	Present
Rail	Reuel N. Thompson	16045450	Present
Rail	Abel (nmi) Wernick	12190383	Present
Motor	Herbert R. White	19142315	Present
Rail	Fred J. Williams	39175312	Present
Rail	Louis (nmi) Wolitoki	32560942	Present
Rail	Orvil R. Wollen	19065074	DS
Rail	Jack A. Wright	19100273	Present
Motor	Walter C. Yauornik	36075573	Present
Rail	William R. Zimmerman	34370385	Present
	FWTS MCL		
Motor	Zane L. Box	16214105	Present
Motor	Lois S. Burleson	30360440	Present
Motor	Virgil G. Callahan	6966319	Present
Motor	Angelo (nmi) DelSordo	32560936	Present
Rail	Patrick J. Ferraiolo	32590557	Present
Rail	Leonard (nmi) Fox	31130973	Present
Motor	Elliott E. Jaquith	32581769	Present
Motor	Felix J. Jozak	16093054	Present
Rail	Robert (nmi) Kaminsky	11130179	Present
Motor	Alvin A. Marx	16064681	Present
Motor	John H. Pool-	34390279	Present
Motor	Charles (nmi) Rozanski	32555777	Present
Motor	Charles J. Walker	32270078	Present
Motor	Emil J. Zabka	13170036	Present
	PRIVATES		
Motor	Wilbur J. Abey	36179147	Present
Motor	Corlew C. Bowden	14122095	Present
Rail	John S. Braczinski	32563003	Present
Rail	Joseph F. Burns	32410112	Present
Motor	James N. Davis	34723062	Present
Rail	Walter (nmi) Galvin	32345222	Present
Motor	Leopold S. Gifford	31099154	Present
Rail	Walter L. Oddie	34996169	Present
Rail	William A. Rimlow	37107272	Present
Rail	William H. Reeves, Jr.	31324480	Present
Motor	Richard J. Sargent-	13155335	Present
Motor	Roy W. West, Jr.	34106142	Present
	2ND LIEUTENANTS		
Rail	Martin E. ALLEN	0-814626	Present
Rail	EDWARD P. BLEVINS	0-816629	Present
Rail	ERNEST R. GIVEN JR.	0-814673	Present
Rail	JOHN H. WHEELER	0-815438	Present

MODE OF TRAVEL	NAME & RANK	ASN	STATUS
	MAJOR		
Air	JAMES C. STEWART	0-396[illegible]	DS
	CAPTAINS		
Motor	KENNETH W. BENSON	0-[illegible]2	Present
Motor	HARVEY (NMI) HALL	0-563197	Present
Motor	HENRY C. HOPPE	0-559152	Present
Air	JAMES F. SCHILLE	0-666990	Present
Air	LEWIS F. SHERMAN	0-[illegible]2083	Present
Air	EDWARD M. SKRIETSKA	0-732392	Present
Air	CLARENCE E. VAN COTT	0-[illegible]2409	Present
	1ST LIEUTENANTS		
Air	VICTOR (NMI) BEACH	0-[illegible]154	Present
Rail	ROBERT W. BOWEN	0-567395	Present
Motor	GEORGE A. [illegible]AN, JR.	0-[illegible]976	Present
Rail	JOHN B. CALABRIA	0-[illegible]5	Present
Rail	LEO P. DESS	0-859664	Present
Air	[illegible] F. OGNISTY	0-793587	Present
Rail	RALPH F. PALAIA	0-575530	Abs Sk
Air	JOHN H. PEDIGO	0-[illegible]69-5	Present
Air	ALFRED W. PERRY	0-793529	Present
Air	MILFORD C. PETERSON	0-[illegible]319	DS
Air	LAWRENCE W. POOL	0-[illegible]576	DS
Air	OTTO M. RUESCHHOFF	0-666993	Present
Air	ALVIN W. SIEGEL	0-[illegible]3-5	Present
Air	ALEX V. VOORHEES	0-666590	Present
Air	JOHN A. WIERSEMA	0-[illegible]3443	Present
Air	LOUIS L. WILSON, JR.	0-25623	Present
	2ND LIEUTENANTS		
Rail	ROBERT P. ALBERT	0-[illegible]0723	Present
Air	MAX C. ARNOLD	0-671462	Present
Air	PHILIP R. BALLINGER	0-[illegible]1[illegible]8	Present
Rail	JAMES E. HOGAN	0-[illegible]5538	Present
Air	JOE R. HOLLOWAY, JR.	0-[illegible]1744	Present
Air	JAMES E. LIBERATORE, JR.	0-[illegible]7[illegible]3	Present
Air	GEORGE T. MILONE	0-[illegible]0533	Present
Rail	RICHARD B. MANNARINO	0-[illegible]3559	Present
Air	JAMES J. MC CABE	0-674[illegible]6	Present
Air	JOE. S. PARRISH, JR.	0-[illegible]2[illegible]2	Present
Air	RAE E. PRESTON	0-[illegible]0562	Preston
Rail	DAVID L. RAMIROS, JR.	0-1646521	DS
Air	ROBERT (NMI) SCHELLER	0-[illegible]71777	Present
Motor	LEE S. TERRYSON	0-1641127	Present
Rail	ROBERT E. WARD	0-[illegible]19435	Present
	FLIGHT OFFICER		
Rail	JAMES C. BLAZICEK	T-61516	Present
	FIRST SERGEANT		
Motor	Parnett R. Russell	19014595	Present
	MASTER SERGEANTS		
Motor	James H. Ruzbee	34199761	Present
Motor	Alexander Eleavage, Jr.	6894121	DS
Motor	William C. Powell	6990388	Present
	TECHNICAL SERGEANTS		
Rail	James T. Adams	34189150	Present
Rail	John (NMI) Byrd	14092210	Present
Rail	Joseph A. Byrnes	32171635	Present

Rail	[illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Rail	[illegible] E. [illegible]	[illegible]196	Present
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Motor	[illegible] F. Fl[illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Motor	[illegible] S. D[illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Motor	St[illegible] [illegible]	5[illegible]739	Present
Rail	[illegible] [illegible]	6981489	Present
Rail	[illegible] E. Sa[illegible]	1[illegible]	Present
Rail	[illegible] (HT) Sl[illegible]	3[illegible]29	Present
Motor	Th[illegible] [illegible]	6[illegible]501	Present
		36347930	Present

STAFF SERGEANTS

Rail	Ricco Martin	32837683	Present
Motor	[illegible] J. Mount	33149807	Present
Rail	Robert L. Brown	16[illegible]907	Present
Motor	Basil E. Faint	16[illegible]	Present
Motor	William H. Bryant	14[illegible]446	Present
Motor	C[illegible]arlos (NMI) Bueno	6697569	Present
Rail	Dona[illegible]e W. Burch	16024933	Present
Rail	[illegible] G. Burke	37422052	Present
Rail	[illegible]. R. Curtin	14074[illegible]2	Present
Rail	Edward J. Dahlgren	32192[illegible]2	Present
Motor	Michael F. DeFlavia	[illegible]2617	Present
Rail	Turner A. Deitsch	3[illegible]354	Present
Motor	[illegible] L. Ehlers	33154536	Present
Motor	[illegible] I. [illegible]	13[illegible]85	Present
Motor	Paul [illegible] A. F[illegible]	12[illegible]314	Present
Rail	Edward L. F[illegible]eiger	16197930	Present
Motor	[illegible]	12821119	Present
Rail	Robert E. Greyer	[illegible]	Present
Rail	[illegible] [illegible]	311[illegible]757	Present
Motor	[illegible] [illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Motor	[illegible] F. [illegible]	[illegible]	DC
Rail	[illegible] [illegible]	13104604	Present
Motor	[illegible] C. [illegible]	[illegible]	DS
Rail	[illegible] H. [illegible]	33179781	Present
[illegible]	Fra[illegible] [illegible]	11[illegible]347	Present
Motor	[illegible] [illegible]	16071990	Present
Motor	Arthur M. Lane	33126[illegible]	Present
Motor	Lawrence A. Love, Jr.	[illegible]	Present
Motor	[illegible] [illegible]	311[illegible]021	Present
Rail	[illegible]	12[illegible]753	Present
Motor	Edgar L. [illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Rail	John [illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Rail	Dav[illegible]	[illegible]158	Present
Motor	[illegible] [illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Rail	[illegible]	331.[illegible]	Present
Motor	Robert J. [illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Motor	Robert L. Olson	[illegible]	Present
Motor	Arthur B. Parks	[illegible]	Present
Rail	[illegible] [illegible]	[illegible]499	Present
Motor	Greg M. Parmenter	17[illegible]192	Present
Motor	William C. Pat[illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Motor	Robert W. R[illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Motor	[illegible] [illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Rail	Everett S[illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Rail	Robert F. S[illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Motor	Charles L. Taylor	[illegible]	Present
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Rail	[illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Rail	[illegible]	[illegible]	Present

Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

DES MOINES

Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rail	Bill M. Arnell	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rail	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motor	William D. Bart	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rail	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rail	[illegible] S. Bagley	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rail	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motor	Darrel L. Dwyer	[illegible]	Present
Rail	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rail	Odell T. Brown	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rail	[illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Motor	Lavender M. Calvelage	[illegible]	DS
Rail	[illegible]	[illegible]	Present
Rail	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rail	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motor	Robert W. Davis	[illegible]	DS
Rail	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rail	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rail	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motor	James E. Howard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rail	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rail	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rail	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rail	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

	CORPORALS		
Motor	Doyll H. Andrews	16169361	Present
Rail	Owen L. Back	38059915	Present
Motor	John R. Betz	15382494	Present
Rail	Charles W. Benton	33279298	Present
Rail	Kessy L. Bowman	18064370	Present
Rail	George Brown Jr.	37333496	Present
Motor	Jack T. Bumbalo	12215945	Present
Motor	Victor C. Bundonis	32771003	DS
Rail	Harry D. Ciesielski	16063060	Present
Rail	Charles W. Cooper	12073301	Present
Motor	John [illegible] Cote	31177597	Present
Rail	William S. D'Elia	32436338	Present
Rail	Jacob W. Diehl	13176430	Present
Rail	Hervey C. Dixe	33202637	Present
Motor	Bernard I. Eisenberg	17175012	Present
Motor	Earl C. Fischer	37230128	Present
Motor	Max R. Hager	37546216	Present
Motor	Robert G. Jenks	36401643	Present
Motor	Alexander S. Korti	31167735	Present
Rail	Paul A. Kosert	11099139	Present
Rail	Samuel P. Leveridge	35475622	Present
Motor	Joseph Litwin	33294928	Present
Rail	George C. Long	14123852	Present
Rail	Clarence M. Maguire	33374994	Present
Rail	Robert E. Mansfield	31171368	Present
Rail	Henry W. Massenburg	39536142	Present
Rail	Charles L. McCormick, Jr.	33254508	Present
Rail	Richard P. McGraw	31117434	Present
Rail	George E. Mena	34209954	Present
Motor	Stanley C. Milek	33013805	Present
Motor	Victor D. Moose	12200281	Present
Rail	Marshall E. Neilsen	36617141	Present
Motor	Peter P. Norici	36408605	Present
Motor	Milton Newman	32539148	Present
Rail	George P. O'Connor	37305273	Present
Rail	Howard L. Otis	12166561	Present
Rail	Charles E. Pastor	32460532	Present
Rail	Carmen P. Pennulla	33101236	Present
Motor	Joseph Perrotto	30114880	DS
Motor	Joseph W. Pietrowski	33474075	Present
Rail	Armando J. Poli	11044963	Present
Rail	Thomas J. Pound	38301011	Present
Motor	William R. Reece	34435774	Present
Motor	Frank Riches	37427947	Present
Rail	Jack Rogers	34390423	Present
Motor	Herbert Rubin	32414734	Present
Rail	William C. Rust	15107586	Present
Rail	William J. Ryan	12030086	Present
Motor	James T. Schwally	32437297	Present
Rail	Gerard M. Sheehan	31157357	Present
Rail	Cornelius J. Spoelstra	36169109	Present
Motor	Carmine J. Stabile	32503326	Present
Rail	Leonard T. Stine	13102002	Present
Rail	Stanley J. Vincent	31053651	Present
Motor	Ned E. Walker	37221391	Present
Rail	William E. Weber	35368218	Present
Rail	William R. Wagner	32455352	Present
Motor	Alton I. Weiss	12135545	Present
Rail	Glenn A. Weisser,	36427104	Present
Motor	James B. Wickman	35669542	Present
Rail	Frank A. Williams	35354609	Present
Rail	Fred P. Wright	34473638	Present
Rail	Paul Zlonkiewicz	13116330	Present
	PRIVATES FIRST CLASS		
Motor	Howard J. Baldwin	32794433	Present
Motor	Timothy F. Crimmins	32440291	Present

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Motor	Herbert R. Dillenkofer	32503178	Present
Motor	James T. Freeman	14151974	Present
Rail	Solomon M. Gross	12147997	Present
Motor	Peter J. Kilday	33392163	Present
Motor	Charles L. Larson	37231579	Present
Motor	Harry R. McClelland	33166617	Present
Rail	Palmer H. Millar	39561475	Present
Motor	Harry W. Nielsen	37466143	Present
Motor	Fay T. Ostrander	33273932	Present
Rail	James R. Parker	34445223	Present
Motor	Marino Pizzingrilli	12166691	Present
Rail	Daniel Race	33326902	Present
Rail	William E. H. Rhein	33109148	Present
Rail	Leroy S. Richardson	13102120	Present
Motor	Philip T. Richardson	35309909	Present
Motor	Lloyd D. Rife	37202816	Present
Motor	Jacob E. Shor	32776054	Present
Motor	Joe Smigle	35589529	Present
Motor	Jack W. Staats	37428498	Present
Motor	Raymond B. Stapleton	13094807	Present
Motor	Patsy A. Valentino	32197060	Present

PRIVATES

Motor	George E. Boyd	12058247	Present
Motor	Charles Deskovick	32555961	Present
Rail	June W. DuShane	6297617	Present
Rail	Raymond Hall	13036572	Present
Rail	Erwin D. Kafton	12124652	Present
Rail	Raymond N. McDaniel	39056375	Present
Motor	James D. Miller	35037386	Present
Rail	Fred Moses	6995128	Present
Rail	James L. Trotter	34608924	Present
Rail	Elsmen Warwick	39849762	Present

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	SgP.A.T.		
Rail	[illegible]	[illegible]	Present
	1LT [illegible]		
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]	Present
	FIRST SERGEANT		
Motor	Robert L. Robbins	13013994	Present
	STAFF SERGEANT		
Motor	Theodore (NMI) Novak	14015341	Present
	SERGEANTS		
Motor	George F. Cenko	324-9310	Present
Motor	John E. Hall	16000474	Present
Motor	Harold O. Wilcox	31202479	KIA
Motor	Jerry L. Boggs	32[illegible]272	Present
Motor	Donald E. Wolanyk	32233955	Present
Rail			
	SECOND LIEUTENANT ROTC HEADQUARTERS		
Rail	William O. Burdett	05001903	Present
	CORPORALS		
Rail	Bernard E. Ir delew	32[illegible]576	Present
Motor	George E. Breitmeyer	32576327	Present
Rail	Alberdee P. Lewallie	13191225	Present
Motor	Stephen E. Lengyel	32000[illegible]75	Present
	PRIVATE FIRST CLASS		
Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]3613	Present
Rail	[illegible]	[illegible]3573	Present
Motor	[illegible]	4[illegible]1331	Present
Rail	Birl E. Lair	32[illegible]296	Present
Motor	Don A. Magason	[illegible]	Present
Rail	Carlos B. Carriger	[illegible]3983	Present
Rail		[illegible]1596	Present
	PRIVATE FIRST CLASS		
Rail	Fred (NMI) Adams	[illegible]301762	Present
Rail	James D. Clinton	[illegible]221304	Present
Rail	Ronald A. Combs	[illegible]27[illegible]10	Present
Rail	Milton M. Corner	[illegible]3523[illegible]39	Present
Rail	Paul E. Daniels	[illegible]3571[illegible]60	Present
Motor	Paul E. Davis	[illegible]5[illegible]1[illegible]7	DS
Rail	Harold (NMI) Frolich	[illegible]2[illegible]1[illegible]1	Present
Rail	Stanley E. Gaida	[illegible]30[illegible]194	Present
Rail	Tony (NMI) Geronimo	[illegible]7[illegible]6[illegible]22	Present
Rail	Roger (NMI) Hancock	[illegible]760[illegible]000	Present
Rail	Clarence F. Pollock	[illegible]2[illegible]1[illegible]460	Present
Rail	Adolph C. Schwarzhoff	[illegible]2[illegible]2[illegible]1[illegible]	Present
Rail	Donald W. Shelton	[illegible]303[illegible]19	Present
Rail	Raimond O. Vainikuss	[illegible]57[illegible]092	Present
Motor	Glen F. Westfall	[illegible]0[illegible]7272	Present
		[illegible]75[illegible]0[illegible]	Present

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[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible]	ASN	[illegible]
	2ND LIEUTENANTS		
Motor	THOMAS S. [illegible], JR.	0874032	Present
Motor	EVERETTE A. HURD	0874301	Present
	TECHNICAL SERGEANTS		
Motor	Sylvester P. Bielejeski	36143919	Present
	SERGEANTS		
Motor	Joseph G. Archer	35170945	Present
Motor	Denver V. Gifford	35466192	Present
Motor	Edward W. Kienappel	18060673	Present
Motor	John P. Lawton	12073980	Present
	CORPORALS		
Motor	Cecil W. Bowling	37157259	Present
Motor	Herman E. Dowling	15323031	Present
Motor	Donald W. Demerath	36303255	Present
	TECHNICAL SERGEANTS		
Motor	John B. Shuler	15070538	Present
	STAFF SERGEANTS		
Motor	William B. Hyland	35412752	Present
	SERGEANTS		
Motor	Rodney D. Block	35381411	Present
Motor	Carl (NMI) Sorin	11037999	Present
	CORPORALS		
Motor	Nathaniel (NMI) Capillo	31099744	Present
Motor	Augustus A. Mendillo	11101978	Present
Motor	Linwood D. Ware	31099708	Present
Motor	Isidore (NMI) Weiss	14083051	Present
	PRIVATE FIRST CLASS		
Motor	William (NMI) Tallbull	39810357	Present

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MODE OF TRAVEL	NAME & RANK	ASN	STATUS
	CHIEF LIEUTENANTS		
** Motor	[redacted]	0874032	Present
Motor	[redacted]	0874301	Present
	TECHNICAL SERGEANTS		
Motor	Sylvester F. Bielejeski	36140918	Present
	SERGEANTS		
Motor	Joseph G. Archer	35170845	Present
Motor	Denver W. Gifford	35460192	Present
Motor	Edward W. Kienappel	16060875	Present
Motor	John P. Lawton	12070980	Present
	CORPORALS		
Motor	Cecil W. Bowling	37157259	Present
Motor	Herman E. Bowling	15528031	Present
Motor	Donald M. Demerath	36303288	Present
	TECHNICAL SERGEANTS		
Motor	John B. Shuler	15070438	Present
	STAFF SERGEANTS		
Motor	William F. Byrnes	35412740	Present
	[redacted]		
Motor	Rodney D. Clark	38381411	Present
Motor	Carl (NMI) Girin	11087999	Present
	CORPORALS		
Motor	Nathaniel (NMI) Capillo	31090744	Present
Motor	Augustus A. Mendillo	11101073	Present
Motor	Linford D. Mare	31039708	Present
Motor	Isidore (NMI) Weiss	14068081	Present
	PRIVATE FIRST CLASS		
Motor	William (NMI) Tallbull	39210387	Present

[illegible] Sgt. 1st. Scout.

MODE OF TRAVEL	NAME - RANK	ASN	STATUS
	1ST LIEUTENANTS		
XXXX Motor	[illegible] WHEELER	O-1114328	Present
	STAFF SERGEANT		
Motor	Edward B. McCabe	32856842	Present
	SERGEANTS		
Motor	Alfred F. DeGrazia	36867090	Present
Motor	Owen H. Smith	37357307	Present
Motor	Ellis D. Williamson	36856106	Present
Rail	Lloyd E. Wolfe	33513095	Present
	T/4 SERGEANTS		
Motor	James L. Veen	32761487	Present
	CORPORAL		
Motor	Frank (NMI) Leone	32894251	Present
	T/5 CORPORAL		
Motor	Keith E. Bunker	36866125	Present
Motor	John H. Harrikson	37572026	Present
Motor	George W. Kakule	32856584	Present
Motor	William T. Kelly	32891622	Present
Motor	Charles J. Lestrange	33603245	Present
Motor	Paul W. Shisler	37535756	Present
	PRIVATE FIRST CLASS		
Motor	Joseph H. Barnett	37319074	Present
Motor	Harry J. Danielak	35553126	Present
Motor	Thomas J. Healy	32495654	Present
Motor	Clarence A. Pacenta	33607643	Present
Motor	Lewis (NMI) Scarbrough	36873047	Present
	PRIVATES		
Rail	Ervin J. Alldredge	36659380	Present
Rail	Vincent G. Ciarlillo	15320410	Present
Rail	Raymond (NMI) Constante	39110814	Present
Rail	Melvin V. Harley	34652786	Present
Rail	Walter G. Holt	34651871	Present
Motor	Orval R. Irelan	35552075	Present
Rail	Willie A. Martinez	39856054	Present
Rail	Harry F. Pearson	36559671	Present
Rail	Daniel (NMI) Ruscitti	36659870	Present
Rail	Harold J. Shaffer	33593922	Present

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HEADQUARTERS 359TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 549 U. S. ARMY

12 April 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NO. 31)

1. MAJ JACK A MERRIAULT, 0432140, AC, is reld fr asgmt with 368th Ftr Sq, and asgd to Hq 359th Ftr Gp.

2. MAJ JACK A MERRIAULT, 0432140, AC, is apntd Group Deputy Commander vice LT COL GEORGE L WESTBROOK, JR, 0393756, AC, reld.

3. CAPT EARL D VANIAN, 0438734, AC, is apntd Commanding Officer of the 368th Ftr Sq.

4. CAPT JOSEPH D LINDSWOOD, 0432732, AC, is apntd Commanding Officer of the 368th Ftr Sq vice MAJ JACK A MERRIAULT, 0432140, AC, reld.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WILLIS:

ALVIN S. WILLIS,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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ALVIN S. WILLIS,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U. S. ARMY

14 April 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 32)

1. WOCO appointing 1Lt JAMES C STEWART, 0366788, AC, Commanding Officer of the 367th Ftr Sq effective 9 Jan 44 is hereby made a matter of record.

2. EM of Hq 358th Ftr Gp are reld fr atchmt to 366th Ftr Sq for rats and atchd to 367th Ftr Sq for rats.

3. 1194th MP Co (Avn) less Det "A" atchd to 358th Ftr Gp for rats and qrs per par 4, SO #33, Hq XIX ASC, dtd 1 Apr 44, is further atchd to 365th Ftr Sq.

4. 2056th Engr FF Platoon atchd to 358th Ftr Gp for rats and qrs per par 4, SO #33, Hq XIX ASC, dtd 1 Apr 44 is further atchd to 366th Ftr Sq.

5. 44th Bomb Disposal Squad atchd to 358th Ftr Gp for rats, qrs and adm purposes is further atchd to 365th Ftr Sq for rats, qrs, and adm purposes.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELLS:

ALVIN S. GUTHRIE,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

NO.

1. [illegible]

2. [illegible] Officers
[illegible], Mobile Fighter Control Squadron [illegible], [illegible] Field, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] Division, Army Air Forces, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] Air Force Base, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] Air Force Base, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] Air Force Base

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HEADQUARTERS 359TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U. S. ARMY

22 April 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 84)

1. Under the provisions of Sec II, AR 605-115, 14 July 44, the following named O (Air Crew) of the 365th Ftr Sq are granted two (2) days leave of absence c/a 23 Apr 44.

1ST LT JOHN K WOODYARD JR 0672731 AC
2ND LT ALBERT P O'NEIL JR 0675762 AC
2ND LT ALBERT EICHELE 0715293 AC

2. Under the provisions of Sec II, AR 605-115, 14 July 44, the following named O (Air Crew) of the 365th Ftr Sq are granted two (2) days leave of absence c/a 23 Apr 44.

2ND LT GEORGE T MALONE 0710533
2ND LT RAE E PRESTON 0714562

3. CAPT FRANK D PEBBLES, 0900412, AC, WP 38th Sta Hospital c/a 23 Apr 44 for this sta for observation and treatment returning upon completion to proper org and sta. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ninth Air Force Memo 54 dtd 8 Nov 43)

4. WOCG 19 Apr 44 placing the foll named EM on temp dy [illegible] period of two (2) days on 19 Apr 44 to proceed to Bristol by MT for the purpose of picking up supplies and upon completion to proper org and sta, is hereby confirmed and made a matter of record. Exigencies of the service prevented the issuance of orders in advance.

S/Sgt	Edward J Sullivan	12083730	Hq 359th Ftr Gp
Pvt	Ernest G Carter	31099840	365th Ftr Sq
Pvt	Fred C Miller	12135132	365th Ftr Sq

Reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or subs not to exceed $3.00 per day for officers and $2.00 per day for subs for periods when govt facilities were not available is authorized. TDN 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ninth Air Force Memo 54 dtd 8 Nov 43)

5. Under the provisions of par 3a, AR 35-320, 2ND LT ALVIN R [illegible] 0555[illegible], Ord, 44th Ord B D Squad (Sep), is appointed Class "A" Finance Agent to the Disbursing Officer, AAF Station 413, for payment of O and EM on regular, partial, and supplemental payrolls and vouchers until relieved.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELLS:

ALVIN R. [illegible] JR.
Capt., AAF [illegible],
Adjutant.

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[redacted] BASE AIR DEPOT GROUP
APO 142 U. S. ARMY

24 April 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 35)

1. The foll named O and EM, 2050th Eng P P Pltn, are placed on temp dy for approx two (2) days and will proceed fr this sta o/a 24 Apr 44 to Sta 143 to carry out instructions of CO returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta.

1ST LT WILLIAM R WHEELER	01114328
T/4 James E Veen	32761427
Pfc Joseph H Barnette	37319074

O atzd reimbursement not to exceed $4.00 per day if govt qrs or billets are not available at temp dy sta, and an alws of $1.25 per day is atzd if govt mess fac are not available. EM atzd reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or subs not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for subs for periods when govt fac are not available. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: 100th Ftr Wg TWX P165 and Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43)

2. The foll named EM, 44th Ord B D Squad (Sep) are placed on temp dy for a period of approx four (4) days and will proceed fr this sta by MT o/a 25 Apr 44 to Arborfield and Birmingham to pick up equipment, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta.

T/5 Gale (NMI) Dorothea	32875337
T/5 Donald J. Kueter	37654754

Reimbursement not to exceed $2.00 per day is atzd if govt qrs or billets are not available at temp dy sta, and alws not to exceed $2.00 per day is atzd if govt mess facilities are not available. TDN 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43)

3. 2ND LT BRUCE G ELLISON, 01642834, Sig C, Hq 358th Ftr Gp, WP London c/a 27 Apr 44 on temp dy for approx two (2) days for the purpose of attending PRO conference, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. Reimbursement not to exceed $4.00 per day is atzd if govt qrs or billets are not available at temp dy sta, and an alws of $1.25 per day is atzd if govt mess facilities are not available. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43)

4. Under the provisions of par 3a, AR 35-320, CAPT ALLAN W CHARLTON, 0907075, AC, is aptd Class "A" Finance Agent to the Disbursing Officer, AAF Station 413, for payment of O and EM on regular, partial, and supplemental payrolls and vouchers until reld for the foll orgns atchd to the 366th Ftr Sq.

Det "U" 21st Weather Sq
Det "U" 40th Mobile Communications Sq
Flying Control Sq

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELLS:

OFFICIAL:

ALVIN S. GUTHRIE,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

ALVIN S. GUTHRIE,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U. S. ARMY

26 April 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 36)

1. Pfc Peter (NMI) Patochek, 33621666, 1194th M P Co WP Sta 449 o/a 27 Apr 44 on DS for a period of two (2) days reporting to A-1 Section before 1000 hrs 28 Apr 44. S/R and Form 20 will accompany subject EM. Upon comp DS return to proper orgn and sta.

2. 1ST LT HENRY H BANKE, 01550102, Ord, Hq 358th Ftr Gp, is reld fr dy with 367th Ftr Sq.

3. CAPT KENNETH W BENJAMIN, 0473782, MC, 367th Ftr Sq, is placed on temp dy for approx two (2) days and WP 2nd Gen Hosp, APO 647, U S Army, to carry out instructions of the CO, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail.

Reimbursement not to exceed $4.00 per day is atzd if govt qrs or billets are not available at temp dy sta, and an alws of $1.25 per day is atzd if govt messing facilities are not available. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43)

4. Pvt John P Angus, Jr, 32472657 (687), having reptd this Hq per par 5, SO #3, Hq XIX Tactical Air Command, dtd 22 Apr 44, is asgd to 367th Ftr Sq.

By order of Colonel WELLS:

ALVIN S. GUTHRIE,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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ALVIN S. GUTHRIE,
Capt., Air Corps,
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27 April 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NO. 97)

1. Upon completion the roll placed O and EM of arms indicated, or temporarily for a period of ten (10) days o/a 26 Apr 44, to proceed to Winchester, Hants, and then to Shilbottle, Nbld, to carry out instructions of the CO, returning upon completion of latter duty, and rpt, is hereby confirmed and made a matter of record. Exigencies of the service precluded the issuance of orders in advance. TD by RR, mil mot or rail.

O and EM reimbursement not to exceed $1.50 per day if govt qrs or billets are not available at temp by sta, and the rate of $1.25 per day is auth if govt messing facilities are not available. EM auth reimbursement not to exceed $2.00 per day if govt qrs or billets are not available at temp by sta, and the rate of $1.50 per day is auth if govt messing facilities are not available.

CAPT [illegible]	[illegible]	366th Ftr Sq
CAPT JOSEPH D [illegible]	0432732	366th Ftr Sq
S/Sgt Orin I [illegible]	31281393	366th Ftr Sq
Pfc [illegible]	32255777	366th Ftr Sq
S/Sgt [illegible]	32[illegible]	365th Ftr Sq
Sgt Orman E Drake	32[illegible]	367th Ftr Sq

(Auth: March Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 5 Nov 43)

2. Per SO #110, this Hq per par 1, SO #110, Hq AAF Sta [illegible], are rpt'd to Sqdn Hq stated.

2Lt [illegible]	[illegible] AC	365th Ftr Sq
2Lt [illegible]	[illegible] AC	365th Ftr Sq
2Lt [illegible]	[illegible] AC	365th Ftr Sq
2Lt [illegible]	[illegible] AC	366th Ftr Sq
2Lt [illegible]	[illegible] AC	366th Ftr Sq
2Lt [illegible]	[illegible] AC	366th Ftr Sq
2Lt [illegible]	[illegible] AC	367th Ftr Sq
2Lt [illegible]	[illegible] AC	367th Ftr Sq

By order of Colonel [illegible]:

[illegible] S. [illegible],
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP
APO 141 U. S. ARMY

D-H-1

June 8, 1944.

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal, History Reports.

TO: Commanding Officer, 358th Fighter-Bomber Group, APO 141, U.S. Army.

1. In accordance with IX Fighter Command Memorandum No. 50-4, dated 15 December, 1943, submitted herewith are Unit History Reports for all units of 358th Fighter Group, covering period May 1944.

Joseph A. Lanton
Joseph A. Lanton
Major, Air Corps,
Historian.

4 Incls:
Incl 1 - Hist Report 358 FB Gp (in dup).
Incl 2 - Hist Report 365 FB Sq (in dup).
Incl 3 - Hist Report 366 FB Sq (in dup).
Incl 4 - Hist Report 367 FB Sq (in dup).

313.3 1st Ind. G-H5
Headquarters, 358th Fighter-Bomber Group, APO 141, U. S. Army, 6 June 1944.

To: Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, U. S. Army, Attn: A-2. (THRU: Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, APO 141, U. S. Army, ATTN: A-2)

Forwarded.

For the Group Commander:

Harvey Hall

4 Incls: n/c

HARVEY HALL,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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UNIT HISTORY REPORT
358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP
(North of Italy 1944)

STRENGTH OF GROUP AS OF 31 MAY 1944

Group Headquarters -- Officers, 26; Enlisted Men, 71.
365th Fighter-Bomber Squadron -- Officers, 47; Enlisted Men, 345.
366th Fighter-Bomber Squadron -- Officers, 43; Enlisted Men, 349.
367th Fighter-Bomber Squadron -- Officers, 47; Enlisted Men, 348.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Colonel Cecil L. Wells, Group Commander, was presented with the Distinguished Flying Cross during the month. Presentation was made by Lieut. General Brereton.

Awards of medals and oak leaf clusters made during the month are contained in the individual squadron histories.

PROMOTIONS AND DEMOTIONS

Officers:

Major Jack A. Therriault, from Major to Lt. Colonel.
1st Lt. Milton A. Carlton, Sr., from 1st Lt. to Captain.
1st Lt. Glenn A. Sauder, from 1st Lt. to Captain.
1st Lt. James S. Creft, from 1st Lt. to Captain.

Enlisted Men: (See Special Orders, Appendix I).

ASSIGNMENTS AND REASSIGNMENTS

(See Special Orders, Appendix I).

OPERATIONS

Our Group participated in twenty-seven operational missions during the month. These were varied in character, including escort of both heavy and medium bombers, dive bombing, glide bombing, strafing and area sweeps.

Colonel Cecil L. Wells was officially credited during the month with destroying a Ju-88 in action on April 20th.

During the month the designation of the Group was changed to 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

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[illegible]
APO 14[illegible] [illegible] U. S. ARMY

1 May 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NO. [illegible])

1. Cpl Charles W Martindale, [illegible], 358th Ftr Sq is placed on temp duty for approx two (2) days and PT Sch [illegible] eff 3 May 44 rpts to G-1 section for the purpose of appearing before the QMS Board, returning upon comp to proper org and sta. Reimbursement not to exceed $2.66 per day is atzd if govt qrs or billets are not available at temp duty sta, and or alws not to exceed $2.66 per day is atzd if govt messing facilities are not available. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/43.25. (Auth: Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, 3 Nov 43.

2. 1ST LT HERMAN (NMI) HARRIS, [illegible], AC, Hq 358th Ftr Gp, is aptd Asst Camouflage Officer.

3. The foll named EM are temp dy for approx fourteen (14) days with 358th Ftr Gp per par 1d, SO #118, Hq 2nd Strategic Air Depot, dtd 27 Apr 44, are atchd to 366th Ftr Sq for qrs and rats.

T/Sgt	James H Dyer	39[illegible]732
S/Sgt	Harold E Austin	[illegible]574
Sgt	Harris W Mithoug	19113193
Sgt	Roland P Harper	[illegible]
Sgt	Robert D Birdsong	37379191
Cpl	Robert F Casper	12072515

4. S/Sgt Albert E Newton, [illegible], on temp dy for approx five (5) days with 358th Ftr Gp per par 12, SO #10, Hq XIX Tactical Air Command, dtd 30 Apr 44, is atchd to 367th Ftr Sq for qrs and rats.

5. Under the provisions of AR 210-65, the foll named O are aptd FX inventory officers.

1ST LT	ARTHUR W [illegible]	[illegible]	AC 367th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	BOBBIE L LEDBETTER	0[illegible]	CWS 358th M P Co

6. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, and upon the recommendation of their regt commanders, the foll temp promotions of EM in grade indicated are announced.

TO BE MASTER SERGEANT

T/Sgt	Joseph M Heinrich	[illegible]	365th Ftr Sq
T/Sgt	Dwight E Abbot	[illegible]	366th Ftr Sq
T/Sgt	Virgil E Chenoweth	36643191	366th Ftr Sq
T/Sgt	Thomas N Winzeler	36346930	367th Ftr Sq

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT

S/Sgt	Frederick R McLeod	36176105	Hq 358th Ftr Gp
S/ Sgt	Henry N Andersen	35316484	366th Ftr Sq
S/Sgt	Donald W Hall	[illegible]	366th Ftr Sq
S/Sgt	John McLean	[illegible]	367th Ftr Sq
S/Sgt	Andrew Mater	33173[illegible]	367th Ftr Sq

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT

Sgt	Fred S Koon	34330171	365th Ftr Sq
Sgt	Sylvester E Foley	[illegible]	365th Ftr Sq
Sgt	William H Weber	31067185	366th Ftr Sq
Sgt	Harold B Carley	[illegible]	367th Ftr Sq
Sgt	Albert G Lemmon	31229014	367th Ftr Sq
Sgt	Paul F Lyons	[illegible]	367th Ftr Sq
Sgt	Oliver J Ogle	[illegible]	367th Ftr Sq
Sgt	Hammond W Trick	[illegible]	367th Ftr Sq
Sgt	Walter D Williams Jr	[illegible]	367th Ftr Sq
Sgt	Robert H Young	[illegible]	367th Ftr Sq

Par 6, SO # 38, Hq 358th Ftr Gp, Cont'd

TO BE SERGEANT

Cpl	Thomas Bisgieri	31069793	365th Ftr Sq
Cpl	Guerino Foglia	32512642	365th Ftr Sq
Cpl	William Getchey	33290133	365th Ftr Sq
Cpl	Orville L Potter	37224800	365th Ftr Sq
Cpl	John A Ridlon	31228936	366th Ftr Sq
Cpl	Michael N Parker	14182186	366th Ftr Sq
Cpl	Joseph D Kelly	32378490	366th Ftr Sq
Cpl	George R Bingham	39266439	366th Ftr Sq
Cpl	Orin I Buck	38059915	367th Ftr Sq
Cpl	Earl C Fischer	37230128	367th Ftr Sq
Cpl	Robert G Jenks	36401643	367th Ftr Sq
Cpl	Frank Miches	37429947	367th Ftr Sq
Cpl	Gerard M Sheehan	31157357	367th Ftr Sq
Cpl	Stanley J Vincent	31083651	367th Ftr Sq

TO BE CORPORAL

Pfc	Alton J McMan	18219303	Hq 358th Ftr Gp
Pfc	Frank Wohlmz	32355148	365th Ftr Sq
Pfc	Howard J Baldwin	32798433	367th Ftr Sq
Pfc	Timothy F Crimmins	32640291	367th Ftr Sq
Pfc	Herbert K Dillenkofer	32583178	367th Ftr Sq
Pfc	Charles L Larson	37231579	367th Ftr Sq
Pfc	Palmer H Millar	39561475	367th Ftr Sq
Pfc	James K Parker	34418223	367th Ftr Sq
Pfc	William E H Rhein	33109148	367th Ftr Sq
Pfc	Lloyd D Rife	37202816	367th Ftr Sq

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

Pvt	Nathan F Fay	19064570	Hq 358th Ftr Sq
Pvt	George E Boyd	12058247	367th Ftr Sq

By order of Colonel WELLS:

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SPECIAL ORDERS
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NO. 94)

1. Cpl Joseph D Kelly, [illegible], prsnl Pur S, is placed on temp dy for approx one (1) day and WF Sta [illegible] on 4 May 44 for the purpose of carrying out instructions of CO, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta. Reimbursement not to exceed $3.00 per day is authd if govt quarters or billets are not available at temp dy sta., and an allw not to exceed $2.50 per day is authd if govt messing facilities are not available. TDN by MT, mil veh or rail. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/4284. (Authr: Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43)

2. The foll named EM, 409th B D Squad, are placed on temp dy for approx two (2) days and will proceed fr this sta o/a 5 May 44, to Ninth Air Force, to carry out instructions of CO returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta.

2ND LT ALVIN L HEALD [illegible]
T/Sgt Joseph E Lennon [illegible]

Authd reimbursement not to exceed $4.00 per day if govt qrs or billets are not available at temp dy sta, and an allw of $1.50 per day is authd if govt messing facilities are not available. TDN authd reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or subs not to exceed $4.00 per day for qrs and $2.50 per day for subs for periods when govt facilities are not available. TDN by MT, mil veh or rail. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/4042[illegible]. (Authr: 100th Ftr Wg ltr 91-5 and Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43)

3. The foll named EM, 409th B D Squad are placed on temp dy for a period of approx two (2) days and will proceed fr this sta by MT o/a 5 May 44 to Cardiff, Wales, to pick up equipment, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta.

Sgt Ernest M Ray [illegible]
T/5 Dale (NMI) Dorothea [illegible]

Reimbursement not to exceed $2.00 per day is authd if govt qrs or billets are not available at temp dy sta, and allws not to exceed $2.50 per day is authd if govt messing facilities are not available. TDN 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/4042[illegible].

4. 2ND LT BRUCE G ELLISON, [illegible], Sig C, Hq 100th Ftr Gp, APO Uxbridge o/a 5 Apr 44 on temp dy for approx five (5) days to carry out instructions CO, IX Ftr Comd, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT, mil veh or rail. Reimbursement not to exceed $4.00 per day is authd if govt qrs or billets are not available at temp dy sta, and an allw of $1.25 per day is authd if govt messing facilities are not available. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/4042.
(Authr: Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43)

5. Under the provisions of par 13, AR 615-5, and upon the recommendation of his orgn comdr, Cpl Thomas P O'Malley, 34020015, 366th Ftr Sq, is reduced to the grade of private for cause.

6. Under the provisions of par 3a, AR 35-320, 17 Jun 43, CAPT RUSSELL M. VOLLINK, 05594[illegible], AC, is rptd class "A" Agent Fir C for MAJ [illegible] WEAVER, FD, covering supplemental P/R of Flying Control Sq and May 1944 P/R for the foll named orgns, vice CAPT ALLAN V CHALLENT, 0-[illegible], AC, reld.

366th Fighter Squadron
Det "U" 21st Weather Squadron
Det "U" 40th Mobile Communications Squadron.
Flying Control Squadron.

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2. Under the [redacted] indicated are awarded [redacted]

[redacted]

Cpl	John [redacted]	[redacted]
Cpl	Sumner (NMI) [redacted]	[redacted]
Pfc	Francis G [redacted]	[redacted]
Pvt	Louis (NMI) [redacted]	32882422

[redacted]

S/Sgt	[redacted]	[redacted]
S/Sgt	[redacted]	[redacted]
Sgt	[redacted]	[redacted]
Sgt	[redacted]	[redacted]
Sgt	[redacted]	[redacted]
Cpl	[redacted]	[redacted]
Cpl	[redacted]	[redacted]
Cpl	[redacted]	[redacted]

By order of [redacted]:

ALVIN C. GUTHRIE,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS [illegible] FIGHTER [illegible]
APO 322 U. S. ARMY

13 May 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NO. 40)

1. The foll named EM of orgns indicated are placed on temp dy for a period of approx three (3) days and WP AAF Sta 407 o/a 13 May 44 rptg to Eng O, 366th Ftr Gp. Upon comp of temp dy, EM will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail.

T/Sgt John T Welch	14047222	365th Ftr Sq
S/Sgt Harold J Kennedy	36237146	366th Ftr Sq
S/Sgt Dewayne W Burck	16024953	367th Ftr Sq

Reimbursement is atzd for qrs and/or rats at a rate not to exceed $2.00 per man per day for qrs and $2.00 per man per day for rats for periods when govt facilities are not available. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: XIX TAC TWX M226E and Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43)

2. CAPT CHARLES J RICK, 01691377, DC, Hq 358th Ftr Gp, is placed on temp dy for approx three (3) days and WP London o/a 13 May 44 for purpose of attending Dental Society Meeting at London School of Tropical Medicine, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. Reimbursement not to exceed $4.00 per day is authorized if govt qrs or billets are not available at temp dy sta, and an alws of $1.25 per day is authorized if govt messing facilities are not available. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ltr, Hq XIX TAC, dtd 5 May 44, subj: Allied Forces Dental Society and Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43)

3. Cpl Nathaniel (NMI) Castillo, 31090744, Det "U", 40th Mobile Comm. Sq, is placed on temp dy and will proceed o/a 14 May 44 to Chippenham, Wilts, for the purpose of pursuing course of instructions, for a period of seven (7) days. Upon comp of temp dy, EM will ret to proper orgn and sta. Reimbursement for qrs and/or rats not to exceed $2.00 per day for rats and $2.00 per day for qrs for periods when govt facilities are not available, is atzd. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: XIX TAC TWX M205E and Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43)

4. Under the provisions of par 13, AR 615-5, and upon the recommendation of his orgn comdr, Sgt Donald I Jox, 36199595, 366th Ftr Sq, is reduced to the grade of private for cause.

5. Under the provisions of Adm Cir No 37, Hq SOS ETOUSA, 22 Jun 43, and Adm Cir No 100, Hq SOS ETOUSA, 30 Dec 43, Cpl Lonnie J Gause, 14022073, 190th Med Disp (Avn), is trfd in gr to Det of Patients, 312th Station Hospital, APO 513, U S Army. S/R, allied papers, clothing and equipment will be forwarded to 312th Station Hospital.

6. The foll named EM, 44th Ord B D Squad are placed on temp dy for a period of approx four (4) days and will proceed fr this sta by MT o/a 11 May 44 to Birmingham and Manchester to pick up equipment, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta.

T/5 Donald J Kuster	37654754
T/5 Anthony W Sluszarczyk	33604019

Reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or subs not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for rats for periods when govt facilities are not available is authorized. TDN 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43)

R E S T R I C T E D

Section II, GO #31, Hq, 358th Ftr Gp, dated

7. Sec [illegible] par 7, SO #31, this Hq, dtd 24 Apr 44, that reads: allws rat to exceed $2. per day is atzd if govt mess facilities are not available, is amended to read: Reimbursement not to exceed $2.00 per day is atzd if govt mess facilities are not available.

8. Pursuant to instructions contained in XIX TAC TWX M210E, the following named EM of orgns indicated are placed on temp dy for a period of approx seven (7) days and will proceed o/a 13 May 44 to 362nd Ftr Gp and then to area between Burton Bradstock and Swyre to pursue course of instructions, rptg to Lt Col Singleton by 1600 hrs 14 May 44. Upon comp of temp dy, EM will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail.

T/Sgt Edward J Malan	13049658	Hq 358th Ftr Gp
T/Sgt Leonard (NMI) Bloom	32190691	365th Ftr Sq
T/Sgt Charles C Leighty	6995264	365th Ftr Sq
S/Sgt Sylvio J Trudel	6139603	366th Ftr Sq
S/Sgt Carl M Stephens	18070032	367th Ftr Sq

Reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or rats not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for rats for periods when govt facilities are not available is atzd. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425.
(Auth: Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43.

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[illegible] HEADQUARTERS [illegible] EIGHTH FIGHTER COMMAND
APO 142 U. S. ARMY

12 May 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NO. 41)

1. The foll named EM, 358th Eng F P Plat, are placed on temp dy for a period of approx two (2) days and WP Bishops Stratford o/a 12 May 44 to carry out instructions of the CO, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail.

S/Sgt Edward B McCabe 32856942
T/5 Keith E Sunker 34866125

Where govt qrs and subs are not available, nor furnished, reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and subs not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for subs, is atzd in accordance with existing law and regulations. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43)

2. The foll named O and EM are placed on temp dy for a period of approx four (4) days and WP Portland o/a 13 May 44 for course of instructions returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail.

1ST LT BETTY F PARKER 01550102
M/Sgt Larry F Hooks 6241501

O atzd reimbursement not to exceed $4.00 per day if govt qrs or billets are not available at temp dy sta, and an allws of $1.25 per day is atzd if govt messing facilities are not available. EM atzd reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or subs not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for subs for periods when govt facilities are not available. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: XIX TAC TWX M2925 and Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43)

3. Sgt Herbert S [illegible], [illegible]57, Hq 358th Ftr Gp, is placed on temp dy for a period of approx seven (7) days and WP Bideford, North Devonshire by MT o/a 13 May 44 to pursue course of instructions, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta. TDN. Reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or subs not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for subs for periods when govt facilities are not available, is atzd. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: XIX TAC TWX M2825 and Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43)

4. CAPT RUSSELL T [illegible], 0[illegible]3501, is placed on temp dy for approx one (1) day and WP Winchester o/a 15 May 44 for the purpose of carrying out the instructions of the CO, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta. Reimbursement not to exceed $4.00 per day is atzd if govt qrs or billets are not available at temp dy sta, and an allws of $1.25 is atzd if govt mess facilities are not available. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43)

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[redacted] U. S. ARMY

15 May 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NO. 42)

1. Cpl Robert J Majcher, 12155544, 365th Ftr Sq, is placed on temp dy for a period of approx four (4) days and WP Sta 472 o/a 16 May 44 for the purpose of participating in Bonding Tournament, returning upon comp to proper unit and sta. TDN by MT, rail veh or rail. Reimbursement for actual cost of grs and/or subs not to exceed $2.50 per day for grs and $2.00 per day for subs for periods when govt facilities are not available, is atzd. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/ 42425. (Auth: 100 FW TWX 7131X and Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43)

2. Under the provisions of par 13, AR 615-5, and upon the recommendation of his org comdr, Sgt Wm Leon T Higgins, 11036995, Hq 359th Ftr Gp, is reduced to the grade of private for cause.

3. CAPT MILTON A CARLTON, Sn, 0562587, AC, is aptd Claims Officer vice CAPT PERCIVAL A STOVE, 0455[illegible]0, AC, reld.

4. The foll named O, arms indicated, are aptd as asst Claims Officers.

1ST LT	EMANUEL (NMI) HARE	[illegible]441	AC	Hq 359th Ftr Gp
1ST LT	LAUREL M HENLEY	0522402	AC	365th Ftr Sq
CAPT	RUSSELL M VOLLINK	0559428	AC	366th Ftr Sq
CAPT	MERLE C HOPPE	0559152	AC	367th Ftr Sq

5. MAJ JACK A THERIAULT, 0432140, AC, is aptd to the Flying Evaluation Board, vice LT COL GEORGE L WHITEMARSH, JR, 0383756, AC, reld.

By order of Colonel WELLS:

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SPECIAL [illegible]

NO. [illegible]

1. So much of par 3, [illegible] this Hq, dtd 3 May 44, which places 2ND LT [illegible] on temp dy for approx two (2) days is amended to four (4) days and so much of same paragraph as reads: Alws not to exceed $4.00 per day is atzd if govt messing facilities are not available, is amended to read: reimbursement not to exceed $2.00 per day is atzd if govt messing facilities are not available.

2. The following O and EM, 367th Ftr Sq, A F F Pltn, are placed on temp dy for a period of approx three (3) days and will proceed o/a 10 May 44 to Depot G-16, Tuxbury, Massachusetts, thence to Depot G-25, Tewkesbury, Gloucester to pick up equipment, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail.

1ST LT WILLIAM A [illegible] 0-1114528
T/Sgt Keith E Bunker 36879125

O atzd reimbursement not to exceed $4.00 per day if govt qrs or billets are not available at temp dy sta, and an alws of $1.25 per day is atzd if govt messing facilities are not available. EM atzd reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or subs not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per for subs for periods when govt facilities are not available. 91-5 P 432-32 A 212/ 40425. (Auth: Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43)

3. Having reported to 367th Ftr Gp per par 1, SO #135, Hq AAF Sta 342, dtd 14 May 44, the following O are asgd to sqdns indicated.

2ND LT CHARLES S [illegible] JR.	[illegible]7192	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT PETER [illegible]	0697196	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT EUGENE D [illegible]	[illegible]97195	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT CHARLES H [illegible]	0715716	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT ROBERT [illegible]	0716724	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT [illegible]	0695189	366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT [illegible]	0715737	366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT [illegible]	0715731	366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT JAMES [illegible]	0715745	366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT [illegible]	[illegible]97421	366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT [illegible]	[illegible]97212	367th Ftr Sq
2ND LT [illegible]	[illegible]97226	367th Ftr Sq
2ND LT [illegible]	[illegible]95226	367th Ftr Sq
F/O [illegible]	[illegible]1678	367th Ftr Sq

4. So much of par 1, So #37, this Hq, dtd 29 Apr 44 as pertains to reimbursement for EM is amended to read: EM atzd reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or subs not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for subs for for periods when govt facilities are not available.

5. So much of par 4, So #37, this Hq, dtd 3 May 44, as places 2ND LT BRUCE G ELLISON on temp dy to proceed to Uxbridge o/a 5 Apr 44 is amended to read: o/a 5 May 44.

By order of Colonel WELLS:

OFFICIAL:

[signature]

[illegible],
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

ALVIN S. GUTHRIE,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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14 May 1944.

SPECIAL ORDERS :

NO. [illegible]

1. The following changes in assignments are directed. No travel involved.

NAME	Rel fr	Asgd to
CAPT ALVIN S GUTHRIE [illegible] AC	Hq [illegible]th Ftr Gp	365th Ftr Sq
CAPT HARVEY (NMI) HALL [illegible] AC	[illegible]th Ftr Sq	Hq 358th Ftr Gp
1ST LT WALTER P [illegible]	[illegible]th Ftr Sq	367th Ftr Sq

2. CAPT HARVEY (NMI) HALL, [illegible] AC, is hereby Adjutant, vice CAPT ALVIN S GUTHRIE, [illegible] AC, relieved.

3. Having rptd to [illegible]th Ftr Sq per par 1, SO #138, Hq AAF Sta 342, dtd 17 May 44, the following Offs are hereby assigned to sqdns indicated.

2ND LT ROBERT F [illegible]	[illegible] AC	366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT JOHN J FERRARO	[illegible] AC	367th Ftr Sq
2ND LT BILLY C HALL	[illegible] AC	367th Ftr Sq

4. So much of par 4, SO #42, this Hq, dtd 15 May 44, as reads:

1ST LT LAUREL M [illegible] 0522[illegible]2 AC 365th Ftr Sq

is amended to read:

CAPT ALVIN S GUTHRIE [illegible] AC 365th Ftr Sq

and so much of same paragraph as reads:

CAPT MERLE C [illegible] [illegible] AC 367th Ftr Sq

is amended to read:

1ST LT [illegible] [illegible] JR. [illegible] AC 367th Ftr Sq

5. The following O and EM, Hq 358th Ftr Gp, are placed on temp dy for a period of approx two (2) days and will proceed o/a 20 May 44, to Ordnance Depot C-616 and then to Ordnance Depot C-45, for the purpose of picking up supplies, returning upon completion to proper org and sta. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail.

1ST LT NORMAN D OAKS [illegible] AC
Pfc Alfred T Schneider 36502673

O atnd reimbursement not to exceed $[illegible] per day if govt qrs or billets are not available at temp dy sta, and in lieu of $1.25 per day is atnd if govt messing facilities are not available. EM Atnd reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or subs not to exceed $2.[illegible] per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for subs for periods when govt facilities are not available. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ninth Air Force Memo [illegible], dtd 8 Nov 43)

By order of Colonel WILLS:

HARVEY HALL,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

[illegible]
HARVEY HALL,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN

NO. 45

1. V000 19 May 44 placing Wilbert H Thurston, [redacted] on temp dy for two (2) days to proceed to London [redacted] of radio broadcast, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta. [redacted] confirmed and made a matter of record. Telegencies of the service [redacted] issuance of orders in advance. Reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or subs not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for subs for periods when govt facilities are not available, is atzd. TDY by GMT or mail. 91-5 P 452-02 A 212/4425. (Auth: Ninth Air Force Memo [illegible], dtd 8 Nov 43)

2. The foll named EM of orgns indicated are placed [illegible] period of one week and TP Bedford o/a 21 May 44 for purpose of [illegible] rptg to RTO Bedford for transportation to AAF Sta 572. Upon [illegible] EM will return to proper orgn and sta.

Cpl William R Byrnes	6093531	[illegible] Fin C;
Pfc Zane L Box	19214125	[illegible] Fin C;
Pfc Elliot E Jaquith	32581769	[illegible] Fin C;
Cpl Victor D Moose	12206281	347th Fin C;

Reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or subs not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for subs for periods when govt facilities are not available, is atzd. TDY by GMT or rail. 91-5 P 452-[illegible] A 212/4425. (Auth: XIX TAC TWX WAA65 and Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43)

3. The foll named O, orgns indicated, are rlvd [illegible] Finance Agents for MAJ H W HERRICK, FD, Disbursing O, Sta 512.

CAPT ALVIN S GUTHRIE	[illegible]	Hq [illegible]
1ST LT WALTER P MORGAN JR	[illegible]1723	347th Fin C

4. Under the provisions of par 3a, AR 35-[illegible], the foll named O, orgns indicated, are rptd Class "A" Agent Fin O for MAJ H W HERRICK, FD, [illegible] of O and EM on regular, partial, and supplemental P/R and [illegible].

CAPT HARVEY (NMI) HALL	0563197	Hq [illegible]
CAPT ALVIN S GUTHRIE	[illegible]3183	347th Fin Gp
1ST LT WALTER P MORGAN JR	0561723	347th Fin C

By order of Colonel WELLS:

HARVEY HALL,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

HARVEY HALL
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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APO 141 U. S. ARMY

21 May 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 46)

1. Pursuant to instructions contained in XIX TAC TWX IN-990E, the following named EM of orgns indicated are placed on temp dy for a period of approx seven (7) days and will proceed o/a 22 May 44 to 362nd Ftr Gp and then to area between Burton Bradstock and Swyre to pursue course of instructions, rptg to Lt Col Singleton by 1500 hrs 22 May 44. Upon comp of temp dy, EM will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail.

S/Sgt	Albert G. Lennon	31[illegible]	367th Ftr Sq
S/Sgt	Edgar L. Matheson	37[illegible]	367th Ftr Sq
Sgt	Delmar T. Moore	3[illegible]	[illegible] Ftr Sq
Sgt	Richard L. Deigel	34[illegible]	[illegible]th Ftr Sq
Cpl	Ethan E. Cousins	3[illegible]	365th Ftr Sq

Reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or rats not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for rats for periods when govt facilities are not available is atzd. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43).

2. Pvt Fred C. Miller, 12[illegible]32, 365th Ftr Sq, is placed on temp dy for approx one (1) day and will proceed o/a 22 May 44 to 362nd Ftr Gp and then to area between Burton Bradstock and Swyre to carry out instructions of CO, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta. Reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or rats not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for rats for periods when govt facilities are not available is atzd. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43).

3. So much of par 1. SO #42, this Hq, dtd 15 May 44, which places Cpl Robert J Mepham, 12153544, on temp dy for a period of ten (10) days to proceed to Sta 472, and returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta is amended to read: placed on temp dy for approx nine (9) days and TP Sta 472 and then to Sta 418 returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta.

4. Pfc Stephen J Fitzpatrick, 39111[illegible], [illegible]th Med Disp, is placed on temp dy for a period of approx seven (7) days and TP RAF Sta Weeton, near Blackpool, Lancashire, by MT o/a 21 May 44, to pursue course of instructions, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta. Drawing of PX rations in advance is atzd. TDN 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: XIX TAC TWX IN-990E and Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43).

5. MAJOR JOSEPH A LAWTON, [illegible], AC, is apptd Summary Court Officer. (add dy)

By order of Colonel WELLS:

HARVEY HILL,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

HARVEY HILL,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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AFO [redacted]

24 May 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 47)

1. The foll named O, orgns indicated, are placed on temp dy for one (1) day and WP London o/a 24 May 44 to attend S-2 meeting, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta.

CAPT JOHN R LESS	0569083	366th Ftr Sq
CAPT ALLEN F ROSEBROCK	0569996	365th Ftr Sq

Reimbursement not to exceed $4.00 per day is atzd if govt qrs or billets are not available at temp dy sta, and an allws of $1.25 per day is atzd if govt messing facilities are not available. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43).

2. T/5 Joseph H Barnett, 37319074, 2056th Eng FF Pltn is placed on temp dy for approx two (2) days and WP AAF Sta North Pickenham o/a 25 May 44 for purpose of delivering crash tender, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta. Reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or subs not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for subs for periods when govt facilities are not available is atzd. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: 100FW TWX M177F and Ninth Air Force Memo. 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43).

3. 2ND LT PHILIP J BENDT, 0863270, AC, asgd to 358th Ftr Gp per par 2, SO #63, Hq 100th Ftr Wg, dtd 20 May 44, is further asgd to the 366th Ftr Sq.

4. Under the provisions of par 13, AR 615-5, and upon the recommendation of his orgn comdr, Cpl Alfred R White, 15334428, 365th Ftr Sq, is reduced to the grade of private for cause.

5. Under the provisions of par 13, AR 615-5, and upon the recommendation of his orgn comdr, Sgt Thomas J Warwick, 35466517, 365th Ftr Sq, is reduced to the grade of private for cause.

6. T/5 Charles J Lestrang, 33603245, 2056th Eng FF Pltn is placed on temp dy for approx seven (7) days and WP Stembrook House, one mile north of Chippenham, Wilts by MT o/a 29 May 44 to pursue course of instructions, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta. Drawing of PX rations in advance is atzd. TDN 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: XIX TAC TWX M538E and Ninth Air Force Memo. 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43).

7. 1ST LT ROBERT D OAKS, 0561782, AC, is aptd Gp Insurance Officer.

By order of Colonel WELLS:

HARVEY HALL,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

HARVEY HALL,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS [illegible] FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP
APO [illegible] U. S. ARMY

27 May 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 48)

1. Pvt Fred C Muller, 12185132, 365th Ftr Sq, is placed on temp dy for approx two (2) days and will proceed o/a 27 May 44 to area between Burton Bradstock and Swyre to carry out instructions of CO, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta. Reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or rats not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for rats for periods when govt facilities are not available is atzd. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ninth Air Force Memo. 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43).

2. Cpl George (NMI) Brown Jr, 37333496, 367th Ftr-Bomb Sq, WP AAF Sta 358 o/a 27 May 44, accompanied by guard, to appear before General Court Martial Board, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: VOCG XIX TAC and Ninth Air Force Memo. 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43).

3. Cpl Dovil H Andrews, 18169361, 367th Ftr-Bomb Sq, is placed on temp dy for an indefinite period and WP AAF Sta 358 o/a 27 May 44 to accompany prisoner as guard, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta. Reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or subs not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for subs for periods when govt facilities are not available is atzd. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: VOCG XIX TAC and Ninth Air Force Memo. 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43).

4. The foll named O, orgn indicated, are placed on temp dy for a period of two days and WP Brighton o/a 27 May 44 to carry out instructions of the CO, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta.

MAJ DONALD K MC CLUSKY	0473339 MC	Hq 358th Ftr-Bomb Gp
CAPT KENNETH W BENJAMIN	0473782 MC	367th Ftr-Bomb Sq

Reimbursement not to exceed $4.00 per day is atzd if govt qrs are not available and an alws of $1.25 per day is atzd if govt messing facilities are not available. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43).

5. T/Sgt Edward J Malan, 13049658, Hq 358th Ftr-Bomb Gp, is placed on temp dy for a period of approx seven (7) days and WP AAF Sta 424 o/a 28 May 44 to pursue course of instructions, rptg to CO, 937th Eng Avn Cam Bn by 1700 hrs, 28 May 44. Upon comp of temp dy, EM will ret to proper orgn and sta. Reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or subs not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for subs for periods when govt facilities are not available is atzd. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: XIX TAC TWX M589E and Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43).

6. The foll named EM, 367th Ftr-Bomb Sq, are placed on temp dy for two (2) days and WP AAF Sta 358 o/a 28 May 44 to appear as witnesses in GCM, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta.

Pvt Raymond E McDaniel	39856375
Pfc Jack W Staats	37428398

Reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or subs not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for subs for periods when govt facilities are not available is atzd. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: VOCG XIX TAC and Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43).

7. 1ST LT MICHAEL F OGNISTY, 0793527, AC, 367th Ftr-Bomb Sq is placed on DS with Hq 358th Ftr-Bomb Gp. No travel involved.

SO #46, Hq 358th Ftr-Bomb Gp, APO 1.

8. 1ST LT MICHAEL F DRISCOLL, 0733517, AC, is this date Asst Operations Officer.

9. The foll named EM, orgns indicated, are placed on temp dy for two (2) days and WP Hq Ninth Air Force o/a 29 May 44 for the purpose of participating in swimming meet, rptg prior to 1200 hrs 29 May 44.

S/Sgt	Robert B Strasbaugh	13003834	Hq 358th Ftr-Bomb Gp
Pvt	Louis (NMI) Weinberg	32982422	Hq 358th Ftr-Bomb Gp
T/Sgt	Marvin J Flanders	20403057	367th Ftr-Bomb Sq
Cpl	Howard L Otis	12166561	367th Ftr-Bomb Sq
Sgt	Robert W Dubois	32430678	367th Ftr-Bomb Sq
Cpl	William S D'Elia	32436338	367th Ftr-Bomb Sq
Pvt	Elsman (NMI) Warwick	39849762	367th Ftr-Bomb Sq
Pfc	Solomon M Gross	12147997	367th Ftr-Bomb Sq

Reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or subs not to exceed $2.00 per day for ars and $2.00 per day for subs for periods when govt facilities are not available is atzd. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: XIX TAC TWX M626X and Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43).

10. The foll named O and EM, Hq 358th Ftr-Bomb Gp, are placed on temp dy for approx two (2) days and WP Sta 449 o/a 30 May 44 for the purpose of attending PRO conference returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta.

2ND LT	BRUCE G ELLISON	01642834, Sig C
Cpl	Gerald C Peterson	17071436

O atzd reimbursement not to exceed $4.00 per day if govt qrs or billets are not available at temp dy sta, and alws of $1.25 per day is atzd if govt messing facilities are not available. EM atzd reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or subs not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for subs for periods when govt facilities are not available. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: XIX TAC TWX M655G and Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43).

11. Under the provisions of Sec III, AR 605-115, 14 July 42, the foll named O of orgns indicated are granted sk lv of absence for a period of five (5) days, effective o/a 29 May 44.

1ST LT	HOWARD L GURLEY JR	0675696	365th Ftr-Bomb Sq
1ST LT	JAMES D GREY	0675694	365th Ftr-Bomb Sq
1ST LT	JOHN M BUSTON	0671497	365th Ftr-Bomb Sq
2ND LT	DAVID B TUCK	0674425	366th Ftr-Bomb Sq
1ST LT	PETER (NMI) CORSON	0728595	366th Ftr-Bomb Sq
1ST LT	VICTOR H IDOL JR	0666542	366th Ftr-Bomb Sq
1ST LT	JOHN A WIENSEMA	0732423	367th Ftr-Bomb Sq
CAPT	CLARENCE E VAN COTT	0732409	367th Ftr-Bomb Sq
1ST LT	JAMES B LIBERTORE JR	0675783	367th Ftr-Bomb Sq

By order of Colonel WELLS:

HARVEY HALL,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

H. Hall

HARVEY HALL,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEAD QUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP
APO 141 U. S. ARMY

29 May 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 49)

1. Sgt Charles R Lane, Jr., 33229651, 367th Ftr-Bomb Sq, is placed on temp dy for a period of approx twelve (12) days and WP RAF anti-gas school, Rollestone Camp, Salisbury, Wilts o/a 31 May 44 to pursue course of instructions, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta. Reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or rats not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for rats for periods when govt facilities are not available is atzd. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: 100th Ftr Wg TWX U222G and Ninth Air Force Memo. 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43).

2. So much of par 2, SO #48, this Hq, dtd 27 May 44, as reads: "to appear before General Court Martial Board," is amended to read: "to appear before a Special Court Martial Board."

3. The foll named EM of orgns indicated are placed on temp dy for one (1) day and WP Sta 358 o/a 30 May 44 for the purpose of picking up prisoner, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta.

Sgt Conrad E Roese	35635272	1194th M P Co
Cpl Cornelius J Spoelspra	36169109	367th Ftr-Bomb Sq

Reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or subs not to exceed $2.00 per day for subs and $2.00 per day for qrs for periods when govt facilities are not available is atzd. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ninth Air Force Memo. 5-4, dtd 8 Nov 43).

4. So much of par 6, SO #48, this Hq, dtd 27 May 44, as reads: "to appear as witnesses in GCM," is amended to read: "to appear as witnesses in Special Court Martial."

5. So much of par 7, SO #48, this Hq, dtd 27 May 44, as reads: "is placed on DS," is amended to read: "is placed on special duty."

By order of Colonel WELLS:

HARVEY HALL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HARVEY HALL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP
APO 121 U. S. ARMY

31 May 1944

SPECIAL ORDER)
:
NO. 50)

1. CAPT RUSSELL N VOLLMER, 0559429, 366th Ftr-Bomb Sq, is rlvd of dy as Class "A" Agent Finance O for MAJ R W JERABEK, FD, Disbursing O, Sta 413.

2. Under the provisions of par 3a, AR 35-320, 2ND LT CHARLES E WILLIAMS, 01594558, 366th Ftr-Bomb Sq, is aptd Class "A" Agent Finance O for MAJ R W JERABEK, FD, for payment of O and EM on regular, partial, and supplemental P/R and vouchers until rlvd.

3. Cpl Robert J Mephan, 12153544, 365th Ftr-Bomb Sq, is placed on temp dy for approx three (3) days and will proceed o/a 31 May 44 to Hqs Air Service Command, USSTAF, AAF Sta 586, for the purpose of participating in a boxing tournament, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta. Reimbursement for actual cost of qrs and/or rats not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for rats for periods when govt facilities are not available is atzd. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA dtd 3 Nov 43).

4. CAPT RUSSELL T LOESCH, 0493501, Hq 358th Ftr-Bomb Gp, is placed on temp dy for approx one (1) day and WP London o/a 1 Jun 44 for the purpose of carrying out instructions of the CO, returning upon comp to proper orgn and sta. Reimbursement not to exceed $4.00 per day is atzd if govt qrs or billets are not available at temp dy sta, and an alws of $1.25 per day is atzd if govt messing facilities are not available. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA dtd 3 Nov 43).

5. CAPT JAMES B L RUSH, 0453578, Inf, Hq Third U S Army, having rptd this Hq per ltr, Hq Third U S Army, subj: "Letter Orders No. 219", dtd 24 May 44, is attached to Hq 358th Ftr-Bomb Gp.

6. Pvt Anthony Consolazio, 12128473, Hq Third U S Army, having rptd this Hq per ltr, Hq Third U S Army, subj: "Letter Orders No. 219", dtd 24 May 44, is attached to Hq 358th Ftr-Bomb Gp.

By order of Colonel WELLS:

HARVEY HALL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HARVEY HALL,
Captain, Air Corps,
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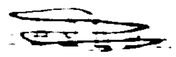

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 241 U. S. ARMY

1 JULY 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 68)

1. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, and upon the recommendation of their orgn commander, the foll temp promotions of EM in orgns indicated are announced.

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT

S/Sgt	Louie E Akins	34353262	365th Ftr Sq
S/Sgt	Fred Austin	32425177	366th Ftr Sq
S/Sgt	Edward J Kiess	33350418	366th Ftr Sq

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT

Sgt	Harvey G Cross	6940578	Hq 358th Ftr Gp
Sgt	Paul R Zumkeller	14082673	Hq 358th Ftr Gp
Sgt	Ervin L Anderson	17160990	Hq 358th Ftr Gp
Sgt	Robert E Smith	35370618	366th Ftr Sq

TO BE SERGEANT

Cpl	Louis B Nielsen Jr	33357540	Hq 358th Ftr Gp
Cpl	Gerald C Peterson	17071436	Hq 358th Ftr Gp
Cpl	Irving Bardfield	32627153	365th Ftr Sq
Cpl	Walter F May	35509861	365th Ftr Sq
Cpl	Ivan D Vagin	39116313	365th Ftr Sq
Cpl	Charlie S Rigby	34385461	366th Ftr Sq
Cpl	Lucien A Paquette	11085807	366th Ftr Sq
Cpl	Rubin Meisel	32647283	366th Ftr Sq
Cpl	Stanley F Michalowski	33058455	366th Ftr Sq
Cpl	Fred P Wright	34473838	367th Ftr Sq

TO BE CORPORAL

Pfc	Philip F Favicchio	32503347	Hq 358th Ftr Gp
Pfc	Larry L Matheny	34495339	Hq 358th Ftr Gp
Pfc	James D Harris	14056768	365th Ftr Sq
Pfc	John W Moore	33631895	365th Ftr Sq
Pfc	John J Rossi	31139683	365th Ftr Sq
Pfc	Victor F Tomaszewski	32504076	365th Ftr Sq
Pfc	Elliott E Jaquith	32581769	366th Ftr Sq
Pfc	Alvin A Marx	16064681	366th Ftr Sq
Pfc	Emil J Zabka	1317063[illegible]	366th Ftr Sq
Pfc	Charles J Walker	32270078	366th Ftr Sq
Pfc	Robert Kaminsky	11130470	366th Ftr Sq
Pvt	William H Reeves Jr	31324480	366th Ftr Sq
Pfc	Walter S D'Arcy	32661547	367th Ftr Sq
Pfc	Louis Derring	32587597	367th Ftr Sq
Pvt	Timothy F Crimmins	32640291	367th Ftr Sq

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

Pvt	Edward R Jandran	31130475	Hq 358th Ftr Gp
Pvt	Ronald R Butler	34506185	365th Ftr Sq
Pvt	Homer F Montgomery	38274085	365th Ftr Sq
Pvt	Albert Phelps	36073218	365th Ftr Sq
Pvt	Walter F Surwillo	37375792	365th Ftr Sq
Pvt	Paul G Carver	35659139	365th Ftr Sq
Pvt	Walter Galvin	32845222	366th Ftr Sq

2. Under the provisions of par 13, AR 615-5, and upon the recommendation of his orgn comdr, Sgt William E H Rhein, 33109148, 367th Ftr Sq, is reduced to the grade of private for cause.

HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U. S. ARMY

2 JULY 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 69)

1. Having rptd this Hq per par 1, SO #180, Hq AAF Sta 342, dtd 29 Jun 44, the foll named O are asgd to sqdns indicated.

2D LT GEORGE H BLOOD	0821834 AC	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT LESLIE C BOZE	0821657 AC	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT ELMER R BROWN	0816987 AC	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT DONALD E CHILDS	0821668 AC	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT FRED E COY JR	0706358 AC	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT JAMES E CUDDIHEE	0821635 AC	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT SANTO A GIAMALVA	0820257 AC	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT KENNETH C HAMMER	0766509 AC	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT DAVID E KEEVER	0821723 AC	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT WAYNE E OWENS	0821755 AC	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT WILLIAM M PORTER	0707732 AC	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT DANIEL S RENNER	0705617 AC	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT ROBERT R UEECK	0704768 AC	367th Ftr Sq

2. Having rptd this Hq per par 6, SO #55, Hq XIX TAC, dtd 26 Jun 44, Pvt Meyer M Schneider, 32692584, is asgd to the 366th Ftr Sq.

3. Under the provisions of par 13, AR 615-5, and upon the recommendation of his orgn comdr, Cpl Edward H Wolfe, 16020476, 365th Ftr Sq, is reduced to the grade of private for cause.

4. Under the provisions of par 13, AR 615-5, and upon the recommendation of his orgn comdr, Sgt John R Vaughn, 34438560, 365th Ftr Sq, is reduced to the grade of private for cause.

By order of Colonel WELLS:

J. S. CRAFT,
Capt., Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant.

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J. S. CRAFT,
Capt., Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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4 July 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 70)

1. The foll named O and EM, orgns indicated, are trfd to Det of Patients, hospital unknown, per verbal authority COL [illegible], IA Ftr Comd.

2ND LT ROBERT T BIGGERS, 0812738, AC	365th Ftr Sq
T/Sgt Dailey J Cornwell, 16048161	365th Ftr Sq
Cpl Lawrence L Painter, 33206362	365th Ftr Sq
Pvt John E Brinegar, 18125495	365th Ftr Sq
Pvt Edward H Wolfe, 16020476	365th Ftr Sq
Cpl Donald G Buetow, 36236911	366th Ftr Sq
Cpl Victor C Bundonis, 32771003	367th Ftr Sq
Cpl Max R Huger, 37546216	367th Ftr Sq
Sgt Vernon H Brown, 38329060	367th Ftr Sq

2. Under the provisions of par 13, AR 615-5, and upon the recommendation of his orgn comdr, Cpl Edward (NMI) Kertos, 32443269, Hq 358th Ftr Gp, is reduced to the grade of private, for cause.

By order of Colonel [illegible]:

J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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Captain, Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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9 July 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 71)

1. Under the provisions of par 3a, AR 35-320, 1ST LT FRANK A TAYLOR, 0570486, AC, is aptd Class "A" Agent Finance O for MAJ R W JERABEK, FD, for payment of O and EM of Headquarters 365th Fighter Group on regular, partial, and supplemental P/R and vouchers, vice, CAPT HARVEY HALL, O 665197, AC, relvd.

2. Six (6) EM of the 937th Eng Avn Camouf Btln, being on detached service, are atchd to the 367th Ftr Sq for rats.

By order of Colonel [redacted]:

HARVEY HALL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

Frank A. Taylor

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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11 July 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 72)

1. Pfc (283) Steve P Palmisano, 17123962, is relvd fr asgmt with Hq 358th Ftr Gp and asgd to 366th Ftr Sq. No travel involved.

2. Cpl (631) Arthur W Knobloch, 36678536, is relvd fr asgmt with 366th Ftr Sq and asgd to Hq 358th Ftr Gp. No travel involved.

By order of Colonel WELLS:

HARVEY HALL,
Captain, Air Corps,
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HEADQUARTERS 348TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U. S. ARMY

12 July 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 73)

1. Under the provisions of par 13, AR 615-5, and upon the recommendation of his orgn comdr, Sgt Howard C Crider, 366th Ftr Sq, is reduced to the grade of private, for cause.

By order of Colonel WELLS:

HARRY HALL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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15 July 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
No. 74)

1. LT COL RANDALL D KEATOR, 0412276, AC, is atchd to the 366th Ftr Sq as Commanding Officer during the temp absence of CAPT ROBERT A SCHEIER, 0700542, AC. Upon the return of CAPT SCHEIER, LT COL KEATOR will be automatically relvd.

2. 6th Bomb Disposal Squad is atchd to the 366th Ftr Sq for rats.

3. 4th Tactical Communications Squadron is atchd to the 366th Ftr Sq for rats.

4. Having rptd this hqs per par 1, SO #143, Hq 303rd Ftr Wg, dtd 13 July 44, Cpl (405) Ervin Hardin, Jr., 38024916, AC, is asgd to Hq 358th Ftr Gp.

By order of Colonel WELLS:

HARVEY HALL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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18 July 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 75)

1. CAPT MILTON A CARLTON, SR, 0567587, AC, Hq 358th Ftr Gp, is aptd investigating O for the purpose of investigating the unauthorized absence of four (4) officers of the 365th Ftr Sq.

By order of Colonel WELLS:

HARVEY HALL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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21 July 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 76)

1. CAPT ROBERT R PINNEL, 020430, AC, 365th Ftr Sq, is relvd from attachment for dy and aptmt as Gp Asst Operations O with Hq 358th Ftr Gp.

2. CAPT JACK W COULTER, 0423871, AC, 365th Ftr Sq, is attached to Hq 358th Ftr Gp for dy.

3. CAPT JACK W COULTER, 0423871, AC, is aptd Gp Asst Operations O.

By order of Colonel FELIX:

HARVEY HALL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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APO 141 U. S. ARMY

23 July 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 77)

1. Under the provisions of TWX IX TAC Y731 dtd 18 July 44, the foll named O of the sqs indicated are granted operational leave of absence for a period of five (5) days, effective 24 July 44.

CAPT	GEORGE W [illegible], JR	0666639	366th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	[illegible] D RASSLER	0805077	[illegible]th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	JOSEPH I [illegible], JR	0676760	365th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	ALBERT [illegible], JR	0675762	365th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	DAVID W JOHNSTON, JR	0673054	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	GERALD D [illegible]	0693104	365th Ftr Sq
CAPT	[illegible] W [illegible]	0732257	366th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	HAROLD L MC [illegible]	0673403	366th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	ROBERT [illegible]	0732274	366th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	ERIK P [illegible]	0449002	366th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	WILLIAM (NMI) [illegible]	0801401	366th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	MEREDITH M MC DANIEL	0675739	366th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	LOUIS L WILSON, JR	705623	367th Ftr Sq
CAPT	JAMES P JOHNSON	0666998	367th Ftr Sq
CAPT	ALFRED M PERRY	0730539	367th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	JOHN J [illegible]	0676908	367th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	JAMES J MC [illegible]	0672686	367th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	MAX C ARNOLD	0671482	367th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	[illegible] B BARRETT, JR	0672662	367th Ftr Sq

2. Par 3, SO #61, this Hq, dtd 24 March 44, is revoked.

3. Par 5, SO #42, this Hq, dtd 15 May 44, is revoked.

4. Pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum No. [illegible]-10-44, War Department, Washington, D. C., dated March 1, 1944, a Board of Officers is appointed to meet at this headquarters for the purpose of interviewing Flight Officers recommended for appointment as 2nd Lieutenants, Army of the United States.

LT COL	JACK A [illegible]	0432140	Hq 358th Ftr Gp
LT COL	RANDALL D [illegible]	0412278	Hq 358th Ftr Gp
MAJOR	JOSEPH D [illegible], JR	0432739	Hq 358th Ftr Gp

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(SO #77, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, [illegible] Central,

5. Having rptd this Hq per par 7 SO #63, Hq XIX TAC, dtd 1[illegible] July 44, 1ST LT [illegible] WILBERT, [illegible] 0-[illegible]3290, AC, is assd to the 395th Ftr Sq.

BY ORDER OF [illegible] MILLS:

[illegible] LL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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FRANK H. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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24 July 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 78)

1. Under the provisions of par 13, AR 615-5, and upon the recommendation of his orgn comdr, Sgt Stephen J Connolly, 11088902, 365th Ftr Sq, is reduced to the grade of private, for cause.

2. Par 2, SO #33, this hqs, dtd 17 Apr 44, is revoked.

3. Par 4, SO #45, this hqs, dtd 20 May 44, is revoked.

4. Par 6, SO #67, this hqs, dtd 23 Jun 44, is revoked.

5. Par 1, SO #71, this hqs, dtd 9 July 44, is revoked.

6. Under the provisions of par 3a, AR 35-320, the foll named O are appointed Class "A" Finance Agents to the Disbursing Officer, 309th Service Group, for payment of O and EM on regular, partial, and supplemental payrolls and vouchers for the orgns indicated until relvd.

1ST LT	FRANK A TAYLOR	AC 0570486	Hq 358th Ftr Gp
1ST LT	LAUREL M HALEY	AC 0872002	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	PHILIP J SEIDT	AC 0863270	366th Ftr Sq
			Det "D" 21st Wea Sq
			Det "D" 40th Mob Comm Sq
			Flying Control
1ST LT	WALTER P MORGAN, JR	AC 0561723	367th Ftr Sq
CAPT	MILTON Z REISS	CMP0367131	1194th M P Co
1ST LT	WILLIAM R WHEELER	CE 01114323	2056th Engr (Avn) FF Plt

By order of Colonel WELLS:

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 368TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U. S. ARMY

25 July 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 79)

1. Par 6, SO #78, this hqs, dtd 24 July 44, is revoked.

2. Under the provisions of par 3a, AR 35-320, the foll named O are appointed Class "A" Finance Agents to the Disbursing Officer, 309th Service Group, for payment of O and EM on regular, partial, and supplemental payrolls ~~and vouchers~~ for the orgns indicated until rclvd.

1ST LT	FRANK A TAYLOR	AC	0570486	Hq 353th Ftr Gp
1ST LT	LAUREL W HENLEY	AC	0572002	368th Ftr Sq
CAPT	RANSOM R DOYON	AC	0244700	368th Ftr Sq Det "U" 21st Wea Sq Det "U" 40th Mob Comm Sq Flying Control
1ST LT	WALTER P MORGAN, JR	AC	0561723	367th Ftr Sq
CAPT	MILTON Z REISS	CMP	0367131	1194TH M P Co
1ST LT	WILLIAM R WHEELER	CE	01114328	2056th Engr (Avn) FF Pltn
1ST LT	ANTHONY W HORVAT	MAC	02048019	183th Medical Dispensary

3. S/Sgt. (824) Ernest Manelos, 31112625, is relvd fr asgmt with Hq 368th Ftr Gp and asgd to 368th Ftr Sq. No travel involved.

4. S/Sgt. (824) Leonard C Poe, 19065956, is relvd fr asgmt with 368th Ftr Sq and asgd to Hq 368th Ftr Gp. No travel involved.

By order of Colonel WELLS:

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 121 U. S. ARMY

26 July 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 80)

1. CAPT GEORGE W HUNT, JR, 0660539, AC, is aptd Commanding Officer of the 365th Ftr Sq.

2. VOCO relieving 1ST LT EDWARD (NMI) MCCLANE, 01553929, AC, 365th Ftr Sq, from attachment for dy with Hq 358th Ftr Gp, effective 5 July 44, is hereby made a matter of record.

3. VOCO relieving 2ND LT JACK L HADDOCK, 01551515, AC, 366th Ftr Sq, from attachment for dy with Hq 358th Ftr Gp, effective 9 July 44, is hereby made a matter of record.

4. Having rptd this hqs per par 1, SO #69, Hq AIA TAC, dtd 21 July 44, the foll named EM are asgd to sqdns indicated.

Pvt Fred Ferraro (747) 12136049	365th Ftr Sq
Pvt Denzil L Whalen (405) 12030993	367th Ftr Sq

By order of Colonel WELLS:

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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27 July 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 81)

1. LT COL JACK A [redacted] 0432140, AC, is atchd to the 365th Fighter Sq as Commanding Officer during the temp absence of CAPT GEORGE A HUNT, JR, 0666530, AC. Upon the return of CAPT HUNT, LT COL [redacted] will be automatically relvd.

By order of Colonel WELLS:

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28 July 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 62)

1. Having rptd this hqs per par 1, SO #69, Hq AAF AAC, dtd 21 July 44, Pfc (345) Leonard R Courneyer, 31291251, AC, is asgd to 367th Ftr Sq. No travel involved.

2. Having rptd this hqs per par 2, SO #204, Hq AAF Sta 342, APO 639, dtd 24 July 44, the foll named O are asgd to sqdns indicated. No travel involved.

2D LT	FREDERICK C BISHOP	0767032	AC	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	HOWARD C PITT	0767360	AC	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT	HOMER B COOK	0705550	AC	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	WENDELL J ROBERSON	0767385	AC	366th Ftr Sq

By order of Colonel WELLS:

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HEADQUARTERS 368TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U. S. ARMY

29 July 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 83)

1. Under the provisions of ltr, Hq IX TAC, subj: "Operational Leave Policy," file number 210.711, dtd 21 July 44, the foll named O of the sqs indicated are granted operational leave of absence for a period of five (5) days, effective o/a 30 July 44.

CAPT	ALLAN W FARLOW	0665393	366th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	ALVIN W SIEGEL	0732385	367th Ftr Sq

2. Under the provisions of ltr, Hq IX TAC, subj: "Operational Leave Policy," file number 210.711, dtd 21 July 44, the foll named O of the sqs indicated are granted operational leave of absence for a period of five (5) days, effective o/a 1 Aug 44.

CAPT	JAMES F HACKLER, JR	025767	365th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	JOSEPH (NMI) ATKINSON	0687223	365th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	JAMES D GREY	0675694	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	ALBERT E EISELE	0815293	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	JOHN A MC DEVITT	0815363	365th Ftr Sq
CAPT	JOHN H BUCKNER	025439	366th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	PETER CORSON	0728595	366th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	CARMEL M SHOOK	0521664	366th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	JOHN J KROPENICK	0688271	366th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	EDWARD KANTORSKI	0688269	366th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	WALTER S FELTZ	0812788	366th Ftr Sq
CAPT	LAWRENCE W POOL	0666576	367th Ftr Sq
CAPT	LEWIS F SHERMAN	0732383	367th Ftr Sq
CAPT	CLARENCE E VAN COTT	0732409	367th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	VICTOR BEACH	0522164	367th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	ROBERT P ALWARD	0810723	367th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	RAE E PRESTON	0810562	367th Ftr Sq
CAPT	MICHAEL F OGNESTY	0793527	367th Ftr Sq

3. So much of par 1, SO #70, this hqs, dtd 1 July 44, that reads: "Cpl Lawrence L Painter, 33206362, 365th Ftr Sq," is deleted.

By order of Colonel [illegible]

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
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Assistant Adjutant.

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30 July 1944

SPECIAL [illegible])
:
NO. 84)

1. Having rptd this hqs per par 3, SO #133, Hq 20th RCD (Avn), dtd 27 July 44, the foll named EM [illegible] asgd to sqdns indicated. No travel involved.

Sgt	Joseph T Bowles, Jr	18069847	911	367th Ftr Sq
Sgt	John E Cunningham	11021113	911	366th Ftr Sq
Pfc	Martin B Mitchum	37093399	590	365th Ftr Sq
Pvt	Frederick W Hermann	35815041	911	367th Ftr Sq
Pvt	John H Horn	32433780	911	365th Ftr Sq
Pvt	Harley F Jaynes	37346451	590	366th Ftr Sq
Pvt	Peter Liotta	12142390	590	367th Ftr Sq
Pvt	Lawrence P Sweet	20422678	555	367th Ftr Sq
Pfc	Clarence H Holcomb	34267802	521	366th Ftr Sq
Pvt	Harold F Struble	36196469	590	367th Ftr Sq
Pvt	Earl J Trimmer	36456972	590	365th Ftr Sq

2. Having rptd this hqs per par 1, SO #133, Hq 20th RCD (Avn), dtd 27 July 44, the foll named EM are asgd to the sqdns indicated. No travel involved.

S/Sgt	Jink C E Hobson	39022903	747	365th Ftr Sq
Pvt	James T Hasty, Jr	34821160	256	366th Ftr Sq

3. The following named EM of the Mobile Flying Control Unit are relvd from attachment for movement to the 2056th Eng FF Pltn. (Auth: XIX TAC TWX Y100E)

Sgt	Henry E Klein	35563844
Cpl	John Salkowski	33318346
Pfc	William Chamberlain	36633669
Pfc	Leo Schwartz	32798797
Pvt	Preston Hebert	38164276
Pvt	Emmitt Calhoun	35350963

4. WOCO appointing CAPT JAMES S CRAFT, 0649760, AC, Officers' Mess Officer vice 1ST LT WALTER P MORGAN, JR, 0661523, AC, relvd, effective 9 July 44, is hereby made a matter of record.

5. WOCO appointing 1ST LT DAVID B FICKLIN, 01637411, AC, Assistant Officers' Mess Officer, effective 9 July 44, is hereby made a matter of record.

By order of Colonel WELLS:

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
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For the Group Commander:

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Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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[redacted] story [redacted]. (1 Amb. Div.)
[redacted] Headquarters, [redacted]

[redacted] Commanding General, [redacted]
Forwarded.
By command of [redacted]:

[redacted]
[redacted]

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Letter of Trans[illegible]
[illegible]
Headquarters, [illegible]

To: [illegible]
[illegible]

For The Group [illegible]:

[illegible],
[illegible] Headquarters,
Ireland.

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[illegible] Fighter Group
APO [illegible]
U. S. Army

[illegible]

SUBJECT: Letter of Instruction, Mission No. [illegible].

TO: Commanding Officer, [illegible] Fighter Group, APO [illegible], U. S. Army.

1. In accordance with Field Order Administration No. [illegible], Headquarters [illegible], effective [illegible] hours, [illegible] July 1944, you are hereby designated as Field Officer Representative for all units of [illegible] Fighter Group, covering the period [illegible] July 1944.

Joseph Luntan

[illegible]
Major, Air Corps,
Executive.

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Incl 1 - Hist. Report [illegible] Sq. (In Duplicate).
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As [redacted] in any history of the birth of duty, [redacted] echelon of the group, [redacted] high hell [redacted] the [redacted] duke with preparatory to moving to France. After spending two nights in the marshalling area, the unit embarked at Southampton and arrived at Omaha Beach in France on July 2nd. The night was spent at the beach and unit finally arrived at our new base, Site A-14, near [redacted], on July 3rd. At that date our field was still under fire from enemy artillery and the German forces were approximately only a mile and a half distant from the field. Our own artillery was positioned on and around our field at this time.

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The ground echelon of the Group departed from [redacted] by train and truck convoy on July 4th for the marshalling area. The night was spent there. Unit embarked at Southampton on the 5th, spending the night on the boat crossing to France. The night of the 6th was spent on the beach and unit arrived at new base on Sunday, July 9th.

There was still left at [redacted] the remainder of the Group, consisting of all the pilots, eleven crew chiefs from each squadron and a few ground officers. Eleven sections were divided out from [redacted] between July 6th and 11th, in which date the planes were flown to France, led by Col. [redacted]. The balance of the pilots were taken by C-47's on Sunday, July 10th, to France, also the crew chiefs of the 368th Squadron. On Wednesday, July 12th, [redacted] C-47's arrived to carry the balance of equipment, and finally on Sunday, July 16th, [redacted] C-47's arrived bringing to complete the remaining personnel of the Group. Landing was made at Omaha [redacted] and journey [redacted] by truck to the new base, permitting some rest [redacted] ammunition.

[redacted] of Units and [redacted] Group, 1944

Group Headquarters -- Officers, 9, Enlisted Men, 73
368th Fighter Squadron -- Officers, 41, Enlisted Men, 244
369th Fighter Squadron -- Officers, 46, Enlisted Men, 251
370th Fighter Squadron -- Officers, 34, Enlisted Men, 250

[redacted]

PROMOTIONS AND DEMOTIONS

Officers

Captain to Major

Capt. Harvey (NMI) Bell

1st Lieutenant to Captain

1st Lieut. Henry L. Bemis
1st Lieut. Harley A. Barnette
1st Lieut. Boyd D. Bell

2nd Lieutenant to 1st Lieutenant

2nd Lieut. Bruce D. Allison

Enlisted Men (See Special Orders, Appendix I)

ASSIGNMENTS AND RELIEVEMENTS

(See Special Orders, Appendix I)

OPERATIONS

Operations for the month consisted of a variety of missions in character. They included bombing with both general purpose and fragmentation type bombs, escorting medium bombers, beach head patrol and armed reconnaissance. During the last few days of the month, the Group operated in support of our ground troops in the famous break thru to the Brittany Peninsula. Magnificent results were accomplished during these vital days in bombing and strafing enemy motor trucks, horse drawn guns, tanks, etc. A complete resume of these missions is contained in the respective Squadron histories.

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UNIT HISTORY REPORT
358TH FIGHTER GROUP
(Month of Aug., 1944)

D-L-2

3 Sept 1944.

MOVEMENT OF 358 FIGHTER GROUP

Our stay at Strip A-14 near CRETTEVILLE, FRANCE was destined to be of short duration. Movement of the Third Army southward and west into the BRITTANY Peninsula had been so rapid that it immediately became necessary for this Group to also move forward.

Consequently, on August 14th the advance echelon moved by motor convoy to our new location , Strip A-28, located on the outskirts of the town of PONTORSON. The flight echelon led by Colonel Wells left on the following day. The ground echelon moved by motor convoy also on the 15th followed by the rear echelon on the 16th.

The engineers had prepared a fine strip for us, laid out in an apple orchard. Our new location was approximately eighty miles south of CRETTEVILLE, and about six miles from the famous MONT ST MICHEL located on BAY DU MONT ST MICHEL.

STRENGTH OF GROUP AS OF AUGUST 31, 1944

Group Headquarters	--- Officers, 29, Enlisted Men, 72
365th Squadron	---- Officers, 53, Enlisted Men, 250
366th Squadron	---- Officers, 51, Enlisted Men, 250
367th Squadron	---- Officers, 55, Enlisted Men, 253

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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

On August 24th at RENNES airdrome Major James C. Stewart, Group Operations Officer, was presented with the Distinguished Flying Cross. The presentation was made by Major General Vandenberg, Commanding General, Ninth Air Force.

Colonel Wells, Commanding Officer of this Group, was present at the ceremony.

PROMOTIONS AND DEMOTIONS

Enlisted Men (See special Orders attached - APPENDIX 1)

ASSIGNMENTS AND REASSIGNMENTS

See Special Orders attached (APPENDIX 1)

OPERATIONS

During the month the squadrons flew a total of 59 missions each. The great majority of these were armed reconaissance type, and support of our ground troops. Terrific damage was inflicted on the enemy in the destruction of motor trucks, staff cars, artillery, etc, and undoubtedly helped immeasurably in the remarkable advances of our ground forces.

On August 25th the Group was assigned as support to the 2nd, 8th, and 29th Infantry Divisions and Task Force "B" assaulting BREST. We continued to operate on this during the remainder of the month.

GENERAL

Attached as part of our history report for the month is a short story, together with photographs, of the CHATEAU and adjacent buildings occupied during our short stay at CRETTEVILLE on Stip A-14.

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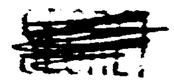

The Chateau, front view. Officer's club and bar is just to the left of the main entrance. Countesse's wing is hidden by the trees at right.

The Group came to France prepared to rough it, as far as living conditions were concerned. It's pleasant surprise when it was assigned a chateau is illustrated by a conversation between the commanding officer and his executive, who had gone ahead to prepare the Group's bivouac, and couldn't resist a little fun.

"How are the living conditions?" asked the C. O.

"Very fine, sir. There's a nice woods there, and I've a good spot picked out for your pup tent, "replied the executive.

"Pup tent? Ye gods, I want a pyramidal!

"Oh no, sir. Everybody sleeps in pup tents over here."

"Nuts! " replied the C. O., as his jeep drove through a stone gate, up a wooded drive, past imposing stone buildings, to the door of a stately French chateau. The bright pink of the stone and cement building the graceful, curving roofs, the high doors and windows gave it an air of historic magnificence. True, the grass was long and uncut the same grass that used to be a beautiful front lawn. In it were buried fallen American paratroopers, and three times their number of Germans. The walls were pock-marked by both German and American shells.

After the colonel, in his red-carpeted quarters, recovered from the pleasant shock of the chateau bivouac, he met "the Countess", who prefers to remain anonymous outside the Group because of her relatives still in Nazi Europe. The countess and her sister were living in one wing of the chateau when German troops were bivouaced there, and later when American paratrcopers came. Their mother was American, a descendent of a signer of the Declaration of Independence; both of the charming, gray-haired ladies speak English fluently, and told many stories of the hated German occupation.

For instance, the Germans wanted dugouts built on her property, so they requisitioned Frenchmen from a nearby town for the job. The French came and completed the job . . . . . it took them three months. They brought that Normandy liquid dynamite, calvados, and got pleasantly and persuasively plastered. So persuasively that by noon the German guards were also drunk and further work was impossible.

No one was supposed to have a radio except the German Officers, and of course not even they ever listened to the B.B.C. news. But the countess, walking down the hall past their rooms, heard the chimes of Big Ben coming through the door, more than once.

[redacted]

The chateau has made history since about 1200, when the original medieval castle was built to shield the local chief and his men from rival barons. It figured in the 100 years' war, when the English were finally driven out of France, about 1450. About 1540 it was acquired by the Coignys, who tore down the old medieval buildings and built what is now the left wing about a hundred years later. The Coignys were famous soldiers. The Marechal de Coigny in the 18th century fought for Louis XIV, winning the battle of Parma against the Austrians in Italy. He also added the remainder of the chateau. In 1793 the chateau was pillaged by revolutionary troops, and in the early 1900's was used as a seminary for priests. The countess acquired the property fairly recently and, before the german panzer units were bivouaced there, had restored it to its former magnificence.

Yes, the Group had to rough it at this bivouac, but they took it philosophically. . . . ."C'est la guerre!" they said as they bade it farewell.

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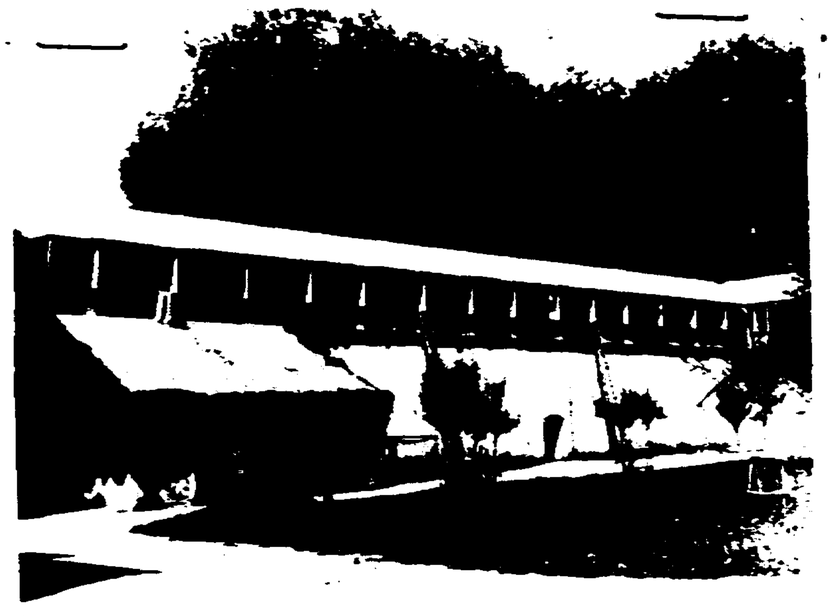
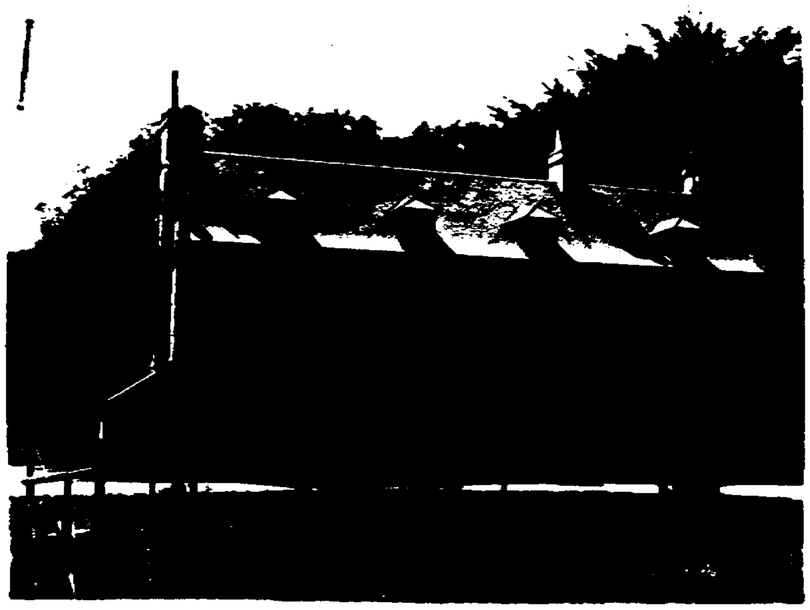


Pilots' dormitory. Group surgeon and dentist at far right pilots sleep upstairs. Officers' mess and "chateau theater" downstairs in what used to be a stable.

The "pavilion" used as Group Headquarters with Group Hq. officers sleeping on the top floor.



The Army Nurses grace opening of the "Cafe Du Ponc" the officers' bar in the chateau, July 30, 1944.

APPENDIX I

Special Orders

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(Par 4, SO #86, Hq 353th Ftr Gp, dtd 1 Aug 44, Cont'd)

5. WCCO relieving CAPT JACK W COLLIER, 0523271, AC, 350th Ftr Sq, from attachment for dy and appointment as Asst Operations Officer to Hq 353th Ftr Gp, effective 31 July 44, is hereby made a matter of record.

By order of Colonel WELLS:

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

Frank A. Taylor

FRANK A. TAYLOR
1st Lt., Air Corps,
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HEADQUARTERS 363TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U. S. ARMY

3 August 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 87)

1. Having rptd this hqs per par 3, SO #210, Hq AAF Sta 342, dtd 30 July 44, the foll named O are asgd to the sqs indicated. No travel involved.

2d LT	ALLAN GILBERT	0803967	366th Ftr Sq
2d LT	FRANK C HAMBOLD	0824485	366th Ftr Sq
2d LT	ALVIN B JOHNSON	0823902	366th Ftr Sq
2d LT	STEPHEN A MANDIC, JR	0822283	366th Ftr Sq
2d LT	HAINSWORTH S STONE	0824768	365th Ftr Sq
2d LT	OPIE A WAHL	0824798	365th Ftr Sq

By order of Colonel TELLS:

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
Ist Lt., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U. S. ARMY

6 August 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
No. 88)

1. Under the provisions of XIX TAC FWX Y23C dtd 19 July 44, the 1st named O of the sqs indicated are granted combat crew personnel leave and will proceed to the UK by air c/e 7 August 1944 for a period of five (5) days.

CAPT	ROBERT R FISHEL	025459	365th Ftr Sq
CAPT	JEAN K WOODYARD, JR	0673731	365th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	FRED H TEH	0675730	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	CHARLES S CLINE, JR	0697192	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	ROBERT (NMI) GASPER	0695051	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	CLARENCE O WRIGHT	0815449	365th Ftr Sq
CAPT	ROBERT C SCHUSTER	0700542	366th Ftr Sq
CAPT	THOMAS W SCHWELLENBACH	0732379	366th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	MAX W MC CLURE	0675786	366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	ERNEST R GIVEN, JR	0814678	366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	HUGH J SMITH, JR	0696717	366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	MARTIN E ALLEN	0814626	366th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	MILFORD C PETERSON	0522319	367th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	FRANK L BUCKIO, JR	0887139	367th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	RICHARD B MANWARING	0815359	367th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	ROBERT E POWELL	0697226	367th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	ROBERT E WARD	0815435	367th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	WILLIAM G WETHERILL	0695226	367th Ftr Sq

By order of Colonel WELLS:

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HEADQUARTERS 368TH FIGHTER GROUP
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SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
No. 38)

1. 1ST LT FRANK A TAYLOR, 0570488, Hq 368th Ftr , is [illegible] Duty Soldier Voting Officer.

By order of Colonel WELLS:

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
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Assistant Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U. S. ARMY

13 August 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 91)

1. Under the provisions of XIX TAC TWX Y20C dtd 19 July 44, the foll named O of the sqs indicated are granted operational leave and WP UK by air o/a 14 August 1944 for a period of five (5) days.

1ST LT	LE ROY J MANOR	0810535	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	PETER J DONLON	0697196	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	GERALD C LESLEY	0818396	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	NORMAN A SCHUELE, JR	0818441	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	HARRY M SNELL	0701815	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	DAVID J GODFREY	0695052	366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	TRIAN T. MATYE	0697218	366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	CRAIG C MC CALL	0815737	366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	JAMES E MORRIS, JR	0815745	366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	HENRY MURPHY	0697221	366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	CHARLES H MAEHRLEIN	0815731	366th Ftr Sq
MAJOR	JAMES C STEWART	0366788	367th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	DOYLE F NEE	0697222	367th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	JOHN J PETROSKY	0816931	367th Ftr Sq
F/O	SALVATORE L ALESSI	T-61483	367th Ftr Sq
F/O	DAVID M. LOVELESS	T-61678	367th Ftr Sq
F/O	CECIL M THOMPSON	T-123782	367th Ftr Sq

2. MR ROY K ATEN, ARC, Hq 358th Ftr Gp, is placed on temp dy for approx four (4) days and WP ARC Hqs (UK) o/a 14 Aug 44 for the purpose of handling matters pertaining to this organization. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. (Auth: XIX TAC TWX A91C dtd 11 Aug 44).

3. VOCO assigning 2ND LT FRANK L BUCKIO, 0887139, AC, to the 367th Ftr Sq, effective 31 July 44, is hereby made a matter of record. 2ND LT FRANK L BUCKIO, 0887139, AC, was assigned to the 358th Ftr Gp per [illegible] 30 #197, Hq Ninth Air Force, dtd 1[illegible] July 44, as amended by per [illegible] #213, Hq Ninth Air Force, dtd 3[illegible] May 44.

By order of Colonel WELLS:

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Assistant Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U. S. ARMY

14 August 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 92)

1. Under the provisions of XIX TAC TWX Y20C dtd 19 July 44, CAPT CHARLES T KIMBALL, 0666953, 366th Ftr Sq, is granted operational leave and WP UK by air o/a 14 Aug 44 for a period of five (5) days.

2. Having rptd this hqs per par 10, SO #79, Hqs XIX TAC, dtd 10 Aug 44, 2D LT FRANK L HOLLARBUS, 0861439, AC, is asgd to the 365th Ftr Sq. No travel involved.

3. Under the provisions of par 13, AR 615-5, and upon the recommendation of his orgn comdr, Cpl Rayo C Cyr, 31130460, 365th Ftr Sq, is reduced to the grade of private, for cause.

By order of Colonel WELLS:

JAMES S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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Captain, Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO [illegible], U. S. ARMY

17 August 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 93)

1. 1ST LT FRANK A TAYLOR, 0570486, AC, is relvd fr asgmt with Hq 358th Ftr Gp and asgd to 367th Ftr Sq. No travel involved.

2. 1ST LT WALTER P MORGAN, JR, 0561723, AC, is relvd fr asgmt with 367th Ftr Sq and asgd to Hq 358th Ftr Gp. No travel involved.

3. 1ST LT WALTER P MORGAN, JR, 0561723, AC, is aptd Gp Assistant Statistical Officer and Gp Assistant Adjutant, vice, 1ST LT FRANK A TAYLOR, 0570486, AC, relvd.

4. CAPT PAUL E BELL, 0562504, AC, is relvd fr asgmt with Hq 358th Ftr Gp and asgd to 365th Ftr Sq. No travel involved.

5. CAPT DARWIN A JOHNSON, 0578072, AC, is relvd fr asgmt with 365th Ftr Sq and asgd to Hq 358th Ftr Gp. No travel involved.

6. CAPT DARWIN A JOHNSON, 0578072, AC, is aptd Gp Engineering Officer, vice, CAPT PAUL E BELL, 0562504, AC, relvd.

7. LT COL RANDALL D KEATOR, 0412276, AC, is aptd Gp Deputy Commander, vice, LT COL JACK A TIERRIAULT, 0432140, AC, relvd.

8. MAJ JAMES C STEWART, 0366788, AC, is relvd fr asgmt with 367th Ftr Sq and asgd to Hq 358th Ftr Gp. No travel involved.

9. MAJ JAMES C STEWART, 0366788, AC, is aptd Gp Operations Officer, vice, LT COL RANDALL D KEATOR, 0412276, AC, relvd.

10. CAPT JAMES F SCHILKE, 0686998, AC, is aptd Commanding Officer of the 367th Ftr Sq, vice, MAJ JAMES C STEWART, 0366788, AC, relvd.

11. Par 1, SO #79, this hqs, dtd 25 July 44, is revoked.

12. Under the provisions of par 3a, AR 35-320, the foll named O are appointed Class "A" Finance Agents to the Disbursing Officer, 309th Service Group, for payment of O and EM on regular, partial, and supplemental payrolls, and vouchers for the orgns indicated until relvd.

1ST LT	WALTER P MORGAN, JR	AC	0561723	Hq 358th Ftr Gp
1ST LT	LAUREL M HENLEY	AC	0572002	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	PHILIP J BENDT	AC	0863270	366th Ftr Sq
				Det "U" 21st Wea Sq
				Det "U" 40th Mob Comm Sq
				Flying Control
1ST LT	FRANK A TAYLOR	AC	0570486	367th Ftr Sq
CAPT	MILTON Z REISS	CMP	0367131	1194th MP Co
1ST LT	WILLIAM R WHEELER	CE	01114328	2056th Engr (Avn) FF Pltn
1ST LT	ANTHONY W HORVAT	MAC	02048019	188th Medical Dispensary

By order of Colonel WELLS:

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U. S. ARMY

19 August 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 91)

1. CAPT MILTON A CARLTON, SR, 0567587, AC, is relvd fr asgmt with Hq 358th Ftr Gp and asgd to 366th Ftr Sq. No travel involved.

2. CAPT JOHN R LESS, 0569083, AC, is relvd fr asgmt with 366th Ftr Sq and asgd to Hq 358th Ftr Gp. No travel involved.

3. CAPT JOHN R LESS, 0569083, AC, is aptd Assistant Intelligence Officer, vice, CAPT MILTON A CARLTON, SR, 0567587, AC, relvd.

4. Cpl Severo Rodriguez, 38359988, AC, is relvd fr asgmt with Hq 358th Ftr Gp and asgd to 367th Ftr Sq. No travel involved.

5. Pfc Alfred D Day, 35276842, AC, is relvd fr asgmt with 367th Ftr Sq and asgd to Hq 358th Ftr Gp. No travel involved.

By order of Colonel WELLS:

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SPECIAL [illegible]

NO. 95)

1. CAPT [illegible] 0-[illegible], [illegible], is relvd fr attchmt with 365th Ftr Sq and aspd to Hq 358th Ftr Gp. [illegible] 1-Jly-44.

2. CAPT [illegible], [illegible], is aptd Asst Operations O.

3. CAPT MICHAEL [illegible], 0-[illegible], AC, 487th Ftr Sq, is relvd fr attachment for dy and aptmt as Gp Asst Op [illegible] Hq 358th Ftr Gp.

4. CAPT [illegible], 0-[illegible], AC, 487th Ftr Sq, is relvd fr attachment for dy and aptmt as Gp Asst Operations O with Hq 358th Ftr Gp.

5. CAPT CHARLES T [illegible], 0661[illegible], AC, 487th Ftr Sq, is relvd fr attachment for dy and aptmt as Gp Asst Operations O with Hq 358th Ftr Gp.

6. 1ST LT [illegible], 0-[illegible], 487th Ftr Sq, is atchd to Hq 358th Ftr Gp for dy.

7. 1ST LT [illegible], 0-[illegible], is aptd Gp Asst Operations O.

8. MAJ JOSEPH [illegible], 0-[illegible], Hq 358th Ftr Gp, is aptd investigating O for the purpose of investigating the death of Pfc Harry R Mc Clelland, 33198017, AC, [illegible] Ftr Sq.

9. Under the provisions of [illegible] and 10 July 44, the following named O of the sqs indicated were relieved from duty with TF [illegible] by air o/a 21 August 44 for a period of five (5) days.

1ST LT	STEPHEN [illegible]	0-[illegible]	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	GEORGE [illegible]	0-[illegible]	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	LESLIE [illegible]	0-[illegible]	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	DANIEL [illegible]	0-[illegible]	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	OTTO H [illegible] JR	0816589	366th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	KENNETH M MC DANIEL	0675789	366th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	WALTER F FELIX	0812780	366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	JOE F TEDI	0701[illegible]	366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	ROBERT H [illegible]	0[illegible]	366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	HAROLD G STAIN[illegible]	0702386	366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	EDWARD J FOX	0816303	367th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	JOE R HOLLAWAY, JR	0[illegible]	367th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	RALPH G [illegible]	0[illegible]	367th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	DONALD F MC [illegible]	0701[illegible]	367th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	ROBERT J [illegible]	0816824	367th Ftr Sq

By order of [illegible]

WALTER P. MORGAN, JR.,
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21 August 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 2[illegible])

1. So much of par 4, SO #[illegible], this Hqs, that reads: "2ND LT JOE R HOLLAWAY, [illegible], 367th Ftr Sq", is amended to read: "1ST LT JOE R HOLLAWAY, [illegible], 367th Ftr Sq."

2. Par 10, SO #68, this hqs, dtd 17 August 44, is revoked.

3. Under the provisions of [illegible] AR 35-3200, the foll named O are appointed Class "A" Finance Agents to act as Disbursing Officer, 309th Service Group, for payment of O and EM on regular, partial, and supplemental payrolls, and vouchers for the amts indicated until relvd.

MAJ LT	WALTER F [illegible],	AC 0561723	Hq 358th Ftr Gp
1ST LT	LAUREL N HENLEY	AC 0572002	365th Ftr Sq
CAPT	RAYMOND H DYKE	AC 0544700	366th Ftr Sq
			Det "D" 21st Mea Sq
			Det "D" 40th Mob Comm Sq
			Flying Control
1ST LT	FRANK A TAYLOR	AC 0570486	367th Ftr Sq
CAPT	[illegible]	CWS 0567131	1194th MP Co
1ST LT	WILLIAM R WEBB	CE 01124529	2056th Engr (Avn) FF Pltn
1ST LT	ANTHONY T [illegible]	MAC 020130[illegible]	188th Medical Dispensary
1ST LT	[illegible]	AGL 01005345	Hqs 151 APU

4. So much of par 3, SO #68, this hqs, that reads: 2ND LT HAROLD G STALNAKER, 0702856, 368th Ftr Sq", is amended to read: "2ND LT HAROLD G STALNAKER, 0702856, 368th Ftr Sq."

5. 1ST LT EMANUEL [illegible] 0538441, AC, is relvd fr asgmt with Hq 358th Ftr Gp and asgd to 368th Ftr Sq. No travel involved.

6. 1ST LT PAUL A [illegible], AC is relvd fr asgmt with 365th Ftr Sq and asgd to Hq 358th Ftr Gp. No travel involved.

7. 1ST LT KARL A HANSEL, 0571[illegible], AC, is aptd Assistant Intelligence Officer, vice, 1ST LT EMANUEL [illegible], 0538441, AC, relvd.

8. Par 9, SO #64, this hqs, dtd 24 June 44, is revoked.

9. The foll named O of this Gp are hereby authorized are aptd to the Aircraft Accident Committee.

LT COL	RANDALL D KEATOR	0412276 Hq 358th Ftr Gp
MAJOR	JAMES C STEWART	0566788 Hq 358th Ftr Gp
CAPT	GEORGE W HUNT, JR	0666039 365th Ftr Sq
CAPT	ROBERT C SCHUSTER	0793549 366th Ftr Sq
CAPT	JAMES F [illegible]	0[illegible] 367th Ftr Sq

LT COL RANDALL D KEATOR, [illegible]2276, Hq 358th Ftr Gp, and MAJOR JAMES C STEWART, 0566788 Hq 358th Ftr Gp, will serve on all investigations with the CO of the squadron concerned (in the accident) making a committee of three.

10. 1ST LT [illegible], AC, Hq 358th Ftr Gp, is aptd Group Soldier's Pay and Property Officer, vice 1ST LT FRANK A. TAYLOR, 0570486, relvd.

[illegible]

(Cont'd, Pg [illegible], Par [illegible], Ltr Hq AAF, dtd 4 [illegible] 44, cont'd.)

11. Par 4 [illegible] this Hqs, Ltr 13 Feb 44, is revoked.

12. The [illegible] and EM are aptd as Special Inspection Staff for the [illegible]

Air Inspector, LT COL [illegible] D KEATOR, 0412276 (add dy)
Administrative Inspector, LT COL THADDEUS A BARTNICK, 0906651 (add dy)
Tactical Inspector, MAJ [illegible] STEWART, 0366738 (add dy)
Ass't Tactical Inspector, CAPT JAMES F HACKLER, JR, 025767 (add dy)
Technical Inspector, WOJG DALE E MC ALLISTER, W2122069
Armament Inspector, M/Sgt Larry M Hocks, 6241501
Radio Inspector, M/Sgt James P Cavanagh, 32404933
Airplane Inspector, T/Sgt Ross S Wynott, 6149159
Clk for Technical Inspector, Sgt Robert S Watt, 13168052
Clk for Administrative Inspector, Sgt Alex (NMI) Richmond, 36336700 (Add dy)

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HEADQUARTERS 359TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 140 U. S. ARMY

24 August 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 97)

1. Having rptd this hqs per par 2, SO #220, Hqs AAF Sta 342, dtd 18 August 44, the foll named O are assd to the sqs indicated. No travel involved.

2D LT	RICHARD G BIRKIE	0703816	368th Ftr Sq
2D LT	DOPEL J [illegible]	0770192	368th Ftr Sq
2D LT	WILLIAM [illegible]	0703882	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	LOUIS J [illegible]	0710087	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT	ROY E [illegible]	0710118	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT	ALBERT L LITCH	0710002	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	WAYNE MAY	0710144	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	DONALD E MOCKLER	0710151	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	NORMAN L [illegible]	0770381	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT	RAYMOND E SMITH, JR	0710194	366th Ftr Sq
F/O	JOHN K CARLSON	T-124080	365th Ftr Sq

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U. S. ARMY

27 August 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 99)

1. MAJ ALLAN W CHARLTON, 0907075, AC 366th Ftr Sq, is placed on temp dy for an indefinite period and WP Hq XIX TAC by MT o/a 28 Aug 44. Upon comp of temp dy O will ret to proper orgn and sta.

2. VOCO 20 Aug 44, assigning S/Sgt (747) Arthur K Conerton, 37152361, who rptd to this Hq per par 1, SO 169, Hq 303rd Ftr Wg, dtd 18 Aug 44, to the 367th Ftr Sq, is hereby made a matter of record.

3. Pvt (345 - PO14) Warren H Kammerdeiner, 32478747, having rptd this Hq per par 12, SO 82, Hq XIX TAC (Rear), dtd 17 Aug 44, is asgd to 365th Ftr Sq.

By order of Colonel WELLS:

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Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 368TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 1.1 U. S. ARMY

28 August 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 100)

1. CAPT JAMES S CRAFT, 0548760, AC, is relvd fr asgmt with Hq 368th Ftr Gp and asgd to 366th Ftr Sq. No travel involved.

2. 1ST LT WALTER P MORGAN, JR, 0661723, AC, is aptd Gp Statistical Officer, vice, CAPT JAMES S CRAFT, 0548760, AC, relvd.

By order of Colonel WELLS:

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Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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Headquarters 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U. S. ARMY

30 August 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 101)

1. Under the provisions of par 13, AR 615-5, and upon the recommendation of his orgn comdr, S/Sgt Peter P Vicki, 32379096, 367th Ftr Sq, is reduced to the grade of private, for cause.

2. Under the provisions of XIX TAC TWX Y20C dtd 19 July 44, the foll named O of the sqs indicated are granted operational leave and TP UK by air o/a 31 August 44 for a period of five (5) days.

1ST LT	GERALD D BLACK	0693100	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	NORMAN (NMI) BENZ	0824375	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	ORIN A WAHL	0824798	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	FREDERICK C BISHOP	0767032	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	HOMER B COOK	0705550	365th Ftr Sq
CAPT	ALLAN W FARLOW	0665393	366th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	CARMEL E SHOOK	0521664	366th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	EDWARD KANTORSKI	0688269	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT	DAVID E KEEVER	0821723	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT	ELMER R BROWN	0816987	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT	WAYNE E OWENS	0821765	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT	BILLIE (NMI) SNELL	0701189	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT	FRED E COY, JR	0706358	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT	ROBERT L UELCK	0704768	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT	JOHN J YEDINAK	0818535	367th Ftr Sq

3. Par 3, SO #96, this hqs, dtd 21 Aug 44, is revoked.

4. Under the provisions of par 3a, AR 35-320, the foll named O are appointed Class "A" Finance Agents to the Disbursing Officer, 309th Service Group, for payment of O and EM on regular, partial, and supplemental payrolls, and vouchers for the orgns indicated until relvd.

1ST LT	WALTER P MORGAN, JR	AC	0561723	Hq 358th Ftr Gp
1ST LT	LAUREL M HENLEY	AC	0572002	365th Ftr Sq
CAPT	RANSOM H DOYON	AC	0244700	366th Ftr Sq Det "U" 21st Wea Sq Det "U" 40th Mob Com Sq Flying Control
1ST LT	FRANK A TAYLOR	AC	0570486	367th Ftr Sq
CAPT	MILTON Z REISS	CMP	0367131	1194th MP Co
1ST LT	ANTHONY W HORVAT	MAC	02048019	188th Medical Dispensary
1ST LT	WILLIAM R WHEELER	CE	01114328	2056th Eng FF Pltn (Avn)
1ST LT	KARL G TULE	AGD	01003343	Hqs 151 APO
CAPT	EDWARD T HUME	AC	01550823	6th Bomb Disp Sq

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U. S. ARMY

31 August 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 102)

1. Having rptd this hqs per par 6, SO #90, Hqs XIX TAC, dtd 29 August 44, the foll named O are asgd to the orgns indicated. No travel involved.

CAPT	FRED L HILLIS	0666175	366th Ftr Sq
MAJOR	SAMUEL L HITCHCOCK	0417630	hq 358th Ftr Gp

2. Having rptd this hqs per par 2, SO #88, Hqs XIX TAC, dtd 27 August 44, 2D LT JOHN R BUCHANAN, 0756470, AC, is asgd to the 367th Ftr Sq. No travel involved.

3. Having rptd this hqs per par 3, SO #240, Hqs AAF Sta 342, dtd 30 August 44, the foll named O are asgd to the sqs indicated. No travel involved.

2D LT	ROBERT D DWYER	0820423	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	LEWIS T EASTERLING	0819975	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	DONALD S FLOWERS	0820150	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	ARNOLD GALLAHER	0820175	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	AUGUST GARCIA	0816635	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	DAVID F HARRIS	0826422	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT	DAVID L HEDBERG	0826430	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT	JEROME G HUNT	0826450	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT	LYLE A LOVELL	0710136	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT	WILLIAM W MC GREW	0766589	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT	STANLEY J STEPANEK	0715051	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT	PAUL E WILLIAMS	0713587	366th Ftr Sq
F/O	ROBERT A PERRY	T-62168	366th Ftr Sq

4. CAPT JOHN R LESS, 0569083, AC, is aptd Gp Claims Officer, vice, CAPT MILTON A CARLTON, SR, 0567587, AC, relvd.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U. S. ARMY

D-L-2

4 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal, History Reports.

TO: Commanding Officer, 358th Fighter Group, APO 141, U. S. Army.

1. In accordance with IX FC Memorandum No. 20-4, dated 22 December 1943, submitted herewith are Unit History Reports for all units of 358th Fighter Group, covering period August 1944.

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JOSEPH A. LANTON,
Major, Air Corps,
Historian.

4 Incls:
Incl 1 - Hist. Report 358 F. Gp. (in dup).
Incl 2 - Hist. Report 365 F. Sq. (in dup).
Incl 3 - Hist. Report 366 F. Sq. (in dup).
Incl 4 - Hist. Report 367 F. Sq. (in dup).

1st Ind. G-1:5
Headquarters, 358th Fighter Group, APO 141, U. S. Army, 6 Sep 1944.

To: Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, U. S. Army.
Forwarded.
For the Group Commander:

4 Incls: n/c

HARVEY HALL,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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[redacted] 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U. S. ARMY

D-1-2

5 August 1944

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal, History Reports.

TO: Commanding Officer, 358th Fighter Group, APO 141, U. S. Army.

1. In accordance with IX FC Memorandum No. 20-4, dated 22 December 1943, submitted herewith are Unit History Reports for all units of 358th Fighter Group, covering period July 1944.

JOSEPH A. LAWTON,
Major, Air Corps,
Historian.

4 Incls:
Incl 1 - Hist. Report 358 F. Gp. (in dup).
Incl 2 - Hist. Report 365 F. Sq. (in dup).
Incl 3 - Hist. Report 366 F. Sq. (in dup).
Incl 4 - Hist. Report 367 F. Sq. (in dup).

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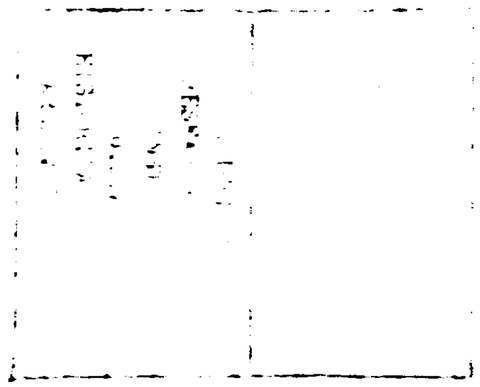

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[redacted] AND ASSIGNMENTS

Lt. Colonel Benjamin D. Hester who had been Group Operations Officer since the Group was activated was transferred during the month to serve as Liaison Officer with the R.A.F. Central Fighter Establishment in England. Everyone was sorry to see him leave and he takes with him all our best wishes.

Lt. Colonel (then Major) James L. Stewart was appointed Deputy Group Commander during the month.

Capt. James F. Keebler Jr. was appointed Group Operations Officer during the month.

Other assignments and reassignments within the organization are contained in Special Orders (See Appendix I).

OPERATIONS

During the month the 365th Squadron flew 64 missions the 366th Squadron flew 38 missions and the 367th Squadron flew 38 missions. A large number of these were in support of ground forces assaulting "[redacted]".

Other missions included armed reconnaissance, cutting rail lines, bombing Marshalling Yards, and in support of our ground forces assaulting the forts of "[redacted]".

[redacted]

Attached as part of our history report for the month is a short story together with photographs, of the hotels at [redacted] where the pilots and most of the ground officers were quartered during our stay there.

[redacted]

HOTEL DES MONTGOMERY

HOTEL DE POSTE

[redacted]

[redacted]' Hotel in Bad St[illegible]

Many [illegible] officers and [illegible] Hotel [illegible] in the hotel Des Montgomery. A colorful old place in the true [illegible] style, the hotel was formerly the [illegible] home of a branch of Montgomery. Jacques de Montgomery lived from 1470 to 1560, fighting against Charles the Fifth in 1521, but was [illegible] not a healthy pastime. Gabriel de Montgomery, 1530-1574, wounded Henry the Second at a tournament nearby. He was a protestant, was captured and executed. The hotel was built sometime in the 1500's.

The other hotels, the Bretagne and the De La [illegible], were also old and very French.

Below is a clipping, printed in Stars and Stripes, referring to the fact that the Group moved into Bostonboro a few weeks after they had bombed targets in the same area.

"Civilians in a French town near [illegible]
Thunderbolt landing strip are currently
chuckling at the expense of the Americans.
"Yanks built the railroad here in 1917,"
they say. "When your planes tore it up a
few weeks ago. Now you are building it again."

[redacted]

[redacted]

Colonel Wells Killed in Action

Colonel Wells met his death while flying on an armed reconnaissance mission in the [redacted] area on September 13th. He was leading the second mission of the day, operating from an advanced base at [redacted] when in the vicinity of [redacted] his plane was hit by flak, tearing off a section of one wing. He told his wing man over the R/T to return to the advanced base, and that he was going to bail out.

Nothing more was heard about him until five days later when some officers from the Group drove to the area where he was supposed to have bailed out. Upon contacting an Army medical unit in the area the sad news was learned that Colonel Wells had met his death when bailing out. Apparently when he jumped he was struck by the vertical stabilizer of his plane. He was under observation if his opened chute on the way down by members of the Medical Unit who immediately went to his aid but evidently death had been instantaneous.

Colonel Wells after spending 3 years at the University of Illinois enlisted as an aviation cadet on June 29, 1937. He graduated from Kelly Field Texas as a 2nd Lieutenant on June 16, 1939 and was appointed 2nd Lieutenant Regular Army on August 15, 1939. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant on September 9, 1940, to Captain February 1, 1942 to Major on March 1, 1943 to Lieut. Colonel on Aug. 19, 1943 and to Colonel on April 21, 1944. He received his rating as Senior Pilot on October 15, 1941, and had served for 20 months in the Caribbean theater.

Colonel Wells, (then Major) had assumed command of the 365th Fighter Group at the time of its activation on January 1, 1944 at Richmond, Virginia. His ability in administrative and organizational detail was outstanding. In combat he was a courageous, inspiring and cool headed leader.

At the time of his death, Colonel Wells had a total of 160 combat hours. He had received the American Theatre ribbon from his service in the Carribean, the European Theatre ribbon with bronze star, the Air Medal with 10 Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy S. Wells, Pope Field, Fort Bragg, N. C. and a daughter, Martha Ann, aged 21 months.

[redacted]

OUR NEW WHOLE COMMANDER - Colonel James B. Tipton

Colonel Tipton assumed command of the 358th Fighter Group on 20 September, 1944.

He is 28 years old and a graduate of the University of Alabama where he studied Aeronautical Engineering. He was commissioned Second Lieutenant in August 1939, 1st Lieutenant in September 1940, Captain in April 1942, Major in July 1942, Lieut. Colonel in October 1943 and Colonel in May 1944.

Among other assignments during his military career, Colonel Tipton has served as Executive Officer and Deputy Group Commander of the 358th Fighter Group before assuming command of the 358rd Fighter Group. From the 358rd Fighter Group he was transferred to H, XIX Tactical Air Command where he served in Combat operations prior to his assignment as Commander of this Group.

APPENDIX I

Special Orders

1 September 1944

SPECIAL)

NO.

1. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, and upon the recommendation of their orgn commander, the following temp promotions of EM in orgns indicated are announced:

		TO BE MASTER SERGEANT	
T/Sgt	Harold A Jones	34329626	366th Ftr Sq
		TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT	
S/Sgt	Robert R Slie	6150055	366th Ftr Sq
		TO BE STAFF SERGEANT	
Sgt	Kenton L Schank	35505105	366th Ftr Sq
		TO BE SERGEANT	
Cpl	Herbert R White	19142315	366th Ftr Sq
		TO BE CORPORAL	
Pvt	James T Hasty	34821160	366th Ftr Sq
Pvt	Peter P Vicki	32379096	367th Ftr Sq
		TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	
Pvt	Harley F Jaynes	37346490	366th Ftr Sq

2. So much of par 4, SO #86, this hqs, dated 1 Aug 44, that reads: "and upon the recommendavion of their orgn commander," is amended to read: "and upon the recommendation of their orgn commander."

3. CAPT RANSOM H DOYON, 0244700, AC, 366th Ftr Sq, is placed on temp dy for an indefinite period and WP Hq XIX TAC by MT o/a 4 Sept 44.

4. 1ST LT KARL A HANSEN, 0572193, AC, is aptd Gp Postal Officer and Gp Censor Officer, vice, 1ST LT EMANUEL (NMI) HABER, 0568441, AC, relvd.

By order of Colonel ELLIS:

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2 September 1944

SPECIAL [redacted])

NO. [redacted])

1. Under the provisions of par 10, AR 210-60, dtd 11 Nov 29, 2D LT RAY F KNOST, [redacted], 367th Fighter Squadron, is aptd to audit the Officers' Mess accounts c/a 3 Sept 44.

2. MAJ JAMES C STEWART, 0366788, AC, is aptd Gp Deputy Commander, vice, LT COL RANDALL D KEATOR, 0412276, AC, relvd.

3. CAPT JAMES F HACKLER, JR, 025767, AC, is aptd Gp Operations Officer, vice, MAJ JAMES C STEWART, 0366788, AC, relvd.

4. 2D LT FRANK L HOLLENBUSH, 0861439, AC, is relvd fr asgmt with 365th Ftr Sq and asgd to 367th Ftr Sq. No travel involved.

5. 1ST LT MILFORD C PETERSON, 0522319, AC, 367th Ftr Sq, is atchd to Hq 358th Ftr Gp for dy.

6. 1ST LT MILFORD C PETERSON, 0522319, AC, is aptd Gp Asst Operations Officer.

7. Par 9, SO #96, this hqs, dtd 21 Aug 44, is revoked.

8. The foll named O of the orgns indicated are aptd to the Aircraft Accident Committee.

MAJOR	JAMES C STEWART	0366788	Hq 358th Ftr Gp
CAPT	JAMES F HACKLER, JR	025767	Hq 358th Ftr Gp
CAPT	GEORGE W HUNT, JR	0666539	365th Ftr Sq
CAPT	ROBERT C SCHUSTER	0793542	366th Ftr Sq
CAPT	JAMES F SCHILKE	0666998	367th Ftr Sq

MAJOR JAMES C STEWART, 0366788, Hq 358th Ftr Gp, and CAPT JAMES F HACKLER, JR, 025767, Hq 358th Ftr Gp, will serve on all investigations with the CO of the squadron concerned (in the accident) making a committee of three.

9. Par 12, SO #96, this hqs, dtd 21 Aug 44, is revoked.

10. The foll named O and EM, Hq 358th Ftr Gp, are aptd as Special Inspection Staff for the 358th Ftr Gp.

Air Inspector, MAJOR JAMES C STEWART, 0366788 (add dy)
Administrative Inspector, LT COL THADDEUS A [redacted]ICK, 0906651 (add dy)
Tactical Inspector, CAPT JAMES F HACKLER, JR, 025767 (add dy)
Technical Inspector, WOJG [redacted]LE E [redacted]C ALLISTER, W2122069
Armament Inspector, M/Sgt Larry M Hooks, 6241501
Radio Inspector, M/Sgt James T Cavanaugh, 32404983
Airplane Inspector, T/Sgt Ross S Wyrott, 6149159
Clk for Technical Inspector, Sgt Robert S Watt, 13168052
Clk for Administrative Inspector, Sgt Alex (NMI) Richmond, 36336700 (add dy)

By order of Colonel WELLS:

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Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO [illegible]

3 September 1944

[illegible]

1. [illegible] the provisions of AAF ThC TWX Y-210 dtd 19 July 44, CmrT [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] Sq, is granted operational leave and [illegible] Grant 44 for a period of five (5) days.

2. [illegible] assigning the following named O, who rptd to this Hqs [illegible], Hqs AAF ThC, dtd [illegible] 44, to the sqs indicated, is hereby [illegible] of record.

[illegible]	T-555123	Cpt	366th Ftr Sq
[illegible]	T-550659	Cpt	365th Ftr Sq

3. Under the provisions of par 13, AR 615-5, and upon the recommendation of his [illegible] Comdr, the following named EM, 365th Ftr Sq, are reduced to the grade of Pvt, for cause.

S/Sgt	Herbert J Dawson	350.3127
S/Sgt	Paul E Kirby	11031071
Sgt	Samuel Cohen	32236678

4. So much of par 1, SO #101, this hqs, dtd 2 Sept 44, that reads: 2D [illegible], 365th Fighter Squadron, is amended to read: "1st Lt [illegible], 365th Fighter Squadron."

By order of Colonel [illegible]

[illegible],
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant

[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible],
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant

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APO [redacted] U. S. ARMY

4 September 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 106)

1. Under the provisions of par 13, AR 615-5, and upon the recommendation of his orgn comdr, Cpl Virgil E King, 15382242, 366th Ftr Sq, is reduced to the grade of private, for cause.

2. CAPT MILTON A CARLTON, SR, 0567587, AC, 366th Ftr Sq, is aptd investigating O for the purpose of investigating an accident involving Cpl Charles L Gilliam, 35550172, 366th Ftr Sq.

3. Having rptd this hqs per par 1, SO #91, Hqs AAA TAC, dtd 30 Aug 44, the foll named EM are asgd to the sqs indicated. No travel involved.

Sgt	Howard G Stevens	34197722	365th Ftr Sq
Pfc	David D Van Fossen	35633768	366th Ftr Sq
Pfc	Donald G Van Fossen	35633784	366th Ftr Sq
Pfc	John J Noon	32077558	366th Ftr Sq
Pvt	Frank Woloscsuk	20229470	366th Ftr Sq

4. Having rptd this hqs per par 3, SO #93, Hqs XIX TAC, dtd 1 Sept 44, the foll named O are asgd to the sqs indicated. No travel involved.

1ST LT	HARRY A BLACK, JR	01166672	366th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	HARRY E LAVIN, JR	0810680	366th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	JOHN E MOLEN	0810550	367th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	THOMAS S L MC CLUNG	0793008	365th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	WILLIAM H SCHUBERT	0692204	367th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	RAYMOND R WISNER, JR	0745558	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	HENRY R HUDGENS	0737109	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	RICHARD O JOHNSON	0704681	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT	WARREN A JONES	0766547	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT	THOMAS T KILFOYLE, JR	0766557	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT	ROY L KILPATRICK, JR	0766558	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT	ROBERT E LEETY	0704689	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT	DANIEL E LOWERS	0821741	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT	FULLER MC CONAN	0685323	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT	DONALD H SCHRIBER	0766720	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT	FRED E SELBY	0708764	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	EDWARD S SHANTZ	0766728	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	JAMES N WHARTON	0692240	367th Ftr Sq
F/O	EUGENE W MURPHY	T-223107	366th Ftr Sq

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5 September 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 107)

1. Having rptd this hqs per par 1, SO #91, Hqs AAA TAC, dtd 30 Aug 44, the foll named EM are asgd to the sqs indicated. No travel involved.

Cpl	Charles W Rossa	35464732	365th Ftr Sq
Cpl	Anthony J Zalewski	32305797	366th Ftr Sq
Pfc	Frank J Collins	34727031	365th Ftr Sq
Pfc	Jess A Green	38512263	367th Ftr Sq
Pvt	Howard C Freeman	34666595	365th Ftr Sq

2. Having rptd this hqs per par 4, SO #94, Hqs AAA TAC, dtd 3 Sept 44, Pfc Alton A Freeman, 32492[illegible], is asgd to 365th Ftr Sq. No travel involved.

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6 September 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 108)

1. Under the provisions of par 13, AR 615-5, and upon the recommendation of their orgn comdr, the foll named EM, 365th Ftr Sq, are reduced to the grade of private, for cause.

Cpl	James D Harris	14056768
Cpl	Robert E Shannon	11114750

2. Under the provisions of AAF Tng Plan Y20C dtd 19 July 44, the foll named O of the sqs indicated are granted operational leave and TP by air o/a 7 Sept 44 for a period of five (5) days.

CAPT	John A WOODLAND	0672731	365th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	Fred H Tate	0675730	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	Charles G Dickinson	0711963	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	Russell E Smith	0822222	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	Marshall S Stone	0824768	365th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	Albert E Miller	0815293	365th Ftr Sq
CAPT	John R Buchan	025439	366th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	John J Karpanich	0688270	366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	Norman C Pitt	0767369	366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	Wendell J Robertson	0767385	366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	Stephen A Lanning, Jr	0822223	366th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	Fabian C Kalinowski	0824483	366th Ftr Sq
CAPT	Lawrence L Pool	0666576	367th Ftr Sq
CAPT	LOUIS L WILSON, JR	025623	367th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	Alan V Voorhees	0666590	367th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	Hal E Preston	0810562	367th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	Frank L BUONO, Jr	0887139	367th Ftr Sq
2ND LT	William G WITHERILL	0695226	367th Ftr Sq

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APO [illegible] U.S. ARMY

8 September 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 109)

1. Lt [illegible] rptd this hqs per par 21, SO #249, Hq Ninth Air Force, dtd 5 Sep 44, 2D LT [illegible], 0681798, AC, is ass'd to the 365th Ftr Sq. No travel involved.

2. Under the provisions of par 13, AR 615-5 as amended, and upon the recommendation of his unit comdr, S/Sgt [illegible], 36725178, 367th Ftr Sq, is reduced to the grade of private, for cause.

3. Under the provisions of par 13, AR 615-5 as amended, and upon the recommendation of his unit comdr, Cpl [illegible], 36725[illegible], 365th Ftr Sq, is reduced to the grade of private, for cause.

4. So much of par 2, SO #108, this hqs, dtd 6 Sep 44, that reads: "2D LT [illegible], 0695[illegible], 367th Ftr Sq", is amended to read: "2D LT [illegible], 0695[illegible], 367th Ftr Sq."

5. Par 4, SO #101, this hqs, dtd 30 Aug 44, is revoked.

6. Under the provisions of par 3a, AR 35-3320, the following officers, appointed Class "A" Finance Officers to the Disbursing Officer, 309th Service Group, for payment of O and EM on regular, partial, and supplemental payrolls, and vouchers for the items indicated until revd.

2LT	[illegible]	AC	0562723	Hq, 358th Ftr Gp
2LT	[illegible]	AC	0572002	365th Ftr Sq
2LT	[illegible]	AC	0443999	366th Ftr Sq
				1st Lt "A" 21st Ftr Sq
				1st Lt "A" 40th Neb Com Sq
				Trans "D" 334th Sta Comp Sq
1ST LT	FRANK [illegible]	AC	0570486	367th Ftr Sq
CAPT	[illegible]	CAP	0367131	1194th MP Co
1ST LT	[illegible]	MAC	0701[illegible]9	170th Medical Dispensary
1ST LT	[illegible]	CE	0111[illegible]	2058th Eng H Plon (Avn)
1ST LT	[illegible]	AGD	0[illegible]3	Hqs 15th AF
1ST LT	[illegible]	AC	0[illegible]3	6th Weath Recp Sq

By order of Colonel [illegible]:

[illegible]
Major, AAF Corps,
Assistant.

OFFICIAL:

Norman Hall

[illegible]

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HEADQUARTERS 356TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U. S. ARMY

12 September 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 110)

1. Having rptd this hqs per par 19, SO #162, Hqs 20th RCD (Avn) dtd 25 Aug 44, the foll named EM are asgd to the 366th Ftr Sq. No travel involved.

Pvt	Charles N Bechtel	33827343
Pvt	Walter J Kosclelski	12200731

2. Under the provisions of par 4 b, AR 35-1100, 12 May 42, the foll named O are aptd to witness and verify the cash balance of 1ST LT KARL C TYLE, O1003243, ASD, Hqs 151 AFU, APO 151, U. S. Army, on 28 Sep 44.

CAPT	MERLE C HOFFE	0559152	367th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	WALTER P MORGAN, JR	0561723	Hq 358th Ftr Gp

3. MAJOR SAMUEL L HITCHCOCK, 0417630, AC, is aptd Gp Asst Operations Officer.

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[illegible] U. S. ARMY

19 September 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 112)

1. Under the provisions of [illegible] TAC TWX Y20C dtd 19 July 44, the foll named O of the a/s indicated are granted operational leave and WP UK by air o/a 19 Sep 44 for a period of five (5) days.

CAPT	ROBERT R [illegible]	0[illegible]5459	365th Ftr Sq
CAPT	JAMES C [illegible]	0640124	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	CHARLES S [illegible]	0697192	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	PETER J DONIO	0697196	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	NORMAN A SCHUELE, JR	0818441	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	HARRY M [illegible]	0701825	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	FRED E SEELY	0708764	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	HERMAN R HUGGINS	0737109	365th Ftr Sq
CAPT	THOMAS W [illegible]	0732375	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT	ERNEST R [illegible], JR	0814678	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT	MARTIN E ALLEN	0814626	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT	HUGH J SMITH, JR	0696717	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT	ARVIN D [illegible]	0823202	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT	THOMAS T KIRKPAT[illegible]R	0766557	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT	ROBERT M [illegible]	0704589	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT	ALLAN [illegible]	[illegible]3967	366th Ftr Sq
MAJ	JAMES F [illegible]	[illegible]6998	367th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	JAMES J [illegible]	[illegible]2636	367th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	VICTOR [illegible]	[illegible]22154	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT	DOYLE [illegible]	[illegible]97242	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT	SALVATORE [illegible]	[illegible]97271	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT	DAVID W [illegible]	[illegible]97274	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT	CECIL M THOMPSON	[illegible]67275	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT	JOHN J PETRANEK	[illegible]26931	367th Ftr Sq

2. Under the provisions of par 13, AR 615-5, as amended, and upon the recommendation of his org commr, [illegible] Private Glenn L Fust, 39613478, 366th Ftr Sq, is reduced to the grade of private, for cause.

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APO 411 U. S. ARMY

21 September 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 113)

1. MAJ ROBERT C SCHUSTER, 0793542, AC, is relvd fr asgmt with Hq 358th Ftr Gp and asgd to the 366th Ftr Sq. No travel involved.

2. MAJ ROBERT C SCHUSTER, 0793542, AC, is aptd Commanding Officer of the 366th Ftr Sq, vice CAPT JOHN H BUCHER, 025439, AC, relvd.

3. MAJ JAMES C STEWART, 0366788, AC, is aptd Gp Deputy Commander, vice MAJ ROBERT C SCHUSTER, 0793542, AC, relvd.

4. Par 5, SO #111, this hqs, dtd 16 Sep 44, is revoked.

5. The foll named O of the orgns indicated are aptd to the Aircraft Accident Committee.

MAJOR	JAMES C STEWART	0366788	Hq 358th Ftr Gp	
CAPT	JAMES F HACKLER, JR	025767	Hq 358th Ftr Gp	
MAJOR	GEORGE W HUNT, JR	0666539	365th Ftr Sq	
MAJOR	ROBERT C SCHUSTER	0793542	366th Ftr Sq	
MAJOR	JAMES F SCHILKE	0666998	367th Ftr Sq	
MAJOR	JOSEPH A LAWTON	0468829	Hq 358th Ftr Gp	(ex-officio, non voting)
MAJOR	DONALD K MC CLUSKY	0473339	Hq 358th Ftr Gp	(ex-officio, non voting)
CAPT	KENNETH W BENJAMIN	0473782	367th Ftr Sq	(ex-officio, non voting, alternate)

MAJOR JAMES C STEWART, 0366788, Hq 358th Ftr Gp, and CAPT JAMES F HACKLER, JR, 025767, Hq 358th Ftr Gp, will serve on all investigations with the CO of the squadron concerned (in the accident) making a committee of three.

6. Par 7, SO #111, this hqs, dtd 16 Sep 44, is revoked.

7. The foll named O and EM, Hqs 358th Ftr Gp, are aptd as Special Inspection Staff for the 358th Ftr Gp.

Air Inspector, MAJOR JAMES C STEWART, 0366788 (add dy)
Administrative Inspector, LT COL THADDEUS A BARTNICK, 0906651 (add dy)
Tactical Inspector, CAPT JAMES F HACKLER, JR, 025767 (add dy)
Technical Inspector, WOJG GALE E MC ALLISTER, W-2122069
Armament Inspector, M/Sgt Larry E Hooks, 6241501
Radio Inspector, M/Sgt James T Cavanagh, 32404983
Airplane Inspector, T/Sgt Ross S Wynott, 6149159
Clk for Technical Inspector, Sgt Robert S Watt, 13168052
Clk for Administrative Inspector, Sgt Alex (NMI) Richmond, 36336700 (add dy)

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22 September 1944

NO.

1. [illegible], 0567587, AC, is relvd fr asgmt with the 3[illegible] p. No travel involved.

2. [illegible] LESS, [illegible], AC, is relvd fr asgmt with Hq 358th Ftr Gp and [illegible] to the 364th Ftr Gp. No travel involved.

3. CAPT WILL[illegible] A [illegible] LESS, [illegible], 0567587, AC, is aptd Gp Photo Interpreter.

4. [illegible], 0567587, AC, is aptd Gp Assistant Intelligence Officer and [illegible] Officer, vice CAPT JOHN R LESS, 0569083, AC, relvd

5. [illegible] 0568441, AC, is relvd fr asgmt with the 365th Ftr Sq and assd to Hq 358th Ftr Gp. No travel involved.

6. 1ST LT [illegible], 0568[illegible], AC, is relvd fr asgmt with Hq 358th Ftr Gp [illegible] to the 365th Ftr Sq. No travel involved.

7. 1ST LT [illegible] (NMI) [illegible], 0568441, AC, is aptd Gp Assistant Photo Interpreter.

8. [illegible] (NMI) [illegible], 0568441, AC, is aptd Gp Assistant Intelligence Officer, Gp Postal Officer, and Gp Censor, vice 1ST LT KARL A HUNSE, 0571[illegible], AC, relvd

9. Pursuant to authority contained in letter, subject: "Appointment of Officers in the Army of the United States", Hqs Ninth Air Force, dtd 4 Feb [illegible] a Board of Officers is appointed to meet at this hqs for the purpose of interviewing Flight Officers recommended for appointment as 2nd Lieutenants, Army of the United States.

1ST LT	[illegible]	0566788	Hqs 358th Ftr Gp
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	Hqs 358th Ftr Gp
1ST LT	[illegible]	[illegible]	Hqs 358th Ftr Gp

10. Under the provisions of [illegible], dtd 4 Mar 43, the foll EM of the 365th Ftr Sq are awarded the Good Conduct Medal:

S/Sgt	[illegible]	36022903
S/Sgt	[illegible]	39118120
S/Sgt	[illegible]	38307699
Sgt	[illegible]	16047655
Sgt	[illegible]	34612071
Sgt	[illegible]	39197722
Cpl	[illegible]	39116313
Cpl	[illegible]	34613467
Cpl	[illegible]	12211784
Cpl	[illegible]	34724256
Cpl	[illegible]	12199294
Cpl	[illegible]	36291876
Pfc	[illegible]	12192224
Pfc	[illegible]	31906185
Pfc	[illegible]	32486764
Pfc	[illegible]	33419098
Pfc	[illegible]	35659139
Pvt	[illegible]	31027031
Pvt	[illegible]	34666595
Pvt	[illegible]	18.02434
	[illegible]	31296891

(SO #114, Hq 358th Ftr Gp, dtd 22 Sep 44, cont'd)

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24 September 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NO. 115)

1. Par 6, SO #109, this hqs, dtd 8 Sep 44, is revoked.

2. Under the provisions of par 3a, AR 35-320, the foll named O are appointed Class "A" Finance Agents to the Disbursing Officer, 309th Service Group, for payment of O and EM on regular, partial, and supplemental payrolls, and vouchers for the orgns indicated until relvd.

CAPT	WALTER P MORGAN, JR	AC	0561723	Hq 358th Ftr Gp
1ST LT	LAUREL M HENLEY	AC	0572002	365th Ftr Sq
CAPT	JAMES S CRAFT	AC	0649760	366th Ftr Sq
				Det "U" 21st Wea Sq
				Det "U" 40th Mob Com Sq
				Team "D" 324th Sta Comp Sq
1ST LT	FRANK A TAYLOR	AC	0570486	367th Ftr Sq
CAPT	MILTON Z REISS	CHP	0367131	1194th MP Co
1ST LT	ANTHONY W HORVAT	MAC	02048019	188th Med Disp
1ST LT	WILLIAM R WHEELER	CE	01114328	2056th Eng FF Pltn (Avn)
CAPT	EDWARD T HUME	AC	01550823	6th Bomb Disp Sq

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27 September 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 116)

1. Under the provisions of XIX TAC TWX Y20C dtd 19 July 44, the foll named O of the sqs indicated are granted operational leave and WP UK by air o/a 28 Sep 44 for a period of five (5) days.

1ST LT	JOHN A MC DEVITT	0815363	365th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	ROBERT (NMI) GASPER	0695051	365th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	THOMAS S L MC CLUNG	0793008	365th Ftr Sq
1ST LT	RAYMOND R WISNER, JR	0745558	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	ROBERT T BIGGERS	0812738	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	EDWARD S SHAITZ	0766728	365th Ftr Sq
2D LT	EUGENE W MURPHY	0887307	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT	FULLER (NMI) MC COWAN	0685323	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT	TRUMAN T HATYE	0697218	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT	JAMES E MORRIS, JR	0815745	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT	CHARLES H MAEHRLEIN	0815731	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT	HENRY MURPHY	0697221	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT	CRAIG C MC CALL	0815737	366th Ftr Sq
2D LT	DAVID J GODFREY	0695052	366th Ftr Sq
CAPT	MICHAEL F OGNISTY	0793527	367th Ftr Sq
CAPT	LEWIS F SHERMAN	0732383	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT	ROBERT E POWELL	0697226	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT	EDWARD J FOX	0815303	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT	ROBERT J LICKTEIG	0816824	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT	DONALD F MC KENNA	0701781	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT	NORMAN L PAETH	0770381	367th Ftr Sq
2D LT	LOUIS J GIUNTINI	0710687	367th Ftr Sq

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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29 September 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NO. 118)

1. So much of par 2, SO #117, this hqs, dtd 28 Sep 44, that reads:

"is atchd to Hqs 358th Ftr Gp for dy,"

is amended to read:

"is relvd fr asgmt with the 365th Ftr Sq and asgd to Hq 358th Ftr Gp. No travel involved,"

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-68, dtd 4 May 43, the foll EM of the 367th Ftr Sq, are awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

M/Sgt	Stephen J Lewis	6921423
S/Sgt	Basil E Bryant	16012204
S/Sgt	Ralph N Stavolone	31148579
Sgt	Owen L Beck	38059915
Sgt	Vincent F Heeney	13028997
Sgt	Vernon S Jensen	18025557
Sgt	Albert J Killgore	19079362
Sgt	Lyman Rifkin	13128287
Sgt	Robert L Story	32388963
Cpl	Durell H Andrews	16169361
Cpl	Jack T Bumbalo	12215945
Cpl	John R Betz	15382494
Cpl	Bernard I Eisenberg	17175012
Cpl	Fred Moses	6995128
Cpl	William C Rust	15107386
Cpl	Jack W Staats	37428498
Cpl	Charles L Larson	37231579
Cpl	James T Freeman	14151974
Cpl	Marino Pizzingrilli	12166691
Cpl	Ray T Ostrander	33273932
Pfc	George E Boyd	12058247
Pfc	Larey S Richardson	13102189

By order of Colonel [redacted]

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30 September 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NO. 110)

1 Having rptd [illegible] par 1, SO #262, Hqs 13th RCD (Avn), dtd 21 Sep 44, and par 3 [illegible], Hqs 20th RCD (Avn), dtd 28 Sep 44, the following named O are asgd [illegible] ravel involved.

CAPT	ANDRE [illegible]	0382856	366th Ftr Sq
2d LT	AUST [illegible]	0762553	367th Ftr Sq
F/O	JAMES [illegible]	T-2944	367th Ftr Sq
2d LT	CARL [illegible]	0763478	365th Ftr Sq
2d LT	JEWEL [illegible]	0763859	367th Ftr Sq
F/O	[illegible]	T-2144	365th Ftr Sq

2 Under the [illegible] sions of XIX T C TWX Y20C dtd 19 July 44, the following named O [illegible] he orgs indicated are granted operational leave and WP UK by MT, mil acft or rail o/a 30 Sep 44 for a period of five (5) days.

MAJ	GEORGE W HUNT, JR	0666539	365th Ftr Sq
CAPT	JAMES P MUELLER, JR	025767	Hqs 358th Ftr Gp

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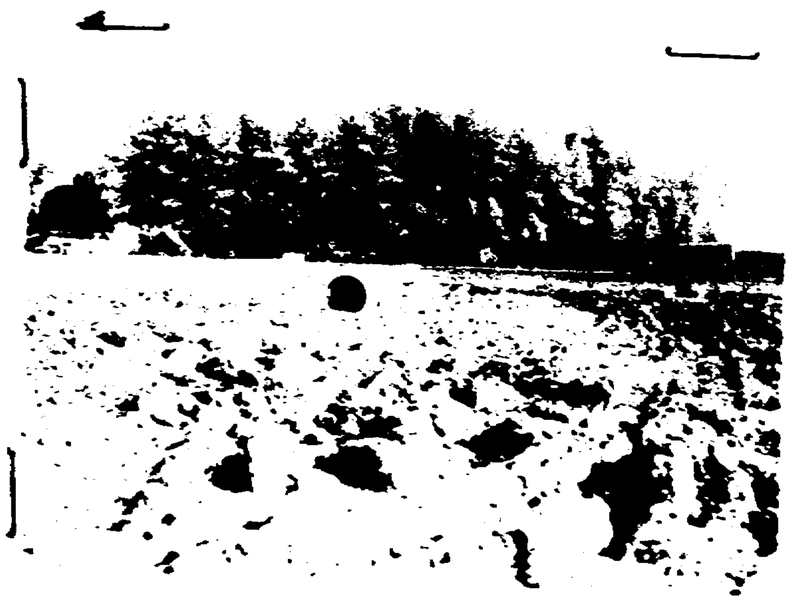

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DESIGNATION SHEET

AIR FORCE: 1st Tactical (Provisional)
COMMAND : XII Tactical Air
WING : 64th Fighter
GROUP : 358th Fighter
SQUADRON : 365th, 366th, 367th

DATE : December 11, 1944

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UNIT HISTORY REPORT
358TH FIGHTER GROUP
Month of November, 1944

MOVEMENT OF 358TH FIGHTER GROUP

It again was the destiny of the Group to move during the month of November. Part of the 101st Air Borne Division was being moved in to occupy our quarters at MOURMELON necessitating our leaving.

At that time it had been decided our new base would be Strip A-82 at ETAIN. Therefore a detail of approximately one hundred men and several officers were sent as forward echelon to that base by motor convoy on October 20th to set up tents, make roads, walks etc., However, a change was made in plans and it was finally decided our group would be assigned Strip A-90 at TOUL. Consequently, the advance echelon moved from ETAIN to TOUL on November 9th. A second echelon moved by motor convoy from MOURMELON to TOUL on November 11th. The planes flew to our new base in very bad weather on the 20th and the balance of the Group with the exception of a few left behind to clean up the area went by motor convoy to TOUL on the same date.

Our new field previously known as CROIX de METZ had been used by the German Air Force. There was plenty of evidence of earlier bombing around the field, and the usual mud conditions prevailed. Our Engineers had laid a 5,000 foot pierced plank runway which was a decided improvement over the tar paper type of runway which we had used on all previous fields on the continent with the exception of VITRY.

Tents were set up on the field to house the enlisted men and walks were made from bricks taken from bombed buildings around the field to get out of the mud. Some of the officers also lived on the field but the majority were quartered in buildings in the town approximately two miles away.

STRENGTH OF GROUP AS OF 30 NOVEMBER 1944

Group Headquarters	Officers	30	Enlisted Men	71
365th Fighter Squadron	"	63	"	" 252
366th Fighter Squadron	"	64	"	" 252
367th Fighter Squadron	"	63	"	" 257

PROMOTIONS AND DEMOTIONS

Officers - - - None
Enlisted Men - None

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ASSIGNMENTS AND REASSIGNMENTS

Captain Lewis F. Sherman was relieved from duty as Group Operations Officer and departed for the U. S.

Captain Thomas W. Schwellenbach was relieved from duty as Assistant Group Operations Officer and departed for the U. S.

Major Joe M. Tyler was appointed Group Operations Officer during the month. Captain Robert F. Krug was appointed Assistant Group Operations Officer.

(See also Appendix I)

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Capt. Lewis F. Sherman was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross per General Order No., 261, Headquarters, Ninth Air Force, dated 7 November, 1944.

Capt. Thomas W. Schwellenbach was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross per General Order No., 234, Headquarters, Ninth Air Force, dated 4 October, 1944.

OPERATIONS

CHANGE OF COMMAND

1. On 2 November, 1944 the 358th Fighter Group was transfered from Ninth Air Force to First Tactical Air Force (Provisional). In this change we were likewise transferred from operation under XIX Tactical Air Command and 100th Fighter Wing to the XII Tactical Air Command and the 64th Fighter Wing. However it was not until 13 November that our first mission was operated under the new command.

COMMENDATIONS

2. Under the new command the Group received two commendations during the month. The first one was from General SAVILLE of XII T.A.C. dated 16 November and read as follows: "I wish to congratulate the Group on the fine results obtained on A.O. 43 this date. In spite of adverse weather they succeeded in inflicting maximum damage to Marshalling yard and other enemy installations. Keep up the good work." This particular commendation referred to a mission conducted by the 367th Fighter Squadron.

The second commendation was from General Barcus of 64th Wing and reads as follows: "Commanding General of 100th Division has verbally expressed his admiration for the excellent close support given him by the Air Forces this date".

In addition to the above written commendations the 366th Fighter Squadron was verbally commended for splendid work in attacking enemy installations and troops which were holding up the advance of our tanks and ground forces.

MISSIONS

3. Again during the month of November, missions were varied in character including dive bombing gun positions, escorting medium bombers, armed reconnaissance, attacking pontoon bridges on the Rhine river, close support of ground troops etc.

On several days during the month our Group operated from both A-80 and A-90 strips. That is, a mission would be flown from A-80, land at A-90 refuel and rearm, then take off on another mission and upon completion of the final mission for the day return to A-80.

During the month the 365th Fighter Squadron flew a total of 23 missions, the 366th had the same number and the 367th flew 25 missions.

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APPENDIX I

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APO 141, U.S. Army
5 November 1944

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No. 137

1. Par 9, SO #11, this hq, dtd 2 Sep 44, is rescinded.

2. Pursuant to authority contained in letter, subject: "Appointment of Officers in the Army of the United States", hqs ninth air force, dtd 2 Sep 44, a board of officers is appointed to meet at this headquarters for the purpose of interviewing eligible officers recommended for appointment as assistant adjutants, army of the United States.

1LT QM	[redacted]	0 140
CPT	[redacted]	0 383
CPT	[redacted]	0 0375

By order of Colonel [redacted]:

[redacted],
[redacted], air corps,
adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

[redacted]
[redacted],
[redacted], air corps,
adjutant.

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AI# 141; [illegible]
10 November [illegible]

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1. [illegible] rpt'd this [illegible] r per Lt [illegible] 21, Hqs 134th Re[illegible] [illegible]
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tr[illegible] involved.

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[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]7381	388th [illegible] Sq
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]2408	[illegible] [illegible] Sq
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2. [illegible] rpt'd this [illegible] r per Lt [illegible] 810, Hqs 134th Air Force, d[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible], [illegible], is [illegible] to Hqs 388th [illegible] Sq. [illegible]
tr[illegible] involved.

By order of Colonel [illegible]:

HENRY R. [illegible],
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

Ha[illegible]
H[illegible],
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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1. [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]ctional [illegible]spector, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible]rmi.

2. [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]ctional [illegible]spector, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible]rmi.

3. [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]ctional [illegible]spector, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible]rmi.

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1. [illegible] 0:077.7, [illegible], is assigned to the [illegible] Air Group. [illegible] is relieved.

2. [illegible], 0:077.7, [illegible], is assigned to the [illegible] Air Group, is [illegible]

3. [illegible] provisions of [illegible] Regulations No. 35-1, [illegible], current, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] Aircraft Committee, is [illegible], including:

[illegible] 0038[illegible] C (Ex-officio)

4. [illegible] 10 [illegible], [illegible], 3038091, C, Inf, [illegible] Air Group, [illegible] Group to [illegible], is [illegible] Committee or [illegible].

5. [illegible] 8, [illegible], [illegible], is relieved.

6. [illegible] 1, [illegible], is assigned, is [illegible].

7. [illegible] the provisions of Par 3, [illegible], the following officers are appointed a Class [illegible] Aircraft Accident Investigation Board, [illegible], 512th [illegible] Wing, for the purpose of [illegible], partial and [illegible] control procedures and [illegible] for the [illegible] Squadron during [illegible].

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[illegible]	[illegible]	0872002	[illegible] Air Corps
[illegible]	[illegible]	0860302	[illegible] Air Corps
			Pilot [illegible]
			[illegible]
			Pilot [illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	0870[illegible]	[illegible] Air Corps
[illegible]	[illegible]	807131	[illegible] Co
[illegible]	[illegible]	0111[illegible]	[illegible] FF Pilot ([illegible])

[illegible] order of Colonel [illegible]:

[illegible],
Captain, Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

[illegible],
Captain, Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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FIELD [illegible]
358TH FIGHTER GROUP

...0 374, U. S. Army,
28 November 1944.

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 143)

1. [illegible] much of par 7, SO #142, this Hqs, dated 18 Nov 44, that reads:

"Under the provisions of par 34, AR 35-320, the roll named O are appointed Class "B" Finance officers to the Disbursing Officer, Co, 358 FIGHTER GP, FD, 358th Service Group, for purpose of O and EM ordinary, partial and supplemental payrolls and vouchers for the areas indicated until relieved."

is amended to read:

"Under the provisions of par 34, AR 35-320, the following named O are appointed Class "B" Finance officers to the Disbursing Officer, Co, 358 FIGHTER GP, FD, 358th Service Group, for purpose of O and EM ordinary, partial and supplemental payrolls and vouchers for the areas indicated until relieved."

2. CAPT [illegible] JOHNSON, 0578072, AC, Hqs 358th Ftr Gp, is appointed Gp Summary Court Officer. (AAF Reg)

3. The following named O, Hqs 358th Ftr Gp, are designated as a board of O for the purpose of reviewing any recommendations for reduction of EM.

LT COL	JACK A THERAULT	0432140
LT COL	T[illegible] BANCROFT	0906651
MAJOR	HARVEY (NMI) BELL	0563197

4. Under the provisions of Sec II, Circular No. 218, WD, 28 Jul 42, as amended by Sec I, Circular No. 119, WD, 11 May 43, and, upon the recommendation of their area commander, the following named EM of the 119[illegible]th M. P. Co. (Army), are awarded the Motor Vehicle Operator's Badge.

Sgt	Conrad E Reese	35635272
T/4	Edward F Horan	32706035

5. Under the provisions of Sec II, Circular No. 218, WD, 28 Jul 42, as amended by Sec I, Circular No. 119, WD, 11 May 43, and, upon the recommendation of their area commander, the following named EM of the 1194th M. P. Co. (Army), are awarded the Motor Vehicle Driver Award - "M".

T/5	Burl E Lear	35217414
T/5	Glen A Westfall	35753064

6. CAPT [illegible] ROSENBACK, 0569996, AC, 365th Ftr Sq, is appointed Gp Education Advisement Officer, (AAF Reg).

BY ORDER OF THE

7. [illegible] 0532504, AC, [illegible] Ftr Sq, is appointed Gp Orientation Training Officer, (Add Duty).

8. [illegible] 0660804, 366th Ftr Sq, is appointed Instrument Training Officer, (Add Duty).

9. [illegible] 0468829, AC, Hqs 358th Ftr Gp, is appointed Investigating Officer for the purpose of investigating all alleged violations of current directives, practices in the case of a private in the 366th Ftr Sq.

10. 2/Lt Leonard C. [illegible], 19065056, Hqs 358th Ftr Gp, is relieved from assignment with Hq 358th Ftr Gp and assigned to the 366th Ftr Sq. No travel involved.

11. 2/Lt Ernest K. [illegible], 31112628, 366th Ftr Sq, is relieved from assignment with the 366th Ftr Sq and assigned to Hqs 358th Ftr Gp. No travel involved.

12. Upon rpt this hqs per par 1, SO #58, Hqs 15th Air Support Control Unit (AF), [illegible] 19 Nov 44, the following officers are relieved this sqs indicated. No travel involved.

2/Lt	[illegible]	0716033	365th Ftr Sq
2/Lt	[illegible]	0830093	367th Ftr Sq
2/Lt	[illegible]	0830854	367th Ftr Sq
2/Lt	[illegible]	0830112	365th Ftr Sq
2/Lt	[illegible]	0830826	365th Ftr Sq
2/Lt	[illegible]	0829809	365th Ftr Sq
2/Lt	[illegible]	0830103	365th Ftr Sq
2/Lt	[illegible]	0712060	366th Ftr Sq
T/O	[illegible]	T62972	366th Ftr Sq
T/O	[illegible]	T124818	365th Ftr Sq
T/O	[illegible]	T124661	366th Ftr Sq

By order of Colonel [illegible]:

HARVEY HALL,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

HARVEY HALL,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant

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SPECI L ORDERS)
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NO. 144)

1. ...r 2, SO #131, this hqs, ...t ...l, Nov ..., th.t r...ds:

"...vin. rptd this hqs per par ..., SO #131, Hqs XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear), ...tol 6 Nov ..., 1st Lt James H L..., 39390379, (7...), is ass...d to the 365th Fight r ...uadron. No tr... l involv...."

is amended to read:

"...vin. rptd this hqs per par 2, SO #131, Hqs XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear), ...tol 6 Nov ..., 1st James H L..., 39390379, (7...), is ass...d to the 367th Fi...ht r ...quadron. No tr... l involved.

2. Par 4, SO #140, this hqs, dated 13 Nov ..., as ...nded by par 3, SO #142, this hqs, dated 18 Nov ..., are rescinded.

3. The following ...d O of the or...s indic...d are ...ptd to the Aircraft Accident Committee.

LT COL	JACK ... THERRIAULT	0-32140	Hqs 358th Ftr Gp
...J	JOE ... TYLER	0-34185	Hqs 3...8th Ftr Gp
...J	JOE ... RUCKER	025439	36...th Ftr Sq
...J	JAM... ... MCCLELLAN, JR	025767	360th Ftr Sq
...J	ROBERT K FISHEL	025459	367th Ftr Sq

Ex-officio, non-voting members

...J	JOSEPH ... LATTON	0468329	Hqs 358th Ftr Gp
...J	DON...LD K ... CRUSEY	0-73339	Hqs 358th Ftr Gp
...PT	KE...ST ... BE...A ...	0-73732	367th Ftr Sq (Alternate)
CAPT	ST...L ... KUSIC...	0668091	Hqs 358th Ftr Gp

4. ...J HARVEY (...I) ...LL, Hqs 358th Ftr Gp, is appointed Gp Top-Secret Control ... Officer, (...).

By ...r ...r of Colonel TINTON:

HARVEY HALL,
...jor, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICI L:

Harvey Hall
HARVEY ...LL,
...jor, Air Corps,
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COMMAND: XII TACTICAL AIR COMMAND.

WING: 64TH FIGHTER WING.

GROUP: 358TH FIGHTER GROUP.

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Outline .i tory, 86th Fighter Group, December 1944.

a. Present designation: 86th Fighter Group, Serv. Fighter Sqs.

b. Changes in organization: None.

(1) Changes in designation: None.

(2) Subordinate units: None.

(3) Changes in personnel: None.

(4) Changes in Staff Officers: None.

(5) Changes in T/O: None.

c. Strength: Officers: 71.
Enlisted Men: 71.

d. Present location: A-99 - Croix-de-la , Toul, France since 1 November 1944.

e. Movements: None.

f. Campaigns: (See operations)

g. Operations: Approximately 75% of the missions flown during the month were of armed reconnaissance type. There were also several close support missions, some of which were a combination of close support and armed reconnaissance. One of our Squadrons was given the rather unusual mission of attempting to destroy a dam. While two seperate missions were dispatched with each plane carrying two 1000 pound bombs and a total of 9 direct hits were made, the dam was not destroyed.

h. - i. See Squadron history reports.

j. Awards:

Major Joe A. Tyler -	Air Medal.
Capt. Robert I. Krug -	Distinguished Flying Cross
1st Lieut. James L. Grey -	" "
Lt. Col. Theodeus A. Bellnick -	Bronze Star
Major Harvey Mull -	"
Major Ralph E. Studley -	"
S/Sgt Harvey G. Cross -	"

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War Diary, 356th Fighter Group, A-90, Croix-de-Metz, Toul, France,
December, 1944.

1. Major General Ralph Royce, Commanding 1st Tactical Air Force (Provisional) accompanied by Brigadier General Schramm paid their first visit to this Group since we came under their command.

2. Excellent mission by 365th Squadron today. A PW picked up by the 44th Division on 3 December reported that at 1400 hours on the 2nd of December, during the Squadrons' bombing attack at [redacted]-6236, buildings sheltering personnel were destroyed, and an artillery supply company was almost completely wiped out. At 2215 hours, 2 December, when our infantry troops reached the town, they reported it as still burning.

3, 4, 5th Nothing of Special interest.

6. Brigadier General Gordon P. Saville, Commanding XII Tactical Air Command was at our base for a short time today.

7, 10th Nothing of Special interest.

11. 1st Lieut. James D. Grey transferred to Group Headquarters from 365th Fighter Squadron and appointed Asst Group Operations Officer.

12, 14 Nothing of Special interest.

15. For the first time since this Group was activated, an NCO Club was established and officially opened this date. This Club supplied a much needed addition to the organization. It is exclusively operated by a Board of Governors from the EM ranks.

16. The first and only football game of the year was played between a team from our Group and a team from the 101st Airborne Division. We lost by a score of 9 to 0.

17. Major Buckner of 365th Squadron and Major Fishel of 367th Squadron were commended for performances of excellent missions in support of 100th Infantry Division. (See attached copies of commendation).

18, 19 Nothing of Special interest.

20. This date the Group celebrated its' first anniversary of going into combat.

21,22,23,24, Nothing of Special interest.

25. An excellent turkey dinner was enjoyed by all Group Headquarters personnel today. In addition to the turkey we had real mashed potatoes, asparagus, cranberry sauce, raisin bread, pie and hard candy.

26. Weather has turned decidedly colder. Mud is frozen hard and it appears, that for a time at least, will be eliminated as a major problem with which to contend.

[redacted]

27. Brig. General Glenn O. Barcus, Commanding, 64th Fighter Wing was at our base today to present decorations to several Officers and Enlisted men.

28, 29, 30. Nothing of Special Interest.

31. A dance scheduled for EM at the Red Cross Club was at the last moment cancelled. The reason for cancellation, while not disclosed at the time, was that word was received of an impending immediate counter attack by the enemy on this front with the strong possibility that they might employ paratroopers to attack airfields. The counter attack actually was started at 2300 hours by the enemy.

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Not previously recorded in this Groups history due to the fact that the information was not available at the time was a mission operated by 367th Squadron on 2 October, 1944. This was an outstanding example of precision bombing and in consideration of the known concern of ground forces about the 280mm RR gun, both from damage accomplished and the morale factor, it is considered this mission was an exceptional contribution to the war effort.

The following excerpt is taken from a Counterbattery Report issued by XX Corps Artillery:

> "We visited the TERBORN tunnel, one of the lairs of the 280mm RR guns yesterday and talked with the Station Master about the guns. In our long drawn-out duel with the railroad guns we had called on the Air for assistance. Yesterday we learned with delight that one of the Air missions laid on by G-3 Air had hit the jackpot. Examination of the bomb craters revealed astonishing accuracy - seven craters right at the mouth of the tunnel. The bullseye bomb was skipped 300 meters into the tunnel, where it burst a little in rear of the gun. The effect of the explosion in the confined spaces of the tunnel was terrific. It blocked the tunnel in rear of the gun, buckled the carriage of the gun itself and caused 12 casualties. The gun was moved out the following night and came to TERBORN no more. The Station master also volunteered the information that the strafing of a flak train just outside of the BERGHEIN tunnel was most successful. Nineteen casualties were cause."

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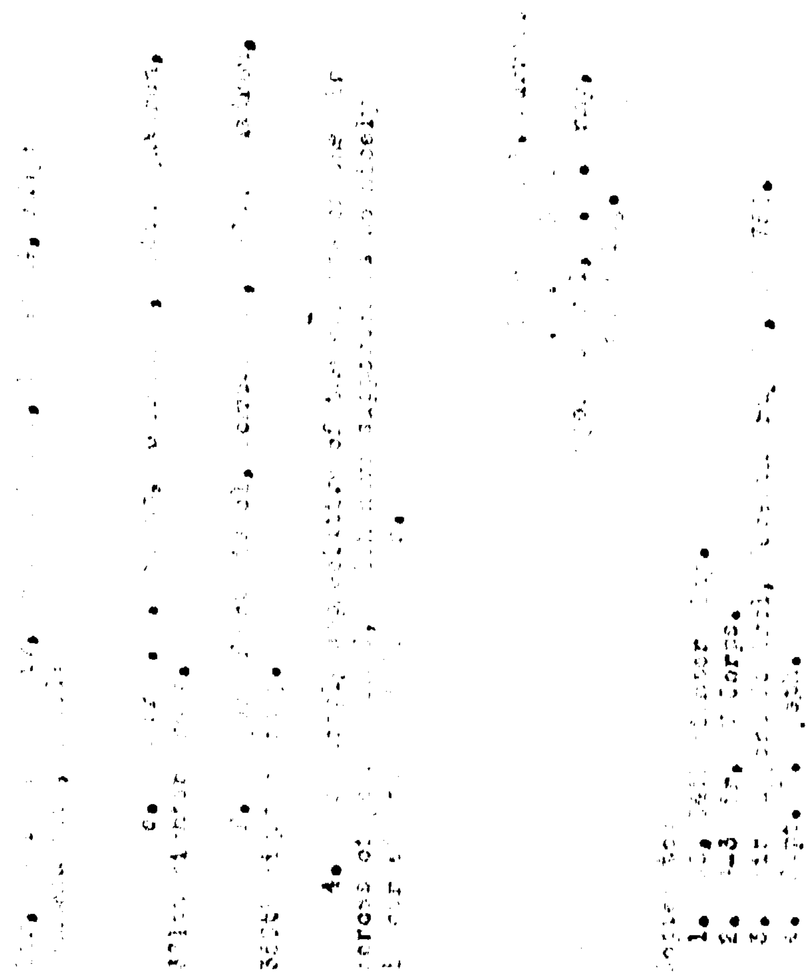
[illegible] report dated [illegible], 1944, Sqdn. [illegible] Fighter Squadron [illegible], [illegible].

[illegible] with particular pleasure. This [illegible] deserved concrete recognition for the great job which your squadron is doing. Each man - officer and enlisted - should feel that his work is directly responsible, in part, for this combat citation.

[illegible],
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.



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[illegible] Daily, 352d Bombardment Group
[illegible], Duxford [illegible], Cambridge
[illegible]ary, 1943

1. On this day, the 8th Air Force [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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16. [redacted] sorties [redacted] personnel. [redacted] total of [redacted] sorties. [redacted] type missions. On one of these missions, we were requested to knock out 6 Nebelwerfer guns which were harassing our ground [redacted]. The 365th Squadron attacked the guns in the morning, killing several of the personnel, and the 368th attacked in the afternoon, scoring direct [redacted] hits. A week later, received information thru 64th Fighter Wing that the guns had never fired a shot up to that time since the attack. The second Close Support mission to this area was performed by the 368th Squadron. They were requested to bomb the town of [redacted]. 18 planes took part in the mission, each carrying 2 x 500# GP bombs and 1 x 260, frag. Quoted letter is extract from Interrogation Report #747, (G-2 Section, HQ), Seventh Army: "On 16 January our fighters attacked [redacted] and scored a direct hit on house in which the platoons of the 2nd Co. and an artillery [redacted] stationed. 80% of the men in the house were killed".

17 - 19. No operations due to adverse weather. Nothing of interest on these dates.

20. Much artillery fire was received today, after which snow started falling and continued until night.

21. Snow fell again today, prohibiting flying. Snow removal detail started before daylight working on runway and continued all day.

22. Flew a total of 201 sorties today.

23.- 24. Nothing of special interest these dates.

25. No flying today.

26. Heavy snow storm during night; made it impossible to get ships off ramp until noon. The 367th performed an excellent interdiction mission this afternoon. At request of ground forces, Squadron bombed town of [redacted]. A short time later when our troops entered the town, they found that bombing had resulted in killing 100 enemy troops.

27 - 28. No flying. Nothing of special interest to record.

29. Group flew 18 missions for a total of 112 sorties today.

30 - 31. Nothing of interest to report on these dates.

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APPENDIX II

Hq 106 Cav Gp (Mecz)
APO 308, US Army

IMB:wd
18 January 1945

SUBJECT: Close Air Support, 106 Cav Gp (Mecz), 2 January 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII TAC, LUNEVILLE, France.

1. The following are events in connection with the mission flown in close support of the 106 Cav Gp (Mecz), 2 January 1945, 1330 to 1550 hours, T.O.T. by the 366th F/B Sqn, 358th F/B Gp. Target, a fortified hill posn located at 333718, France, 1:50,000, Sheet XXXV-12.

2. This target area, in the sector of the 106th Cav Gp (Mecz), had been retaken by the Germans during an attack launched by them on the night of 31 December 1944. Preparations were being made by the 106th Cav Gp (mecz) to retake the ground lost. Air attack on the target was requested, but was not available at the time. The attack was launched, preceded by an arty preparation, and elements reached and took defenses on the SW crest of the hill. German arty fires on that part of the posn taken as well as heavy small arms fire from posns on the E crest of the hill and woods to the S and E forced a withdrawal. The Troop withdrew through the woods vic 328713, from which point it had launched its attack, and continued to posns vic 326708. After the withdrawal, heavy German arty fires were placed on the woods vic 328713.

3. At this time a Flight of 10 F/Bs was made available to the 106th Cav Gp (Mecz) for air briefing. Since the number of Germans holding the posn area was much greater than anticipated, it was decided to use the Air Support to prepare for a second attempt to take the hill and to break up a probable German counterattack.

4. The Flight was air briefed and the target area marked with smoke. Photos of Sortie US54/3183, Print 4114, 24 December 1944 and Sortie US54/3283, Print 3050, 5 January 1945, contain comparative coverage of the target. The center of the excellent bomb pattern was on the S slope of the hill, but in the area from which a volume of small arms fire was received. There were also several hits on the E crest of the hill.

5. Due to the fact that the Troop received thirty-seven percent casualties during the attack, a second attempt could not follow the bombing.

6. A combination of time and circumstances caused much of the inherent value of the air support to be lost, however it is felt that it very definitely discouraged a German counterattack at a critical moment and did much towards raising the morale of our troops.

/s/ Isaac M. Baker, Jr.
/t/ Isaac M. Baker, Jr.,
Major, Infantry,
ALO, 106th Cav Gp (Mecz)

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1st Ind.
HQ, First Tactical Air Force, APO [illegible], U. S. Army, 21 Jan. 45.

TO: Commanding Officer, 353th Fighter Group, APO [illegible], U. S. Army.

1. It is indeed with pleasure that I forward this splendid commendation from the Commanding General, Sixth Army Group. The First Tactical Air Force (Prov) which furnishes the air effort for the Sixth Army Group keeps a close watch on the efforts and results of all its subordinate units. The outstanding achievements of the 353th Fighter Group has been exceptionally gratifying to me and an example for all organizations to strive to emulate.

/s/ Ralph Royce
/s/ [illegible]
Major General, USA
Commanding.

2nd Ind.
HEADQUARTERS, 353TH FIGHTER GROUP, APO 374, U. S. ARMY, 28 January 1945.

TO:

1. To reiterate, each officer and enlisted man of this organization and ancillary units should feel that the contents of the basic communication and indorsement are directed to his individual attention.

2. That we were commended by the army group with which our attacks against the enemy are coordinated, is a tribute to your personal efforts which have created an efficient tactical organization.

3. Such a commendation reproduces not only past performances with a high degree of tactical and technical skill, but also the kind of efficiency which is a prerequisite for achieving even greater successes.

[redacted]
[redacted],
[redacted], Air Corps,
Commanding.

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APPENDIX I

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28

31 January 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 350th Fighter Group, APO 243 (37th)

THRU : Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov.), APO 374.

The remarkable record achieved by the 350th Fighter Group during the month of December 1944 is a tribute to the leadership of the Commander and the aggressive determination of each member of the Command.

The records show that this unit, operating on 18 missions with 1710 sorties during weather seldom favorable, wrought upon the enemy the destruction of 1010 railroad cars, 76 locomotives, 130 motor vehicles, 301 buildings and damaged seriously almost double those numbers. In addition, this unit effected 14 railroad cuts and destroyed or damaged numerous marshalling yards, bridges, supply dumps and other important objectives. In air combat, at least 24 enemy aircraft were shot from the skies, and others were rendered useless on the ground.

The accomplishments and example of this unit have been the subject of much favorable comment, and I am pleased to pass to you and to each individual of the 350th Fighter Group, my congratulations, and the gratitude of the ground forces which your efforts have so materially aided.

/s/ Jacob L. Devers
/s/ [illegible],
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army,
Commanding.

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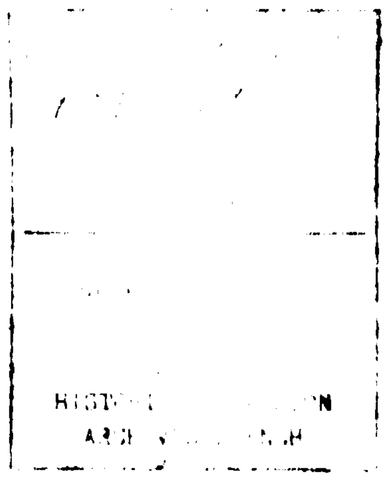

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[illegible]

a. [illegible]

b. Operations in Conjunction with Other Units. None.

c. Operations in Support of Ground Troops:

(1) Support of [illegible]
(2) Close air support of [illegible]
(3) Support of [illegible]
(4) Support of [illegible]
(5) Support of [illegible]

d. Air Sea Rescue:

e. Intelligence. (See Operations)

f. Operations: (See Operations)

g. Operations: The Group operated on [illegible] during this month. A total of 164 missions totaling [illegible] hours were flown. About one-half of these missions were [illegible] and armed reconnaissance, the bulk of the [illegible] consisted of air cover [illegible] and escort of medium bombers. A tabulation of [illegible] for the month of February is given below:

	Destroyed	Probables	Damaged
E/A in air	[illegible]	2	[illegible]
E/A on Ground	4	5	6
Military Transports	[illegible]		[illegible]
Armored Vehicles and Tanks	10		11
Locomotives	45		[illegible]
Railroad Cars	[illegible]		[illegible]
Bridges	0		14
Gun Positions	10		64
Dumps	5		10
Factories, Silos & Hangers	[illegible]		[illegible]
Vessels and Barges	0		[illegible]
Horse Drawn Vehicles	81		18

Road Cuts	17
Railroad Cuts	[illegible]
Marshalling Yards Attacked	39

h. - i. See Squadron History Reports.

j. Awards:

Colonel James B. Dalton - [illegible] Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for [illegible] hours.

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[illegible]
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February 1945

1. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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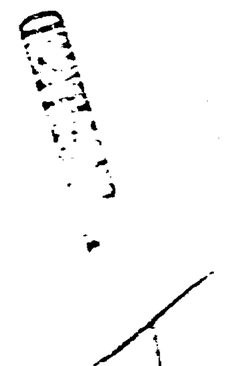

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AIR FORCE:	FIRST TACTICAL AIR FORCE (PROVISIONAL)
COMMAND:	XII TACTICAL AIR COMMAND
WING:	64TH FIGHTER WING
GROUP:	358TH FIGHTER GROUP
DATES INCLUDED:	1 March to 31 March inclusive

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OUTLINE HISTORY, 358TH FIGHTER GROUP, MARCH 1945

a. Present designation: 358th Fighter Group, 64th Fighter Wing.

b. Changes in organization: None.

(1) Changes in designation: None.

(2) Subordinate units: None.

(3) Changes in command: None.

(4) Changes in staff officers: None.

(5) Changes in T/O: None.

c. Strength:

Officers: 33

Enlisted Men: 71

d. Present Station: A-90, Croix de Metz, Toul, France (since 11 November 1944).

e. Movements: None.

f. Campaigns: (see Operations).

g. Operations: Group operated on 27 of the 31 days during the month. A total of 291 missions for a total of 2804 sorties were operated, far exceeding previous month's performance. Bomb tonnage dropped was just short of 1385 tons. A much larger percentage of our missions for the month were of Air Cooperation type in support of ground forces. Continued to operate some bomber escort and armed reconnaissance type missions. (See attached sheet for tabulation of claims for the month).

h. - i. (See Squadron history reports).

j. Promotions:

1st Lieut. to Captain

1st Lieut. Emanuel Haber

k. Awards: None.

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WAR DIARY, 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
A-90, Croix de Metz, Toul, France
March 1945

1. 6 missions for 70 sorties today. 2 missions were fighter sweeps, patrolling in Stuttgart area to watch enemy planes and prevent them from coming up to attack RAF bombers attacking Mannheim.

2. 9 missions, 119 sorties.

3. 7 missions, 90 sorties. Excerpt from Memorandum, G-3 Air Section, Headquarters Seventh Army, dtd 30 March: "2 PW's of group of 13 taken by the 63rd Division stated that after the effective bombing and strafing around HARTMOSHOF by BOOKWORM at 1230A hours they surrendered when confronted by ground troops. PW states that bombing was devastating".

4. 3 missions, 36 sorties.

5. 3 missions, 36 sorties.

6. No flying today; bad weather.

7. No operations; bad weather.

8. No operations; bad weather.

9. 7 missions for 81 sorties. The 367th Squadron received commendation for one of their missions of air cooperation, and the 366th Squadron was likewise commended in same message, which reads as follows: "2030A - Air Missions today bombed and strafed troops and gun positions SCHONECK (Q-4069) at 1130A and KRUCHATTA (Q-3970) at 1200A. Another mission bombed and strafed troops and gun positions at KRUCHATTA and along road northwest to KLARENTHAL at 1515A. Artillery and ground observers report all bombs target and fires still burning in all target areas at 1800A. Many buildings demolished in SCHONECK. (70th Inf Div) . . . . . 2030A - Reported all bombs target area on ammo dump Q-387725. All missions flown by 358th Group. (70th Inf Div)" (From Memorandum, G-3 Air Section, Headquarters Seventh Army, dtd 30 March).

10. 3 missions, 35 sorties. Weather very unfavorable for operations.

11. 4 missions, 43 sorties. Very bad weather in target area.

12. Only 1 mission, 12 sorties. Very bad flying weather.

13. Heavy fog prevented operations until around noon. Had 8 missions for 98 sorties. The 366th Squadron strafed Malmsheim A/D. No planes seen on field.

14. 6 missions, 76 sorties. 367th Squadron attacked the important BAD MUNSTER RR bridge. Each plane carried two 1000# bombs. The bridge was damaged by this attack.

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15. This was "D" day for jump-off of Seventh Army. Group far exceeded its previous record of sorties for a single day. Operated 24 missions for a total of 198 sorties. For the first time in several days a single Me-109 was encountered and damaged. Effectiveness of attacks of 366th and 367th Squadrons was verified in division reports relayed through G-3 (Air), Seventh Army, by teletype: "From G-3 Air 100th Div., 'Missions on Fort Otterbiel and vicinity Q-7851 yesterday by . . . 358 Group had excellent results. After air mission no fire received from fort and vicinity' . . . From G-3 Air, 45th Div., 'Exhaust Yellow bombed and strafed enemy troops Q-5960 at QB35A. C. O. of Regt. reports results excellent. Ground troops are very enthusiastic about results of 8 fighter bomber shows directed against town in our sector today. Ground observers who saw attacks of Exhaust Yellow on Reinheim, Gersheim and Herbitzheim; Bookworm on Walsheim and Wittersheim; . . . Exhaust White on Breitfurt; . . . say that the accuracy appeared excellent. Several of today's targets were less than a kilometer from our forward troops and needless to say thousands of faces were upturned and thousands of sighs of relief were heaved when the mission were accomplished without mishap; "

16. Group established another record today with 26 missions for 206 sorties. All of these missions were air cooperation and armed recces. Many of them were bombing towns in front of our ground forces. Memorandum, G-3 Air Section, Seventh Army, dtd 30 March, states: "2030A - Excellent Air support today. Two missions on Fort at Q-830505 by 358th Group most successful. After these missions infantry able to move forward and take objectives."

17. Poor weather somewhat restricted operations today. 10 missions, 80 sorties. 367th Squadron was commended in message from GLO, 100th Division, which reads as follows: "Mission on troop concentration and vehicles at THULBEN (Q-8660) very effective. Division Artillery cub planes report, prior to attack, beaucoup troops and vehicles in town. Attack caused fires and left town burning with all bombs target area. CG 100th Division Artillery very appreciative of swiftness of action on attacking the target, speed with which cooperation rendered and aid to assault troops of division. CG says, 'Many Thanks' ".

18. Major General Webster, Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force, visited our field today for the first time. He was accompanied by Brigadier General Barcus, Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command. Group took advantage of excellent flying weather and operated 23 missions totaling 181 sorties. All missions were air cooperation. One pilot of the 367th Squadron, 1st Lt. Robert Ward, destroyed 3 tanks with 3 rockets.

19. Another record day of operations. 25 missions for 206 sorties. The enemy was moving out of the Saar valley east toward the Rhine. Our Group destroyed a total of 328 motor transports and damaged 150 more, as part of our claims for the day. Quoting again the Memorandum, Seventh Army, dtd 30 March, "The assistant Division Commander today was present at a forward CP when Gatepost White attacked NIEDER WURZBACH. He has high praise for the skill and accuracy with which the attack was executed".

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20. This was another banner day for the Group. Although only 15 missions for a total of 146 sorties were operated, the destruction on enemy equipment surpassed that of the previous day. Long columns of motor transports of the enemy were caught moving east between Frankenstein and Bad Durkheim and between Frankenstein and Neustadt on roads through the woods. It was the kind of situation that our pilots had been briefed on to expect for it was conclusive that the enemy would sooner or later try to evacuate the Saar pocket and endeavor to escape across the Rhine. Just to mention one item on the day's claims, the Group destroyed 457 motor transports and damaged and additional 453. All in all, on this date we delivered one of the most staggering punches to the enemy since the Group went into combat. A report was received from ALO, 3rd DIA, on bombing of Buchelberg by 367th Squadron, in letter dtd 30 March: "20 March, Exhaust Blue and Green bombed the southern edge of town (Buchelberg) and strafed trenches along the northern part of the clearing. They observed and strafed 4 gun positions (105mm). The southern part of the town is now non-existant. Fires were still burning 26 March. The gun positions were empty (guns evacuated after attack).

21. Bad weather during forenoon prohibited operations. Had 7 missions for 63 sorties. The pocket west of the Rhine in which enemy motor transports, etc., could be safely attacked had shrunk to a very small area. Our ground forces were closing in rapidly from all sides on the enemy, creating a situation calling for the utmost accuracy of attack and positive identification in order to avoid casualties among our own troops. The great volume of enemy motor transport, etc., which was available for attack on the two previous days had all but disappeared. What had not been destroyed and damaged had presumably under cover of night and during the forenoon when our planes were grounded by bad weather, made good the opportunity to escape across the Rhine. To draw a comparison, our group destroyed today only 43 motor transports as compared with 457 on the previous day.

22. 15 missions, 124 sorties. Very little rail or road activity on east side of Rhine where Group was operating. G-3 Air, 42nd Division, reported very successful attack by 367th Squadron on Dahn-Busenburg road. The message stated: "Air officer arrived Dahn-Busenburg road 30 minutes after bombing. Devastating. Krauts driven off road by air attack, surrendering by hundreds. Vehicles, dead horses and booty strewn along road unbelievable. Believe claims for M/T and HDW this area underestimated."

23. First mission of day taking off at 0620 was fighter sweep and patrol over several enemy airdromes east of the Rhine river. Few scattered aircraft seen on some of fields, but no claims. Practically all other missions of the day were concentrated on knocking out two bridges, one at HEILBRONN and the other at BIETIGHEIM. Both bridges were claimed damaged. Only two of our squadrons were operating today. 9 missions for 122 sorties.

24. 9 missions for 128 sorties. Only two squadrons operating today. Continued attacks on important bridge at BIETIGHEIM. Several direct hits scored, also many rail cuts on approaches. Bridge now believed to be definitely unserviceable. The 367th Squadron ran into 4 Me-109's about 1830 hours. The enemy

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aircraft tried to lead our squadron over MALMSHEIM airdrome as as to be brought under flak attack. One Me-109 was attacked and seen to crash land on the airdrome.

25. 7 missions, 102 sorties. Over half the sorties flown were armed reconnaissance. Not much enemy equipment located but to mention two items. Group destroyed 56 motor transport damaging 29 additional, also destroyed 25 RR cars and damaged 68 others.

26. This was "D" day for 7th Army in their operation of crossing Rhine river. Our squadrons operated mostly as area patrol over the river to intercept any enemy aircraft coming up to attack our ground forces in their crossing. First squadron was airborne at 0513 hours and upon returning to base reported seeing large numbers of our barges and assault boats loaded with troops crossing the river. All existing records for sorties flown were broken. Group had 22 missions for a total of 242 sorties. As the day progressed, pilots brought back word that many pontoon bridges across the river had been completed, and many more in process of construction. They reported great numbers of our troops, tanks, motor transports etc, crossing, and evidently meeting with little or no resistance. Last plane landed far after dark at 2035 hour.

27. Bad weather seriously handicapped operations, only 8 missions for 56 sorties during the day.

28. Group again not very active due to adverse weather conditions, only two missions for 16 sorties during the day.

29. No operations today because of adverse weather. Colonel Jackson 64th Wing Commander visited group today and made presentation of awards to several pilots.

30. Bad weather continued but late in PM were able to put up 5 missions for 21 sorties.

31. The month of March was brought to a close with an outstanding day of operations. 28 missions were operated for a total of 225 sorties the second best day in Groups history. To mention a few items of claims for the day, we destroyed 56 buildings, 4 tanks, 25 RR cars, and 140 motor transports.

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APPENDIX I

From left to right: Colonel Tipton, Group Commander; Major General Webster, Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force,(Prov); and Brigadier General Barcus, Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command. Photo was taken in Briefing Tent at Station A-90.

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APPENDIX II

TRIBUTE FROM THE GROUND FORCES

Quoted below is a letter from the Air Officer of 42nd (Rainbow) Division which we consider fitting to be incorporated as part of our history record:

TO THE BOYS WHO FLY THE FIGHTER BOMBERS

Although during a heavy offensive operation you receive few reports from the ground forces as to the results of your magnificent work, it is deeply appreciated. The radio reports on what you do and see are eagerly studied for indications of what the enemy is up to. Every ground force soldier knows that when he sees you pass over that you are working for him! As one doughfoot stated: "There goes the power and the glory". Another said: "There goes our team's interference to take out the backfield".

The close support missions flown at the request of this division have all been 100% perfect. Never once have any of our troops been bombed or strafed although they have been very close to the target.

The results of your work on railroads and other communication zone targets in the areas we have passes through have convinced all "Doubting Thomases" of your efficiency.

Everytime you fly a mission for us we put artillery on every AA position in the area. Many times our forward observers have spotted other AA guns when they opened up and put fire on them before they could hurt you.

The Rainbow considers you a part of our team.

Major E. EVANS,
Air Officer,
42d Inf Div.

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GENERAL

During the month of January 1945, our Group was recommended for the Presidential Citation for extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy from 24 December 1944 to 2 January 1345.

The recommendation was approved by First Tactical Air Force (Provisional) by General Orders No. 22, dated 19 February 1945, copy of which is attached for recording in the Group History.

R E S T R I C T E D

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10 February 1945.

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I. [illegible]

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Circular Number 333, War Department, dated 22 December 1942, and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, the following-named organization is cited for gallantry and extraordinary heroism in armed conflict with the enemy while serving with the First Tactical Air Force (Provisional) in the European Theater of Operations. The citation reads as follows:

THE 358TH FIGHTER GROUP. For extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy from 24 December 1944 to 2 January 1945. The 358th Fighter Group distinguished itself as a unit by exceptional skill, bravery, and devotion to spirit in armed conflict with the enemy during the period when the Wehrmacht launched a powerful offensive against the United States Seventh Army in conjunction with the Ardennes breakthrough. Despite the hazardous conditions of low visibility and intense opposition from anti-aircraft fire under which a large number of the seventy-eight missions were flown during this period the personnel of the 358th Fighter Group demonstrated superior courage, determination, and aerial skill, and were primarily responsible for the maintenance of air superiority against a resurgent German Air Force. Through the systematic destruction of communication and supply lines, the immobilization and destruction of hostile artillery, and finally in the execution of closely coordinated air support of our ground troops, this organization contributed in vital measure to the support of the Seventh Army's left flank and the Bulge front. The outstanding record of the 358th Fighter Group in armed conflict with the enemy reached its climax at the turn of the year when, during a major enemy assault in the Ardennes sector, twelve of the group's P-47 type aircraft which were engaged in armed reconnaissance of a railyard, yards, and [illegible] encountered a large force of Focke-Wulfe and Messerschmitt aircraft. Although outnumbered almost four to one the P-47 pilots battled the enemy in the air and closed with the enemy. In gallant display of fighting courage and aerial skill they destroyed fourteen of the enemy planes and damaged six others without loss of their own aircraft. The gallantry and extraordinary spirit exhibited during this crucial period of operations against the enemy reflect great credit upon the personnel of the 358th Fighter Group, and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

R E S T R I C T E D

GO, 42, H., First Tactical Air Force, (Provisional), 12 F.A. 45 (Cont'd)

II. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, the following-named officer is awarded the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS:

WILLIAM J. O'TOOLE, O-821765, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, 365th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group. For gallantry in action while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations. Lieutenant O'TOOLE distinguished himself by consistently keen and brilliant flying skill when, on an armed reconnaissance mission over Germany on 1 January 1945 the formation of twelve P-47 type aircraft in which he was flying encountered a force of thirty enemy aircraft. Fully aware of the odds against him, Lieutenant O'TOOLE dauntlessly dove to attack the enemy, and in a gallant display of fighting spirit and expert skill destroyed three and damaged two of the hostile fighters. His superb bravery and aerial skill as displayed on this occasion reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from [illegible], [illegible].

III. AWARD OF THE ARMY COMMENDATION RIBBON

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, the following-named officers and enlisted men are awarded the ARMY COMMENDATION RIBBON:

TIMOTHY J. MOONEY, 158439, Colonel, Cavalry, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force, (Provisional). For meritorious service in connection with operations against the enemy from 2 November 1944 to 18 February 1945. Entered military service from Hollywood, California.

GERALD F. COLTON, 38283100, Master Sergeant, Coast Artillery Corps, 210th Anti-aircraft Artillery Group. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 April 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ELMER L. WILLIAMS, 6581165, Master Sergeant, Air Corps, 95th Bombardment Squadron, 17th Bombardment Group (H). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 29 December 1943 to 15 December 1944. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

EMERY L. KLEIN, 6571875, Master Sergeant, Air Corps, 95th Bombardment Squadron, 17th Bombardment Group (H). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 January 1944 to November 1944. Entered military service from Jackson, Mississippi.

VICTOR J. DANIEL, 11088187, First Sergeant, Air Corps, 419th Bombardment Squadron, 320th Bombardment Group (M). For meritorious service in connection with operations against the enemy from July 1942 to January 1945. Entered military service from St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

ADDENDUM

CO, 22, FG, First Tactical Air Force, (Provisional), APO 230, 19 December 1945 (Cont'd)

S/SGT. LLOYD H. [illegible], 19000805, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, 37th Service Unit Squadron, 17th Replacement Group (1). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 25 December 1942 to 27 February 1943. Unit participated in military operations from Tafaraoui, French Morocco.

[illegible] T. TOLL, 38 030 [illegible], Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, Headquarters [illegible] Group, 34th Replacement Group ( ). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from December 1942 to January 1943. Unit participated in military service from Muroc Army Air Field, California.

[illegible] C. [illegible], 20628[illegible], Lieutenant, Coast Artillery Corps, 11[illegible] Antiaircraft Artillery Group. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from April 1942 to January 1943. Unit participated in military service from Fort [illegible], Maryland.

By command of Major General [illegible]:

C. [illegible] CHIDLAW
Colonel, Air Corps
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

H. J. [illegible]
T. J. [illegible]
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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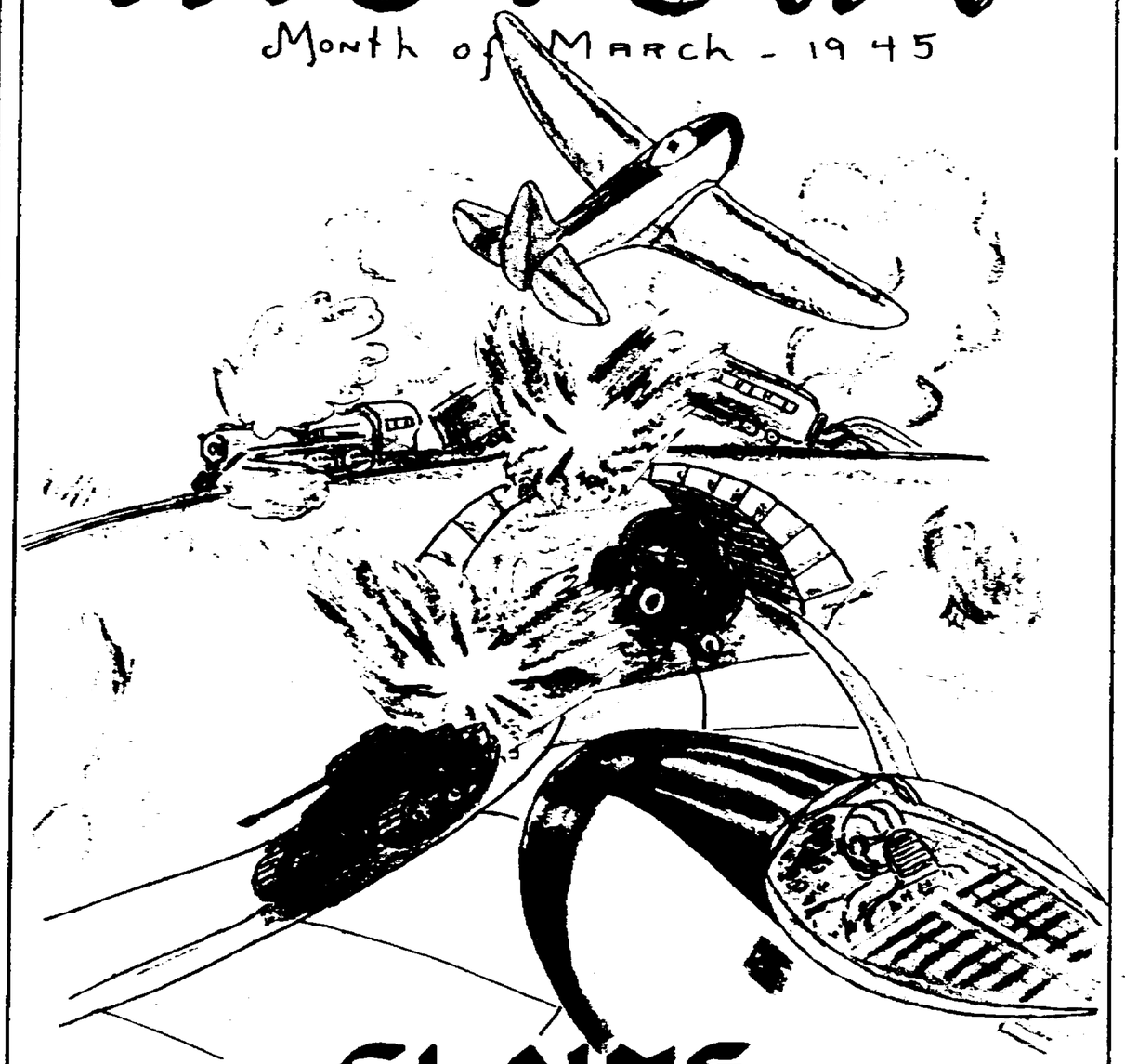
APPENDIX IV

358TH FIGHTER GROUP

HISTORY

Month of MARCH - 1945



CLAIMS

	DESTROYED	DAMAGED	DESTROYED (GROUND)	DAMAGED (GROUND)	
E/A	1	3	106		R.R. CUTS
M/T	1678	1113	132	101	H.D.V.'S
LOCOS	31	99			A/F ATTACKED
R.R. CARS	463	1125		45	M/Y ATTACKED
TANKS	69	113	1	13	BRIDGES
GUNS	38	187	8	72	BARGES
FACTORIE & BLDGS	654	402			TROOP CONCENTRATIONS
ROADS CUT	30		5	5	AMMO & GAS DUMPS

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AIR FORCE: FIRST TACTICAL AIR FORCE (PROVISIONAL)

COMMAND: XII TACTICAL AIR COMMAND

WING: 64TH FIGHTER WING

GROUP: 358TH FIGHTER GROUP

DATES INCLUDED: 1 April to 30 April 1945 inclusive

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HISTORY, 359TH FIGHTER GROUP, APRIL 1945

a. Present designation: 359th Fighter Group, 64th Fighter Wing.

b. Changes in organization: None.

(1) Changes in designation: None.

(2) Subordinate units: None.

(3) Changes in command: None.

(4) Changes in staff officers: None.

(5) Changes in T/O: None.

c. Strength:

Officers: 36

Enlisted Men: 88

d. Present Station: Y-79 -- Landhofen (near Mannheim), Germany, since 2 April 1945.

e. Movements: A-90, Croix de Metz, Toul, France, to Landhofen (near Mannheim) Germany. (See appendix I).

f. Campaigns: (See Operations).

g. Operations: Group operated a total of 238 missions for 2564 sorties for the month. Operations were reduced as compared with the previous month, due to the fact that on the 17th orders were received from higher headquarters to confine sorties to 100 daily. It is significant to note, however, that missions were operated on every day of the month. Many of these were in such extremely bad weather that it was impossible to reach assigned patrol areas, or specified targets.

It is most fitting that in this, the last complete month of operations of the war in this theatre, our Group dealt a terrific blow to the enemy, particularly against the Luftwaffe's dwindling stock of planes. For complete record of claims for the month, see Appendix II.

h. - i. (See Squadron History reports).

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j. Promotions: None.

k. Awards: None.

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WAR DIARY
358TH FIGHTER GROUP
Y-79, Mannheim/Sandhofen, Baden, Germany
April 1945

1. Group started off month of April with a full day of operations. With the exception of one mission on bomber escort and one on armed reconnaissance, the entire day's operations was on air cooperation. Attacks for the most part were on towns which were strong points immediately in front of the ground forces. Continued from the previous day in concentrating attack on town of ASCHAFFENBURG, where fanatical citizens were reported fighting alongside of enemy troops. Missions averaged 3 hours, and the armed reconnaissance mission was of 4 hours duration. Group had 21 missions for 172 sorties. A total of 152 buildings were destroyed during the day.

2. Bad weather hampered operations considerably. Group had 12 missions for 97 sorties. Had fine commendation from ground forces for our bombing attacks during past two days on town of ASCHAFFENBURG. Controller thanked us for splendid work, adding that as result of our bombing operations on this town 1,000 prisoners were taken on the night of 1 April. 45th Division attacking town re-named it "HILLMAN CITY" ("Hillman" is our Group call sign). First party of Group left by motor convoy for new base at SANDHOFEN (near MANNHEIM) in GERMANY.

3. Limited operations today due to adverse weather conditions. Group operated only 4 missions for a total of 32 sorties. Additional personnel of Group departed by motor convoy and by air transport for new base.

4. Group operated 19 missions for a total of 154 sorties. Nearly all missions were of air cooperation type for XV Corps, largely concentrated on bombing towns which were strong points in front of our ground forces. Additional movement of Group by motor convoy and air to the new base.

5. This was an excellent day of operations. 15 missions for 119 sorties. Most of missions were air cooperation type for XV Corps, attacking troop concentrations and enemy strong points. At ANSBACH airdrome we destroyed 11 Ju-88's on the ground and damaged 5 more. Movement of Croup continued by motor convoy and by air to new base.

6. Operations somewhat restricted today by weather. Only 9 missions for 71 sorties. Group continued movement by motor convoy and air to new base.

7. Weather bad in morning but cleared somewhat around noon, permitting planes to depart shortly after noon for the new base. After arrival there, weather cleared in target area, permitting operation of 9 missions for 71 sorties. Most of effort was concentrated on strong points and troop con-

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centrations in towns. 3rd Division commended Group on bombing of town of SELNACH; message stated town in flames and destroyed two tanks; message also stated that bombing attacks left town of [illegible]STADT burning. Movement of Group continued by motor convoy and by air transport.

8. This was a tremendously successful day for the Group, probably, insofar as damage to the enemy is concerned, the greatest since we went into combat. Operated 13 missions for a totel of 162 sorties. The pressure of the First French Army and the Seventh U. S. Army had forced the enemy to evacuate their many airdromes in the STUTTGART area. Our photo recce planes had located a large concentration of all types of planes on the INGOLSTADT airfield. Attacks on this airdrome, as well as on two other fields, resulted in destroying 35 enemy aircraft and damaging 39 others. The first jet plane for our Group, an Me-262, was also destroyed in the air today. Final movement to the new base completed today.

9. Had 8 missions for 151 sorties. Two enemy aircraft destroyed in air, and one on the ground. There were more damaged on the ground. Part of our effort today was escorting C-47's which were carrying gasoline to one of our armored divisions cut off in the Crailsheim area. The C-47's landed at Crailsheim airdrome, which was under enemy mortar fire, while our planes circled the area to hold off any attempted strafing and bombing attacks by enemy aircraft. After the C-47's unloaded and were again airborne, we escorted them back to a safe area.

10. Group had another excellent day of accomplishment. Operated 11 missions for 145 sorties. On an early morning mission one squadron engaged 4 Me-109's in the air and destroyed all of them. One small observation plane was also destroyed in the air. In addition, 30 more enemy planes were destroyed on the ground and 30 more planes damaged. Many of these planes were parked on a super-highway south of INGOLSTADT, partially edged into the woods. The enemy was desperately trying to hide and protect what remained of his dwindling air force.

11. Group operated 12 missions for 164 sorties. 3 Me-109's destroyed in air and two unidentified planes destroyed on ground. Considerable ground targets destroyed also, including 12 locomotives and 58 motor transports.

12. Limited activity today due to change in plans on missions. Only 6 missions for 92 sorties.

13. Bad weather all day. Sent one squadron out late in afternoon, but had to turn back due to weather before reaching target area.

14. Unfavorable weather limited operations to 4 missions for 41 sorties.

15. Bad haze conditions limited operations to 6 missions for 60 sorties.

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16. Better weather permitted expansion of operations. 12 missions for 133 sorties. One Me-109 was sighted in the air and destroyed, and one Me-110 was destroyed on the ground. Several missions were operated today on rail cutting program and attacking rail bridges in CRAILSHEIM-ELLWANGEN area. Three bridges were damaged and large number of rail cuts made.

17. Only two squadrons operating today. 8 missions for 103 sorties. One Me-108 encountered in air today and destroyed. Group now to be confined to 100 sorties daily.

18. Again today, only 2 of our squadrons operating, with the exception of one mission on which all three participated as escort to medium bombers attacking an enemy airdrome. 5 missions for 95 sorties.

19. Continued operating with one squadron standing down. 7 missions for 87 sorties. One mission was bomber escort, and the balance were air cooperation and armed recce. A large food depot in Aalen was bombed several times and largely destroyed. Rail and road movement in the recce area was very light, making it difficult to pile up any sizeable record of destruction and damage. The Luftwaffe again was conspicuous by its absence.

20. Only two squadrons operating today. 6 missions for 90 sorties. One of these was bomber escort and one was a special live bombing mission on a hotel and radar installation high up in the mountains near the Austrian border. The other four missions were air cooperation, bombing and strafing strong points in towns.

21. Two squadrons operating today. 7 missions for 89 sorties. Two missions were patrols in NUREMBERG area, and balance were air cooperation and armed recces. For the past several days only scant targets have been located to attack. This applies to rolling stock on railroads as well as M/T's, HDV's, etc., on roads. One mission of the day was quite fruitful, as a column of M/T's was located, resulting in the destruction of 56.

22. Bad weather restricted operations for greater part of day. Only three missions for 35 sorties. The enemy was taking advantage of the weather, and on the few missions operated a considerable increase of rail and road activity was observed. One squadron located and attacked an ammunition train, which exploded, resulting in destroying 25 box cars. Some other claims for the day were 86 M/T destroyed, 41 horse drawn vehicles destroyed, and 2 planes destroyed on ground. Considering the fact that on one mission bombs were dropped through overcast, the claims for the day were much higher proportionately than they had been for the past several days.

23. Due to bad weather only one mission for 12 sorties today. This mission turned out to be very fruitful as squadron located large number of planes on ground at LECHFELD. 23 planes were destroyed, consisting of 5 Me-109's, 16 Me-111's and 2 Me-108's. In addition, 1 Me-109 was damaged and 2 Me-111's damaged.

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24. Two squadrons operating today for 7 missions and 81 sorties. Excellent results accomplished. One squadron caught a single Me-109 on the deck and destroyed it. Another squadron located an airfield with several planes parked. Attack resulted in destroying 17 and damaging 5. Also 2 Me-262's damaged when they attacked B-26's which we were escorting. Also had an excellent air cooperation mission today attacking town of [redacted], a strong point on the 42nd Division's front. After the mission, received following message from above division: "Thanks a million to Gatepost Squadron for a swell job at 1800. Such support is making our job easier and less costly".

25. Two squadrons operated 6 missions for 70 sorties. Had one pre-briefed mission to attack planes on HOLZKIRCHEN A/D. This attack, together with planes located on other fields and on autobahn, resulted in destroying 35 on the ground and damaging 15 more. In addition, 1 Me-262 damaged in aerial combat. Some of the other claims for the day were 74 M/T and 27 horse drawn vehicles destroyed.

26. Two squadrons flew 6 missions for 79 sorties. One mission was an escort to medium bombers, one an uneventful fighter sweep, and the balance air cooperation with XV Corps, attacking towns containing enemy troop concentrations. 82 buildings were destroyed in these towns. Our 366th Squadron received two commendations for two missions operated today. One reads as follows: "Air Ops reports splendid job on LUNSTER and HOLZHEIL by Bookworm. Thanks from Rainbow (42nd Division)". The other reads as follows and was sent by G-3 Air Section, Headquarters Seventh Army: "Nice show Bookworm at 1900 hours. Troops following up your shock. Thanks".

27. Unfavorable weather confined operations to 3 missions for 36 sorties. The first mission off in the morning was recalled by our controller due to bad weather in the target area. A new wire mesh taxi strip was completed today. This should pretty well eliminate the dust situation on the field.

28. Very bad weather for operations. Late in afternoon put up 3 missions of 8 planes each, but none able to reach their primary target, which was an important CP south of Munich.

29. Limited operations due to weather. 4 missions for 48 sorties. Excellent results accomplished. 16 planes destroyed on ground, 11 damaged, and 1 Me-262 damaged in air. 75 M/T destroyed.

30. While operations this date were limited again because of adverse weather, the results were most gratifying. 4 missions for 48 sorties. Had an excellent day on M/T's, destroying 167 and damaging an additional 105. Again added to our score of enemy aircraft, destroying 2 in the air and 8 on the ground. Six more were damaged on the ground.

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APPENDIX I

Movement to Germany

The rapid advancement eastward of the Seventh Army after crossing the Rhine made it perfectly apparent that our Group would likewise have to move in order to operate at maximum efficiency. Prior to the move all personnel were given a lecture on the subject "Behavior in Germany" covering non-fraternization, conduct, etc. Everyone now realized that living in Germany would be vastly different from what it had been during the merry months spent in friendly France. However, it may be said that the move was accepted in excellent spirit and with the knowledge that we could help bring the war to a quicker end by operating from a base closer to the ground forces.

The move was made efficiently. Initial party left by motor convoy on 2 April. With the help of some C-47's the complete movement had been accomplished on 8 April.

The route followed by motor convoy was as follows: Toul - Nancy - Chateau-Salins - Saarguemine - Homburg - Kaiserslautern - Mannheim and to Sandhofen.

The members of the Group who made the trip by motor convoy were afforded their first opportunity of seeing the damage and destruction which the war had brought to German cities, villages, railroad yards, etc. The general reaction was that the state of damage and destruction was far worse than any of us had visualized.

One did not need to be told when the border of Germany had been crossed. Passing through the last towns in France we were welcomed with a friendly wave and smiling faces. As we passed through German cities and towns there was naturally no sign of welcome. You sensed that the people were awed and impressed by the magnificent and voluminous rolling stock of our forces, presenting a sharp contrast to that of the retreating German army coming out of the SAAR to the Rhine. An occasional white flag was still seen hanging from windows, presumably placed there when our ground forces had first passed through.

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APPENDIX III

Our New Base at Sandhofen(near Mannheim) Germany

Our new base is located five miles north of the city of [redacted], and 1½ miles north by east of the town of [redacted]. The Rhine river runs 2 miles east of the airfield. One of Germany's famous autobahns(still uncompleted east of the Rhine) runs east and west a half a mile from the south boundary of the field. A light railway from the main [redacted] line runs into the field.

The field was a Zepoelin station in the last world war and maintained a shadowy existence till its development in 1935-36. A fighter group was formed here in 1936, and a second group added in 1938. Since then the field had been associated with consistent fighter activity until forced to retire as our ground forces threatened a crossing of the Rhine.

It is learned that most of the permanent buildings on the field were constructed in 1938. They consisted of several excellent hangars, workshops, fine barracks for living quarters, hospital, and every other type of building required on a permanent airfield.

Modern plumbing had been installed consisting of tiled showers, steam heating, etc.

The runway was sandy sod, but at one time a hard surface runway had been constructed. This was later sod covered, presumably for the purpose of camouflage.

When we first arrived on the field the first impression gained was the splendid job of bombing our heavies had accomplished. Hardly a single building escaped these attacks. Some buildings were absolutely destroyed, and many others were very heavily damaged. Our first job was to clean out the rubble from the buildings which were not too badly damaged to use for living quarters, kitchens, mess halls, infirmary, etc. This work was greatly speeded up by bringing in about 125 Polish displaced personnel from a nearby camp. They were extremely eager to work because it meant getting three good meals a day -- something they had not had for the many years since they had been under the German yoke. They were amazed at the democratic relations between officers and enlisted men, and could not get over the fact that we did not swear and curse at them or beat them physically, which was the kind of treatment they had been subjected to by the enemy.

The officers occupied the buildings, and the enlisted men put up their tents in different areas around the field. No personnel were allowed to leave the field except on official business and recreation and diversion was confined to the limits of the field. A softball league was organized, volley ball courts set up, and a new movie was shown three times each night, at 1800, 2000 and 2200 hours.

At the close of the month, everything was functioning smoothly.

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APPENDIX IV

The Changing Situation in the GAF

During the month of April a vast change was taking place in the Luftwaffe. The rapid push of the allied armies eastward across Northern Germany had forced the remnants of the GAF on the western front from their bases in the path of the movement. Only one area was left open for it on which to base. This was in Southern Germany. As a consequence of this situation the dwindling number of fields still remaining became heavily congested with all types of German aircraft, making them highly vulnerable to air attack. The situation rapidly grew worse for the enemy and he finally resorted to parking aircraft on sections of the autobahn in the Ingolstadt and Munich areas, as well as in open fields adjacent to airfields.

The Luftwaffe appeared to be flying less and less sorties as the month progressed, but the toll taken in his aircraft on the ground developed at a terrific tempo. It is significant to record here that in the last week of the month an astonishingly low percentage of planes strafed on the ground were observed to catch on fire and burn. The reasonable conclusion to be drawn was that gasoline had by now possibly become so critical an item that it was denied to the GAF. There seems to be no other reasonable explanation as to why enemy aircraft did not come up and fight.

The only sign of any consistent activity was the jets which continued to operate on a limited basis, particularly applying their efforts in attacking medium bombers. There was reliable evidence that during the latter part of the month elements of the oldest and most experienced jet unit of JG 7 had arrived in the Munich area. These were the boys who operated with considerable success against the heavies of the Eighth Air Force in the north.

At the end of the month it appeared that the once proud Luftwaffe had died an ignominious death.

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APPENDIX V

"Orangetales"

The first issue of "ORANGETALES", a semi-monthly news bulletin, was published April 21st. The publication of a Group news bulletin had long been under discussion. However, it was not until we moved to Germany where recreation and diversion off base was denied that it became imperative to find additional means to help keep up morale of the personnel. Everyone should be grateful to all those who have contributed to the first issue of "ORANGETALES". A copy is enclosed as part of the month's history.

ORANGE TAILS

SEMI-MONTHLY [illegible] PUBLISHED BY AND FOR THE OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN OF THE [illegible] BOMBER GROUP AND ATTACHED UNITS

VOLUME 1, NUMBER 1. APRIL 21, 1945.

Mr. President:

I wish to express my most sincere wishes for the success of your bulletin, one of the many enterprises which your Enlisted Men's Council have undertaken to sponsor. I feel that this step - the organization of an Enlisted Men's Council with this periodical as it's mouthpiece - is being taken at the time we enter the last phase of the battle of Germany and at the approximate time we change our fields of action. I am sure that new problems will be added to those we have confronted in the past, that our future tasks will not be easy, and that even greater effort will be necessary to complete our part of this difficult struggle. Your endeavor backed by every man in your organization is essential.

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AIR MAIL VS V-MAIL AGAIN

According to the Washington columnist, Drew Pearson, 40,000,000 pieces of mail are crossing the Atlantic weekly to GI's in the ETO and, the world's largest V-Mail station has been set up right in the heart of Europe to help speed up this terrific volume of mail.

He says, "recently the War Dept. has been bombarded with queries as to whether V-Mail goes faster than regular Air Mail. Actually, it does. The average soldier overseas in Europe gets nine pieces of mail a week. He sends back a little less. The army is now sending all air mail to Europe by ship. Only the GI's V-Mail is going by plane".

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TWO HOTELS TAKEN OVER BY XII TAC

XII TAC has plans and is making preparations for setting up a small rest center for outfits under its command, Major Hall, 358th Ftr Gp Hqs Adjutant, revealed the other day.

The location for the place of relaxation is situated up in the French Alps at a town called Aix-Le-Bain. Two hotels have been

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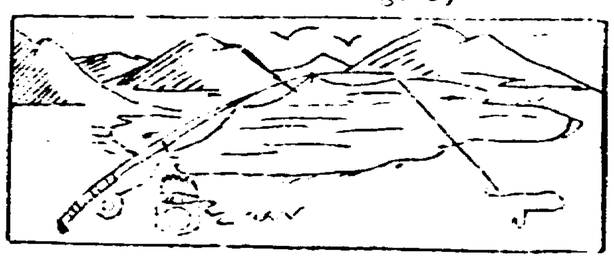

LUFTWAFFE LEAVES Y-79

I had the opportunity the other day to listen in on some comments being made about this place by a German civil mechanic who lives not far away.

According to the Kraut mechanic, this particular Luftplatz (airdrome) when it was still 'luftwaffe' had a history as one of the best of the first-class airdromes in the Reich. The tops in everything was'nt too good for them. And, in comparison to the German Wermacht, he said, they got all the White Meat.

Just a look around confirms most of that too,-- a master hangar, specialized work shops, modern machinery. Then, for their own personal comfort these aristocratic fly-boys had living quarters attractively designed to look like quadrangle dormitories of a small university. Naturally, lights, running water (hot and cold), steam heat were just simple necessities, more or less. Fancy kitchens stocked with the best food that could be mustered were included, too. Then, there were movies, sports of every type - bowling, swimming, boating, track and field games, etc.

If any of this didn't appeal they could visit the young fraulein's in the nearby towns where by some they were jokingly referred to as 'Zuntag Soldaten' which in English means practically the same thing, 'Sunday Soldiers'. The reason for this was that the luftwaffe uniform was quite natty, the only branch of the German Military whose Class "A" uniform included a tie.

The other branches all wore a blouse-like affair that buttoned up high on the neck.

"Blowsur Boys" was the translated nickname the interpreter gave for how this German said the people thought of their aerial defenders of the Reich.

When our bombers came, the RAF by day, the U.S. heavies by night to reduce the place to the state it was in when we first arrived, no fighters or defending aircraft of any type took off from here to challenge them, he said, as far as he knew, but later when the war got close they did take off.. they took off for a safer place farther eastward.. and, this they accomplished in and on short order.

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WE'VE GOT PAPER PROBLEMS TOO....

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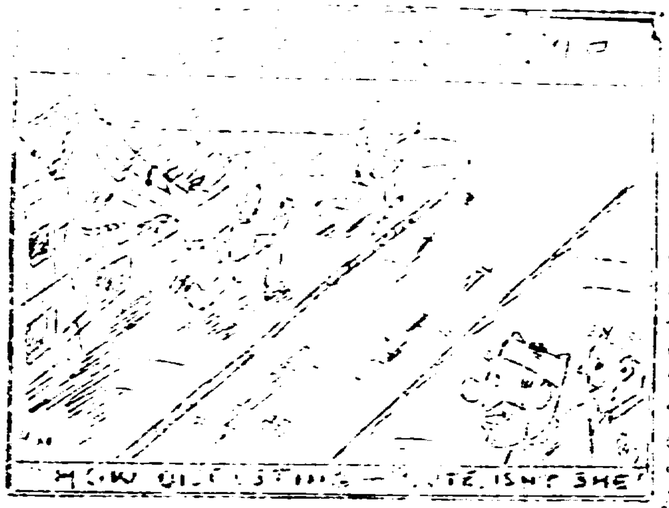

...ll, your Red Cross girls opened a Doughnut Dunkery at Y-79. One week later, gentle reader, you find Annette with a sad case of dishpan hands and housemaid's knee - and I know the meaning of K.P. And my right arm looks like Lil Abner's from packing ... pounds of flour every morning. But please don't misunderstand. This is written by way of explanation then complaint. Annette and I want you to know the reasons why no doughnuts "on the line" and why no special orders are being taken. Likewise, any "brownie" is out of the question for the present - Besides how could we have ... without girls? You see, we did not have any of our French Staff with us, so, all the cooking, cleaning and serving is done by us with the help of two willing and able soldiers.

We have our more whimsical moments, however, during those grim donut days. If the dough is arriving cool things go right, you might find us making chocolate coated fantastic or fancy white sugared donuts that would put the Mayflower Donut Shoppe to shame. By the way - about the charging for donuts - even though this is combat area and this is Germany, etc., etc., we still come under the head of a Field Club. The limits being available every day (except Sundays, when Annette and I sleep) we are supposed to charge.

We are at present working out a system whereby we can keep the coffee going, wash cups, slice buns, sell tickets, make change and then figure out how many tickets to tear off without keeping a line a mile long waiting. I guess the well-known sinkers will be on the house.

This is beginning to sound like a complaint. Seriously, Annette and I agree that we haven't been so busy and happy since we started our overseas service in the ARC a year and a half ago. So many boys have shown appreciative of our efforts so now is the time to say thanks for the thanks.

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...WOOD PILOT'S FIFTH BASE, GERMANY

Lt Col Fifth Ftr Gp CO:- Pilots of the 365th Squadron, 358th "Arnaga Tail" Thunderbolt Fighter Group, recently bombed and strafed a German troop concentration in the town of Kirschhaid, Southeast of Marburg. Pilots made four strafing passes at the town and reported they left it a mass of flames. Out of the 200 odd buildings in the town, they claimed 150 destroyed.

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Lt Col C. E. Dunkin, the 358th Ftr Gp's ALO revealed in one of his frequent talks, Wednesday evening, that he will be leaving soon to join an Armored Division of the Third Army's.

He told those who attended the talk that he would remember the 358th Ftr Gp a long time. "Usually", he said, "it is your first outfit in the Army that is your first love, but with me it will be this Group - the 358th". "You are one of the finest outfits I know",

Col Dunkin has been the friend of a great many men in the Squadrons in the Group and he has come back to try and make a clearer picture of the war as it presented to those who attended his Ftr to Ftr talks sponsored by the T&D Discussion Forum.

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With the battle ...ing further away from us each day it is logical to assume that it will ... ... advantageous to ... our base closer to the front. Such moves necessitate more difficult operations, more work, and greater obstacles to overcome but they give us a geographical advantage which is essential to air cooperation with the ground forces. Our attitude should be one which welcomes such a move which brings us closer to the enemy. We should feel proud that we were the first to move recently with the obvious intention of placing us at the most advantageous striking distance which is a reflection of our ability as anticipated by higher headquarters to cause the most damage to the enemy. I hope to move again. However, such a position will make us most vulnerable to sabotage, espionage, and attack which will require more work and effort from each individual. It will decrease our opportunities for relaxation, recreation, and leave. This is your task: Make every man feel his responsibility for his job which will be increased many times over; prevent a decline in morale, efficiency, and alertness for which this team has been noted in the past; and indeed, it is absolutely necessary to increase in those things.

With sincere anticipation of a greater 368th Fighter Group and 312th Service Team "B" to the destruction of Nazi Germany,

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James B. Tipton, Colonel,
Air Corps, Commanding.

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WHAT IT IS!

Well, here's the starter for a sq and atchd units news bulletin. Not necessary to go into a spiel over it or the fact that it's yours,.. you know that. Be not enough of the—"It's for you soldiers, just for business", anyway.

In this sheet or rag, and there's no hesitancy on any ones part to label it as anything else, items of a sort that's of particular interest to us as a community bunch will be written. Who knows, maybe a back issue twenty years from now when you're back in mufti will bring you a laugh or refresh your memory of some Joe's name, somebody who used to get-flight 47's with you each morning in the ETO when the 368th was shooting the hell out of Germany.

Talent and help are needed. So, if you want to climb aboard you're certainly welcome. And/or if anyone would care to make suggestions, criticisms (constructive or what have you) let's have all those too.

There will be a reporter from each individual unit within the Sq and its constituents writing stuff about his squadron, company, etc. He's the boy to see. Let him know what's going on. If it's something interesting to the other boys. We'd like to have as in on what's going on with everybody.

Your Reported Is:

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JEELS TAKE OVER BY XII TAC

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...ber and are being readied for both officer and EM personnel.

Maj Hall warned against too much optimism on a possible in-the-near-future visit as the program is only just being arranged, and at the same time we could not expect a large quota when final arrangements were worked out.

Those who make the roster on this deal, though, are in for an excellent vacation. Among a lot of other recreational facilities fishing will be very popular this time of year - also swimming.

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AIR MAIL VS V-MAIL AGAIN

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However, he goes on to explain, "one thing which confuses friends and relatives of servicemen who use V-Mail is that many letters from overseas are sent back by straight Air Mail. This is because ballast is frequently needed to fill small freight compartments of the returning transports which had taken spare parts, blood plasma and cargo to Europe".

The War Dept. announced in March according to the United Press that cargo space on aircraft is so limited there is no guarantee that Air Mail other than V-Mail would be carried on aircraft overseas. But, that some mail with Air Mail postage affixed would be carried to certain overseas points as space is available. Adding that this would apply mainly to the smaller and less active War Theaters.

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NOTICE: This paper, because of censorship

[illegible] about this time. Major Bat wars are swinging into action and interest in "The Suns", New York, Cleveland or wherever your home town happens to be, is mounting. But right here, the accent is on the conversion of Prunes into German military marks and of course our own little Major League Softball Tournament. Introduced this year are seven teams from the Ground Tail Fighter Group and eight teams from the Service Group. Wednesday, the 366th Ftr Sq trounced the 366th Ftr Sq (Armt) to the tune of 29 to 2.

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In the 5th inning with the score tied locked 1 to 1 - Alexander of the 367th Chem Co came to bat with two outs and bases loaded. Taking two balls, Alexander then swung from the heels and hit a terrific home run between left and center fielders. Final score 5 to 1.

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Coasting along with the clear weather, the 21st climaxed a tight game against the 366th Ftr Sq (Engr) by the score of 7 to 3.

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Two of the "boys" grabbed me by the arm the other day and demanded I set up pins at the bowling alley - of course I said, "certainly Sir - only too glad to assist" - everything went along fine until the end of the game when - the two perspiring bowlers came down to the pit and wanted to know who had won - fellows, do any of you know how to keep score with nine pins? - after all, a week in the rural house wouldn't teach me how to keep score - I'm in a jam! -

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The volleyball court used by the "first nighters" who always play a game or two before entering the Chateau Theater will play all comers - call or drop in at Special Service if you would like to schedule a game b/4 the show some evening.

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An interesting game this Badminton, there is a nice court just opposite the Theater - pick up the "Beds" and racquetts at SS Office.

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Finishing a column is like leaving the good fishing area, but would you say the show coming tomorrow night had anything to do with Sports?

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[illegible] TRACK AND FIELD MEET

[illegible] for it 'Grape Vine' [illegible] we [illegible] concerning many unusual track [illegible], shot put, high jumpers, and pole vaulters, etc.

Most of us are a bit rusty but with a few days practice we might come close to that mark we set 'way back when' - See Sgt Sims up at your orderly room now! - the following events are open: high jump, pole vault, broad jump (standing and running), shot put, discus, javelin, hammer throw, four man relay, 200 yards, 100 yards dash, 50 yard sprint - These events are open for Officers and Enlisted Men - and you are eligible to enter one or all of the events that day. To lure you over to the Sports Arena which we are calling the Athletic Field in the 366th Ftr Sq living area, we are presenting grand prizes for the winners of first and last places in all events. Prizes donated by Lt Herman of the 462nd Air Ser Sq.

All units have been invited to enter a fifteen man unlimited tug of war team. Every time we mentioned the winner of an event, we also mentioned that there would be a prize awarded. - How can you award one prize on a 15 man tug of war team one prize? - That is the grand surprize of the day, your writer has seen what they have to offer and would like to ship Man Mountain Dean over from the States as [illegible] in his team.

The winner of this event will receive the top prize of the day, a (CENSORED) This event should certainly be worth entering. Officials for the day will be Lt Lorenz, Lt Julia, Lt Clah and Lt Oaks. Making this a real track meet, we present music by the Fighter Group Band and they promise to break the tape on some brand new tunes. To make you feel right at home, S/Sgt Hilburger of the famous 367th Ftr Sq Mess Hall will give away absolutely free lemonade - and - not just ordinary lemonade at that - it will be the real 'PINK' stuff.

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SOME LATE SOFTBALL LEAGUE RESULTS:- Apr 20th.

Keeping his two year record clean the 366th's Sgt Martindale short circuited the 367th's Communications feeble attempts by the score of 8 to 0.

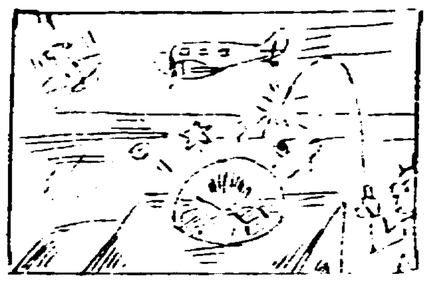
With the score 4 to 0 in the last inning the bases loaded up steps Joe Sand, 366th catcher - "I'm due for one", says little Joe. Bingo! crack! and when the dust cleared, the score was, I say again, 8 to 0 against a bewildered 367th Communications Team.

Neither team 366th (Engr) nor 367th Chem Co after eight innings could alter the tied score 8 to 8, so the game was called on account of darkness.

[illegible] NEWS

[illegible] FIGHTER SQUADRON

[illegible] it is... [illegible] the line with the [illegible] over the cubee pad. [illegible] wait until they [illegible] those signal flags, [illegible] there's a night fighter up which must [illegible] land. But why don't they [illegible] facilities for all the fighter [illegible]... okay, so there's a lot of them, and maybe the viz is poor, those flares are still unnecessary... that's right every damn one of them got out of the way, and in a hurry too... typical of them though... no guts .. well, the pilot thought he was lined up with the runway when he started his take off run, but when the dust cleared, the tower was dead ahead... sure the plane got off okay... even though due to the tower's effort though... they told him to throttle back and when everyone started a hasty trek southwards... that was the direction of the nearest door... yep, they're always willing to use gas trucks to refuel some transients... or the cleat trucks to tow some wreckage clear of the runways... can't see why their T/E don't call for that equipment... well we think they all are nuts, but so far, never heard of no Section VIIIs... they don't seem to know their own mind... they send the crew chiefs to one end of the runway and gnashing of teeth knows no bounds when the mechanics see their ships land and turn off the runway on the opposite end from them... wind shifted is the alibi given... and then they have the gall to blame it on the weather department... yeah, they eat with the 366th... always first in line... chowhounds, everyone of them... sure, you can locate the tower... if you do have trouble finding the place, just look for Sabu and his girl friend... they're always playing around there... No, its not that first shack on your left going down, that's the latrine.



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For obvious reasons, it was necessary to cancel the dance & party at the Chateau De La Bierre, last Sunday. Capt Taylor, Cpl Baldwin & Cpl Boyd had planned for the 366th Ftr Sq on the [illegible] affair. Nice though, perhaps... TS due to the [illegible] for the trouble [illegible]

The Bookworm's Section...

They say we may devote a page of "what's what" in the news of the 366th Ftr Sq. Well, there's a lot to write about, a lot more than a page so let's look this situation over. First of all, something new has been added - yes man, its a Group Newspaper in which there will be items of interest to all. "Bookworm" is the official designation of the 366th Ftr Sq, so to you fellows who want a little "dirt" of the Sq., look for this column.

In a silent sort of way, there is a profound note of sorrow in the shocking news, the sudden death of our President and Commander in Chief, Franklin D. Roosevelt. General comments are, "he was a great guy", and, "we'll sure miss him". Remembering his many great accomplishments, we now look toward his successor, President Truman, whose guidance we shall follow loyally.

What would this Army life be without "rumors"? Not standing short, here's a few: moving, peace feelers, rotation. It's cold to note the source of rumors. Two very noted sources are the line and the newly constructed latrine. For anyone's information, rumors from five to seven days in advance of any Official Notice tend to come from the line; however, because of that feeling of serenity which surrounds this "dirrerent" tent with its sky-blue base with tan covers and the smooth sand floor, rumors originating at this source should be taken lightly.

There's some talk of the permanent guard and KP detail. Some like it, some don't. All agree that the French KP's at our last station certainly were a blessing; however, a lot of fellows are now pulling KP who weren't seen too much before and that, to many, is indeed a sight for sore eyes.

Many changes have taken place since this Group's Activation two and a half years ago and in the following issues to come, we'll try to piece the past with the present and see what happens. But for now, we'll end by saying "Happy Landing" to you all.

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DET "A", 2210TH QM TRUCK CO

Aching Backs...

Now that the Service Team's move has been completed, Pfc Richard (Hot Patch) Bethinger can relax. He's had more flat tires to handle as a result of this move than at any other time.

The boys had a wonderful time in a German warehouse on the 17th. Incidentally, they are still talking about the limousine that was there at the time.

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It is [illegible] our squadron, [illegible] our men [illegible] our new CO, [illegible]. Sorry, we [illegible] the best squadron in the air force. Little there is that the men of [illegible] about our squadron, and our record [illegible] and we know that he is just as proud to be with us as we are to have him.

We wish the best of luck and all the success in the world to our former CO, Major Buchner.

A few nights ago, the silence was broken by the thunder of horse hooves in the area. I jumped up from bed to investigate the source of this rocket, and I was in time to see a great white horse with a rider on his back go dashing around the truck. Someone shouted that Paul Revere had come back to haunt us, but further investigation proved it to be none other than our Sgt Harris, the horse from my truck, with a man he had found. After I had fed it the horse in the daylight I saw that they had painted it "C" Section, because it had to have one. Don't say that around Lt Gilbert, he thinks he's got another "Man O'War" - I wonder if all the Tech. Sgts. in the outfit really appreciate what I do. I do it for them, by taking care of the Guard every night. To top it all, I asked for the job. - Have you seen Lt Christman's "Duke" ride "C" Section or until the line? It's a sight to see and if you don't see it, come around the armorers tent in the line any afternoon.

If you want to see a keen collection of rifles, see Lt Breitwisch. I saw the rifles and he does have some beauties. I'd like to see his complete collection. I was told that he has some very old rifles, but they are not here.

I wonder what became of the Welcome sign that was hanging in the Mess Hall. I noticed that that space is now for rent. Who do I see to rent that space - I bet "Doc" would like to know that also.

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Lucky Number "Four"...

Most every man Jack, civilian and soldier alike, attempt to forecast VE Day. After proof us predictions have proven wrong, people are sure the end is not too far distant and are trying to devise a formula by which the Victory Day in Europe can be ascertained - just to say "I told you so."

As far as the 462nd Air Service Squadron is concerned, we'd like to place our prognostications on race track circles, dice eight combinations, form, etc. In other number - "6" to be exact ion.

Every significant movement we have been a part of has occured on the 6th day of the month.

We left the States on the 6th of November 1943; hit the Normandy beaches on the 6th of July 1944; and entered Germany on the 6th of April 1945. It's just natural to expect the next important event in the ETO relative to the 462nd Air Service Squadron to likewise fall on the 6th. Therefore, our choice for Victory Day in Europe is 6th of June 1945 - one year after D-Day.

Awards...

Yes, one of the contributing factors toward our being awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque by 1st TAF Service Command has been our splended AOG record on planes assigned to us from the 358th Fighter Group. Many a single AOG for the month of March was chalked up. And, it was then that the flak was flying heavy in the Rhine areas, and the Orange Tails were sortie conscious to the "nth" degree.

Our 2nd Bronze Star for ETO Ribbon has finally been realized. It has been authorized for our participation in the Northern France Campaign. The first battle star represented our part played in the Battle Of The Hedgerows - Normandy.

Quick Wing Change...

A recent 462nd Engineering Line accomplishment personifies the word "lightening". Here's an indication of how fast it can be done when need be. A plane came in from an early morning mission in need of a wing change and that same plane flew on the late mission of the identical day.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP...

Group "Poop"...

When the writer reported to the 358th Fighter Group some two years ago, he certainly had no idea that he would come such a long way - geographically speaking. Looking around now, he still sees many familiar faces that were with Group Headquarters when we first started out in Richmond, Virginia - noted mainly for its fried chicken at the Wakefield Grill. These faces, I might add, have been changed quite a bit due to the strain of war and in some cases, due to "sweating out" a "full house" or "craps" at a crucial moment. Then too, it is to be pointed out that such men as M/Sgt Larry Norton, and Cpl Louis (I love the Army) Glass, better known to his intimate friends as "slinky", have grown an addition to their upper lip. "Smiley" Breton and J.W.F. Randolph became optimistic before getting on the boat and bought razors. Other men have been seen staring for hours at a time into a mirror, wondering whether their hair-line is receding or whether it is imagination. Yes, we all show a little the change from civilian life to Army life - especially tent life. In the case of "Pappy" Hooks, that change is barely perceptible because of the fact that he has been in the Army more years than most four or five men put together.

One of the Headquarters' strongest admirers and supporters has always been Cpl Derring who used to favor all the men with a cheery "Groocoup". One day recently, he received the good news that he had finally proved himself worthy of such an honor and he learned to his satisfaction, undoubtedly, that he was now assigned. He was and still is speechless!!

Sympathies are extended to those men who were not with the Group when they were stationed at Philly which rates as the best city yet - socially, anyway. Where else have you been able to walk into a barracks after work and find everyone already heading for the city except for some man who was either too sick to go out or else recovering for the next week. There were more dark glasses being worn there than in Miami Beach in winter time. Also, where else could one borrow carfare to get downtown, indulge in wine, women, and song and come back to the base in the morning with a dollar to spare? Try that one in London, sometime!! You can do it if you leave your left arm as security.

As a parting thought, remember that all drooling will cease when we cross the Rhine - attention, "Radar" Conway.

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...Now that we have departed for a life of toil in France, and are in conquered territory, there is the Kitchen Police chore to put up with. But, for some unknown reason, there has been quite a bit of volunteering for KP duty, this correspondent is of the opinion that there is something a foot which is all together not too kosher. It was recently quite a treat to see such big wheels as big Ed Dahlgren and E. C. Workman, donning an apron and washing pots and pans. The armorers were quite pleased to see S/Sgt Ed Mathoson serving coffee to them and many an armorer was seen lurking in the neighborhood of the Squadron Mess Hall to watch their esteemed flight chief wash pots and pans. The biggest treat is yet to come, but some day the Group will furnish one of their prima donnas for KP, it sure would do this correspondent's heart and many other enlisted men in this squadron's heart good to see that.

Being confined to the base, and the non-fraternizing policy has sure hurt a lot of this squadron's love birds quite a bit. Joe Fox, the squadron's champion when it comes to putting in time before a mirror, has cut his time down quite some since arriving in the land of the hun. A lot of the men who were honored with the title of Rue Soldat while in France have lost their title, as there will be no Strasse Soldat in this country.

Recently, this squadron has had a few more of those elusive things known as promotions appear on Group Orders, it is now S/Sgt Myron Rifkin, Cpl Solomon M. Gross, and Pfc Brown, Comerton, Gundling, and Higglesworth. Congratulations are also due Captains Ward, Hanwering, and 1st Lts. Friefeld, and Knowles. Recently three men were notified that they were being discharged from the Army, cheers and shouts were heard all over the pilots' room, but they soon turned into gloom when Flight Officers Hayse, Martin and Rosenfeldt were told they were the receipiants of Commissions as Second Lieutenants. Another pilot to give up his fraternity pin and join the gold standard was Lt. Cassidy. Congratulations boys, and keep up the good work.

It is a pleasure to welcome into our organization our new assistant intelligence officer, Lt. Urdang. At this time it is also a great pleasure to welcome Lt. Sperry back from the hospital where he underwent an operation as the result of his recent crash landing. Lt. Sperry is one of those fortunate pilots who are declared Missing in Action, but turn up in a few days in good condition except for a few knocks and bruises. It was with great regret that we learned that Lt. Hulholland was injured due to enemy action and is in a General Hospital over here. Hurry up and get well Lt., and return.

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...r 13 - Fatal Sorties...

...th Fer Pf Pfc:- 1st Lt Harold C. Sperry, Chicago, Ill., never figured on trading the cockpit of his thunderbolt for a foxhole, much less building a $20 fire to keep warm. But when the 366th "Orange Tail" Thunderbolt Fighter Group bombed and strafed during the Saar breakthrough, he did just-that - for 13 hours and behind German lines.

"We'd been strafing just southeast of Zweibrucken, when I was hit by flak", Lt Sperry said. "It damaged the turbo supercharger, the engine, and the tanks". Finally the engine froze at 3,000 feet.

"I flipped the canopy back, unhooked the safety belt, and started to sail out. Then I glanced over the side, and there were Krauts all over the ground. I decided to ride it a little while longer. Boy, they'd have nailed me to a cross: Finally I was so low I had to crash land".

Although the engine was dead, Lt Sperry glided to a crash landing on a long field between two lines of German positions. As he jumped from the plane, a machine gun in a pillbox opened up, grazing his right eyebrow. The Jerry Gunner followed him as he ran down a road a little way and jumped into half a bomb crater.

"That crater didn't look near deep enough, so I scooped it out with my bare hands", he continued. "Two Germans came out of the pillbox, looked at the plane, and took my parachute and gun. The 45 had pulled loose when I jumped out".

With a first aid bandage, Lt Sperry dressed his eyebrow that had hit the gun sight while landing. He tore a piece from a cloth covered map and stuck it over the bullet crease. Then he settled down to "sweat it out".

"About six o'clock was the worst", he said. "The Krauts came outside and started cooking their meal. Man, I was hungry right then. But I doubt if they'd have enjoyed sharing it with me. I burned everything I could to keep warm - gun and cigarette wrappers, and five one pound English notes that I found on me".

About 8:30 the strain began to tell, and he stood up, intending to surrender. But two 88 shells lit only 50 feet away, and changed his mind. During the night he thought of running to the woods that covered two sides of the field, and digging in there. The foxhole in the middle of the field was too exposed. But our artillery had set the woods on fire, and so nullified that idea.

"I could hear patrols going by all night", said Lt. Sperry. "First one would come from the west. They were probably ours. Then another would come from the east. They didn't talk, but I could feel them walking. They passed about 50 feet from my hole, but didn't try to find me. Our artillery and the Jerry's kept up a duel all night, and air bursts kept breaking right over my

Showing results of attacks on 19 - 20 March on enemy M/T column between Kaiserslautern and Bad Durkheim

Condition of hangars at Sandhofen when we arrived, disclosing th.
remarkable accuracy of heavy bombs

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Planes returning to Sandhofen base from a combat mission

One of our AA units on the field at Sandhofen

Old Glory waves at main gate entrance to Y-79 (Sandhofen)

Admiral Stark of U. S. Navy on field at Sandhofen. At extreme right Lt. Col. Therriault, Deputy Group Commander.

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CUTLINE HISTORY, 368th Fighter Group, MAY 1945

a. Present designation: 368th Fighter Group, 84th Fighter Wing.

b. Changes in organization: None.

(1) Changes in designation, assignment or attachment: Transferred from 1st Tactical Air Force (Prov) to Ninth Air Force.

(2) Subordinate units: None.

(3) Changes in command: None.

(4) Major Harvey Bell, Group Adjutant transferred to Hq. AFHQ (I & E Section). Capt. James S. Craft transferred to Group Hqs from 395th Fighter Squadron and appointed Group Adjutant.

(5) Changes in T/O: None.

c. Strength:

Officers: 35
Enlisted Men: 69

d. Present Station: Y-79 -- Sandhofen (near Mannheim), Germany, since 2 April 1945.

e. Movements: None.

f. Campaigns: (See Operations).

g. Operations: From the beginning of the month until Combat Operations ceased on the 8th our group flew 27 missions for a total of 328 sorties. The missions on the 8th were simply patrol type as pilots were instructed to make no attacks. On the previous day a large concentration of M/T's were located in the area southeast of SALZBURG. During the strafing, controller called and told squadron to break off the attacks as all hostilities had ceased on that front. The claims for this period are as follows: Enemy aircraft destroyed - 1. M/T 178 destroyed and 244 damaged. Gun positions destroyed - 1. Buildings 1 destroyed and 3 damaged. Horse drawn vehicles 7 destroyed.

h. - i. (See Squadron history reports).

j. Promotions: Capt. Robert S. Arug, Assistant Operations Officer, promoted to Major.

k. Awards: Major Joe M. Tyler -- 3rd and 4th oak leaf clusters.

HQ DAILY
358TH FIGHTER GROUP
Y-79, Mannheim/Sandhofen, Baden, Germany
May 1945

1. Had 6 missions for 62 sorties. Weather and visibility extremely poor, making it impossible to complete the recce routes. Claims for the day were nil with exception of 1 Me-109 this plane destroyed in the air.

2. Adverse weather in target area limited operations to 5 missions for 60 sorties. On none of these missions could squadrons complete assigned recce routes. No claims for the day. Great excitement this morning as word received from higher headquarters that 50 enemy single engine fighters to be operated by German pilots wanted to surrender and fly them to our bases. Our group along with the 86th Fighter Group were to go down to Munich area, rendezvous with the enemy aircraft and escort them back to our bases. Stood by all day waiting for final instructions but the deal for some reason or other fell through. Weather was very bad which may possibly have prevented carrying out the plan.

3. Four missions for 46 sorties. Weather bad in the target area. The situation at this time was changing rapidly in that a vast area which normally would be open to bombing and strafing attacks was declared closed to attack on ground targets due to surrender of all troops in the area. This area extended roughly from the north shore of Lake Constance along the northern boundary of Austria to a point north of Salzburg thence west to Frankfurt on from this point south. This area when considered in relation to the front line and forward position of our troops left virtually no territory where on either armed recce or an air counteraction and armed recce type of mission attacks could be safely made. Actually at this time the mission was nothing more than a fighter sweep in the hope that enemy aircraft might possibly be engaged. The Luftwaffe had not been seen for several days -- not even the jets which presumably had now transferred their base to the vicinity of PRAGUE. As one pilot put it, "All we get out of these missions is to see from the air some of the most beautiful mountain country in the world down around [illegible] and SALZBURG. He said further "You can see deer in the snow up on the mountains, and people skiing".

4. Miserable weather prevented any operations today. A little excitement occurred at 1100 hours when an Me-262 jet plane went over the field at 500 ft at terrific speed. Presumably had no intention to attack and neither did our AA get into action against the plane. Believed pilot was possibly looking for a field with hard surface runway to land and surrender.

5. Bad weather still prevailed and no operations today.

6. Only 2 missions for 20 sorties. These were nothing more than patrol type missions in the SALZBURG area.

13. Continued program of close order drilling for enlisted men. Group formation flying.

14. Group formation flying. Enlisted men continued with an hour of close order drill in the afternoon.

15. Group formation flying. Moved at 9:00 started in outdoor theatre. Drilling of EM continued.

16. Group formation flying. Drilling for EM continued.

17. Showed movie "The Long and the Short and the Tall" Employment of Army. Group stood down today. Daily drill for enlisted men discontinued today with a review by Colonel Tipton.

18. There has been considerable moving within the Group today. Several of the least damaged buildings on the base were recently evacuated by the engineers and all officers of the Group are moving into these buildings a wing which is a very fine officers club. The buildings vacated by the officers are being taken over by the first three graders of enlisted men, who had lived in tents since we arrived on this field. The balance of the enlisted men are continuing to occupy tents.

Unit censorship discontinued in the Group today. Now permitted to write home and tell exact geographical location of our group.

One group formation flight today. Physical profile examinations for everyone in Group started today.

19. Group formation flying today. The long run of very hot days which has prevailed since the 9th ended today with showers and an overcast sky most of the day.

20. Group formation flying today. Officers club opened today. Exceptionally fine building which had been only slightly damaged. Ping pong room, card room, bar room, kitchen, etc. Group formation in forenoon. Bad weather set in around noon grounding all planes for balance of day. Athletic program started today requiring all flying officers and enlisted men to get one hour of athletics daily, and all ground officers to participate in two periods of athletics per week.

21. Cloudy and overcast weather today. No group formation flying. A giant air show consisting of 15 bomber groups and 19 Fighter Groups of all commands in the continent was scheduled for today but called off due to adverse weather. The entire formation was to pass in review over the field at [illegible] where high ranking officials were to have assembled to watch the show.

22. Normal training program for pilots.

23. Checking out new pilots in P-47's.

24. Squadrons continued training program practicing formation flights.

25. Squadrons operating formation flights.

26. Group flew in formation with pilots from 87th, 88th and 80th Fighter Groups over Hunter Ingen airdrome, home base of 324th Fighter Group as last tribute to a splendid Group Commander, Colonel Leonard W. Lyden, whose untimely death occured on the previous day.

27. No flying today. Entire Group observed this Sunday as a day of rest.

28. Formation flight with all three squadrons participating. Came over the field in a beautiful formation making letters "AF".

29. Formation flying continued.

30. Formation flying. Today 16 of our P-47's were transferred to Y-72 field and 7 transferred to Y-50 field. Group was alerted today for redeployment. All passes and leaves are cancelled and censorship of mail again put in effect. All necessary action is to be taken to get everything in shape for an early move.

31. Formation flying continued.

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ORANGE TAILS

SEMI-MONTHLY BULLETIN PUBLISHED BY AND FOR THE OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN OF THE 358TH FIGHTER GROUP AND ATTACHED UNITS.

VOLUME 1, NUMBER 2. MAY 6, 1945

ACHTUNG! DECKUNG! ORANGE SCHWANZ!
(Attention, Take-cover, Orange Tails)

By John Zukowski

That was the double red alert for the Germans. The Poles that work on this base well know the performance of the Orange Tails, for they have on numerous occassions sought refuge from the Orange Tails' bomb- and strafing missions, here, in and around the surrounding towns during December, January and February. The Poles were not permitted to take refuge in a bomb shelter or trench, which they constructed for the Germans, in addition thereto it was their duty to point out and guide the Germans to the nearest bomb shelter. So the Poles had a pretty good view of the bombing and strafing performances. They called the Orange Tails "The American Secret Weapon". There is nothing the Germans feared more [illegible] though these Poles also feared them, at the same time, witnessing the clobbering and destruction brought about, gave them what little joy or happiness they could possibly obtain while in this ungodly country.

Inasmuch as I speak their native language, I was called in by our headquarters to interview these Poles and assign them to certain detail which consisted of cleaning up of the dirt and filth left by the Germans.

When I first approached these Poles, I asked them, "How much is Uncle Sam going to pay you for work here"? (just being inquisitive, which is about the first thing an American would ask of his prospective employer). In a chorus they responded, and I shall never forget their words, "Pay us, we want food, food, not money, just some food". And I will never forget their first GI meal. They ate those "C" rations, which will live just as long as our memories of this war live, and those dehydrates, as though it were home cooked turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Their ages vary from 13 to 65. The youth of 13 was stolen from his school room at the age of 11. Twice a day they were fed a sort of a stew consisting of cabbage, beets, potatoes and a little stale bread from a soup wagon. They slept in barracks which were very overcrowded. They had to keep their bodies covered and warm (if that was possible) with what clothes they had on their backs at the time the Germans requisitioned or stole them from their schools, shops or homes. Many of these have not

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NAZI BANNER - ENGINE RAGS

Hanging for temporary display in the lobby of the Combat Ops Bldg. Orange-Tail Group is a large and resplendant Nazi Party Flag some fifteen feet long and eight feed wide. It is the gift of the 45th Infantry Division, Seventh Army to this Fighter-Bomber Group.

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BRONZE STAR OAK LEAFERS

Several of the Fighter Squadrons Crew Chiefs have been presented with the Oak Leaf Cluster to The Bronze Star Medal recently. They are: S/Sgt Edwin T. Delaney, 365th Ftr Sq; S/Sgt Merton F. Olson, 366th Ftr Sq; and, S/Sgt Robert M. Romack, 367th Ftr Sq.

In each instance of the awarding of these clusters, the crew chief has brought his ship through a second tour of one hundred missions without an abortion. In some cases more than two hundred missions has been chalked up to the particular crew chief's credit.

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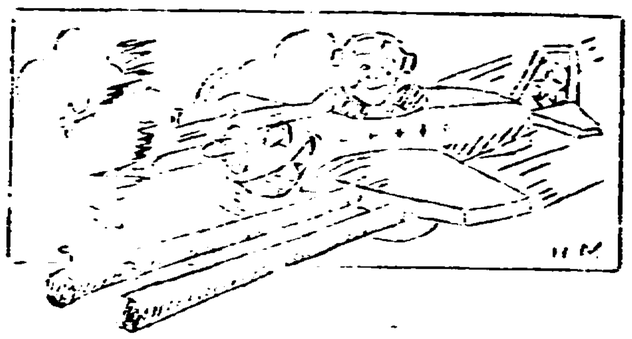
GERMAN BASE SPONSORS OUR FIRST ACE



Advanced Fighter Base, Germany

358th Ftr Gp P.R.O... What was once considered one of the most elaborate Luftwaffe training Fields has turned into a Nazi Boomerang.

A recapitulation of the Group's first four days of operations from this former German Field shows that they destroyed a total of 56 German aircraft and damaged 50, both in the air and on the ground.

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MEDIUM BOMBERS? NO, JUST US FIGHTERS

The 358th Stat. Control tally sheet shows that the Orange-Tails bomb tonnage dropped on enemy targets has progressively increased each month since the Group joined the

[illegible] rifle, [illegible] rifle [illegible] "Hitler etc" during the first few days. It was [illegible] that Lt Col Edwards, 324th Fighter Gp, [illegible] Field worked in the outskirts of the city of Munich. The German had been using the Super-Highway as a runway.

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NAZI BANNER - FLOWN 1,103

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Pinned to the flag an ordinary Signal Corps message form reads: "This Nazi banner, which once graced the stately portals of the Sports Palace at Nurnberg, was captured by the 45th Division and is sent to you with our compliments. You may use it for engine rags or any other use you see fit".

The Nurnberg Sports Palace, famous meeting place of the Nazi Party and scene of many fanatical Hitler Speeches to party bigwigs, was taken by the 45th Division. This same division has had close and continual tactical air support from the Orange-Tail planes from the time of their crossing the Rhine until the day they helped drive the Germans out of the town that fathered Nazism.

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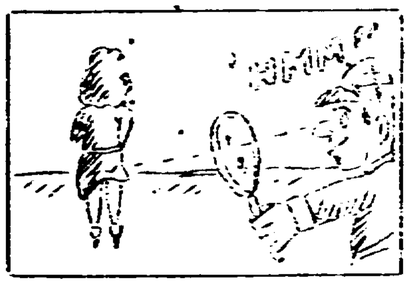
LEARNED AT HOME



A research [illegible] which investigates the subject of how many women are wearing panties gets paid a regular fee for its efforts in this field. Nice work if you can get it. Adv. age..Jan-Feb.

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[illegible] more for the [illegible], Each was issued an "[illegible]" (workbook) which contained everything that [illegible] sport contains plus data and record of his work while under the Germans. Some have entries in their workbook dating September 1939. Practically all of these Poles were stationed in and about this town next to the field, doing the lowest form of labor work, and a good part of their work consisted of filling in the bomb craters brought about by the Orange Tails.

To listen to the horrible stories of atrocities perpetrated by the Germans upon the Poles, it's no wonder that they ask for permission to visit their former German masters, just once more.

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MEDIUM BOMBERS? NO, JUST US FIGHTERS

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XII T.C.

Looking at the February to the end of March figures, (April records not yet complete), the bomb weight hauled appears to be more that of a medium bomber outfit than of a Thunderbolt Fighter-Bomber Group, it was remarked.

Many more missions were flown each month from February to March, too. Naturally, weather has had an effect on this a great deal, but recalling the events of the past three months and sighting when the 'big pushes' were in swing, you find it was then that the Group was piling up mission after mission, day in day out.

A couple of the havoc pilots were throwing into the retreating Krauts, ... in the month of March alone they destroyed approximately 1,500 military transports, and have an additional 1,100 plus to their credit as damaged.

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WHAT IT IN KILOMETERS?

Ever figure up how much distance you've covered since you left New York Harbor that cool autumn eve back in 1943? Well, if you have been with this here outfit from that time until now, it will tally at something around...,4,916 miles.

Now don't get technical and say, "Well, I covered two hundred miles or so alone on bike sorties to village pubs in Sussex and Kent", or, pull the one about travelling beaucoup kilometres on scrounging trips here on the Continent. That's all well and good, but this figuring only includes the Group as a unit.

The mileage given is compiled from a combination of maps and a recent Almanac. Therefore, it can't be said that it's really accurate. If it seems incorrect in comparison to your reckoning, and most likely

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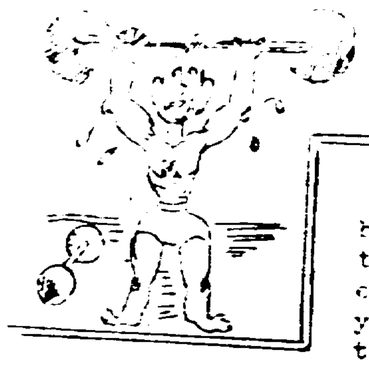

SPORTS

Back in (CBI) - (Civilian days in England) we had a few boxing matches. Well, just to the rear of the outdoor theater there is now under construction a full sized ring. Interested? I was speaking to Lt Perman who used to toss 'em some years ago - back in the States - remember? Well, he maintains that we have some men on this base who are excellent boxers, but have never had the chance to enter a real ring. If you are interested in learning some of the fundamentals of the manly art of self defense, (and, who isn't), after all we're going to be released to the civilians in the very near future, contact the Base Athletic Officer, and he will put you to work inside that new ring.

Many headlines this past week, fellows, and I know made you very very interested in that boat ride - But! - in the meantime, for those men who want to return without that paunch, Special Service (plug) has some very interesting conditioning programs lined up for 'apres la guerre'.

Down talking to Sgt Bryan a couple of days ago and he had about 87 Poles fixing up the old German Gym for use as a tennis court. Guess it will be ready for use in just a few days.

There is a difference between Lt Perman, the boxer, and Lt Perman, the weight lifter. As a weight lifter, he is able to press his own weight; as a boxer, well, he's pretty strong fellows. Any of you men who are interested in learning weight lifting the correct method, Lt Perman said, "There will be a change in any man who follows my instructions for one week - - ". Classes are held every evening by the Special Service Office (Base). Still plenty of room for fellows who wish to join Freshman classes, or Master classes. Every evening - seven o'clock.

Baseball has taken the back seat for real news this week boys, - work and weather have interferred considerably but softball rolls right along.

Our under dog team, the 367th Fighter Squadron (Comm) Team has only won one game. So far this season, the most sensational loss being against the Top notch 894th AA. Ruther of the 367th held the slugging 894th to only two runs while the Communications Team gathered but one.

Excitement ran wild when the 365th and the 894th AA met the other evening and deadlocked at 2 to 2 in a twelve inning ball game that "Old Sol" gave up and turned out the lights on. First, both of the pitchers, taking their time and watching every batter closely before sending that white blur down to their catcher, made the spectators forget which team they had come to root for by making it a Shinn versus Martindale contest.

Bill Shinn, hailing from Youngstown, Ohio, has pitched for the AA team since it was formed, some four years ago. Chuck Martindale hailing from Michigan has kept the 365th in first place in all softball contests entered by the Squadron Team for three years. The other evening the two teams met to play off their twelve inning unfinished game, and Capt Bell, coach of the 365ers proved his boast again that, "There isn't a softball team on the base that can hold them down". Ritterman, pitching instead of Martindale, as Bell's ace-in-the-hole. The Fireball Pitcher aided by the usual bases loaded, - and up steps Little Joe Sano. "Bango", - again Little Joe smashes out the usual home run. This cooled all previous attempts by the hot 894th AA who failed to stem the onslaught of hits by the 365th. Final score; 365th - 7... 894th - 1.

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SOFTBALL STANDINGS
(As of May 4, 1945)

365th.	.Still Holding First
894th AA	.Tapping Close Second
367th Chem Co. . .	.Trying To Play Second
367th (Arm). . . .	.Fourth
358th (Medics) . .	.Fifth
367th (Comm) . . .	.Sixth
1109th Signal. . .	.Seventh

(Unofficial Standings)

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BASEBALL

An outclassed 1227th MP's Team lost to the 367th Ftr Sq Baseball Squad, May 3rd, 7 to 0. But the MP's are still trying.

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RANT IT IN KILOMETERS?
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your mileage does show a greater distance covered, keep in mind that this figuring has been done with reserve in preparation for the higher mathematics to come later.

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ATTENTION: PARIS PASS ROSTER

Radio Paris announced recently that The French Cabinet has decided to create a "high committee" to devise measures aimed at raising the birth rate.

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DECLASSIFIED

[illegible] Charlie Nelson, the one who can be counted on for anything but the kind he sees it, and every week sees it as he does, is now living the life of a hermit. Why! it was only a few weeks ago when the French girls were shouting C-h-h-h-h, Charlie! Charlie, it seems, doesn't get in much touch any more.

On the Driver's medical list: Transportation trips to Nancy.

Pvt John (Jerry) Bumberger, better known to the outfit as the "Scoop", and below the waist fellow that he is, has to be crowded into relating to the organization his experiences as a Marine. Such a dusty deserves praise.

Pfc Paul E. Travis claims to have the largest collection of Pin-ups on the base, his latest being an autographed photograph of Sherry Britton. Visiting hours 8-5 PM.

T/Sgt Larry Benson gnashing his teeth over the cancellation of furloughs to England. He intended to take that fatal step - Matrimony.

Pvt Joe Verdi, in anticipation of a pass to Paris, dug his GI's and cop from his duffle bag, scraped off the mildew, ironed them all out. And they tell me he's still waiting.

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[illegible] & FIRE FIGHTERS

[illegible] Skillrites; the latter [illegible], Flying Control and the latter [illegible]. The latter news is all bad. All [illegible], or the GI facsimile thereof, [illegible] Corporal "Chick" [illegible]; all in the hospital at Paris, [illegible] and Toul, respectively - "Wac" and bit; appendectomy: "Chick"; inflamed feet: the Nurses; headaches. [illegible] back from Paris passes are Major [illegible], Charlie Lastreano, "Rookie" [illegible]. All had money enough after returning, to stake them in the monthly crap game - and the late J. Pierpont Morgan was once considered a wizard at finance.

Contrary to popular belief, Flying Control was not under the spell of the pipe: nor did they start the rumor about the buzz-off. Please reserve the icy stares. And now - back to the sack.

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367TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

by Cpl A. Weiss

It sure was swell to hear that two of our men were spending a week down in the French Alps. We are speaking of Sgt Willard Barb and Cpl Thomas "Couches" Young, our favorite mailman. This correspondent will bet his bottom dollar that these two men set some sort of record for consecutive time spent in the pad. We recently noticed three members of this organization showing under a mental strain. Our [illegible] first sergeant and a certain private from the operations department spent five nights in Paris, and now the strain is something terrific. Also a sergeant, who is a baker in the mess hall, spent a little time in Toul, and at the latest reports he was really "Sweating it Out"!

Congratulations are due Major Berry, who recently was promoted to his Majority late last month - also Major Hayes, this month.

We also wish to welcome into our organization at this our new flight surgeon, Capt Philip A. Cox, we are sorry to see Capt Kenneth A. Ashmin leave us, and wish to take this opportunity to wish him the best of luck.

Recently heard at Group Headquarters, a certain Major (censored for security reasons) crying because they were sending him to Paris!

If anyone has leaks on infant care related to canine motherhood, would they lend them to Sgt K. P. (Pots-a-million) Smith. His dog, Jessie, is expecting soon.

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368TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON

by Pfc W. C. Taylor

INTERMISSION FOR THE DELAY WHILE I TRY TO THINK UP SOMETHING BETWEEN THEATERS OF OPERATIONS

With DDO war on verge of "Wright", rumors are persistent and plentiful as prizes in Cracker-Jack boxes. The change-over from combat soldier to garrison Yank is gradually taking shape.

Remember when our ears were glued to radio for news at dictation speed and maps and pins were uppermost in our minds? Red alerts, rigid black outs, digging fox holes and sweating out an enemy tail pilot's belly landing in rummy were all our constant concern. No, I wouldn't say that these things are dormant, but they are subsiding greatly.

Ever since operations began in Surrey England, the ASAF line personnel prepared for its arduous task and daily ritual of Air Corps supply requisitioning, engine changes on the line, and overtime fuel hog's hauling of gas line. Now, the planes are at rest and personnel machinery is being overhauled. This doesn't speak of modifications and specifications. Rather, the account is on Information and Education Interviews, and the Job Training and Administrative check lists. Why even extra clothing is becoming discarded to the supply sergeant.

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L[illegible]ks [illegible]s though it were back to [illegible].T. and 30 minute drills. [illegible]ip, [illegible]op, Hip, [illegible] r [illegible] ll school days. [illegible] from the weight lifter (Lt Curran) - a good conditioner, says he, is a [illegible] mile run and 5 push-ups daily.

Yours [illegible] induction. Unusual for a cham- [illegible], but you'll agree much safer. And then there are the old stand-bys in combat or in peace time. Reveille, Guard Duty, and KP. I'll take civilian, thank you.

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307TH CHEMICAL COMPANY

By Pfc Trifoli

It is a well known fact that the army travels on its stomach. The Chemics have three men that make this phrase live. T/5 Charles (Obe) Arce, Pfc. John (Last Call) Siniscarco, and Pvt. Mike (All Dick) Mlotek these men believe in thirds, not sevenths. With furloughs to Mr [illegible] under way, Pfc Ivor Alkire is really [illegible] in it but. Both ways. It seems he [illegible] his name is among the first to go and he is certainly looking forward to it. Once there, all he will have to do is find out if she is married or not, Letter preferred. Anyway, it's plain to see it must be true love.

It seems that all GI's at one time or another [illegible] so angry they must resort to using profane language. Needless to say, you've done it at one time or another. However, in the case of this GI, profanity is completely out. At the time, he'd been very upset and burst forth with "Beepers Creepers, these Hi Roomite". The GI's name - - - - - Cpl [illegible] Reimer.

Pfc Thomas Rochester seems to think that he must send something to the laundry every week. Last week before night his C.O. to the Supply Sgt with a slip, inside listing the things he was sending. The list comprised the following: 1 pair socks, and 1 handkerchief. He really goes in for sending beaucoup laundry.

To Pvt Van Elliot and his indefatable way of asking questions and then getting answers telling you you are or are not. Perhaps he's bucking for a discharge in his own question and answer way.

Thanks to our baker, Pfc Derrick Te Gerse for those delicious pies and cakes he makes. The only complaint the boys have is he doesn't make them often enough.

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[illegible] BATTERY COMMAND

By Sgt [illegible] Murphy

Sgt Bellies gave me an inside tip that if you guys ever have reason to enter the orderly room don't say any cuss words - there is a special detail for the guys that get caught cussing in there. It seems that the boys in the orderly room have the "I've-been-seen-fever-and they want to practice using civilian language.

We enjoyed help me convince Sgt "Dilestone" Lancaster that just because there is a difference of three hours between the East and West back in the States.

A truce treaty has been signed between "Doc" Moon and his daily tormentors S/Sgt Settles, Cpl Adams, Cpl Painter and Pfc Davidson. It has been revealed that the meeting had taken place in the wee hours of night and with the greatest of secrecy. "Doc" laid his cards on the table and demanded that each member present sign with blood that he will live up to the treaty - it was unconditional - and "Doc" was not kidding.

After much parley back and forth - "Doc" not giving way one bit, the others agreed to sign and abide by the terms "Doc" laid down. I happened to get a hold of the treaty and it follows:

Treaty of Agreement

May 1, 1945

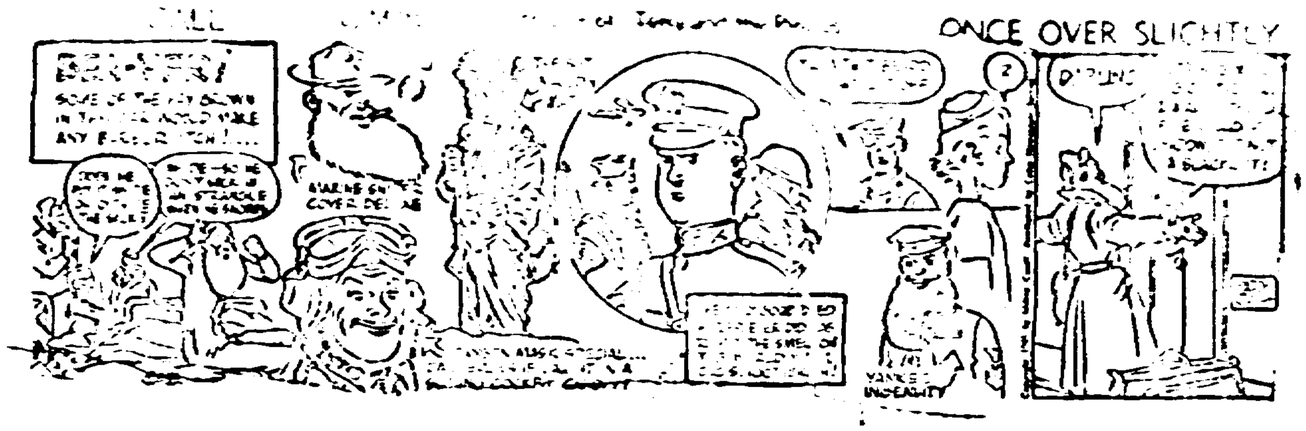
This is to certify that I will not give "Doc" Moon any more trouble of any kind as long as I know him, and will always treat him as a good friend at all times, and will not do anything to hurt the friendship of the two of us.

I, S. T. Settles, Adams, Painter, Davidson, - will live up to the said statement and treaty, and at any time and any place I fail to do this, I will be subject to court martial.

Sign here _____

The appearance of Lt Hockler on the field recently dressed in a German Officer's uniform - was timely.

It sure was rare to see some GI's about 300 yards away put their heads together and talking about was going on. Lt Hockler played the part perfectly, his walk, his talk, and his uniform were that of a perfect "Squarehead". But, Lt Hockler better not take too much liberty in wearing that uniform. There are too many Poles here who don't give a hoot for the Germans, and would give their right arm for the chance to get at one.



FIGHTER CONTROL

by Lt. Col. Wilbur
The Downwind Section

There is plenty in the news going around this week. One of the things is the possibility of another 2 years of age being discharged. T/Sgt "Angry" Moore, Cpl Ira and Sgt Bill are frequent sources of information which may speed their discharge. But "Big Moe" Moul has already started calculating his possibility of going home.

Continuing, Lt C. Stadisz, commander and chief of letterers with this squadron is quite happy about his current position.

Paris - well, it was rather crucial to listen and see some of the fellows that just returned. Sure was unfortunate about the first five being "weathered in" and had to stay two days longer. Evidently some beautiful "braids" shown by Sgt Lt. Lafferty, Cpl Brewer and Sgt Lt. Smith as "killtime". A lucky guy was Lt/Col H. E. Quinn who went home unscathed. Turn over to him until these may fall to. It was a little rough about his missing the first plane to Paris. Sgt C. (Firpo) Wells is of the opinion that he should stay up all night watching the plane that would start him home.

For a quick study around the squadron: Our new Executive Officer, Major Lindsay Guthrie. Welcome, Major, with all the trimmings. To our Ex-Executive Captain Craft, we say "thanks Captain, and all the best to you".

Capt Lt. Lathing made a good haul in obtaining parts from captured airplanes. Welcome is extended to four new pilots, Lts R. H. Matheson, Lt D. L. Fennstrom, Lt L. F. Sullivan, Flt O E. C. Le Hutt. S/Sgt Fisher, police, plans to dispose of all latrines. He lost his assets in a poker game. Our pin-up boys, Cpl Lindner and Cpl Bourcier are sweating out a possible trip to Paris. Lost Set Spalding is diligently practicing up on pin-pong. Incidentally, anyone noticed the army brass creeping in on Lost Set Spalding? Could it be a preview of the next Ball London Night? Lt Lt. Durham returned after being reported as MIA.

There's a question out - when will where are we going? Is it here or the Pacific?

CAMERA CLUB MEETS TONIGHT FOR CHEMICALS

Today's bulletin from Mr. I-Got-That announces that your films developed and printed by a friend who holds a membership in the newly formed Camera Club.

The Club's president, Set James Perkins, 406th Air Service Squadron said in subscribing the set up this thor day that, "membership has increased to around twenty five amateur fans, and that they had arranged a light tight club meeting place in the basement of the building housing the 368th and 406th Fighter Squadron Messes".

A small membership fee of twenty marks (two dollars) has been levied to help buy the necessary materials, but Perkins explained that a lot of the equipment has been collected to pick up here and there by members with a hole-out philosophy. Each member is urged to report to the various unit photo labs to learn the technical sections. These will be held each Monday at 8:15 P.M.

At present no actual developing has been started due to the inability to obtain certain chemicals. However, it was pointed out that this is only a temporary hold up, and that they are finally under way and well equipped, equipped, etc., to do photographic work. Said their men, then, "It's going to just be taken care of by having enlargements for their friends.

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[illegible] OF WAR AREAS

The Army has officially announced reported in a recent American trip to Paris, the "U.S. controlled portion of defeated Germany may be regular enlisted volunteers instead of draftees.

The announcement said that there was thought being given to this idea.

"The three provinces of Baden, Wurttemberg and Bavaria, with a corridor to Berlin, would be for American control, have an area of 42,000 square miles", the unofficial announcement said. "This compares with a total 12,000 square miles occupied by America's forces at the end of World War I. That area was small enough to be garrisoned by 200,000 troops".

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ORANGE TALES

SEMI-MONTHLY BULLETIN PUBLISHED BY AND FOR THE OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN OF 358TH FIGHTER GROUP AND ATTACHED UNITS
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LAST COMBAT MISSION, ETO

The 358th Fighter Group has wound up a tour of operational duty in Europe which began sixteen months and seventeen days before the formal declaration of Germany's unconditional surrender.

Flying Thunderbolt fighter cover for heavy bombers, the Group first flew combat missions from the Eastern Coast of England under the command of the 8th Air Force, and then, transferred to the 9th Air Force when the necessity arose, converting itself to a fighter-bomber group to fly more direct tactical support for invasion ground forces.

Indeed, an advanced echelon detachment of the Group came across the Normandy Beaches not quite a month after D-Day to set up facilities for operating on a temporary air strip within one mile and a half of the front lines.

After flying any and all tactical air support requested by the 1st & 3rd Armies in the Normandy and Brittany sectors of France, the 358th Group followed the eventual dash through France and supported with their strafing and bombing many other divisions, and another army, The Seventh... which came to be their special army to fly support for.

Along with other long combat record outfits, the 358th was again transferred to still another air force, the First Tactical AF in November of 1944, and shortly after that received official recognition to be called the Orange Tail Group.

358th Fighter Group planes in the course of the European War have been airborne from three English bases, five French air strips, and finally, one badly damaged airdrome inside Germany.

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FINAL SCORES

Here is a partial resume of what the 358th Fighter Group has done in its European tour of combat.

One thousand nine hundred and sixty five (1,965) missions were flown,-making a total of twenty two thousand five hundred and fifty eight (22,558) sorties.

This entailed the dispatching of twenty three thousand one hundred and twenty eight (23,128) aircraft.

The bomb tonnage dropped on target was seven thousand eighty eight and three quarters tons (7,088 3/4).

DID THEY FIRE LAST SHOTS?

During what everyone know to be the last few days of the war on Germany, 365th Fighter Squadron pilots wore out flying area patrol the morning of May 7th. They flew uneventfully until a call on the radio from the controllor sent them to a spot SE of Salzburg. Here they were asked to handle a column of enemy military transports parked bumper to bumper along a road.

While in the process of strafing and bombing these German kit's on which the claims read upwards of one hundred destroyed and well over two hundred damaged, the radio controllor called again, this time with instructions, "not to continue the attack due to the ceasing of hostilities on all fronts".

So it was--the war was finished. And, now you can tell those that will listen to your hangar-flying someday, "The Orange Tails, my old group, was in on the last round".

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LONG ROW TO HOE

You probably remember the story about the young colonel who was asked by an elderly matron, "Young man, why is it I see so much rank with you Air Corps men"? and, the Col. replied something like, "You just have to keep on living mam".

At least part of that story casts its reflections right down to the Orange Tail Group. The Colonel's answer for instance found an example or two with 358th "Old Guard" pilots of which there are few around now to boast about.

As Lieutenants, Major L. L. Wilson, 367th Sq. CO., Major A. W. Perry, 367th OPS Officer, Capt. H. L. Gurley, 365th OPS Officer, Capt. Eric P. Littlejohn, 365th Adj., and Capt. Robert Krug, Asst OPS Officer for the Group, flew in the first operational mission by the 358th Fighter Group back in England on a dismal day, December 20, 1943, escorting Heavy bombers for the Eighth Air Force, they got the first feel of what a lot to follow would be like.

A hot, spring day, May 8th, 1945, almost a year and a half later the same groups last official Operational flight, a routine area patrol, landed at its base inside Ger-

[illegible] sink". [illegible] first spot [illegible] Briefing in the early morning fog and cold.

First mission.....other escort. Talk to the pilot, "What's it like"?

Piccadilly next.... Cold and bitters, little scotch, more pre-flight.

Getting better acquainted. First pilots don't come back. "What happened? Well, it was like this, etc.. No, it won't"! Funny feeling in the bottom of the stomach.

Move to another base, Why? "You know the army don't ya"? Pilots got a few planes...ask 'em about it.

Liberty run to Ipswich, mail to answer... "Can't go" hard to find anything to write about. Damn the censor!

Planes rigged to haul bombs. "What do you know, dive-bombing practice".

Starting furloughs. "Scotland's best spot". Pilots getting medals again. "Why can't I make buck? It's the new T. O."

Jerry air raid. Nissen huts aren't much protection. Only a few flares dropped halfway nearby. "Bombing south of here though... ...hear it"?

Transferred to Ninth AF. "Not Ninth's gonna be the boys to support the invasion". "Yeah, Yeah". Move again.

Get to London more often from here. Too much money though. Borrow a bike and visit the village pubs. Nice weather for a change. Sleeping in tents to toughen us up for D-Day, grass landing strip with a ten foot rise in the center..."What brain laid this dust bowl out"? How do you go the prisoner of War Beds"? Planes are dive bombing, glide bombing, skip bombing and just plain bombing along with escort. Flak towers and locomotives catching hell. French invasion coast getting softened up. Germany's secret weapon...."That a laff". "How's it living in a belly tank box next to your plane"?

"When's D-Day? The latest is that Stalin's already invaded and send word to Churchill that it's safe to come over now".

Paratrooper alert..."Cutta the sack, the Jerries have invaded us". No, just the "Doodlebugs". What's doodlebugs? Ml according to German Radio Propaganda...Secret vengence weapon No. 1. Plenty of ack ack, tracers and fireworks...Zebra stripe the planes.

D-Day! Lotta excitement. Our planes escort C-47's carrying paratroops to Cherbourg Peninsula...Patrol beaches, "My pilot said the boats are so thick you could walk all the way across the channel".

Runway alert ships. Marshalling area next, English seaport. French invasion money, enough cigarettes to go in business. "Waterproof and then de-water proof those vehicles". Nice gentle type of stupidity. Huh!

Omaha beach. "Holy Jeez, bet there's a billion dollars worth of sunken boats out there". L.S.T., L.C.T., can't keep track all of them. Normandy...Hedgerows, blown-up towns, orchards and dust. "Infantry is a rough go. Hats off to the doughfeet".

A-14. Dig a deep fox hole. "Krauts were only a mile and a half off the end of the runway first day we got here. You guys haven't seen anything"! Screaming Meemies!

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[illegible] Bulletin [illegible] last issue [illegible] article entitled "Paris Pass" appeared and we shall not [illegible] contained what was termed pornographic literature. The dictionary gives the meaning of the word pornography as: obscene representation or description.

Orange Tales hopes that few of its readers were offended by this particular feature story, and adds quickly that it is of the belief that very few were startled, shaken, or offended. A fair representation of the Bulletin's readers were questioned regarding "Paris Pass" and none of them thought of the article as obscene or containing literature that might come under the classification of pornographic. On the other hand, many readers, like ourselves volunteered their whole-hearted approval with sample comments of "nice going" or, "well put" for the writer's ability to gather in the proper words to describe what has truly been for many GI's...a Paris Pass.

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Orange Tales still can't be sent home. But, an effort is being made to get this restriction lifted. The censor tells us with censorship regulations changing very likely it will mean unit newspapers such as this one can be mailed home.

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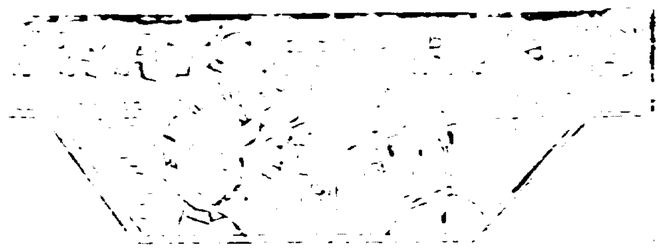

[illegible] this sheet first got its start about [illegible] was hailed as just the thing [illegible]. But, now though we don't know of any special way to handle it we figure we can learn for there has been a lot of guys come up to us recently asking the "paper" to print something about an opinion on such & such, a crisp, etc., So getting on with it here's the column.

Clearhound

Why can't our [illegible] ball get on the ball and do some baking now the war's over? Bake some cake or pie? The entire kitchen could be fixed up so that it turns out food like some of them army camps back in the States. How is it some of the other outfits on the base can have pie and cake and we can't? Signed...Hungry

Wants a Ride

If the 8th AF can land 1,000 of their ground crew around to have a look at bombed up Europe, why can't we get up a roster to give those who want it...a ride in our piggy-back P-47's? Signed...Curious

RE: Furloughs

My brother preceded me in the army by 3 months. He was assigned to a Fighter Group the same month I joined this one. To date he's had 6 furloughs since being in the army, and writes his seventh comes up this month. So far, I can count only two furloughs, and some men here have only had one. Signed...L. Warren

Notice...

Anyone wanting to speak his piece on most any subject can do it in this column by writing a letter to [illegible] AGWR, seal it in an envelope and either give it to your unit reporter or send it thru distribution c/o Orange Tales Info Offices. Stuck is a big problem. Make your letter short. Ed.

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[illegible] report as written by Lt. [illegible] 358th Fighter Sq. pilot after returning from one of his [illegible] section of Germany in search of [illegible] our pilots missing in action.

Lt. [illegible] party of Flint fighters that spoke Polish and German ran into some interesting experiences. The report follows:

In the investigation of the eight crash sites of Flint pilots that were assigned to the 358th Fighter Squadron, there were only two sources of information. One was the problem of the crashed aircraft and the other was the questioning of the German civilians in the nearby towns. Four days were spent in the target areas, where 22 crashes were found, inspected, and recorded. In the search for our aircraft and pilots, over 100 German and Polish civilians were questioned.

To our inquiries the reactions of the Germans were always the same. First they seemed afraid to answer, but inevitably they warmed up after the first few words and began to give answers to questions, yet unasked. Then when they had delivered all they had to say by proving that they were true friends of the dead pilot—they would begin to tell of the many horrors they had endured under the Nazi rule and how glad they were to see the end of its power. Inevitably they mentioned if we could do anything to help them personally, since they were such bona-fide Hitler haters and all their neighbors were such bona-fide Hitlerites. Such verbal backknifing I had never had the misfortune of hearing before.

In the town of Pirrasens we stopped to ask an old lady the direction to the Military Government. She was standing looking at the ruins of a house. When she turned her eyes were filled with tears and she said, "This was my home for forty-one years". She was told that the blame rested entirely upon her own government. We drove away and asked for directions elsewhere.

The Polish people were eager to help us—too eager as a matter of fact. We would ask them for information, but before we could get anything definite from them, ten more would come with ten different answers and a

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SUGGESTED WANTED

The P.R.O. is anxious to collect little sidelights of interest pertaining to the 358th Fighter Group since its activation. Perhaps something that has occured to you, or you witnessed would make a good illustration in story form compiled in a Group's history. If you have anything along this line P.R.O. would appreciate hearing it.

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LOOK NOW TO HOME

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Carl Brue had come a long way from the first mission to the last.

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JUST A LITTLE MORE

Surprisingly few returning veterans are keen about selling gifts that don't carry a salary, Government officials report. Once they get out of uniform, they are no longer interested in commissions. (Adv. Ave April 45th.)

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EX - DOUGHIE WINS A SILVER STAR

Driving a ration truck for the Quartermaster Unit is definitely a good occupation, according to Cpl. Paul Zborik who has "Sweated out" thirty three months overseas. Most of this time has been spent in the front lines in Africa, Sicily, France, Belgium and Germany. He has participated in three D Days, going ashore each time as an infantryman in the famous First Division, and his gallantry in Sicily won him the coveted Silver Star.

His first taste of combat came in the African Invasion where the fighting wasn't "too much at first", relates Zborik in his shy, reserved manner. But as time went on the scrap-lo became more bitter until Rommel's Afrika Korps was completely crushed.

Paul's opportunity to earn one of our Army's highest awards came early in the Sicilian Campaign, when his platoon remained alone to face the Jerries as a result of withdrawal by the other American Forces. While in this perilous position the platoon was subjected to shelling by its own artillery as well as that of the enemy. The appearance of several German tanks coming toward his own found Zborik and his buddies ready for action. About eleven rounds from their 57mm knocked out the three leading tanks, and the others, making a wise decision, returned to their lines. The modest guy from Edwardsville, Pa. explains it all by saying, "Well there wasn't anything else to do". Shortly thereafter the American Troops began the offensive which cleared Sicily.

Paul talks very little of the battles he's seen on the continent, but the record of his combat fit speaks for itself. The last big action he participated in was at Aachen, after that he was relieved for combat, a break which he certainly earned. Now his thoughts are concerned primarily with any boat heading west across the Atlantic. Yes, fellows, he has well over 40 points.

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Watch the black out regulations. Spring... Passes to Paris. "Bottom of the list... those dizzy wheels". Squadron dances. French girls. "In for Presidential Citation... Who? Who said"?

"The squirrel didn't come back"; Siegfried Line. "Maj. Manning sailed... Who's he? The CO? Yeahsss he said Patton will be the one to bust the Siegfried, and take off for Berlin". Cross the Rhine. "Takes the Navy, sayin, huh, we're strafing barges and bombing bridges".

"Krauts have had it. We gonna move into ... don't know. May get transferred to ... You on that list"?

... Paris for ... "We got the Citation".
... for rocket installation".
They ... said the ... "All passes cancelled", ... the ... for ... fraternization. "They just blew the hell outta Germany".

"Let an air base ... Luftwaffe didn't stand ... short...until we leveled the place".
... out off.
"What's this rotation ...

Russians in Berlin. "Krauts are bugatte... Hey, Hitler's dead. Doenitz or something like that is the new fuehrer. Won't be long. How much you bet"?

... where to next? C.B.I.? "No, we're occupational air force with our record". ... says, "Churchill will announce the end of the war in Europe tomorrow at 3:00 PM". Questions for chow.

"The last mission?...Just a patrol".

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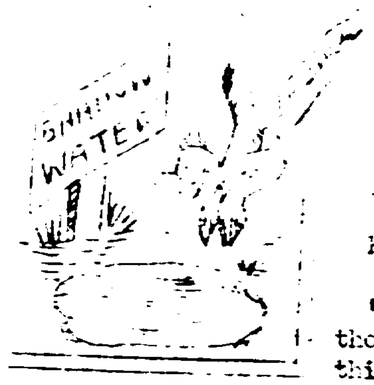
25,000 MILITARY PILOTS GET CIVILIAN LICENSES

Washington (CNS)--The Civil Aeronautics Administration announced it has been granting more than 2000 civilian pilot certificates a week to flyers still in military service. More than 25,000 military pilots have obtained private licenses in the past 5 years.

The CAA has been examining the flyers at Army and Navy airfields. Applicants must pass a simple written examination on the civil air regulations. The certificate entitles a pilot to fly privately while still in



SPORTS

Pfc Art Taylor 462nd AB Squadron collaborates with Cpl Tracy Schnelker to bring the sports news this issue...

'What say we skip school this afternoon and take a run down to the swimming hole'? ---- Remember how many times at just about this time of the year that urge came over you?------- That isn't necessary now because arrangements have been made for each Squadron and their attached units to use the Heidelberg swimming pool twice daily. Two days per week too. Each squadron will send 50 Enlisted Men and 10 Officers in the morning from 1000 to 1200 hours and in the afternoon from 1400 to 1800 hours. Corporal Mena, the new Special Service Athletic NCO, tells me that the tennis court is really a good one but so many of the men want to use it that you will have to reserve the court from now on. Call George on 20 R 3.

Raid, USO Shows, and lack of spectators at the Baseball games have played havoc with the schedule. Nevertheless the 462nd edged out the 452nd for first place — Three times per week the eager nine, crammed together with paraphenalia in a weapon's carrier, chugged past the razzing 1227th MP's, now known as 'the Nine old men'— Tossing the 462nd into first place was Clair who pitched efficient ball after riding on the bench because of a sore arm. Hal Laub, pitching with grim determination, hasn't lost one game thus far. Relief pitchers are extremely necessary and Art Taylor, giving his all, assisted in keeping the club on top. They say that right down the center of the diamond the strength of a team lies. The King brothers have definitely got what it takes to keep the game alive. Catcher Mack and 2nd baseman Meade have knocked down all attempts of the opposition to steal second or take too big a lead to third. If you want to score you have to hit it; this Hall boy has been setting the pace for long distance clouting. Long, lean, Roy Hall, swinging from the port side, has sent many a fielder scurrying back to the right field fence. Not to forget 'Loquacious' Collins, 'Jack of all trades' Hendrickson, 'Slugger' Mendonsa, 'Form' Brown, and Hefty 'Pete' Peterson who really does things to a baseball. Turning our eyes back to the Softball league, which has just finished its first round we find the 'Capsule Babies' collapsed under the withering fire of 'Tex' Crawford, who tossed 'em for the 365th Ftr Sq Officers team to the tune of 4 to 5. - The new athletic program is under way with each Squadron having one or more officers in charge. 365th has Lt Halaban, 366th has Lt Mc Laran, 367th has Lt Johnson.

Walked around the base the other day visiting the horseshoe pits, did I ever see some real fancy pitching — Spoke to one of the 'Old timers' in regards to the origin of the game of Horseshoes. "Don't think I know", said he, "but I remember my Dad, who used to own a blacksmith's shop back in Indiania, first gave me one to throw". Looking into the game of Horseshoes a bit further I found a game similar but called Quoit using a circular disc of iron. This game is very popular in England and is said to have started when the Romans invated England bringing with them the iron horseshoe. History goes on to say that the Romans were great Discus throwers and having no discus with them they started using discarded horseshoes bent into a circle. This was never very satisfactory because of the light weight. Someone suggested throwing for accuracy at a stake instead of tossing for distance — Thus came the game of Quoit, which later developed into the game of

in the United States. Every Fire house has at least one pit and included in recreation plans for new school buildings and playgrounds are found horseshoe pits. According to the Sports Manual, a game of Horseshoes consists of 50 points — I found most of the men playing games for 11 and 21. This method, of course, gives more fellows a chance to play, but the book says fifty. A tournament is best six out of eleven. The best Enlisted Men playing the game were Pfc Stoneking from the 365th Fighter Squadron, Pfc Elmer Harju of the 367th Chemical Company, and one Officer who was consistantly tossing ringers Lt Warren Wildasin. I know there are plenty of fellows around who weren't playing at the time I passed by — Maybe some who can beat the above mentioned men - If you would like to settle it get in touch with George at 20 R 3 Base Special Service Office.

XII T.C and the 365th Fighter Squadron Softball team tangled Friday afternoon up at XII T.C in the first of many 'Off Base' games to be played in the near future. Score 5 to 3 in favour of 365th. McGlothin started by knocking a triple with two men on in the last inning.

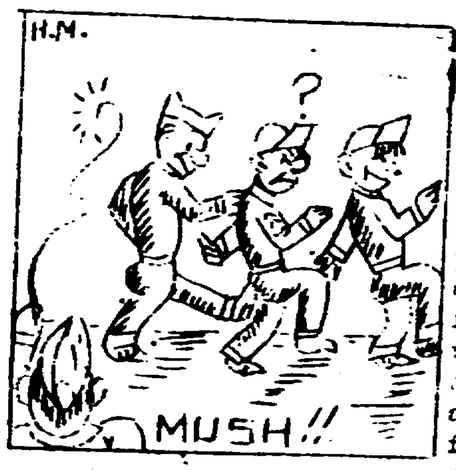
Results of the first round-Softball and Baseball tourn. - 365th Ftr Sq (EM) 1st.

Baseball League First Round — 462nd

UNIT NEWS

HEADQUARTERS 38[illegible] FIGHTER [illegible]
By S/Sgt [illegible] Sutheller

With the big review coming up soon, it will be interesting to see how we make out with their manouvers. They should be quite proficient with Capt. "Right Turn" Stone doing most of the drilling. It is thought in certain circles that he has a morbid fascination for such exercise. His outstanding man in ranks is "Regular Army" Estes who manages to be in several positions at the same time, which is no mean accomplishment.



A lot of the optimistic people who have more than 85 points and who were beginning to plan how to pack their "A" and "B" bags for the homeward trip, began to think a little differently after seeing the film "Two Down and One To Go". The film shown after that one was much more entertaining - "Saratoga Trunk". It had S/Sgt Bedwell talking to himself after the first two reels and wondering why he hadn't met someone like the luscious Ingrid Bergman in Paris on his visit there.

Some of those men who added five points to their "discharge" score by receiving the Bronze Star Medal are: Lt. Col. Bartnick, Major Studley, Capt. D. A. Johnson, T/Sgt Hoyle, T/Sgt Warren, and S/Sgt Cross.

The medics had a small party at Major Mc Clusky's expense on the eve before VE Day and as usual they all got along together in their accustomed fashion. It seems that you can't put two medics together anymore and they will inevitably find something to argue about - all in a friendly manner, however. The night of the party, only one person was hit on the head with a cup. By the way, one of the patients at the hospital these fine summer days is Al Schmelker who is a baseball casualty, suffering from a few torn tendons and sundry bruises.

S/Sgt Nat Granstein who used to be with the Communications section of this Group dropped in for a short visit the other day and elaborated on his visit to Berchtesgaden, Hitler's former home. He was there with our old friends (of Nouvelon days) the 101st Airborne Division. It is easy to visualize what kind of a party they threw there.

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[illegible] SECTION
By [illegible]

This [illegible] a hectic one for this [illegible] announcement of the point system [illegible] close order drill [illegible] restriction on Paris passes and Pool Passes.

Taking a glimpse at [illegible] Armament—Lt Kiernan [illegible] officer now enjoying a 17 day [illegible] Cpl "Round-Ball" Kay [illegible] plenty of reading material now. [illegible] after T/Sgt Rose is finished with [illegible] T/Sgt Austin, the business man of that Communications Dept., seems in a hurry to get to the Pacific. Engineering—they still [illegible] all the Squadron work, according to [illegible]. In general, the line has practically ceased operating.

Here are some old items: Close order drill with [illegible] flight chiefs, T/Sgt Cooke "A", T/Sgt Johnson "B", T/Sgt Pickard "C", T/Sgt [illegible] "D", Armaments—looks as though Cpl Halfacre, Sgt Taylor and Pfc Ferraiolo [illegible] in a little "fisticuffs" rather frequently over something. Day off pass with [illegible] to Paris 5 fellers may go to Rheims each day; sure nice for some.

Side aisles and aisles. S/Sgt "Goon" Harvey is [illegible] "27 Dominos" these past few weeks. Pvt Joe Burns, on an emergency furlough to Brooklyn, USA, Sgt A. Amalfitano, a Bronx boy who made good in the Army, has a bad case of "Pigeons" bites. T/Sgt Slie [illegible] point shot with 127 to boot. Our assistant mail man is a Corporal again, take care of yourself "Snake".

Now back to the point system and when and where we're going. Take it easy fellers, there is only "one to go".

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DET "A", 2210TH QUARTERMASTER TRUCK COMPANY
By Cpl. F. L. Lowe

There were a lot of classy chasses at the beach in Heidelberg. Ask Pfc's Smith and Lucoking, they'll give you all the lowdown.

T/5 Charlie Allison and Pfc John Converse were to Nancy on business. Any femmes included in the transaction?

Where did you pick up the jug of acid, Hamilton? It'd make good shaving lotion.

Pvt. Jack Thomas is wearing a bright red coat these days, a gift from old Sol. Coats of this sort are known to have made people uncomfortable in their slumber.

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1227TH [illegible]
By Cpl. [illegible]

Halt! Who is there?

We were all very glad to hear that the cease fire order was given in the ETO.

Let's not endanger any more lives with stray lead. We've survived it this far, so let's go the full length without any more casualties.

The 894th has turned a German woman over to Pvt. Alercia, who was on post near their area...in turn, Alercia had the woman brought to MP Headquarters for questioning regarding her presence in public after curfew. PX chocolate..clarified the matter completely--Remember, fellows, 90% V.D... Six months hard labor.

Around and About

Cpl. Thomas Shettle prides himself on the fact that he scooped the motorcycle patrolmen on the unconditional surrender news.

A sight worth seeing was Cpl. Earl Van Over and Pfc. Ed Demosowicz returning from a three day pass to Paris on their hands and knees. They are fully recuperated now and sweating out another.

Several remarks have been passed concerning the dances the 894th AAA have had at their club. It seems if they could get refugee girls for weekly dances, then why couldn't similar arrangements be made for the base personnel? Possibly the EM Council could enlighten us on the matter?

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365TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
By Cpl. Roy Wolfe

Now that the war is over it is only fair we commend some of the men who did a good job. Julius Schrauslahn, Robert Moore and Paul Meinl logged over 300 combat hours on the ships they crewed without an abort.

Orin Buffington tried next hardest and reached 298 missions without an abort. These were the ones who came out on top...

John T. Welch has left for home. What ever it was about the fellow he'll hardly be forgotten. He was always fast-moving, always busy with something. He's okay, and I'm sure we're all glad to see him get the break.

Just a note to let you know..Lt. Biggers, Capt. Mc Clung (Mc Hung) and Lts. Lyon, Mann and Cook are all safe and sound.... waiting at Le Harve France to go home.

This squadron has six German training ships out on the flight line now. Before Welch left....his last contribution was to help put them all in commission. They look pretty good, too.

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MORAL: KEEP CLEAN

Mindanao (CNS)—Col William Verb American wounded on central Mindan saved from probable death or seriou from a sniper's bullet when he bent wash his face.

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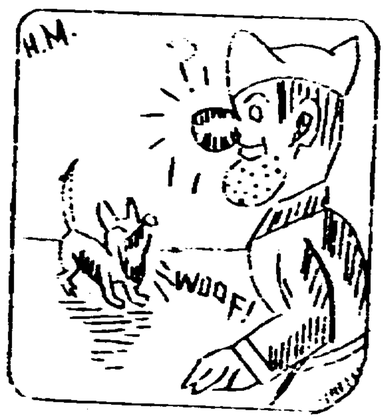
367TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
By Sgt [illegible] Weiss

Now that the war is over we think that some of the crew chiefs who have done such a fine job should come in for some mention in this column, so here goes: S/Sgt Otto J. Weiss 269 missions out of 269 tries no abortions. S/Sgt Thomas A. Deutsch 260 missions out of 260 tries no abortions. S/Sgt Rocco Bartolo 253 missions out of 253 tries no abortions. S/Sgt Millard R. Currin 253 missions out of 253 tries no abortions. S/Sgt Lawrence A. Lowe, Robert M. Romack, and Edward C. Johnson have one abortion, and have runs of 322, 253 and 192 consecutive missions.

Strolling down Main Street five gets you ten that you're going to find your meander an amusing one.....some of the most unforgetable characters I've ever seen were not on Main Street.



One of the better known characters is Sgt. Vincent (Ugh Head) Mc Alpon, also known as "Mauldin", Vin has really come along in the world when one considers he got his start in life by renting out his nose to business houses in certain districts.....but the advent of electricity put him out of a job, I understand he went to the dogs after that.

Mac's boon companion and fellow fish-and-chipper in the good old Grimsby days is one Clarence Maguire who is suspected of being the inspiration for Dasshell Hammill's "Thin Man" stories. The chief oddity about Maggie is that, with no visible place to store it, he manages to put away more schnapps than any other two men in the outfit. He is the proud possessor of the unique record of having been carted back from the club more times than any other of the boys...I know because I've carried him! (not this correspondent, but the author of this particular article).

But the most amusing character of all is garrulous old 'Pop' Kilday...sometimes known as baldy or skinhaid. What a character! He devotes half the day to trying to cover his bald-spot with with the few remaining wisps of hair and the rest of the day is devoted to describing his amourous exploits which is indicative of his excellent memory for it has been years since 'Pop' has been capable of such exploits.

A glimpse into tent three is sure to prove interesting, what with the constand discussions as to hair-dos, profiles, and who's next on the mirror.

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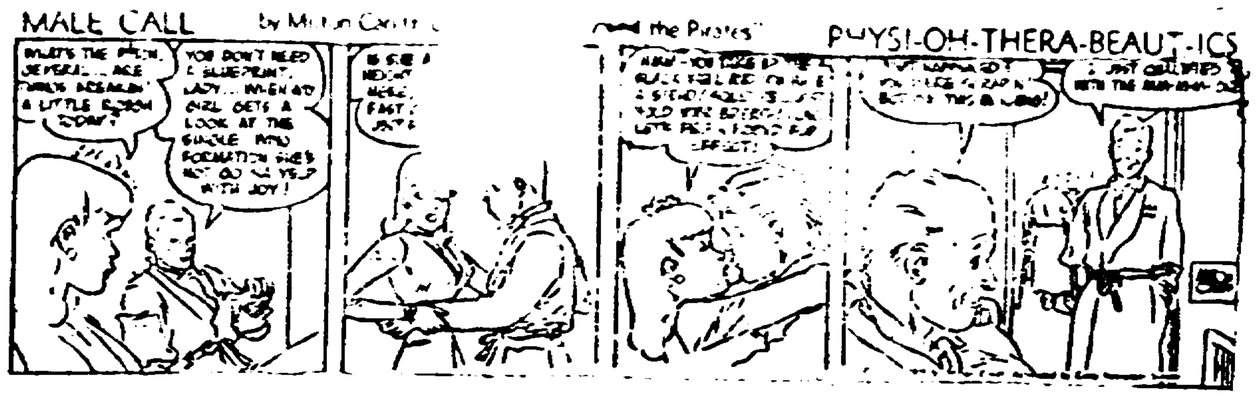

367TH SERVICE COMPANY

by Pfc. F. Freifeld

News of the Chemics...

I guess VE Day was celebrated by most GI's in the ETO and our outfit was no exception. We had a small victory party with generous wine. The evening wound up by most of the boys singing and talking about the war in the Pacific, and hoping for the best.

Lucky guys, Pvt Robert Sprague and Pfc John Siniscarco. Pvt. Sprague just returned from what he termed the best furlough a guy could have in the ETO. He said he spent 7 luscious days in London. Pfc Siniscarco is still on furlough high in the French Alps, and the boys are looking for some interesting stories from him when he returns.

Here's what we term brotherly love in the ETO. Our headquarters outfit which is stationed at Y-90 sent us over a bottle of delicious wine for each man in this half.

Put a tear in your beer for M/Sgt Lloyd L. Snowball. It seems as though this point system got the better of him. Poor fellow, he managed to get 78 points and no matter how hard he tries to squeeze them, he can't hit those extra 10s. In army lingo its "TS".

At this time, I should like to welcome on behalf of the boys, S/Sgt Robert Miles who just arrived here from the other half of our company. The boys think he's OK so I guess he needn't expect any trouble from us.

Speaking on behalf of the outfit, here's a little thought selected at random; not that this company is one to complain, but it seems as though this non-fraternization policy has got the best of the boys. It is therefore on their behalf that I tell you that they are looking forward to sightseeing tours. Aside from being educational, they feel it will also be very interesting.

Here's one for the books. We believe we have the only man (enlisted) in the ETO who is served special breakfast in the morning when he gets up (which is usually about 9). The only fault he finds is that he can't find a table waiter. The man's name ---------- T/4 Coy Mo Queen.

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367TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

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Yep, meandering on Main St., can be very amusing. Damon Runyon would forsake Broadway if he could [illegible]

DFC'S AWARDED

The Distinguished Flying Cross has been presented to 1st Lt. Fred C. Coy, Jr. 367th Fighter Squadron for outstanding achievement in aerial operations against the enemy in the ETO from 6 July 1944 to 12 February 1945. The citation reads: "Lt. Coy led his flight on an enemy marshalling yard, damaging some 40 freight cars and destroying the switch tower. On the following day his flight damaged 52 more freight cars and destroyed two locomotives in bombing and strafing attacks".

Also for extraordinary achievement as a pilot and squadron leader on an armed reconnaissance mission, 1st Lt. Ernest R. Given, Jr. 366th Fighter Squadron received the D.F.C. "In the course of repulsing an attack by 20 Me-109's he destroyed one enemy aircraft, expending the balance of his ammunition, Lt. Given then went to the assistance of another pilot who was being pursued by a most skillful and perseverent adversary, driving the enemy off with no ammunition in any of his guns".

Though He has since left for the States, 1st Lt. Norman A. Schuele of the 365th Fighter Squadron took home with him a D.F.C. presented on the same orders as those of the previously mentioned flyer's. His citation for the medal states: "Lt. Schuele led his squadron in the face of intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire through a strafing and bombing of a marshalling yard. Severe damage was caused to the target, a rail line cut, seven box cars destroyed, 2 motor transports destroyed and six damaged and four supply buildings destroyed".

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NEW ROCKET PLANE TO HIT 100,000 MPH

Los Angeles (CNS)—Mild urgent reasons for preventing World War III:

Hall L. Hibbard, vice president and chief engineer of the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation says a rocket plane flying 100,000 miles above the earth, is entirely possible.

"There is no problem connected with the use of jet propulsion that either has not been solved or cannot be solved", Mr Hibbard declared. He declared that the German Messerschmitt 163 has no ceiling except that imposed by limited fuel capacity and stratospheric pressures.

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[illegible] "[illegible]" fighter [illegible], but our first [illegible] in [illegible], when [illegible] our search, taught us that we [illegible] "Red Tailed Jabos" instead. In every case the "Red Tails" turned out to be "Green Tails".

In Pirkel we talked [illegible] civilian from the Military Government office with us to help talk with the other townspeople. He spoke English very well and seemed to know just where to go. While we were riding in the jeep from one place to another, I questioned him as to the effectiveness of the fighter-bomber. "It is a most horrible weapon, he said "The German people hate the Jabo very much, but we hate the "Red Tailed Devils" more than any others. They always hit their target with their bombs and strafed with deadly accuracy". (This man later stated that the Red Tails were actually Green Tails) "I think scared the more when they were in the sky. They told us that if we did not move they wouldn't see us, but it was not so. They saw us just the same. The people of Pirkel believed that these aircraft were French, but I always believed they were American. Is that not so"? I told him he was correct. "I live in Pirkel", he continued, "just south of Merkur, and I used to ride my bicycle back and forth. When the weather was bad, I could get home in a few minutes; but when the weather was good and the Jabos were about it took me hours, because I was always getting in and out of foxholes along the road".

This man also told me that the "Red Tailed Devils" were hated in Pirkel for another reason. "They built a hospital and put large crosses on it", he said, "Soon it was bombed by these "Red Tailed Devils". I then told him that an ammunition dump had been located not more than 50 yards away from that hospital and that ammunition was taken through its grounds to be placed aboard trains. I also told him that the hospital was not bombed but was burned by exploding German ammunition from the train which was bombed as it stood beside the hospital. (The undersigned flew that particular mission and observed this to be true). The man admitted that the bombing was very accurate.

Another man in the town of Petersburg, when asked if he had ever seen "Red Tailed Jabos" overhead, said, "En mass! They worked over their targets like angry hornets. The sound alone was enough to drive a man crazy with fear".

The males around Neustadt said that they had seen a great deal of the Red Tailed Jabos the last few months and that they [illegible]

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2,[illegible]7 factory buildings destroyed and 1,147 damaged.
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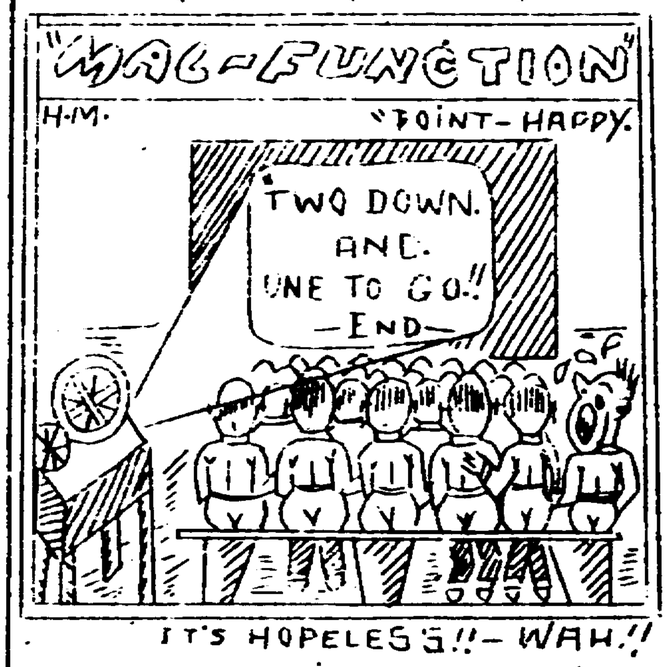

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in a large stone headquarters of some sort".

"About one AM they woke us, and said the Americans were coming".

"In the morning our original guards had vanished. The others had thrown down their arms. A Sherman tank passed through the town, and it was all over".

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know they meant ruin for the Germans and freedom for themselves.

None of these people knew that we were Jabo pilots, as all our Air Corps insignia had been removed. To them we were just investigating crashed planes.

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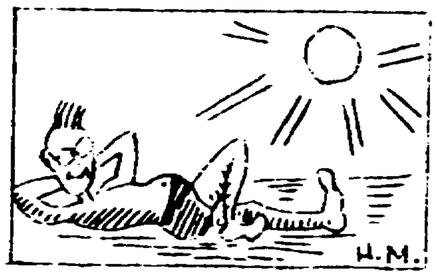
With [illegible], body [illegible] and Purple Hearts [illegible], life is but a stack of Assas - on paper. In reality it's the ass - only more so.

The Fire Fighters welcome into their fold, Pvt Dupont, a purple hearted, former Third Division infantryman. He hails from Mass. and darn proud of it.

Sgt Schuler, radioman with the Weather Detachment, just back from Paris, meek, bliss and physically beaten.



The heat has created an urge for a tan and Hank Klein or Joe Pietrowsky can be seen most anytime with an exposed torso turned sunward.

The demobilization point system is number one topic now. All agree that its something just to talk over; few, at the most, will ever see a discharge via this plan - just like throwing a rock to a drowning person.

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ROUGH RIDE TO THE END

358th Ftr Sq [illegible], Germany...

When Captain Otis F. Robbins spent three days behind German lines in the Nurnberg area, he came to the conclusion that he was an American that no Germans wanted. Captain Robbins, a pilot in the 365th Fighter Squadron observed some of the disorganized chaos that existed behind German lines just before their collapse.

"We had been bombing trucks south of Nurnbert", the 31 year old pilot recalled. "As I came out of my dive, I could feel the ack ack shells hit the plane. The engine start smoking and the oil pressure dropped. The plane flew for a while, but then the engine froze and I went over the side".

"I ran to a small woods, but it didn't give enough cover, and I started for a larger one. Some Germans started shooting, and I hugged the ground. They fired twice, missing both times, and then surrounded me. A group of civilians came up, brandishing guns and sticks, and I thought I'd had it. They had been sent by the German Army commandant of the nearby town, and wanted to take me to him. Finally the soldiers let them have me".

"The army officer tried to question me in very broken English. "Where you fly from"? he demanded with all the brutal, intimidating arrogance of the Nazi. I pretended not to understand. Finally he gave up, and two guards took me away on a motorcycle. They didn't seem to know where they were going, and kept stopping at different Wehrmacht units. But nobody wanted me. We constantly were stopped by road blocks, and they'd have to stop and inquire how to get around

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Laundry collections between Sigs of Officers at Ed's Club And Halted Too Often In The Chow Line...

Softball and picnicking and swimming runs are in full swing; while you are wondering how to acquire 85 points, let's flashback on our final department records..... recapitulation on how we closed out the war on Germany, making it "Two Down and One To Go".

Aircraft repair jobs accomplished were battle damage jobs. Modification work was done due to the demand for dorsal fin installations. Engineering section received 70 aircraft for repair or other disposition. Of this number, 56 aircraft were made operational, 6 were returned to the depot for repairs beyond Serv. Sq. echelon maintenance, and 1 was salvaged.

Gas and oil were dispatched from A-90 to Y-79 in a remarkably short time, taking about four days to move 242,000 gallons of 100-Octane Fuel. AOG record was maintained. There were none for the entire month of April, bringing the AOG less days to 76.

In our new location it was necessary to supervise the construction and proper location of latrines, grease traps, shower facilities; a water point was set up. Dispensary patients totaled 261, treatments 504, including medical care given to all Team "L" units and the 4th Port Intransit Depot.

Last month fourteen 1,000 mile inspections and six 6,000 mile inspections were completed. The total mileage traveled by the general purpose vehicles this month was 22,255 miles.

Sgt. James K. Kann, one of the older members of the outfit and one of its outstanding administrative clerks, took over the job of First Sergeant and has won the confidence and respect of the men completely.

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them".

"Finally they became hopelessly lost, and stopped at a farm house. A pretty German girl volunteered to show them the right road, and she hopped in the sidecar. I road in front with my legs spraddled across the side. We were a funny looking outfit, and I couldn't help laughing in spite of everything".

The German guards and their captives finally reached a town near Furth, where there was a prison camp. But when they arrived, the excited civilians told them the prison had been overrun by Americans. "The Germans were lost again".

"During the night the town was shelled by American artillery. That was my worst moment of the whole three days. One chip from a building skimmed along my clothes, but didn't hurt anything. I spent that night with seven other prisoners — one Englishman and the rest Americans. We were

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APPENDIX II

Presidential Citation

During the month the group was both proud and happy to receive it's second Presidential Citation for outstanding performance on 19 and 20 March, 1945. This Citation is covered by General Orders No. 128, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Provisional) dated 19 May 1945. A copy of the citations, which vividly describes the accomplishments of the group on these two days, is enclosed.

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HQ'D MARTERS
FIRST TACTICAL AIR FORCE (PROVISIONAL)
APO 374

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER.....128)

19 May 1945.

BATTLE HONORS.....I
AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.....II
AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL OR
OAK-LEAF CLUSTER THERETO.....III
AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL.....IV

I - BATTLE HONORS

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Circular Number 333, War Department, dated 22 December 1943, and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, the following named organizations are cited for gallantry and extraordinary heroism in armed conflict with the enemy while serving with the First Tactical Air Force (Provisional) in the European Theater of Operations. The citations read as follows:

THE 358TH FIGHTER GROUP. For extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations on 19 and 20 March 1945. On the 19th of March, the fifth day of the Seventh Army's spring offensive, the territory remaining to the Wehrmacht east of the Rhine was being steadily contracted by massive blows from the north, south, and west. Desperately attempting to extricate his armor and transport from the shrinking pocket to continue the fight east of the Rhine, the enemy sent great columns streaming along the roads from Kaiserslautern, the geographical center of the "Rhine-Basilic triangle." Fearful of air attacks, which were the only effectual barrier to a successful retreat, he chose as avenues of escape narrow secondary roads which wound tortuously through steep hills and offered excellent natural protection against bombing and strafing. To frustrate this well-planned maneuver, the 358th Fighter Group was assigned the task of interdicting to enemy traffic all roads leading from Kaiserslautern to the Rhine and of taking a maximum toll of enemy armor, transport and personnel. Although the Group had made a tremendous effort during the preceding five days in close cooperation with the Seventh Army's breaching of the Siegfried Line and had suffered considerable losses in aircraft and personnel, every available plane and pilot was ready to strike a new blow against the enemy. Taking off on the first mission of 19 March at earliest light, aircraft of the 358th Fighter Group flew to the target area through heavy haze reaching to 4000 feet and discovered long convoys of enemy vehicles of all types. Handling their planes with the consummate skill required by the difficult terrain and weather and by heavy small-arms fire, and pressing their attacks with unrelenting courage and vigor, the pilots accurately strafed and bombed the convoy, making repeated passes over its entire length. The valleys were seen filled with smoke and flame; the highways littered with wrecked and burning vehicles. Throughout that day and during most of the next, aircraft of the 358th Fighter Group returned to the target area to add to their already tremendous toll of destruction. The enemy, at first bewildered, then demoralized, was, at the end of the second day's operations, virtually annihilated.. In two record-breaking days, flying 41 missions and 352 sorties, the 358th Fighter Group destroyed 790 motor transport and damaged 622, and took an equally

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heavy toll of other targets. The brilliant success of its efforts achieved a two-fold result: it contributed immeasurably to extinguishing German forces west of the Rhine by easing the path for ground forces, and it destroyed a vast quantity of equipment with which the enemy hoped to continue the fight further east. Throughout these operations, the 363th Fighter Group, through its leadership, coordination, skill, valor, and aggressiveness, achieved unparalleled results in its relentless and daring attacks and merited the highest credit upon itself and the Military Service of the United States.

THE 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP. For outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations on 15 March 1945. In direct coordination with the Allied Offensive against the enemy ground forces in the Saar-Palatinate, the Seventh Army was ordered to attack directly through the strongly fortified Siegfried Line along a front east of Landbruck n, Germany; the objective of this tremendous group was to effectively blanket hostile pillboxes, and tank obstructions with heavy demolition bombs to sufficiently weaken that much vaunted line, enabling the ground forces to break through the enemy positions. Despite accurate anti-aircraft fire from the Siegfried defenses, the 320th Bombardment Group released a devastatingly accurate concentration of bombs to create indescribable damage to installations and personnel. The conspicuous part played by this group set it above and apart from other units participating in the same engagement and insured the success of these operations. Beginning at 0630 hours, on 15 March 1945, five waves of nine to ten B-26 type aircraft of the 320th Bombardment Group took off from this French base. Despite persistent and accurate ground fire, the bombers resolutely pursued on unwavering axes of attack to execute long, deliberate and flawless bomb runs releasing 1340 high explosives in perfect patterns within the assigned coordinates despite heavy ground haze, inflicting irreplaceable casualties upon enemy personnel. After-photographs revealed pillboxes, communications trenches, weapons pits and roads demolished within the target area with such effect that the Seventh Army had its initial breakthrough of the Line with virtually no opposition over the areas attacked by the 320th Bombardment Group. This perfectly executed endeavor of air-ground coordination was crowned through its highly successful conclusion under unfavorable weather conditions as the initial target area was blanketed by a complete coverage of heavy, visibility limiting, ground haze. This was accomplished by the remarkable leadership of perfectly trained pilot-bombardier combinations thoroughly trained in the revolutionary technique of non-visual Shoran bombing and the constantly proficient contributions of all personnel in this Marauder Group. This operation so typical of the superior bombing of the 320th Bombardment Group, has reflected the greatest credit upon the Group and the Armed Service of the United States.

THE 17TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP. For outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations on 10 April 1945. Following the Rhine River crossings made on a large scale by Allied armies, the 42nd United States Infantry Division arrived at the outskirts of the fortress city of Schweinfurt, Germany, an important communications center. With its advance toward Nuremberg and Munich impeded by numerous strong points in this city, which constituted one of the principal German highway junctions, it was necessary to neutralize Schweinfurt by air bombardment. The magnificent air cooperation provided the 42nd Division by the 42nd Bombardment Wing on this noteworthy occasion is an eloquent tribute to the effectiveness of air-ground coordi-

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inution and teamwork. The prominent part played by the 17th Bombardment Group set it above and apart from other units participating in the assignment and insured the effectiveness of these operations as a whole. Departing early from their base at Dijon, France, at 0915 hours on 14 April 1945, sixty-eight B-26 aircraft from the Group commenced their bombing run over the objective amid a barrage of heavy and medium anti-aircraft fire which began a little ahead of the attacking formations. The tactical flights of bombers proceeded unswervingly on their course over the target in perfect formation and consolidated on bombing with incredible precision. Photo reconnaissance proved that the 578 tons of bombs released on the objective by the 17th Bombardment Group achieved unparalleled destruction. Such extensive damage was inflicted upon the city by blast and fire that the military effectiveness of the enemy troops defending the city was paralyzed. The success of this mission, so typical of the superior bombing of the 17th Bombardment Group, was so catastrophic for the enemy that the 4th Armd Division was able to seize Schweinfurt with virtually no opposition, thereby accelerating the advance of the Seventh Army toward Nuremberg and Munich, thus bringing to a more rapid conclusion the ultimate victory of the Allies. The thoroughness of mission planning and the precision of execution attested to the efficiency, zeal, and determination of the combat crews. The superior results achieved are attributable to the extensive cooperation and devotion to duty displayed by the ground crews and administrative staffs who made possible such an exceptional achievement. The enormous damage inflicted upon enemy installations by the 17th Bombardment Group in the Mediterranean and European Theaters of Operations, during a period of twenty-nine consecutive months of air warfare, was accomplished by a consistently high bombing accuracy which is believed to be without precedent. Through its unique and highly successful performance against the enemy in six hundred and six bombing missions, the 17th Bombardment Group has won for itself an enviable position in the Army Air Forces which has reflected the greatest credit upon the Group conforming to the most illustrious traditions of the United States military service.

THE 34TH PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON, 111TH TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON, 162D TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON AND 13TH PHOTO INTELLIGENCE DETACHMENT (Composing the Provisional Reconnaissance Group (XII TAC). For extraordinary performance of duty in action against the enemy on 22 February and 23 February 1945. Assigned the heavy responsibility of supplying vital reconnaissance information to the Seventh United States Army covering the Siegfried Line Defenses from Freiburg to Strasbourg to Karlsruhe to Pirmasens to Saarbrucken to Saarlautern to Kork to Bad Kreuznach and the area bounded by Strasbourg-Haguenau-Saarlautern-Trier-Bad Kreuznach-Worms-Landau-Karlsruhe-Offenburg-Stuttgart-Donaueschingen-Freiburg-Strasbourg, the 34th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, 111th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, 162d Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron and 13th Photo Intelligence Detachment, units which composed the Provisional Reconnaissance Group (XII Tactical Air Command), flew ninety-five (95) missions on one hundred fifty-eight (158) sorties and kept the Army in constant and current knowledge of movements and concentrations of the Army during daylight hours. This compilation, gathered from visual and photographic reconnaissance missions, played an important part in the planning of the Seventh Army offensive and the ultimate breakthrough. Photographic reconnaissance missions supplied photographs of areas to be assaulted by the Army, furnishing an accurate and complete photographic record of enemy terrain and installations, immeasurable in their value because of the lives and materiel which they aided in saving. Photographic areas heavily defended by heavy and light anti-aircraft fire, and by enemy jet propelled aircraft, this

single P-5's, unarmed and unescorted, returned again and again to fly most flight lines and gain solid block coverage of enemy rear. Disregarding threats for tactical bombers, they would return and photograph the bomb damage. Further photostrips of the Rhine River were flown continuously to support the entire military of bridges and supply routes of the Army. By carrying their cameras of cloud coverage over the area by degrees of speed, altitude and low light their normal photographic level, the pilots completed their (2) photographic missions. Tactical Reconnaissance Squadrons, flying P-6 type aircraft, maintained constant and complete visual reconnaissance coverage of the entire front. Operating flying at extremely low altitudes to make an accurate check of enemy movements, they reported to the controller the location of approximately 559 motor transports, 108 trains totalling 2394 cars, 183 locomotives and 1725 cars in marshalling yards, and 95 river barges. The condition of bridges, rail cuts, roads, supply dumps, ammunition dumps, troop concentrations, and airfields were reported to the controller. In numerous instances, they called for fighter-bombers and then led them to the target. More than one hundred (100) enemy aircraft were encountered in the two days. They would attack the two ship reconnaissance missions in superior numbers, but the intrepid pilots of the P-6 Mustangs closed with the numerically superior foe. On one occasion two P-6's intercepted twenty (20) plus ME-109's preparing to attack a flight of bomb laden P-47's. Their attack disrupted the enemy formation and enabled the P-47's to continue on their mission without jettisoning their bombs. The courageous pilots of this unit, in addition to their outstanding reconnaissance reporting, displayed magnificent courage and superior ability when forced into combat with the enemy fighters. In these two days, they exacted a heavy toll of the enemy's dwindling air strength by destroying seventeen (17) aircraft, probably destroying one (1) and damaging five (5) without loss to their own aircraft. The extraordinary performance of duty exhibited in direct cooperation with the Seventh United States Army and in indirect cooperation with the right flank of the Third United States Army and the left flank of the First Canadian Army, engaged in crucial operations against the enemy, reflects high credit upon the personnel of the 34th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, 111th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, 160th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron and 130th Mobile Intelligence Detachment, operating as the Provisional Reconnaissance Group (XII Tactical Air Command), and exemplifies the fine traditions of the Armed forces of the United States.

THE 50TH FIGHTER GROUP. For outstanding courage and devotion to duty in action against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from 13 March to 20 March 1945. The 50th Fighter Group distinguished itself by exceptional skill, determination and interpidity in aerial conflict with the enemy during the period when the Third and Ninth United States armies moved to the enemy's crossing of the Rhine and to collect a bridgehead over the Rhine river barrier. During these intensive and highly successful operations, the 50th Fighter Group, in accomplishment of its brilliant combat record, was attached to the XIX Corps of the Seventh Army to operate with the ground forces still further in the lead, the 50th Fighter Group, displaying superb cooperation and teamwork, destroyed many enemy constructions of anti-aircraft and small-arms fire, and assisted the enemy from the air by making many [illegible] and fulfilled by disrupting lines of communications, both with the enemy, and supply and ammunition dumps behind the lines. [illegible] of the enemy, its pilots and [illegible]

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averaging nearly two hundred (200) tactical ..., ... its ground personnel located ... tiently ... to ... incident cam- ... and ease the ... maximum effort ... all ... During the eight-day period, the ... 50th fighter ... were ... for maintaining unbroken air ... over the area, but also for frustrating ... efforts either to ... or to effect an escape. ... efforts, the ... contributed ... to ... allied victory, reflecting highest credit ... and ..., bringing to ... traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

II - ... BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, the following-named officers are awarded the BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

... 0-1033..., Brigadier General, United States Army, Commanding General, ... for outstanding achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Mediterranean and European theaters of operations. During the period 1 May 1944 to 2 December 1944, Brigadier General ... participated in numerous aerial attacks against the enemy in connection with the advance of ground forces toward Rome and the Anzio drive against the Nazi forces in southern and central Italy. ... friendly ... low altitudes under extremely ... weather conditions, Brigadier General ... displayed ... skill, composure, and aerial proficiency, ... example for the pilots under his command. The brilliant achievement and devotion to duty exhibited by ... in action against the enemy reflect great ... upon himself and the U. S. Air Forces. Entered military service from Dekalb, Illinois.

III - ... OF MERIT ...

By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, the following-named officers are awarded the BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

... 0-397..., Major, Air Corps, Headquarters, 42nd Replacement ... (P). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 4 October 1943 to 19 May 1945. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

... 0-905757, ... Air Corps, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov). For ... service in connections with military operations against the enemy from 1 December 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

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III. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and in accordance with current policy delegated by the War Department, the following officer is awarded the Air Medal:

[illegible] Colonel, Air Corps, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Provisional). For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy, in the European theater of operations. Colonel [illegible] displayed leadership and calm presence of mind while participating in combat missions against enemy fighter and ground installations in France from 21 January 1944 to 21 April 1944. By his outstanding aerial proficiency and devotion to duty, Colonel [illegible] reflects great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL DOOLITTLE:

C. L. [illegible]
Colonel, AC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

I. T. [illegible]
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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The Line at Y-79

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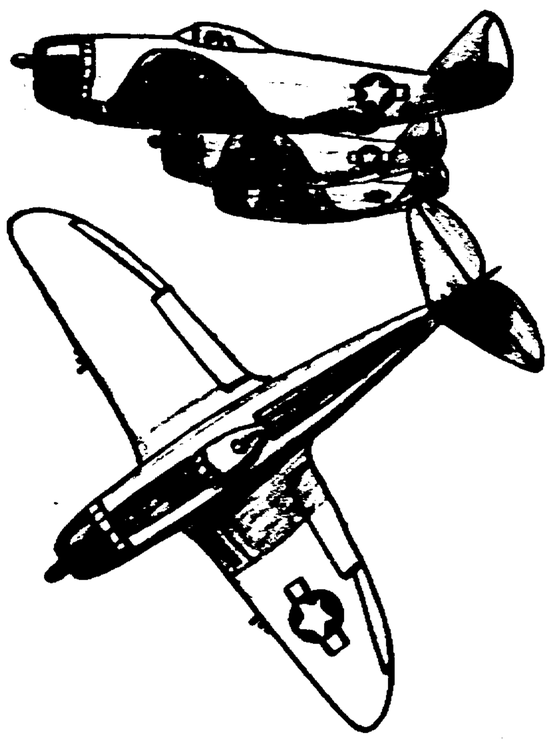

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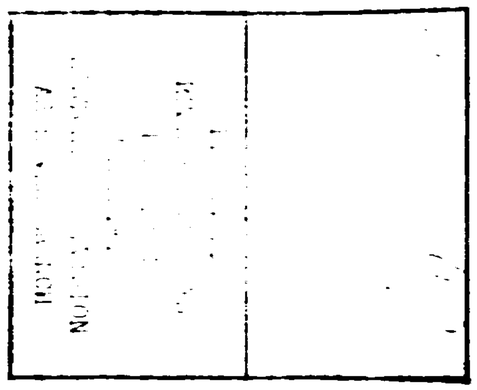

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Lt Col. Wigglesworth
Maj. Gillilon
Lt Whitney

350th Fighter Group

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1 Jan. '43

Lt. Col. Cecil E. Wells

Superior

Since 1 Jan. '43

a. Personnel:
(1) T/O strength, 139 Off, 1 W/O and 806 EM.
(2) Actual strength, 154 Off, 1 W/O and 806 EM.
(3) Overage of Officer personnel to be transferred out prior to movement from home station.
(4) After alert date, 11 Off and 21 EM were received as fillers; they were satisfactory.

b. Training:
(1) All personnel and supporting units have completed a minimum of 21 basic combat training, including 4 weeks basic.
(2) 90% of personnel has completed 20 weeks operational unit training.
(3) This group has had field training to include bivouac, concealment, camouflage and has successfully performed its primary mission in the field under simulated combat operations

c. Marksmanship:
(1) All individuals armed with the carbine fired a prescribed course with this weapon; 55% qualified.
(2) All individuals armed with the Cal. .45 pistol fired a prescribed course; 60% qualified.
(3) All individuals armed with the Cal. .45 Submachine gun fired a prescribed course; 99% qualified.
(4) All individuals armed with the Cal. .30 rifle other than the carbine fired a prescribed course; over 90% qualified.

d. Equipment:
(1) This group has all essential items of [illegible] technical equipment.
(2) [illegible]rticles of housekeeping [illegible]ipment normally supplied at the Port of [illegible]mbarkation and any emergency shortages of housekeeping equipment will be supplied at Port of Embarkation.
(3) Equipment other than housekeeping equipment is being [illegible]reshipped to the Theatre Commander in sufficient quantity to permit him to equip this unit.(Statement signed by J. Edgar Morris, Lt. Col., [illegible], Stock Control Division, [illegible])
(4) Minor items of [illegible] equipment that will not be available for the unit, will not impair the ability of the unit to satisfactorily perform its primary mission.

e. Summary: This unit has satisfactorily performed its primary mission. Firing of caliber .50 machine guns has been completed. Deficiencies in prescribed and familiarization firing, records, and serviceability and marking of clothing and equipment as noted by the Inspector General has been corrected. (Capt. Hallagan, Col. Parr, AAF)

H. A. CRAIG,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Asst. Chief of Air Staff,
Operations, Commitments & Requirements

RONALD:

[illegible]/S, GPD, [illegible]

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WEEKLY STATUS AND OPERATIONS REPORT

(REPORT FOR PERIOD 0[illegible] TO [illegible] INCLUSIVE)

TABLE III WEEKLY OPERATIONS

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TABLE IV
TOTAL WEEKLY CONSUMPTION

NONE
NONE

NONE

TABLE V - REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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WEEKLY STATUS AND OPERATIONS REPORT

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TABLE II WEEKLY OPERATIONS

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TABLE III - STATUS OF PERSONNEL

TABLE IV
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(REPORT FOR PERIOD 14 NOV 43 TO 20 Nov 43 INCLUSIVE)

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TABLE I - STATUS OF AIRCRAFT

TABLE II - STATUS OF PERSONNEL

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TABLE IV
TOTAL MEDICAL CONSUMPTION

TABLE V - REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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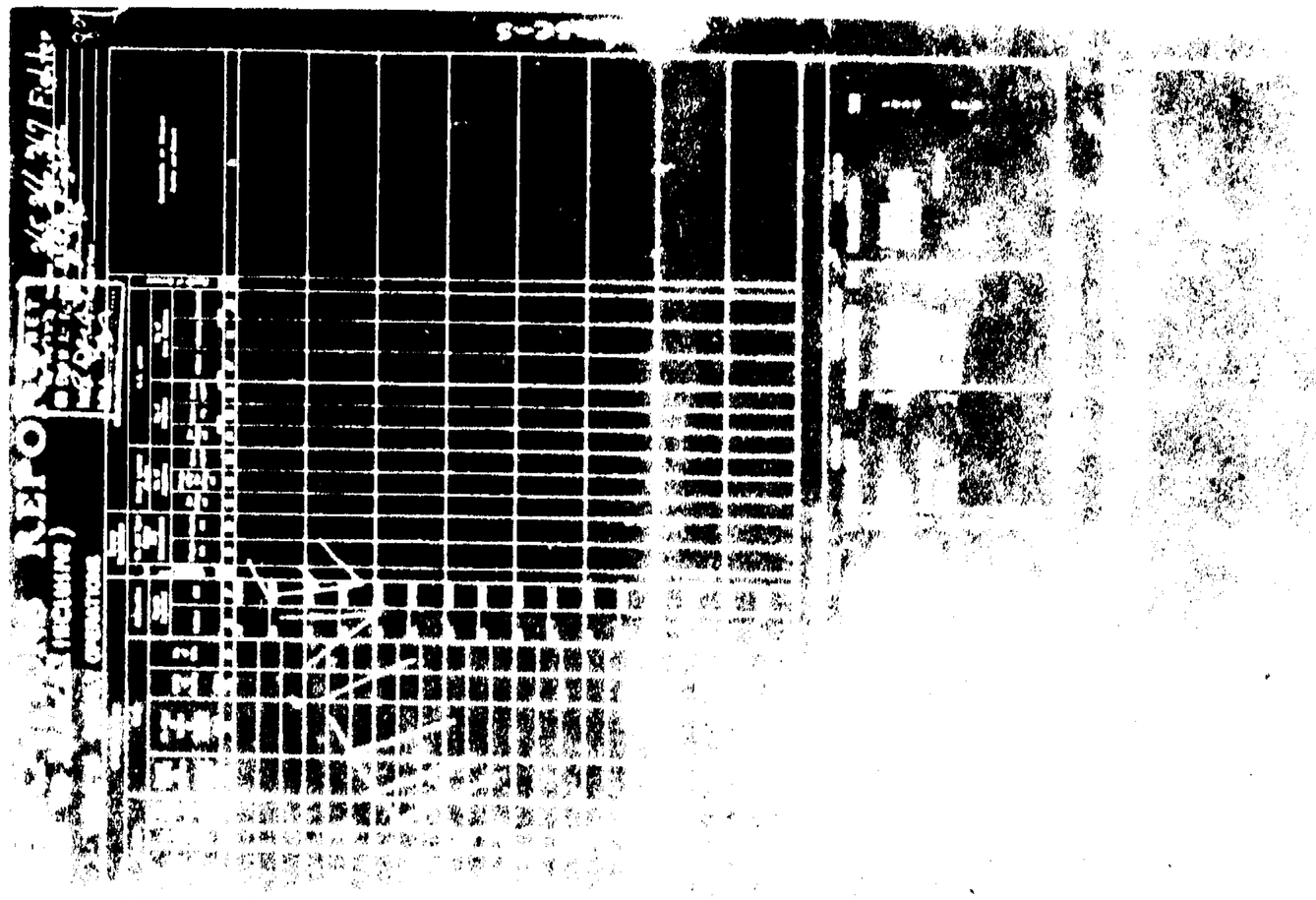

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(REPORT FOR PERIOD 28 Nov 43 TO 4 Dec 43 INCLUSIVE)

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TABLE V - REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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TABLE I - STATUS OF AIRCRAFT

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TABLE IV - TOTAL WEEKLY CONSUMPTION

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TABLE V - REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

For the Station Commander.

Lawrence W. Lee
1st Lt Air Corps
Asst Adjutant

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WEEKLY STATUS AND OPERATIONS REPORT

(REPORT FOR PERIOD 14 Dec. TO 15 Dec. INCLUSIVE)

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TOTAL WEEKLY CONSUMPTION

TABLE V - REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

§ (a) [illegible] time lasted for necessary preparations before take-off time on 7.1. 200

Group left late after obtaining permission from command

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WEEKLY STATUS AND OPERATIONS

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TABLE III WEEKLY OPERATIONS

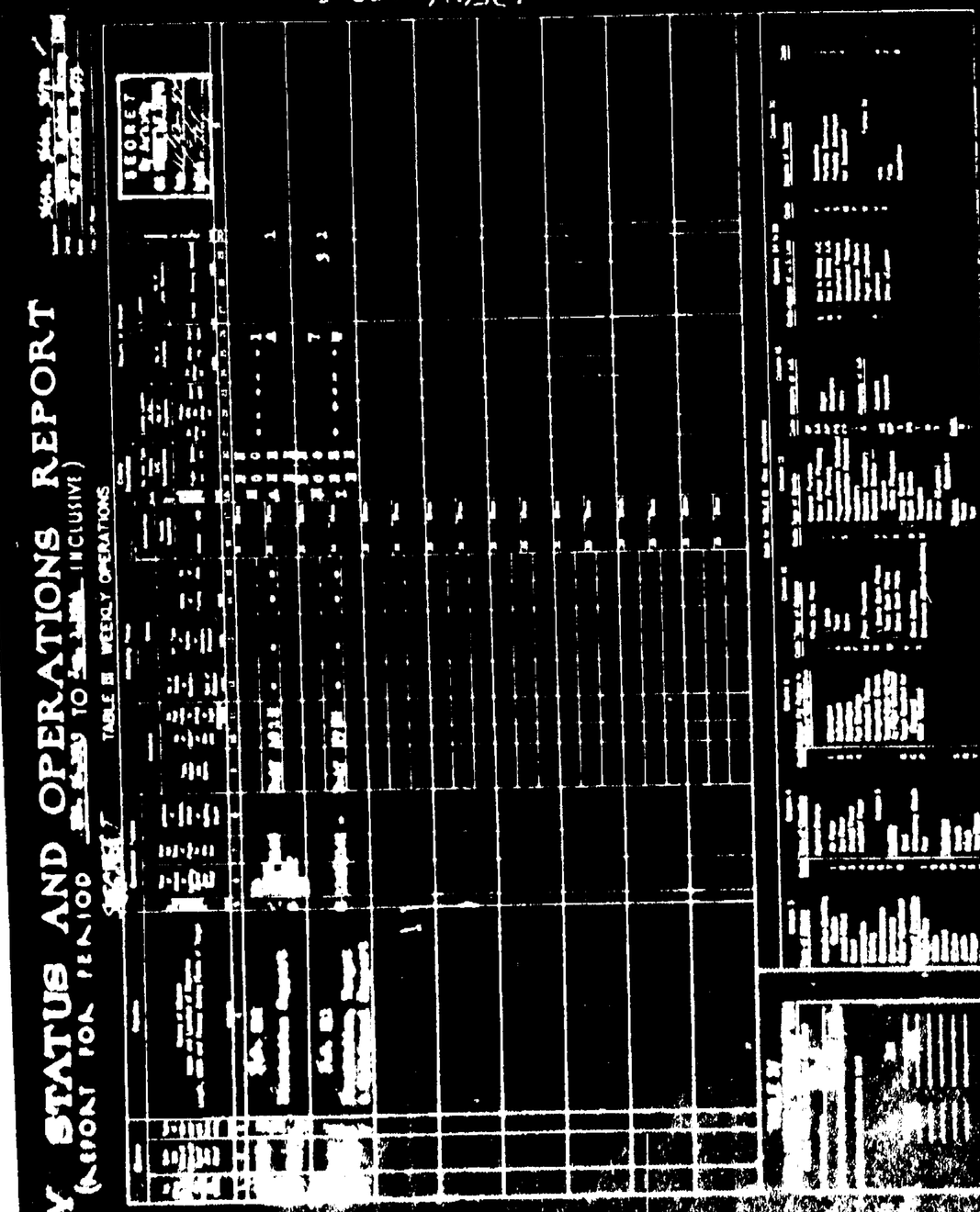

TABLE V - REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

WEEKLY STATUS AND OPERATIONS REPORT

(REPORT FOR PERIOD 2 Jan. 1944 TO 8 Jan. 1944 INCLUSIVE)

365th, 367th, 368th Fighter Squadrons
358th Fighter Group
8th Station X-373
AAF Station X-373

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TABLE I - STATUS OF AIRCRAFT

TABLE II - STATUS OF PERSONNEL

TABLE III WEEKLY OPERATIONS

1/1	P-47D	20 Mm Penetration Support	D	1007 to 1135	P-47 AB 111	13					1	
1/2	P-47D	20 Mm Penetration Support	C	1030 to 1110	P-47 AB	1	1		1		1	
1/7	P-47D	20 Mm Penetration Support		1100 to 1155	P-47 AB 111				1	1	1	Flak duly noted over and NW of Oberwesel by Lt. [illegible], 367th Sqdn. Pt unlikely

* Reason for Abortion

TABLE IV
TOTAL WEEKLY CONSUMPTION

TABLE V - REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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is experienced in contacting
[illegible] by telephone since
[illegible] issue to these AGO [illegible]
[illegible] reporting depot, consolidation
[illegible] no power that be directed hence no
[illegible] short it is impossible to get [illegible]
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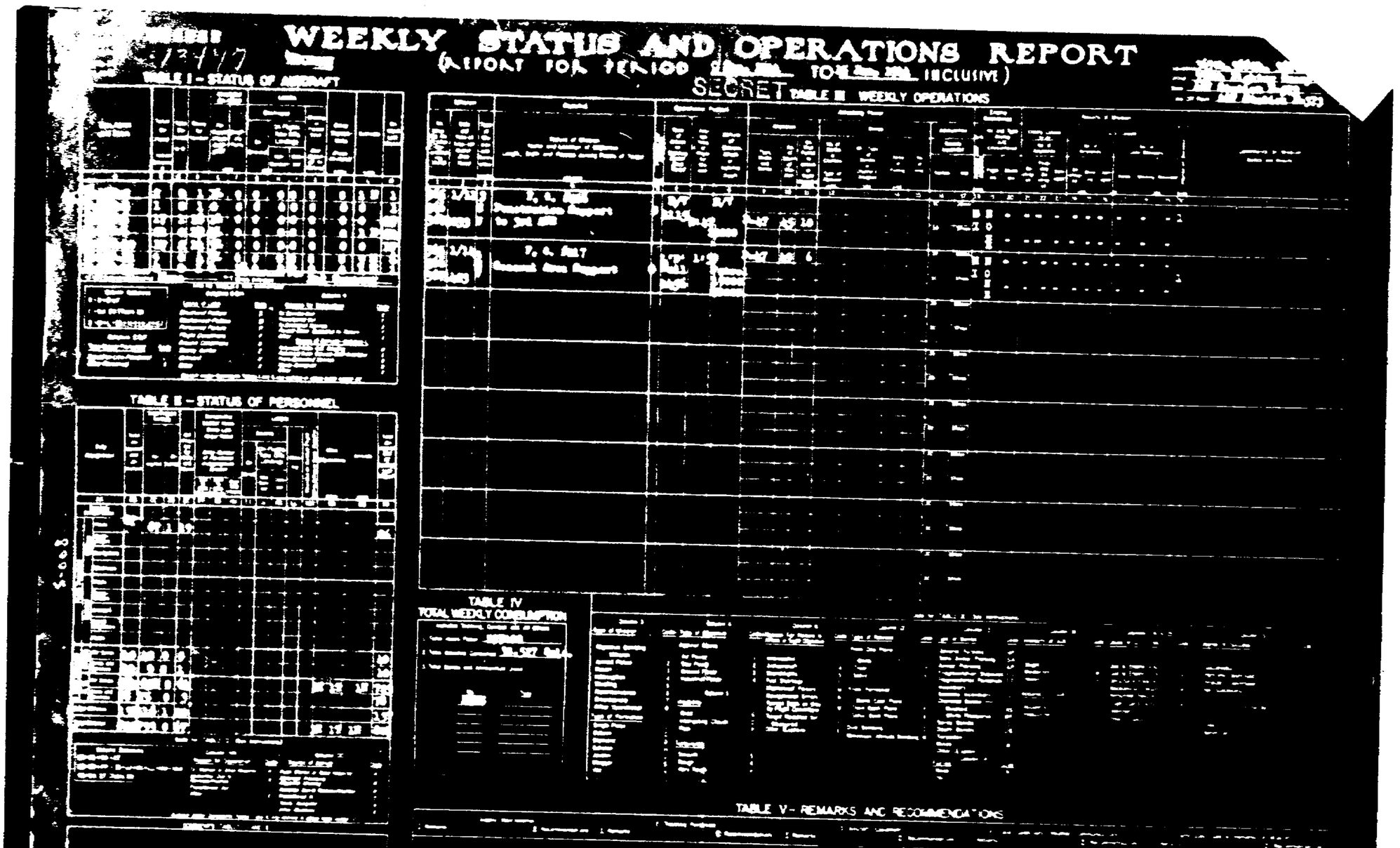
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TABLE V - REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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WEEKLY STATUS AND OPERATIONS REPORT

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TABLE I - STATUS OF AIRCRAFT

TABLE II - WEEKLY OPERATIONS

TABLE II - STATUS OF PERSONNEL

TABLE IV
TOTAL MISSILE CONSUMPTION

TABLE V - REVISED [illegible]

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(REPORT FOR PERIOD 23 Jan 1944 TO 29 Jan 1944 INCLUSIVE)

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365th, 366th 367th Fighter Sqdns
358th Fighter
AAF Station #-373
AAF Station #-373

TABLE I - STATUS OF AIRCRAFT

TABLE III - WEEKLY OPERATIONS

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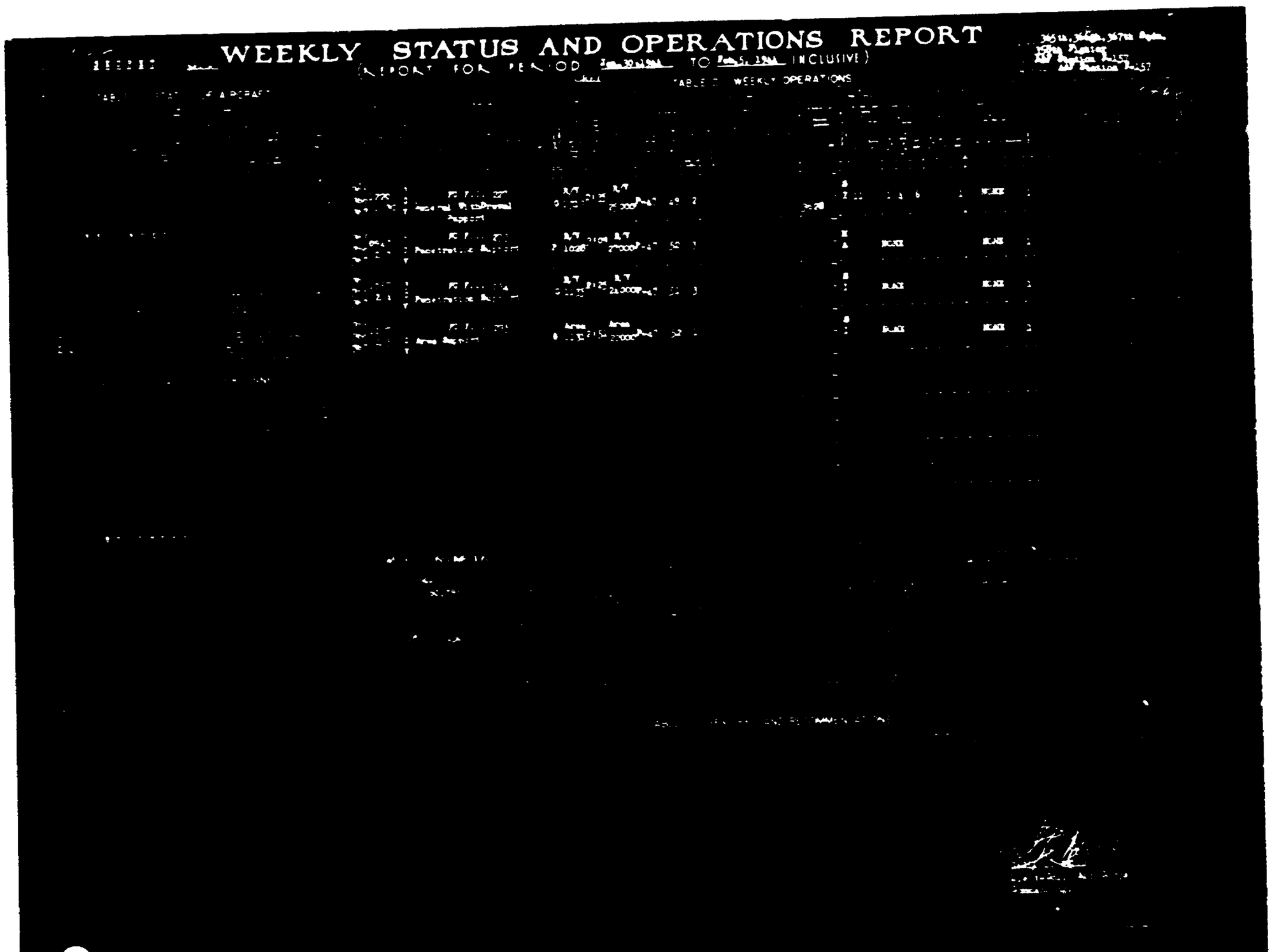

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TABLE III WEEKLY OPERATIONS

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TOTAL WEEKLY CONSUMPTION

TABLE V - REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

WEEKLY STATUS AND OPERATIONS REPORT

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TABLE III WEEKLY OPERATIONS

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TOTAL WEEKLY CONSUMPTION

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TABLE V - REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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WEEKLY STATUS AND OPERATIONS REPORT

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TABLE I - STATUS OF AIRCRAFT

TABLE II - STATUS OF PERSONNEL

TABLE III WEEKLY OPERATIONS

TABLE IV
TOTAL WEEKLY CONSUMPTION

TABLE V - REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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TOTAL WEEKLY CONSUMPTION

TABLE V - REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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WEEKLY STATUS AND OPERATIONS REPORT

(REPORT FOR PERIOD 26 MARCH 1944 TO [illegible])

TABLE I - STATUS OF AIRCRAFT

TABLE II - STATUS OF PERSONNEL

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RECOMMENDATION FOR UNIT CITATION

24 Dec, 1944 –
2 Jan, 1945

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358TH FIGHTER GROUP, AAF

[illegible]

1st Jan.

[illegible] 1485.

Re: Some [illegible] Girls, First [illegible] Girls [illegible].

Citation [illegible] the [illegible] that [illegible] first [illegible] Court [illegible] Court [illegible] Court

4. The superb performance of the 358th Fighter Group preceding, during and immediately following the abortive German attempt to materially dislodge the Seventh Army from its established front and to reg in supremacy of the skies in the area of the First Tactical Air Force (Provisional) paced and was far and above that of the other fighter groups of this command. During the ten-day period in question, the 358th demonstrated its combat efficiency and aggressiveness by completing 79 missions for a total of 525 sorties or an average of 95.2 sorties per day, this in spite of having the fewest assigned airplanes of any group in the wing. The Group through magnificent teamwork of all its personnel made the best utilization of its pilots and planes of any of our units and thereby flew more missions and sorties than any of our other groups. Many missions were landed after last light of day on a poorly lit airfield and many other missions were flown under conditions of visibility and clouds that would normally be considered above and beyond the call of duty. The damage and destruction inflicted by bombing and strafing enemy ground targets at low altitude was in the face of murderous heavy and light flak. The cost to the 358th Fighter Group for the ten-day period was 6 pilots missing in action, 6 fighter planes destroyed and 34 fighter planes damaged by flak.

5. On the other hand, destruction and damage of German materiel, personnel and installations by the 358th Fighter Group from 24 December 1944 to 2 January 1945 were outstandingly impressive. Their exact claims are shown in Exhibit C attached, and are high-lighted by such outstanding successes as a. 25 enemy aircraft destroyed b. 34 locomotives destroyed c. 622 freight cars destroyed d. 55 motor transports destroyed e. 27 rail cuts.

6. Probably the most outstanding feat by the 358th Group during this magnificent ten-day performance occurred on the morning of 1 January 1945 when 12 P-47's of the Group were on an armed reconnaissance mission looking for railway rolling stock as priority targets. While on its mission, the officer in command of the formation selected for his target a marshalling yard approximately ten miles northwest Neunkirchen. The pilots were busy in their attack when suddenly a force of 30 plus enemy fighters, including ME-109's, Fw-190's and Me-410's were spotted flying southwest at deck level at top speed. Those pilots who had not yet bombed the target jettisoned their bombs and closed with the Germans. In the ensuing encounter the pilots of the 358th Fighter Group destroyed 14 of the enemy fighters and damaged

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [

24 December 1944

Many trucks vicinity F-2242; good pattern of bomb hits on town of Niederhausen. (escort mission).

Good concentration of hits on M/Y and town at target (F-2232); 1 Me-262, 15,000 ft, vic F-3004, 1540 hours, in 30 degree dive headed southeast. 6 Me-109's vic Kontwedy, 1440 hours, 5500 ft.

In M/Y at Lauterecken (E-5017), also on tracks northeast of town, 300 plus RR cars. 15 Military Transports on road headed northeast out of Homburg. Several Military Transports in town of Homburg.

M/Y on east side of Neunkirchen 3/4 full.

Rail activity southwest and east of Homburg. 50 plus cars in M/Y.

At F-7606, 20 small box-like structures set in ground, 9 regular cars. Each structure 25 x 50 ft.

Considerable rail activity in target area. No road movement seen.

1 train going south into Villenget at F-5450; 1 loco, 15 cars. 1 train going south out of Donaueschingen; 1 loco, 12 cars. 1 train going north out of Donaueschingen; 1 loco, 15 cars. Area F-7050 - F-9050 covered with snow; roads appear well used.

25 December 1944

Numerous trains between Neunkirchen and Kohfelden stationary outside of towns. 500-900 cars on track between Lauterecken and Kaiserslautern; box cars and coal cars. Coal cars loaded with coal, gravel, wood; 4 white passenger cars. 200 cars in Homburg M/Y.

Considerable industrial activity, Neunkirchen and surrounding area.

Loco and 15 cars moving east at 1240 hours at F-2633; approximately 7 flat cars loaded with tanks (armor); balance box cars. Loco and 8 box cars moving south at Bad Kreuznach at 1310 hours. 50 cars stationary at F-3028 at 1240 hours. Loco and 50 cars moving toward Kaiserslautern at F-0048 at 1300 hours.

30 barges stationary at west bank of river at Mainz.

Between M-0565 and M-1585, two trains, one going south, 25 cars; one north, 20 box cars.

200 plus cars and 4 locos with steam up in M/Y at Homburg, headed southwest.

Loco going north at Bad Kreuznach at 1310. No other railroad or road activity observed.

Observations (cont'd)

Kaiserslautern - town was smoking. Bad Kreuznach, large fire in town. At M-4967, 1 loco and 29 cars headed north; M-5519, 1 loco, undetermined number of cars, going toward Worms. At M-1710, 1 loco seen to explode.

200 plus cars in M/Y at Zweibrucken. 6 trains had steam up. 2 headed east, 1 northwest. 100 plus cars in M/Y at Neunkirchen. 1 train with 50 cars, steam up, stationary, facing Saarbrucken at [illegible]-5068.

At [illegible]-5163, 4 motor transports headed south, 1220 hours.

26 December 1944

North end Landau M/Y had 6 trains with steam up, 75-100 cars, 0915 hours.

Loco moving north, 2 miles north of Landau at 0915 hours.

Loco and 20 cars moving north into Germersheim at 0920 hours. 30 barrage balloons at 5000-4000 ft at Germersheim. Railroad activity in area north of Kaiserslautern.

Worms M/Y 3/4 full at 1230 hours. Schifferstadt M/Y full at 1230 hours. Loco and 20 box cars moving south at [illegible]-4918 at 1230 hours. Train moving east into Heppenheim at 1230 hours. Train moving southeast at R-[illegible] into Neustadt (composition unobserved) at 1245 hours. Loco and 30 cars headed south stationary at R-3072 at 1247 hours.

Large fire burning in Karlsruhe at 1530 hours.

Airdrome was active from all appearances at R-4018; encampment of 20-25 tents at R-8321; 1 train, 15-20 box cars, going northeast. 1 engine, 25 plus cars, R-3817, stationary. At R-7032, 2 locos, steam up, 20 cars.

500 plus railroad cars on single tracks, 3-4 miles long with spurs off the track into little towns. No locos seen. All cars seemed to be loaded. Kaiserslautern, 50 plus railroad cars in M/Y.

[illegible]-6674, 8 tanks in woods in semi-circle facing southeast. [illegible]-8573, M/Y, 30 box cars, 1 loco, 15 cars headed south. [illegible]-6955, 50 plus box cars, 1 loco and 25 plus box and coal cars moving west.

27 December 1944

M/Y at Heidelberg very active, approximately 18 locos in M/Y. 25 barges at Hirschhorn, R-8495. Supplies piled on west bank of river. 15 barrage balloons at Speyer at 5000 ft.

No rail activity along recce route. [illegible]-7510, freshly dug revetments with tank trailers. No tank activity observed at primary target, [illegible]-8573.

Observations (cont'd)

In M/Y -0.48, 8 locos [illegible] to move south.
at R-0032, 2 locos and [illegible] south (stationery).
at R-0070, 25 plus [illegible] building. At R-0060, 3 [illegible]
in M/Y.

At R-0060, locos and [illegible] north at 1010 hours.

Much R/R movement going west in the area of Landau and Kaiserlautern and east of Neustadt.

29 December 1944

At R-4880, 2 C box cars in M/Y plus 3 locos with steam up. No activity observed at M/Y at R-5064. At R-4878, train with 20 box cars and 10 empty flat cars headed southwest toward Neustadt at 0930 hours. At Herxheim, 20 barrage balloons at 400-500 ft. M/Y at Landau, much activity including 3 locos with steam up. At R-4788, 1 train headed southeast at 0920 hours (number and type of cars unknown).

Heavy traffic in the Germersheim M/Y, approximately 20 barrage balloons up to 8000 ft. Loco and 30 cars heading west 4 miles east of Landau at 0915 hours.

At R-2160, 10 M/T's moving southwest at 1000 hours. At R-0882, 1 loco and 50 plus box cars headed south, moving, at 0855 hours. At R-0882, 1 loco and 20 box cars headed north, moving, at 0830 hours.

29 December 1944

Loco, stationary, steam up, at R-6596 at 1545 hours. Loco and 30 cars stationary at Ottweiler, headed west, at 1545 hours.

30 plus M/T's at R-1000 observed through a hole in the clouds, direction undetermined.

At R-0728, tunnel, 30 plus box cars appeared abandoned. At R-9017, 30 plus flat and box cars. At R-002946, 12 heavy guns and 4 - 8 light guns.

No rail activity observed in area of recce; good observation restricted by weather.

30 December 1944

Red balloon approximately 9 ft. in diameter observed at 8000 ft. at 1005 hours, 5 miles E. of Landau. Hospital train headed east into Schifferstadt at R-4087 at 1530 hours, comprising approximately 20 cars.

At R-6656, 1 loco headed south stopped in M/Y, steam shut off.
At R-8139, 2 locos with steam up in M/Y. At Ottlingen, 1 loco and 20 box

Observations (cont'd)

...s headed south from ...erlar the gorge into ...ttlingen.

... c ts are being l...d ... in small numbers on sidings. ... on north bank of ... river at ...-6...6, moved to east.

No activity ... ...ce until vicinity of ...ttlingen, where 15 locos, no steam up, were observed ... south ... sidings at ...-67... At Offenburg, 100 box cars on ... in ...Y.

200 box and flat cars at Oelfstein ...-9000, with 4 ...'s and armored vehicles on flat cars. ...oke pots in Kaiserlautern. ...-10 box cars at ...-6495. At ...-8095, 75 box cars standing. At Frankenstein ...-1704, 1 loco, steam up, 40 box cars headed into tunnel standing west. 1 train in tunnel Hochspeyer at ...-1335, ...proximately 15 ...rs. 1 fort west of Oelfstein with anti-tank ditch and 3 pill boxes.

...plies and ...'s parked along road southeast ... at ...rmsers, ...-9268. 1 loco and 30 box cars moving west at ...-1068 at 1010 hours.

...ain line NE north out of Karlsruhe, 1 train going north in distance. ...Y Karlsruhe, 6 locos, 1/2 full of cars, active.

15 locos, steam up, in ...Y, Saarbrucken, all small ...Y's from Saarbrucken to Bad Kreuznach, had 1 to 4 locos with steam up. 1 loco, with unidentified number of empty flat cars, at ...-6475 headed southwest at 0955 hours. At ...-6565, 50 box cars, 1 loco, 3 tank cars southeast at 0905 hours; ... loco ... box cars, 3 tank cars at same place. At ...-7187, train headed south, stopped in woods, comprising loco and unidentified number of cars. 1/2 track loading southeast from Sauterecken, 500 plus box cars, standing, ... locos. At Lotfelden, L-5710, also L-95...2, ...-6038, great activity in ...Y.

11 December 1944.

Train with 50 flat cars of vehicles, tanks and personnel headed northeast, 2 trains partially in tunnel. Tanks looked like Shermans, streamlined. Large fire in Homburg ...Y. ...-5780, 20 plus box cars along side of ...'s.

Homburg ...Y, 1/2 full of box cars. No locos, ... box cars at ...-9089.

In recce area, freight cars were observed to be parked on tracks along railroad lines, rather than concentrated in ...Y's.

No rail movement seen on route. At ...-7605, 80 box cars on siding.

1 January 1945

At ...-7090, 1 loco and 40 box cars headed south, stationery. At ...-9061, 20 ...Y's, headed southeast, stationary at 100-200 yard intervals.

Observations (Cont'd)

8 locos and 10-15 cars on each one at -7585, moving towards Kaiserlautern at 0915 hours. Cars empty.

At -8852, piles of stores on hills in woods.

Squadron contacted by Elite A, who vectored them to -8557 and told them to bomb the northeast of town. Wooded area. Only results observed were bombs that hit in town. Target was marked with red smoke. Heavy M/T traffic moving northwest at R-8557 at 1145 hours.

Many small vehicles going east and west between Hirmseens and Landau.

Squadron vectored to target by Elite Charlie and said there was a heavy concentration of tanks, M/T and troops in the wooded area. Approximately 400 M/T on all small roads in the vicinity of -8558. Some were moving southwest, others were not moving, but headed southwest. Time 1400 hours, and M/T included everything from motorcycles to 2-1/2 ton trucks loaded with troops and supplies. M/T's were a dark green color with no other markings. This information was called in to the other two squadrons who were just entering the recce area.

Convoy of 10-12 M/T's moving South at -6946 at 1435 hours. Atkin told squadron not to strafe anything west of Bitche. However, they shot at squadron. No cerise panels or stars on vehicles.

Restricted visibility prevented complete observations, but only activity seen in area were several M/T.

Elite Baker told squadron 50 M/T's at -7650; could not find them. At -9855, 10 M/T unloaded about 100 personnel, who went into woods, trucks then turning north. 2 had cerise panels, 1 had white star. At -9858, 1 tank in woods.

At -9078, M/Y, 100-150 box cars.

2 January 1945

Fires at -8264. Bivouac area and tracks in snow at -6560. 100 box cars southeast of Lauterecken. 200 cars, 3 locos, steam up in Kaiserlautern, direction unknown.

At Landau, 6 locos, steam up, and approximately 350 box cars. At R-3670, loco and 20 box cars going east at Neustadt, loco and 30 box cars going west.

Atkin Charlie contacted squadron and gave them a target, which they tried for 20 minutes to find but could not locate. They continued on their armed recce and bombed M/Y. M/Y had 300-400 box and flat cars. Flat cars empty. 1 locomotive steam up in M/Y at R-0193, at west edge of Kaiserlautern.

(bservations (cont'd)

bazr as turned squadron over to elite; elite to horsefly; waited 15 minutes for horsefly who could not find target given. At -0100, trucks out at west end of tunnel, with train half in east side of tunnel, stationary. 10 box cars but no loco at P-9161. 1 staff car and 4 M/T's heading northwest at -0001.

At -0763, 20 M/T, stationary, headed west. At P-6965, 1 horse drawn, artillery
At P-1409, 12 flat cars, empty, 17 box cars.

Squadron was vectored to the target by Cabin C and told to bomb the town which had approximately 200 buildings in it. There were a total of 5 squadrons bombing the town and it was also under artillery fire.

Great deal of white smoke at -0150. R/T with bombers 1000 hours, 11,000 ft. at Cpinal. Bombed in groups of 3 to 5. Good concentration of target at -071209. Withdrew 1050 hours at 12,000 ft. at Epinal.

Squadron F/V with bombers at 1203, 11,000 ft. at Epinal. They escorted the mediums, who took turns bombing different targets in clusters of six ships. They had a good concentration on most of their targets. Squadron withdrew at 1320 hours, 11,000 ft. at Cherrebourg.

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24 December 1944 through 2 January 1945

Mission and Sortie Record

Date	365th Fighter Squadron Sorties	366th Fighter Squadron Sorties	367th Fighter Squadron Sorties	Total Sorties	Total Missions
Dec 24th	42	35	34	111	9
Dec 25th	30	35	39	104	9
Dec 26th	32	22	40	94	8
Dec 27th	35	32	39	106	9
Dec 28th	11	8	12	31	3
Dec 29th	24	22	24	70	6
Dec 30th	32	35	38	105	9
Dec 31st	24	22	24	70	6
Jan 1st	49	49	51	149	11
Jan 2nd	40	32	35	107	8
Total	345	292	339	956	74

Average Sorties Per Day:
95.2

Average Missions Per Day:
7.9

C L A I M S

24 December 1944 through 2 January 1945

	365th Ftr Sqdn		366th Ftr Sqdn		367th Ftr Sqdn		TOTAL	
	Dest	Dam	Dest	Dam	Dest	Dam	Dest	Dam
Locomotives	[illegible]	31	12	28	14	22	34	75
Freight Cars	113	602	369	584	180	435	662	1621
Motor Transport	21	37	25	37	9	15	55	89
Tanks	0	3	4	12	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	15
Horse Drawn Vehicles	2	4	0	0	0	[illegible]	2	41
Buildings	101	16	35	3	31	4	167	23
AA Positions	1	1	[illegible]	3	1	[illegible]	4	9
Supply Dumps	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	2	0	0	0	2
Bridges	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Radar Towers	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
RR Cuts	9		13		5		27	
Road Blocks	1		2		1		4	
Tunnels Sealed	0		1		0		1	

Enemy Aircraft in Air

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365th Fighter Squadron	6	2	5
366th Fighter Squadron	14	0	6
367th Fighter Squadron	TOTAL 25	3	13

Bomb Expenditure

24 December 1944 through 2 January 1945

	500 lb General Purpose	260 lb Fragmentation	100 lb White Phosphorus
365th Fighter Squadron	512	49	148
366th Fighter Squadron	543	68	129
367th Fighter Squadron	603	73	157
Totals	1658	190	434
Weight in lbs	829,000	49,660	43,400
Total lbs	922,060		
Total Tons	461.03		

Ammunition Expenditure (.50 cal.)

24 December 1944 through 2 January 1945

	Rounds
365th Fighter Squadron	117,340
366th Fighter Squadron	176,033
367th Fighter Squadron	125,985
Total Rounds	419,958

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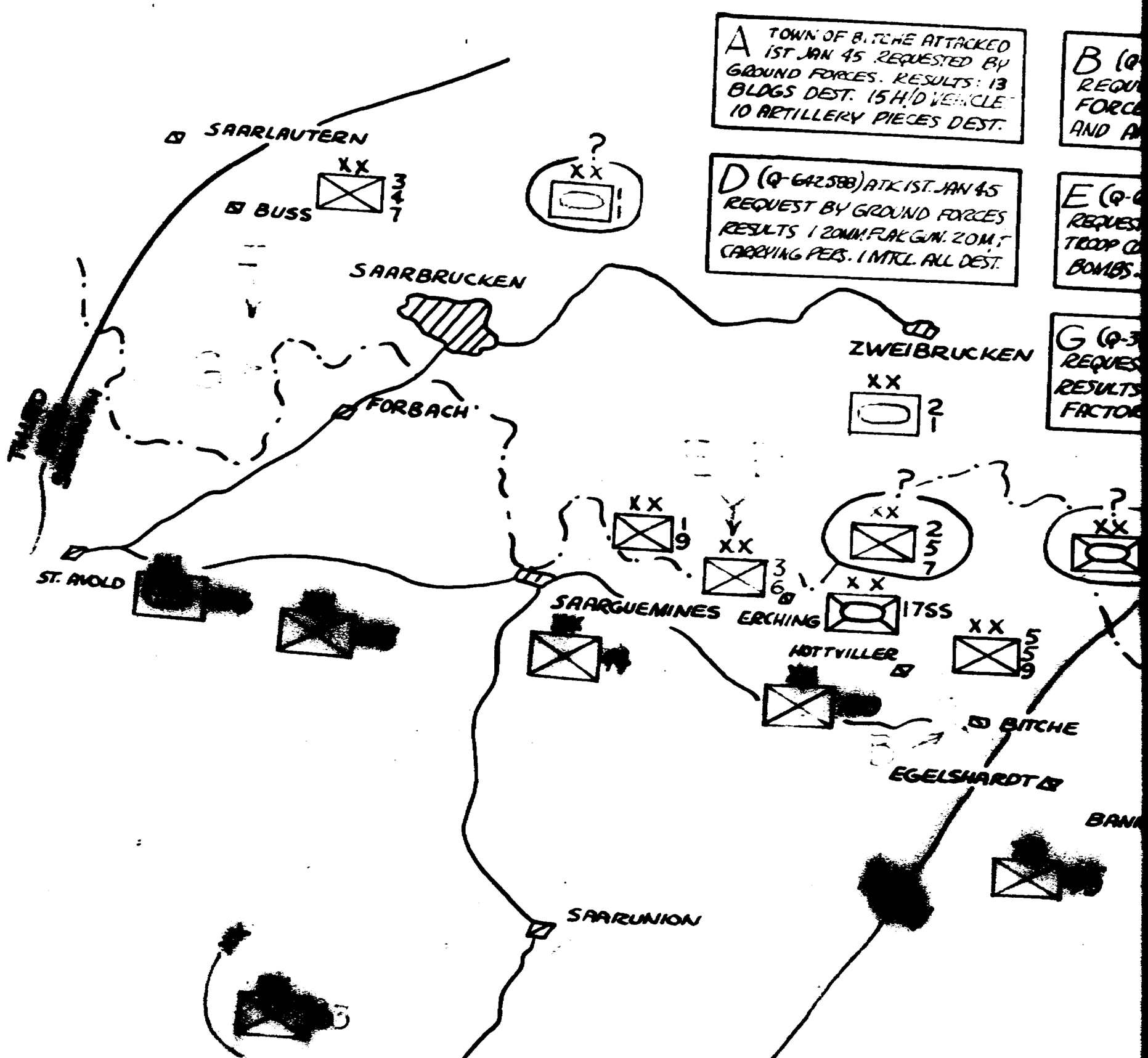

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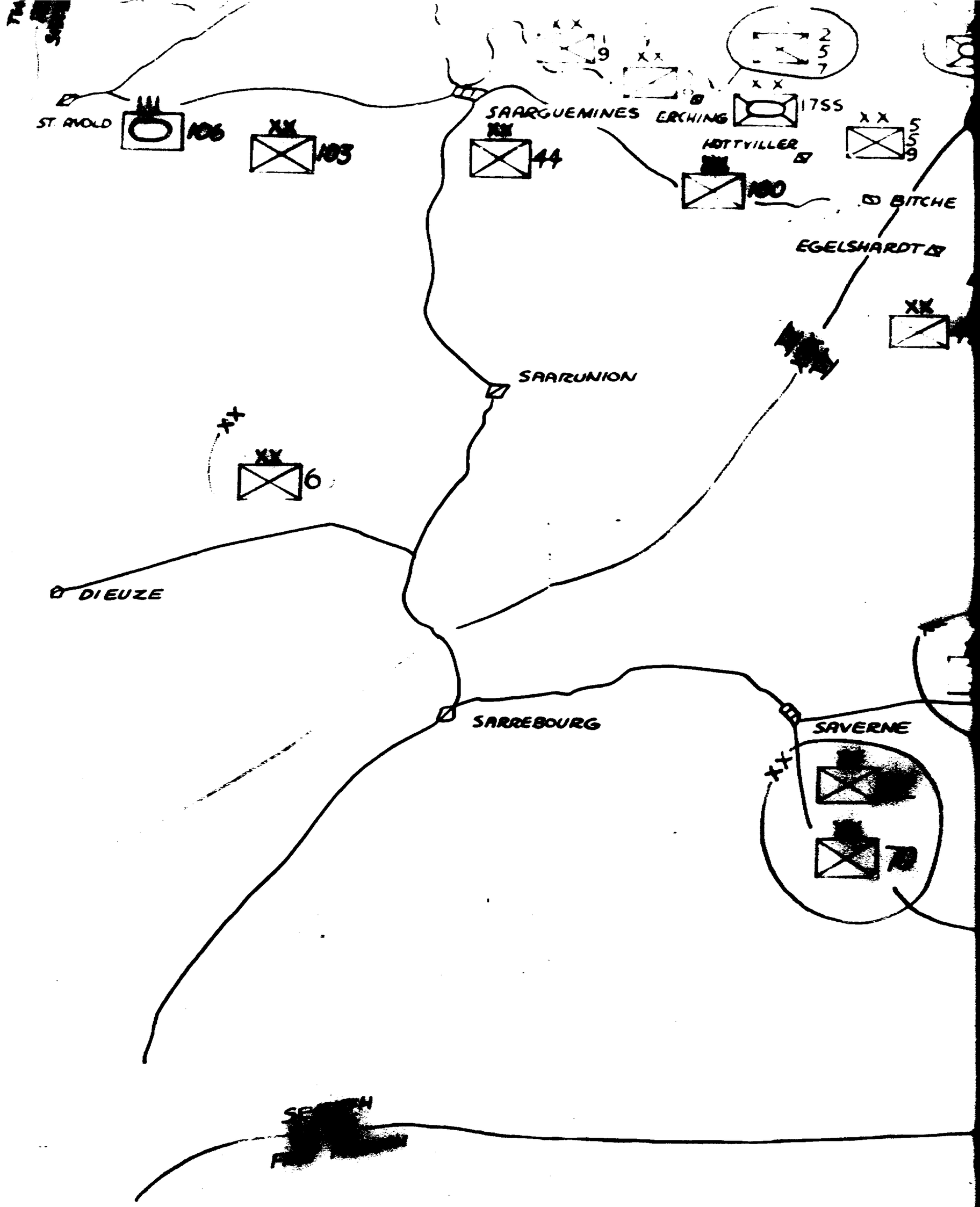
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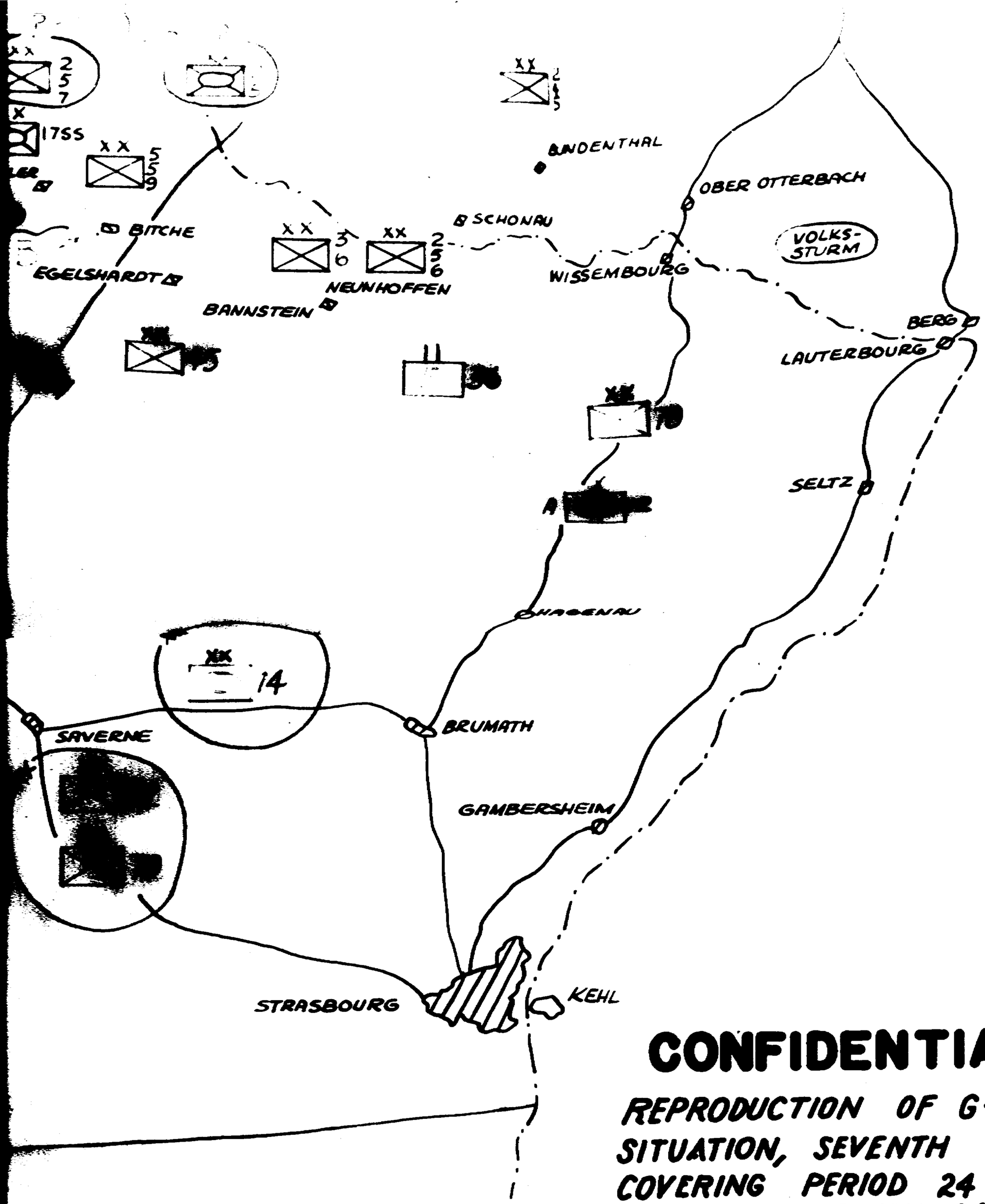

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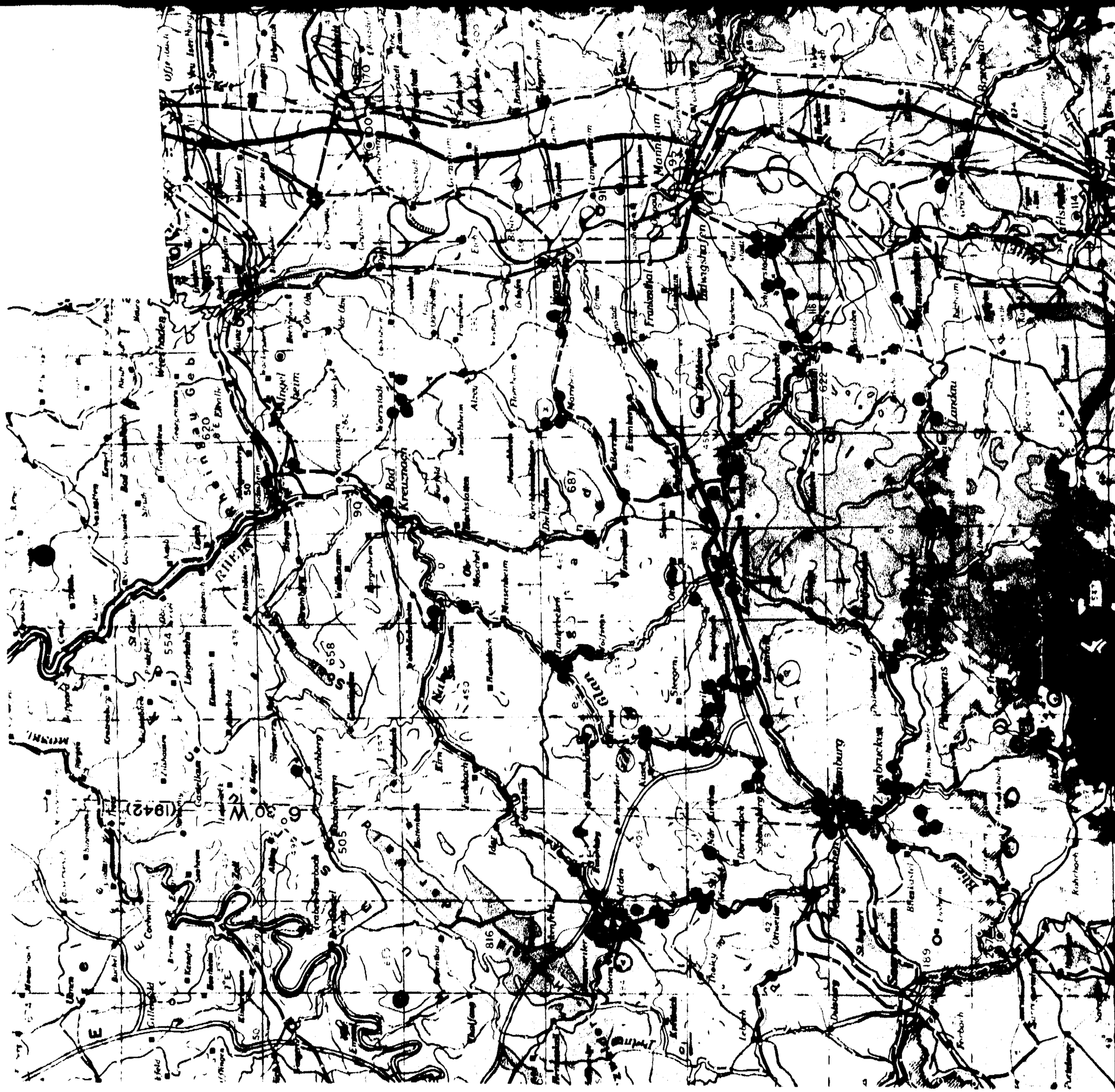
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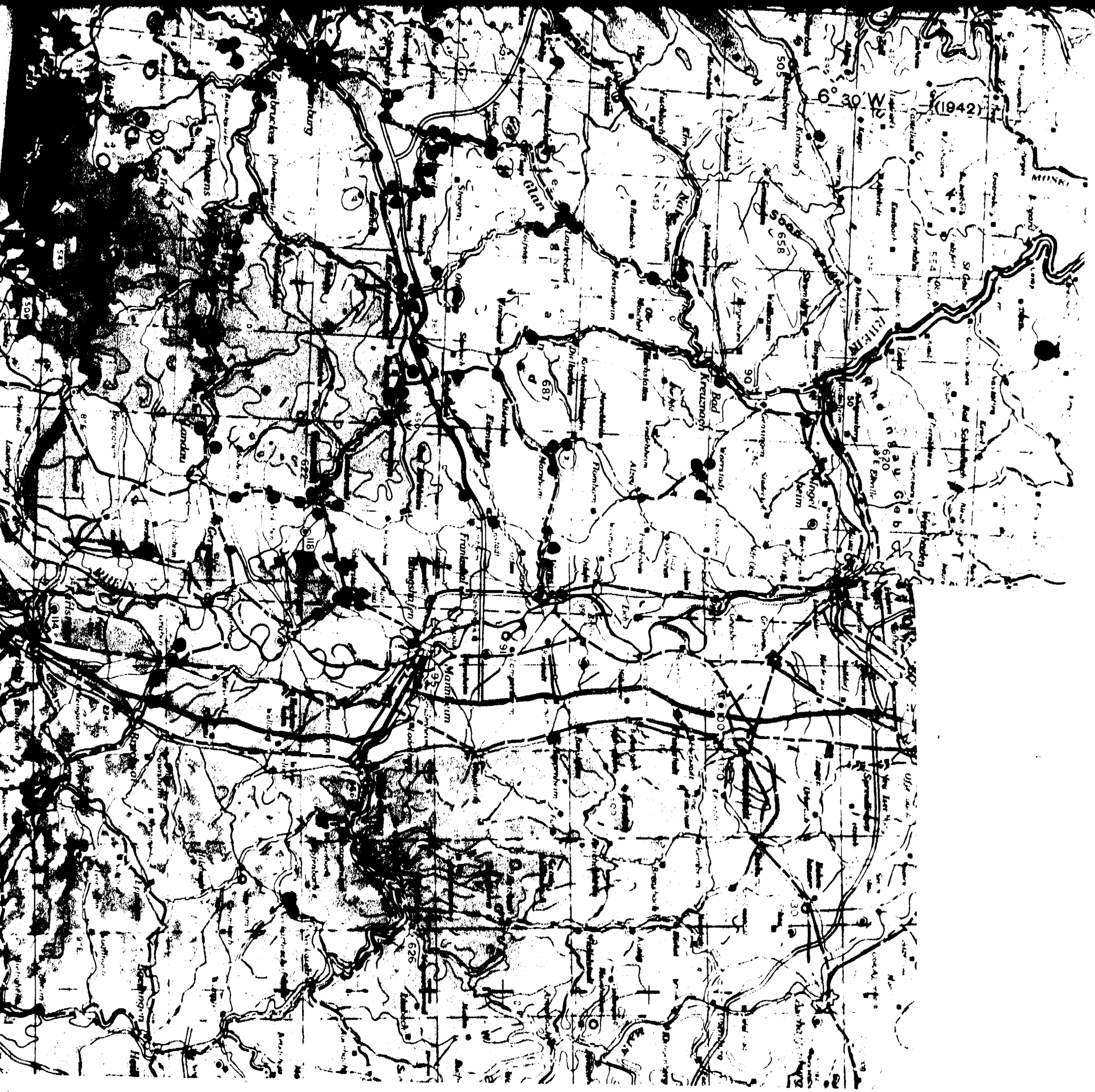
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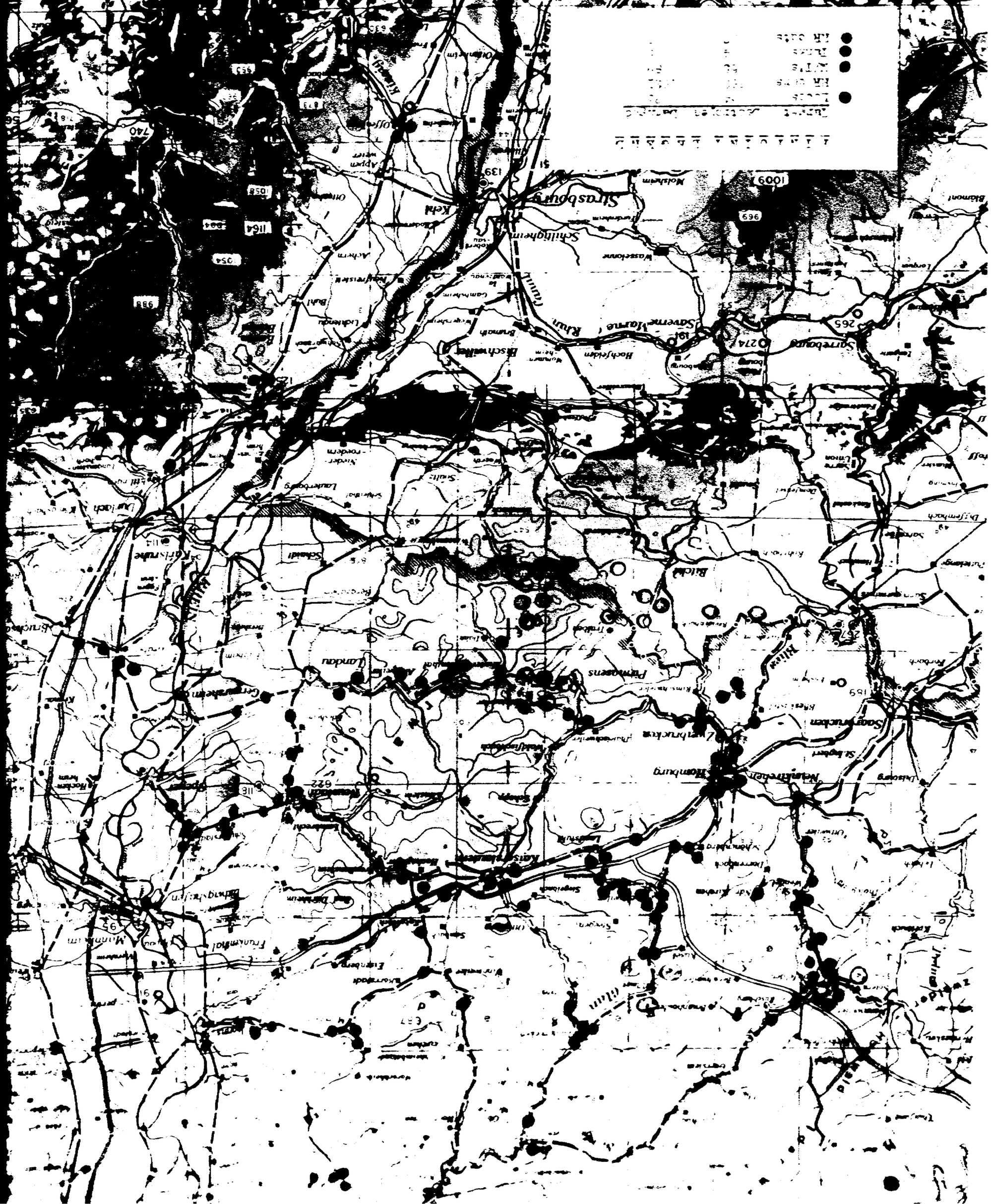
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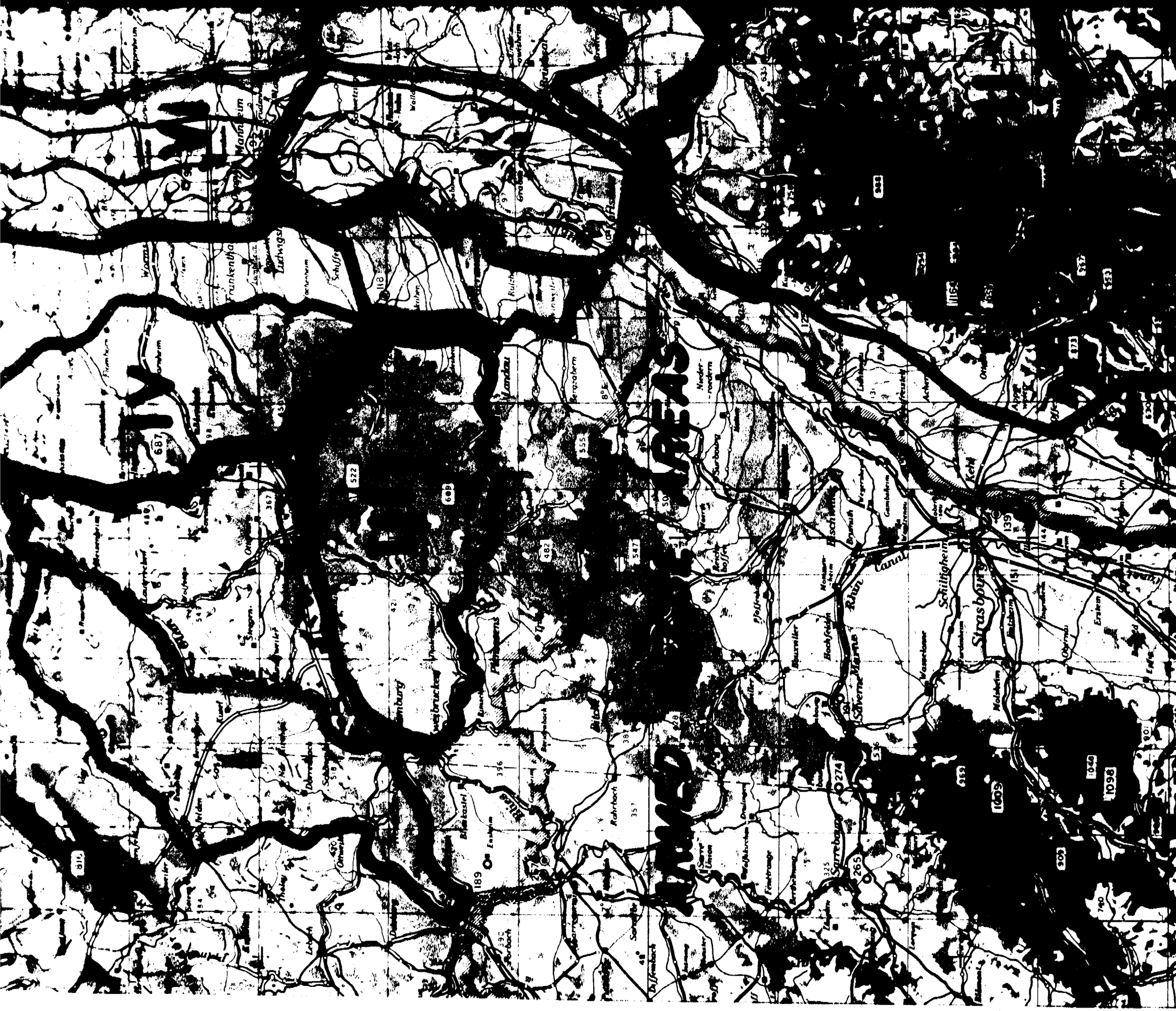
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Recommended Decoration - 355th Fighter Group

The 355th Fighter Group is cited for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict against the enemy in the European theater of operations for the period from December 24, 1944 to January 4, 1945 inclusive. During this period the command and butterfly launched a powerful offensive against the Seventh U. S. Army and the First Tactical Air Force (Provisional) in coordination with their offensive in the Ardennes area. The 355th Fighter Group was the major factor in the successful maintenance of air superiority against a resurgent German Air Force, in making long-range reconnaissance flights to secure information of the enemy with to the Seventh U. S. Army, in attacking and destroying enemy supply lines and depots, and finally in performing close air coordination with friendly ground troops in order to hold the long and tenuous front of the Seventh Army. The situation reached its climax at the turn of the year when the enemy launched a major assault in the Ardennes area. This attack failed to achieve more than a small initial success before it was contained. Much of the blunting of this German offensive is credited to the superb performance of the 355th Fighter Group in attacking rail and highway supply routes of the enemy, in delaying and for the most part preventing German artillery from getting into position to support the assault. In spite of having the fewest assigned airplanes of any fighter group in the First Tactical Air Force (Provisional), the 355th Group, through the magnificent teamwork of all its personnel, made the best utilization of its pilots and planes, and flew more missions and sorties than any other group. Many of the 79 missions totalling 945 sorties for this period were launched after last light of day on a poorly illuminated airfield, and others were flown under conditions of low visibility and ceilings that called for effort above and beyond the normal call of duty. Most of their missions were conducted in the face of intense heavy and light flak which cost the group 6 pilots missing in action, 6 fighter planes destroyed, and 34 fighter planes damaged. On the other hand the destruction and damage of German materiel, personnel and installations by the 355th Fighter Group were outstandingly impressive. They included the destruction of 34 locomotives, 622 freight cars, 55 motor transports, and 27 sections of railroads. The most outstanding feat of the 355th Fighter Group occurred on the morning of 1 January 1945, when 12 of its P-47's were on an armed reconnaissance mission intent on attacking a marshalling yard approximately ten miles northwest of Neunkirchen. Thirty plus enemy fighters were

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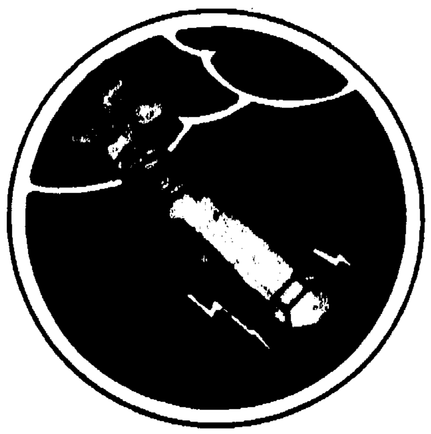

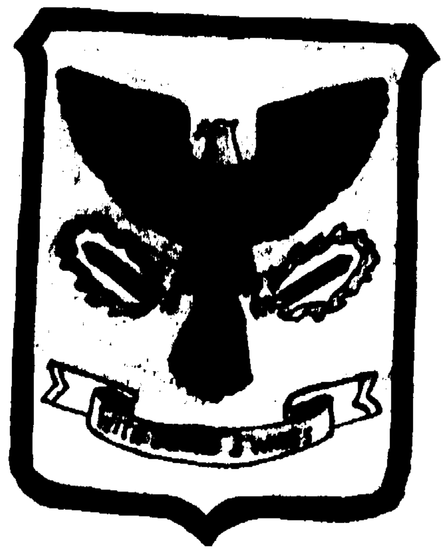

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20 January 1945.

Subject: Recommendation for unit citation of 355th Fighter Group for outstanding performance in armed conflict with the enemy.

To : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374.

1. The 355th Fighter Group is hereby recommended for unit citation for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy for the period from 24 December 1944 to 2 January 1945 inclusive under the provisions of War Department Circular No. 333, dated 22 December 1943.

2. The 355th Fighter Group distinguished itself in battle during the above stated period by extraordinary heroism and exhibited such gallantry, determination and esprit de corps in overcoming unusually difficult and hazardous conditions as to set it apart from and above the other fighter groups participating in the same engagement.

3. The missions of the fighter groups of this fighter wing during the period from 24 December 1944 to 2 January 1945 were to maintain aerial superiority against a resurgent German Air Force (carefully hoarded for months), to make long-range reconnaissance flights, to secure information of the enemy vital to the Seventh U. S. Army, to attack and destroy enemy supply lines and depots, and finally to perform close air coordination in conjunction with friendly ground troops in an effort to hold the long and tenuous front of the Seventh Army. This multiplicity and variety of tasks had been brought about by the German counter-offensive of 16 December 1944 against the First U. S. Army, which in turn had caused the movement of army boundaries northward so that the Seventh U. S. Army had at that time to assume the responsibility for considerable additional frontage. With the mission of the Seventh Army changing from the offensive to the defensive during this period of time and its instructions to stay out of trouble, the fighter-bomber groups of this command were spread thinner and worked harder under marginal and adverse weather conditions than at any previous period in their history. The situation reached its climax at the turn of the year when the enemy launched a major assault in the Sarreguemines area. The attack failed to achieve more than a small initial success before it was contained. Much of the blunting of this German attack is credited to attacks made by our fighter-bombers against rail and highway supply routes of the enemy which had delayed and in some cases prevented German artillery from getting fully into position to support the assault.

4. The superb performance of the 358th Fighter Group preceding, during and immediately following the abortive German attempt to materially dislodge the Seventh Army from its established front and to regain supremacy of the skies in the area of the First Tactical Air Force (Provisional) placed and was far and above that of the other fighter groups of this command. During the ten-day period in question, the 358th demonstrated its combat efficiency and aggressiveness by completing 79 missions for a total of 525 sorties or an average of 95.2 sorties per day, this in spite of having the fewest assigned airplanes of any group in the wing. The Group through magnificent teamwork of all its personnel made the best utilization of its pilots and planes of any of our units and thereby flew more missions and sorties than any of our other groups. Many missions were landed after last light of day on a poorly lit airfield and many other missions were flown under conditions of visibility and clouds that would normally be considered above and beyond the call of duty. The damage and destruction inflicted by bombing and strafing enemy ground targets at low altitude was in the face of murderous heavy and light flak. The cost to the 358th Fighter Group for the ten-day period was 6 pilots missing in action, 6 fighter planes destroyed and 34 fighter planes damaged by flak.

5. On the other hand, destruction and damage of German materiel, personnel and installations by the 358th Fighter Group from 24 December 1944 to 2 January 1945 were outstandingly impressive. Their exact claims are shown in Exhibit C attached, and are high-lighted by such outstanding successes as a. 25 enemy aircraft destroyed b. 34 locomotives destroyed c. 622 freight cars destroyed d. 55 motor transports destroyed e. 27 rail cuts.

6. Probably the most outstanding feat by the 358th Group during this magnificent ten-day performance occurred on the morning of 1 January 1945 when 12 P-47's of the Group were on an armed reconnaissance mission looking for railway rolling stock as priority targets. While on its mission, the officer in command of the formation selected for his target a marshalling yard approximately ten miles northwest Neunkirchen. The pilots were busy in their attack when suddenly a force of 30 plus enemy fighters, including ME-109's, FW-190's and ME-410's were spotted flying southwest at deck level at top speed. These pilots who has not yet bombed the target jettisoned their bombs and closed with the Germans. In the ensuing encounter the pilots of the 358th Fighter Group destroyed 14 of the enemy fighters and damaged

o others without loss to themselves. This victory, an outstanding accomplishment in itself, becomes even more impressive as one gains perspective and ties this engagement into the related circumstance. The Luftwaffe launched a general offensive against Allied airfields on this same morning along a large section of Germany's western front. A nearby airdrome of a neighboring air force was hit at 0925 hours on the same day by 15 ME-109's at deck level and when the smoke cleared away 21 friendly fighters had been destroyed on the ground, 11 had been damaged and 18 allied personnel had been wounded--a tremendous blow to the unit operating from that airdrome. The enemy at that particular time was flying on the deck in a southwesterly direction on a beeline for our airfields. There is no question in my mind but that this large number of low-flying enemy fighters so effectively broken up and destroyed by the 358th Fighter Group was headed for one of the many airdromes of the First Tactical Air Force (Provisional, in the area of Nancy, France. The 358th delivered a telling double-barrelled blow to the German air force by depleting its ranks by approximately 20 aircraft and by upsetting its probable plans for scoring a paralyzing effect on one or more of our airfields similar to the manner in which it ravaged an airfield of a sister air force at the same time.

7. The 358th Fighter Group has been and remains the outstanding fighter group of the 64th Fighter Wing. Its leadership is superb. Its pilots are our most aggressive. Its ground personnel have the highest record in the wing for performance of their duties. Whenever there is a difficult task to be done it is legendary in this command that if it can be done at all the 358th Group will be the one to do it the earliest and the best. The total results accomplished during the crucial ten-day period for which this Presidential Citation is recommended have been so outstanding and noteworthy in performance, both individual and group, that the 358th Fighter Group is unhesitatingly recommended for this award.

Glenn O. Barcus

GLENN O. BARCUS,
Brigadier General, USA,
Commanding.

9 Incls:
Exhibits A to I Incl.

24 December 1944

Many trucks vicinity A-8648; road jct 1-mi SE of bomb hits on town of Niederbrombach. (escort mission).

Good concentration of hits on R/Y and town at target (A-8630, 1 loco, e-281, 10,000 ft, vic A-8634, 1540 hours, in 45 inbnd cars headed northeast. 6 e-lcs's vic Montmedy, 1440 hours, 30-0 ft.

In R/Y at Langerechen (A-9017), also on tracks to the SE of town, 300 plus RR cars. 15 military boxcars on road berm to the SE end of Homburg. Several military impedimenta in town of Homburg.

R/Y on east side of Neunkirchen 3/4 full.

Good local activity southwest and east of Homburg. 500 plus cars in R/Y.

At A-7606, 20 small box-like structures set in ground, 2 regular rows. Each structure 85 x 60 ft.

Considerable rail activity in target area. No road movement seen.

1 train going south into Villeroen at A-8450; 1 loco, 15 cars. 1 train going south out of Bonau Bachinger; 1 loco, 12 cars. 1 train going north out of Bonau Bachinger; 1 loco, 15 cars. Roads A-7050 - A-9050 covered with snow; roads appear well used.

25 December 1944

Numerous trains between Neunkirchen and Bohfelden stationary outside of towns. 500-700 cars on track between Lauterecken and Kaiserslautern; box cars and coal cars. Coal cars loaded with coal, gravel, wood; 4 white passenger cars. 200 cars in Homburg R/Y.

Considerable industrial activity, Neunkirchen and surrounding area.

Loco and 15 cars moving east at 1240 hours at A-2603; approximately 7 flat cars loaded with tanks (armor); balance box cars. Loco and 6 box cars moving south at Bad Kreuznach at 1310 hours. 50 cars stationary at A-3025 at 1240 hours. Loco and 50 cars moving toward Kaiserslautern at A-0998 at 1300 hours.

30 barges stationary at west bank of river at Mainz.

Between A-0565 and A-1688, two trains, one going south, 25 cars; one north, 20 box cars.

200 plus cars and 4 locos with steam up in R/Y at Homburg, headed southwest.

Loco going north at Bad Kreuznach at 1310. No other railroad or road activity observed.

Observations (cont'd)

Kaiserslautern - [illegible] at A-4967, 1 loco and 29 cars headed north; A-5019, 1 loco, unidentified number of cars, going toward Kaiserslautern. At A-1710, 1 loco seen to explode.

200 plus cars in yards at Saarbrucken. 6 trains had steam up. 2 headed east, 1 northeast. [illegible] cars at Neunkirchen. 1 train with 60 cars, steam up, stationary, facing Saarbrucken at A-5088.

At A-5163, 4 motor vehicles headed south, 1230 hours.

27 December 1944

North end Landau M/Y had 2 trains with steam up, 75-100 cars, 0915 hours.

Loco moving north, 5 miles south of Landau at 0915 hours.

Loco and 20 cars moving north into Germersheim at 0930 hours. 30 barrage balloons at 3000-4000 ft at Germersheim. Railroad activity in area north of Kaiserslautern.

Worms M/Y 3/4 full at 1230 hours. Schifferstadt M/Y full at 1230 hours. Loco and 20 box cars moving south at A-4918 at 1230 hours. Train moving east into Heppenheim at 1230 hours. Train moving southeast at A-2057 into Neustadt (composition unobserved) at 1245 hours. Loco and 30 cars headed south stationary at A-3072 at 1247 hours.

Large fire burning in Karlsruhe at 1530 hours.

Airdrome was active from all appearances at A-6018; encampment of 30-35 tents at A-8821; 1 train, 15-20 box cars, going northeast. 1 engine, 25 plus cars, A-3619, stationary. At A-7032, 2 locos, steam up, no cars.

500 plus railroad cars on single tracks, 3-4 miles long with spurs off the track into little towns. No locos seen. All cars seemed to be loaded. Kaiserslautern, 50 plus railroad cars in M/Y.

A-6674, 8 tanks in woods in semi-circle facing southeast. A-6870, M/Y, 30 box cars, 1 loco, 15 cars headed south. A-6955, 50 plus box cars, 1 loco and 25 plus box and coal cars moving west.

27 December 1944

M/Y at Heidelberg very active, approximately 18 locos in M/Y. 25 barges at Hirschhorn, A-6496. Supplies piled on west bank of river. 18 barrage balloons at Speyer at 5000 ft.

No rail activity along recce route. A-7510, freshly dug revetments with tank trailers. No tank activity observed at primary target, A-6573.

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[illegible]

[illegible]

Observations (cont'd.

[illegible] headed [illegible] direction going into station.

[illegible] activity in [illegible] vicinity of Stolberg, where [illegible] box cars on [illegible].

[illegible] box cars [illegible] vehicles on [illegible] cars. [illegible] box cars at -6425, at -6600, [illegible] box cars standing. [illegible] -1751, [illegible] steam up, 40 box cars headed into tunnel [illegible] consisting of [illegible], a propitious [illegible]. Train in tunnel [illegible] anti-tank ditch and [illegible] boxes.

[illegible] and [illegible] headed about [illegible] at [illegible], -9100. [illegible] and 30 box cars [illegible] at -8150. [illegible].

Main line N-S north [illegible] of Aachen, [illegible] heading north in direction [illegible] Herzogenrath, [illegible] box cars, [illegible] full of cars, active.

[illegible] Koblenz, [illegible], Saarbrucken, all small [illegible]'s from Saarbrucken to Bad Kreuznach, had 1 to 4 locos with steam up. [illegible], with unidentified number of empty flat cars, at -6475 headed southeast at 0956 hours. At -6650, 30 box cars, 1 loco, 5 tank cars southeast at 0905 hours; 1 loco [illegible] box cars, 2 tank cars at same place. At -7147, train headed south, stopped in woods, comprising loco and unidentified number of cars. [illegible] heading southeast from Luxembourg, 50 plus box cars, standing, (no locos.) at Wolfelden, 1-5710, also [illegible]-8032, great activity in M/Y.

31 November 1944.

Train with 30 flat cars of vehicles, tanks and personnel headed northwest, 2 trains partially in tunnel. Tanks looked like Hermans, camouflaged. Large fire in Limburg M/Y. -9700, 20 plus box cars along line of M/Y.

Limburg M/Y, 1/2 full of box cars. No locos, 30 box cars at -7389.

In recce area, freight cars were observed to be parked on tracks along railroad lines, rather than concentrated in M/Y's.

No rail movement seen on route. At -7405, 20 box cars on siding.

1 January 1945

At -7390, 1 loco and 40 box cars headed south, stationary. At -9361, 20 M/T's, headed southeast, stationary at 100-200 yard intervals.

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[illegible] 14,000 ft. 1 plane. Ground fire accurate and heavy. [illegible] 1 plane.

[illegible] 11 bombers at 1845, 11,000 ft. at [illegible]. They escorted the Halifax, and took turns bombing different targets in clusters of six ships. They had good concentration on most of their targets. [illegible] Saurot Airdrome at [illegible] hour, 10,000 ft. at Arrebourg.

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Date	[illegible] fighter sorties	[illegible] fighter sorties	[illegible] fighter sorties	[illegible] sorties	[illegible] missions
Dec 24th	42	25	34	101	3
Dec 25th	30	23	31	104	3
Dec 26th	32	22	28	82	1
Dec 27th	25	22	21	68	2
Dec 28th	21	8	12	41	3
Dec 29th	14	13	12	39	2
Dec 30th.	26	23	21	69	4
Dec 31st	24	22	24	70	2
Jan 1st	49	49	31	129	12
Jan 2nd	40	32	32	104	3
TOTAL	325	242	235	757	79

Average sorties per day:
95.2

Average missions per day:
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Claims

24 December 1944 through 2 January 1945

	365th Fighter Squadron		366th Fighter Squadron		367th Fighter Squadron		Total	
	Destroyed	Damaged	Destroyed	Damaged	Destroyed	Damaged	Destroyed	Damaged
Locomotives	3	11	17	22	14	17	34	75
Freight Cars	113	608	469	434	120	439	702	1621
Motor Transport	41	39	25	39	7	13	65	89
Tanks	0	0	4	12	0	3	4	15
Horse Drawn Vehicles	2	41	0	0	0	0	2	41
Buildings	101	16	35	5	21	4	157	25
AA Positions	1	1	2	3	1	5	4	9
Supply Dumps	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Bridges	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Radar Towers	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
RR Cuts	9		12		6		27	
Road Blocks	1		2		1		4	
Tunnels Sealed	0		1		0		1	

Enemy Aircraft in Air

	Destroyed	Probable	Damaged
365th Fighter Squadron	5	1	2
366th Fighter Squadron	6	2	5
367th Fighter Squadron	14	0	6
TOTAL	25	3	13

Claims, 24 Dec 45 through 2 Jan 45 (cont'd)..

Navy Aircraft on Ground

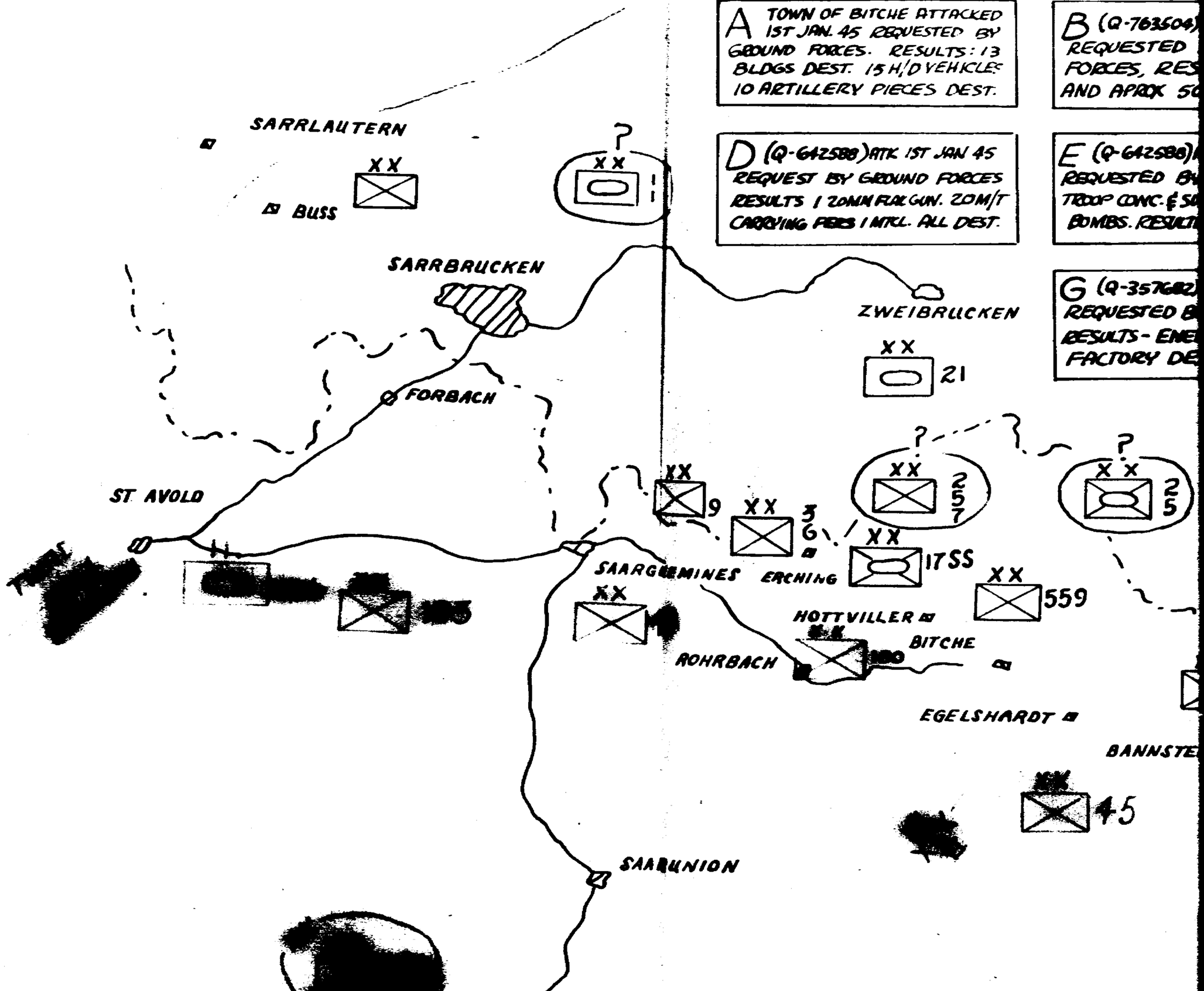
	Destroyed	Probable	Damaged
365th Fighter Squadron	0	0	0
366th Fighter Squadron	0	0	0
367th Fighter Squadron	0	0	1
TOTAL	0	0	1

Pilot casualties

1 December 1944 through [illegible]

Fighter squadron	Pilot	Status	Date
365th	2nd Lt John A. Carlson	KIA	[illegible]
366th	2nd Lt Alvin O. Johnson	KIA	[illegible]
366th	Flt O Warren G. Howard	KIA	[illegible]
366th	2nd Lt Lorel J. Brunetti	KIA	1 Jan 1945
366th	2nd Lt Raymond O. Smith, Jr.	KIA	1 Jan 1945

CLOSE COOPERATION MISSIONS OF 358TH



A TOWN OF BITCHE ATTACKED 1ST JAN. 45 REQUESTED BY GROUND FORCES. RESULTS: 13 BLDGS DEST. 15 H/D VEHICLES 10 ARTILLERY PIECES DEST.

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G (Q-357682) ATK 26th DEC 44
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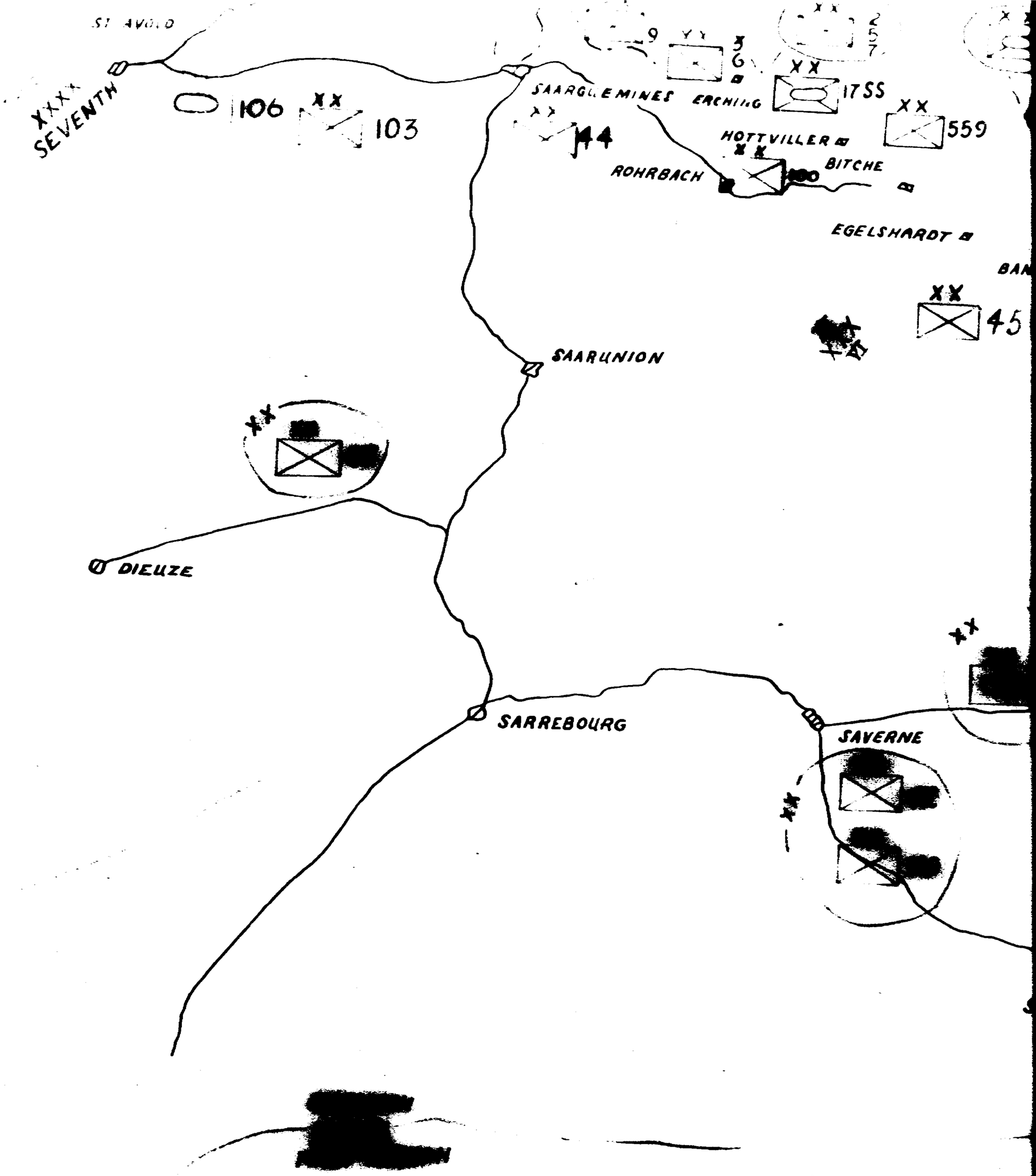
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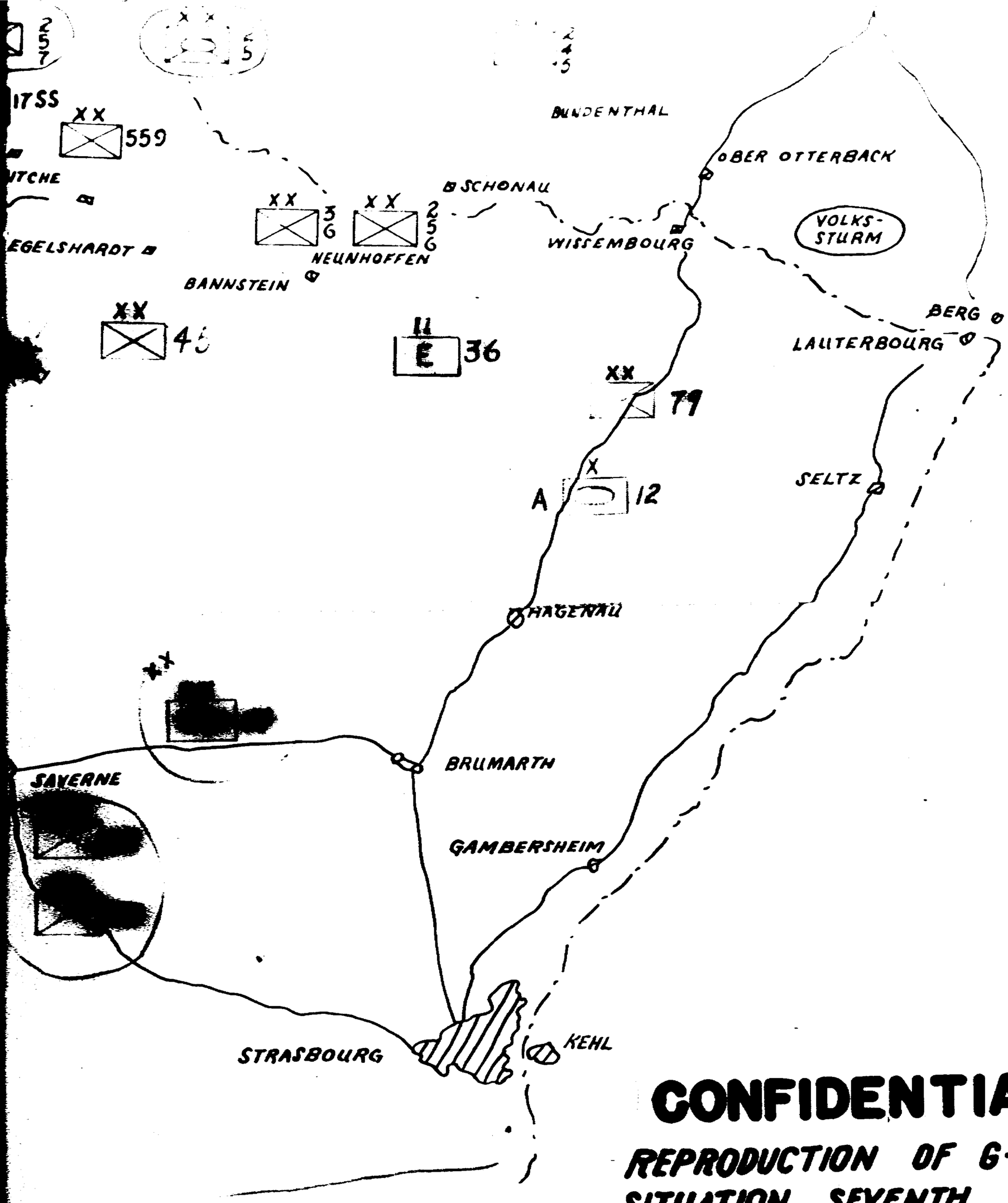

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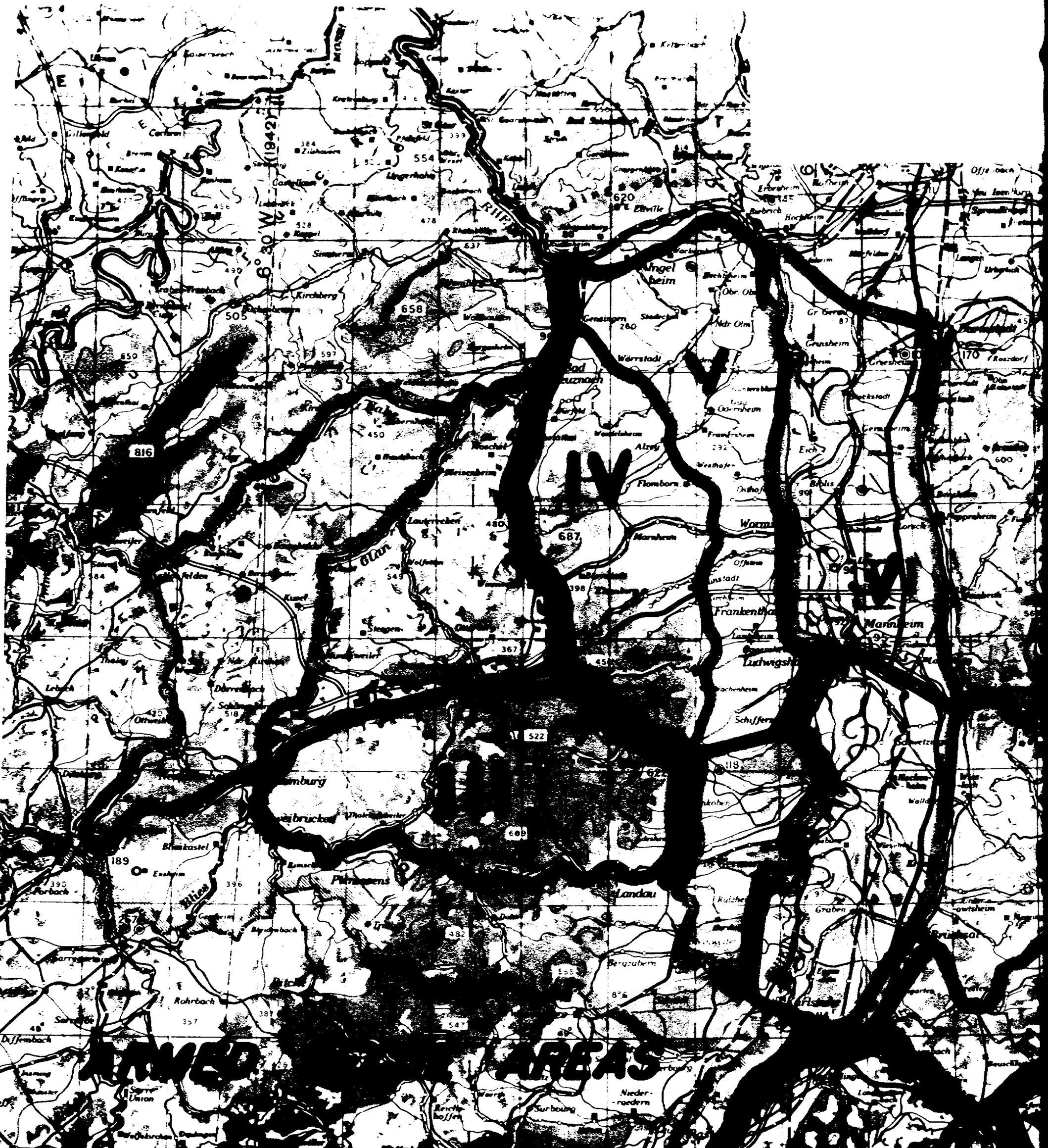
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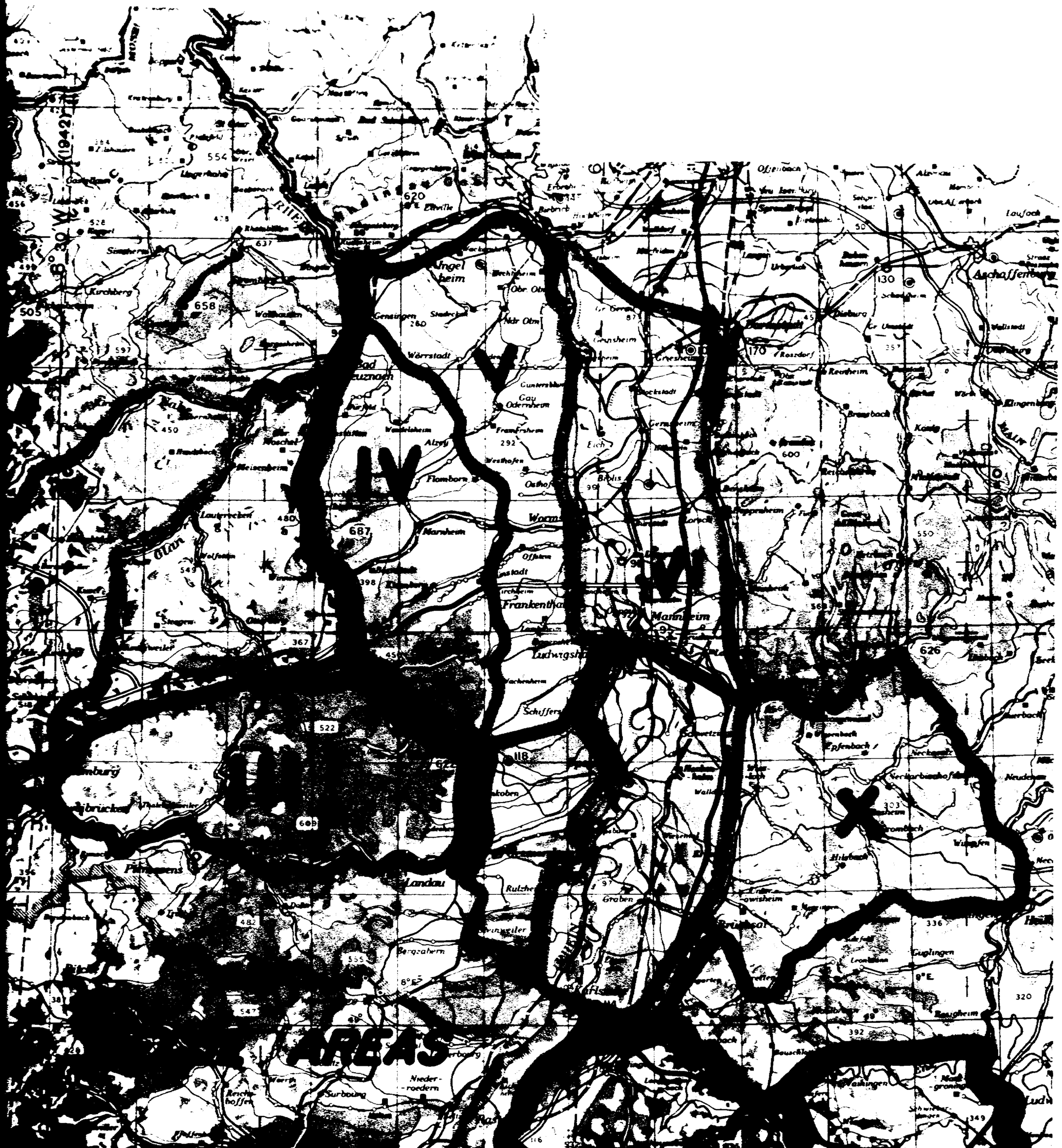
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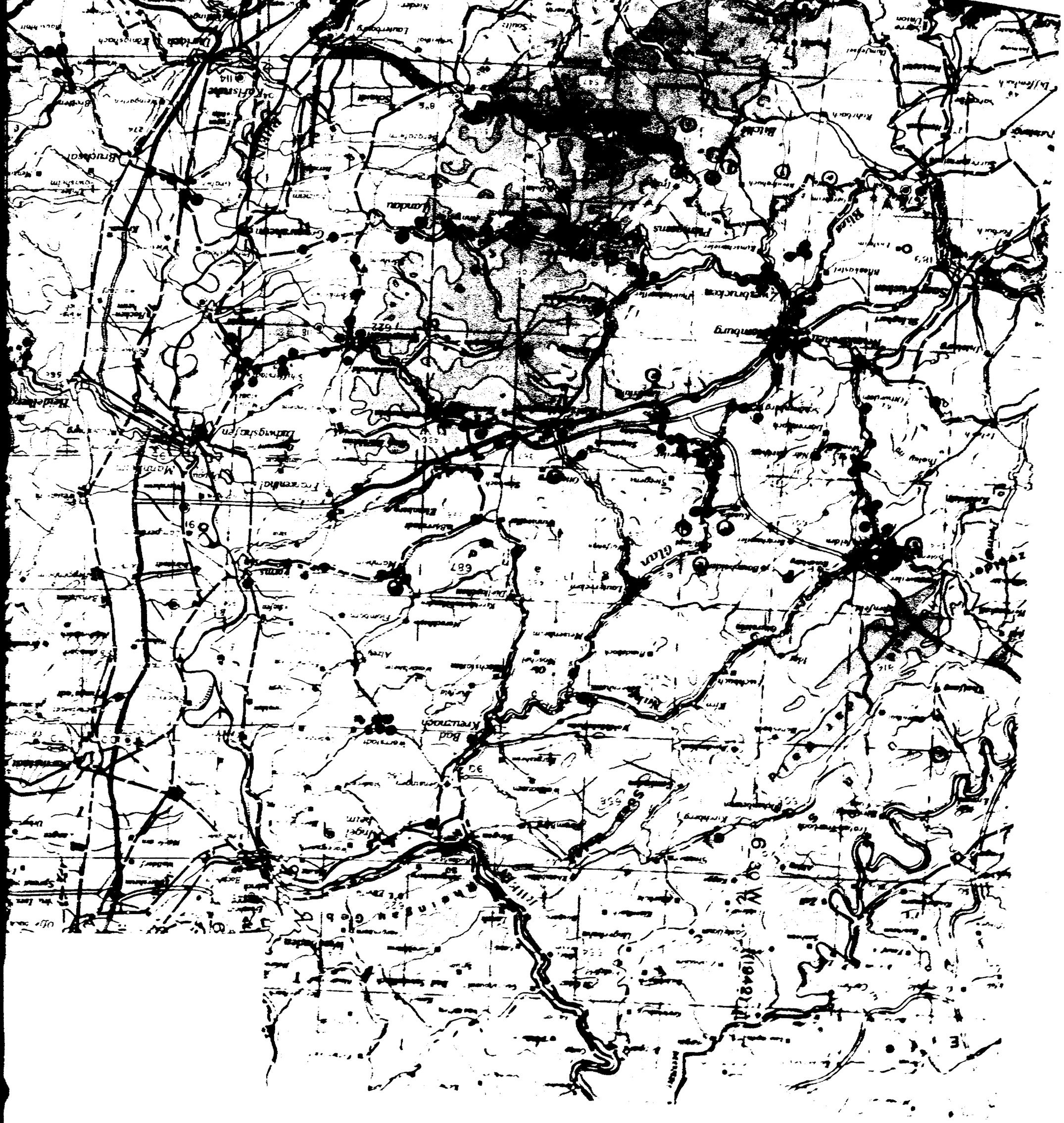

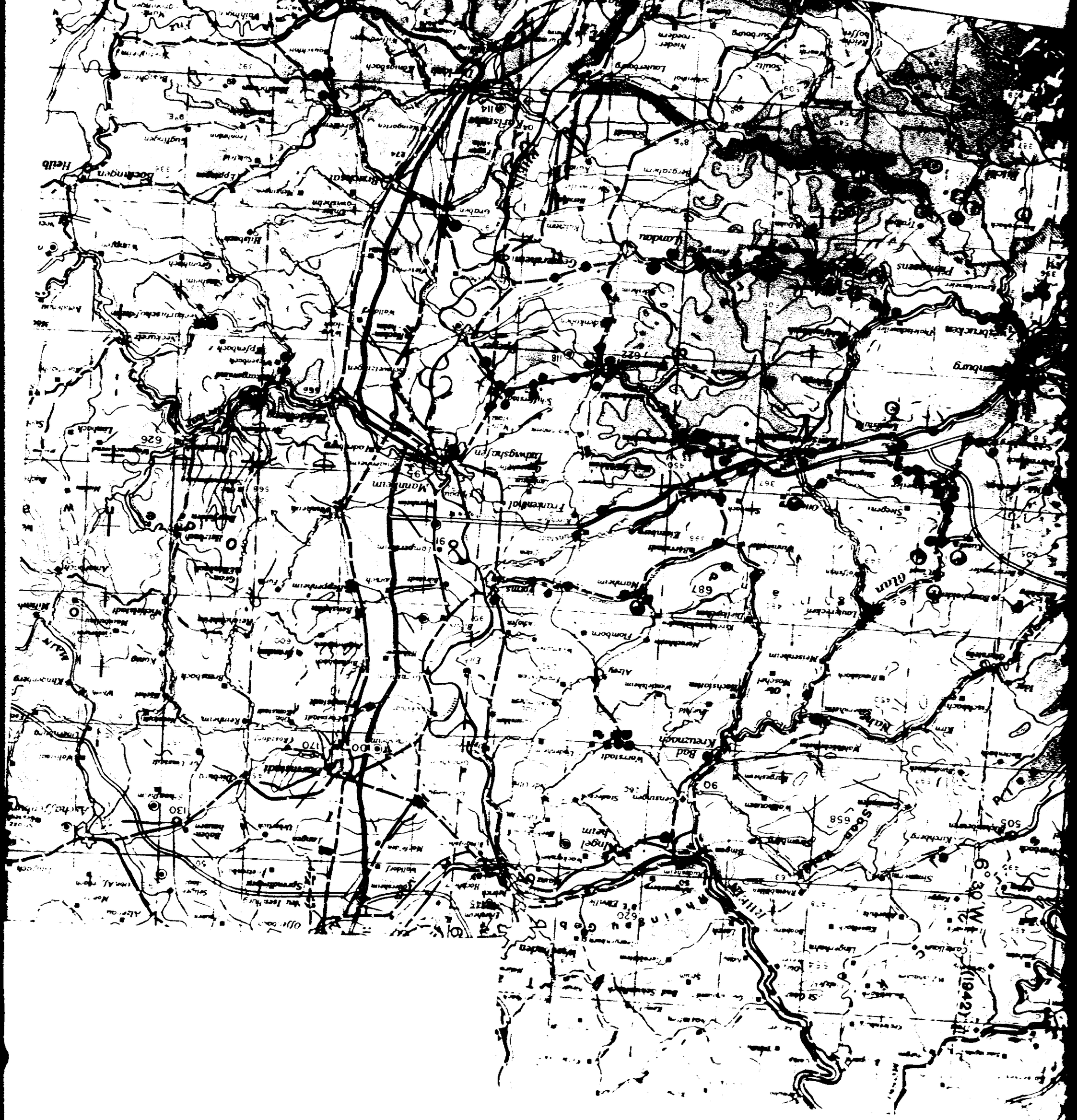

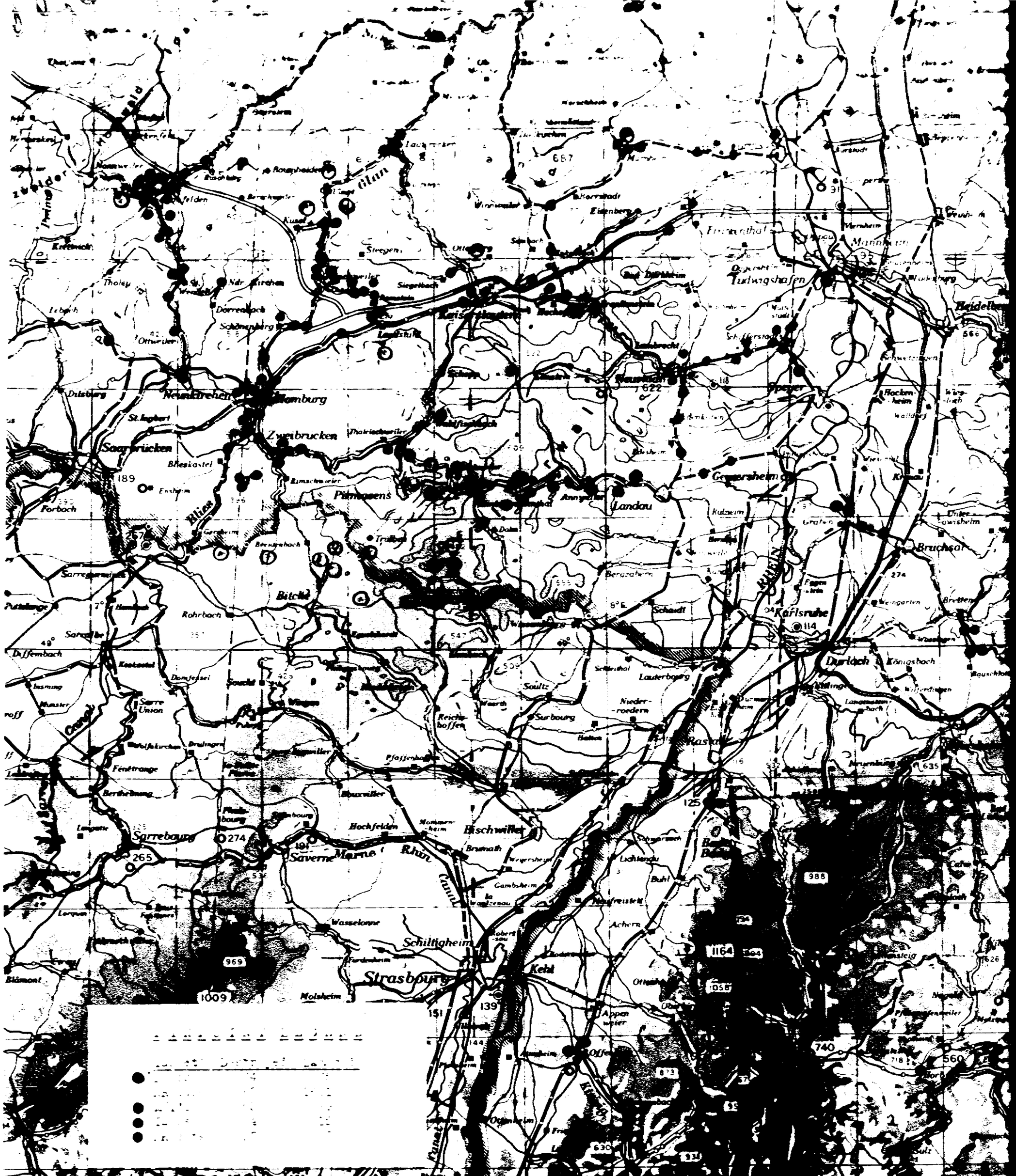
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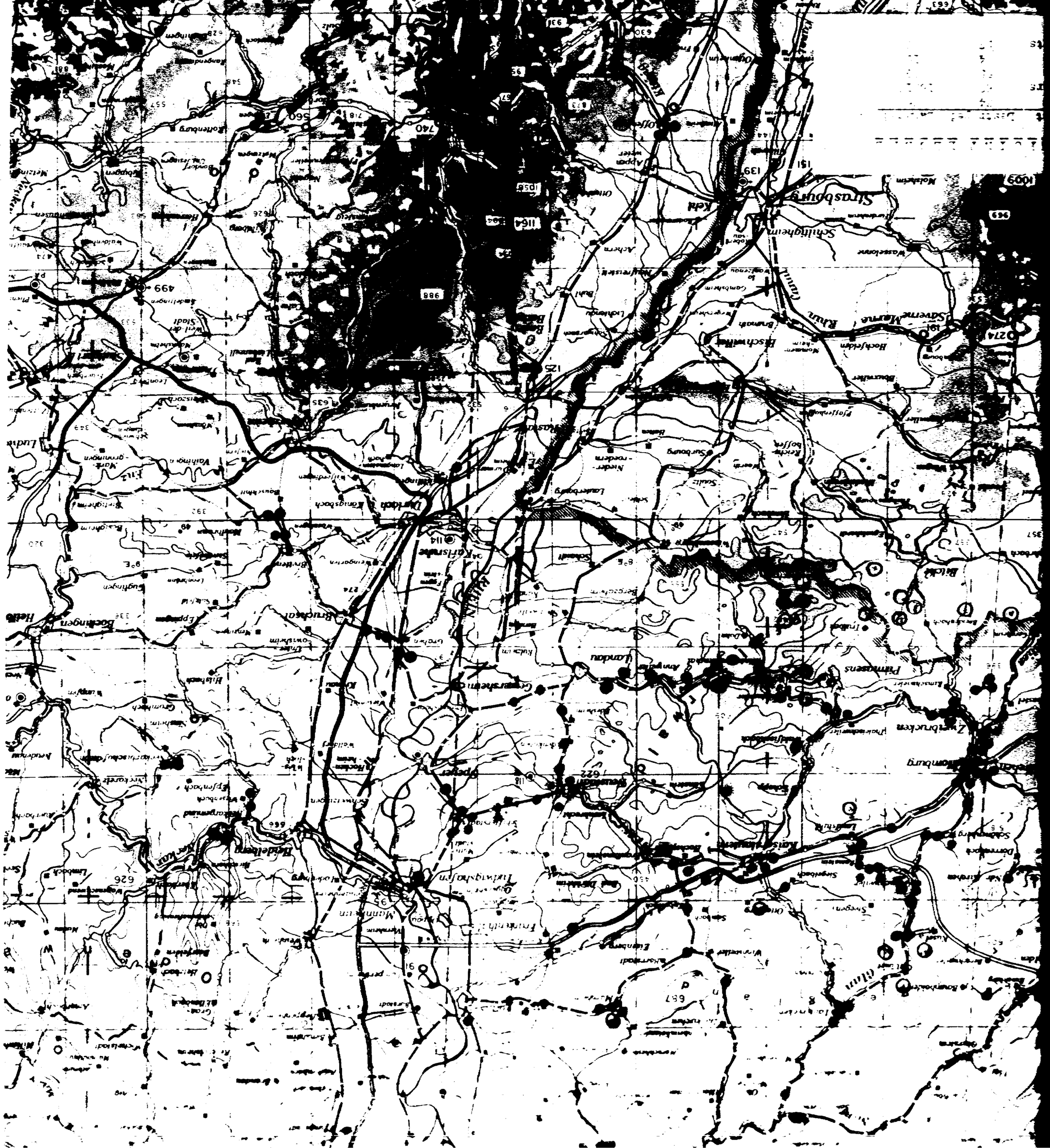

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Recommended Presidential Citation - 358th Fighter Group

The 358th Fighter Group is cited for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations for the period from December 24, 1944 to January 2, 1945 inclusive. During this period the Wehrmacht and Luftwaffe launched a powerful offensive against the Seventh U. S. Army and the First Tactical Air Force (Provisional) in coordination with their offensive in the Ardennes area. The 358th Fighter Group was the major factor in the successful maintenance of air superiority against a resurgent German Air Force, in making long-range reconnaissance flights to secure information of the enemy vital to the Seventh U. S. Army, in attacking and destroying enemy supply lines and depots, and finally in performing close air coordination with friendly ground troops in order to hold the long and tenuous front of the Seventh Army. The situation reached its climax at the turn of the year when the enemy launched a major assault in the Sarreguemines area. This attack failed to achieve more than a small initial success before it was contained. Much of the blunting of this German offensive is credited to the superb performance of the 358th Fighter Group in attacking rail and highway supply routes of the enemy, in delaying and for the most part preventing German artillery from getting into position to support the assault. In spite of having the fewest assigned airplanes of any fighter group in the First Tactical Air Force (Provisional), the 358th Group, through the magnificent teamwork of all its personnel, made the best utilization of its pilots and planes, and flew more missions and sorties than any other Group. Many of the 79 missions totallying 925 sorties for this period were landed after last light of day on a poorly illuminated airfield, and others were flown under conditions of low visibility and ceilings that called for effort above and beyong the normal call of duty. Most of their missions were conducted in the face of intense heavy and light flak which cost the Group 6 pilots mission in action, 6 fighter planes destroyed, and 34 fighter planes damaged. On the other hand the destruction and damage of German materiel, personnel and installations by the 358th Fighter Group were outstandingly impressive. They included the destruction of 34 locomotives, 622 freight cars, 55 motor transports, and 27 sections of railroads. The most outstanding feat of the 358th Fighter Group occurred on the morning of 1 January 1945, when 12 of its P-47's were on an armed reconnaissance mission intent on attacking a marshalling yard approximately ten miles northwest of Neunkirchen. Thirty plus enemy fighters were

Recommendation

FOR UNIT CITATION

358TH FIGHTER GROUP, 64TH FIGHTER WING,

XII TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, AAF.

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[illegible] 7th Army, 11 [illegible].

[illegible] (RV/a [illegible]).

It is [illegible] recommended that the [illegible] be [illegible] its outstanding [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] Inc.

For the [illegible]

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[illegible], G.S.C.
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief of Staff.

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: Recommendation for [illegible] of the 358th Fighter Group,
: consisting [illegible], and [illegible] in order [illegible],
: [illegible] Colonel, [illegible] 358th Fighter Group.

1. The 358th Fighter Group [illegible] for the citation for outstanding performance [illegible] for the period of 23 and 24 March 1945 [illegible] Divisions of the Department Circular No. 310, dated 1 [illegible].

2. The 358th Fighter Group established itself in the theater of operations by [illegible] and exhibited such [illegible] the use of [illegible] against the enemy as to make the 358th's achievement of this mission a brilliant and outstanding accomplishment.

3. The mission of the fighter troops of this command during the period cited was to effect air cooperation with ground forces of the Sixth Army Group and to seek out and destroy rolling stock of the enemy. The march pressure against the First and Seventh German Armies of the German W. F. Army had brought about penetration of the terrain lines from the north down to Air [illegible]. Deep wedges had been driven from the west and from the south through the Siegfried [illegible] was [illegible] rapidly disolving [illegible]. By 19 March the position of the [illegible] was [illegible] and only immediate evacuation of its forces could prevent complete annihilation. From KAISERSLAUTERN, road and rail center of the entire area, the enemy had three choices of escape routes: the wide autobahn leading to the Rhine and the secondary roads to [illegible], with two forks leading to [illegible] DURKHEIM and WORMS. The pilots of the 358th Fighter Group had been thoroughly briefed concerning the enemy's predicament and understood that an opportunity was about to present itself to strike a crippling blow against enemy armor and transport evacuating toward the Rhine.

4. On the first mission of [illegible] pilots of the 358th Fighter Group found long convoys of enemy vehicles, at some points three and four abreast, streaming through the narrow winding roads from [illegible] to [illegible] DURKHEIM and from FRANKENSTEIN to NEUSTADT. The terrain presented formidable obstacles to dive bombing and strafing attacks and for that reason had undoubtedly been chosen by the enemy in preference to the four-lane autobahn. Not only did it afford him the natural protection of a heavily wooded area but also that of crooked winding roads with steep hills rising almost perpendicular from the edges of the highways. Haze extending to 4000 feet during the first day's operations presented a further handicap. Successful attack on convoys under such

RECOMMENDATION for Distinguished Unit Badge - 358th FIGHTER GROUP

For extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations on 19 and 20 March 1945. On the 19th of March, the fifth day of the Seventh Army's spring offensive, the territory remaining to the enemy east of the Rhine was being steadily contracted by massive blows from the north, south, and west. Desperately attempting to extricate his armor and transport from the encircling pocket to continue the fight east of the Rhine, the enemy sent great columns eastward along the roads from Kaiserslautern, the geographical center of the Rhine-Moselle triangle. Fearful of air attacks, which were the only effectual barrier to successful retreat, he chose as avenues of escape narrow secondary roads which wound tortuously through steep hills and offered excellent natural protection against bombing and strafing. To frustrate this well-planned maneuver, the 358th Fighter Group was assigned the task of interdicting to enemy traffic all roads leading from Kaiserslautern to the Rhine and of taking a maximum toll of enemy armor, transport and personnel. Although the Group had made a tremendous effort during the preceding five days in close cooperation with the Seventh Army's breaching of the Siegfried Line and had suffered considerable losses in aircraft and personnel, every available plane and pilot was ready to strike a new blow against the enemy. Taking off on the first mission of 19 March at earliest light, aircraft of the 358th Fighter Group flew to the target area through heavy haze reaching to 4000 feet and discovered long convoys of enemy vehicles of all types. Handling their planes with the consummate skill required by the difficult terrain and weather and by heavy small-arms fire, and pressing their attacks with unrelenting courage and vigor, the pilots accurately strafed and bombed the convoy, making repeated passes over its entire length. The valleys were soon filled with smoke and flame; the highways littered with wrecked and burning vehicles. Throughout that day and during most of the next, aircraft of the 358th Fighter Group returned to the target area to add to their already tremendous toll of destruction. The enemy, at first bewildered, then demoralized, was, at the end of the second day's operations, virtually annihilated. In two record-breaking days, flying 411 sorties and 352 sorties, the 358th Fighter Group destroyed 770 motor transports and damaged 622, and took an equally heavy toll of other targets. The brilliant success of its efforts achieved a two-fold result: it contributed immeasurably to extinguishing German forces west of the Rhine by easing the path for ground forces, and it destroyed a vast quantity of equipment with which the enemy hoped to continue the fight farther east. Throughout these operations, the 358th Fighter Group, through its leadership, coordination, skill, valor, and aggressiveness, achieved unparalleled results in its relentless and daring attacks and reflected the highest credit upon itself and the Military Service of the United States.

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AO 25, 8 P47's, 1530 - 1631, Air Cooperation and Armed Reconnaissance; (R042819) 5 staff cars destroyed, 1 building damaged, 2 MT destroyed, 1 half track destroyed: (R059818) 3 staff cars damaged: (R035771) 3 MT destroyed, 3 MT damaged: (R139843) 2 MT destroyed, 1 MT damaged: (R015772) 2 MT damaged: (R037772) 1 MT destroyed, 3 MT damaged: (R0579) 3 H.D.V. damaged. TOTAL --- 3 MT destroyed, 9 MT damaged, 1 half track destroyed, 5 staff cars destroyed, 3 staff cars damaged, 1 building damaged, 3 H.D.V. damaged.

AO 36, 8 P47's, 1645 - 1755, Air Cooperation and Armed Reconnaissance; (Q9693) 3 H.D.V. damaged: (Q971930) 1 MT damaged: (Q968929) 2 MT destroyed: (Q938923) 1 MT destroyed: (Q971928) 1 MT destroyed, 10 MT damaged, TOTAL --- 4 MT destroyed, 11 MT damaged, 3 H.D.V. damaged.

AO 33A, 7 P47's, 1800 - 1900, Air Cooperation and Armed Reconnaissance; (R115915) 3 MT damaged: (R219490) 1 MT destroyed: (R158934) 3 MT damaged: (R099938) 1 MT damaged: (R095937) 3 MT destroyed: 1 MT damaged: (R0786) 1 tank damaged, 1 road cut: (R075940) 3 MT destroyed: (940815) 2 MT destroyed, TOTAL --- 9 MT destroyed, 8 MT damaged, 1 tank damaged, 1 road cut.

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19 March 1945

AO 26, 8 pl47's, 0705 - 0745, Air Cooperation and Armed Reconnaissance; (Q7954) 11 MT destroyed, 2 MT damaged: (Q7940S) 3 MT destroyed. TOTAL — 17 MT destroyed, 2 MT damaged.

AO 27, 8 pl47's, 0730 - 0830, Air Cooperation and Armed Reconnaissance; (R3465) 1 MT destroyed; (R3577) 5 MT destroyed; (R3166) 1 MT destroyed; (R3215) 1 MT destroyed, 1 MT damaged: (R4116) 1 MT damaged. TOTAL — 8 MT destroyed, 2 MT damaged.

AO 30, 8 pl47's, 1000 - 1125, Five bombers; no claims.

AO 32, 8 pl47's, 1030 - 1150, Air Cooperation and Armed Reconnaissance; (Q9450) 10 MT destroyed: (Q9560) 1 Marshalling Yard Attacked: (Q9479) 2 MT destroyed, 5 MT damaged: (R1275) 150 military troops killed. TOTAL — 12 MT destroyed, 5 MT damaged, 1 M/Y attacked, 150 troops killed.

AO 31, 8 pl47's, 1215 - 1330, Air Cooperation and Armed Reconnaissance; (Q8168) 15 buildings damaged, 1 MT destroyed; (Q8462) 1 MT destroyed, 1 MT damaged: (Q8775) 1 tank destroyed: (Q4380) 1 MT destroyed: (Q4380) 4 MT destroyed: (Q4777) 1 MT destroyed. TOTAL — 10 MT destroyed, 1 MT damaged, 1 tank destroyed, 15 buildings damaged.

AO 35, 8 pl47's, 1335 - 1645, Air Cooperation and Armed Reconnaissance: (Q6476) 2 MT damaged. TOTAL — 2 MT damaged.

AO 39, 8 pl47's, 1545 - 1645, Air Cooperation and Armed Reconnaissance; No claims.

AO 26A, 8 pl47's, 1700 - 1750, Air Cooperation and Armed Reconnaissance; (Q819864) 10 MT destroyed, 2 MT damaged: (Q815870) 2 antiaircraft positions destroyed. TOTAL — 10 MT destroyed, 2 MT damaged, 2 AA positions destroyed.

AO 29A, 8 pl47's, 1819 - 1845, Air Cooperations and Armed Reconnaissance; (Q3175) 1 MT destroyed. TOTAL — 1 MT destroyed.

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AO 39, 12 P47's, 1000 - 1025, B-26 Escort - No claims.

AO 28, 12 P47's, 1235 - 1400, Air Cooperation and Armed Reconnaissance; (R2796) 10 MT destroyed, 5 MT damaged: (R2896) 8 MT destroyed, 7 MT damaged: (R2295) 2 MT destroyed, 2 MT damaged: (R240955) 2 MT destroyed, 4 MT damaged: (Neustadt) 2 buildings damaged: (R290760) 1 road cut: (R255952) 3 MT damaged: (R255948) 2 MT destroyed 3 MT damaged: (R2796) 3 MT destroyed, 3 MT damaged, 5 H.D.V. destroyed: (R2396) 4 MT destroyed, 3 H.D.V. destroyed: (R2495) 2 MT destroyed, 15 MT damaged: (R245948) 8 MT damaged: (R289940) 2 MT damaged: (R211950) 2 MT destroyed, 2 H.D.V. destroyed, 7 MT damaged: (R280960) 3 buildings damaged, 3 MT damaged; (R245941) 5 MT destroyed, 10 MT damaged, 8 H.D.V. destroyed: (R2295) 5 MT destroyed, 3 MT damaged, 1 road cut: (R2594) 2 MT destroyed, 11 MT damaged, 1 staff car destroyed. TOTAL --- 51 MT destroyed, 96 MT damaged, 6 buildings damaged, 15 H.D.V. destroyed, 1 staff car destroyed, 2 roads cut.

AO 35, 11 P47's, 1600 - 1710, Air Cooperation and Armed Reconnaissance; (R2395) 1 road cut, 1 MT dest, 2 MT damaged: (R225955) 3 MT destroyed, 1 MT damaged: (R2826) 10 MT destroyed, 10 MT damaged, 1 building destroyed: (R2897) 1 antiaircraft position damaged: (R270965) 5 MT damaged: (R2396) 3 MT destroyed, 3 MT damaged, 2 H.D.V. destroyed: (R3096) 2 MT destroyed, 2 MT damaged: (R2387) 1 H.D.V. destroyed: (R2288) 1 H.D.V. destroyed. TOTAL --- 19 MT destroyed, 23 MT damaged, 3 buildings destroyed, 1 AA position damaged, 4 H.D.V. destroyed, 1 road cut.

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DATA

19 MARCH 1945 THROUGH 20 MARCH 1945

	365 F.S. • 19	365 F.S. • 20	366 F.S. • 19	366 F.S. • 20	367 F.S. • 19	367 F.S. • 20	GROUP TOTAL
NUMBER MISSIONS	9	3	9	6	8	6	41
NUMBER SORTIES	70	35	72	56	64	55	352
NUMBER OPERATIONAL HRS.	167:00	85:55	141:50	119:25	140:30	116:55	771:35
NUMBER HOURS OVER GERMANY — MISSION TOTAL	10:50	3:00	9:11	6:35	9:08	5:50	44:33
NUMBER HOURS OVER GERMANY — SORTIE TOTAL	84:25	36:50	69:48	62:40	72:56	54:55	381:34

• BOMB EXPENDITURE •

19 MARCH 1945 THRU 20 MARCH 1945

TYPE	365 F.S.	366 F.S.	367 F.S.	GROUP TOTAL	WT. IN LBS.
NAPALM	8	16	60	84	67,200
500 LB. G.P.	26	32	48	106	53,000
250 LB.	100	56		156	39,000
260 FRAG.	138	477	238	853	221,780
100 LB. W.P.	16	7	12	35	3,500

TOTAL LBS. 384,480 TOTAL TONS 174.24

• AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE (.50 CAL) •

19 MARCH 1945 THRU 20 MARCH 1945

365 TH	FIGHTER SQUADRON	60,465	ROUNDS
366 TH	FIGHTER SQUADRON	132,655	"
367 TH	FIGHTER SQUADRON	232,630	"
	TOTAL	425,750	ROUNDS

• ROCKET EXPENDITURE •

19 MARCH 1945 THRU 20 MARCH 1945

365 TH	FIGHTER SQUADRON	132	4.5 INCH
367 TH	FIGHTER SQUADRON	44	5 INCH A.R.

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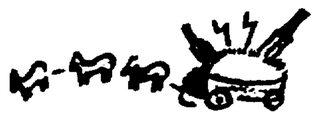
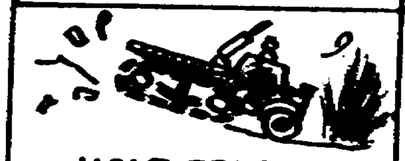
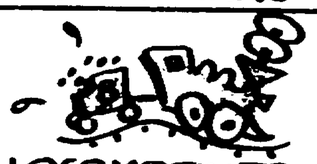
CLAIMS

19 MARCH 1945 THROUGH 20 MARCH 1945

CLAIM	365 F.S.		366 F.S.		367 F.S.		GROUP TOTAL	
	DEST.	DAM.	DEST.	DAM.	DEST.	DAM.	DEST.	DAM.
MOTOR TRANSPORTS	142	214	216	175	432	233	790	622
BUILDINGS	15	40		23	40	23	55	86
 HORSE DRAWN VEHICLES	19	6			17	7	36	13
TANKS	1	10	1	3	2	8	4	21
STAFF CARS	13	6	1		1	1	15	7
A.A. POSITIONS		8	2		1	23	3	31
 HALF TRACKS	2	2		2	4	1	6	5
FREIGHT CARS	2	8					2	8
 LOCOMOTIVES		3		1				4
ROAD CUTS	5				3		8	

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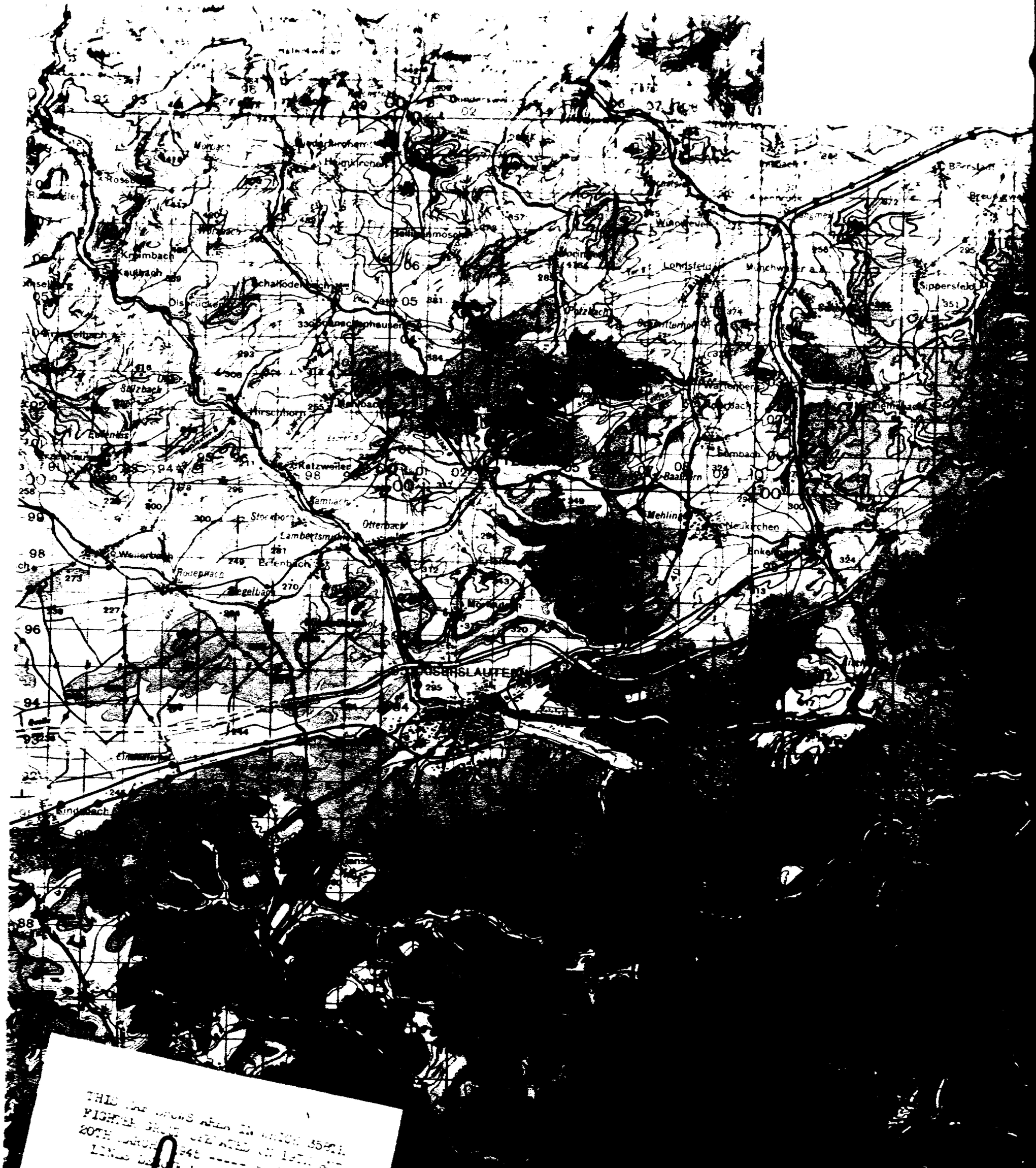

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20TH [illegible] 45 [illegible]
[illegible]
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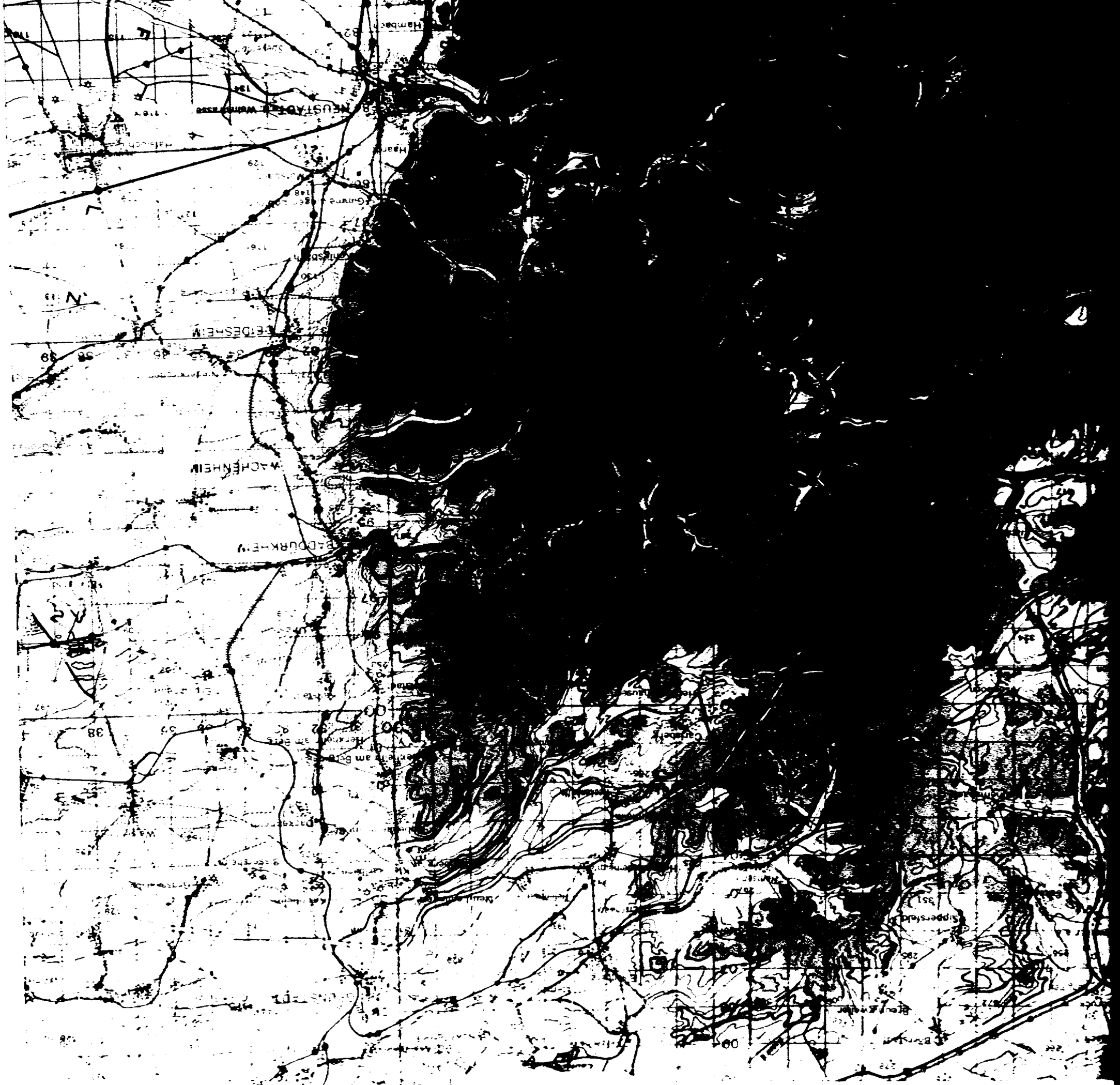

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----------MISSION SUMMARY REPORT ----------

A. 355TH FIGHTER GROUP, MAJOR THERRIAULT LEADING.

B. 52 P-47'S 1S(355TH SQDN.) 1S(356TH SQDN., 2D(357TH SQDN.)
UP 0945, DOWN 1252, 4 DOWN HALTOMORTH, 2 DOWN NORMAN.
1 DOWN SUNDAY.

C. SIX, THREE ESCORT.

D. PENETRATION SUPPORT , F.O. 233, HQ. VIII FI. COMD.

E. THRU A. MIL.

I. L/F 1024. 25,000 FEET, VICINITY EGMOND OVER SOLID OVERCAST .
R/V WITH BOMBERS 1028 HOURS 25,000 FEET, VICINITY ALKMAAR.
ESCORT PROCEEDED UNEVENTFULLY UNTIL 1103 HOURS, VICINITY LATHUM,
WHERE GROUP TURNED BACK AND MET ANOTHER BOMBER FORMATION COMING
IN OVER ZUIDER ZEE AND MADE A WIDE ORBIT OVER THESE BOMBERS AFTER
WHICH RETURNED TO BASE. L/F 1203 HOURS, VICINITY IJMUIDEN, 19,000
FEET. BOMBERS IN GOOD FORMATION . R/T GOOD .
WEATHER : OVER CHANNEL CLOUDS FORMED AT 2,000 WITH TOPS AT
5,000 FEET ANOTHER LAYER AT 13,000 EXTENDING TO 15,000 FEET. ANOTHER
FOUND BETWEEN 17,000 AND 21,000 FEET. ANOTHER LAYER BETWEEN
23,000 AND 23,000 FEET. SOLID OVERCAST OVER CONTINENT
EXCEPT MOMENTARILY IN ZUIDER ZEE AREA.
HORIZONTAL VISIBILITY GOOD WHEN OUT OF CLOUDS. MODERATELY
PERSISTENT CONTRAILS FORMED 22,000 - 29,000 FEET.

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HEAVY BOMBER ATTACK ON RUESSELSHEIM

PENETRATION SUPPORT 3RD ATF

A. 355TH FIGHTER GROUP LT.COL. WELLS LEADING

B. 51 P-47S 17-358TH SQ 16-356TH SQ 15-357TH SQ
UP 1037 DOWN 1322

C. 3 1 BELLY TANK LEAK 1 OIL LEAK 1 BROKEN CANOPY 1 P&P

D. PENETRATION SUPPORT, F.O.234, HDQRXXXX F.O. 234, HDQS VIII F.C.

E. THRU H. NIL

I. L/F SOUTHERN TIP WALCHEREN ISLAND, 1125, 21,000 FT R/V WITH 3 BOXES OF B-24S, CIRCULAR MARKINGS, ROOSENDAAL, 1135, 24,000 FT. FLIGHT MAINTAINED WITHOUT INCIDENT TO VICINITY DUREN 1143, WHERE GROUP EXECUTED PORT TURN, FLEW TO VICINITY NIJMEGEN, WHERE GROUP EXECUTED PORT TURN AND FLEW TO ENEMY COAST, L/F VICINITY MATWIJK, 1224, 18,000 FT. BOMBERS IN GOOD FORMATION. NO E/A SEEN. R/T GOOD. WEATHER: SCATTERED CUMULUS OVER CHANNEL TO 10,000 FT. BECOMING BROKEN OVER CONTINENT TO 5-1/2 DEGREES E. UP TO 15,000 BEYOND WHICH WAS A SOLID OVERCAST TO 20,000 FT. AIR TO GROUND AND AIR TO AIR VISIBILITY GENERALLY EXCELLENT. LIGHT NON-PERSISTENT CONTRAILS FORMED AT 23,000 FT., EXTENDING TO 26,000. 1 FEB.

WITHDRAW[illegible] SUPPORT - 1ST AND 2ND BOX FORCES:

A. 94TH FIGHTER SQDN., LT. COL. WELLS LEADING.
B. [illegible] B-17's 17 (563RD SQDN), 16 (365TH SQDN), 19 (367TH SQDN.)
   [illegible] -52's.
C. NONE, ESCORT FAILED.
D. AREA SUPPORT, P. D. 239, VIII FI. COMMAND
E. FIRST H. HIL.

I. L/F, 1115, VICINITY FECAMP, 22,000 FT. ENTERED ASSIGNED AREA 1131. PROCEEDED SOUTH TO VICINITY ORLEANS WHERE MADE R/V WITH FIRST FORMATION B-17's. 1134 HOURS. 22,000 FT. AFTER ESCORTING OUT MIRU ASSIGNED AREA MADE 180 DEGREE TURN RETURNING TO VICINITY ORLEANS MEETING SECOND FORMATION B-17's ESCORTING BACK MIRU ASSIGNED AREA.
LEFT AREA 1200 HOURS, CONTINUING OUT WITH BOMBERS UNTIL 1225 HOURS WHEN BROKE OFF ESCORT. L/F FECAMP, 1230 HOURS, 13,000 FT. A/F SOUTH OF SOUTH HIT BY THE BOMBERS. BUILDINGS ON NORTH SIDE OF FIELD WERE HIT AND BURNING. R/T GOOD.

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A. 358TH FIGHTER GROUP, LT. COL. WERTENBAKER LEADING.
B. 62 P-47'S, 21 (366TH SQDN.) 20 (365TH SQDN.) (367TH SQDN.)
UP 0944, DOWN 12..
C. 4, (1 RADIO, 1 ENGINE, 1 HIGH CYLINDER HEAD TEMPERATURE 1 PROP
1 ESCORT
D. PENETRATION SUPPORTXXXMF F.NO. 240
E. THRU H. NIL.
I. L/F VICINITY NEUPORT 26,000 FT 1026. R/V WITH BOMBERS OVER CHANNEL APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES BEFORE L/F 26,000 FT 1025. MAINTAINED ESCORT WITHOUT INCIDENT TO VICINITY MALINEDY, 27,000 FT, 1103, WHEN GROUP MADE SIX STARBOARD TURN TO INVESTIGATE BOGIES TO SW, THEN PROCEEDED ON COURSE OUT. L/F VICINITY DUNKIRK, 24,000 FT, 1135. SEVERAL ME-109'S OBSERVED SOUGXXX SOUTH OF SPA BEINGXXX BEING ENGAGED BY P-47'S WITH RED, GREEN AND BLUE NOSES ALSO OBSERVED P-47'S WITH OUT ANY MARKINGS. BOMBERS IN GOOD FORMATION, HAD TRIANGULAR MARKINGS. R/T GOOD.

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A. [illegible]
B. [illegible]
C. [illegible]
D. [illegible]
E. [illegible]
I. L/F IN 1317, 28000 FEET, [illegible] A/C [illegible]
DIVISION 5-17'S [illegible] [illegible] SOUTH EST OF [illegible]
[illegible] 1314, 23,000
FEET, [illegible] OTHER SOLID OVERCAST AT [illegible]
BVRD TO BE ABOUT [illegible] NORTHEAST OF USAARUCH. L/F OTT 1419
28,000 FEET, [illegible]. BOMB IN ALERTS REPORTED
INACCURATE FLAK HEAVY BUT VISIBILITY [illegible]. R/T GOOD.

WEATHER: 10/10 CLOUDS, [illegible] 3,000 FEET, TOPS 4,000 FEET,
TO CONTINENT. 9/10 CLOUDS [illegible]. AIR TO AIRVISIBILITY GOOD.
NON-PERSISTENT CONTRAILS ABOVE 24,000 FEET. PERSISTENT CONTRAILS
ABOVE 26,000 FEET.

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CONFIDENTIAL [illegible] F77D [illegible] FIGHTER GROUP MISSION SUMMARY REPORT
FEB 24 FOR. //

A. [illegible] FIGHTER GROUP LT. COL WILLS LEADING
B. 50 P47'S 17([illegible]) 16([illegible]) 17([illegible])
UP 1[illegible] DOWN 15%
C. TWO 1 SUPERCHARGER REGULATOR FAILURE 1 CRANK FAILURE
[redacted]
D. WITHDRAWAL ESCORT FO NUMBER [illegible] HQ. ;CXXXXX VIII FI. COMD
E. THRU
H. NIL
I. L/T IN WALCHEREN ISLAND 1551, 20,000 FEET R/V WITH BOMBERS [illegible] MILES SOUTHEAST OF LIGE, 1407, [illegible],000 FEET
ESCORTED B-17S OUT TO COAST SOUTH OF OSTEND AND TURNED [illegible] BACK TWICE TO ESCORT TWO DIFFERENT FORMATIONS B-17S OUT, LEAVING BOMBERS
IL MID CHANNEL 1505 18,000 FEET. [redacted] L/T OUT 1455 SOUTH OF OSTEND 18,500 FEET. HEAVY AND ACCURATE FLAK ENCOUNTERED AT 20,000FEET OVER FLU SHING, ANTWERP, AND DIEST A/D BOMBERS IN GOOD FORMATION. R/T GOOD.
WEATHER 1-2/10 CLOUD,. B-XXXXX BASE 4000FT. TOP 5,000 FT
HAZE UP TO 10,000 FT RESTRICTING VISIBILITY TO 7 MILES
ABOVE 10,000 FEET VISIBILITY EXCELLENT LIGHT NON- PERSISTENT CONTRAILS ABOVE 24,000FT
PT [illegible] FP [illegible]

T O D
[illegible]1504
CINIC P[illegible] GI K

Feb 24

OA. 358TH FIGHTER GROUP, LT. COL. WELLS LEADING.
B. 51 P-47'S 17(365TH SQDN) 17(366TH SQDN) 17(367TH SQDN.
UP 1403, DOWN 1711.
C. THREE 2-366TH SQDN(1 MECHANICAL FAILURE 1 OIL LEAK).
1-367TH SQDN (OXYGEN REGULATOR)
D. WITHDRAWAL ESCORT F.O. 351 HQ. VIII FI COND.
E.1 MYT REASON UNKNOWN.
F. 1 P-47 NOSED UP ON LANDING CAT. B.
G. 1 MIF LT. SHANNON 367 TH SQDN.
H. L/T OSTEND, 1435, 16,000 FT. R/V WITH FORTRESS 10 MILES NORTH-WEST SAARBRUCKEN, 1524, 20,000 FT. ESCORT MAINTAINED WITHOUT INCIDENT TO APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES SOUTH OF ABBEVILLE, 1605, 20,000 FT. L/T VICINITY LE TREPORT, 1609, 5000 FT. P-17'S IN GOOD FORMATION.
F/T GOOD.

25 FEB 1944

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FROM CG 20TH FIGHTER GROUP [illegible]
TO AIRSA CHIEF OF AIR STAFF WASHINGTON DC
COMMAND TACTICAL HEADQUARTERS USSTAF BRITAIN SOUTH EAST COAST
RT

CONFIDENTIAL USSTAF 20TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION SUMMARY
REPORT FOR MARCH 2 1944

A. 20TH FIGHTER GROUP MAJOR LOSS LEADING
B. 55 P-47S (16-79TH SQDN) (17-77TH SQDN) (17-78TH SQDN)
   UP 1010 DOWN 1707
C. TEN (3-79TH SQDN) (1 OIL LEAK) 1 ENGINE FAILURE 1 ESCORT
   7-78TH SQDN 1 PROP 1 PERSONNEL CRAMPS 2 ENGINE TROUBLE
   1 ESCORT
D. PENETRATION ESCORT F.O. 65 H.Q. IV FI. COMD.
E. TURN H. MIL. (S)
I. L/F 1150GN. OF DUNKIRK 17000 FEET R/V WITH BOMBERS 1100
15 MILES SOUTH OF CHERTAL 17000 FEET ESCORT
PROCEEDED UNEVENTFULLY UNTIL GROUP LEFT BOMBERS VICINITY
BASTOGNE 1140 17000 FEET L/F OUT VICINITY PLAYENBERGHE
1205 27000 FEET NO E/A SEEN NO FLAK BOMBERS IN GOOD FORMATION.
F/T GOOD.
WEATHER 5/10 CLOUD OVER CHANNEL BASE 4000 FEET
TOPS 5000 FEET 7/10 CLOUD OVER CONTINENT TO 51 DEGREES N.
65 DEGREES E. BASE 4000 FEET TOPS 6000
FEET CONTRAILS ABOVE 24000 FEET VISIBILITY EXCELLENT.
RT 1405A
AS FOR CHECK
LEO BRIEFED
CIHID P.....GOTTSCHALK SQ LDR

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FROM CC 352 TH FIGHTER GROUP CF17154
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COMMAND TACITCAL HEADQUARTERS OISEN OISAS OIUTH OIFXD COMM OIGOF
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CONFIDENTIAL 352 FG F10G D MISSION SIX SUMMARY REPORT 7 MARCH 194
A. 352 TH FIGHTER GROUP MAJOR THUNDERBOLT LEADING
B 52 P-47S 16 (486TH SQDN) 16 (487TH SQDN) UP 1??A DOWN 1615
C & 1 365TH SQDN (PROP) 2 - 367TH SQDN (1 FUEL OUT GAUGE
1 ALTRON 1 PSCOFT)
D WITHDRAWAL PSCOFT F.C. NR 67 IX FITF COMMAND
E THRU H. NIL
I L/F DEN HELDEF 1423 22,000FT. GROUP REACHED R/V POINT 15
MILES SOUTH OF EMDEN AT 1445 23,000FT FLEW SOUTHEAST
FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 MIES THEN RECEIVED RECALL SIGNAL
GROUP WITHDREW TO ENEMY COAST L/F DEN HELDEF 1515 23000
FT. ONE B-17 OBSERVED GOING DOWN SOTH OF SOTHOD APPROXIMATLY 1500
TWO CHUTES SEEN NO OTHER POINTS NO E/A
SEEN FLAK SOUTH OF EMDEN INTENSE AND ACCURATE AS TO DIRECTION
BUT LOW.
R/T GOOD
WEATHER 6/10 TO 8/10 CLOUD BASE 4500 FT TPS XXX TOPS FROM 10000
FT. TO 25000 FT AIR TO AIR VISIBILUTTY EXCELLENT AIR TO GROUND GROUND
VISIBILITY 5 MILES
OPT
AS
CC IN ADDTO. OIFXD
INSERT IN E. AFTER 15. (366TH SQDN) 16 (366TH 367TH SQDN)
UP 1334 ETC.
LINE 3 O F I. CC WA 15 MILES.
LINE 6 OF SAME PARA CC SOWN SOUTH OF SOUTHOD
EB KY
SOIMID P.....CR1330A GW

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A. [illegible] FIGHTER CLOUD MAJOR TIDDRIAULT LEADER
B. 56 P-47 10-EGST [illegible] SQDN (17-[illegible]TH SQDN) (1[illegible]-[illegible] TH SQDN)
   UP 1[illegible]5 DOWN 170[illegible]
C. SIX 1 AIRCRAFT [illegible]5TH SQDN (1 AIRCRAFT [illegible]5TH SQDN (2 [illegible]
   1 FLOP 1 ESCORT - [illegible]67TH SQDN.
D. WITHDRAWAL ESCORT FO [illegible] TO IX FI. C.P.
E. THRU H. NIL
I. L/F VICINITY [illegible] 27,000 FT 150A. PROCEED P/V POINT
VICINITY HALMERY 7,000 FT 150C. CONTINUED S? FOR APPROXIMATELY
10 MINUTES THEN ORDERED TO THE LEFT AND PROCEEDED ON COURSE OUT
L/F SOUTH OF OSTEND 27,000 FT 160?. NO FLAKS SEEN NO E/A SEEN
FLAK INTENSE AND ACCURATE AT BRUSSELS ON COMING IN AND OUT ALSO
IN P/V AREA AND [illegible]T QUIET P/T GOOD WEATHER 5/10 CLOUDS OVER
CHANNEL BASE 2000 FEET TOPS 6000 9/10 CLOUD OVER CONTINENT
WITH TOPS UP TO 27000 FEET AIR TO AIR VISIBILITY GOOD.
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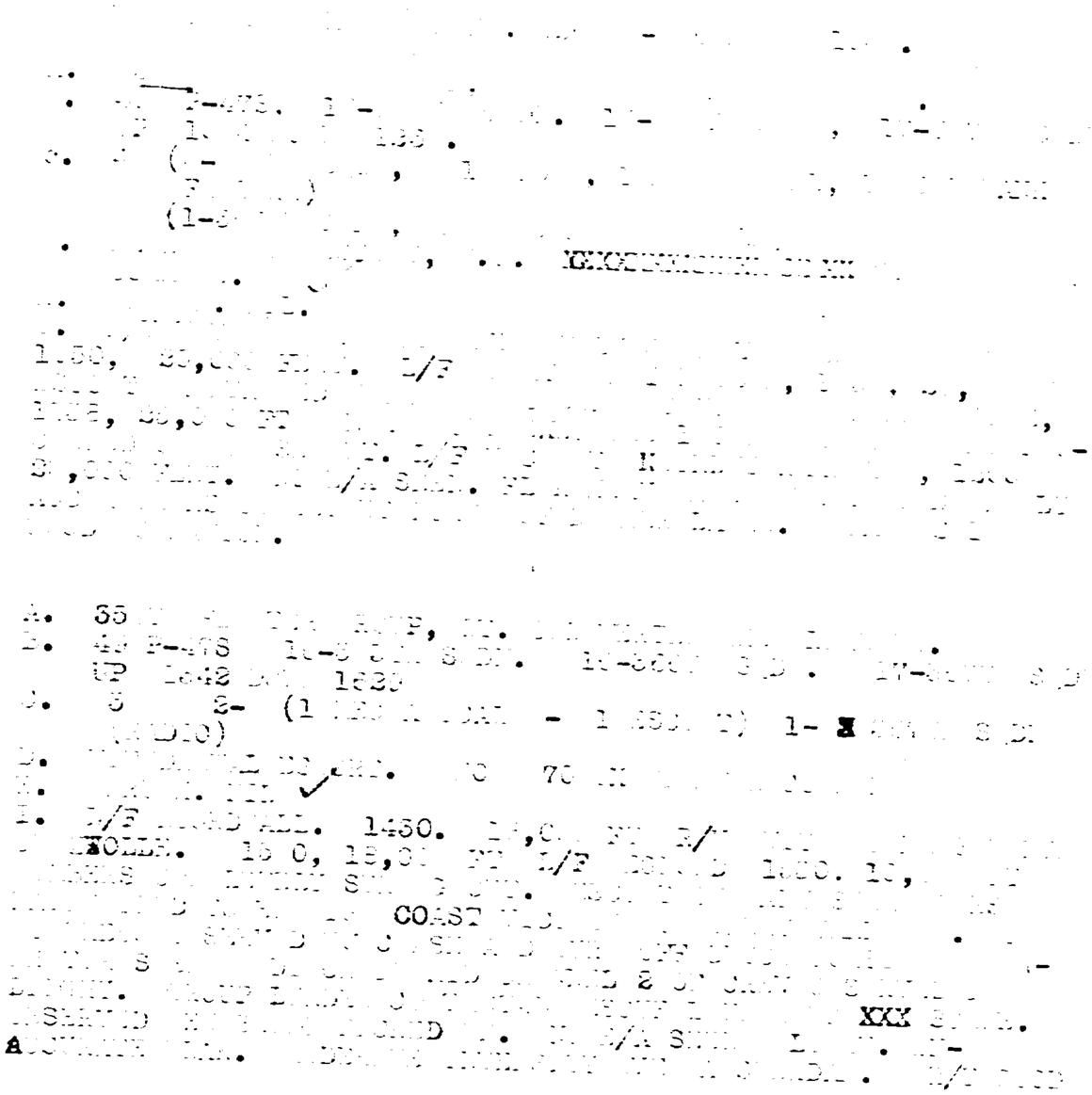

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS - 70TH. FIGHTER WING - 8 MARCH. 1944.
(SUPPORT FOR VIII BOMBER COMMAND)

MISSION 234 A

A. 358TH. FIGHTER GROUP, LT. COLXHWERTENBAKER LEADING.
B. 48 P-47'S, 16 (365TH. SQDN), 16 (366TH. SQDN), 16 (367TH. SQDN)
UP 1101. DOWN 1347.
V. ONE AIRCRAFT (365TH. SQDN) - Detach. tank
D. PENETRATION ESCORT, F.O. 73, IX FI. COMD.
E. THRU H. NIL.
I. L/F IN VICINITY OF IJMUIDEN, H1158, 25,000 FEET. R/V EARLY WITH BOMBERS AT BERGEN, 1210, 25,000 FEET, B-17'S SQUARE MARKINGS. LEFT BOMBERS DUMMER LAKE, 1239, 26.000 FT. L/F OUT NOGTH OF HAGUE, 22,000 FT., 1254. NO E/A SEEN. NO FLAK. ESCORT UNEVENTFUL. R/T GOOD WITH SOME JAMMING.
WEATHER: CLEAR STRIP ALONG ROUTE. 7/10 CLOUD TO NORTH.
10/10 TO SOUTH, VISIBILITY GOOD. Mar. 8 #1

MISSION 234 F

A. 358TH. FIGHTER GROUP, [illegible]OR THERRIAULT LEADING.
B. 49 P-47'S , 16 (365TH. SQDN), 17 (366TH. SQDN), 16 (367TH. SQDN) UP 1443 DOWN 1714.
C. SEVEN 1 POWER PLANT, 1 AIRCRAFT (365TH. SQDN), 1 AIRCRAFT S[redacted]S366TH. SQDN) 3 AIRCRAFT, 1 ESCORT (367TH. SQDN.) { 1 Carburetor 1 Fuel Sys. 2 Eng/prop 2 Act. Unk. 1 Esc.
D. WITHDRAWAL ESCORT, F.O. 73, HQ. IX FI. COMD. (SECOND EFFORT)
E. ONE, 366TH. SQUADRON. REASON UNKOWN.
F. NIL
G. 2ND. LT. CLYDE COLDREN (366TH. SQDN) MISSING.
H. NIL
I. L/F IN 1534, WESTHOOFD, 17,000 FT. R/V WITH THREE LARGE FORMATIONS BOMBERS VICINITY MEPPEL, 1/04, 17,000 FEET. ESCORT PROCEEDED UNEVENTFULLY OUT 20 MILES OVER NORTH SEA WHERE GROUP LEFT BOMBERS, 1629, 12,000 FEET. LT. COLDREN, 366TH. SQDN., SEEN TO SPIN IN NEAR ZWOLLE, 1604, AFTER APPARENT ENGINE TOWARD DUTCH COAST JUST AFTER MAKING L/F OUT. MACKINGS INDISTINGUISHABLE. EFFORTS TO CONTACT THESE BOMBERS BY RADIO FAILED.
R/T GOOD.
WEATHER: 10/10 CLOUD OVER CHANNEL AND CONTINENT TO ZUIDER ZEE. CLEAR BEYOND AND TO SOUTH VICINITY DUTCH ISLANDS. VISIBILITY GOOD.

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CONFIDENTAIAL 35CTGR3CD. MISSION SUMMARY REPORT MARCH 1944
A. 35CTH FIGHTER GRPUP LT. COL. WELLS LEADING
B. 51 P-47'S (365TH SQDN), 16 (366TH SQDN). 17(367TH SQDN).
UP 0836 DUCH 1300.
C. FOUR. 1 POWER PLANT 1 AIRCRAFT IRADIO 1 PILOT FAILURE (ILLNESS).
D. PENETRATION ESCORT F. O. CC IX FI. CCMD.
E. THRU H. NIL.
I. L/F IN IJMUIDEN 0928, 20,000 FT. DOMBERS LATE SO WIDE ORBIT MADE
OVER ZUIDER ZEE R/V BEING EFFECTED OVER MIDDLE ZUIDER ZEE
0941, 20,000 FT. ESCORT PROCEEDED UNEVENTAFULLY TO APPROXIMATELY
10 MILES E. OF HEPPEN, WHERE GROUP WITHDREW 1015, 20,000 FT. L/T
OUT HAGUE 1031, 17,000 FT. D-17'S OF 3RD DIVISION, SQUARE
MARKINGS, IN GOOD FORMATION LIGHT. ACCURATE FLAK VICINITY
UTRECHT 20,000 FT.
G/T GOOD.
WEATHER: 4/10 CLOUDS OVER CHANNEL 8/10 OVER CONTINENT, BASE 5,000 FT.
TOPS 8,000 FT. VISIBILITY GOOD.
DT 151130A
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CONFIDENTIAL 356TH FOR 370. MISSION SUMMARY REPORT 15 MARCH 1[illegible]
A. 356TH FIGHTER GROUP IX FC LT COL UNTENDAKER LEADING
B. 36 P-47'S 1.(365TH SQDN), 1.(366TH SQDN), 14(367TH SQDN).
   UP 1330 DOWN 1436.
C. NIL - O
D. WITHDRAWAL ESCORT F. C. CC IX FI. COMD. SECOND EFFORT
E. THRU H. NIL
I. GROUP SIGHTED ONE COMBAT WING B-17'S 10 MILES N OF IJMUIDEN.
366 TH SQDN. DISPATCHED TO ESCORT 1320 HOURS 20,000 FT. THIS
FORMATION ESCORTED TO ENGLISH COAST 1400 HOURS 12,000 FT. REST
OF GROUP CONTINUED ON COURSE MAKING L/F IN IJMUIDEN, 1320, 20,000 FT.
NOT OTHER BOMBERS SEEN AND GROUP RECALLED 1333 HOURS 15 MILES N.
OF ZUIDER ZEE 20,000 FT.
L/F CUT 1343 IN IJMUIDEN 10,000 FT. NO FLAK, NO E/A SEEN.
R/T GOOD.
WEATHER: 8/10 CLOUD OVER CHANNEL AND CONTINENT. VISIBILITY GOOD.
DT 151625A
END DDD
CIHIB H.....151750- AC K

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MISSION E.
A. 356TH FIGHTER GROUP , IX F.C. LT. COL. WELLS LEADING .
B. 5[illegible] 17'S, 17 (36[illegible] SQDN), 16(366TH SQDN), 1[illegible] (367TH SQDN)
UP 1444 DOWN 1747
C. 5-1 OIL LEAK , 1 RADIO , 1 GAS GUAGES , 2 BELLY TANK . 2 pilots
D. WITHDRAWAL ESCORT , F.C. 69A, IX F.C. 1 A/C
E. TIBU
F. NIL
I. L/F GRAVELINES , 1514, 13,000 FT . R/V WITH BOMBERS 10 MILES
SE DEPEHAY , 1550, 18,000 FT . MAINTAINED ESCORT OF SEVERAL BOXES
OF FORTRESSES WITHOUT INCIDENT XXXXXXX APPROXIMATELY 15 MILES SW
AMIENS . WHERE GROUP LEFT BOMBERS , 163,XXXXXX 1630 , 15,000 FT .
L/F CAYEUX , 1640, 10,000 FT . BOMBERS IN FAIR FORMATION , NO
E/A SEEN . MODERATE , ACCURATE HEAVY FLAK OVER CALAIS AND
DUNKIRK ON WAY IN . LIGHT , INACCURATE FLAK FROM ABBEVILLE ON
WAY OUT .
R/T GOOD .
WEATHER 1 OCT TAKE OFF , 6/10 CLOUD , 45,000 FT . WITH HAZE TO
CLOUD BASE . INCREASING CLOUD HAZE OVER CHANNEL . ON CONTINENT
10/10 CLOUD NEAR COAST TO 2 DEGREES 30 MINUTES E., BASE 18,000
FT. TOPS 22,000 FT . 3/10-4/10 CUMULUS FROM 2 DEGREES
30 MINUTES E . TO 3 DEGREES 30 MINUTES E. 3 DEGREES
30 MINUTES E. TO R/V 10/10 CLOUD TO 23,000 FT . VISIBILITY
POOR OVER ENTIRE ROUTE
COMAF ADV WIRE
DE 162354A
AUTO/LARRY MILLS AS AS AS
CC PARA D. F.C. 69A PENETRATION ETC.
CC PARA K. 7TH. LINE TO READ 1 ME 109 DESTROYED LT.FISK 356 SQ.
1 ME 109 PROB DESTROYED. ETC.
PARA 1. CWA SHIPS ELEMENTS EACH ATTACKING A CWA 31,000 FT
OVER CHANNEL.
MISSION C PARA 1. CWA XXXXX OVER ENEMY TERRITORY AT 1606
HRS. SOUTH WEST OF LE TREPORT AT 23,000 FT. MADE R/V WITH
CC MISSION E. CWA 1514 18,000 FT. Mar 16
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DET CHECK PAPER AND STAND BY FOR FURTHER SUMMT BROADCAST

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CONFIDENTIAL 35E FG D5CD MISSION SUMMARY REPORT FC MARCH 19AA.

A. 35ETH FIGHTER GROUP, IX FC. CAPTAIN STEWART LEADING.
B. PENETRATION, TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT F. O. 95 IX FC.

C. 48 P-47'S 16(365TH SQ) 16(366TH SQDN), 17(35XXXX367TH SQDN).

D. AND E. NIL

F. SEVERAL HITS OBSERVED ON A/F, TAXI STRIPS AND BUILDING AREA TAT SW CORNER OF FIELD, A/F BELIEVED TO BE GRANDVILLIERS, APPROXIMATELY 1C MI. S OF POIX 3 HITS ON A/F AT ABBEVILLE, AND 6 BOMB BURSTS IN BUILDING AREA SE SIDE OF FIELD ALSO REPORTED.

G. AND H. NIL.

I. R/V OVER 362ND GROUP BASE AT 6919, 3,CCC FT. L/F LE TREPORT 6955, 15,CCC FT, WHERE GROUP SPLIT, 365TH AND 366TH SQDS COVERING BOMBING SQUADRONS PROCEEDING TO POI, AND 367TH SQADRON COVERING SQUADRON PROCEEDING TO ABBEVILLE. FOR REASONS UNKNOWN, SQUADRONS COVERED BY 365TH AND 366TH ORBITTED OVER POIX AREA WITHOUT BOMBING, AND PROCEEDED TO ABBEVILLE WHERE BOMBS WERE RELEASED AT 1C15, 5,CCC FT. SQUADRONS LEFT 362ND AND MADE L/F 5 MI. NORTH OF BOULOVNE, 1C,CCC FT. 11CC HOURSBOMBING QUADRON COVERED BY 367TH SQDN DID NOT BOMB ABBEVILLE, W PROCEEDED SOUTH AND REALEASED BOMBS ON A/F BELIEVED TO BE GRANDVILLIERS AT 15,0CC FT, 1025 HOURS. 367TH MADE L/F LE TREPORT 1C,CCC FT, 1C5C HOURS, AND BECAUSE OF OVERCAST BECAME SEPARATED FROM 362ND IN MID CHANNEL APPROXIMATELY 11CC HOURS. SINGLE LARGE GLOB OF MEDIUM FLAK 1C [redacted]

AT 15,CCC FT, 1025 HOURS 367TH MADE L/F LE TREPORT 1C,CCC FT, 1C5C HOURS AND BECAUSE OF OVERCAST BECAME SEPARATED FROM 362ND IN MID CHANNEL APPROXIMATELY 11CC HOURS. SINGLE LARGE GLOB OF MEDIUM FLAK 1C PUFFS INACCURATE OVER ABBEVILLE NO E/A SEEN.

R/T GOOD.

WEATHER 31C CLOUD CHANNEL BECOMING 6/1C AT TARGET AND 8/1C TO 1C/1C 3C MI SE OF TARGET. TOPS 5,CCC FT. VEIL OF CLOUD AT 12,CCC FT. 6/1C TO 8/1C THIN CLOUD AT 19,CCC FT. VISIBIXITY GOOD.
BT 2C14CCA

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No. 28

A. 358TH FIGHTER GROUP, IX FIGHTER COMMAND LT. COL. WELLS LEADING

B. WITHDRAWAL ESCORT, F.O. NO. 97, IX F.C.

C. 48 P~~XXX~~ P-47'S, 16- 365TH SQDN, 16 - 366TH SQDN, 16 - 367TH SQDN
UP 1330, DOWN 1610

D. THRU H. NIL

I. L/F ZANDVOORT 1415, 20,00 FT. R/V WITH LIBERATORS 10 MILES
WEST OF QUACKENBRUCK, 1445, 20,000 FT. MAINTAINED ESCORT WITHOUT
INCIDENT TO ENEMY COAST WHERE GROUP MADE L/F
VICINITY KATWIJK AAN ZEE, 1512, 20,000 FT. BOMBERS IN GOOD FORMATION.
NO E/A SEEN. MODERATE, INACCURATE BARRAGE TYPE HEAVY FLAK, 6 BURSTS AT
TIME, VICINITY DEN HELDER 12,000 FT

R/T GOOD.

WEATHER: 5/10 CUMULUS, BASE 2,000 FT. TOPS 6,000 FT OVER CHANNEL
AND CONTINENT. VISIBILITY EXCELLENT . SCATTERED SHOWERS WITH
CLOUD BASE LOWERING TO 2,500 FT. WEATHER SAME ON RETURN
ROUTE. CONTRAILS 26,000 FT., HIGHTLY PERSISTENT

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FIGHTER GROUP MISSION SUMMARY REPORT FOR 23 MARCH 1944

ESCORT TO B-17'S AND B-24'S MISSION A/C FACTORIES

358TH FIGHTER GROUP REPORT

A. 358TH FIGHTER GROUP, CAPTAIN STEWART LEADING.
B. PENETRATION ESCORT, F.O. 99A. HQ, IX FI COMD.
C. ONE, PROPELLER (356TH SQDN).
D. 49 P-47 17 356TH SQDN 16 (366TH SQDN),
16 367TH SQDN UP 0829. DOWN 1105.
E. THRU
G. NIL.
H. 1-0-0
1 ME-110 DESTROYED, CAPT. SPRIETSMA 37 SQDN.
I. L/F IN VICINITY OSTEND 0905, 21,000 FT.R/V WITH 1ST DIVISION. B17'S IN GOOD FORMATION EARLY 10 MILES SW OF MALMEDY WHERE GROUP WITHDREW. ON WAY OUT VICINITY NAMUR A ME-110 WAS ATTACKED ON THE DECK BY CAPT SPRIETSMA, 367TH SQDN. E/A SEEN TO CATCH ON FIRE AND CRASH IN FIELD, LIGHT, INACCURATE BARRAGE TYPE FLAK ANTWERP, 21,000 FT.

R/T GOOD.

WEATHER: 10/10 CLOUDS OVER CHANNEL WITH BASE AT 3,500 FT. TOPS 6,000 FT. BREAKING TO 5/10 OVER CONTINENT.
VISIBILITY EXCELLENT.
LIGHT, NON-PERSISTENT CONTRAILS ABOVE 26,000 FT.

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HEADQUARTERS 356TH FIGHTER GROUP
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 595 US Army

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3 April 1944.

SUBJECT: CFRSP.

TO : Commanding General, Hq, Army Expeditionary Air Forces.
Att: Ops Records.
Commanding General, Ninth Air Force. Att: 26th SCU.
Commanding General, Ninth Air Support Command. Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 70th Fighter Wing. Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 March 1944, a Negative report is submitted for period ending 2 April 1944.

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-RANDALL D. KEATOR,
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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Office of the [illegible] Officer
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SUBJECT: [illegible]

TO : [illegible], [illegible] Air Force. [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] Air Support Command. [illegible]
Commanding Officer, [illegible] Air Depot [illegible]

1. In compliance with [illegible] Air Force Regulation [illegible], the following narrative report is submitted for the period [illegible] to [illegible].

[illegible]
MARSHALL D. [illegible],
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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APO [illegible] [illegible]

3 April 1944.

SUBJECT: S [illegible].

TO : Commanding General, [illegible] Air Force. Attn: [illegible].
Commanding General, [illegible] Air Service Command. Attn: [illegible].
Commanding Officer, [illegible] Air Depot. Attn: [illegible].

1. In [illegible] attached [illegible], dated [illegible], a negative report is submitted [illegible] April 1944.

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[illegible]
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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office of the operations officer
APO [illegible]

[illegible] April 1944.

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SUBJECT: Order.

To : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force. APO [illegible].
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command. APO: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 70th Air Base Sqdn. APO: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with [illegible] Air Force [illegible], [illegible], a narrative report is submitted for the period ending 5 April 1944.

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[illegible] G. [illegible],
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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[illegible] Bomb Wing (M) (H)
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 595

[illegible]

[illegible] April 1944

SUBJECT: ORDER.

To : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force. Att: [illegible].
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command. Att: Ops Control.
Commanding Officer, 70th Fighter Wing. Att: Ops Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo [illegible], dated [illegible], a negative report is submitted for the period ending [illegible] April 1944.

[illegible]
[illegible],
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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In compliance with Article XIII Para Sect 3, Air Def Regs, the following report is submitted.

1. Unit: 3(Bomber) Group.

2. Date: 1 Apr 1944.

Mission or operation no.: In Bridge Rec. No. 133.

3. A. T/O 1317, down 1515. Withdrawal escort of forts from 15 miles north of Jurgen I/F out enemy coast outward. 1330 to 1434. Escort without incident. Rendezvous with 3/ Wing. Several boxes liberators observed ahead of fortresses. Moderate and accurate heavy flak at Jurgen 1430 hrs.
Weather: 2/10 - 10/10 cloud, base 900 ft, top 12,000 ft over channel and continent; 3/10 cloud, base 17,000 ft, top 19,000 ft also over channel and continent; visibility good.

B. (i) 46 P-47D
(ii) 44 P-47D
(iii) 2 P-47D aborted due to mechanical trouble.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 44.

C. (i) 46 British type, capacity 108 American gallons.
(ii) 43 British type, capacity 150 American gallons.

D. (i) 1228/30 hours.
(ii) Nil.

2. (i) [illegible]
(ii) [illegible]
(iii) [illegible]

3. (i) [illegible]
(ii) [illegible]
(iii) [illegible]
(iv) [illegible]

3. [illegible]

4. (i) [illegible] ✓
(ii) [illegible] ✓
(iii) [illegible] ✓

Kendall S. Keator
[illegible],
[illegible], Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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-8, dated 10 Apr 1944.

1. [illegible] Fighter Group.

2. [illegible] for 24 hours ending 0001 hours 10 Apr 1944.

[illegible] of operation Order No. [illegible] 151.

3. [illegible] up 0801, over target 0910 to 0935, down 1 47.
Escort of bombers bombing positions at le Havre,
No. 151 Plan A. First bomb group bombed positions
just north of le Havre close to beach. Target well
covered with concentration of bursts. Bombers
stacked from 17,000 to 18,000 feet over target.
Second bomb group bombed three other installations
approximately 1000 yards north of target bombed by
first group. Accurate bursts observed on targets
in good concentrations. Bombers at 10,000 to
12,000 ft. One bomber seen to abort in target area,
one engine smoking. Intense, inaccurate barrage
type 88 directed at first group, at 14,000 to
14,000 ft. Meagre, inaccurate 88 directed at
second group, same altitude. Two white [illegible]
rockets seen over Pas de Calais at 0900.
Weather: Trace cumulus, 8000 ft over target;
visibility unlimited. 10/10 strato-cumulus west
of line from Dover to Brest, base 2,000 ft, to
6,000 ft, visibility.

B. (i) 45 P-47D
(ii) 44 P-47D
(iii) 1 P-47D aborted due to imperative operational order.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.

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Respectfully,

Randall C. Kester

Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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[illegible]

11 April 1944.

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: [illegible] Control, [illegible] Area, APO [illegible]
[illegible] Control, [illegible]
APO [illegible]
[illegible] Officer, [illegible], APO [illegible]

In compliance with [illegible] Air Force [illegible], dated [illegible], the following report is submitted.

1. [illegible] Light Bombardment Group.

2. [illegible] No. 3 for 24 hours ending midnight 10 April 1944.

3. Field Order (Operation No.: [illegible] Dated 9 April 1944.

4. a. Up 1659, down 1814. Escort to 3rd Bomb Wing Marshalling Yards. Over target at 1801. Bombing done from 14,000 ft. Lead box sighted bursts in the south and east portions of Marshalling Yards. Results of second box not observed. Both box drop vectored away after flak control at Soignies to vicinity St. Quentin, to Sherleville, then turned north to Florennes, then home. Passed over target and observed bombs rising. Countryside in area south of target observed to be flooded with canals forming borders of flooded areas. Moderate and inaccurate HFF vicinity Soulers on route in.
Weather: 5/10 cumulus, base 2,[illegible] ft, top 8,000 ft. Hair in haze.

b. (i) 49 P-47D
(ii) 48 P-47D
(iii) 1 P-47D aborted due to airplane - [illegible] tanks.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.

trol.

3. (i) 30 F-47.

(ii) 48 F-47.

(iii) 1 F-47 aborted due to retraction of landing gear.

2. (iv) Nil.

(v) Nil.

(vi) Nil.

(vii) 1 P-47D damaged by flak, category B.

(viii) 49 sorties.

C. (i) 18 British type, 108 American rockets.

(ii) 13 British type, 108 American rockets.

D. (i) 123:00 hours.

(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 80,000 rounds 50 calibre ammunition.

(ii) 13,595 rounds.

(iii) Nil.

F. 500 pound bombs fused nose M-103 1/10 second delay; tail M-101A2 1/40 second delay.

G. (i) 33.

(ii) 33.

(iii) Nil.

(iv) Nil.

G. Nil.

H. (i) Nil.

(ii) Nil.

(iii) Nil.

Randall S. Keator
RANDALL S. KEATOR,
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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Office of the [illegible]
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In compliance with [illegible] 8, [illegible]
[illegible] 1944, the following report is submitted.

1. [illegible] 358th Fighter Group.

2. Sortie No. 2 for 24 hours ending Sunset 11 Apr 1944.

3. Mission or operation No.: [illegible] 105.

4. [illegible] 106, divebombing Dael A/F and strafing Rennes A/F. Up 1050, over Dael A/F 1124, over Rennes A/F 1145, down 1257. Two squadrons bombed Dael A/F, one squadron furnishing high cover. Results believed excellent. Hits observed on hangers, buildings, runways and [illegible] ships. Bomb run started at 12,000 ft, bombs released at 3,000 ft. 62 x 500 G.P. bombs dropped, fuse 1/10 second nose, 1/25 second tail. A/F at Rennes strafed on deck. Hits observed on hangers, control tower, flak towers and gun emplacements. Hits largely concentrated in SE portion of field. At Rennes cross fire of automatic weapons extremely effective. Strongest concentrations of flak came from SE portion of field. Intense small arms fire. At Dael, flak light, moderate, inaccurate. Between St. de la Hercee and La Bougue on NE coast of Cherbourg Peninsula, V shaped fortifications were seen at low tide. It is believed these fortifications would not be visible at low tide. 3 large merchant ships in St. Malo inlet, and 5 or 6 more in adjoining inlet. Weather: 5-6/10 cloud over target, base 8,000 ft, top 10,000 ft; visibility good; elsewhere along route, No cloud, and visibility 3-4 miles in haze.

5. (i) 45 -47E.
(ii) 45 -47E.

E. (iii) 3 -47's aborted; 1 pr[illegible] tire, 1 jettisoned to be nearer base, 1 [illegible] after take off because of premature arming, 1 damaged by flashes of dirt blown into air when [illegible] / [illegible] bombs.

(iv) Nil.

(v) Nil.

(vi) 3 [illegible]-47's destroyed over target, three [illegible] and one fire.

(vii) 3 [illegible]-47's damaged, [illegible], two to field.

(viii) 41.

F. (i) 45. British type, 109 [illegible] guns.
(ii) 42. British type, 109 [illegible] guns.

G. (i) 142:30 hours.

(ii) Nil.

H. (i) 72,000 rounds 50 calibre ammunition.

(ii) 26,579.

(iii) 4800.

I. (i) 500 pound bombs fused nose [illegible]-191 1/1[illegible] second delay; tail [illegible]-191A2 1/40 [illegible] delay. 62 carried into air.

(ii) 60.

(iii) 2.

(iv) Nil.

J. 2 P KIA, 1 P WIA. Major Ross
Capt. Dickinson
Lt. Schlinger

K. 1 JU 88 destroyed.?
Credit to Group a piece

Randall S. Keator
[illegible]
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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[illegible]

. [illegible] flights [illegible], [illegible] for [illegible] 1c [illegible].

. [illegible]-47s 1c (8th Sqdn.) 1c (8th Sqdn.) 1c (8th Sqdn.)

. [illegible], three each.

. Destruction support, [illegible] 1c., [illegible] 1 [illegible] Comd.

[illegible]

1. [illegible] 1324. 25,[illegible] ft. vicinity Lymond over solid overcast, [illegible] with bombers 1.28 hours 25,[illegible] ft. vicinity [illegible] escort proceeded uneventfully until 11.3 hours, vicinity Lotten, where group turned back and met another bomber formation coming in over wider bee and made a wide orbit over these bombers after which returned to base. [illegible] 1.8 hours, vicinity Ymuiden, 18,[illegible] ft. [illegible] bombers in good formation [illegible] good.

[illegible]; over channel clouds formed at [illegible], with tops at [illegible], [illegible] another layer [illegible] 1c, [illegible] extending to 16,[illegible] feet. Another found between 17,[illegible] and 21,[illegible] feet. Another layer between [illegible],[illegible] and 6, [illegible] feet. Solid overcast over continent except momentarily in wider bee area.

Contrail visibility good when out of clouds. Moderately persistent contrails formed 25,[illegible] - 29,[illegible] feet.

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- 1st Brt and Last Forces

. 388th Winter Hour, Lt. Col. Ellis Lobby.

. 6. -47s 17 (388th Sqdn.) 18 (389th Sqdn.) 19 (390th Sqdn.)
Off. Duty Crew.

. Nil, Operator Failure.

. Area support, ... 38s, 1st Lt. Command

. thru 1. Nil

1. 1/4 Ship, vicinity Secury, 1,500 ft. entered assigned area 1151.
Proceeded south to vicinity Orleans where rdvd with first formation -17s. Held hours. 02,... ft. After escorting out thru assigned area 18 degrees turn returning to vicinity Orleans rendz second formation -17s escorting back thru assigned area.
Left area 1 hours, continuing out with 3 hours until 1 hours when broke off escort. In vicinity 140 hours, 16, 1 ft. ... south of Rouen hit by flak bursts. Buildings on north side of field were hit and burning. Flak good.

[illegible] January 1944

[illegible]

[illegible] Lt. Col. [illegible] leading.

[illegible] fighter group. [illegible] 17 (S[illegible]dn., [illegible] (S[illegible]dn.)
[illegible] 1900 hours.

[illegible] all leads.

[illegible] penetration support [illegible] 18, [illegible] fighter [illegible].

[illegible] all.

1. I/F [illegible] 18[illegible] ft. [illegible] vicinity [illegible], 1[illegible], [illegible], [illegible] ft. escort maintained to vicinity Pauilly 1[illegible] 1[illegible]. Withdrawal group escorted liberators with Spitfires escort from [illegible] to enemy coast. [illegible] Merck [illegible] 1[illegible]. [illegible] bounced by [illegible] Silver coated [illegible] [illegible],[illegible] ft. In the ensuing encounter [illegible] was probably destroyed by others quickly dispersed bombers in [illegible] formation.

[illegible] Good.

Weather: 6/10 - 8/10 low clouds [illegible] top unknown over channel to vicinity [illegible]. Beyond solid overcast. Visibility excellent. Persistent contrail above 26,0[illegible] ft.

[illegible] 18[illegible] [illegible] SUMMARY [illegible].

[illegible]. 1[illegible] 19[illegible] probably destroyed Lt. [illegible] Arnold 367th Sqdn. -

[illegible]

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PENETRATION SUPPORT

A. 356TH FIGHTER GROUP, LT. COL. WERTENBAKER LEADING.
B. 62 P-47'S, 21 (365TH SQDN.) 20 (366TH SQDN.) 21 (367TH SQDN.)
   UP 0944, DOWN 1206.
C. 4, (1 RADIO, 1 ENGINE, 1 HIGH CYLINDER HEAD TEMPERATURE 1 PROP
   1 ESCORT
D. PENETRATION SUPPORT **XXEX** F F.NO. 240
E. THRU H. HIL.
I. L/F VICINITY NEUPORT 26,000 FT 1026. R/V WITH BOMBERS OVER CHANNEL
APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES BEFORE L/F 26,000 FT 1027. MAINTAINED ESCORT
WITHOUT INCIDENT TO VICINITY MALNEDY, 27,000 FT, 1105, WHEN GROUP
MADE **XIX** STARBOARD TURN TO INVESTIGATE BOGIES TO SW, THEN PROCEEDED
ON COURSE OUT . L/F VICINITY DUNKIRK, 24,000 FT, 1135. SEVERAL
ME-109'S OBSERVED SOUGHXH SOUTH OF SPA BEINGXXXX BEING ENGAGED
BY P-47'S WITH RED, GREEN AND BLUE NOSES ALSO OBSERVED P-47'S WITH
OUT ANY MARKINGS. BOMBERS IN GOOD FORMATION, HAD TRIANGULAR
MARKINGS. R/T GOOD.

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FROM ADV HQ IX AIR FORCE 221757A
TO CG IX AIR FORCE

FROM 91XIV 22/1743A
TO XDA
FROM 91AJ
TO 91 XIV
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CONFIDENTIAL 358FGF70D 358TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION SUMMARY REPORT 22 FEBRUARY 1944.

A. 2 358TH FIGHTER GROUP, LT.COL. WESTENBARGER LEADING.

B. AC P-47'S, 1 (365TH SQDN), 1 (366TH SQDN), 1(37TH FF SQ SQDN).
UP 1116 DOWN 1353, 5 DOWN BOOSTED.

C. TWO, 1 SUPERCHARGER REGULATOR FAILURE, 1 ESCORT.

D. PENETRATION ESCORT, F.O XXXIV F.)
O. 247, HQ. VIII FI. COMD.

E. THRU H. NIL.

I. L/F IN 1208, VICINITY WESTHOOF, 27,000 FEET. R/V WITH 3RD DIVISION B-17'S WITH SQUARE MARKINGS APPROXIMATELY 35 MILES EAST OF ROTTERDAM, 1229, 16,000 FEET. GROUP WITHDREW 1254 HOURS, VICINITY DORKEN, 26,000 FEET. LF OUT SOUTH OF NOORDWAL, 22,000 FEET. HEAVY FLAK VICINITY DORDRECHT APPROXIMATELY 12 MILES SE OF ROTTERDAM AT 24,000 FEET. ACCURATE AS TO DIRECTION BUT LOW. BOMBERS IN GOOD FORMATION IN ELEMENTS BUT ELEMENT OF ABOUT 12 A/C STRUNG OUT OVER WIDE AREA. R/T GOOD.
WEATHER: 9/10 - 10/10 MULTI-LAYER CLOUD UP TO 22,000 FEET, FIRST LAYER BASE 2,000 FEET, TOP 7,000 FEET. 3/10 - 6/10 CLOUD BETWEEN 8,000 AND 10,000 FEET OVER CONTINENT. LIGHT, PERSISTENT CONTRAILS ABOVE 24,000 FEET. HEAVY, PERSISTENT CONTRAILS ABOVE 24,000 FEET.

BT 221757A
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SIL R.....221832A MS

SHL V UBA NR 75 -P-

FROM ADV HQ NINTH AIR FORCE 251454A
O SHL ATTEN: S.C.U.
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RELAYED OUT OF VIII FIGHTER COMD. MISSION SUMMARY REPORT FOR
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A. 358TH FIGHTER GROUP, LT. COL WELLS LEADING
B. 50 P-47'S, 17 (365TH SQDN.), 16(366TH SQDN.), 17 (367TH SQDN.)
UP 1312, DOWN 1534.
C. TWO.
D. WITHDRAWAL ESCORT, F.O. NO. 240 VIII FIGHTER COMD.
E. THRU H. NIL.
I. L/F WALCHERENISLAND, 1343, 20,000 FEET, R/V WITH BOMBERS
ABOUT 14 MILES SE OF LIEGE, 1427, 20,000 FT. ESCORTED B-24'S
OUT, TO COAST SOUTH OF OSTEND AND TURNED BACK TWICE TO ESCORT
TWO DIFERENT FORMATIONS OF B-17'S OUT, LEAVING BOMBERS IN MID-
CHANNEL, 1505, AT 18,000 FEET. L/F OUT 1455, SOUTH OF OSTEND,
18,500 FEET. HEAVY AND ACCURATE FLAK ENCOUNTERED AT 20,000 FEET
OVER FLUSHING, ANTWERP, AND DIEST A/D BOMBERS IN GOOD FORMATION.
R/T GOOD . WEATHER 1-2/10 CLOUD, BASE 4,000 FT., TOP 5,000
FEET. HAZE UP TO 10,000 FEET,RESTRICTING VIXIBILITY TO 7 MILES.
ABOVE 10,000 FT. VISIBILITY EXCELLENT. LIGHT NON-PERSISTENT
CONTRAILS ABOVE 24,000 FT.

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C IN D. C W A F.O. NO. 250 RPT NO. 250
C IN I. C W A ANTWERP, AND DIEST A/D REPEAT DIEST A/D
K.H. AR K

SHL R.....251513A TP AR

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FROM NINTH AIR SUPPORT COMMAND 261800A
TO COMMANDING GENERAL NINTH AIR FORCE
CONFIDENTIAL BT

B/RRC/TZ//
9 ASC F1295E IN COMPLIANCE WITH AAF REGUALTION 62-14, THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY ACCIDENT REPORT IS FORWARDED:

A. 25 FEB 1944 1730 AAF STATION F-157
B. RAYMOND P LOMBAN, 1ST LT AIR CORPS RESERVE, IX AF, IX FC, 70TH WING. STA 157
C. LANDING ACCIDENT. PILOT LANDED ON RIGHT SIDE OF RUNWAY, LT MCCLURE IN AIRCRAFT 42-72123 LANDING BEHIND HIM OVERSHOT HIM ON THE ROLL STRIKING LEFT WING AS HE PASSED.
D. NONE
E. CONEAT
F. CEILING 1500 FEET, VISIBILITY 4 MILES
G. 42-74713 P-47D-6
H. AAF STATION F-157
I. LEFT WING CHANGE
J. NONE
K. 462 AF SERVICE SQUADRON
L. NONE
M. NOTIFIED.

[illegible] INFO [illegible] INFO:

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BT 261800A
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SNL R.....26/1815A SHV AR K

CIL [illegible] 66 -2-

FROM MINIMAL SUPPORT COMYAIR 261800A
TO COMFAIRLING GENERAL NINTH AIR FORCE
CONFIDENTIAL BT

D AGC F1294E IN COMPLIANCE WITH AAF REGULATION 62-14, THE FOLLOWING PRE
PRELIMINARY ACCIDENT REPORT IS FORWARDED:

A. 25 FEBRUARY 1944, 1700 AAF SATATION F-157
B. MAX M MCCLURE, 1ST LT AUS NINTH AF 366TH FIGHTER SQDN 358TH FTR GP AAF STATION F-157 IN AIR SUPPORT COMMAND 70TH WING
C. LANDING ACCIDENT. RETURNING FROM COMBAT MISSION. PILOT LANDED TOO SHOT DUE TO FLAPS NOT DOWN SOON ENOUGH. AIRCRAFT IN FRONT OF HIM WAS TOO CLOSE AND TO THE RIGHT OF RUNWAY. APPLIED BRAKES TO AVOID COLLIE USSHL R U TIVER SETTLING ON ITS BACK. AIRCRAFT IN FRONT TOO SLOW IN CLEARING RUNWAY.
D. NONE
E. RETURNING FROM COMBAT MISSION
F. VISIBILITY 4 MILES, CLOUD BASE 1800 PLIS, WIND DIRCETION NNE AT 12 MPH
G. 42-75123 P47/ P-47D-10
H. AAF STATION F-157
I. ENGINE, PROP, FUSELAGE, TAIL SECTION, RIGHT WING
J. NONE
K. LOCAL SERVICE BROUP AT STATION F-157
L. NONE
M. NOTIFIED.
BT 261800A
AC

ACTION AF 3 [illegible]
INFO [illegible]

CC MAX M MCCLURE
DW AF
CHL R.....26/1825A KNE AF

SHL V [illegible] NR QR AR-

FROM ADV HQ NINTH AIR FORCE [illegible]
TO SHL ATTENTION; SCU
BT
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EXCERPT FROM VIII FIGHTER COMMAND'S MISSION SUMMARY REPORT
FOR 25 FEBRUARY 1944 UNDER F.O. 351 PT.

A. 56TH FIGHTER GROUP X3MX LT. COL. WELLS LEADING
B. 61 P-47S (1 [illegible] 368TH SQDN) 17 (368 SQDN) 17 (367TH SQDN)
UP 14 5 DOWN 1711
C. THREE P-[illegible] TH SQDN (1 MECHANICAL FAILURE 1 OIL LEAK).
1 - 367TH SQDN (OXYGEN REGULATOR)
D. WITHDRAWAL ESCORT F.O. 351 HQS VIII FI. COMD.
E. 1 MYR REASON UNKNOWN
F. 1 P-47 NOSED UP ON LANDING CAT. 3
G. 1 MTR LT. SHANNON 367TH SQDN.
H. L/F OSTEND 1430, 20,000 FT. R/V WITH BOMBERS 10 MILES N
AARDBURGEN, 1534, 20,000 FT. ESCORT MAINTAINED WITHOUT
INCIDENT TO APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES S OF ABBEVILLE, 16 5,
20,000 FT. L/F VICINITY LT TREPORT, 1610, 5000 FT. P-47'S
IN GOOD FORMATION. F/T GOOD.

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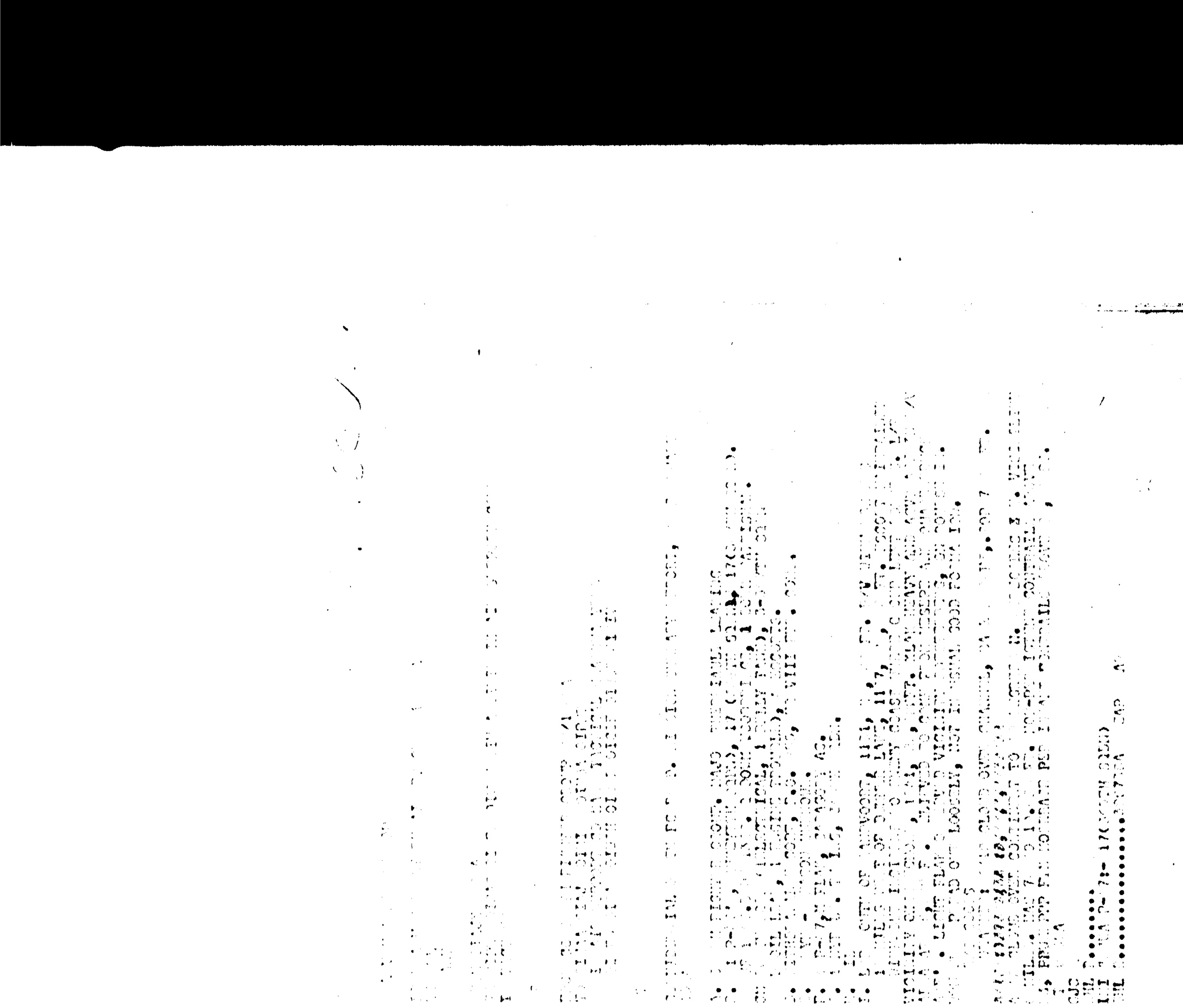

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 595 US Army

EK-5

3 April 1944.

SUBJECT: OPREP.

TO : Commanding General, Hq, Army Expeditionary Air Forces.
Att: Ops Records.
Commanding General, Ninth Air Force. Att: 26th SCU.
Commanding General, Ninth Air Support Command. Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 70th Fighter Wing. Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 March 1944, a Negative report is submitted for period ending 2 April 1944.

S-323

RANDALL D. KEATOR,
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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HQ 3d Combat Bomb Wing (H) [illegible]
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 595 US Army

5 April 1944.

SUBJECT: G-2.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force . Att: G-2.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command. Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 70th Fighter Wing. Att: Stat Control.

S-395

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending 4 April 1944.

[signature]
[illegible] J. [illegible],
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 368TH FIGHTER GROUP
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 535 US Army

S-2-4

6 April 1944.

S-396

SUBJECT: Operations.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force. Att: 2600.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command. Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 70th Fighter Wing. Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated Mar 29, 1944, a operative report is submitted for the period ending 5 April 1944.

Kendall S. Penton
Kendall S. Penton,
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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Headquarters 395th Fighter Group LK-4
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 595 US Army

2 April 1944.

SUBJECT: S.I.R.

To : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force. Att: 26 Sec.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command. Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 70th Fighter Wing. Att: Stat Control.

S-398

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending 7 April 1944.

Randall E. Kester

Randall E. Kester,
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

S-370

[illegible] Fighter Group.
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 520 US Army

A-1

9 April 1944.

Subject: [illegible]

TO : Commanding General, Allied Expeditionary Air Forces.
Att: Ops Records.
Commanding General, Ninth Air Force. Att: Ninth Ops.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command. Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 70th Fighter Wing. Att: Stat Control.

In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 29 March 1944, the following report is submitted.

1. From:- 356th Fighter Group.

2. Ref:-
Operation No. 1 for 24 hours ending Sunset 9 April 1944.

Mission or Operation No. 145 in area.

a. A/C 1156, Comb. 1443. Penetration support, U.S. Order 1145, IX Air Support Command. Escort from Ijmuiden on western bank of Zuider Zee to 5 miles North of Osnabruck. Bomber escorted without incident. No E/A seen. Flak heavy, intense and inaccurate on way in vicinity Ijmuiden, approximately 20,000 ft. Many small boats observed in dock at Ijmuiden, 10 boats in one slip. Weather 5 to 10/10ths cloud, base 2,000 ft top 25,000 ft, visibility poor.

b. (i) 48 P-47D's.
(ii) 39 P-47D's (Dam Western bank of Zuider Zee)
(iii) 2 Oxygen, 3 Mechanical, 1 Oil leak, 1 Fuel system, 1 Escort abortive.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 45

c. (i) 4d British type 108 American gallons.
(ii) 4t British type 108 American gallons.

d. (i) 129 hours (day)
(ii) Nil (night)

e. (i) 70,000 rds.
(ii) Nil

Order cont'd.

f. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

g. Nil

h. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

Randall S. Nator
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

[illegible]

In reply
refer to: [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Attention: [illegible]

References Opord A No. 1 for 24 hours ending sunset 5 April, 1944, request transmittal through channels of information regarding paragraph 2 a (iii) and paragraph 2 a (v),(vi) and (vii). Should A 40 aircraft are listed as destroyed or damaged, loss routes are reported on attached aircraft.

For the Commanding Officer:

Robert [illegible]
[illegible],
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

26th [illegible] CONTROL UNIT

I-KH-sk

In reply
refer to: 1.02

APO 696 U S Army
[illegible] April, 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 1, [illegible] April, 1944

TO : [illegible] Officer, 368th Fighter Group
APO 696, U S Army

Attention: Operations Officer

Reference Oprep A No. 1 for 24 hours ending sunset 6 April, 1944, request [illegible] through channels of information regarding paragraph 2 a. (iii) and paragraph 2 b (v, vi and vii). Although no aircraft are [illegible] or damaged, 1000 rounds are reported on crashed aircraft.

FOR THE Commanding Officer:

Roland J. Burton,
Capt., Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

1.02 1st Ind. J.C.-1

Headquarters 100th Fighter Grp., APO 141, US Army. 28 April 1944.

To: Commanding Officer, [illegible] Air Force, APO [illegible], U.S.A.
Att: 30th Statistical Control Unit.
From: Channels Att: Stat Control.

1. Basic communication complied with.

2. The following corrections are made:

2 B (i) 49 P-47D's
(v) Just after t/o (P-47D-2. 42-25774) because aircraft the prop slowly reverted to full high pitch and pilot was unable to increase RPM above 1100. Plane would not hold altitude and was it was necessary for pilot to belly land in open field with 108 external tank. A/C burned completely before crash trucks and fire trucks could reach scene.

3 (i) 49 British type 108 American gallons.
(ii) 47 British type 108 American gallons.

4 (i) 78,400 rds.

For the Group Commander:

[redacted]

James S. CRAFT,
1st Lt., AC
Ast Adjutant.

1.02 2nd Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, 100TH FIGHTER GRP., Office of the Statistical Officer, APO [illegible], U S Army, 28 April 1944.

TO: Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, U S Army.
Att: Stat Control.

C B

1.02

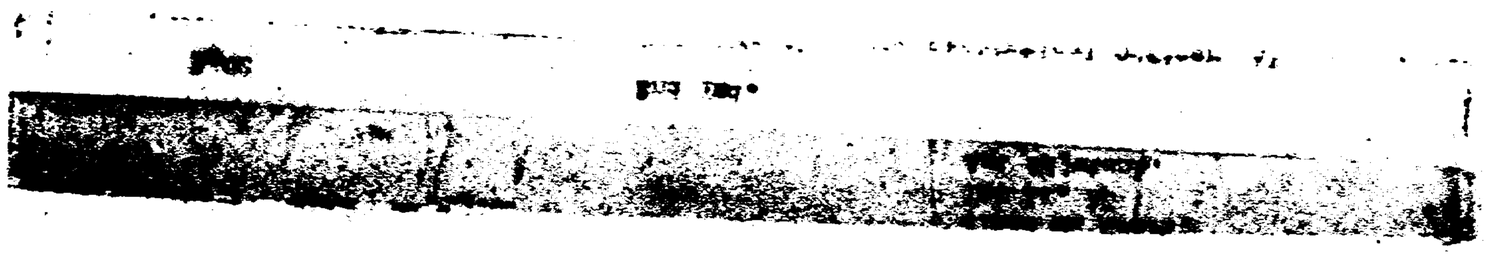
3rd Ind. I-F-1

HEADQUARTERS, XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, APO 141, U S Army,
27 April 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, U S Army.
Attention: 26th Statistical Control Unit.

Contents noted.

JACOB B. KABISH,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Stat'l Officer.



1.02 1st Ind. C-B

[illegible] Hqrs 33 Tac Rcn Gp, APO 141, 1 Apr 44. [illegible]

TO: Commanding Officer, [illegible] Sqdn, APO [illegible]
Attn: Lt. Statistical & Intelligence Off.
Duty: Unit Hist. Attn: Stat Control.

1. [illegible] classification [illegible] data.

2. The following corrections are made:

(1) [illegible]
(a) Unit after 3 Oct [illegible], change aircraft [illegible] should read [illegible] plus one flight was [illegible] to [illegible] two A/C [illegible]. Since this unit had [illegible] and it was necessary for pilot to walk [illegible] with [illegible] material [illegible] completely before crash trucks [illegible] fire trucks could reach scene.

(2) (a) [illegible] British type [illegible] American rations.
(b) [illegible] British type [illegible] American rations.

(3) [illegible] rec.

For the Group Commander:

[signature]
[illegible]
1st Lt. AC
Asst Adjutant.

1.02 2nd Ind. C-B

HEADQUARTERS, 100TH FIGHTER WING, Office of the Statistical Officer, APO 141, U S Army, 10 April 1944.

TO: Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, U S Army.
Att: Stat Control.

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José P. Valdés

Hdqrs, 355th Fighter Group
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 595 US Army

A-1

9 April 194..

SUBJECT: Operations Report

TO : Commanding General, Allied Expeditionary Air Forces.
att: Ops Records.
Commanding General, Ninth Air Force. att: 20th Sqd.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command. att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 70th Fighter Wing. att: Stat Control.

In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated, 29 March 194.., the following report is submitted.

S-370

1. From:- 355th Fighter Group.

2. Oprep No. 2 for 24 hours ending Sunset 8 April 194..

Mission or operation No. 127 in part.

3. a. T/O 1647, Rdvs. 1915. Targets of opportunity, Ops Order 127, IX Air Support Command. Military trains at Demay, Aisenay, Mezidon, Argentan, Conches. Time over target at 1745. Strafed trains on sidings, gun emplacements, in area covered. Two locomotives and unknown number of cars damaged. Enemy defenses: intense, accurate small arms fire from woods and light flak from trains. Meagre, inaccurate heavy flak vicinity Dieppe.

b. (i) 44 P-47D's.
(ii) 43 P-47D's.
(iii) 1 mechanical.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 3 category AA, flak., 1 category A, flak.
(viii) 43

c. 44 British type 108 American Gallons.
43 British type 108 American Gallons.

d. (i) 129 hrs (day)
(ii) Nil (night)

e. (i) 70,400
(ii) 12,600
(iii) Nil

f. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

<u>Letter cont'd.</u>

F. (iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

[redacted]
[redacted] S. [redacted],
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

S-J79

Headquarters 66th Fighter Wing
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 515

U.S-3

12 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Mission.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force. ATT: 67th Sqd.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command. ATT: Ops Control.
Station Duty Officer, 354th Fighter Group. ATT: Ops Control.

In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

1. From: 354th Fighter Group.

2. Ops Rep No. 1 for 24 hours ending sunset 9 Apr 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: 24 Combat Ops. No. 128.

3. a. T/O 1017, down 1515. Withdrawal escort of forts from 15 miles north of Ijmuiden to/f but enemy coast (Ijmuiden). 1335 to 1404. Escort without incident. 1 e a/c seen. Several boxes Liberators observed ahead of Fortresses. Moderate and accurate heavy flak at Ijmuiden on t/f in.
Weather: 8/10 - 10/10 cloud, base 3000 ft, top 12,000 ft over channel and continent; 3/10 cloud, base 17,000 ft, top 18,000 ft also over channel and continent; visibility good.

b. (i) 46 P-47D
(ii) 44 P-47D
(iii) 2 P-47D aborted due to mechanical trouble.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 44.

c. (i) 46 British type, capacity 108 American gallons.
(ii) 43 British type, capacity 108 American gallons.

d. (i) 128:30 hours.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 73,600 rounds 50 calibre ammunition.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

G. Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

Randall B. Hunter

Randall B. Hunter,
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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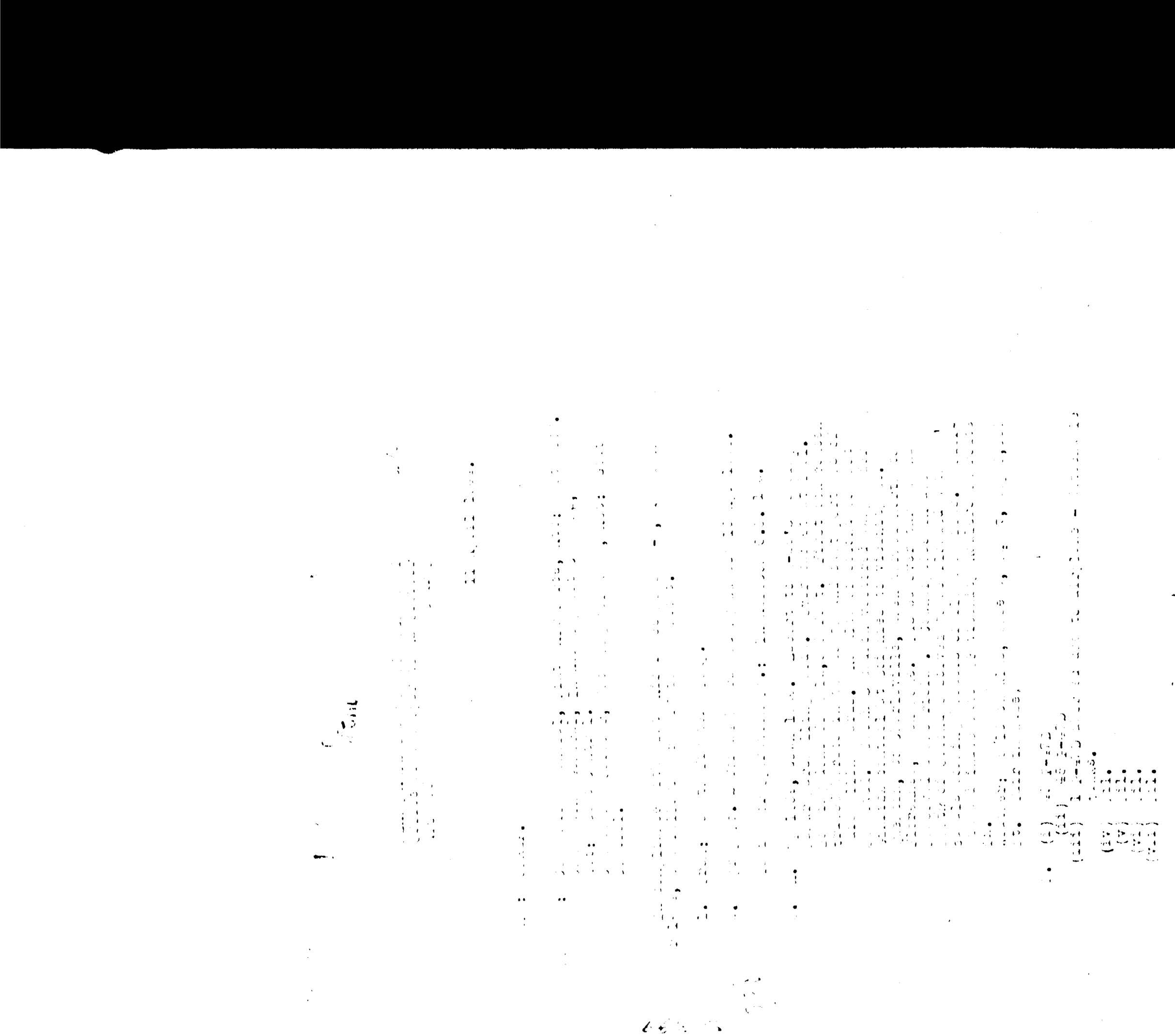
K. [illegible] Nestor



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2. (viii) [illegible].

3. (i) [illegible]; [illegible]
(ii) [illegible]; [illegible]

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(ii) [illegible].

5. (i) 78,[illegible]
(ii) [illegible].
(iii) [illegible].

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(ii) [illegible].
(iii) [illegible].
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8. (i) [illegible].
(ii) [illegible].
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HEADQUARTERS 66th FIGHTER WING
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 695 US ARMY

11 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Chart.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 66th FW.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Com'd,
Att: Ctrl Control.
Commanding Officer, 70th Fighter Wing, Att; Ctrl
Control.

In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo No. 80-8, dated 4 Apr 1944, the following report is submitted.

1. From: 366th Fighter Group.

2. Ops Rep No. 1 for 24 hours ending Sunset 11 Apr 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX Support C.C. 108.

3. a. C.C. 108, dive-bombing Buel A/F and strafing Rennes A/F. Up 1850, over Buel A/F 1854, over Rennes A/F 1911, down 1937. Two squadrons bombed Buel A/F, one squadron furnishing high cover. Results believed excellent. Hits observed on hangers, buildings, runways and machine shops. Bomb run started at 12,000 ft, bombs released at 8,000 ft. 62 x 500 G.P. bombs dropped, fuse 1/10 second nose, 1/25 second tail. A/F at Rennes strafed on deck. Hits observed on hangers, control tower, flak towers and gun emplacements. Hits largely concentrated in SE portion of field. At Rennes ground fire of automatic weapons extremely effective. Strongest concentrations of flak came from SE portion of field. Intense small arms fire. At Buel, flak light, moderate, inaccurate. Between Pt. de la Percee and La Hougue on E coast of Cherbourg peninsula, V shaped fortifications were seen at low tide. It is believed these fortifications would not be visible at low tide. 3 large merchant ships in St. Malo inlet, and 5 or 6 more in adjoining inlet. Weather: 5-8/10 cloud over target, base 9,000 ft, top 15,000 ft; visibility good; elsewhere along route, No cloud, and visibility 3-4 miles in haze.

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b. (1) 45 P-47D.
(ii) 42 P-47D.

(VIII) 41.

2. (i) 40. [illegible] 100 [illegible]
(ii) 4-. [illegible]

3. (i) 100 [illegible]

(ii) 41.

4. (i) 70,100 [illegible]

(ii) 44,375.

(iii) 4800.

5. (i) 110 [illegible] 1/10
[illegible]

(ii) 80.

(iii) 4.

(iv) 41.

6. [illegible] 1 [illegible]

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Randall K. Foster
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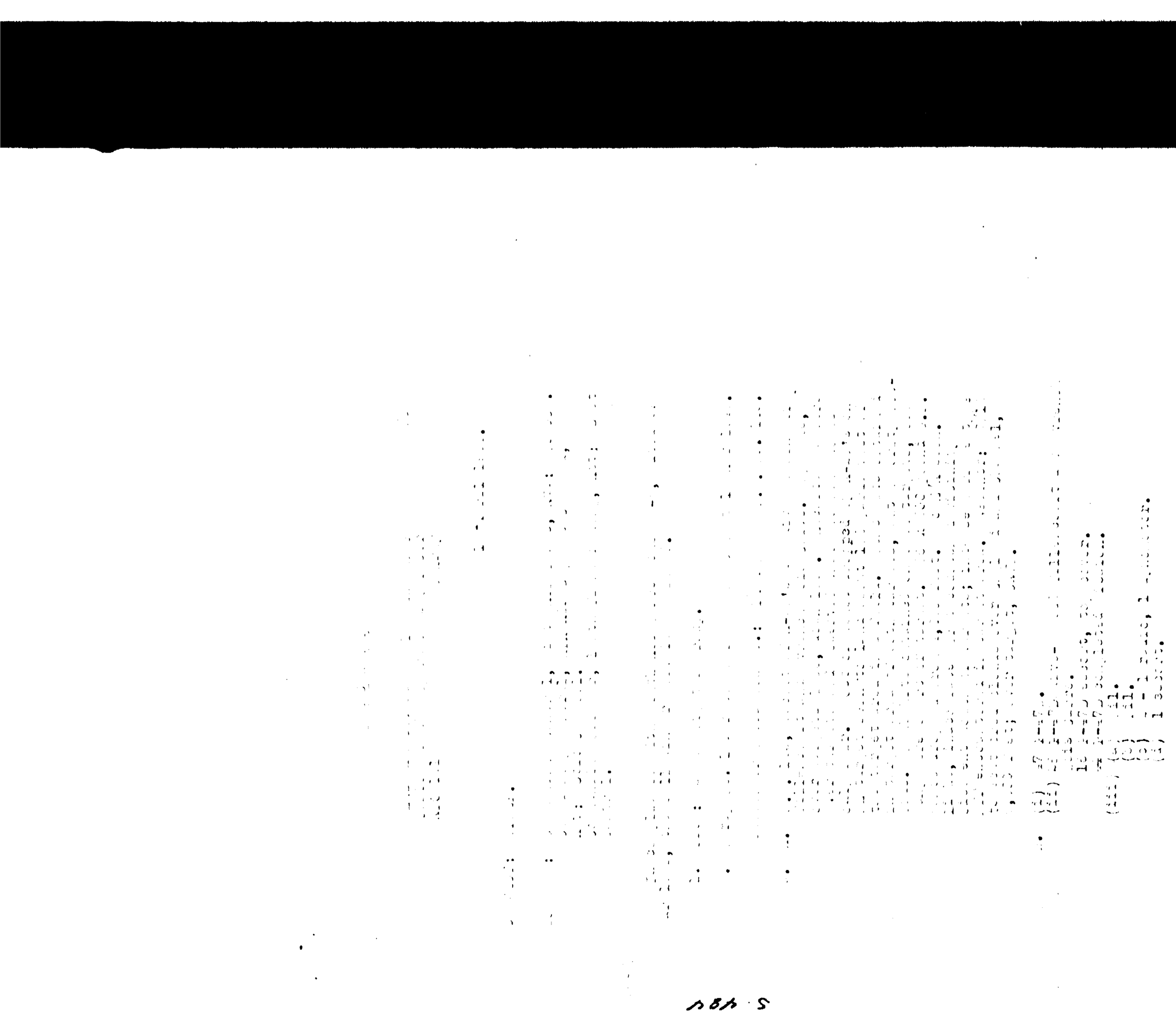

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APO 141 US Army

14 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Combat.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: AC/S, G-3.
Commanding General, XIX Air Support Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 14 Apr 1944.

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Randall D. Keator

RANDALL D. KEATOR,
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

[redacted] 58TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
Office of the Operations Officer
APO [redacted]

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15 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Daily.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: AC/S G3.
Commanding General, IXA Air Support Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Sqn, Att: Stat Control.

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1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 15 Apr 1944.

Randall D. Kenton

RANDALL D. KENTON,
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

Sincerely yours,

David B. Sicilia

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HQ 3rd Bomb Wing, 358th Fighter Sqdn
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 141 US Army

S3/2

16 April 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 Report.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: S&O.
Commanding General, XIX Air Support Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

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1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 March 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 16 April 1944.

[signature]
James S. [illegible],
1st Lt., AAF Corps,
Stat. Control Officer.

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Headquarters [illegible] 3/3
Office of the Operations Officer
APO [illegible] 14 April 1944

SUBJECT: CPRSP.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: AC/S.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 19-1, dated 24 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending 14 Apr 1944.

[signature]
[illegible],
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Stat. Control Officer.

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D. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 0945.
(ii) Nil.

F. (i) 81,000 rounds 50 calibre ammunition.
(ii) 7,505.
(iii) Nil.

G. (i) 51 x 500 pound bombs, fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail.
(ii) 44 x 500 pound bombs dropped on St. Thislain marshalling yards. 5 x 500 pound bombs dropped on airfield near Lille.
(iii) 2 x 500 pound bombs jettisoned in Channel.
(iv) Nil.

H. Nil.

K. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

James L. Craft

JAMES S. CRAFT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Stat Control Officer.

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L. (i) 75,000 rounds .30 calibre ammunition.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

G. Nil.

L. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil

/s/ [illegible]

[illegible] S. DUFF,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Stat Control Officer.

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2. (3) 100 x 500 yards from Fleur de Lis, L/L.
   Mill.
   2 x 500 yards from Fleur de Lis, L/L mill, L/L mill.
   (ii) 101 x 500 yards to be. Target: Rue St. Pierre.
   1 x 500 yards to be. Target: Rue St. Jean.
   (iii) 1 x 500 yards to e.
   5 x 100 yards to be.
   (iv) Nil.

3. Nil.

4. (i) Nil.
   (ii) Nil.
   (iii) Nil.

James L Craft
[illegible],
1st Lt., AGF Corps,
Asst General Adjutant.

[illegible]

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Office [illegible] Control Officer
[illegible]

[illegible]

Subject: [illegible].

To : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO [illegible].
Commanding General, AAF IX Fighter Command, APO [illegible].
Commanding Officer, Headquarters [illegible], APO [illegible].

In compliance with Ninth Air Force [illegible], dated 9 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

1. From: 356th Fighter Group.

2. Group no. 1 for period ending Sunset 24 Apr 1944.

Mission or Operation no.: [illegible] 179.

3. A. Withdrawal support. Up 1320. Down 1702. R/V northeast of Dunkirk, 12,000 ft, 1344. Bombers few minutes late. R/V effected 15 miles east of Arlon, 20,000 ft, 1434. Escort maintained without incident to enemy coast where Group left bombers northeast of Dunkirk, 17,000 ft, 1540. Fortresses in good formation. No E/A seen. Moderate accurate heavy flak at Liege, south of Brussels and west of Ghent. Intense accurate heavy flak at Dunkirk and Zeebrugge on R/V in and out. A/T generally good. Group leader had poor response from controller, who did not reply when called on several occasions. Weather: 4-5/10 cumulus increasing to 8-10/10 cumulus on return. Base 2,000 ft and top 5,000 ft. Visibility 1 to 2 miles, improving to 6 to 8 miles enroute.

B. (i) 46 P-47D.
(ii) 40 P-47D completed mission.
(iii) 6 P-47D aborted; 2 wing tanks, 1 propeller control devices, 1 fumes in cockpit, 1 oil leak, 1 escort.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 40.

C. (i) 92 British type, 108 American [illegible].
(ii) [illegible] British type, [illegible] American [illegible].

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[illegible]

3. (i) [illegible]
(ii) Nil.

4. (i) [illegible]
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

5. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

6. Nil.

7. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

James S. Craft
[illegible] S. Craft,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Staff Control Officer.

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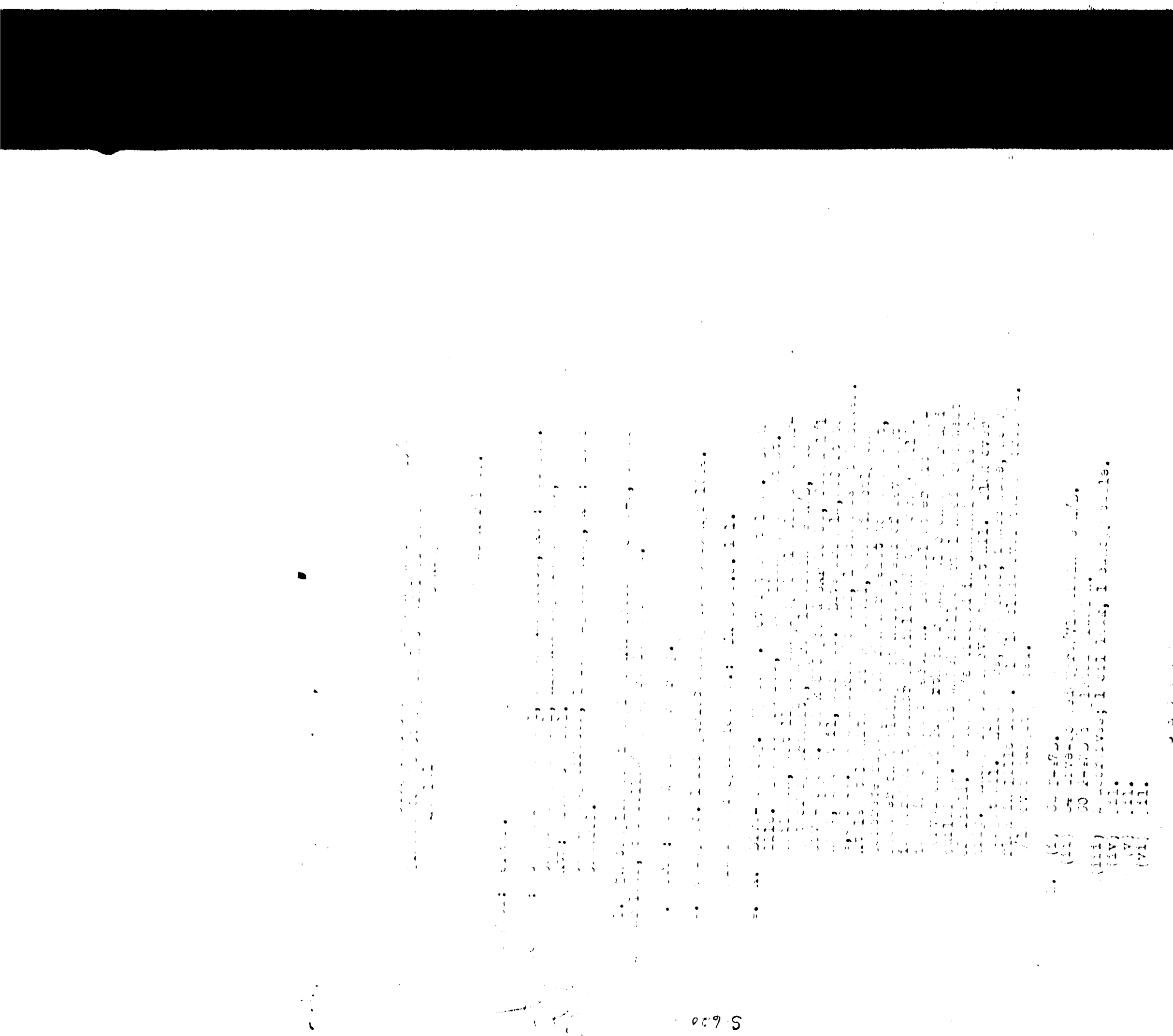

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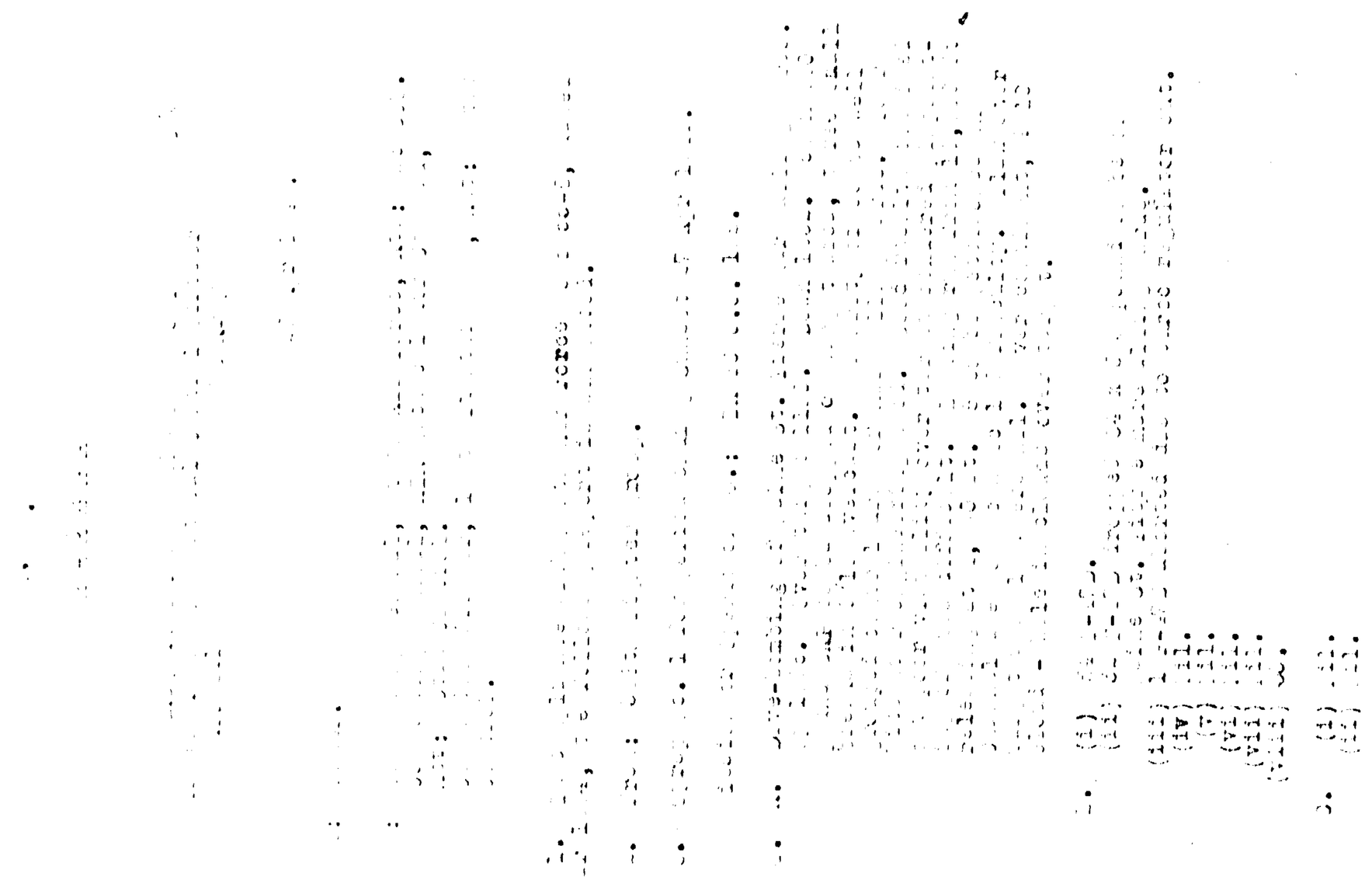

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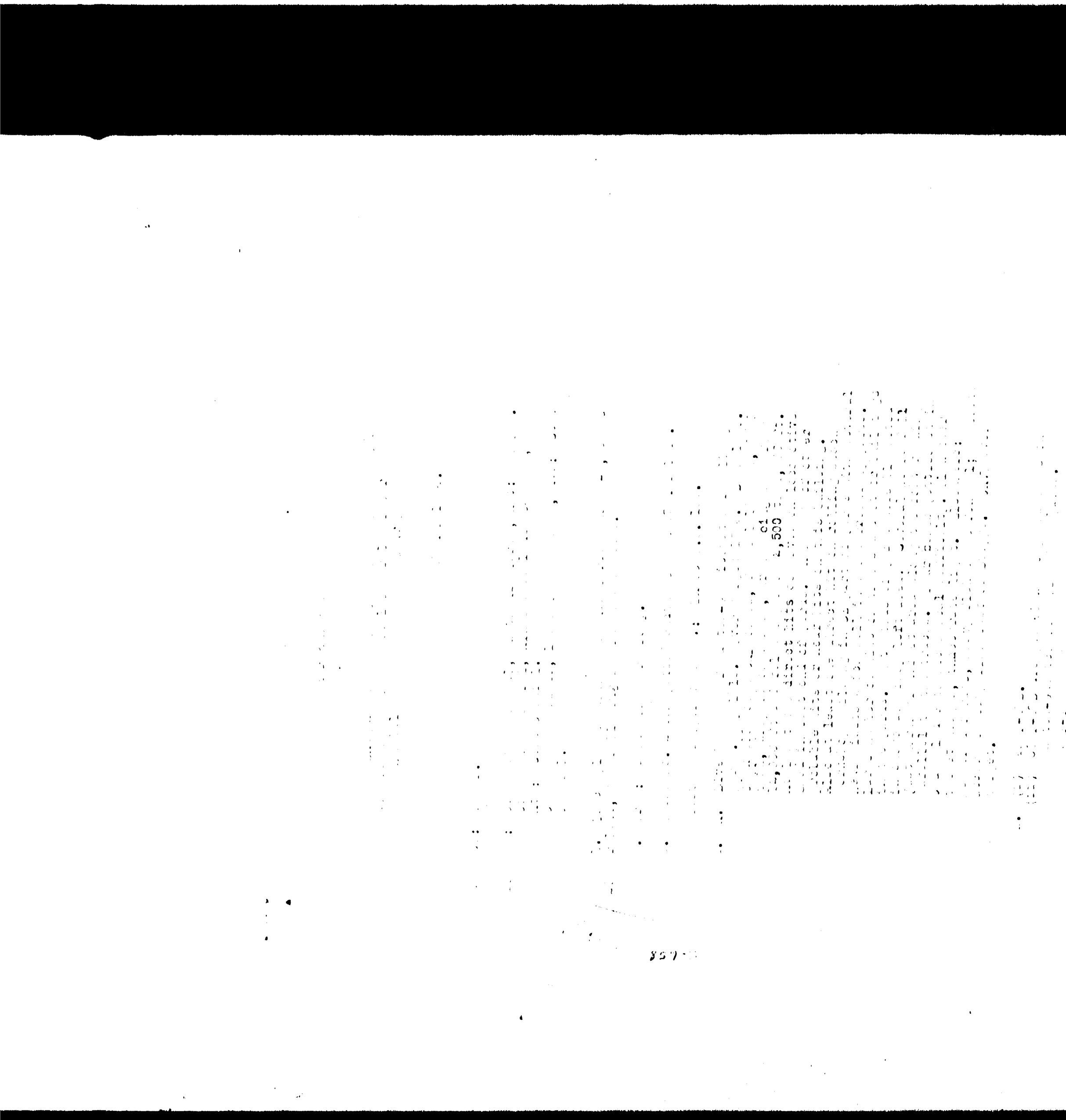

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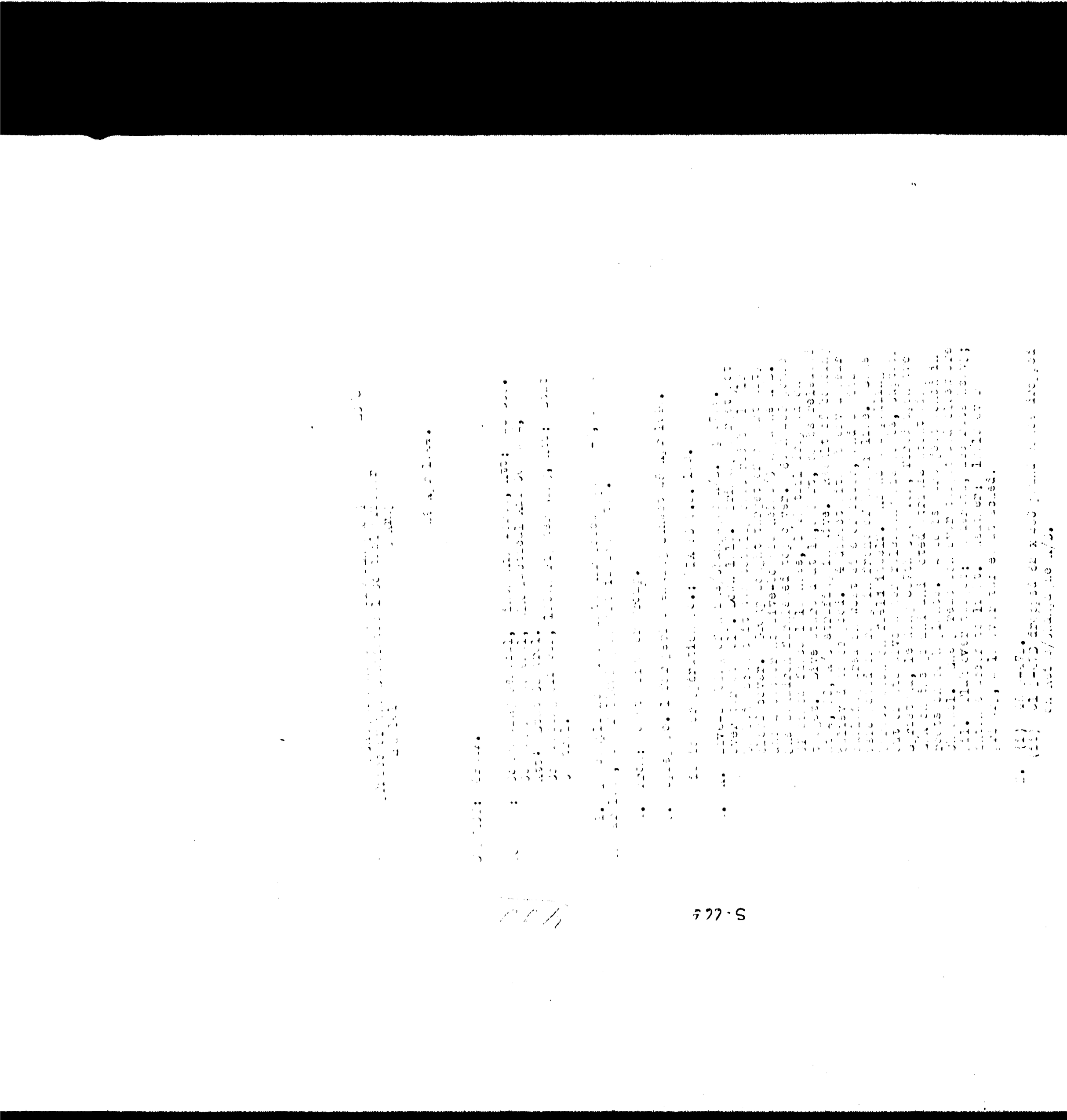

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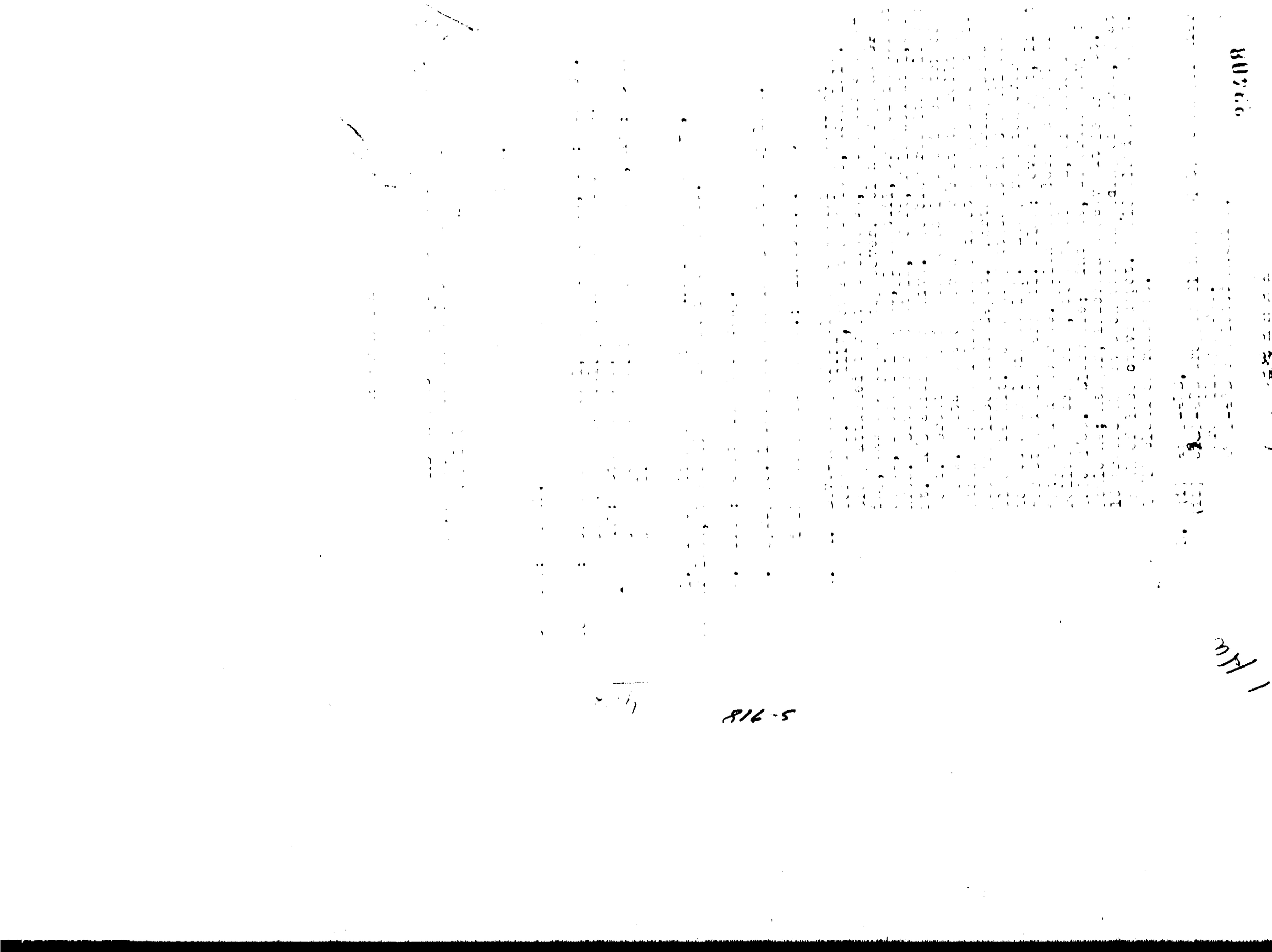

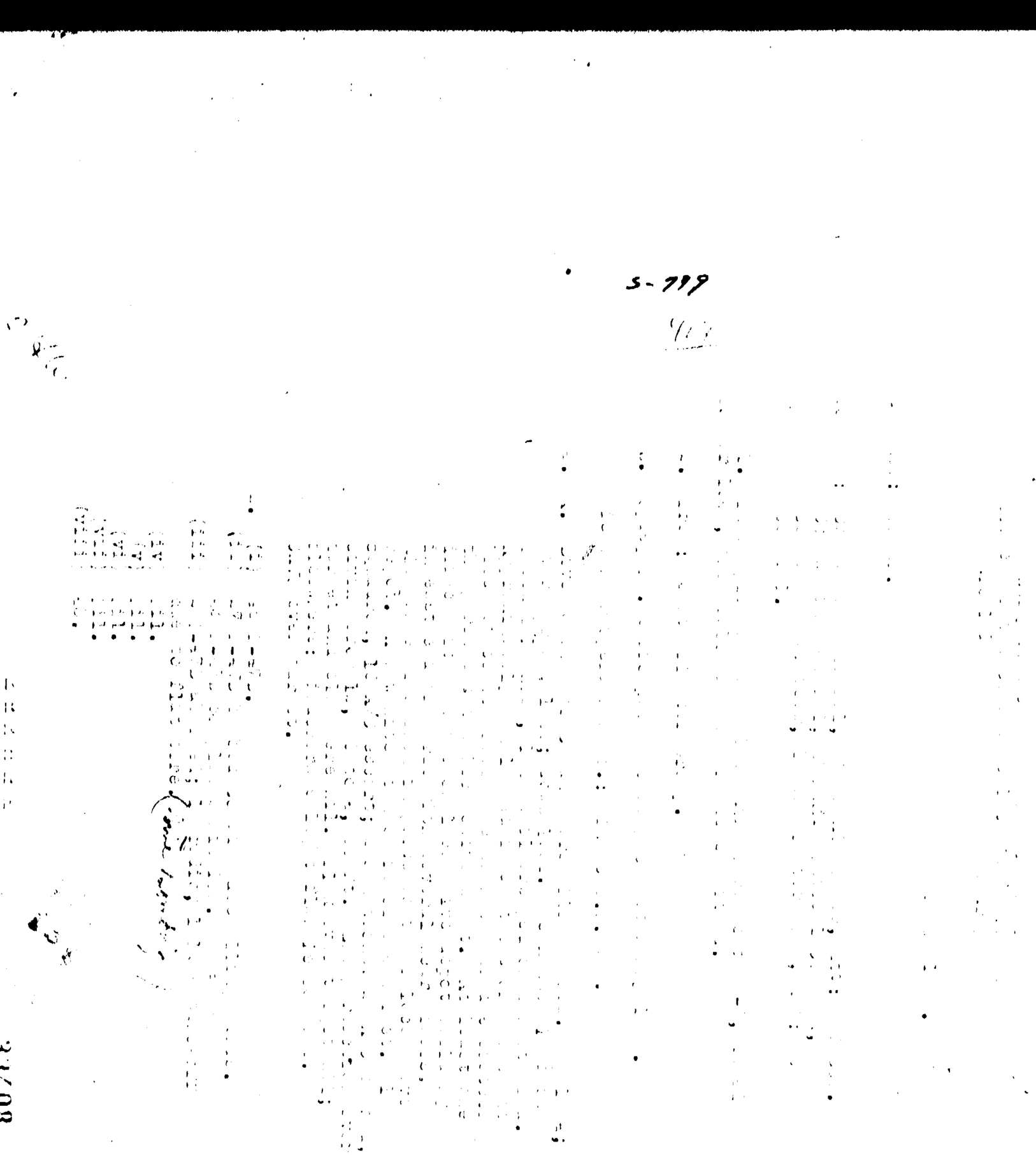

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H[illegible] 36TH [illegible] 11/6
Office of the [illegible] Control Officer
A.A. 141 [illegible] Army

7 May 1944.

SUBJECT: [illegible].

TO : Commanding General, [illegible] Air Force, Att: [illegible].
Commanding General, [illegible] Air [illegible],
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, [illegible] Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-5, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending sunset 6 May 1944.

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Captain, Air Corps,
Stat Control Officer.

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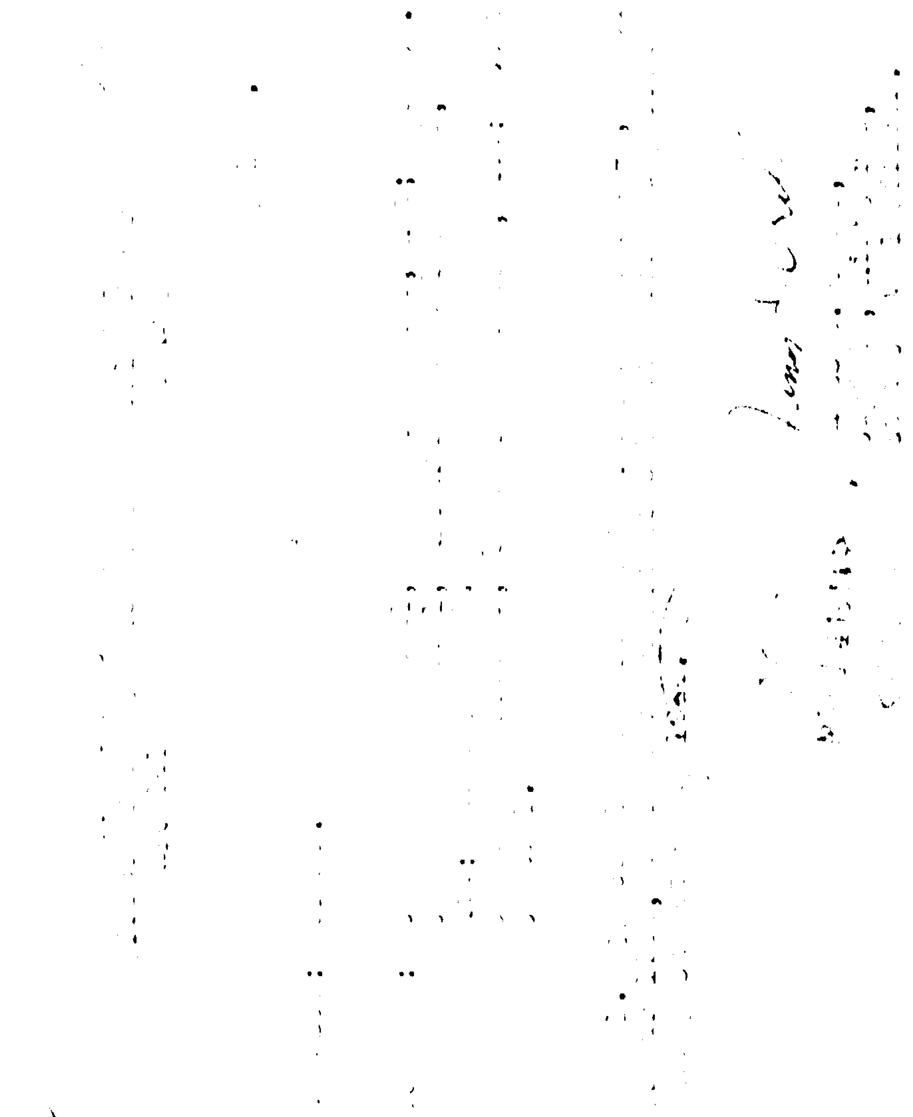

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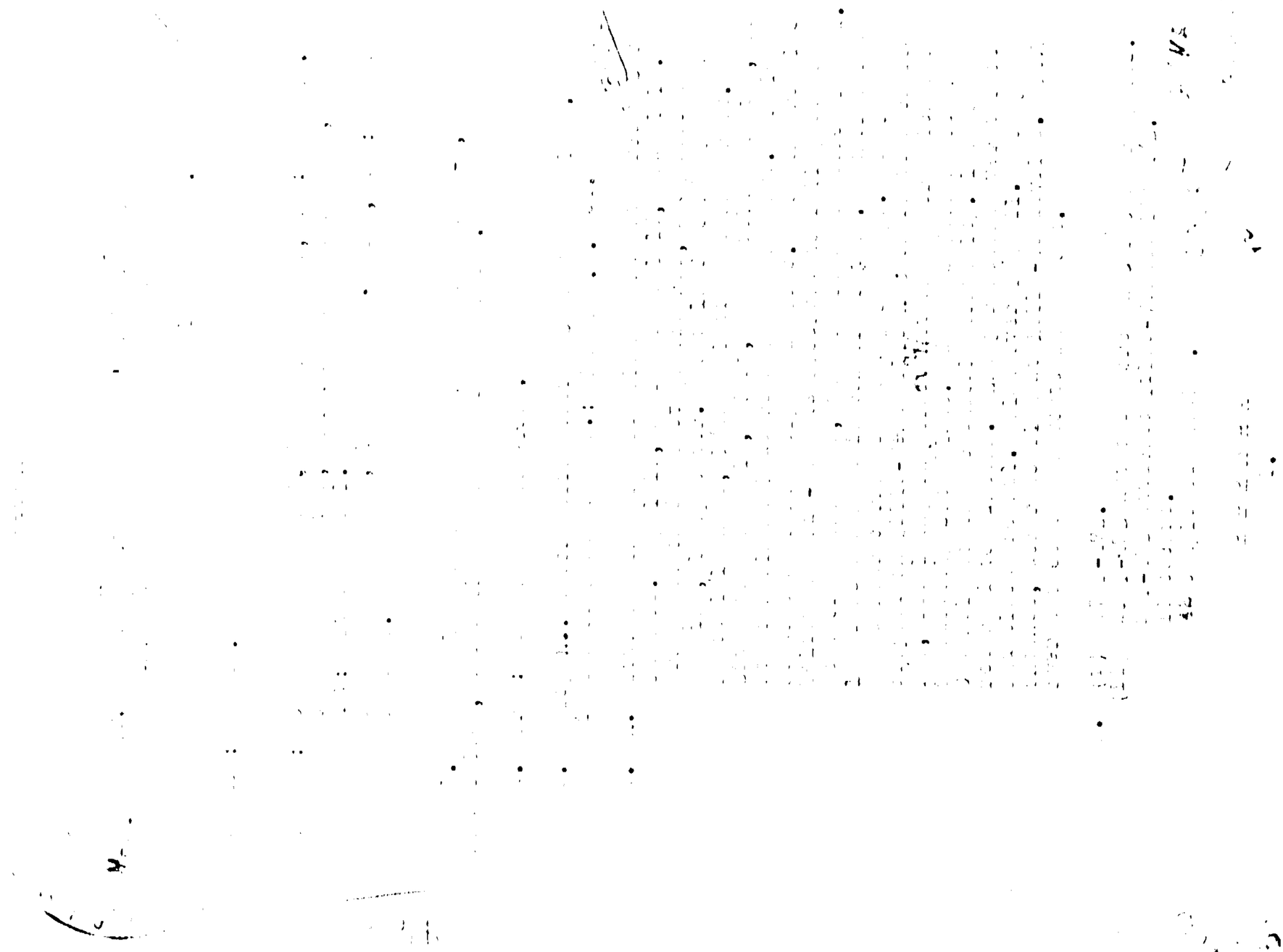

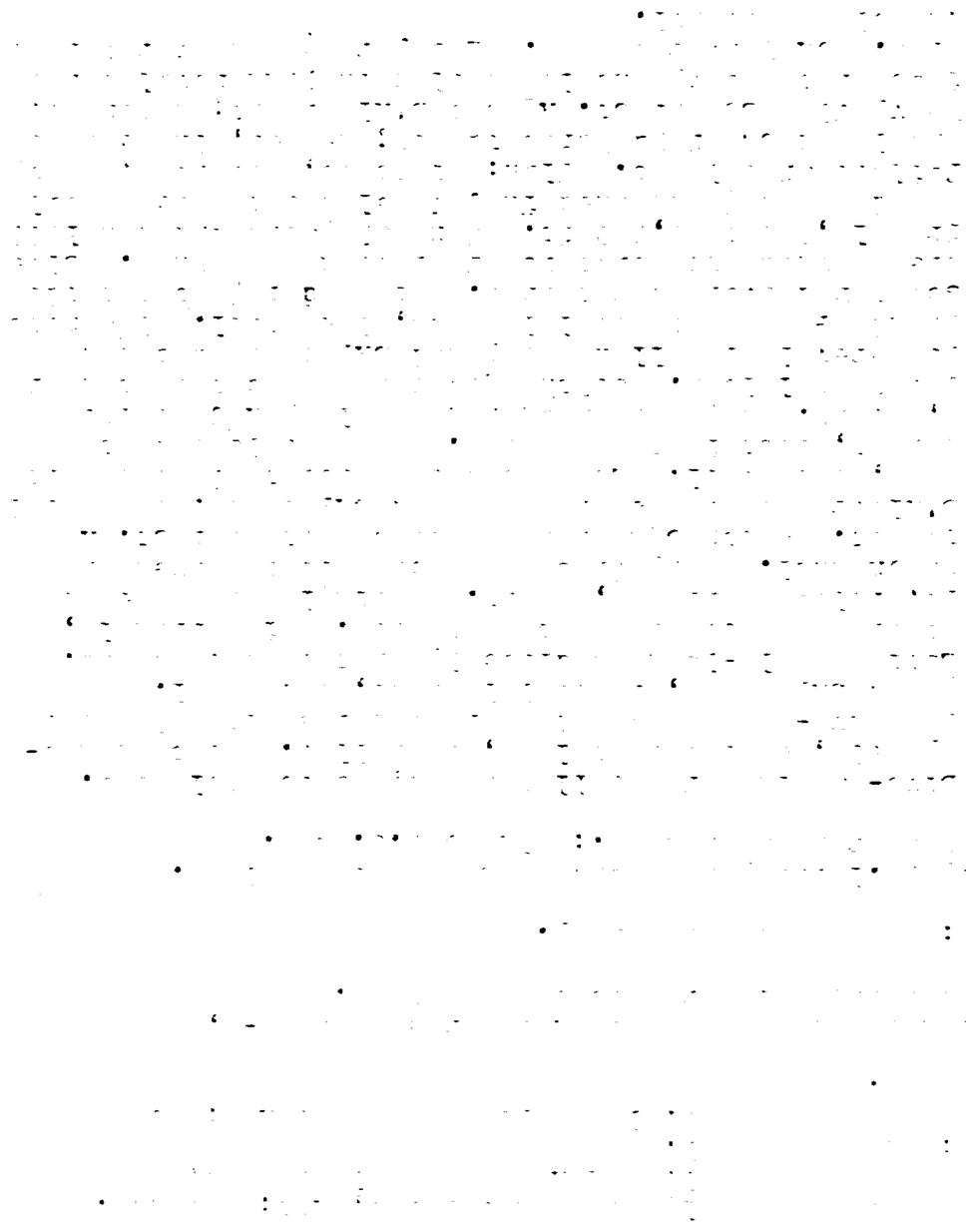

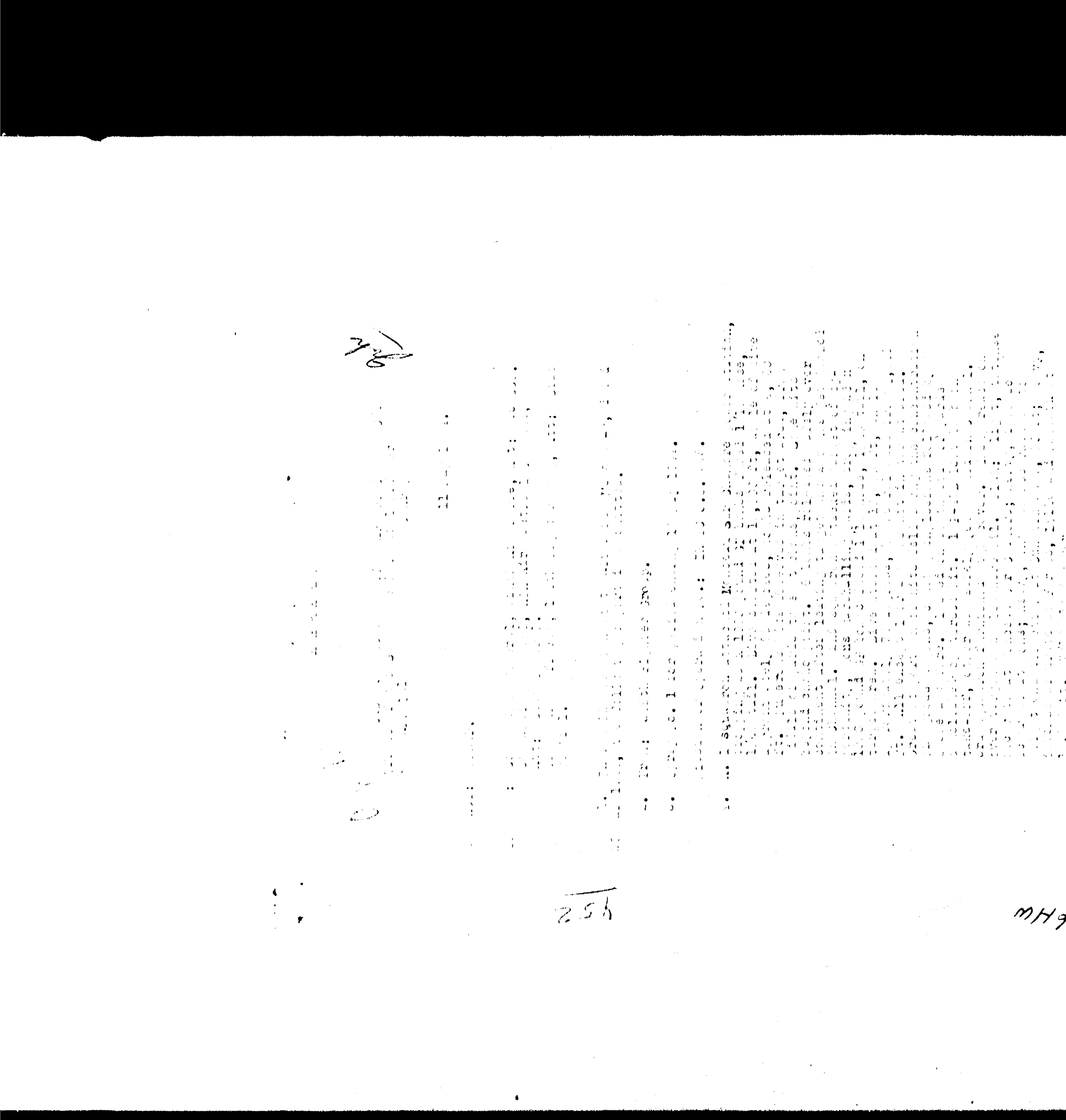

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APO 141, U.S.Army
Attn: Statistical Officer

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16 May 1944

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APO [redacted], U.S. Army
Attn: Statistical Officer

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James I. Craft

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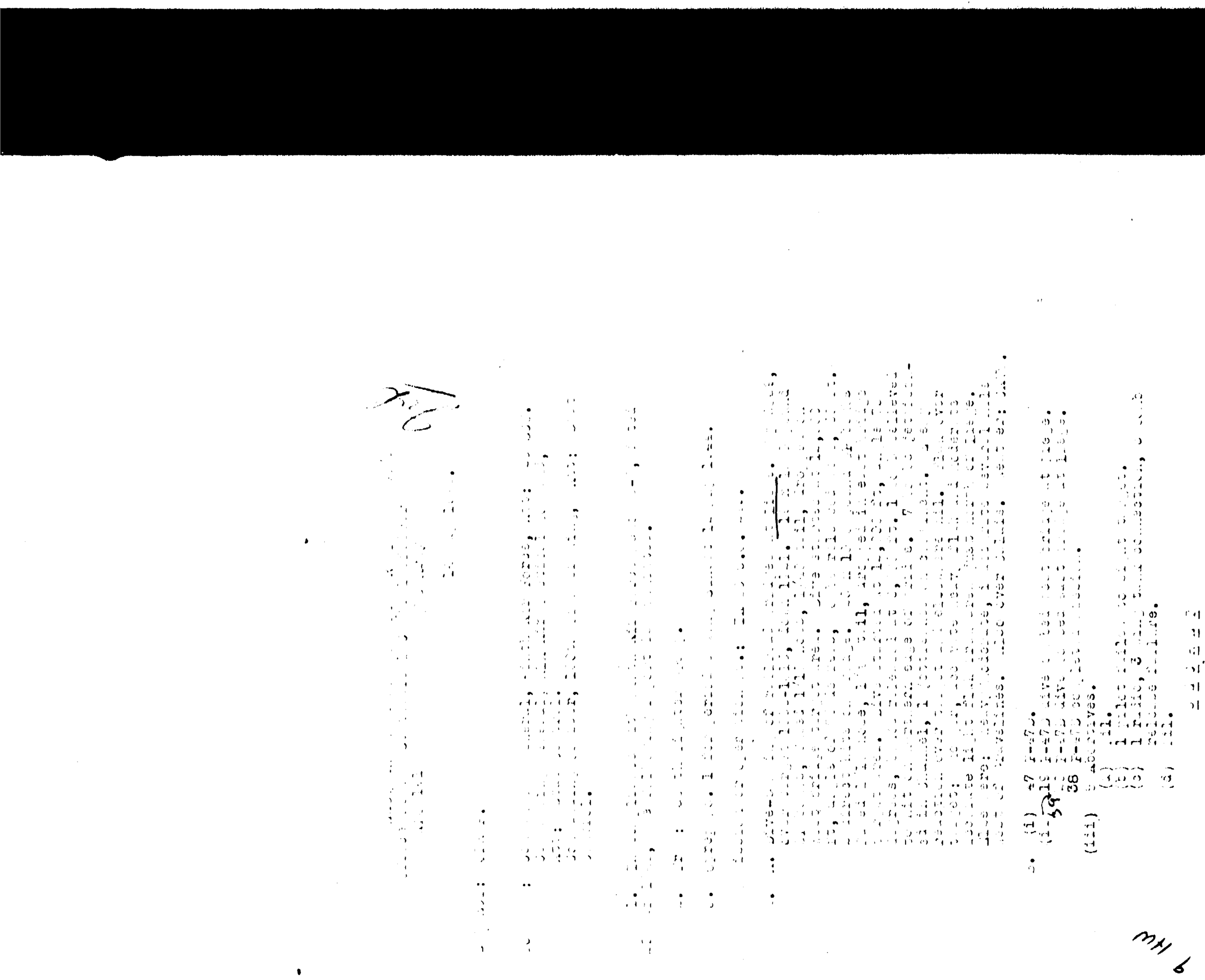

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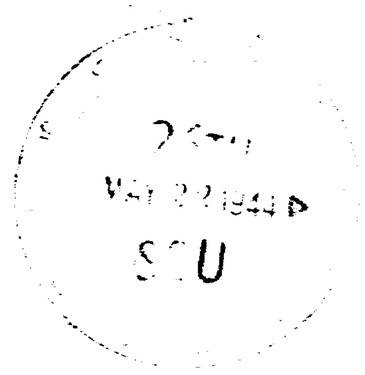

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Headquarters
Office of the Provost Marshal General
APO 141

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Cprep reports.

TO : Commanding General, [illegible], ATTN: AG APO.
APO 646, [illegible].

1. Transmitted herewith are true copies of Cprep A No. 1 for 10 May, Nos. 1 and 2 for 9 May received by this headquarters 19 May by telephone, thru channels.

2. Attention is invited to the fact that although you request Cprep A No. 1 for 10 May as not having been received in your files, you also request correction of discrepancies for same report in subject letter, dated 16 May. As previously Cprep A for 10 May was in your files when request for this copy was made.

For the Group Commander:

[illegible],
Captain, [illegible] Corps,
Adjutant.

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Incl 2 - Cprep No. 1 May 9.
Incl 3 - Cprep No. 2 May 9.

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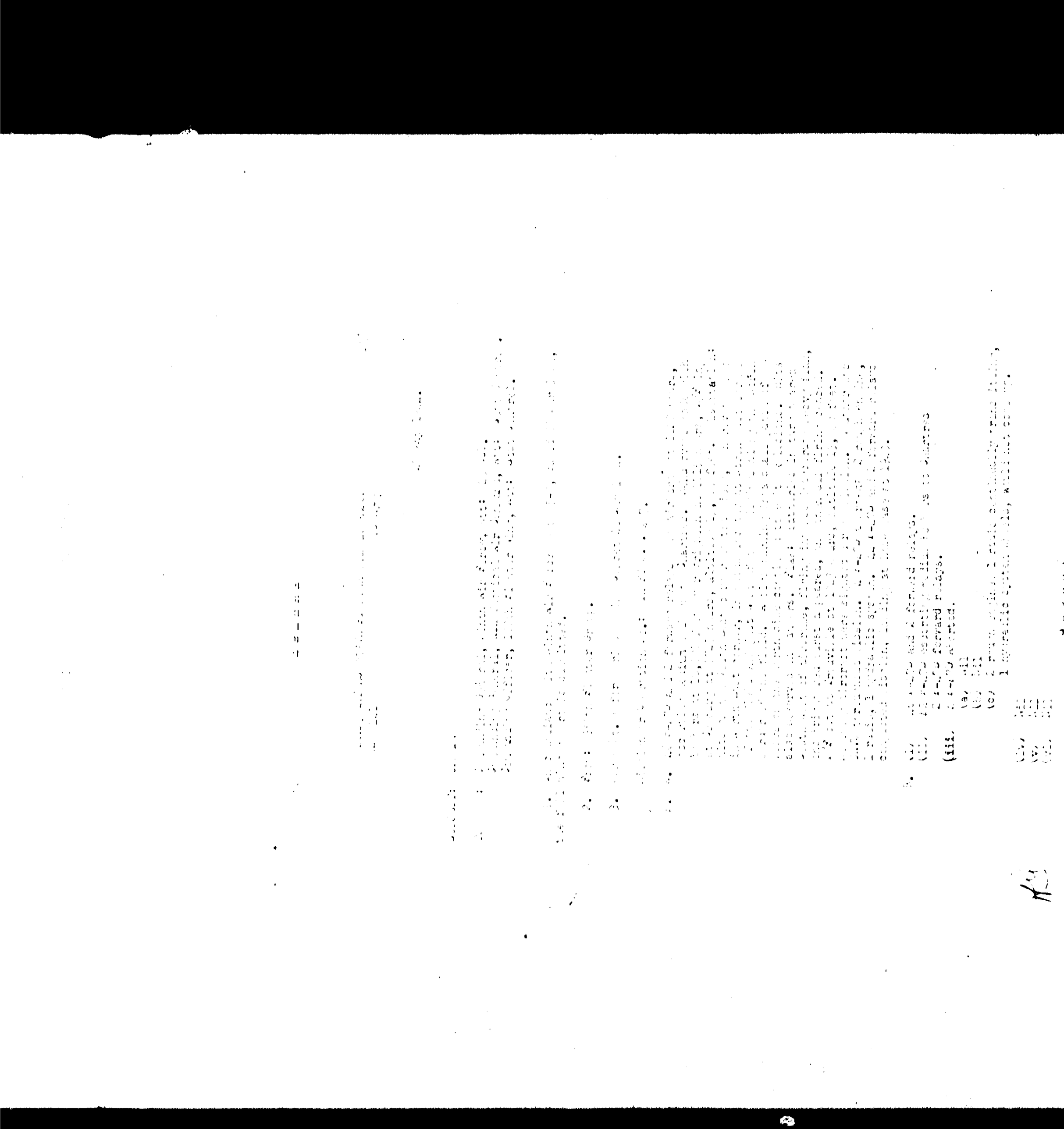

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F. (i), Nil
(ii), Nil
(iii), Nil
(iv), Nil

G. (i), Nil

H. (i), Nil
(ii), Nil
(iii), Nil

For the Duty Controller:

C. G. Ward,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst Control Officer.

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S E C R E T

[illegible] 9th Fighter-[illegible]
APO 141

28 May 1944.

Subject: S.I.R.

To : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, att: [illegible].
Commanding General, IXth Bombardment Air Command, att: Operations.
Commanding Officer, 366th Fighter Wing, att: Operations.

1. In accordance with Ninth Air Force Memo No. 55-3, dated 21 May 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 366th Fighter Group.

3. Group No. 1 for period ending 0 hours 27 May 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: [illegible] No. 24.

4. a. 16 P-47D and 2 forward relays were airborne at 1 [illegible] hours on Penetration Support of Heavy Bombers. Rendezvous with [illegible] Bombers at Jetsam, 1145 hours, altitude 11,000 feet. 1 P-47 due to [illegible] Duboeuf, 1140 hours, altitude 11,000 feet. Bombers [illegible] for Noball. Instructions: Proceed directly [illegible] from Initial Point in order [illegible] with Task of Flying, [illegible] Pilots to Follow Troops Move [illegible] that area. The flight [illegible] and descend to [illegible]. This Center, located [illegible] Fighting Zone [illegible] of the field. Flak: Heavy, [illegible] accurate and [illegible] with Moderate [illegible] to Fighters and Heavy Intense Accurate flak [illegible] in Moderate [illegible] of Flak. Left [illegible] at 1220 hours South of Lisieux, altitude 10,000 feet. [illegible] to Dreux at 1245 hours, altitude 11,000 feet. [illegible] aircraft were airfield during mission. Weather was [illegible] throughout mission. 2 P-47D aborted: 1 prop cut, 1 engine trouble. [illegible] P-47D and 2 forward relays on [illegible] mission, landing at home base at 1510 hours.

b. (i) 16 P-47D and 2 forward relays.
(ii) 14 P-47D and 2 forward relays on Penetration Support of Heavy Bombers.
(iii) 2 P-47D aborted.
(a) Nil
(b) Nil
(c) 1 engine [illegible] cutting out on Wing Tanks,
1 prop [illegible] out in automatic.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil

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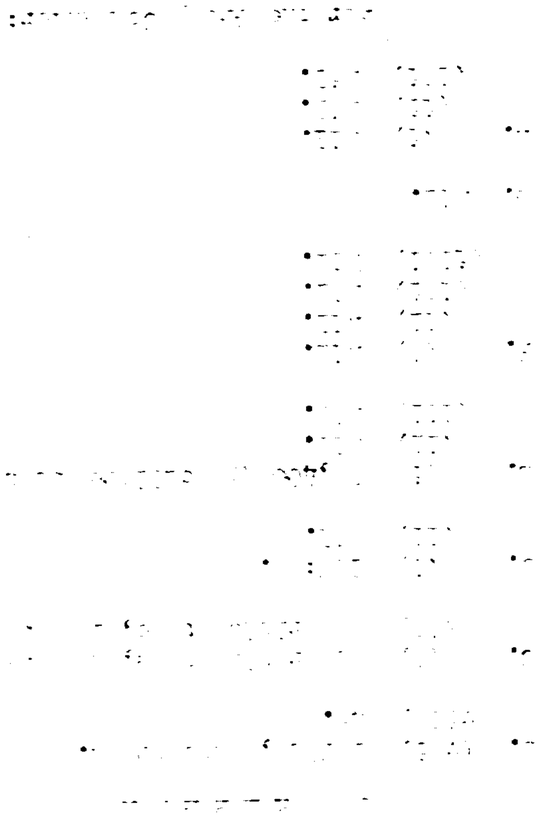

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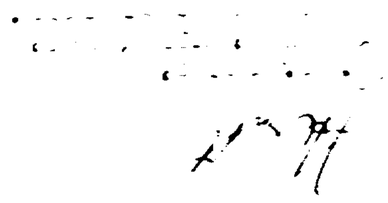

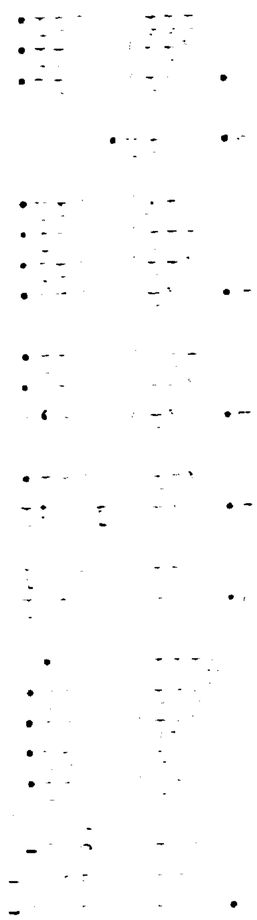

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Office of the Operations Officer
APO 141

15 April 1944.

SUBJECT: OPER.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SOU.
Commanding General, AAA Air Support Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo No-6, dated 29 [illegible], the following report is submitted.

1. From: 350th Fighter Group.

2. Oprep No. 1 for 24 hours ending [illegible] 15 Apr 1944.

3. Mission or Operation No.: IA [illegible] O. No. 145.

5. a. O.O. 145, escort of A-20's and dive bombing of Tillencourt and Yvrench Bois Carre. Up 0912, over targets 1005, down 1050. Escorted bombers over targets and observed their bombing to be only fair. Most of bombs dropped by A-20's on NE target seen to land about 100 yards East of the target area in a field. Some hits obtained in target area of both targets, but majority outside. Bomb hits obtained on both targets, but many were short of target. 56 x 500 pound G.P. bombs dropped from 4,000 feet. No E/A seen. Light, inaccurate H/F encountered vicinity Oiffement south of targets; intense barrage type H/F encountered in target area. Weather: 7/10 to scattered clouds over England and Channel, 8,000 feet; over target, 5/10.

B. (1) 47 P-47D.
(ii) 28 P-47D dive-bombed Tillencourt and Yvrench Bois Carre.
16 P-47D escort, top cover.
44 P-47D completed mission.
(iii) (a) Nil.
(b) Nil.
(c) 2 - 1 radio, 1 dynamotor.
(d) 1 escort.

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3. (iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) 2 [illegible]-47, category [illegible], flak.
(viii) 44.

4. (i) 17 British type, 10[illegible] American [illegible].
(ii) 15 British type, 106 American [illegible].

5. (i) 89:30 hours.
(ii) Nil.

6. (i) 7[illegible] rounds .50 calibre ammunition.
(ii) 1[illegible],309 rounds .50 calibre ammunition.
(iii) Nil.

7. (i) 66 x 500 pound semi-delayed fused bombs -1/10 second, tail -1/4 1/40 second.
(ii) 56.
(iii) 4.
(iv) Nil.

8. Nil.

9. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

Randall D. Keator
[illegible],
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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20 April 1944

[illegible] 53d Fighter Wing
Office of the Operations Officer
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14 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Orders.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: [illegible] 530.
Commanding General, XIX Air Support Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 14 Apr 1944.

Randall D. Keator
RANDALL D. KEATOR,
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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[illegible] 395th Fighter Group
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 141 US Army

24 April 1944

SUBJECT: Operations.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attn: 2nd Sec.
Commanding General, IXX Air Support Command, Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Attn: Stat Control.

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1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 21 Mar 1944, a narrative report is submitted for the period ending sunset 24 Apr 1944.

[illegible] C. Clark,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Stat Control Officer.

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[illegible] 359th Fighter [illegible]
Office of the Operations Officer
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19 April 1944

SUBJECT: Operations.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: AC/S G-3.
Commanding General, XIX Air Support Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending 18 Apr 1944.

[illegible]
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Stat. Control Officer.

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23 APR 1944

Hq [illegible] 353rd Fighter Gp.
Office of the C. O. William Dilber
[illegible] Army

16 April 1944

SUBJECT: S.I.R.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: S-2 Sec.
Commanding General, IXX Air Support Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, [illegible] Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

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1. In accordance with Ninth Air Force Memo [illegible], dated 29 March 1944, the following report is submitted for the period ending midnight 16 April 1944.

[illegible]
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Stat. Control Officer.

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Office of the Statistical Control Officer
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SUBJECT: [illegible]

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attn: [illegible].
Commanding General, [illegible] Fighter Wing, Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, [illegible] Fighter Wing, Attn: Stat Control.

In compliance with Ninth Air Force [illegible], the following report is submitted.

1. From: [illegible] Fighter Group.

2. Group No. 1 for 24 hours ending [illegible].

Mission or operation No.: [illegible].

3. a. Dive bombing of Driel Marshalling Yards. Take off, 1610, over target 1900, down 2020. 47 x 500 lb bombs dropped on south and north portions of Driel Marshalling Yards, 30 bombs on southern part, 17 on northern part. 1 bomb accidently jettisoned near target; 1 jettisoned in Channel due to mechanical trouble. Bombs fused 1/20 nose, 1/40 tail. Bomb hits well grouped in both target areas. Few scattered hits observed outside area. Dense smoke seen rising from yards. 1 Ju-88 encountered and destroyed near target. Flak over target mild; near Aalen, moderate accurate barrage type flak firing at fighters at 14,000 ft and at P-47's above; near Neufchatel, heavy inaccurate barrage type heavy flak; near Diekirch, accurate heavy flak. Going in near Roix, red-nosed P-47's coming out in northwesterly direction dropped belly tanks through our formation.

b. (i) 49 P-47's.
(ii) 47 P-47's dive-bombed Driel Marshalling Yards; 2 jettisoned bombs, 1 near target, 1 in Channel.
49 P-47's completed mission.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 49 sorties.

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C. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

D. (i) 108:30.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 73,400 rounds 50 calibre ammunition.
(ii) 10,378.
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 49-5 00, sand bags, 2 ea 1/10 mise, 1/2 trail.
(ii) 47 dropped on trial [illegible] runs.
(iii) 2.
(iv) Nil.

G. Nil.

H. In air: 1-1-0
(i) 1 JU-52 Lieut. Colonel Emil L. Sills and Major [illegible]. Angelido, Old Fltr Sq, 375 Fltr Gp, stated.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

JAMES S. [illegible],
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Stat Control Officer.

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Office of the Intelligence Officer
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Subject: [illegible]

To : [illegible]

In compliance with [illegible], the following report is submitted.

1. From: [illegible]

2. [illegible]

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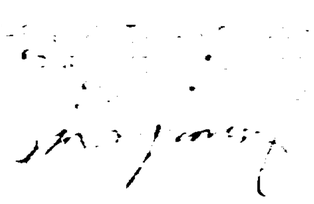
3. A. Fighter sweep of area [illegible]. Take-off 1705 (Mainstay), [illegible]. Over Gravelines 1728, 16,000 ft, and proceeded south to [illegible] area entering vicinity of Reims 1800 hours. Made sweep of area Reims, Metz, St. Dizier and back, [illegible] south of Le Bourget 1930, 16,000 ft. Good reception over area covered by sweep. Meager, inaccurate, [illegible]. Meager, accurate [illegible]. Visibility very good near coast with no cloud. [illegible] patrolled, 3/10 cumulus, base 2,500 ft, top 4,000 ft. [illegible] air visibility good. [illegible]

B. (i) 47 P-47D.
(ii) 46 P-47D.
(iii) 1 P-47D aborted due to [illegible] on detachable tank.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) 1 P-47D, category A, P-47D-10 42-76519 flew 1 to detachable tank which broke loose from plane landing just ahead of it.
(viii) 46.

C. (i) 94 British type, 100 American [illegible].
(ii) 93 British type, 138 American [illegible].

D. (i) 1391:00
(iii) Nil.



(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) As

(i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

(i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

(i) [illegible].
(ii) [illegible].
(iii) Nil.

(i) 106 x [illegible] 1/-, 1/-, 1/-.
Nil.
4 x 3/0 [illegible] 1/-, 1/-, 1/-.
(ii) 101 x [illegible] 1/-, 1/-, 1/-.
1 x [illegible] 1/-, 1/-, 1/-.
(iii) 1 x 3/0 [illegible] 1/-.
5 x 2/0 [illegible] 1/-.
(iv) Nil.

6. Nil.

(i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

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[illegible],
1st Lt., AC [illegible],
[illegible] Control Officer.

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[redacted]. (iii) 48 [redacted]-47 [redacted] ard; 4d 36 x 250 pound bombs on target.
43 [redacted]-47 [redacted] dropped all i.l.

(iii) [redacted]-47 [redacted] aborted; 1 radio, 1 [redacted] set r generator.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 49.

[redacted]. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

[redacted]. (i) 116:00.
(ii) Nil.

[redacted]. (i) 1,340 rounds [redacted] ammo.
(ii) 16,250.
(iii) Nil.

[redacted]. (i) 12½ x 100 pound AN bombs fitted, 1/11 [redacted]e, 1/AN
Nil.
(ii) (6 x 500 pound AN bombs dropped on [redacted] yards.
(iii) 5. 1 was brought back to base.
(iv) Nil.

[redacted]. Nil.

[redacted]. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

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Ja[redacted] . [redacted],
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Int Control Officer.

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S E C R E T

29 APR 1944

Office of the Statistical Control Officer
A.A.F.

29 April 1944.

Subject: [illegible]

To : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, attn: [illegible]
Commanding General, VIII Air Support Command, attn: Statistical.
Commanding Officer, Post Photographic Unit, attn: Stat Control.

In compliance with Eighth Air Force Memo [illegible], dated 27 Apr 1944, the following report is submitted.

1. From: 356th Fighter Group.

2. Sheet No. 1 for period ending sunset 28 Apr 1944.

3. Mission or Operation No.: AA No. 179.

4. Withdrawal support. Up 1320. Down 1702. R/V northeast of Dunkirk, 12,000 ft, 1344. Bombers few minutes late. R/V effected 15 miles east of Trier, 20,000 ft, 1432. Escort maintained without incident to enemy coast where Group left bombers northeast of Dunkirk, 17,000 ft, 1546. Fortresses in good formation. No E/A seen. Moderate accurate heavy flak at Liege, south of Brussels and west of Ghent. Intense accurate heavy flak at Dunkirk and Coxyde on I/P in and out. R/T generally good. Group leader had poor response from controller, who did not reply when called on several occasions. Weather: 4-5/10 cumulus increasing to 8-10/10 cumulus on return. Base 2,000 ft and top 5,000 ft. Visibility 1 to 2 miles, improving to 6 to 8 miles enroute.

5. (i) 46 P-47D.
(ii) 40 P-47D completed mission.
(iii) 6 P-47D aborted; 2 wing tanks, 1 propeller control devices, 1 fumes in cockpit, 1 oil leak, 1 escort.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 40.

6. (i) 92 British type, 108 American gallons.
(ii) 92 British type, 108 American gallons.

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19 1944

Office of the [illegible] Control Officer
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1. In compliance with Air Force Memo No. [illegible], dated 19 Apr 1944, the following report is submitted.

a. [illegible] Fighter Group.

b. [illegible] for period [illegible] 20 Apr 1944.

c. Type of operation: [illegible].

4. a. Dive-bombing. Up 0900. Over target 1115. Over Lille 1116. Last set ordered, [illegible] at 1. Chilesin, totally obscured by 10/10 cloud. Target of opportunity, Ypre/Vlamertinghe A/D, was dive-bombed. 68 x 500 pound GP bombs, fused 1/100 nose, 1/40 tail, dropped. Dive from 12,000 ft to 4,000 ft. 2 squadrons bombed, 1 noted as high cover. At least 15 hits were observed, one directly on concrete runway which ran northeast to southwest, another on building situated at end of revetment in northwest corner of field and two more buildings in southern section. Several others observed on field north of runway also on hangar and buildings. Bombs which fell short landed southwest of field. 2 bombs jettisoned in Channel on return trip. Enemy reaction over target nil. Flak over target nil. Elsewhere, moderate, inaccurate, heavy flak in Lille area. 10/10 cloud over target ordered. 8/10 over target bombed.

3. (i) 52 P-47D.
(ii) 34 dive-bombed Ypre/Vlamertinghe A/D.
50 P-47D completed mission.
(iii) 2 aborteves; 1 oil leak, 1 canopy cable.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.

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B. (vii) Nil.
(viii) 50.

C. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

D. (i) 108:00
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 83,200 rounds 50 calibre ammunition.
(ii) 5,590.
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 70 x 500 pound G.P bombs fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail.
(ii) 66 x 500 pound bombs dropped on Ypre/Vlamertinghe A/D.
(iii) 2 x 500 pound bombs.
(iv) Nil.

G. Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

[signature]
Julian . Stuart,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Control Officer.

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Office of the Statistical Control Officer
[illegible] 141 [illegible] Army

[illegible] Apr 1944.

SUBJECT: [illegible].

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: AC/S [illegible].
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Bombardment Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated [illegible] Apr 1944, the following reports are submitted.

2. From: 354th Fighter Group.

3. Report No. 1 for period ending midnight 30 Apr 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: [illegible] 186.

4. a. Penetration, target, and withdrawal escort of B-26's. Up 1803, over target 1830. Down 1841. Course flown as briefed. Continual weaving by bombers made escort difficult. Bombing results believed good. Observed 24 B-26's score concentrated hits on target. Flak over target, Nil. Elsewhere: Meager, inaccurate, heavy green colored at Lille. Weather: 2/10 cloud with base 4,000 ft, top 4,500 ft.

b. (i) 50 P-47D.
(ii) 50 P-47D.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 50.

c. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

d. (i) 1247:15.
(ii) Nil.

e. (i) 80,000 rounds 50 calibre ammunition.

4. (ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

5. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

6. Nil.

7. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

James J. Craft

Capt., Engrs,
Asst Control Officer.

ANNEX I

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Office of the [illegible] Tactical Air Officer
APO 141

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[illegible] Apr 1944.

SUBJECT: [illegible].

TO : [illegible], Tactical, 9th Air Force, APO: 26 [illegible].
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
ATT: [illegible] Control.
Commanding Officer, 1 [illegible] Group, APO: [illegible]
[illegible] Control.

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1. In compliance with [illegible] in force [illegible] 55-8, dated [illegible] Apr 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 354th Fighter Group.

3. Sitrep No. 1 for period ending June to 7 Apr 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: [illegible] 186.

4. A. Dive-bombing of Saint Pierre Marshalling Yards. Up 1006. Over target 1140. Down 1209. 64 x 500 pound GP bombs dropped on target area, three small breaks in 9/10 overcast. Majority of bombs well grouped central area of marshalling yards. Four hits near engineering shed. Good results obtained but poor visibility over target rendered pinpointing of hits difficult. Bombing run from 10,000 ft releasing at 4,000 ft. 8 bombs jettisoned in Channel due to mechanical difficulty. Flak over target and all where [illegible]. Over continent, 9/10 cloud - hole in clouds over target.

B. (i) 54 P-47D.
(ii) 32 P-47D dropped 64 x 500 pound bombs on Saint Pierre Marshalling Yards.
(iii) 1 P-47D aborted due to turbo regulator out.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 53.

C. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

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3. (i) 117:15.
(ii) [illegible].

4. (i) 80,4[illegible] 50 calibre [illegible].
(ii) 2,218.
(iii) [illegible].

5. (i) 74 x 5[illegible] pound [illegible] tubes.
(ii) 64 x 5[illegible] pound [illegible] tubes [illegible].
[illegible].
(iii) 10 x [illegible].
(iv) [illegible].

6. [illegible].

7. (i) [illegible].
(ii) [illegible].
(iii) [illegible].

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[illegible],
1st [illegible], Air Force,
Staff General Officer.

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■3 Mar 1944

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[redacted] 373rd Fighter Group 73/3
Office of the Statistical Control Officer
APO 141 U.S. Army

28 Apr 1944.

TO: C.O. I.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: AC/S.
Commanding General, AEA Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 358th Fighter Group, Att: Stat
Control.

1. In compliance with 9th Air Force Memo No 80-8, dated 29 Apr 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Operation No. 2 for period ending Sunset 27 Apr 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IA to Q.S. 189.

4. A. Dive bombing of Mantes-Gassicourt marshalling yards. Up 1710. Over target 1758. Down 1809. 60 x 500 pound GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail, dropped on target, Group going down from 12,000 ft and releasing from 2,500 to 4,000 ft. At least two direct hits observed on locomotive shed in east end of yards. A number of other probable hits or near hits on this building. Also at least one direct hit on rolling stock workshop building in SE part of yards with several near misses which fell in the surrounding yards. Large number of hits on tracks and other buildings in the yards. Both ends of yards were blanketed in smoke as Group left area. Several bombs fell just north of target area along the road running parallel to the tracks. Four bombs jettisoned in Channel due to mechanical difficulty. Flak over target meager, inaccurate light. Elsewhere: Meager accurate, heavy flak at Neufchatel; moderate accurate heavy flak east of Dieppe. CAVU over target.

B. (1) 49 P-47D.
(11) 30 P-47D dropped 60 x 500 pound bombs on Mantes-Gassicourt marshalling yards.
49 P-47D completed mission.

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29 Apr 1944.

SUBJECT: Cr[illegible].

TO : Commanding General, [illegible]ith Air Force, Att: 26 [illegible].
Commanding General, [illegible]IX Tactical Air Command, Att: [illegible]tat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: [illegible]tat Control.

1. In compliance with [illegible]ir[illegible]th Air Force Memo 55-8, dated [illegible]6 Apr 194[illegible], the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 1 for period ending Sunset 28 Apr 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 190.

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4. A. Dive-bombing of Reims/Champagne A/D. Up 0759. Over target 0910. Down 1015. Primary target not bombed because it was totally obscured by 10/10 cloud cover. Group sought target of opportunity and 2 squadrons dive-bombed Reims/Champagne A/D. One squadron furnished top cover. 62 x 250 pound GP bombs fuzed 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail dropped on target. Dive started at 10,000 ft, bombs released at 4,000, A/C strafing in dive. Result of bombing believed to be good. 4 direct hits observed near building area on west side of field, and 5 hits were noted on ramp in front of hanger line. Some bursts seen on field itself. As he was pulling out of his dive after releasing his bombs, Captain Sprietsma, leading 367th Squadron, fired upon two A/A on the ground and noted strikes about wing roots on both planes. 2 bombs were jettisoned in Channel. Enemy reaction over target and elsewhere nil. Flak over target: moderate, accurate heavy; intense accurate light. Weather: 10/10 over primary, 2/10 over target attacked.

B. (1) 48 P-47D.
(11) 31 P-47D dropped 62 x 250 pound bombs dropped on Reims/Champagne A/D.

(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 48.

(i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

(i) 1 [illegible].
(ii) Nil.

(i) 76,800. (5) [illegible] ammunition
(ii) 7,656.
(iii) Nil.

(i) 64 x 500 pound [illegible] 1/1 [illegible], 1/60 t:il.
(ii) 62 x 500 pound bombs dropped on [illegible] Champagne a/c.
(iii) 2 x 500 pound bombs.
(iv) Nil.

Nil.

(i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) 2 DAK - type unknown - on ground - Captain [illegible]. Sprietsma.

James Scott
[illegible],
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Staff Control Officer.

5. (i) 52 P-47D.
(ii) 45 P-47D.
(iii) 7 P-47D; 2 wing tank connecting hoses, 1 radio, 1 power plant, 3 escort.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 49.

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2. (1) 134 Britis[illegible], 1[illegible] Americ[illegible] ilots.
(ii) 134 [illegible], 1[illegible] [illegible]ilots.

3. (i) 139:15.
(ii) .il.

4. (i) [illegible] (6) [illegible]
(ii) .il.
(iii) .il.

5. (i) .il.
(ii) .il.
(iii) .il.
(iv) .il.

6. .il.

7. (i) .il.
(ii) .il.
(iii) .il.

James Holt
[illegible],
[illegible], Air Corps,
Staff Control Officer.

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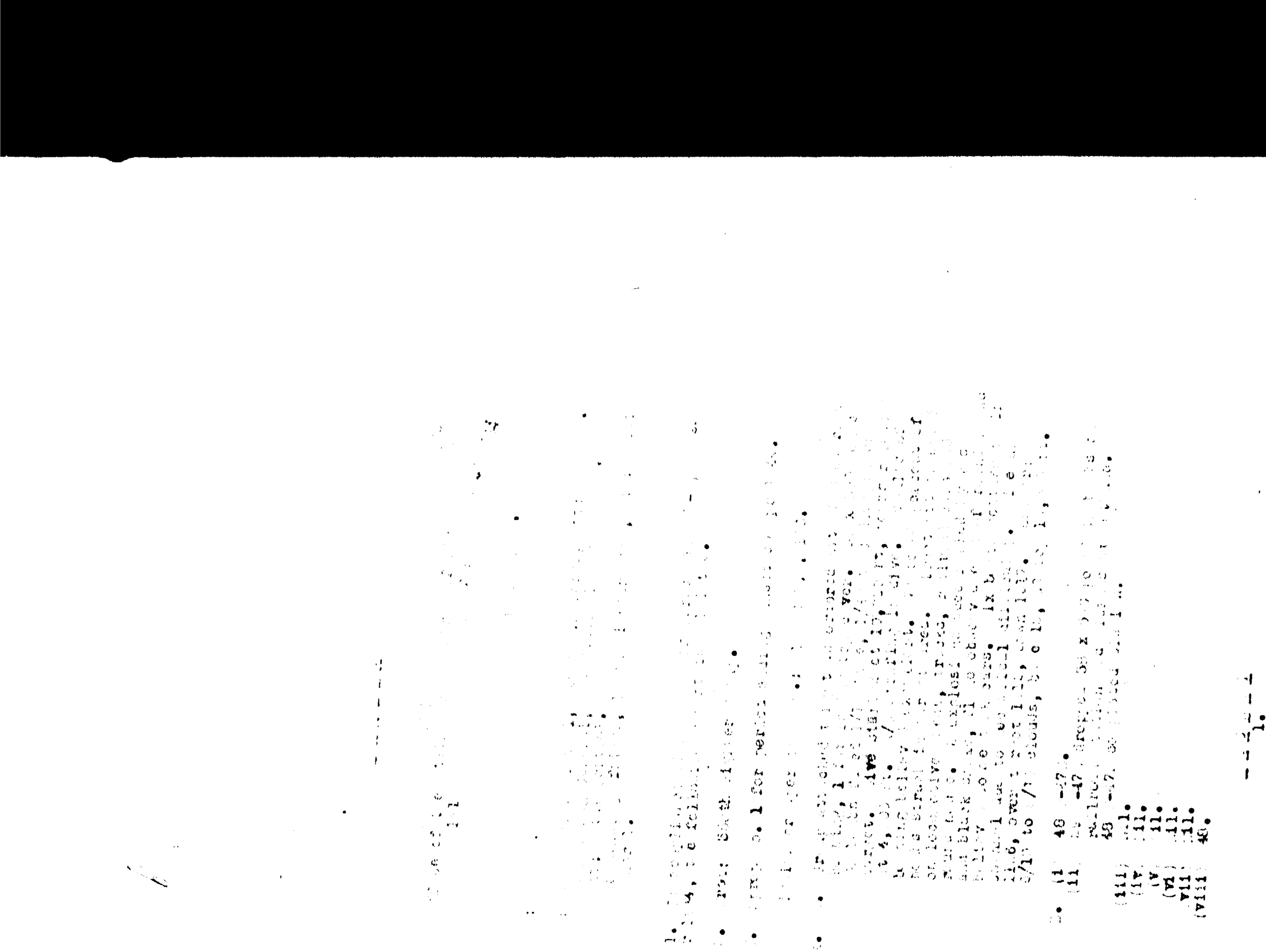

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1. In compliance with [illegible] of Force [illegible], dated 4 Apr 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. Area: South Walcheren.

3. Type [illegible] No. 1 for period [illegible] 1944.

4. [illegible] or Operation No.: [illegible].

4. [illegible]ive-bombing of Domburg defended area. 0945-1014, over area 1048, about 1000. 9 Sqdns Spitfire, 1 furnishing top cover. 59 x 500 pound G.P. bombs dropped on target. Dive started at 14,000 ft, bombs released at 8,000 ft. 45° stream dive. Bombing results believed fair. 20 bombs reported in and around target area. Several strikes observed in orchard [illegible], and other around the target area dispersal and workshops. One bomb believed to have hit a factory west of Domburg on the coast. 5 bombs jettisoned in the sea because of technical difficulty. Flak over target area. Intense; light intense, inaccurate and ineffective; heavy moderate, accurate at times; heavy moderate [illegible] of the [illegible]. Casualties: [illegible] over target.

5. (i) 47 A-47s.
(ii) 30 A-47s dropped 59 x 500 pound G.P. bombs on Domburg defended area. 47 A-47s employed.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) 1 A-47s, category A/C, flak.
(viii) 47.

6. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

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Office of the Statistical Control Officer
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1 May 1944

SUBJECT: Report.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: Adj Gen.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat
Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 1 May 1944.

James [illegible],
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Stat Control Officer.

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...ommanding Officer, ...th Fighter ...ing, Att: Stat
...ntrol.

1. In compliance with ... Air ... ...eo 50-8, dated ...r 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 365th Fighter Group.

3. Prep No. 1 for period ending ... ...ay 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: ...

4. a. Dive-bombing of railway marshalling yards at Hergnier. Up 1117, over target 1200, down 1217. Group attacked target as ordered, 4 squadrons bombing, one furnishing top cover. 61 x 250 pound GP bombs, fused 1/11 nose, 1/40 tail, dropped in target area. Dive started at 11,000 ft, released at 1,500 ft. A/C strafing in dive. Bombing results believed good. Great majority of bombs landed in center of yards. Hits were observed to bracket the rolling stock works and locomotive depot and one direct hit made on locomotive depot. North gathering yards also were hit. 3 bombs jettisoned in Channel due to mechanical difficulty. Enemy reaction over target and elsewhere nil. Flak: over target, light intense and accurate. Flak guns located south of rolling stock works, illustration 3, or photograph 4903 S/35. Elsewhere: intense, accurate heavy at Boulogne; meager, inaccurate heavy at le Touquet. 15 trains observed on western siding of yards, just south of locomotive depot. 5/10 cloud over target. 10/10 cloud on route in.

B. (i) 48 P-47D.
(ii) 31 P-47D dropped 61 x 250 GP bombs on Hergnier marshalling yards.
48 P-47D completed mission.

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. (iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) 1 - [illegible] related to [illegible], blk, other r[illegible]
n.
(viii) Nil.

. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

. (i) 1[illegible]
(ii) Nil.

. (i) 76,8[illegible] [illegible]ibre [illegible]
(ii) 5,8[illegible]1.
(iii) Nil.

. (i) 64 x [illegible] bombs fused 1/1[illegible] no e, 1/4[illegible] Nil.
(ii) 61 x [illegible] bombs dropped on [illegible]ergnier marshalling yards.
(iii) 3 x [illegible] bombs.
(iv) Nil.

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. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

[illegible]
[illegible],
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Stat Control Officer.

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...0 ... Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, ...
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... Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter ..., ...
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1. In compliance with ... Air Force ... No. 3-6, dated ... 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 368th Fighter Group.

3. Period No. 4 from period ending midnight ... May 1944.

...sion or Operation No.: ... 3 ... 3-7.

4. A. Dive bombing of Conflain Marshalling Yards. ... 1704; over target, 1840; down 1904. 58 x 500 lb bombs fused A/C nose, 1/4 sec tail dropped on target area. Approximately 80% landed in east end of yards with greatest concentration between the bridge bisecting the yards and the locomotive depot. At least one direct hit observed on locomotive depot building in east end of yards with several near misses. Also some hits seen in yards south of locomotive depot. A few hits seen short of the target. 1 squadron, 16 A/C escort; 2 squadrons, 27 A/C bombed, diving from 12,000 to 4,000 ft. Enemy reaction over target and elsewhere nil. Flak over target nil; elsewhere: inaccurate light flak 1 ... Claimed over target.

B. (i) 45 P-47's.
(ii) 27 P-47's bombed Conflain Marshalling Yards.
43 P-47's completed mission.
(iii) 2 P-47's aborted; 1 radio, 1 late take-off due to flat tire.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 43.

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. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

. (i) £1:3d.
(ii) Nil.

. (i) 7[illegible] libre [illegible]
(ii) 92[illegible].
(iii) Nil.

. (i) 56 x [illegible] bombs fused 1/10 [illegible]e, 1/40 tail.
(ii) 53 x [illegible] bombs dropped [illegible] Main Marshall-
[illegible]ands.
(iii) 3 x [illegible] bombs.
(iv) Nil.

. Nil.

. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

[illegible]
[illegible],
1st Lt., Air [illegible]ps,
[illegible] Control [illegible].

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP GC/
Office of the Statistical Control Officer
APO 141 U.S. Army

4 May 1944.

SUBJECT: OPREP.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Air Tactical Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

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1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 3 May 1944.

James J. Craft

JAMES J. CRAFT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Stat Control Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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4 May 1944

SUBJECT: CPRP.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Air Tactical Command, ATT: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

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1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending 4 May 1944.

James S. Croft

JAMES S. CROFT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Stat Control Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP GC/6
Office of the Statistical Control Officer
APO 141 US Army

7 May 1944.

SUBJECT: OPREP.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: AC/S, OPD.
Commanding General, XIX Air Tactical Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

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1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 6 May 1944.

JAMES [illegible] CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Stat Control Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP GC/6
Office of the Statistical Control Officer
APO 141 US Army

8 May 1944.

SUBJECT: OPREP.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Air Tactical Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 1 for period ending Sunset 7 May 1944.
Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 220.

4. A. Target and withdrawal support. Up 0829, down 1040. L/F in Gravelines, 0902, 15,000 ft. Recall received 15 miles west of Bilsen, 0928. L/F out south of Ostend, 1003, 10,000 ft. Moderate, accurate heavy flak at Dunkerque and Ostend. No E/A seen. R/T good, but Group Leader called controller on route in about 12 times but received no answer. 3-5/10 over Channel and continent increasing to 7-8/10 over target area. 10/10 on return route. Base 2,500 ft, top 6,000 ft. Visibility excellent. Four (4) P-47D failed to rendezvous with Group, but were in sight of Group formation when recall was received. Those four became separated at this point and were next heard of off Cherbourg, France. Insufficient gas caused two (2) to bail out over Channel and were picked up by British Air/Sea Rescue. The other two (2) were forced to land at an advance base to refuel for flight to home base. All pilots accounted for.

B. (i) 48 P-47D.
(ii) 46 P-47D completed mission.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

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B. (v) Nil.
(vi) 8 P-47D abandoned in Channel due to lack of gas.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 48.

C. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

D. (i) 116:30.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 76,8[illegible] (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 88.
(iii) 3,2[illegible].

F. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

G. Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

[signature]

JAMES S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Staff Control Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
Office of the Statistical Control Officer
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9 May 1944.

SUBJECT: OPR-P.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att; 26 GCU.
Commanding General, XIC Air Tactical Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat
Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 8 May 1944.

JAMES S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Stat Control Officer.

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[redacted] 358th [redacted] Group A/C
Office of the Statistical Control Officer
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11 [redacted] 1944.

SUBJECT: [redacted].

To : Commanding General, 1st Tactical Air Force, Attn: [redacted].
Commanding General, [redacted] Tactical Command,
Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding Officer, [redacted] Fighter Wing, Attn: Statistical Control.

1. In compliance with [redacted] Air Force Circular No. 55-8, dated [redacted] March 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. Unit: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Operation No. 1 for period ending sunset 9 May 1944.
Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 230.

4. a. Dive-bombing of Noball targets, Neufchatel area. Up 0918, over target 1000, down 1139. 365th Squadron dive bombed target near Hambures with 28 x 500 pound GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail. Estimated 10-12 hits directly on target in woods. Others grouped around target area. Dive from 10,000 released at 4,000 ft. 4 single bombs jettisoned in Channel. Many fresh bomb craters observed on target. 366th Squadron bombed target near St. Agathe D'Aliermont with 30 x 500 pound GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail. Estimated 35 percent of bombs hit target, rest in target area. Bombs released at 5,000 ft. 2 jettisoned in Channel by A/C aborting due to oil leak. 367th Squadron bombed target near Formereval with 11 x 500 pound GP bombs and 4 x 1000 pound GP bombs fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail. 1/3 hits scattered over target area. Remainder just outside area marked with craters of previous bombings. Dive from 10,000 to 5,000 ft. 5 x 500 pound and 4 x 1000 pound bombs jettisoned in Channel due to mechanical failure to release. Flak: intense, accurate, heavy and light flak SE of Hambures target; meager, inaccurate heavy flak NW of St. Agathe D'Aliermont; moderate, inaccurate heavy and light flak in Formereval target area. CAVU over target. Enemy reaction over target and elsewhere nil.

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. (i) 48 -47.
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15 -47. b t rget r t. .
11 x 50 b .
7 -47. t rget r eral
11 b .
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(iii) 5 -47.
(a) il.
(b) il.
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w p il l r l .
(d) il.
(iv) il.
(v) il.
(vi) il.
(vii) 1 -47 , ; l b .
(viii) 47.

. (i) il.
(ii) il.

. (i) 80:15.
(ii) il.

. (i) 76,800 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 1,505.
(iii) il.

. (i) 80 x 500 pound AN bombs.
8 x 1000 pound M. bombs.
(ii) 28 x 500 pound bombs on target near Manteufel.
30 x 500 pound bombs near St. Agathe d'Allermont
11 x 500 pound bombs near Ommerey 1.
4 x 1000 pound bombs near Lorneval.
(iii) 11 x 500 pound AN bombs.
4 x 1000 pound AN bombs.
(iv) Nil.

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. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

James L. Grant
Major, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP 30/6
Office of the Statistical Control Officer
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10 May, 1944.

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TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 COU.
Commanding General, XIX Air Tactical Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 2 for period ending Sunset 9 May 1944.
Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 234.

4. A. Dive bombing of marshalling yards at Noroeau Sur Chambre. Up 1519, over target 1615, down 1715. Group attacked target as ordered, 2 squadrons bombing, 1 top cover. 26 x 1000 pound GP bombs fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail dropped on target. Dive started at 12,000 ft, bombs released at 4,000 ft with flight leaders strafing in dive. Angle of dive approximately 75 degrees. Bombing results believed good - 2 hits observed to fall just to west of engine shed, one to hit south side of shed. 1 strike observed in center of yard. Other burst noted near carriage and wagon shops. 2 bombs dropped on Lille-Vendeville A/D on route back from P/T, resulting in direct hit on hanger which was immediately set ablaze. 3 bombs jettisoned in Channel due to mechanical difficulty. 1 bomb returned to Manston. Enemy reaction over target and elsewhere nil. Flak over P/T nil. Heavy intense, accurate flak at Lille-Vendeville. CAVU over target and on route in and out.

B. (1) 47 P-47D.
(ii) 26 P-47D attacked Noroeau Sur Chambre yards.
2 P-47D attacked Lille-Vendeville A/D.
14 escort.
42 completed mission.

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HEADQUARTERS 358th Fighter Group GC/6
Office of the Statistical Control Officer
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11 May 1944.

TO : CO's.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: AG GC.
Commanding General, XIX Air Tactical Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat
Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo No 35-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep to 1 for period ending Sunset 10 May 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 288.

4. a. 1 squadron attacked Monceau Sur Chambre power station, dropping 20 x 1000 pound GP bombs fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail. Dive started at 10,000 ft, angle of dive approximately 75 degrees, bombs released at 4,000 ft. Numerous hits observed in target area, from middle of yards to east choke point. Some hits beyond choke point. 8 bombs released safely over continent after leaving target and two jettisoned in Channel. 2nd squadron attacked target of opportunity, Mons marshalling yards, dropping 26 x 1000 pound GP bombs fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail, on target area. Dive started at 10,000 ft, angle approximately 75 degrees, bombs released from 4,000 ft. All except 1 or 2 bombs hit in target area. Greatest portion of hits fell among the concentration of goods wagons, causing explosions followed by smoke and fire. One shed on south side of yards demolished by direct hit. 1 P-47D lost bomb on take-off, other was safely jettisoned in Channel. 3rd squadron furnished high cover. Enemy reaction over target and elsewhere nil. Flak: light, intense accurate at Monceau Sur Chambre; heavy intense accurate at Mons; heavy, intense accurate as to height and direction at Dunkirk at 9,000 ft; heavy, intense accurate at Furnes, Lille and Roubaix at 10,000 ft. 7/10 cloud cover.

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D. (i) 44 P-47D.
(ii) 10 P-47D dive-bombed Foncesu sur Chambre power station.
13 P-47D dive bombed Toul marshalling yards.
4 P-47D escort.
27 P-47D completed mission.
(iii) 17 P-47D.
(a) Nil.
(b) Nil.
(c) 1 supercharger, 6 bomb release failure.
(d) 10 failed to join group after take-off due to a traffic delay in take-off caused by plane with flat tire.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 32.

G. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

I. (i) 85:15.
(ii) Nil.

J. (i) 70,400 (50 Calibre Ammunition)
(ii) 678.
(iii) Nil.

K. (i) 58 x 1000 pound GP bombs fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail.
(ii) 20 x 1000 pound GP bombs dropped on Foncesu Sur Chambre power station.
26 x 1000 pound GP bombs dropped on Toul marshalling yards.
(iii) 12 x 1000 pound GP bombs.
(iv) Nil.

L. Nil.

M. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

James L. Craft
JAMES L. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Stat Control Officer.

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Office of the [illegible] Intelligence Officer
APO 141

13 May 1944

[illegible]: Chief.

[illegible]: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: AC/S.
Commanding General, IX Air [illegible] Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding [illegible], 100th Fighter Group, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo [illegible], dated [illegible] 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oper No. 1 for period ending Midnight 11 May 1944.
Mission or Operation No.: IX FC [illegible]. 242.

4. A. Dive-bombing of Bethune marshalling yards, [illegible]. 242. 50 P-47D, 32 bombed up, 18 escort, took off 1242. 24 P-47D dropped 46 x 1[illegible] pound GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose, 1/4 tail. Dive started at 11,000 ft, angle of 75 degrees, bombs released at 6,000 ft. Estimate at least 80% hits in target area, majority of which fell on locomotive [illegible] near round house. Other bombs burst in marshalling yards. 6 A/C were non-effective; 5 due to mechanical failure of bomb release, 1 due to oil leak just before reaching target, and 2 returned as escort for the A/C with oil leak. 2 A/C of cover Squadron aborted, 1 due to electrical trouble (circuit breaker) and 1 failed to catch formation after late take-off. 17 bombs jettisoned in Channel. 1 P-47D dropped 1 x 1000 pound GP bomb on target of opportunity on route back, A/D, name unknown. Group was over I/P at 1334 hours, landed 1412 hours. Enemy fighter opposition nil. Flak over target nil. Light inaccurate meager flak over Hardelot. Weather: 2-3/10 cloud layer 6,000 - 7,000 ft; haze 1,000-11,000 ft, horizontal visibility 6 - 7 miles, vertical visibility 2 miles.

B. (i) 50 P-47D.
(ii) 24 P-47D dive bombed Bethune marshalling yards.
1 P-47D dive bombed target of opportunity, A/D, name unknown.

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5. (ii) continued.
16 -47s escort.
4) -47s completed mission.
(iii) 1) -47s aborted:
(a) Nil.
(b) Nil.
(c) 5 bomb release failure, 1 oil leak, 1 electrical trouble (circuit breaker).
(d) 2 escort, 1 failed to catch formation after late take-off.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 48.

6. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

7. (i) 78:60.
(ii) Nil.

8. (i) 30,000 (50 calibre ammunition).
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

9. (i) 64 x 1000 pound GP bombs fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail.
(ii) 46 x 1000 pound bombs dropped on Lethune marshalling yards.
1 x 1000 pound bombs dropped on target of opportunity, A/C, same unknown.
(iii) 17 x 1000 pound bombs.
(iv) Nil.

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11. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

James A. Wright
James A. Wright,
Captain, Air Corps,
Stat Control Officer.

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[illegible] Air Division, U.S.A.A.F.
Office of the Statistical Control Officer
APO [illegible] U.S. Army

[illegible] May, 1944.

Subject: S.C.S.R.

To : [illegible] General, Ninth Air Force, Att: A-3 Sec.
[illegible] General, XIX Air Tactical Command, Att: Stat Control.
[illegible] Officer, [illegible] Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Sect.

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1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated [illegible] 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 354th Fighter Group.

3. Sprep No. 2 for period ending Sunset 11 May 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: [illegible] Sec. B.5.

4. A. Escort to A-20's on bombing mission to Aerschot. T/O 1455, Down 2137. A/V as ordered. Course flown as briefed. Four or five fires seen in target area. Heavy flak encountered. Specific location of hits. Bombers appeared to hit twice. Heavy reaction over target and elsewhere nil. Flak over target nil; elsewhere, moderate, inaccurate, heavy at Courtrai, Brussels, and Louvain. 8/10 to 10/10 cloud over target.

B. (i) 46 P-47D.
(ii) 43 P-47D completed mission.
(iii) 3 P-47D aborted:
(a) Nil.
(b) Nil.
(c) 1 fuel tank, 1 instrument failure, 1 radio.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 43.

C. (i) 92 British type, 108 American gallons.
(ii) 92 British type, 108 American gallons.

D. (i) 115:45.
(ii) Nil.

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3. (i) 73,5[illegible]
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

4. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

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6. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

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5. (iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) 1 -47., flak at Liège, shot holes out by English aircraft.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) Nil.

6. (i) 47 British, 9, 1/8 German, Nil.
(ii) 47 British, 9, 1/8 German, Nil.

7. (i) 114 Nil.
(ii) Nil.

8. (i) 70, [illegible] British.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) 1600.

9. (i) 47 x 1000 [illegible] British flags 1/1 Nil, 1/4 Nil.
(ii) 19 on west bridge at Liège.
20 on east bridge at Liège.
(iii) 8.
(iv) Nil.

10. Nil.

11. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

J. [illegible],
Captain, Air Corps,
Stat Control Officer.

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1[illegible] May 1944.

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[illegible]: [illegible] General, [illegible] Air Force, APO [illegible].
[illegible] Wing General, [illegible] Air Material Command,
APO [illegible].
[illegible] Officer, 100th Fighter Group, APO [illegible]
Control.

1. In compliance with [illegible] Air Force [illegible] dated 1 May 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. Unit: 388th Fighter Group.

3. Group rep No. 2 for period ending sunset 1[illegible] May 1944.

Mission or operation No.: [illegible] 44.

4. A. Dive-bombing of railway bridges at Liege and Tirlemont/Jassoncourt A/D. Up 1415, over target 1555-1545, down 1743. 17 P-47D dropped 17 x 1000 pound GP bombs in Liege west bridge target area, dive starting from 12,000 ft, angle of 75 degrees, and releasing from 5,000 ft. 1 hit observed on right side of west bridge. 8 x 1000 pound bombs on target of opportunity, 2 of which are known to have hit Tirlemont/Jassoncourt A/D. 9 A/C dropped 9 x 1000 pound GP bombs around Liege east bridge, dive starting from 11,500 ft, angle 75 degrees, released from 5,000-6,000 ft. No hits on target. 7 bombs jettisoned in Channel; 3 bombs jettisoned safe on continent; 1 bomb brought back. Enemy reaction over target and elsewhere nil. Flak: over target, moderate, inaccurate heavy; Metzger, inaccurate heavy at Dunkerque and Namur. Weather: no cloud cover over target.

B. (i) 48 P-47D.
(ii) 17 P-47D dive bombed Liege west railway bridge.
9 P-47D dive bombed Liege east railway bridge.
6 P-47D dive bombed Tirlemont/Jassoncourt A/D.
32 P-47D completed mission.

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Office of the Tactical Control Officer
APO 141 U.S. Army

14 May 1944.

TO: CG, IXTAF.

: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: AC/S, A-3.
Commanding General, IX Air Tactical Command,
Att: Staff Control.
Commanding Officer, 358th Fighter Group, Att: Staff
Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force memo 55-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Sprep No. 3 for period ending Sunset 12 May 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX TC [illegible] 249.

4. A. Dive-bombing of railway bridges at Liege, and of Courtrai/Maeveghen A/D and Ypres/Vlamertinghe A/D. Up 1918, over target 2020, down 2132. 21 P-47D dropped 21 x 1000 pound GP bombs, from 12,000 ft, at an angle of 70 degrees, releasing from 6,000 ft on Liege bridge area. 7 hits in area on south bank of river, but poor visibility obscured results. Unknown whether any direct hits obtained. 1 bomb dropped on Ypres/Vlamertinghe A/D seen to strike building area. 2 bombs dropped on Courtrai/Maeveghen A/D, results unobserved. 7 bombs jettisoned in Channel, 7 jettisoned on Continent. Flak over target: Intense, accurate light flak; moderate, inaccurate barrage type heavy flak. Concentrations of 8 flak near each end of bridge attacked. Elsewhere: moderate, inaccurate heavy flak at Gravelines; moderate, accurate heavy flak at Bergues. Visibility poor.

B. (i) 38 P-47D.
(ii) 21 P-47D dive bombed Liege bridge target area.
1 P-47D dive bombed A/D at Ypres/Vlamertinghe.
2 P-47D dive bombed A/D at Courtrai/Maeveghen.
24 P-47D completed mission.
(iii) 14 aborts:
(a) Nil.
(b) Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS 358

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[illegible]

[illegible]:

To : Commanding General, [illegible], Att: AC/S.
Commanding General, [illegible],
Att: Chief Engineer.
Commanding Officer, [illegible], Att: Base
Control.

1. In compliance with [illegible] dated [illegible] Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 1 for period ending Sunset 13 May 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX [illegible] 154.

4. A. Penetration, target, and withdrawal support for bombers. Up 1235, down 1615. I/F in Noordwal, 1320, 28,000 ft. R/V vicinity Dummer Lake 1352, 28,000 ft. Escort proceeded uneventfully thru target area and to just north of Munster, where group withdrew, 1430, 24,000 ft. I/F out Maccheren Island, 1598, 23,000 ft. Bombers in good formation and good concentration of bursts, fire and smoke seen in target area. Intense, accurate heavy over target. Enemy reaction over target and elsewhere nil. 1 B-17 observed on fire in target area. R/T good. 3/10 cumulus over target at 14,000 ft. Air to air visibility, good, air to ground poor. Haze to 16,000 ft.

B. (i) 47 P-47D and 2 P-47D forward relays.
(ii) 40 P-47D and 2 P-47D forward relays.
(iii) 7 P-47D aborted.
(a) Nil.
(b) Nil.
(c) 1 fuel pump, 1 engine detonation and radio, 1 engine, 1 radio.
(d) 3 escort.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.

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HQ, 358th Fighter Group
Office of the Statistical Control Officer
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U.S. Army

15 May 1944.

SUBJECT: OPREP.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: AG SOU
Commanding General, AIX Air Tactical Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

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1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 14 May 1944.

J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Stat Control Officer.

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1. [illegible]
[illegible] 8 [illegible] 1:44, [illegible]
ending 17 [illegible], 1:44.

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[illegible],

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[illegible] May 1944

[illegible]
Office of the Director of Intelligence
AAC 141

[illegible]

29 May 1944.

SUBJECT: [illegible].

TO : [illegible]

1. In compliance with [illegible] dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 18 May 1944.

J. [illegible],
Captain, Air [illegible],
Asst Control Officer.

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F. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

G. Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

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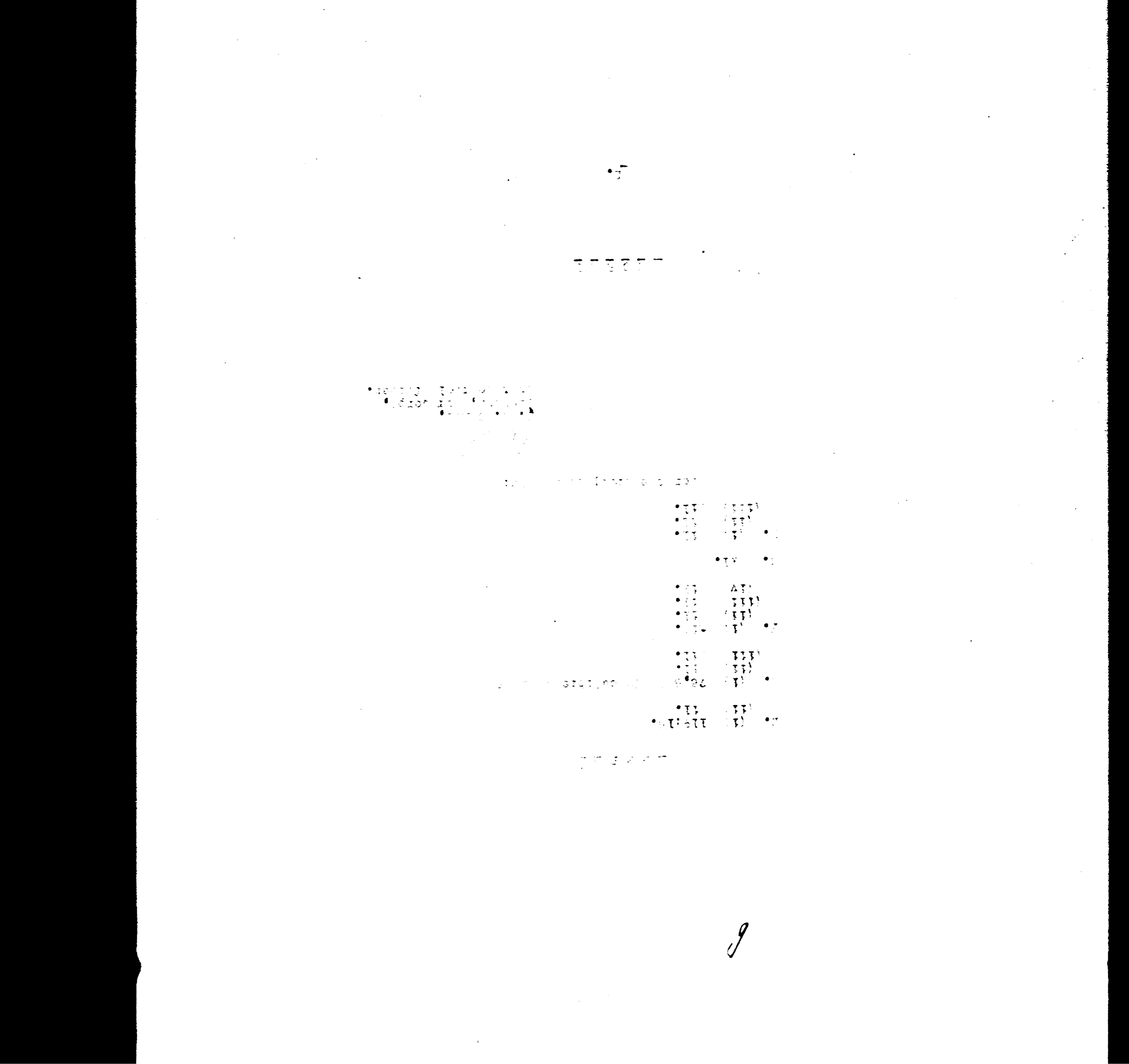
B. (i) 48 P-47D.
(ii) 47 P-47D completed escort of medium bombers attacking Duisburg.
(iii) 1 P-47D due to external tank connections breaking.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 48.

C. (i) 96 British type, 195 American gallons.
(ii) 96 British type, 195 American gallons.



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TO : [illegible] Bombing General, 11th Air Force, APO 230.
[illegible] Bombing General, [illegible],
Att: [illegible]
[illegible] Air Division, Fifth Air Force, APO [illegible] Control.

1. In compliance with [illegible] Air Force [illegible] 31-5, dated [illegible] 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 308th Fighter Group.

3. Sprep No. 1 for period ending Sunset [illegible], 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: [illegible]

4. A. 47 P-47D dispatched at 1300 hours on dive-bombing mission. 2 P-47D aborted; 1 due to tachometer out, 1 due to bomb release failure over target. 44 P-47D dive-bombed [illegible] marshalling yards target area with 78 x 500 pound GP (R.D.X. Composition B) bombs. 8-10/10 cloud cover hindered observation, base 6,000 ft, top 10,000. Hits were observed at both north and south choke points and in center of track area. Building on SE edge of tracks also hit. Concentration of hits in yards short of building in NE corner. Dive started at 11,000 ft, approximately 75 degrees, bombs released at 6,000 ft. 3 P-47D dive-bombed Lille/Vendeville A/D with 6 x 500 pound GP bombs, scoring hits on field. 1 P-47D dive-bombed A/D believed to be Vietry En Artois with 1 x 500 pound GP bomb. Result unobserved. 3 P-47D dive-bombed Denain/Prouvy A/D with 5 x 500 pound GP bombs. Results unobserved. Time over targets 1400-1410. No E/A seen. No flak encountered. Air to air visibility good. Air to ground poor. 4 x 500 pound bombs jettisoned; 2 in Channel, 2 safe on continent. All A/C returned, landing at 1510 hours.

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B.	(i)	47 - 7.
	(ii)	39 [illegible] ive-to[illegible]i one ar [illegible]elling yards. 3 -[illegible] ive-t[illegible]ed [illegible]ille/Vendeville A/D. 1 -47[illegible] ive t[illegible]bed [illegible]ietry [illegible]rtois A/D. 8 [illegible]-472 ive-b[illegible]bed [illegible]ain/ rouvy A/D 4[illegible]-472 co[illegible]pleted [illegible] i[illegible].
	(iii)	2[illegible]-47[illegible] [illegible]erted: (a) [illegible]il. (b) [illegible]il. (c) 1 t[illegible]meter [illegible]t, 1 b[illegible] tele[illegible]e f[illegible]lure over t[illegible]t. (d) [illegible]il.
	(iv)	Nil.
	(v)	Nil.
	(vi)	Nil.
	(vii)	Nil.
	(viii)	46.
C.	(i)	Nil.
	(ii)	Nil.
D.	(i)	98:45.
	(ii)	Nil.
E.	(i)	75,[illegible]0 (50 calibre ammunition)
	(ii)	1,[illegible]25.
	(iii)	Nil.
F.	(i)	94 x 500 pound GP (R.D.X. composition B) bombs fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail.
	(ii)	78 on Mons marshalling yards. 6 on Lille/Vendeville A/D. 1 on Vitry en Artois A/D. 5 on Denain/Prouvy A/D.
	(iii)	4.
	(iv)	Nil.
G.		Nil.
H.	(i)	Nil.
	(ii)	Nil.
	(iii)	Nil.

For the Group Commander:

[illegible]
J. S. [illegible],
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

ANNEX B

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A. (i) 47 [illegible]-47[illegible] and 4 forward relays.
(ii) [illegible]-47[illegible] strafing rolling stock in [illegible] area.
[illegible]-47[illegible] acted as top cover.
[illegible]-47[illegible] and 4 torpedo bombers completed mission.
(iii) 3 [illegible]-47[illegible] aborted: 1 prop out, 1 carburetor temperature gauge.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) [illegible]-47[illegible], flak, battle damage.
(viii) 44.

B. (i) 24 British type, 1.5 American gallons.
(ii) 24 British type, 1.5 American gallons.

D. (i) 119 belts.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 75,000 (50) calibre ammunition.
(ii) 25,150.
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

G. Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

Other Claims:

1 locomotive des, 1 locomotive dam Captain Joseph D. Underwood.
2 locomotives des, Captain John F. Buckner.
3 locomotives dam, Lt. C.A. Austin.
1 locomotive des Lt. Col. Jack [illegible] Cherrieault.
2 locomotives des, Captain Robert R. Fishel.
4 locomotives dam Lt. Jack [illegible] Coulter.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY FALL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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1. (i) 6 -pr, aircraft
(ii)
(iii) 2 - [illegible] radio out. [illegible]
discovered [illegible] plus.
1 oil le k, 1 [illegible], 1 radio.
1 escort.
(iv) [illegible].
(v) [illegible].
(vi) [illegible].
(vii) [illegible].
(viii) [illegible].

2. (i) [illegible].
(ii) [illegible].

3. (i) [illegible]:
(ii) [illegible].

4. (i) 78,800 (60 cultur[illegible] [illegible].
(ii) [illegible].
(iii) [illegible].

5. (i) [illegible].
(ii) [illegible].
(iii) [illegible].
(iv) [illegible].

6. Nil.

7. (i) [illegible].
(ii) [illegible].
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

Harry Hall

[illegible],
Capt R., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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7. (iv) [illegible].
(v) [illegible].
(vi) [illegible].
(vii) [illegible].
(viii) [illegible].

8. [illegible]
(ii) [illegible]

9. (i) [illegible].
(ii) [illegible].

10. (i) [illegible].
(ii) [illegible].
(iii) [illegible].
(iv) [illegible].

11. [illegible].

12. (i) [illegible].
(ii) [illegible].
(iii) [illegible].

For the [illegible]:

[illegible] Hall,
Captain, [illegible],
Adjutant.

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29 MAY 1944

APO 141

23 May 44.

SUBJECT: S.A.R.F.

TO : Commanding General, VIII Air Force, Att: AC/S A-2.
Commanding General, VIII Bomber Command,
Att: Air Control.
Commanding Officer, 1st Combat Wing, Att: Air Control.

1. In compliance with Standing Operating Instructions, dated 3 May 1944, the following S.A.R.F. Mission was flown.

2. From: 65th Air Depot Group.

3. Period for period ending sunset 22 May 1944.

4. Mission of operation No.: IX AF S.O.O. 986/

4. a. 36 P-47D dispatched at 1310 hours on dive-bombing of Noball targets. 14 P-47s dive-bombed target at Bois Rempre with 24 x 500 pound GP bombs. Dive started at 11,000 ft, angle of 45 degrees, bombs released from 5,000 ft. Concentration of hits observed in area between square building and large rectangular building. No direct hits were observed on the buildings. Over target at 1432 hours. 11 P-47D dive-bombed target at Conetot with 22 x 500 pound GP bombs. 60% of hits were in target area. Over target at 1400 hours. 10 P-47D dive-bombed target at Heueire with 19 x 500 pound GP bombs. Over target 1415 hours. Dive started from 14,000 ft, angle of 80-85 degrees, bombs released from 5,000 ft. 10 hits were observed in the area but intense smoke hindered pinpointing of hits. Smoke from 1 set of bombs darker than usual. 2 P-47D dropped 3 x 500 pound GP bombs on St. Valery A/D, results unobserved. Flak: moderate, accurate heavy over Auffay; moderate, inaccurate light west of Auffay in open field. Weather: over target 2-3/10 cloud, base 4,000 ft, top 6,000 ft; on route 1/10 cumulus cloud cover at 8,000 ft, visibility good. 2 P-47D abortive due to bomb release failure over target. 4 x 500 pound GP bombs jettisoned in Channel. 34 P-47D completed mission, landing at home base at 1507 hours.

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B. (i) 36 P-47s.
(ii) 12 P-47s dive-bombed [illegible] at Les Hemptre.
11 P-47s dive-bombed target at Bonetot.
1 P-47 dive bombed target at Beuzeire.
1 P-47 dive bombed target at St. Valery a/d.
34 P-47s completed missions.
(iii) 2 P-47s abortive due to [illegible] release failure over target.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 36.

C. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

D. (i) 5o:oo.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 57,6[illegible] (50 calibre [illegible].
(ii) 69.
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 72 x 500 pound G.P. bombs fused 1/12 Acc., 1/40 tail.
(ii) 24 on Bois Hempre target area.
19 on Beuzeire target area.
22 on Bonetot target area.
3 on St. Valery a/d.
(iii) 4.
(iv) Nil.

G. Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

[signature]
J. [illegible] GRANT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Control Officer.

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29 Mar 1944

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1. In compliance with Eighth Air Force Memo No 3-8, dated [illegible] 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Mission report No. 1 for period ending sunset 28 May 1944.

4. Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 294.

4. A. 46 P-47D were airborne at 1018 hours on dive-bombing of railway bridge at Conflans-St. Honorine. The attack was carried out by three squadrons of 14 A/C, 14 A/C, 15 A/C respectively, dropping a total of 84 x 500 pound GP bombs in the target area. The first and second squadrons attacking target started dive from 12,000 ft, angle of 30-30 degrees, releasing bombs from 400-500 ft. Hits were observed to be mostly on N and S banks of river and among buildings on E bank. The third squadron attacked at deck level up to 300 ft and observed direct hits on S end of bridge and N end covered with smoke. 5 P-47D strafed light flak positions which stretched from target briefed, south bank, to wooded area, south of target; illustration 4802E/10. 4 P-47D strafed flak tower just N of Pierrelaye and a military convoy of five trucks in the same area. 1 truck observed to stop after attack, believed destroyed. Over target 1120-1140 hours. No E/A seen throughout mission. 1 P-47D dive-bombed marshalling yard between Abancourt and Forges with good results, dropping 2 x 500 pound GP bombs. 1 P-47D dropped 2 x 500 pound GP bombs, armed, on French coast on route out. 1 P-47D dropped 1 x 500 pound bomb on unidentified marshalling yard on

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4. A. Co[illegible]
route out. [illegible]-47D jettis[illegible] 3 x 500 pound [illegible]bs in Channel due to mechanical release failure over target. Marshalling yard at Vermeil-sur-Seine observed to be [illegible] with [illegible] bombs. Flak over target, moderate inaccurate light, intense inaccurate heavy; meager information to be given re Labosse. Weather: over target [illegible]/8. 45 P-47D completed mission, landing at the [illegible] base at 1245 hours.

B. (i) 46 P-47D.
(ii) 43 P-47D dive-bombed railway [illegible] at Conflans-St. Honorine.
1 P-47D dive-bombed marshalling yard at Abancourt and Forges.
1 P-47D bombed enemy coast on route out.
1 P-47D dive-bombed unidentified marshalling yard on route out.
5 P-47D strafed flak positions of target.
4 P-47D strafed flak towers of Pierrelaye and military convoy in same area.
(iii) 1 P-47D due to bomb release failure over target.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) 3 category A, 1 category A/C, flak.
(viii) 46.

C. (i) 46 100 gallon-American.
(ii) 45 150 gallon-American.

D. (i) 105:45.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 73,600 (50 calibre ammunition.
(ii) 3044.
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 92 x 500 pound GP bombs fused 8-11 seconds, tail only.
(ii) 84 on Conflans-St. Honorine railway bridge target area.
2 on marshalling yard between Abancourt and Forges.
2 on French coast on route out.
1 on unidentified marshalling yards.
(iii) 3.
(iv) Nil.

G. (i) Nil.

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E. (i) il.
(ii) il.
(iii) il.

For the Respondent:

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B. [redacted]

C. [redacted]

D. [redacted]

E. [redacted]

F. [redacted]

G. [redacted]

H. [redacted]

For the Wing Commander:

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U. S. [redacted],
Captain, Air [redacted],
Post Control Officer.

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E. (viii) 46.

J. (i) 48 l[illegible] gallon-[illegible].
(ii) 8 l[illegible] gallon-[illegible].

D. (i) l[illegible]
(ii) [illegible].

L. (i) 76,5[illegible]
(ii) [illegible].
(iii) [illegible].

F. (i) il.
(ii) .il.
(iii) il.
(iv) .il.

G. il.

... (i) [illegible]il.
(ii) [illegible]il.
(iii) Mil.

...or the Group Commander:

[redacted]

J. [illegible] O'N.F.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Staff Control Officer

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1. In compliance with [redacted], the following report is submitted.

2. From: 359th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Sprep no. 1 for period ending sunset 31 May 1944.

4. Mission or operation no.: [redacted].

5. a. 47 P-47D and 2 forward relays were dispatched at [redacted] hours on withdrawal support of heavy bombers. R/V in vicinity of Dunkerque, 13,000 ft, 1435 hours. R/V with bombers just east of Limburg, 24,000 ft, 1535 hours. Bombers, in good formation, escorted uneventfully until R/V out 1701 hours, 13,000 ft, Dunkerque. No E/A seen throughout mission. Flak: Inaccurate, intense heavy at Cologne; intense, inaccurate heavy between Maestricht and Aachen; inaccurate, heavy over Frankfurt; moderate, accurate heavy south of Dunkerque. Large activity observed in canals around Frankfurt. 3 large forest fires observed in St. Vith area. Weather: 3/10 cirus over continent, top 13,000 ft; 7/10 cumulus over Channel, top 17,500 ft. 6 P-47 aborted, 4 mechanical, 1 flak, 1 escort. 41 P-47 and 2 forward relays completed mission, landing at home base at 1715 hours.

b. (i) 49 P-47D, including 2 forward relays.
(ii) 43 P-47D completed mission.
41 P-47D escort of heavy bombers.
2 P-47D forward relays.
(iii) 6 P-47D aborted:
(a) Nil.
(b) Nil.
(c) 1 gas fumes, 1 low manifold pressure, 1 radio, 1 low RPM and engine cut out.
(d) 1 flak, 1 escort.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.

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H.Q. [illegible] R. 358th Fi[illegible] R-B [illegible] GC/
APO 141 [illegible]ary

31 May 1944

SUBJECT: [illegible].

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: -6 [illegible].
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 1 [illegible] Fighter Wing, Att: [illegible]
Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Opreps No 1 for period ending Sunset 29 May 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O... 309.

4. A. 48 P-47D and 2 forward relays were dispatched at 1015 hours escorting medium bombers to Juvisy. L/F in made at Trouville, 1113 hours at 14,5[illegible] feet. Rendezvous with bombers made at Jetours, 1113 hours at 15,000 feet. Escorted bombers uneventfully to target and out. L/F out made at Trouville, 1245 hours at 15,000 feet. Left bombers at 1304. No enemy aircraft sighted during mission. Observation: Concentrated bomb hits observed in two areas. Flak: Flak over target, heavy, intense inaccurate, flak at Etampes, heavy, moderate, inaccurate. Weather CAVU throughout the mission. 2 P-47D aborted: 1 defective belly tank, 1 belly tank fuel line. 46 P-47D and two forward relays completed mission, landing at home base 1320 hours.

B. (i) 50 P-47D, including 2 forward relays.
(ii) 48 P-47D, including 2 forward relays, completing mission.
(iii) 2 P-47D aborted:
(a) Nil.
(b) Nil.
(c) Nil.
(d) 1 defective belly tank, 1 belly tank fuel line.

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(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 46

(C.) (i) 50 100 Gallon-[illegible] rich
(ii) 46 100 Gallon-[illegible] rich

(D.) (i) 159:45
(ii) Nil.

(E.) (i) 8[illegible] (.[illegible] calibre [illegible] munition
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

(F.) (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(G.) (i) Nil.

(H.) (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

J. [illegible] CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Stat. Control Officer.

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b. (i) 48 F-47D.
(ii) 8 F-47D dive-bombed gun position, sheet 37, [illegible].
8 F-47D dive-bombed position 38, 897734.
16 F-47D dive-bombed positions A and 1.
16 F-47D top cover over Calais area.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.

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1. In accordance with [illegible], 24 Apr 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. Unit: [illegible] Fighter-Bomber Wing.

3. Type of operation: [illegible].

4. Time of operation: [illegible].

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4. [illegible] 48 P-47's were dispatched at 0945 hours to escort VIII Bomber Command to Hasselt, and to give target and withdrawal support to another formation of VIII Bombers attacking Brussels. R/V with first formation was made S/E of Ostend, 1000 hrs, 21,000 ft. Penetration support given uneventfully except for intense, inaccurate heavy flak directed at bombers from Ostend at 0950 hrs, 21,000 ft. Withdrew from first formation of bombers at Travaltines, 1038 hours, 24,000 ft. Group then swept south to Brussels, arriving at 1056 hours. As fighters approached Brussels, smoke was observed and bombers were seen going out. R/V was not made with second formation of bombers. R/P out made at 20 turns over Walcheren Islands, 1115 hours, 28,500 ft. Weather: [illegible] throughout mission. No E/A seen. Light flak. Military dump and large concentration of military equipment observed in area approximately 1, 10 miles NE of Lens. Observation made from 20,000 ft, at approximately 1345 hours. Large convoy of approximately 30 small boats, type unknown, observed 10 miles off Knocke heading towards Walcheren Island. Also large merchant vessel or tanker in harbor at Knocke. Both seen from 16,000 ft, 1400 hours. [illegible] P-47's completed mission, landing at home field 1500 hours.

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6 Jun 1944

HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP
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2 June 1944.

SUBJECT: OPREP.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 OCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat
Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Copy no. 1 for period ending Sunset 31 May 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 319.

4. A. 26 P-47D and 2 forward relays were dispatched 1000 hours for penetration, target and withdrawal support of VIII AF medium bombers scheduled to attack railway sidings at Jemel. Remainder of scheduled escort A/C failed to take-off due to take-off accident when landing gear collapsed resulting in belly tank explosion and eliminating further possible use of runway. 2 of A/C dispatched took-off short runway, due to narrow clearance this was discontinued and these 2 A/C were recalled. 24 P-47D made L/F in at Hardelot, 1035 hours, 14,000 ft. Continued on course until 1115 hours when Colgate reported several of the combat wings aborting, and that they could not contact our wing. Since no bombers were seen, Group withdrew making L/F out at Hardelot 1143 hours, 18,000 ft. Weather: 9-10/10 cloud cover to 17,000 ft between French coast and Cambrai. Heavy haze from 17,000 to 23,000 ft, requiring instrument flying up to 20,000 ft. After Cambrai, broken 5/10 to 7/10 cloud, top 17,000 ft.

B. (1) 28 P-47D including 2 forward relays.
(ii) Nil.

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B. (iii) 28 P-43s. Is [illegible] recalled after Group [illegible] Maneuvers [illegible] rs.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 24.

C. (i) 28 [illegible].
(ii) Nil.

D. (i) 6 [illegible].
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 4 [illegible]
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

G. (i) Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For t[illegible] Commander:

HARVEY HALL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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1. [illegible] Detail, [illegible]
[illegible] Detail, [illegible]
[illegible] Officer, [illegible]
Control.

1. [illegible] Letter 144, [illegible]
Letter 144.

By Order:

[illegible],
[illegible], Air [illegible],
Adjutant.

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2. [illegible]

3. [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

4. No. 32 1-47s dispatched at 2214 hours to escort [illegible]
targets at mult and vicinity. 16 n/c range s/f in at [illegible],
12,000 ft, re-rejoin. s/s matn bombers at mult, [illegible]
target support in area 1653-2111 hours, 12,000 ft. [illegible]
bombers to old-normal where rendezvous with 215 [illegible],
12,000 ft. 16 n/c rejn s/f in at 2020 hours, 12,000 ft, [illegible]
torque. s/s withdrawn at s/f in. Furnished support to [illegible]
2035-2100 hours, 12,000 ft and escorted bombers to rendezvous
where squadron withdrawn at 2105 hours. 1 1-20 seen bit [illegible]
flak at mult but did not fire down. No w/s sign bursts [illegible]
tion. Flak: weaker, inaccurate heavy at 1e [illegible]
intense, inaccurate heavy between orfel and re [illegible].
weather: 10/10 clouds over target area, base 12,000 ft, [illegible]
11,000 ft. Visibility above clouds unlimited. [illegible]
confusion, landing at home base [illegible].

5. (1) 32 1-47s.
(11) 16 1-47s escorted medium [illegible]
16 1-47s escorted medium bombers [illegible]
32 1-47s completed mission.
(111) k11.
(1V) k11.
(V) a11.
(V1) a11.
(V11) k11.
(V111) 32.

6. (1) a11.
(11) k11.

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A. [illegible]
and heavy, [illegible], [illegible] fire area
of [illegible], [illegible], and
[illegible]. Center: [illegible], base
[illegible]; [illegible]
and [illegible]. [illegible], [illegible] Jasped,
in [illegible]. [illegible] was badly
[illegible] fire. [illegible]
[illegible].

B. (i) 5 [illegible].
(ii) 3 [illegible].
18 [illegible].
3 [illegible].
14 [illegible].
[illegible].
6 [illegible].
4 [illegible].
[illegible].
(iii) [illegible].
[illegible].
1 [illegible].
1 [illegible].
(iv) [illegible].
(v) 1 flak.
(vi) 1 flak.
(vii) 2 [illegible], flak; 1 [illegible], flak.
(viii) 43.

C. (i) 50 100 gallon-[illegible].
(ii) 48 100 gallon-[illegible].

D. (i) 1:7:48.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 8,[illegible] [illegible] calibre [illegible].
(ii) 7367.
(iii) 3200.

F. (i) 96 x 1000 [illegible]; 64 fused 1/10 [illegible],
1/100 tail; 32 fused 4-5 second tail only.
(ii) 6 on road bridge at St. Germain, [illegible].
24 on Rambouillet marshalling [illegible].
6 on road bridge over gorge, [illegible].
27 on [illegible] Dreux-Houdan, [illegible] bridge at
Corbiel, [illegible] bridge at Breriny, Versailles /[illegible].
12 on [illegible] tracks and bars several miles N of
Beynes.
8 on [illegible] tracks and bars N of primary target.
(iii) 11.
(iv) 2.

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1. 1st Lt. [illegible], [illegible], A.C., is relieved from assignment and duty at this station, effective upon completion of his present visit to Duppe.

2. (i) [illegible].
(ii) [illegible].
(iii) [illegible].

By order of [illegible]:

[illegible]
J. [illegible],
[illegible], A.C. of S.,
Personnel Division.

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A : [illegible]

1. In [illegible] 48 P-47's [illegible] 44, [illegible] submitted.

2. [illegible] 48 P-47's for group.

3. [illegible] No. 1 for period [illegible] June 44.

4. [illegible] operation [illegible]

4. 48 P-47's were dispatched at 1805 hours to escort troop carrier command A/C towing gliders to assault beaches on Cherbourg peninsula. Course flown was base to Southampton to Bournemouth to Portland Bill where A/C were effected with C-47's which were 5 minutes late. Time 2014 hours. Transport formation flying at 500 ft, was escorted uneventfully, by group flying at 1500 ft, to east coast of Cherbourg peninsula, vicinity St. [illegible]. Gliders observed to land in area which appeared flooded, at 2126 hours. Several gliders observed to crash land and 1 C-47 was seen burning on the ground. Light, meager, inaccurate flak in drop area, believed to have been fired at the gliders. 3 A/C aborted; 1 prop out, 1 tire blowout, 1 escort. 1 A/C landed at Deauville on return from mission. Route back was reverse of route to target. No E/A seen. Visibility throughout mission excellent. 9/10 - 8/10 clouds, base 3,000 ft, top 4,000 ft. No cloud in drop area. 45 P-47's completed mission landing at home base 2330 hours.

B.(i) 48 P-47D.
(ii) 45 P-47D escorted C-47's towing gliders.
(iii) (a) Nil.
(b) Nil.
(c) 1 prop out.
(d) 1 tire blowout, 1 escort.

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(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) Nil.

(i) 56-1[illegible]
(ii) 56-1[illegible]

(i) 144:00
(ii) 57:00

(i) 76,[illegible]
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

(i) Nil.

(i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

Nil.

(i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the [illegible]der:

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J. [illegible],
Captain, [illegible],
Authorised Officer.

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TO : [illegible]

1. In compliance [illegible] form [illegible] 55-c, dated [illegible], the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. [illegible] No. 1 for period ending Sunset 7 June [illegible].

[illegible] or Operation [illegible]: [illegible] 358.

4. A. 48 P-47D dispatched at 0414 hours to escort troop carrier command aircraft to Cherbourg Peninsula and return. Course flown: base to Southampton to Bournemouth to Portland Bill, altitude 2,500 ft. R/V with troop carrier command A/C at Portland Bill 0529 hours, 500 to 1,000 ft. From R/V course flown SW approximately 27 miles where 90 degree turn made to left, then approximately 80 miles to point of Pte de Barfleur where turn to south and drop zone made, arriving drop zone 0628 hours. Approximately 10 C-47's seen to force land in drop zone area. 4 C-47's observed to ditch in Channel, 1 of which was near St. Marconf Island. Machine gun and light AA fire encountered in drop zone area, intense and accurate. 3 gliders on fire on ground near Ecausseville, thought to be signals for incoming troop carrier A/C. Area along beach, Carentan to Montebourg, flooded, with strip of land from Carentan to Ecausseville not under water, but land flooded slightly west of this strip. Return route same as out, arriving Portland Bill, 0718 hours, where group returned to base. Weather: 10/10 clouds, base [illegible],000 ft, visibility 5 miles on route; over drop zone 8/10 clouds, base 3,000 ft, visibility 6-8 miles. 41 A/C completed mission, landing home base 0835 hours.

B. (i) 48 P-47D.
(ii) 41 P-47D escorted Troop Carrier Command C-47's to Cherbourg Peninsula and return.

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e. (iii) (a) 6 failed to assemble with ground due to darkness.
(b) Nil.
(c) 1 electrical.
(d) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) Nil.

f. (i) 96 British type, 108 American gallons.
(ii) 68 British type, 101 American gallons.

g. (i) 117:00
(ii) 72:00

h. (i) 76,800 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

i. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

j. Nil.

k. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

W. S. Hart,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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9 June 194[illegible].

[illegible] [illegible].

: [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] air force, [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] Metropolitan air [illegible],
Att: Staff Control.
[illegible] Bomber, [illegible] Fighter [illegible], Att: Tac/R
Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated [illegible] March 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Recap No.2 for period ending sunset 7 June 194[illegible].

Mission or Operation No.: IA FO [illegible]. 352.

4. a. 16 P-47D with 32 frag-cluster bombs, fused instaneous, were dispatched at 1453 hours to attack targets of opportunity along Coutances-St. Lo road on Cherbourg Peninsula. Route was base to Isle of Wright to target area; return, reverse of course in. 16 A/C arrived in area of primary target 1508 hours. Road assigned had no traffic on it. Squadron then swept beach and slightly [illegible] scouting for targets. In area S. of primary target, a concentration of trucks, well camouflaged and dispersed in wooded area, was attacked by 8 A/C dropping 16 frag-clusters. Most bombs believed short. These 8 A/C continued back to Coutances and then swept area N of primary target. E of St. Lo and on Periers-St. Lo road, heavy truck convoys were strafed and approximately 15 trucks destroyed. All vehicles were proceeding in direction of Periers and were spaced at 300 yard intervals. Time of these attacks 1525-1535 hours. Some trucks observed to be loaded with barrels and burned with black smoke. Personnel seen in dark uniforms. All trucks painted light tan. Flak: nil. No E/A seen throughout mission. 5 miles directly N of Cherbourg Harbor, a submarine was observed to be partially submerged, but it completely submerged before it could be attacked. Time of observation, 1545 hours, 3,000 ft altitude. Submarine proceeding in easterly direction.. Incident reported to controller at 1545 hours. 8 A/C abortive due to failure to locate target of opportunity.

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4. A. Continued.
16 frag-cluster bombs jettisoned in salvo. 3 a/c completed mission, landing 1600 hours. Weather: scattered to broken clouds over target and elsewhere, base 3,500 ft, top unknown; visibility good.

B. (i) 16 -47 .
(ii) 8 dropped frag clusters on trucks S of Soutanec-St. Lo road.
(iii) 8 returned to base for failure to find target of opportunity.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) Nil.

C. (i) 16 - 1.3 million-metric H.
(ii) 15 - 1.3 million-American.

D. (i) 50:1
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 25,600 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 5,672.
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 32 frag-cluster, M-4, instantaneous fuse.
(ii) 16 on trucks S of Soutanec-St. Lo road.
(iii) 16.
(iv) Nil.

G. Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

Other flying: Capt. [illegible] 3 trucks.
1st Lt. [illegible] 2 trucks.
Capt. [illegible] 3 trucks.
2nd Lt. [illegible] 2 trucks.
1st Lt. [illegible] 2 trucks.
F/O J.D. Blaricek 2 trucks.
1st Lt. J.H. Calloway 2 trucks.
2nd Lt. [illegible] trucks.

For the Group Commander:

J. [illegible],
Capt. Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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10 June 1944.

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: [illegible].

: [illegible]eral, Eighth Air Force, Att: S-3 Sec.
[illegible]eral, AAF Tactical Air Board,
[illegible].
[illegible] Officer, 1 Ob[illegible] Fighter Wing, Att: Stat
Sec trol.

1. In compliance with Eighth Air Force Memo No 35-3, dated 28 May 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending sunset 9 June 1944.

For the Troop Commander:

[signature]
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Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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.or the Area Commander:

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TO : [redacted]

It: [redacted]

[redacted] ber [redacted] Letter [redacted], [redacted]
[redacted].

1. In compliance with [redacted] Air Force [redacted] 5[redacted], dated [redacted] March 1944, [redacted] is submitted for the period ending midnight 11 June 1944.

For the Group Commander:

[redacted]
[redacted], Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP
APO 141

14 June 1944.

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TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: AC/S, G-3.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Statt Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Statt Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Serial No. 55-F, dated 19 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Oprep No. 1 for period ending Sunset 13 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: I [illegible] 374.

4. A. 16 P-47D, carrying 48 x 500 pound GP bombs fused instantaneous, dispatched at 0758 hours to attack bridges and causeways N of Le Haye de Puits. R/V in 0852, 12,000 ft. Over targets 0903-0915 hours. 12 A/C dropped 36 x 500 pound bombs on primary targets, dive started 6,000 ft, angle of 30 degrees, releasing from 1,500 ft. 4 A/C dropped 12 bombs on bridge at T-1685. Near hits observed, 3 bombs falling about 5 feet from bridge embankment, possibly undermining. 1 bomb on R.R. tracks at Bruquebec, T-1303, hitting E of track. 1 A/C dropped 2 bombs on road bridges at Sartaret. 1 medium bomber and 2 fighters, believed U.S., crash landed. Observed SE of Besneville, T-1392. R/V out between Omonville and Cherbourg, 0931 hours, 10,000 ft. No E/A seen. Flak: moderate, accurate heavy at O-0707, E of Cherbourg. Weather: 4/10 cumulus over target, base 3,500 ft, visibility good; on route scattered cloud visibility good. 16 A/C completed mission, landing at home base at 1024 hours.

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B. (1) 16 P-47D.
(ii) 12 bombed bridges and causeways N Le Haye de Puits.
4 bombed bridge at T-1685.
1 bombed R.R. tracks at O-1303.
1 bombed road bridges at Sartaret.

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[illegible] : [illegible] neral, [illegible] Air Force, [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] eral, [illegible],
[illegible]:
[illegible] fficer, [illegible], [illegible].

1. In compliance with [illegible], dated 29 [illegible], the following report is submitted for the period ending sunset 12 June 1944.

2. Unit: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Operation No. 2 for period ending sunset 12 June 1944.

Mission or operation number: [illegible] ... 374.

4. a. 32 P-47D with 90 x 300 pound GP bombs, fuzed 0.01 second tail only, dispatched at [illegible] hours to dive-bomb gun positions vicinity La Hougue Pelee on Cherbourg Peninsula. Course to target flown as briefed. I/P in St. Pierre Eglise 1220 hours, 12,000 ft. Time over target 1208-1228 hours. 30 A/C dropped 85 x 500 pound GP bombs on primary target. All bombs observed to hit in target area but smoke cover in area prevented accurate estimation of results. Dive started from 9,000 ft, and [illegible] of 1 grees, bombs released from 1,500-3,000 ft. 1 A/C dropped 3 x 500 pound bombs on secondary target, main road between Cherbourg and Valognes. I/P out St. Pierre Eglise, 1226 hours, 12,000 ft. 5 bombs jettisoned in channel due to bomb release failure over target. 1 A/C abortive due to oil leak, returned to home base with 3 bombs. No flak throughout mission. No E/A seen. 1 submarine conning tower sighted S of Jersey Bill at 1235 hours, 6,500 ft. 31 A/C completed mission, landing at home base 1515 hours.

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B. (i) 32 [illegible]-47 D.
(ii) 30 A/C dive-bombed gun positions vicinity of La Fernelle.
1 A/C dive-bombed main road between Cherbourg and Valognes.
(iii) 1 due to oil leak.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 31.

C. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

D. (i) 75:45.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 51,200 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 2517.
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 96 x 500 pound GP bombs, fused 1/10-11 second tail only.
(ii) 85 on gun positions vicinity of La Fernelle.
3 on main road between Cherbourg and Valognes.
(iii) 5.
(iv) Nil.
3 bombs returned to home base.

G. Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

J. [illegible] Grant,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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14 June 1944.

[illegible]: 0930.

[illegible]: Commanding General, 9th Air Force, APO 696.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command,
APO 140.
Commanding Officer, 370th Fighter Group, APO 696, Attn: Stat Control.

1. The following 9th Air Force Mission No. [illegible], dated 14 June 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Type No. 3 for period ending midnight 14 June 1944.

4. Mission or operation No.: [illegible].

a. 31 A/C P-47D, carrying 38 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 8-11 seconds delay only, dispatched 1049 hours to glide bomb positions on Cherbourg peninsula La Pernelle area. Course flown: base, Christ Church Pte de Barfleur, targets, St. [illegible], Christ Church, base. Time over targets 1733-1[illegible] hours. 15 A/C dropped 38 x 500 lb GP bombs, going from 6,000 ft, angle 30 degrees, releasing at 4,000 ft. 38 hits in target area, 0-372198. Target was difficult to define. Bombed 5-6 emplacements in an open field about 100 yards S of road. Bombing believed effective. 4 A/C dropped 4 bombs on [illegible] marshalling yard on point at St. Vaast. No hits observed. 16 A/C dropped 44 x 500 GP bombs, going from 4,000 ft, angle 30 degrees, releasing from 700 ft, on target at 0-378207. Specific location of hits in target area unobserved because of smoke from previous bombings. 1 radar installation or range finder damaged or destroyed in target area. 2 A/C dropped 2 bombs on road south of Valognes. 1/P out St. Vaast, 1725 hours, 4,000 ft. 4 bombs jettisoned, 1 returned to home base. No E/A seen. No flak. Weather: 7/10 over target, base 15,000 ft, visibility excellent; en route 6/10 cloud, base 3,000 ft, top 6,000 ft, visibility excellent. 31 A/C completed mission landing at home base 1835 hours.

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B. (i) 31 -47.
(ii) 31 -47[illegible] in
la [illegible].
(iii) 31.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 31.

C. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

D. (i) 30:15
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 49,000 (50 calibre [illegible]).
(ii) [illegible].
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 9½ x 5.9 pound AP bombs fuzed [illegible] was
Nil only.
(ii) 53 on area -372199.
4 on A/C on point at [illegible].
24 on area -376237.
2 on road [illegible] of Valognes.
(iii) 4.
(iv) Nil.
1 bomb returned to home base.

G. Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

J. W. Smith,
Captain, AAF Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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[illegible] 395th Fighter-Bomber Group [illegible] G/A
A-2 L.1 [illegible]

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SECRET: Sprep.

To : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: A-2 Sec.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Asst G-2 Sec.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Asst G-2 Sec.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Regulations, dated [illegible], the following report is submitted.

2. From: 395th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Sprep No. 1 for period ending sunset 13 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: In Ops Order 371.

4. A. 48 P-47D, carrying 48 x 500 pound GP bombs fused instantaneous nose, 1/100 tail, dispatched at 0537 to dive-bomb military traffic on roads from Alençon to Laval to Fougères to Vire. Course to target area flown as briefed. I/P in Granville, 0700 hours, 12,000 ft. Over target 0730-0740 hours. 31 A/C dropped 31 x 500 pound bombs on targets of opportunity, i.e. tracks and trains between Laval and Alençon. Complete overcast in area made it impossible to locate roads assigned as primary target. 6 direct hits on r.r. tracks between Laval and Alençon. Fires started among tank cars. 2 locomotives destroyed between Alençon and Le Mans. 4 other hits on trains, composed of flat and box cars, resulting in fires. 7 bombs jettisoned in Channel, 9 returned to home base, 1 unloaded at Carston by A/C reporting as to loss of power-engine. I/P out Granville, 0815 hours, 12,000 ft. No E/A seen. No flak. 31 A/C completed mission, landing at home base 0938 hours. 1 A/C landed at Fairlop.

B. (i) 48 P-47D.
(ii) 31 dive-bombed r.r. tracks and trains between Laval and Alençon.
(iii) 17.
(a) 15 became lost in overcast.
(b) Nil.
(c) 2 engine cut out.
(d) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.

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4. (vii) Nil.
(viii) Nil.

5. (i) [illegible] Nil.
(ii) Nil.

6. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

7. (i) [illegible] Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

8. (i) [illegible] Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
[illegible] returned to base.

9. Nil.

10. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

Other Claims:

1st Lt. D. Knox destroyed 1 locomotive between Sayers and Le Cateau.
1st Lt. [illegible] and 1st Lt. [illegible] destroyed 1 locomotive between Sayers and Le Cateau.

For the Group Commander:

J. O. Chief,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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[illegible]: Oprep.

[illegible] : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO [illegible].
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO [illegible].
Commanding Officer, Bomber Replacement Training Center, APO [illegible].

1. a. Compliance with [illegible] Air Force [illegible], [illegible] Operations, Intelligence Report No. [illegible].

b. Area [illegible] bombarded.

c. Objectives. As for period [illegible].

d. Disposition of forces: As [illegible].

e. (1) 48 B-17's, carrying 48 x 500 pound G.P. bombs [illegible] dispatched at 2030 hours to glide bomb [illegible] traffic routes Laval, Vire. 1/ in recall, 2130 hours, 14,000 ft. over target area at 24 hours. 15 A/C dropped 15 tons on railway junction and sidings at La Chapelle Anthenaise, dive from 9,000 ft, angle of 30 degrees, releasing from 6000 ft. 5 direct hits observed among goods wagons causing explosions and fires. Several hits observed on r.r. tracks in yard. 4 A/C dropped 4 tons on motor convoy between Laval and Fougeres. 2 hits on road. 4 A/C bombed Mayenne marshalling yard. 1 bomb seen to hit middle of yard between 2 locomotives. 15 A/C bombed r.r. fill S of yard and 1 in railroad. 4 A/C bombed road bridge N of Domfront. 3 A/C bombed road bridge N of Carentan. 1 A/C bombed [illegible] of Mayennes. 2 A/C abortive due to [illegible] failure. 1/ out recall, 2130 hours, 16,000 ft. No E/A seen. Flak: Inaccurate light from vehicles at Laval-Fougeres road and moderate of Vire, inaccurate heavy at Honfleur and from E'd about 20 miles N of Le Havre. Weather: 10/10 cloud over base 5,000 ft, top 6,000 ft, visibility excellent. On return 5/10 cloud, base 12,000 ft, top 15,000 ft, visibility excellent. All A/C completed mission., landing at base about 0011 hours

(2) (i) 48 B-17's.
(ii) 15 bombed r.r. junction and sidings at La Chapelle
4 bombed motor convoy between Laval and Fougeres.
4 bombed Mayenne marshalling yard.
15 bombed r.r. fill S. of Mayenne.
4 bombed road bridge N of Domfront.
3 bombed road bridge N of Carentan.

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To : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: [illegible].
Commanding General, IXX Tactical Air Command, Att: [illegible].
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: [illegible].

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Regulations, dated [illegible], the following report is submitted.

2. From: 35 th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Operation No. 1 for period ending Sunset 24 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: 24 to G.C. 381.

4. a. 48 P-47's, each a/c carrying external load of 2 x 250 lb bombs and one 100 gallon belly tank, dispatched to give cover and cut railway lines between Montlevet Junction and Amours, Chartres and Voves, Dallardon, and Etampes, course flown was base to Bastinnes to be Rendezvous to target area to Dieppe to base. A/F we Report 0803, 7, 000 feet. 14 a/c dropped 28x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail from 12,000 feet, angle 25 degrees, release at 9,000 ft on railroad tracks between Courdan and Auneau, No of of Chartres. All bombs hit in target area, 3 hits directly on tracks. Trains on track approximately 5 miles North of Ramboulliet strafed, 5 cars left burning. Subsequent mission indicated some cars filled with ammunition. 16 a/c dropped 32 x 500 lb GP bombs fused instantaneous nose, 1/40 tail, from 8,000 ft, angle 45 degrees, release from 1200 to 1500 ft on railway lines 6 miles southwest of Etampes. All bombs hit in target area. Observed 5 direct hits on tracks. 16 a/c dropped 32 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose to 1/40 tail from 6,000 ft, angle of 30 degrees, release from 1500-2000 ft on single track of east-west railway between Chartres and Etampes. Small marshalling yard at Leonville containing approximately 10 locomotives were strafed. All locomotives were damaged, but they did not have steam up and extent of damage can't be determined. 1 a/c returned to base with bombs. 1 a/c unloaded bombs at Lesmenden. No e/a seen. Meager accurate light flak and small arms fire encountered along railroad tracks at Rambouillet. Intense, inaccurate, heavy flak at Evreux.

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A/C Mie ge 9,5 at 12,xx ft. Woods at Rambouillet filled with 3 trains composed of approximately cars each loaded with supplies, observed at [illegible], 1[illegible] feet. 2 to 4 rockets seen vicinity Chartres A/D approximately 0845. One unidentified S/E fighter seen spinning in after explosion from 10,000 ft, [illegible] hours, between Chartres and Etampes. 2/10 clouds over target area. Base 2000 ft, tops 4000 ft, visibility 8-12 miles, from French coast to 40 miles inland, 7-9/10 cloud cover, base 3000 ft, tops 8[illegible] ft, visibility 8-12 miles. Group returned to base 1615. 1 a/c damaged by flying bomb debris, Cat AC, in target area. 2 a/c abortive: 1 tachometer out, 1 oil leak.

c. (i) 42-47.
(ii) 14 bombed railroad tracks between Bourdan and Rambouillet, 45 of Chartres.
16 bombed railway lines [illegible] miles southeast of Chartres.
16 bombed railway, single track of east-west railway between Chartres and Etampes, and strafed small marshalling yard at Ironville, which contained 10 locomotives.
14 strafed trains on track approximately 2 miles north of Rambouillet, 5 cars left burning.
46 P-47s completed mission.
(iii) 2 a/c abortive:
(a) Nil
(b) Nil
(c) 1 tachometer, 1 oil leak
(d) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47 Cat. AC, flying bomb debris.
(viii) 46

d. (i) 92 100 gallon-American
(ii) 46 100 gallon-American

e. (i) 132:05
(ii) Nil

f. (i) 76,800 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 10,517 (50 calibre ammunition)
(iii) Nil

g. (i) 96 500 pound GP bombs
(ii) 28 on R.R. tracks between Bourdan and Rambouillet, NE of Chartres.
32 on railway lines 8 miles SE of Etampes.
32 on single track of R.R. between Chartres and Etampes.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
4 returned to base base.

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a. Nil

b. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander

J. S. [illegible],
Captain, Air Force,
Statistical Officer.

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1. In accordance [illegible] are less, the following [illegible].

2. From: 368th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Opreps to 2 for period ending noon 14 June 44.

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4. a. 48 P-47D, carrying 96 x 500 pound GP bombs, 24 patrolled at 1708 hours to attack highway traffic and rolling stock in Argentan, Alencon, Le Mans, Tours area. Course flown was base to Decamp to Argentan, to Alencon to Le Mans to Tours to Evreux to base. 24 in Decamp, 1759 hours, 14,000 ft. Over target area 1815-1847 hours. 15 A/C dropped 30 GP bombs, fused 8-11 seconds tail delay, on marshalling yard at Le Mans and power unit at approximately 4 miles S of Le Mans. Dive started 5,000 ft, angle of 60 degrees, bombs released from 1[illegible] ft. 30 hits in target area. In marshalling yard, approximately 100 box car and coaches bombed and strafed resulting in 1 locomotive destroyed and an undetermined number of cars damaged. 16 A/C dropped 32 x 500 pound bombs, fused 8-11 second delay tail, on M.R. cars and locomotives at Marolles and other targets in the area. Dive started 1,000 ft, angle of 50 degrees, bombs released from 50 ft. The following results were observed: 1 locomotive, 1 concrete bridge destroyed at Marolles 8 M.R. cars burning; 1 radio truck destroyed at Iru 1 locomotive destroyed at Buron; 1 locomotive damaged 1 mile N of Lille; 2 locomotives, 1 command car destroyed, 6 goods wagons burning at Lille; 2 locomotives damaged, 1 large truck destroyed at Le Mans; M.R. didings and tracks between Le Mans and Beaumont strafed, resulting in 2 trucks destroyed

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4. A. Continued:
Railway, 4 ... cars damaged. 1 A/C dropped 32 x 500 pound M.C. bombs, fused 8-11 second tail delay, from 6,000 ft, on leaf 8 -40 degrees, releasing from 1,8 0 ft, in target area resulting in following claims: 2 locomotives and trucks damaged of Beaumont Sur ; 2 locomotives damaged on line between Lauterne and ... attacked, 1 ... destroyed; 3 direct hits on ... ds wagons in ... yard at ... ; train with 3 cars ... rg trucks damaged at ... es; 1 locomotive, rolling st ck damaged at Dreux; goods wagons damaged at ... ont Sort; 1 truck destroyed at ... lace. 1 A/C ... at Pronville last ... urs, 1,... ft. ... A/C seen. ... ka: moderate, inaccurate light ... s. 1 A/C ... ot beachhead in France and is safe; ... bombs on this A/C are unaccounted for although reports from other flights indicate that bombs ... e. Weather: over target 8/10 cloud cover, base 1,200 ft, top 6, ... ft, visibility excellent; from French coast to Alencon 8/10 cloud cover, base ...,000 ft, top 8, ... ft, visibility excellent. 47 A/C completed mission landing at base by 2006 hours.

3. (i) 48 A-47D.
(ii) 15 bombed ... yard at Le ... and power unit 4 miles S of Le ... .
16 bombed M.T. locomotives and cars at Harolles.
16 bombed targets in ... area.
47 A-47D completed mission.
(iii) 1 landed on beachhead in France, either.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 48.

C. (i) 48 - 100 gallon American.
(ii) 48 - 100 gallon American.

D. (i) 137:45
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 76,800 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 32,383
(iii) 1,600 (1 A/C landing at beachhead transferred)

F. (i) 96 x 500 pound GP bombs fused 8-11 second tail only.

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P. (ii) [illegible]
5) On [illegible] and
power unit [illegible] of [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] whole.
52 [illegible]
(iii) [illegible].
(iv) [illegible].
[illegible]

[illegible].

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(i) [illegible].
(ii) [illegible].
(iii) [illegible].

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Yours
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Assistant Master.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP GC/6
APO 141 US Army

17 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Oprep No. 1 for period ending Sunset 15 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 385.

4. A. On June 15, 1944, operating under Operations Order No. 385, IX FC, the Group performed successive Squadron missions of armed reconnaissance, commencing just after dawn and continuing throughout the day, on all roads S of Valognes. The Squadrons were dispatched singly at intervals of 2 hours, and performed their missions as follows. 16 P-47D dispatched at 0601 hours, made L/F in St. Pierre Eglise, 0651 hours, 12,000 ft. Over target area 0655 hours. 4 A/C dropped 8 x 500 pound GP bombs on 3 armored cars at Cerisy, N of Coutances, destroying or seriously damaging same. 2 A/C dropped 4 x 500 pound GP bombs on box cars at T2628, destroying 6. 2 A/C dropped 4 x 500 pound GP bombs on bridge at T2626, destroying same. 4 A/C dropped 8 x 500 pound GP bombs on R.R. mill NW of Coutances, and strafed R.R. cars in area. 3 A/C dropped 6 x 500 pound GP bombs on bridges SW of Coutances, destroying same. Dive started at 2,000 ft, angle of 45 degrees, bombs released from 5# ft. L/F out at Vrasville, 0745, 6,000 ft. 2 bombs released over Channel due to bomb release failure over target. 16 P-47D ; dispatched at 0902 hours, made L/F in St. Pierre Eglise, 0950, 12,000 ft. Over target area 0954 hours. 16 A/C dropped 32 x 500 pound G" bombs, going from 3,000 ft, angle of 25 degrees, releasing from 500 ft. 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on Villedieu Les Poles freight yards. 1 hit on cars, 2 on tracks. 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on gun positions at 0-1404 containing about 10 heavy guns. 6 direct hits causing much damage. 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on R.R. tracks at St. Symphorien. 1 hit on

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L. A. embankment, 2 hits on track, severing line. 4 A/C dropped 7 bombs on single track R.R. S of Periers. No hits. 1 truck blown over on side S of Periers by near miss. 1 bomb jettisoned due to bomb release failure over target. L/F out Vrasville, 1050 hours, 7,000 ft. 15 A/C, dispatched at 1055 hours with 30 x 500 pound GP bombs, made L/F in Pte de Barfleur at 1151 hours, 12,000 ft. Directed by ground control to St. Mere Eglise, then to Channel Islandsarea to look for shipping. After this was done, Squadron returned to area. 3 R.R. bridges at 129144, 143010, 136015, sheet 6a/ 3 and 4, 1:50,000 series bombed by 13 A/C with 26 bombs, from 2,000 ft, angle of 30 degrees, releasing from 200 ft. 26 hits in target area. Bridges believed damaged by near misses. No direct hits seen. 2 abortives, 1 radio, 1 weather. 2 bombs jettisoned in Channel, 2 returned to home base. L/F out Pte de Barfleur, 1300 hours, 3,000 ft. - 16 A/C dispatched at 1256 hours with 32 x 500 pound GP bombs, made L/F in 1352 hours, Cape Levy, 11,000 ft. 8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on R.R bridges, tracks and cars at Periers. 3 hits observed. 5 freight cars destroyed, 1 scout car destroyed on nearby highway, 1 radio tower destroyed periers. 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on large highway bridge S. of Coutances. 2 hits damaging same. 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on R.R. tracks at T-6920. 8 direct hits observed on tracks and box cars. 6 box cars destroyed. Dive started from 4,000 ft, angle of 40 degrees, bombs released from 200 ft. L/F out Pte de Barfleur, 1450 hours, 6,000 ft. 15 A/C dispatched at 1505 hours, made L/F in Vrasville, 1556 hours, 12,000 ft. 15 A/C dropped 29 x 500 pound bombs from 2,500 ft, angle of 25 degrees, bombs released from 400 ft. 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on bridges at O-1500. No hits seen. 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on bridges at T-5149. 1 hit observed on concrete pillar. Bridge damaged but not down. 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on R.R. tracks at L-2255. 1 bomb hit track but bounced off before exploding. 3 A/C dropped 6 bombs on bridges and tracks at T-2534. Hits on tracksat southern approach of bridge. Bridge not destroyed. 1 bomb dropped on take-off. L/F out Vrasville, 1742 hours, 8,000 ft. 16 A/C, with 32 x 500 pound GP bombs, dispatched at 1653 hours, made L/F in Bethoville, 1751 hours, 8,000 ft. 12 A/C dropped 24 bombs on gun emplacements 3 miles N of La Haye du Puits, scoring several direct hits, destroying same. 1 A/C was seen to spin into ground and explode near target. 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on R.R. tracks just N of La Haye du Puits. No hits observed. L/F out Bethoville, 1855 hours, 7,000 ft. 16 T-470, with32 x 500 pound GP bombs, dispatched at 1854 hours; made L/F in Pte de Barfleur, 1946 hours, 8,000 ft. Dive started from 3,000 ft, angle of 15 degrees, releasing from 200 ft. All bombs released in area of bridge at L-197985. Several near misses but bridge not destroyed. 1 truck destroyed by strafing 3 miles NW of target. L/F out Pte de Barfleur, 2055 hours, 4,000 ft. 15 T-470, with 30 x 500 pound GP bombs, dispatched at 1952 hours; made L/F in Vrasville, 2037 hours, 11,000 ft. Dive started from 4,000 ft, angle of 25 degrees, releasing at 1,000 ft. 28 bombs dropped in area of bridge at L-197985. 1 hit on N end of road leading to bridge. Road severely damaged, bridge not destroyed. Gun

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position at I-0977 strafed. Armored vehicle at I-2090 damaged by strafing. A/C out Creully, 2130 hours, 6,000 ft. 2 bombs brought back. 1 abortive, oil leak, returned to base. Last A/C from landed at home base 2239 hours.

B. (i) 125 I-47s.
(ii) 4 A/C bombed 3 armored cars at Jurisy.
2 A/C bombed box cars at I-[illegible].
2 A/C bombed bridge at I-[illegible].
4 A/C bombed A.A. fill in positions and strafed A.A. cars in area.
3 A/C bombed bridge on of positions.
4 A/C bombed Villedieu les Poeles freight yards.
4 A/C bombed gun positions at I-1404.
4 A/C bombed A.A. trains at St. Symphorien.
4 A/C bombed single track [illegible] of Feriers.
13 A/C bombed bridges at I-[illegible], I-3010, I-[illegible], sheet 65/3 and 4. 1:50,000 series.
8 A/C bombed A.A. bridge, tracks and cars at Feriers.
4 A/C bombed large railway bridge on positions.
4 A/C bombed A.A. tracks at I-[illegible].
4 A/C bombed bridge at I-1500.
4 A/C bombed bridge at I-5149.
4 A/C bombed A.A. tracks at I-2455.
3 A/C bombed bridge and tracks at I-2534.
12 A/C bombed gun emplacements 3 miles N La Haye du Puits.
4 A/C bombed A.A. tracks N La Haye du Puits.
30 A/C bombed bridge I-197955.
(iii) a. Nil.
b. 1 lost flight and returned to base.
c. 1 oil leak, 1 radio.
d. 1 bomb release failure over target.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) 1,3 miles N La Haye du Puits, flak.
(vii) 1 category A, flak.
(viii) 122.

C. (i) 125 - 100 gallon American.
(ii) 51 - 100 gallon American.

D. (i) 361:00.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 200,000 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 27,689.
(iii) 1,600.

F. (i) 250 x 500 pound GP bombs, fused 6-11 seconds, tail only.

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f. (ii) 8 on 3 armored cars at Verisy.
2 on box cars at T-2020
4 on bridge at T-2020
3 on [illegible] fill-in roadblocks and strafed motor cars in area.
6 on bridge SW of Montmedy.
8 on Villedieu les Poeles freight trains.
9 on gun positions at T-1404.
8 on motor trucks at Ste. Symphorien.
7 on single track motor [illegible] of Verdun.
26 on bridges at T-2124, T-3010, T-[illegible], [illegible] at 6.3 and 4, 1:50,000 series.
16 on road bridge, trucks and cars at Verdun.
6 on large highway bridge SW of Verdun.
8 on motor trucks at T-3020.
9 on bridge at T-3040.
8 on bridge at T-2147.
8 on motor trucks at T-2200.
5 on bridge and trucks at T-2254.
24 on gun emplacements 3 miles N of Haye du Puits.
8 on motor trucks N of Haye du Puits.
60 on bridge at T-137985.

(iii) 5.

(iv) Nil.
4 returned to home base.
1 lost on take-off at home base, recoverable.

g. 2nd Lt. Billy G. Hall, Bks.

h. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

W. S. Hunt,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: AC/S, G2.
Commanding General, 1st Fighter Command, Att: Asst. G-2 (Intel).
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: G-2 Section.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo, dated 20 June 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 365th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Group No. 1 for period ending Sunset 21 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No. 14 FC A.O. 342.

4. a. 46 P-47's, each carrying external load of 2 x 500 lb. bombs and one 75 gallon belly tank, dispatched at 1 35 to dive bomb gun emplacements on Cherbourg Peninsula. Course flown was same to St. Catherine's Point to target and return along same route. I/P St. Pierre Eglise 1544 hours, 3,000 ft. Fighter strafed area 1547 - 2020 hours. 15 P/C dropped 30 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 8 - 11 second delay tail from 30 - 100 ft. Dive started at 3,000 ft, angle 30 degree, on 334114, sheet 6 / 3 & 4. No gun positions observed but point location was well hit. If guns were there, they are probably destroyed. 16 P/C dropped 31 GP 500 lb bombs fused 8-11 seconddelay tail from 3,000 ft. angle 45 degrees, release from 300 ft., on 342104, sheet 6 /3 & 4. Good concentration of hits on gun emplacements at south end of field. Machine gun positions at north end of field strafed. 12 P/C dropped 24 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 8-11 second delay tail from 3,000 ft, angle 35 degrees, release from 200 ft, on gun emplacements at 342102, sheet 6%/3 & 4. Guns believed destroyed. One flight attacked and destroyed a car and military truck on road at St. Pierre Eglise. Assigned target was 342095, but was not attacked. Two bombs jettisoned in channel, five brought back to base. I/C St. Pierre, 3,000 ft, 1640 hours. Three A/C abortive: 1 generator out, 1 power plant. 1 escort. No E/A seen. At 342102, light, inaccurate flak encountered. At 334114, light flak guns strafed and silenced. Intense and accurate machine gun fire at St. Pierre Eglise. Group returned to base 2130 hours. One P-47 ditched by flak or boat from Wight - Cat

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(i) [illegible]
(ii) 15 [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
(iii) 3 A/C [illegible]:
(a) [illegible]
(b) [illegible]
(c) [illegible]
(d) [illegible]
(iv) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) [illegible]
(viii) 43

C. (i) 46 - [illegible] Gal. - Morrison
(ii) 2 - 15 Gal. - Morrison

D. (i) F-473 - 139:45 hours
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 73,600 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 18,447 (50 calibre ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 92 - 500 pound GP bombs
(ii) 30 on 334114, sheet 6 3/3 & 4
31 on 342104, sheet 6 3/3 & 4
24 on 342102, sheet 6 3/3 & 4
(iii) 2 in channel
(iv) Nil
5 returned to home base

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

J. [illegible],
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP 00/6
APO 141 US Army

19 June 1944.

SUBJECT: O.R.B.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SOU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Oprep No. 1 for the period ending Sunset 17 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 392.

4. A. 20 P-47's dispatched at 0618 hours, 27 P-47 dispatched at 0834 hours to attack troop concentrations about 2 miles E of St. Lo. All A/C carried 2 fragmentation clusters, consisting of 18 x 23 lb bombs to each cluster. Target was attacked by 45 A/C dropping 1566 x 23 lb bombs from 600 ft, level flight. 19 A/C over target 0737. 27 A/C over target 0934 hours. Good concentration of hits obtained on target. Little activity observed in target area. 4 bombs clusters (72 x 23 lb bombs) jettisoned in Channel, 2 clusters by 1 A/C aborting due to radio, 2 jettisoned total of 2 clusters due to release failure over target. 2 clusters returned to beachead landing strip by F/O Blazicek where they exploded upon landing, seriously injuring pilot, and incurring major damage to A/C. 1 Cluster accidently dropped over our territory. Moderate, accurate small arms fire and light flak encountered in target area. Group was ordered to land at two advance landing grounds on beachead, and after so on the completion of mission, carried out later mission under advance headquarters control. Interrogation and report of the results of these missions were performed by personnel on A.L.O.'s and only partial information available here, which is as follows: 14 A/C, carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs, attacked parked vehicles on road in NW corner of Cherbourg Peninsula, over target 2010-2100 hours. 4 A/C dispatched with 2 x 500 lb GP bombs each and these 4 A/C attacked road and trucks near Perier. 1 direct hit, other near misses. This section bounced by 3 ME-109 vicinity Lessay, 3,000 ft, ensuing combat resulted in 1 ME-109 destroyed. Approximately 12 other A/C attacked motor transport La Haye du Puits area. Results undetermined. Approximately 18 A/C attacked horse drawn artillery units S of La Haye du Puits,

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with 2 x 500 lb bombs, and strafing. Several direct bomb hits obtained, and with effective strafing attacks caused considerable damage to these units, approximately 25 of the units being destroyed. During the day 4 A/C were dispatched on escort to one C-47 to England. Escort uneventful. Combat with 4 plus FW-190's ensued 1615 hours vicinity Perier, resulting in loss of 1 P-47, and claims of 1 FW 190 destroyed, 1 FW-19 probably destroyed, and 2 FW-190's damaged. This took place at approximately 2,000 ft. Intense accurate light flak and machine gun fire encountered between La Haye du Puits and Lessay. Weather: 3/10 cloud cover over target areas, base 4,000 ft, visibility 2 miles. En route from England to continent 4/10 cloud, base 4,000 ft, 3 miles visibility.

5. (i) 99 P-47D.
(ii) 45 bombed troop concentrations about 2 miles E of St. Lo.
14 bombed parked vehicles on road in NW corner Cherbourg Peninsula.
4 bombed and strafed road and trucks near Perier.
12 bombed motor transport La Haye du Puits area.
18 bombed and strafed horse drawn artillery units S of La Haye du Puits.
4 escorted 1 C-47 to England.
(iii) (a) Nil.
(b) Nil.
(c) 1 radio.
(d) 1 bomb release failure over target.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) 1 vicinity Carentan E/A; 1 S Perier, enemy AA
(vii) 1 AC, landing accident, 2 category B, flak, 1 Category B, 2 category A.
(viii) 99.

6. (i) 47 - 150 gallon - American.
(ii) 47 - 150 gallon - American.

7. (i) 199:00.
(ii) Nil.

8. (i) 153,400 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) Unknown, A/C loaded in France.
(iii) 3200.

9. (i) 1692 x 23 lb fragmentation bombs.
96 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail.
(ii) 1566 frag bombs on troop concentration 2 Miles E. St. Lo.
28 x 500 lb bombs on parked vehicles NW corner Cherbourg Peninsula.
8 x 500 lb bombs on road and trucks near Perier.
24 x 500 lb bombs transport La Haye du Puits.
36 x 500 lb bombs on horse drawn artillery S La Haye du Puits.
(iii) 126 x 23 lb frags.
(iv) Nil.

10. 1st Lt. Philip D. Brockus, MIA.

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C. continued.
1st Lt. Victor Adol, KIA.
F/O Jacob Blazicek, KIA.
2nd Lt. Doyle Moe, KIA.

H. In Air:
(i) 1 ME-109, 1st Lt. Joe Holloway.
1 Fw 190, 2nd Lt. Propenick, Colonel Wells shared.
(ii) 1 Fw 190, Captain Austin
(iii) 1 Fw 190, Lt. Mantoraci; 1 Fw 190 Lt. Buck.

For the Group Commander:

J. S. Schmidt,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP
APO 141 US Army

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20 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Oprep No. 1 for 18 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 394.

4. A. 16 P-47D, each carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail, dispatched at 1002 to escort and bomb with A-20's, attacking oil stocks in woods SW Conches A/D. Course was base to Beachy Head to St. Valery to target to Cabourg. R/V with bombers at Beachy Head, 9,000 ft, 1040 hours. L/F in St. Valery, 13,000 ft, 1055 hours. Arrived target area 1110 hours. Solid overcast in target area made it impossible to locate target. Neither A-20's nor P-47's dropped bombs. L/F out 11,000 ft, 1130 hours. Maintained escort of A-20's until 10 minutes beyond enemy coast at 1140 hours. All A/C returned to base with bombs. No flak; no E/A seen. Weather: over target 10/10 cloud cover base, 3,000 ft, top 4,500 ft. Air to air visibility 8 miles. Elsewhere along route 3-5/10 base 3,000 ft, top 4,500. Air to air visibility 8 miles.

B. (i) 16 P-47D.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) 16 poor weather over target.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 16.

C. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

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21 June 1944.

: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Att: [illegible]
Commanding General, [illegible] Air Forces, Att: [illegible]
Corresponding Officer, [illegible] Theater [illegible], Att: [illegible]

1. In compliance with [illegible] Air Force Memo [illegible], dated [illegible], a negative report is submitted for the period ending [illegible] June 1944.

For the Group Commander:

[illegible],
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP (P) 33/6
APO 141 U.S. Army

22 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Oper.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: -6 Sec.
Commanding General, IXX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Ops Control.
Commanding Officer, 370th Fighter Wing, Att: Ops Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 0-6, dated 19 May 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Oper No. 1 for period ending Sunset 22 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX TC Reg. 400.

4. a. 36 P-47's dispatched at 2056 hours to attack military traffic, roads, and railroads in Paris-Lao. Area. L/F in Le Treport, 2155 hours, 15,000 ft. Proceeded S to vicinity of Pontoise just N of Paris, where Group began attacking targets in sections and flights. 36 A/C dropped 72 x 500 lb GP bombs, fuzed instantaneous, on various targets, glide bombing from 6,000 ft, angle of 40 degrees, releasing at 1,500 ft. In target area 2200-2215 hours. 8 A/C dropped 16 x 500 lb bombs on R.R. sidings and 25-30 freight cars at Attichy E. of Compiegne. 2 direct hits on tracks. 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on 45 plus freight cars at Noissler. 1 direct hit seen on cars. 8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on road convoy o ten armored vehicles, 10 large trucks at Emblainville, 10 miles N of Pontoise headed S. Hits destroyed 3 armored vehicles and 4 trucks. 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on Creru freight yards. Hits observed on R.R. tracks. 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on Chantilly freight yards. 5 direct hits, 1 near miss on 75-80 box cars. Large explosions and flames resulted. 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on Lassigny freight yards. 6 hits on target. 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on R.R. fill and tracks at Clermont. Track believed cut. L/F out Cayeux, 2134 hours, 5,000 ft. No E/A seen. Intense, inaccurate light and heavy flak N of Pontoise; moderate, inaccurate, heavy flak at Nrugil and Etrepagny A/D. No clouds over target, visibility

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4. .. Continued.
--6 miles in haze. 8/10 cloud over route to and from target, base 7-0 ft, tops 1,5-0 ft. Visibility 2 miles. 36 A/C completed mission, landing at home base 2320 hours.

5. (i) 36 -47 .
(ii) 8 A/C bombed ... sidings and freight cars at Attichy, S of Compiegne.
4 A/C bombed 45 plus freight cars at Soissler.
8 A/C bombed road convoy of armored vehicles and trucks 10 miles N of Pontoise.
4 A/C bombed Meru freight yards.
4 A/C bombed Chantilly freight yards.
4 A/C bombed Lassigny freight yards.
4 A/C bombed M.T. fill and tracks at Clermont.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 36.

6. (i) 36 - 150 gallon - American.
(ii) 35 - 150 gallon - American.

7. (i) 81:30.
(ii) Nil.

8. (i) 57,600 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 6,262.
(iii) Nil.

9. (i) 72 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused instantaneous.
(ii) 16 on M.T. sidings and freight cars at Attichy, S of Compiegne.
8 on 45 plus freight cars at Soissler.
16 on road convoy of armored vehicles and trucks 10 miles N of Pontoise.
8 on Meru freight yards.
8 on Chantilly freight yards.
8 on Lassigny freight yards.
8 on M.T. fill and tracks at Clermont.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

10. Nil.

11. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

J. A. [illegible],
Captain, Air Cor

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(i)
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(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) Nil

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(iii) Nil

(i) Nil from [illegible].
(ii) Nil from [illegible].
(iii) Nil from [illegible]
[illegible]

(iv) Nil
Nil from [illegible]
Ten Cts.

(i) Nil
(ii) Nil

(i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Air Council:

[illegible]

J. [illegible],
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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		(d) -il.
	(iv)	il.
	(v)	il.
	(vi)	il.
	(vii)	4 cat[illegible] . flak; 1 cat[illegible], belly landing.
	(viii)	45.
6.	(i)	il.
	(ii)	il.
7.	(i)	1[illegible]3:45.
	(ii)	il.
8.	(i)	75,[illegible]0 (5[illegible] calibre [illegible]
	(ii)	25,060
	(iii)	Nil.
9.	(i)	141 x 5[illegible]0 lb [illegible] bombs, fused 8-11 second delay.
	(ii)	44 on 0-0722.
		45 on 0-1617.
		41 on 0-1[illegible]19.
	(iii)	6.
	(iv)	Nil.
		4 returned to base; 1 lost on take-off at home base.
10.	Nil.	
11.	(i)	Nil.
	(ii)	Nil.
	(iii)	Nil.

For the Group Commander:

J. [illegible],
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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24 June 194 .

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1. In compliance with [illegible] Air Force [illegible] 5[illegible]-S, dated [illegible] Apr 194., the following report is submitted.

2. From: [illegible] Filter Sqd.

3. Preparation for period ending sunset 24 June 1944.

Disposition of Aircraft: [illegible] 17.

4. . 16 P-47's dispatched at [illegible] hours to escort Medium bombers to and from a target in France. Course flown to [illegible] Caterines Point, Base of Penin, were R/V made with bombers 2[illegible]5, 12,[illegible]0 ft. F/F in front of Grandcamp, 2118 hours, 12,000 ft. Turn to left made at Fortain, 2111 hours, 12,000 ft. Bombers reached target between 8 to 10 of La Ferte Vidame and Nogny at 2128 hours, leaving 2135 hours. Good concentration of hits observed on target in woods. F/F out Dives Sur M. at 2150 hours, 12,000 ft. Squadron withdrew from bombers just before Shoreham at 2215 hours, 12,000 ft. 16 A/C completed mission, landing at home base 2235 hours. No flak, no E/A. Weather: 1-2/10 cloud at 15,000 ft. Visibility excellent. 15 P-47's and 16 P-47D dispatched at 1949 hours and 1959 hours respectively, to escort separate boxes of medium bombers to a single target, fuel dump at La Chapelle Gaceline, in France. 15 A/C made R/V at St. Catherines Point, 2027 hours, 12,000 ft; 16 A/C made R/V same location and altitude at 2037 hours. These boxes escorted uneventfully, making F/F in 2146, 2159 hours respectively, N of Grandcamp, 12,000 ft. Target attacked 2114 to 2128 hours with good concentration of hits on woods. Dark smoke rose from target area. F/F out Cobourg, 2139, 2145 hours respectively, 12,000 ft. Withdrew from bombers at St. Catherines Point, 2200, 2210 hours, at 7,000 ft. Landed at home base 2219, 2240 hours. No flak. No E/A seen.

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(iv) .il.
(v) .il.
(vi) .il.
(vii) .il.
(viii 47.

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(ii) 12 - 130 gallon. - .erican.

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.ii) .il.

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H[illegible] 365TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141

26 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Opns.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att; Stat Control.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att; Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 109th Photo Rcn Sqdn, Att; Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo, dated 15 Apr 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 365th Fighter Group.

3. Group No 1 for period 25 June to 26 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: I. P. D.C. No, Par. H,I,J.

4. A. 48 P-47's dispatched at intervals by 8 squadrons, 16 A/C each, to escort two boxes of A-20's, one box of B-26's to and from fuel dump target East of DOVER. No bombs carried by our aircraft. (Par.H.) 365th Squadron, 16 A/C, dispatched 0750, made R/V at [illegible], 0850, 14,000 ft., L/F in [illegible], 14,000 ft. Flew course to approximately LIEGE, turned left on first run over target 0846. Bombs fell in east end of woods and to right of road. L/F out [illegible], 14,000 ft. Withdrew from bombers at [illegible], 0900, 14,000 ft. Saw one black sausage shaped balloon sitting west from LE HAVRE, 14,000 ft., 0845. Saw no flak. No E/A seen. Scattered A/L cirrus over entire French continent, 15,000 ft. base. Haze 7,000 ft. Visibility excellent. (Par.I) 368th Squadron, 16 A/C dispatched 0759, made R/V at [illegible], 14,000 ft. with one box of A-20's. Course same as 368th Squadron. L/F in [illegible], 0857, 11,000 ft. over target 0858, L/F out [illegible], 14,000 ft. Excellent bombing pattern on woods target. Saw no flak, no E/A seen. Left bombers at [illegible],

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[illegible] - 358th [illegible] A.P.O. [illegible] 25 June 1944.

Subject: Operations Report.

To : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attn: [illegible].
Commanding General, IXth Tactical Air Command, Attn: [illegible].
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Attn: [illegible].

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Regulations, [illegible] of 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Operations No. 2 for period ending Sunset 25 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: [illegible] Ltr. Hq. 358th FG, AAF-3.

4. A. 48 P-47's each carrying external load of 1 x 150 gallon belly tank, dispatched by squadrons of 16 a/c each at 1455, 1510, 1530 hours to provide penetration, target and withdrawal escort for Marauders attacking petrol tanks in woods north of Beaumont. Course flown was base to Worthing to Saxmundham to target to Gaboung to Worthing to base. 16 a/c supporting first box of bombers rendezvous a/c at 1535, Worthing, 5,000 ft. a/c in area 1535, 10,000 ft at Dives. In target area 1623-1633. Observed bombing to be excellent in pattern, resulting in one particularly intense fire and grey smoke in woods. a/c out at Dieppe, 10,000 ft, 1655 hours. Withdrew from bombers at Rye, 1721, 16 a/c supporting second box of bombers, a/c at Worthing 1549, 14,000 ft. a/c in 1620 hours, Gabourg, 13,000 ft. In target area 1643-1653 hours. Bombers laid down good pattern of hits. 4 strikes parallel to each other. a/c out Trouville, 1706, 13,000 ft. Withdrew from bombers Dungeness, 1730, 13,000 ft. 16 a/c supporting third box of bombers made a/c at Worthing, 1610 hours, 5,000 ft. a/c in Gabourg, 1640, 14,000 ft. In target area 1703-1713. Bombers scored good concentration of hits on target. 5-6 fires observed burning, with columns of white smoke up to 3,000 ft. 4 a/c escorted 1 Marauder on 1 engine to beachhead area, then over Channel. Other engine had been shot by intense accurate heavy flak at Espinay. Flight Leader called Uppdam for homing, receiving 42, obviously incorrect. Vector believed given by enemy. a/c out Gabourg 1735, 14,000 ft. Withdrew from bombers over Channel, 1755. Flak: intense, inaccurate heavy over following a/f: Vernueil, Creteuil, Conches and Beaumont. Flak meager, inaccurate over same a/f's. No A/A seen. Group returned to base 1811 hours. Weather: 1-2/10 cloud over target, base 6,000 ft, tops 8,000 ft; visibility 8-10 miles. Elsewhere along route, clear/1/10 base 10,000 ft; 1-2/10 ft; visibility 6-8 miles.

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27 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Operations.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: A-3.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
Att; Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 358th Fighter Group,
Att; Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo A-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 26 June 1944.

By the Group Commander:

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1st Lt, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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29 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Sitrep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: Z-2
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
Asst Chief of Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Asst
Chief of Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 29 May 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Sitrep No. 1. for period ending Sunset 27 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 417-A.

4. a. 36 P-47's, 12 A/C carrying external load of 1 x 150 gallon belly tank, 24 A/C carrying 1 x 150 gallon belly tank and 2 x 500 lb. GP bombs, fused 1/1 [illegible], 1/40 tail dispatched at 1442 on armed reconnaissance in Dreux, Chartres, Alencon, Argentan area, and also specifically to glide bomb fuel dumps in wooded area near Argentan, co-ordinates H 070 V 048. Course from base to Beachy Head to Fecamp to Argentan to Dreux to Chartres to Alencon to Argentan to Fecamp to Beachy Head to base. R/T Fecamp 1539, 12,000 ft. In target area 1600-1656. R/T Fecamp 1715, 10,000 ft. 12 A/C moved to escort. 21 A/C dropped 42 bombs from 3500 ft., angle 30 degrees, release from 1,000 ft. in wooded target area. 42 hits in area, large fires started. 15 tanks observed from 100 ft. vicinity., Le Mele Sur S., approx. 10 miles NE Alencon, at 1610 heading SW. Tanks were attacked resulting in 2 tanks destroyed, 1 probably destroyed, 1 damaged. Lt. Harber's A/C was struck by tank fire and he was last seen preparing for belly landing near Courtomer, 15 miles SE Argentan. His A/C was not on fire. Large fuel truck strafed 2 miles W. of Argentan, exploded and was set ablaze. 1 Staff car destroyed by strafing at St. Maurice Les S., 15 miles SW Verneuil A/D. 1 truck destroyed between

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... a/c ...ctive, 1 oil leak, ... radio, ..., 1 ...
... failure, 2 A/C damaged by flak, 1 Cat. A., 1
...t. Av. 1 pilot, 1st Lt., John R. Harber, ...
... ..., 5-8?50, Alb. ... returned to base 1/4.
... ... over target, 8/10 cloud., ... 4,000 ft.,
... at 4,000 ft., visibility 7-8 miles. ...
... route, visibility 7-9/10, base 3,000 ft., ...
... at 9000, visibility 6-8 miles. 5 bombs brought ...
... ... Lt. Gilkey, ... Andrs., landed ... Abr L.
..., 1 Sgt.

(i) 36 P-47 ...
(ii) 31 ... bombed target area.
(iii) ... A/C ... ...
(a) Nil.
(b) Nil.
(c) 2 Radio, 1 belly tank ... 1 oil line, 1 prop.
(d) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) 1 vicinity of Courtmacsherry ...
(vii) 2 A/C damaged by flak, 1 Cat. A., 1 Cat. AB.
(viii) 31

C. (i) 5 (100 gallon tanks, ... Pilsen
31 (150 gallon tanks, ... Pilsen
(ii) 5 (100 gallon tanks, ... Pilsen
7 (150 gallon tanks, ... Pilsen

D. (i) 86:30
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 57,600 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 13,055 (50 calibre ammunition)
(iii) 1,600 (50 calibre ammunition)

F. (i) 48 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused nose 1/10 second and tail at 1/40 second.
(ii) 42 hits in target area.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
6 bombs returned to base.

G. 1st Lt John R. Harber, O-675768, ...

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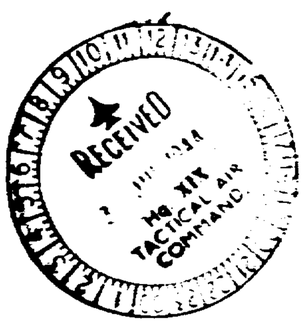

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4. A. Group was assigned area patrol over [illegible]. 16 P-47's, each a/c carrying external load of [illegible] gallon belly tank, dispatched at 0430 on patrol [illegible] ern and western beachhead areas. Boundaries [illegible] were Le Havre, Goule, Tilly, et Vaveur le V. [illegible] 0501, 12,000 ft. In area 0510 - 0640. A/c [illegible], 0646, 12,000 ft. At 0600, 12,000 ft, at Juvigny's [illegible] was bounced by 8 Me 109's, approximately 8 miles east of Caen. A/a came through overcast, fired on flight, then climbed and made another pass at which time Lt. [illegible] at A/A for which he does not enter any claim. A/c then climbed into overcast and never reappeared. [illegible] a/c was damaged by 20 mm shell on first pass. [illegible] a strip in France, then took off again and returned to base. Heavy moderate accurate flak from A/F southwest of Caen. 1 a/c abortive due to weather. Squadron returned to base 0745. 16 P-47's, each a/c carrying external tank [illegible] gallon belly tank, dispatched at 0554, on similar type [illegible] ion, covering same areas. A/A 0631 Le Havre, 12,000 ft. In area 0640 - 0810. A/c Le Havre, 0815, 12,000 ft. [illegible] was uneventful. Heavy meager accurate flak from [illegible] west of Caen. Observed Me 109's in distance [illegible] squadron. Weather: over target, 10/10 cloud, base 10, [illegible] tops 14,000, visibility 10-15 miles. Elsewhere along [illegible] 10/10 cloud, base 12,000 ft, tops 13,000, visibility [illegible]

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(i) [illegible]
(ii) 31 A/C
(iii) 1 A/C service.
(a) 1 [illegible]
(b) Nil.
(c) Nil.
(d) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) 1 [illegible]
(viii) 31

(i) 32 (15) [illegible]
(ii) 5 (150 [illegible]

(i) [illegible]
(ii) Nil.

(i) 51,[illegible] (50 caliber [illegible]
(ii) 560 (50 caliber [illegible]
(iii) Nil.

(i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

Nil.

(i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

[signature]
[illegible],
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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[illegible] Ninth Air Force
APO [illegible] US Army

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Subject: [illegible].

To: [illegible] Ninth Air Force, Attn: [illegible]
[illegible] Tactical Air Command
[illegible]
Commanding Officer, 358th Fighter Wing, Attn: Asst
Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-1, [illegible] 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. Unit: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Group No. 1. for period [illegible] hours.

4. Mission or Operation No.: Force Assignment #1.

5. A. Group was assigned area patrol over the beachhead. 16 P-47's, each a/c carrying external load of 1 x 150 gallon belly tank, dispatched at 0430 on patrol of eastern and western beachhead areas. Boundaries of area were Le Havre, Goule, Tilly, St Saveur le V. A/A Le Havre 0501, 12,000 ft. In area 0510 - 0640. A/C Le Havre, 0646, 12,000 ft. At 0600, 12,000 ft, at Burley's flight was bounced by 8 Me 109's, approximately 8 miles east of Caen. S/a came through overcast, fired on flight, then climbed and made another pass at which time Lt. Kew fired at A/A for which he does not enter any claim. A/a then climbed into overcast and never reappeared. Lt [illegible] a/c was damaged by 20 mm shell on first pass. He landed at a strip in France, then took off again and returned to base. Heavy moderate accurate flak from A/F southwest of Caen. 1 a/c abortive due to weather. Squadron returned to base 0745. 16 P-47's, each a/c carrying external load of 1 x 150 gallon belly tank, dispatched at 0554, on similar type mission, covering same areas. A/A 0631 Le Havre, 12,000 ft. In area 0640 - 0810. A/C Le Havre, 0816, 12,000 ft. Mission was uneventful. Heavy meager accurate flak from a/c southwest of Caen. Observed Me 109's in distance attacking other squadron. Weather: Over target, 10/10 cloud, base 12,000 ft, tops 14,000, visibility 10-15 miles. Elsewhere along route: 10/10 cloud, base 12,000 ft, tops 13,000, visibility 10-15

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(i) [illegible]
(ii) [illegible]
(iii) 1 m/c [illegible]
(a) 1 [illegible]
(b) Nil.
(c) Nil.
(d) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) 1 [illegible]
(viii) 31

(i) 32 (15 [illegible])
(ii) 5 (15 [illegible])

(i) 102:00
(ii) Nil.

(i) 51,200 (30 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 560 (50 calibre ammunition)
(iii) Nil.

(i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

Nil.

(i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

[signature]
[illegible]
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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[illegible]
Captain, [illegible],
Intelligence Officer.

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1. In compliance with [illegible], the following report is submitted.

2. Group: 39[illegible] Fighter Group.

3. Group No. 1. For period ending [illegible]

Mission or Operation No.: [illegible]

4. A. Group was assigned area patrol over [illegible] day. Each Squadron covered the [illegible] each had areas for 2 periods of [illegible]. Boundaries of area were Le Havre, [illegible], Saveur le V. 365th Squadron dispatched [illegible], carrying external load of 1 x 150 [illegible], at 0710. A/C Le Havre 0805, [illegible]. to 0940. Landed [illegible], at [illegible]. uneventful. Second take-off, [illegible] at 1430. In area 1[illegible] to 1[illegible], 4,000 to [illegible]. Le Havre, 1[illegible], at 5,000 ft. Patrol [illegible]. Heavy, meager, inaccurate flak [illegible] of Caen. [illegible]. No abortives. Squadron landed at base [illegible]. Throughout patrol period, Controller "Sweetheart", [illegible] requested exact location and altitude of Squadron Leader who refused to furnish same because it might jeopardize safety of squadron. 366th Squadron, carrying same external load as 365th, performing similar missions in same area, dispatched 16 a/c at [illegible]. A/C Le Havre 0823, 12,000 ft. In area 0[illegible] to 0[illegible]. Landed at [illegible] 4,0815. Second take-off, dispatched 16 a/c at 1100. In area 1110 to 1240, [illegible] ft. A/C Le Havre 1246, 7,000 ft. Squadron landed at [illegible] 1310. Both patrol periods uneventful. No [illegible]. No abortives. Heavy, meager, inaccurate flak [illegible] Caen. Light, moderate, accurate flak vicinity [illegible]. Heavy, moderate accurate flak of Caumont. 367th Squadron carrying same external load, performing similar [illegible] in same area, dispatched 16 a/c at [illegible]. A/C Le Havre 0[illegible], 14,000 ft. In area 0[illegible] to [illegible]. [illegible] at [illegible]

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For the Group Commander:

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U.S. [illegible],
Captain, Air [illegible],
Statistical [illegible].

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3. (i) [illegible].
(ii) [illegible].

5. (i) [illegible]
(ii) [illegible].

4. (i) [illegible]
(ii) [illegible].
(iii) [illegible].

7. (i) [illegible]
(ii) [illegible]
(iii) [illegible]
(iv) [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible]. (i) [illegible].
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For the Group Commander:

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1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Statistical Officer.

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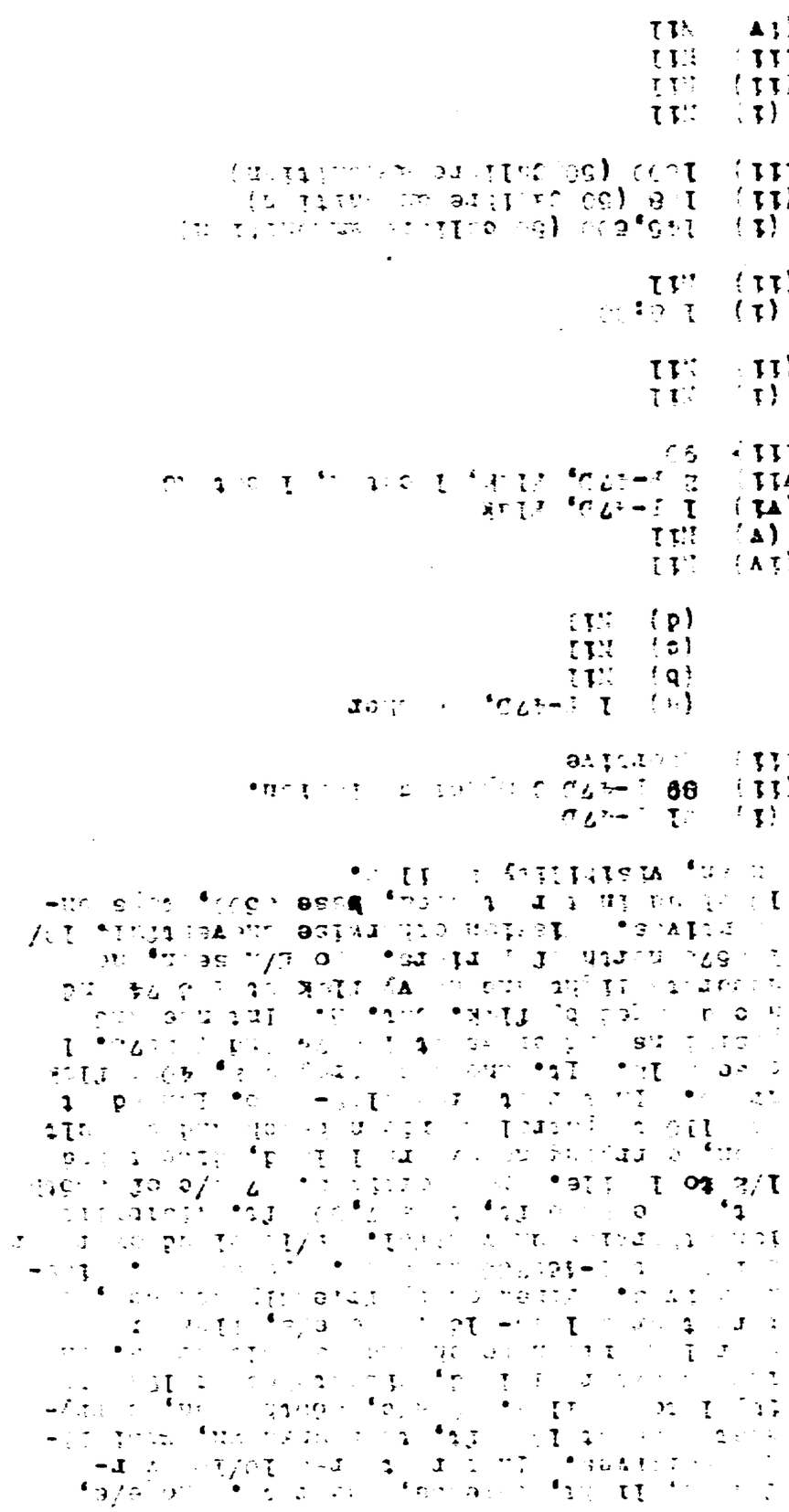
1. In co[illegible] [illegible], and
r l 44, [illegible] [illegible].

2. [illegible] : [illegible].

3. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 18 Jul [illegible].

4. [illegible] [illegible] 61-1, [illegible]
[illegible].

a. [illegible] a/c carrying no [illegible], dispatched
at 0800 hours to [illegible] Rieux area and
assault areas. Fighter [illegible] 0-
0715. 50 bursts of [illegible], [illegible]
at Louis sur Vire [illegible], at [illegible] ft.
6 to 8 enemy fighters observed [illegible],
believed [illegible] artillery. [illegible], [illegible]
6/8/8 and 6/8/1, [illegible] 6-6[illegible]. [illegible],
effective. [illegible] [illegible]. 7/10
cloud over Cherbourg peninsula, base 5,[illegible] ft,
tops at 8500 ft, visibility fair over [illegible]
[illegible], no clouds, 5[illegible] ft haze, visibility
fair. [illegible] up sun, 8 [illegible] down sun. 8 a/c of 366th
began carrying out [illegible] at
366th to patrol [illegible] [illegible]. Intercept
at 0730 - 0800. [illegible] [illegible].
1 B-4 seen to spin in and explode [illegible] 6
of Bayeux, approximately 080 [illegible], no para-
chutes observed. Moderate [illegible] vapour
at alt. 10. No e s, no abortives. [illegible] other
wise uneventful. 7/10 cloud in target [illegible],
base 6500 ft tops 4000, visibility 5-6 [illegible].
8 a/c of 367th Wing, carrying [illegible] [illegible],
dispatched at 0800 hours to patrol [illegible]
beach and assault areas. Intercepted [illegible]
- 10 l. Identified as [illegible]. [illegible] and
bolts, 5 ft in [illegible], [illegible] last
of our at [illegible], slowly flying at 6,[illegible] ft with



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2nd Lt. Donald S. Childs, Kia.

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For the Group Commander:

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1st Lt., Air Corps,
Assistant Staff Officer.

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[illegible]. Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, APO 634.
Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Air Command,
Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 34th Fighter Wing, Attn: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Eighth Air Force Memo 95-5, [illegible] negative report is submitted for the period ending [illegible].

For the Group Commander:

[illegible]
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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C. (i) [illegible]
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D. (i) [illegible]
(ii) [illegible]

E. (i) [illegible]
(ii) [illegible]
(iii) [illegible]

F. (i) 15 5[illegible] Gr bombs, [illegible]
(ii) 7 Gr [illegible] to [illegible] 7, also [illegible] to [illegible]
1 x 500 lb Gr [illegible]
Still [illegible].
(iii) 4 x 500 lb Gr bombs jettisoned in [illegible].
(iv) [illegible]
3 x 500 lb Gr bombs returned to base.

G. [illegible]

H. (i) [illegible]
(ii) [illegible]
(iii) [illegible]

For the Group Commander:

[illegible],
Captain, [illegible],

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[illegible] report is s[illegible].

[illegible] fighter sweep.

[illegible] rep[illegible] for period and [illegible]

[illegible] or operation [illegible]

a. 8 P-47's carrying 1 x [illegible] acting as escort, dispatched at 1035 [illegible] Channel Islands and south. Course flown [illegible] ague, to eastern point of Alderney, [illegible] then due south to French coast and back [illegible] at 2000 ft. No observation in area [illegible] on supply dump at [illegible], sheet s/l [illegible], at 1145 hours. Dive from 4000 ft, release at 1000, [illegible] in target area, 2 jettisoned in Channel [illegible] are to release. 1 storage tank seen still [illegible] No supply boxes seen. No a/c seen, no [illegible] returned to base 1215. 2 abortives. [illegible] scattered clouds at 1500-2000. 2-3 miles [illegible]. Elsewhere overcast had a base 3500 ft [illegible] 1-2 miles.

b. (i) 12 P-47's.
(ii) 6 P-47's supply dump at 1-1,2005, [illegible] and 8 P/A.
4 P-47's escort.
(iii) 2 abortive due to mechanical bomb [illegible]
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 12.

c. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

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4. (i) 21.X.
(ii) Nil.

5. (i) 19,20 (b. Salute & Munitions)
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

6. (i) 8 x 5.0 [illegible]
(ii) 6 x 5.0 [illegible]
(iii) 2.
(iv) Nil.

7. Nil.

8. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Rear Commander:

[illegible]
Lst Lt.,
A/Asst Staff [illegible]

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(i) [illegible] -47.
(ii) [illegible]

(iii) [illegible]
(a) [illegible] 70
(b) [illegible] i
(c) Nil
(d) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) Nil

5. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

6. (i) [illegible]
(ii) Nil

7. (i) 57,600 (30 [illegible]
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

8. (i) 72 x 60 [illegible]
(ii) 24 b[illegible], 16 [illegible]
23 on [illegible]
(iii) 5 x [illegible], [illegible]
6 unable to find [illegible]
(iv) Nil
1 x 60 [illegible] to be returned [illegible]
because [illegible] se failed.

9. Nil

10. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
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For the Group Commander:

[illegible]
[illegible],
[illegible],
Flt. Officer.

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Subject: Oprep.

To : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Main), APO [illegible].
Commanding General, Advanced Air Echelon, APO [illegible].
Commanding Officer, 367th Fighter Group, APO [illegible].

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo [illegible], dated [illegible], the following report is submitted.

2. From: 368th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 84 for period ending 24 July 1944.

Mission or operation no. [illegible] Sqdn. #102.

4. A. 12 P-47's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1530 hours to attack Varades landing ground and perform armed reconnaissance of Briollay landing ground. Course: base to primary target. 8 x 500 lb GP bombs instantaneous fusing, dropped on Varades L/G, diving from 10,000 ft, releasing at 2,000 ft, angle 45 degrees, 4 a/c escort. Over target 1616 hours. L/G was open grass field with two burned single engine a/c on ground near edge. Good concentration of bombs in center of open field. No signs of recent activity. Proceeded to Briollay L/G no activity seen at 1627 hours. No attack. Landed 1720 hours. Moderate inaccurate light flak at Varades L/G. No e/a seen in air. Weather: 5-6/10, base 4,000 ft, tops 5,000 ft. Visibility 10 miles. 11 P-47's of 366th Squadron, 7 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bombs each, fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail, 4 a/c acting as escort, dispatched at 1545 to attack landing grounds in the vicinity of Angers. Course flown was base to target to base. In target area 1635-1650. Bombs dropped on landing ground at Corne. All bombs in target area, dive from 13,000 ft, release at 6,000 ft, angle 45-60 degrees. Fire started in revetment Sa portion of field. Strafed landing ground at Corze, which had gun positions at west end. No e/a seen. Light moderate accurate flak at St Martin. No shorts

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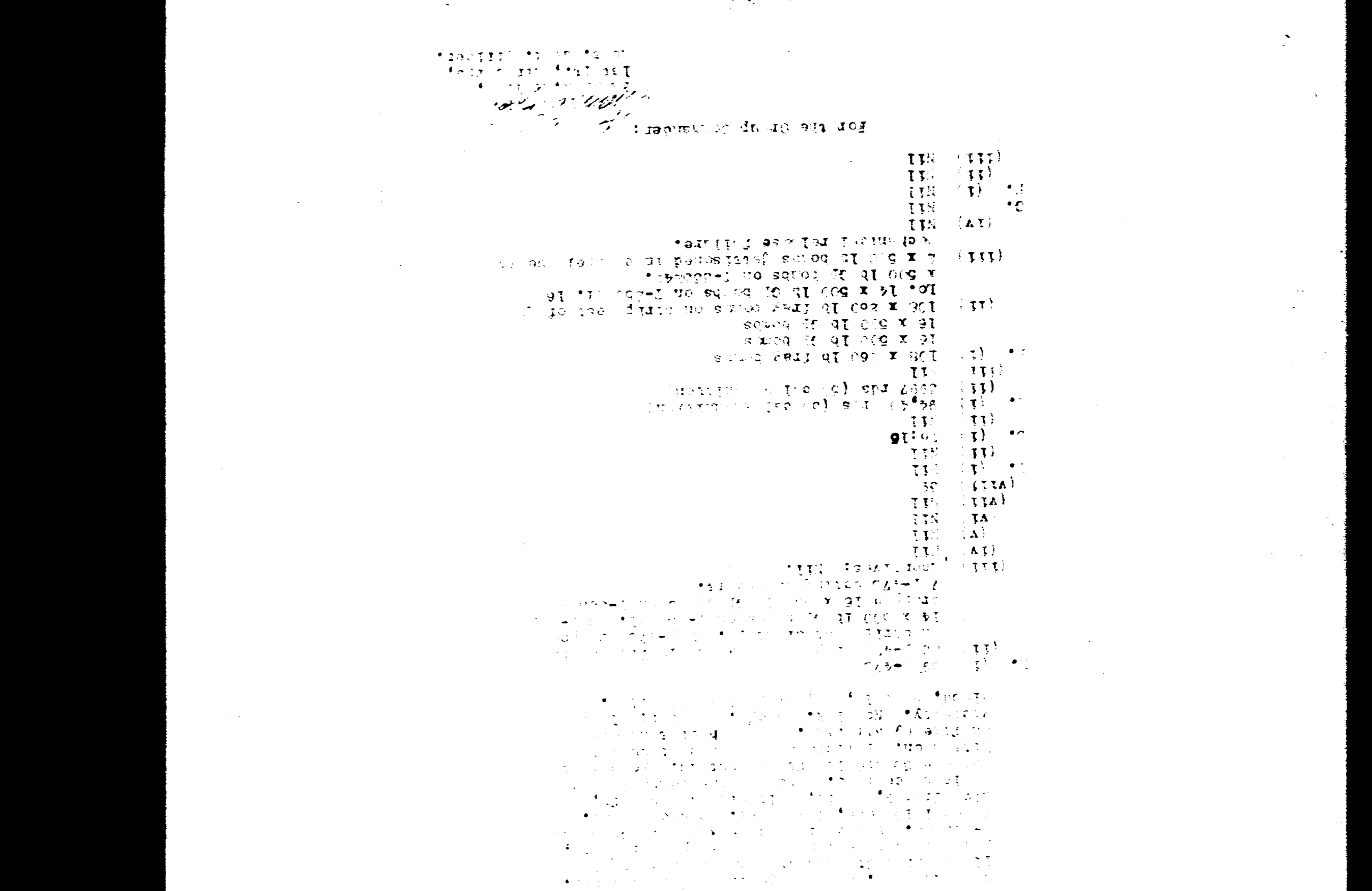

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[illegible] mission or operation No. 1A [illegible]

4. A. 12 P-47's of 365th Squadron. 8 a/c carrying [illegible] bombs each, fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail, 4 a/c acting as escort, dispatched at 1823 to attack machine gun and mortar emplacements at T-357717 and T-355704. Course was base to target to base. In target area 1842. All bombs in target area. Dive from 6,300 ft, release at 4500 ft, angle [illegible] degrees. 8 bombs on target 357717 which hit building area 75 yards NW of church. Large section knocked out of building area. 4 hits in field north of house in crossroads where mortar emplacement at 355704 was located. 4 hits east of mortar emplacement, one of which hit at T-352704. Large explosion (yellow) was seen. No abortives, no flak, no [illegible]. Weather: 10/10 cloud, base 7,000 ft, tops 8,500 visibility 10 miles. Squadron returned to base 1715.

5. (i) 12 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 8 P-47D attacking machine gun and mortar emplacements at T-357717 and T-355704.
4 P-47D acting as escort.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
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(viii) 12

6. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

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For the Group Commander:

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[illegible], U. S. Army,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst Officer.

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1. [illegible] with Eighth Air Force memo 55-[illegible], [illegible], the following report is submitted.

a. [illegible] Bomb Fighter Wing.

b. [illegible] No. [illegible] for period [illegible] only [illegible].

c. Mission or operation No. 12 [illegible] Dec. 17, [illegible].

d. A. 12 P-47's of squadron [illegible], [illegible] carrying [illegible] bombs each, [illegible] fuzed 1/10 sec., 1/4 tail, [illegible] second delay tail, [illegible] action, [illegible] 1650 to attack [illegible] numbers at [illegible]. [illegible] target area [illegible]. [illegible] All bombs released. [illegible] 2,500 ft, [illegible] formation. [illegible] light to obstruct [illegible] area. [illegible] small building, 1/4 mile [illegible] of target [illegible]. Red flares and white smoke were observed, [illegible] gas dump. All bombs in target area [illegible] A/A. No flak encountered, no aborts. [illegible] cloud, base 6,000 ft, tops unknown. [illegible] air to ground excellent. Elsewhere: visibility [illegible] 3 miles restricted by haze. Squadron returned [illegible].

b. (i) 12 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 8 P-47D's attacked Gestapo headquarters at [illegible].
4 P-47D's acting as escort.
(iii) Nil

(i) [illegible]
(ii) Nil

(i) [illegible]
(ii) [illegible]
(iii) Nil

(i) 16 x 500 lb GP bombs; [illegible]
8 fuzed at 8-1/2 second [illegible]
(ii) 16 x 500 lb GP bombs in [illegible]
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

(i) Nil

(i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

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[redacted] Grp.

[redacted] Commanding General, [redacted] Air Force Service Command
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command [redacted]
Commanding Officer, [redacted] Air Force, attn: [redacted]

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo No. 55-3, [redacted] the following report is submitted.

a. [redacted] 358th Fighter Group.

b. [redacted] No. 9 for period ending 15 Sept 1944.

c. Mission or Operation No. 14 flak [redacted] 107, [redacted]

d. A. 12 P-47's of 366th Squadron, 8 a/c carrying [redacted] bombs, fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail, 4 a/c acting as escort, dispatched at 2000 to attack gun position SW of [redacted] T-332477. Course flown was base to target [redacted]. Target area 2041-2140. 10 bombs in target area, [redacted] to base. Dive from 6,000, release at 2,000 ft, [redacted] degrees. Bombed target in clump of woods. Gun position not seen. Roads leading into woods well worn by [redacted] traffic. 4 bombs dropped on crossroads at T-303517 because failed to release over briefed target. One motortruck destroyed by fire 4 miles SE Coutances. No e/a seen, no [redacted]. Heavy and light moderate inaccurate flak at T-358497. [redacted] Cerisy-la-Salle observed to be on fire. Weather [redacted] to cloud base 10,000 ft, tops unknown. Visibility 8-10 miles, [redacted] cloud SW of target.

B. (i) 12 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 8 P-47D's to attack gun position SW of [redacted] T-332477.
4 P-47D's acting as escort.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
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(vii) Nil
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C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 1y:20
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 1,200 r.s. (5) (Centre Roundtion)
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 16 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose. 2/10 tail.
(ii) 10 x 500 lb GP bombs in target area.
4 x 500 lb GP bombs on crossroads at [illegible].
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

2 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.

G. (i) Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

J. S. Gant,
Captain, Air Corps,
Stat Control Officer.

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F. (i) 68 x 500 lb GP bombs, Instantaneous nose, 1/40 tail.
(ii) 24 x 500 lb GP bombs on T-8A/B1/ and T-8A/A1.
22 x 500 lb GP bombs on Triple Component tins in vicinity of T-8A/B2/1.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

22 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.

G. (i) Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

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1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Stat Officer.

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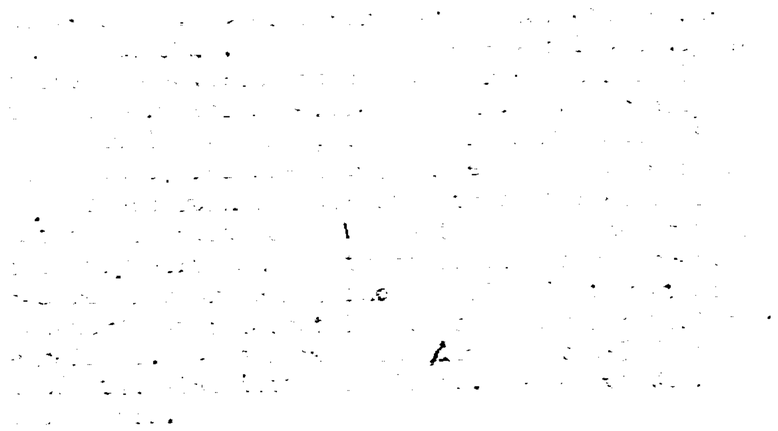

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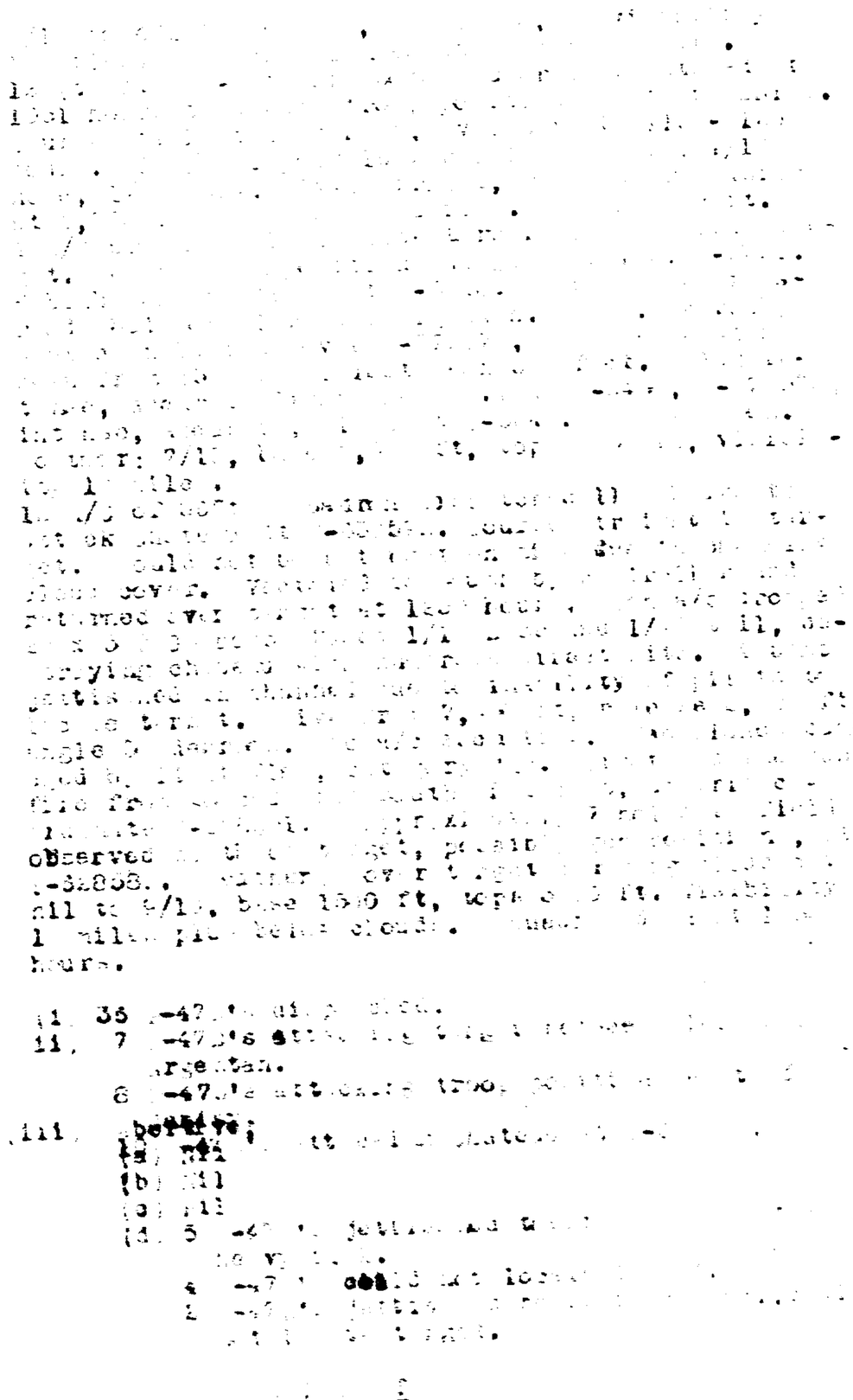
4. [illegible] 12 a/c of 56th [illegible] to attack troop concentration [illegible] of [illegible] course flown fr[illegible] which was completely obscured b[illegible] cast. Controller vectored squadron [illegible] opportunity (tanks on road). [illegible] located. Squadron dropped 14 x [illegible] fused 1/10 nose 1/40 tail on cross roads believed to be located between Flero and [illegible]. 4 results observed. 11 bombs jettisoned [illegible] dive from 7,[illegible] ft., release [illegible] ft., [illegible] degrees. The plane of Lt [illegible] was hit by flak. He baled out at 1145 hours 4 or 5 miles north of Argenta and was seen to land [illegible] was seen to explode and burn. [illegible] was wounded by flak in the arm but landed [illegible] safely at base. Four planes damaged by flak [illegible] ery A. Time over target of opposition [illegible] hours. Flak was heavy and light, [illegible] vicinity [illegible]. Flights plotte[illegible] intense flak from [illegible] to [illegible] primary target 10/10ths base [illegible] visibility good above clouds. [illegible]



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TO : [illegible]
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1. In compliance with [illegible] the following [illegible].

a. [illegible] 368th Fighter Group.

b. [illegible] No.11 for period ending midnight 27 July 1944.

[illegible] operations [illegible] 1144 hrs [illegible] Mission No. 1. to 7. inclusive.

a. (1) 12 a/c of 368th [illegible] to dive bomb [illegible] Armed recce [illegible] Laval, Confort. [illegible] 500 lb bombs fuzed 1/10 [illegible] from 4000 [illegible] serving as cover. 1 locomotive [illegible] troyed by strafing at Y-[illegible] no steam up. 1 locomotive [illegible] Y-280520 stationary on track. [illegible] bankment at Y-267518, one hit. [illegible] damaged by flak [illegible] base 1500 [illegible] visibility above [illegible] 15 miles. [illegible] 12 P-47's, 368th Squadron, 8 a/c [illegible] lb GP bombs, each fuzed 1/10 [illegible] a/c acting as escort, [illegible] marshalling yard [illegible] armed recon [illegible] course flown: base [illegible] to Vanto [illegible]

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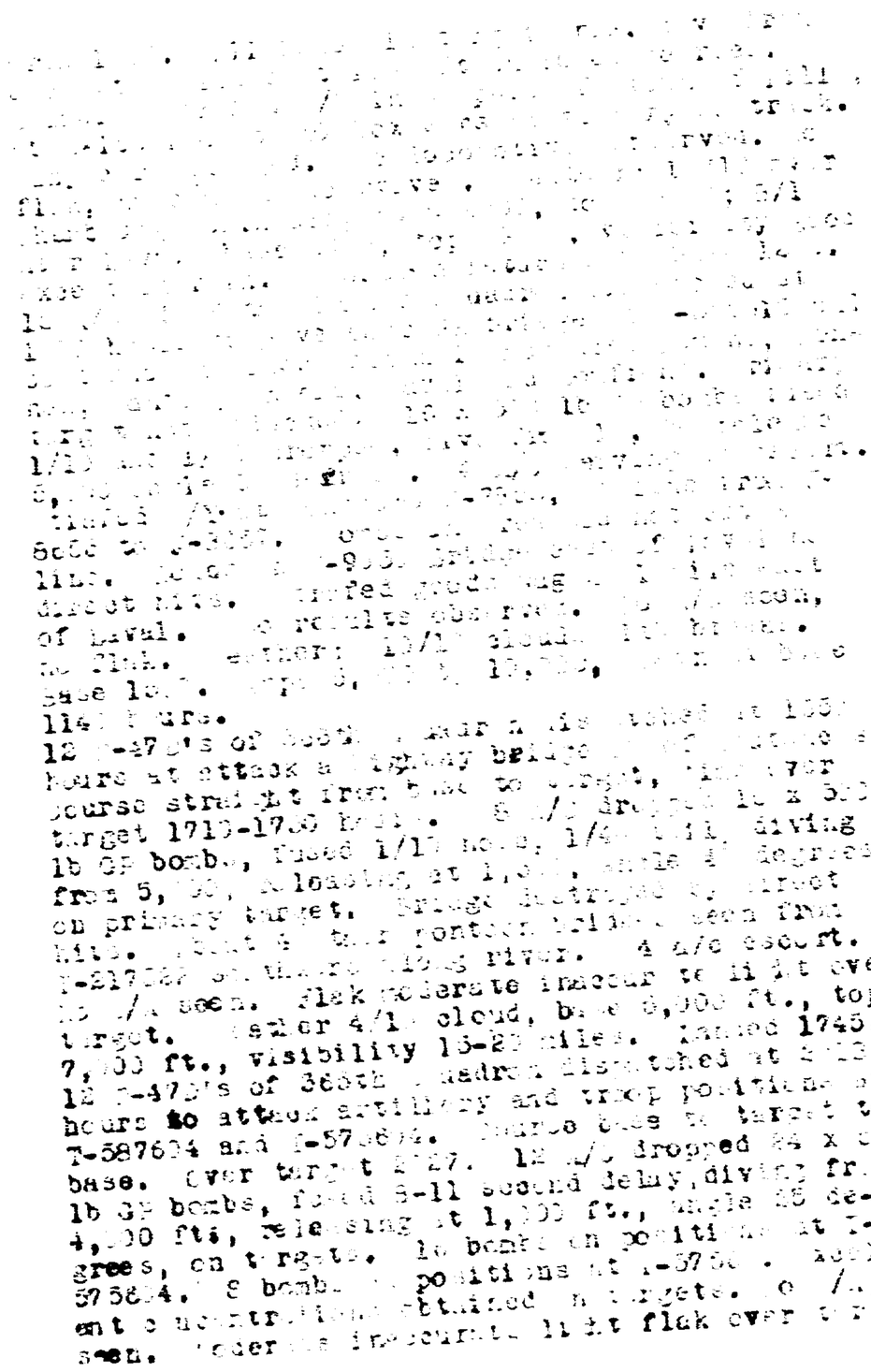

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(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
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(vii) 1 -47, [illegible]
(viii) 82

E. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

F. (i) 1[illegible]
(ii) [illegible]1,77 [illegible]
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 100 x 500 lb GP bombs,
(ii) 16 x 500 lb GP bombs on bridge at I-17[illegible].
16 x 500 lb GP bombs on [illegible]malling yd I-1[illegible]19.
16 x 500 lb GP bombs on [illegible] bridge at I-24[illegible]1.
16 x 500 lb GP bombs on highway bridge [illegible] of Soutmbe..
16 x 500 lb GP bombs on position at I-3[illegible]4
8 x 500 lb GP bombs on position at I-37[illegible]
16 x 500 lb GP bombs on [illegible] part [illegible] of st..e.
6 x 500 lb GP bombs on bri. by Yessy [illegible] Fire
2 x 500 lb GP bombs on road at I-31[illegible]4
2 x 500 lb GP bombs on flak position at I-8[illegible]56.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

12 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

FRANK A. TYLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

ANNEX I

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To : [illegible].

CC : [illegible].
[illegible]tt: [illegible].
[illegible]tt: [illegible].
[illegible]tt: [illegible].

1. In compliance with [illegible] dated [illegible], the following report is submitted.

2. From: 366th Fighter Group.

3. Subject: Operations Report for period ending sunset 28 July 1944.

Location of Operations Area: I. to E.C. 117 (Upflash Nos. 1 to 28 inclusive).

4. [illegible] P-47D's of 387th Squadron dispatched at 0618 hours as armored column support. Course flown base to support area, [illegible]. Four a/c carried 2 x 500 lb bombs fused 1/10 nose, 1/4 tail, all of which were jettisoned. Unable to contact controller due to low ceiling making navigation difficult. Patrolled area [illegible], strafing AT and personnel. One truck left burning. 2 a/c damaged by flak in the attack, one a/c got "A" and the other a/c got "B". No E/A seen. Light moderate accurate flak vicinity [illegible]. Weather: 1/10th, base 500 - [illegible] feet. Visibility 5 miles. Sunset base 2044.
4 P-47Ds of 388th Squadron dispatched at 0618 as armored column support. Course flown base to support area. In area 0800 - 0710. 4 a/c carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose, 1/4 tail, four of which were jettisoned and four brought back to base due to weather conditions. Contact controller could not be contacted. No E/A seen. Intense, accurate, light flak encountered from target at [illegible]. Weather: 9/10ths to 10/10ths, base 800, tops 1[illegible] ft. Visibility 5 miles. Sunset base 2028.

[illegible]

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4 P-47's of [illegible] dispatched at 1615. Course straight to target. Over target 1635-1650. No bombs carried. 1 plane damaged by flak category AC. Strafed 5 horse drawn guns at T-4741. Observed hits and killed horses. Strafed 6 horse drawn vehicles on road between T-446377 and T-45[illegible]. Observed hits, horses cut loose and scattered. Strafed 4 small enemy vehicles, all hit and 1 set on fire at T-47[illegible]. Strafed 1 horse drawn [illegible]. Flak: light moderate accurate visibility T-45[illegible]. Weather: 3/1 thin Base 1500 tops 6,000 visibility good. Back at base 1645.

4 P-47's of 365th Squadron, [illegible] dispatched at 1638 on armored cover, [illegible] and Armored Division. Course: base to [illegible] Herman, T-4655 to area to base. Strafed [illegible] 17 [illegible] strafed and damaged tank at T-5[illegible]. [illegible] No abortives. 1 Porter hit by flak, was reported same to 1 Gray just before he disappeared from sight. 1 AC and 1 pilot, 1 Porter, lost. Other a/c damaged by flak: 1 category AC, 1 category B. Flak: intense, and accurate light and heavy [illegible] of less our fire. Weather: 4 to 6/10 cloud, base 1500 to 2000 ft, visibility excellent. Flight returned to base 1705.

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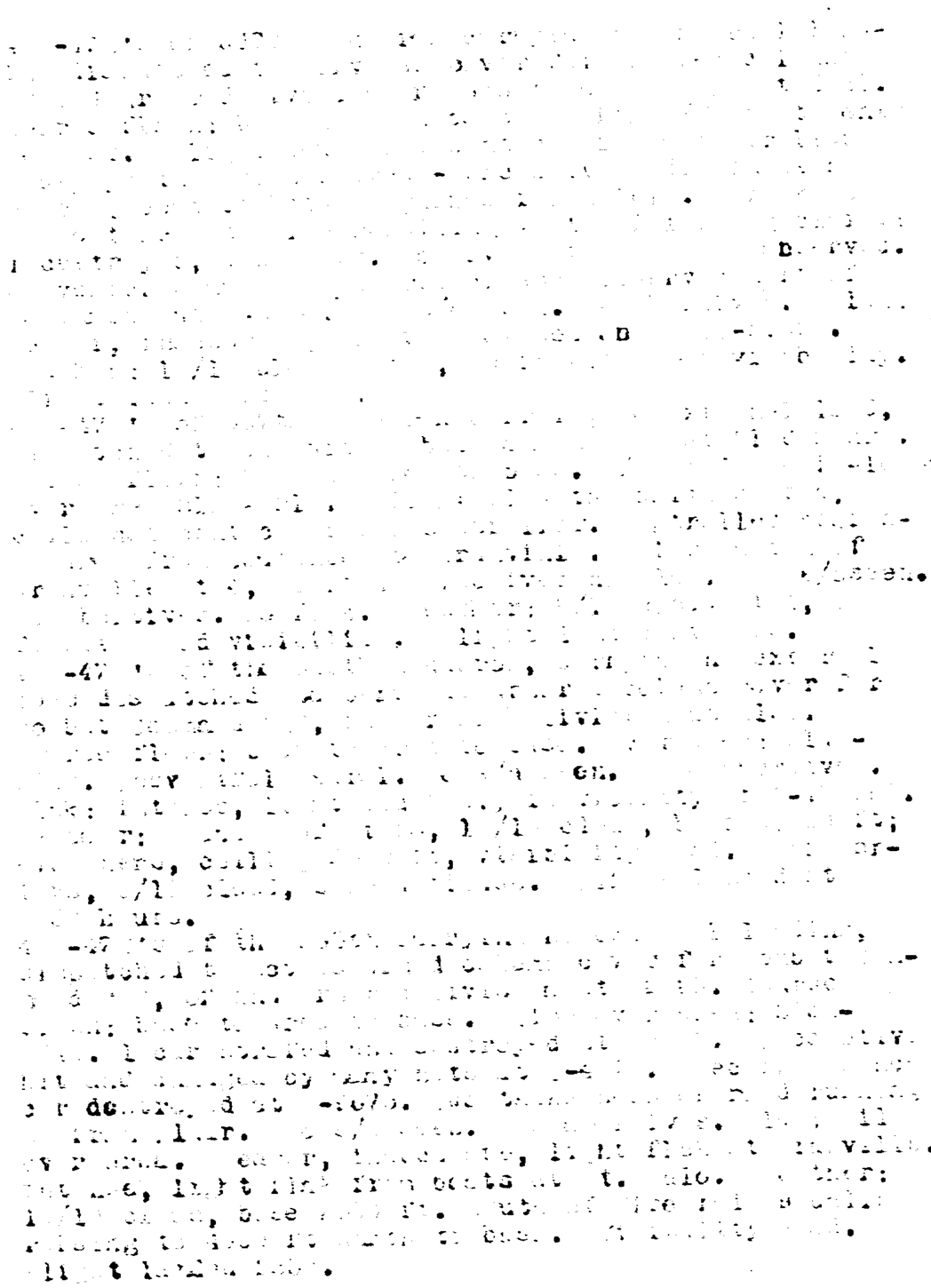

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(iii) [illegible]

(i) [illegible]

(ii) [illegible]
[illegible] 6 x 500 lb [illegible]
[illegible] 4 x 500 lb [illegible]
[illegible] 1 [illegible]
[illegible] 1 tank knocked [illegible]
[illegible] 1 [illegible] destroyed, [illegible]
[illegible] 1 [illegible] destroyed, [illegible]
[illegible]

(iii) 12 x 500 lb [illegible] jettisoned [illegible] weather.

(iv) Nil

30 x 500 lb bombs returned [illegible].

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1. [illegible] ar 1944, the following [illegible] hostilities.

2. From : 385th Bombardment Group.

3. Oper. No. 13 for the period [illegible].

Mission or Operation No. [illegible]. Missions Nos. 1. to 21 inclusive.

4. a. 4 P-47D's of 385th [illegible] as armored column cover. Four [illegible] target. Over target [illegible] - 7½. [illegible] lb GP bomb fuzed [illegible] level release from [illegible] I-345631. Fire [illegible] sults observed. [illegible] damaged by flak, [illegible] accurate at I-2[illegible]. Weather: [illegible] ceiling [illegible]. [illegible] 4 0, tops unknown. [illegible] 7½.
4 P-47D's of 385th [illegible] hours as armored column cover [illegible] -1-7. Course: straight to target. Over target [illegible] - 7½. 4 a/c carried 6 x 500 lb GP bombs [illegible] -ll fuze and delay. 4 bombs dropped, dive from [illegible], [illegible] 500, angle 45 degrees. 2 trucks destroyed. Visibility I 5428. 4 bombs returned to base. [illegible] -yard forced to bail out in friendly territory and returned to base [illegible] 17½ hours. [illegible] and one other plane damaged by flak - [illegible]. Flak: light, inaccurate in [illegible]. Weather: 9/10 cloud, base 1 00, [illegible]. [illegible] at base 3745.

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[illegible] seen in [illegible] -1[illegible] t[illegible], visibility
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Visibility 8 miles. Landed [illegible].
4 -47[illegible]'s of [illegible] armored column over. Over [illegible] -1[illegible].
/[illegible] dropped 7 bombs on road bridge [illegible] struction at Dessy. Direct hit [illegible] de truction to bridge. 1 bomb [illegible] fields in woods at -5141[illegible]. [illegible] black and white [illegible] resulted. [illegible] eather, 1[illegible]/10, [illegible], [illegible] ft., visibility 10 miles. Landed 1715 hours.
3 P-47[illegible]'s dispatched at 1638 of [illegible] armored column over. Carried 6 x [illegible] 8-11 second fuze. Over area 1700-17[illegible]. [illegible] contact controller, and could find [illegible] to weather clouding and low clouds. Returned to base 1748. No flak. No E/A. Weather, 10/10, [illegible] 4,000 ft., low cloud forming [illegible] ft. Visibility good.
3 P-47[illegible]'s of [illegible] squadron dispatched [illegible] armored column over at 1600. Over area 17[illegible]-17[illegible]. [illegible] ther-

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1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Inst Officer.

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2. From: [illegible]

3. [illegible] No. 1 in the [illegible]

Mission of [illegible] No. 1 to [illegible] Ltr, Y 21-4. [illegible]

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4. No. 3 [illegible]'s, [illegible]
4, first [illegible] at 12[illegible], [illegible]
the Division. Course [illegible]
jet order, [illegible] 1400-1430. [illegible]
[illegible] controller [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] it extremely difficult [illegible]
from it bombs back to base. No flak, [illegible]
tives. Weather: over target, [illegible]
1500 to 5000 ft, visibility below overcast, [illegible]
last ship landed at 1[illegible]. 8 A-[illegible]s of [illegible] Squadron, each
a/c carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused N-11 second [illegible]
dispatched in flights of [illegible], first flight [illegible]
on armoured column. Cover for 4th Division. Course flown
base to area [illegible]. Times over target [illegible],
1300-1400. 16 bombs dropped on target. Dive from 1500,
release 300, angle 30 degrees. 5 or 6 tanks attacked at
248321 with 8 bombs. No hits, but near misses on tanks
or road and between tanks. Also 1 truck strafed with strik-
es observed at [illegible]. 8 bombs on railroad at [illegible]
in 3 lines of freight cars. Several [illegible] cars in
yards. No flak. Strafed medium tank in vicinity [illegible]
248318 - hits observed., no flak. no e/a seen. No [illegible]
weather: over target - 9/10, 1000 ft base, tops 5000. Visi-
bility 10 miles with intermittent rain. Observers [illegible]
cloud base 1000, tops 5000, visibility 10 miles. [illegible]
landed 1415.

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(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
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C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 50:0
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 57,6[illegible] [illegible]
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 48 x [illegible] lb [illegible] bombs fused 1/10 and 1/4.
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

48 x 3.0 lb [illegible] bombs fused 1/1 and 1/4 returned to base.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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4. a. 24 P-47D's dispatched, 16 a/c [illegible] 467th Squadron, at 1644 to dive bomb [illegible] dump at Montcornet and continue on reconnaissance [illegible] of Rougeret - [illegible] - Asfeld - [illegible], course flown straight to [illegible]. 16 a/c dropped [illegible] 250 lb fuses [illegible] 1/1 -1/2, dive from 1,[illegible], release 4[illegible], [illegible] served as cover. All bombs in target area, but no explosions. Smoke reported by [illegible] vicinity of Avranches, but could not be located. Continued on briefed reconnaissance [illegible] ev ntful patrol. [illegible] a/c seen. [illegible] 6/10 to 8/10 cloud, base [illegible], top [illegible]. Visibility 10 miles. Large hole in cloud [illegible] ary target. [illegible] target area [illegible] at 1555.

b. (i) 24 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 16 P-47D's dive bomb ammunition dump [illegible] orson and continue on reconnaissance [illegible] eres - Mayenne - Domfront - Vire [illegible], 8 P-47D's served as cover.
(iii) Abortives: Nil.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
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for the group commander:

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[illegible] Lt., Air Corps,
[illegible] Stat Officer.

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8. (1) 8 [illegible]s allocated.
(11) 8 [illegible]s be interrupt [illegible]
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TO : [illegible]
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1. In compliance with [illegible] dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 153 for the period ending [illegible] 1944.

[illegible] or Operation No. [illegible]

4. a. 36 P-47D's, 24 a/c carrying 2 x 500 lb G.P. bombs each, fused 1/10 nose 1/40 tail. 12 a/c acting as escort, dispatched at 1012 on armed reconnaissance of Rennes, Ploermel, Loudeac, Lamballe, Dinan, area. In target area 1650-1750. 8 bombs on road bridge X-2893. No hits on bridge. 8 on road. 8 bombs on marshalling yard at Lamballe. No activity in yards. 4 hits on tracks, 2 near misses on road over r.r. 1 truck destroyed east of Perdrignac X-5060. 8 bombs on 2 hay wagons carrying concealed A.A. guns at X-4595. Near misses 8 bombs on freight cars at X-8358. 2 cars knocked off tracks, no fires seen. 6 bombs on 2 trucks which were also strafed and left burning at X-0853. One truck carrying personnel, going N.W. 4 bombs on over pass at X-6091. No hits. 4 bombs on siding at X-6095. 3 direct hits among 20 to 25 cars, starting fires - black smoke seen. No e/a seen. 1 abortive, mechanical. Light, meager, inaccurate flak at X-0369. Light intense and inaccurate in woods at X-2768. Light, meager inaccurate at X-4595. 10 to 15 American trucks observed north of Rennes on main highway, heading south. Haze to 3000 or 4000 ft, no clouds over target, 5 to 6 miles visibility. Over base 6/10, base 1000 ft, tops1500, visibility 3 miles.

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for the Group Commander:

Flight A. [illegible],
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
Asst. Group Surgeon.

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8 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, each carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10-1/40, dispatched on armed recco at 1910 hours, course flown: base to target to base. Time over target area: 1945-2045. No bombs dropped, all bombs returned to base. Ground controller, Feodic 1, vectored flight to cover trains coming on road between Mortain and Barenton. Our tanks on road leading into Barenton, T-6703. Observed being held up by fire coming from buildings, but were not returning fire. No assignment received from ground controller, Feodic 1. No e/a seen. Flak: Vicinity of fliers T-8721, light intense and accurate. Weather: No cloud, visibility up sun one and one and one half miles, down sun 3 miles. Down 2130. 8 P-47D's of 368th Squadron, each carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10 - 1/40, dispatched on armed recco at 2016. Course flown: base to target to base. Time over target area: 2040-2130. No bombs dropped, all returned to base. No e/a seen. Uneventful reconnaissance. Weather: Hazy, tops 8000, visibility 2-3 miles. Landed 2141.

B. (i) 56 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 48 P-47D's (completing mission) on armed recco of Fougeres, Vitre, Laval, Mayenne, Domfront area.
7 P-47D's attacking target, dropping 14 x 500 lb GP bombs in target area, of Fougeres, Vitre, Laval, Mayenne, Domfront area.
(iii) 1 A/C abortive:
(a) Nil
(b) Nil
(c) 1 Generator.
(d) Nil

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 55

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 108:00 .
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 89,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 6,752 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

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P. (i) 112 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose 1/40 tail.
(ii) 14 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped in target area, of Fougeres, Vitre, Laval, Mayenne, Domfront area.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

98 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to home base.

S. Nil

P. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Stat Officer.

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[redacted] 358th [redacted]
APO 141

[redacted] August 1944.

[redacted]: Oprep.

[redacted]: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (rear)
Att: AC/S, A-3.
Commanding General, IXth Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 365th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force memo 55-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 21 for period ending sunset 6 August 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

4. a. 12 P-47D's of the 365th Squadron, each carrying 1 bomb (500 lb GP) fused 1/10 and 1/4, and dispatched to give armed recce of Nemours area at 1220. No bombs dropped - all returned to base. Route over area: 1240-1340. Course flown: base to area to base. Patrol uneventful. Controller contacted, but no targets were given. Weather: No e/a seen. No flak. Weather en route: 1-2/10 cloud, base 8000 ft, tops 10000, visibility 5 miles. Elsewhere: 8/10 north of base with base of 1000 ft, tops 1500. Down at 1410.
12 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, each carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/4, dispatched to give armed recce of Nemours area at 1220. Course flown: base to area to base. Time over target area: 1350-1450. 4 bombs dropped in target area - 8 returned to base. Dive from 6000 ft, release at 2000 ft, angle 70 degrees. Flight vectored to rr bridge by controller at base. 4 bombs dropped but missed. Flak: light, inaccurate, moderate flak at Y-5530. No e/a seen. Weather: 7/10 cloud on line from Chateau-briant to Montargis, base 4000, tops 7000 ft. 2-3 mile visibility. Returned to base 1530 hours.

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er: over target area - no cloud, visibility 5-6 miles. Elsewhere: 8/10 clouds beginning mid-way between Linan and Lennes and extending south. tops 6000 ft, base 2500. Visibility 4-5 miles. [illegible] at 1622.

12 P-47's of 365th Squadron, each carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40, in two flights (one of 4, the other of 8), dispatched to give armed recco of Lonnes area at 1528. Course flown: base to area to base. Over target area: 1540-1720 and 1540-1645 hours. No bombs dropped. One jettisoned between Avranches and [illegible] ale because pilot low on gas, all returned to base. No e/a seen. No flak. Patrol uneventful. [illegible] able to contact Hipsaw, but not Brandcap [illegible] or [illegible].

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Vehicles and troops seen at [illegible], 4298, and K-1818. Between F-6/1[illegible] base, 6,000 ft. Form 1Fa.

12 [illegible] P-47's of 366th [illegible] Squadron, each carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/1[illegible]-1/4, dispatched on patrol of Rennes area at [illegible] hours. Course flown: base to area to base. [illegible]; 1840-1915. [illegible] Flak: [illegible] Vitry and Rennes. Broadcast [illegible] were told flight to [illegible] over Brittany [illegible], 366.12, [illegible], [illegible] troops and [illegible] roads. [illegible] visibility [illegible] miles. [illegible] returned to base. [illegible] 1740-1845. No bombs dropped, all returned to base. Flight could not contact ground controller [illegible] flight leader called Intercontact, and told him that he was going to patrol assigned area. Flight received intense, light flight flak from aerodrome at [illegible] 7505. No targets located. Flak: light, intense, accurate at [illegible] 7505 (aerodrome). No cloud. Visibility 5 to 6 miles. Landed 1915 hours.

8 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, each carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40 dispatched on patrol of Rennes area at 1721. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area, 1735-1945. No bombs dropped, all returned to base. No e/a seen. Controller Hipsaw on R channel and he vectored squadron to Ploermel. There squadron leader lost contact with him. Ground controller could not receive squadron leader. Squadron flew back to and Rennes, but by the time contact made was in, was low, so came home. Flak: Vire, heavy moderate, inaccurate, light, moderate, accurate. Weather: 3 to 5/10 clouds, base 3000 ft, tops unknown. Visibility 5 miles.

12 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, each carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40, dispatched to [illegible] serve as cover in Rennes area at 1820 hours. Course flown: base to target to base. Over area, 1840-2015 hours. 3 bombs dropped, 9 returned to base. Dive from 8000, release 2000, angle 20 degrees. Bombed and strafed 10 assorted vehicles, trucks, and etc moving [illegible] out of Laval Y 6947. 3 destroyed, 4 damaged. Could not contact ground controllable, only Hipsaw. No e/a. No flak. Weather: 8/10 cloud, base 5000, tops 1[illegible],000, haze to 7000. Visibility 3-4 miles. Landed 2045.

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B. (i) 107 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 93 P-47D's (completing mission on armed recce of Rennes area.
14 P-47D's dropped 14 x 500 lb GP bombs, (1 x 500 lb bomb each) on target area of Rennes.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
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3.	(i)	Nil
	(ii)	Nil
4.	(i)	223;45
	(ii)	Nil
5.	(i)	171,800 rds. (.5 caliber ammunition)
	(ii)	10,924 rds. (.50 caliber ammunition)
	(iii)	Nil
6.	(i)	107 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10-1/40,
	(ii)	14 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on target area by [illegible].
	(iii)	1 x 500 lb GP bomb jettisoned between [illegible] and target area, because pilot was low on gas.
	(iv)	Nil
		32 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.
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8.	(i)	Nil
	(ii)	Nil
	(iii)	Nil

For the Group Commander:

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1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US Army

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10 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 GOU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 303rd Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 23 for the period ending Sunset 8 August 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: 0.0. 8 X 51-2 (Offensive Sweep).

4. A. 36 P-47D's (12 from each Squadron) dispatched at 1108 hours on armed recco in Beauvais-Compiegne-Amiens area. In target area from 1150 to 1220 hours. 8 a/c from each squadron carried 1 GP 500 lb bomb fused 1/10-1/40. 22 bombs dropped in target area dive from 4000, release at 2000, angle 45 degrees. 3 bombs on RR siding at Pavilly (M-1129), 1 direct hit. 8 bombs on RR tracks at Justen Chaussee, M-1615 - 2 direct hits. 3 bombs on RR bridge at R-2689, no hits. 4 bombs on RR tracks at M-4338. 3 bombs on woods, M-804186. 1 bomb on 50 box cars. 2 bombs returned to base. 4 trucks destroyed by strafing (2 at M 4338 and 2 at M-2201) 12 a/c (4 from each squadron) served as cover. 1 abort (mechanical) from 365th. 1 plane from 367th damaged by flak, Category AC. Flak: Heavy and light, weak and inaccurate at Elbeuf (R-1199) Heavy, moderate, inaccurate at [illegible]-5380. Weather: In target area, 2/10 cloud, base 5000, tops 6000, visibility 6 miles in haze. Down at base, 1320 hours.

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35 P-47D's (12 each from 365th and 366th. 11 from 367th) dispatched at 1602 hours on armed recco in Beauvais, Compiegne, Amiens area. In target area from 1700 to 1740 hours. 23 a/c carried 1 GP 500 lb bomb fused 1/10-1/40.20 bombs in target area, dive from 6000, release at 2000 ft, angle 55 degrees. 5 F/T's destroyed; 3 by bombing and strafing at Breteuil (N-0829), 1 at Beauvais (N-9506), 1 at St Saufieur (N-0647). 4 F/T's probably damaged at Montdidier (N 2428) by near bomb misses. 1 Flak tower damaged by strafing at Moreuil (N-2844) 4 bombs on supply dump in woods NW of Montdider, exact location unknown and results of bombing undetermined. 12 a/c served as cover. 1 plane from 365th, and one plane from 366th damaged by flak, both Category A. 3 bombs returned to base by 367th Squadron. Flak: heavy, accurate, weak at Lillebonne (L-4027). Heavy moderate accurate at Scotteville (M-0814) Heavy, accurate, weak at Caudebec (L-9327). Heavy, inaccurate, weak at Crevecoeur (N 9228) Weather: 5/10, base 6000 ft, tops 9000 ft, visibility 5-6 miles. Down at base 1833.

B. (i) 71 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 4 P-47D's (completing mission) on armed recco in Beauvais, Campiegne-Amiens area.
3 A/C dropped bombs on RR siding at Pavilly (N-2129).
8 A/C dropped bombs on RR tracks at Justen Chaussee, N-1615 -
3 A/C dropped bombs on RR bridge at R- 2689.
4 A/C dropped bombs on RR tracks at N-4388.
3 A/C dropped bombs on woods, N-804186.
1 A/C dropped bomb on 50 box cars.
4 A/C dropped bombs on supply dump in woods NW of Montdider.
16A/C dropped bombs in target area, Beavais, Compaiegne, Amiens area.
24 P-47D's served as cover.

(iii) 1 A/C abortive:
(a) Nil
(b) Nil
(c) 1 Radio
(d) Nil

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(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 3 a/c damaged by flak; 1 a/c Cat.AB. 2 a/c Cat.A.
(viii) 71

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 166:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 113,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 19,270 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 47 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10-1/40.
(ii) 3 bombs on RR siding at Pavilly (N-1129)
6 bombs on RR tracks at Justen Chaussee, N-1615.
3 bombs on RR bridge at R-2689.
4 bombs on RR tracks at N-4338.
3 bombs on woods, N-804186.
1 bomb on 50 box cars
4 bombs on supply dump in woods NW of Montdidier.
16 bombs in target area, Beavais, Compaiegne, Amiens area.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
5 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Other claims:
4 trucks destroyed by strafing (2 at N 4338 and 2 at N-2201)
5 M/T's destroyed; 3 by bombing and strafing at Breteuil (N-0829), 1 at Beauvais (N-9306), 1 at St Saufleur (N-0647).
4 M/T's probably damaged at Montdidier (n 2428) by bomb misses.
1 flak tower damaged by strafing at Moreuil (N-2344).

For the Group Commander:

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Stat Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358th FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141

11 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: AC/S.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command.
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 363rd Fighter Wing.
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 24 for the period ending Sunset 9 August 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: O.O. 9 51-1(Opf. 1 to 12)

4. A. 12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, 8 each carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10-1/40 with 4 acting as escort, dispatched at 0907 hours to give assault area cover to Fougeres, Chateaubriant, Le Fleche, Le Mans, Laval area. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area: 0950-1030. All bombs returned to base. Uneventful patrol. No e/a seen. No flak. Fire and explosions seen east of Laval. Weather: 1/10 cloud at 8000. Landed 1058 hours.
12 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, 8each carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40 with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1000 hours to give assault area cover to Fougeres, Chateaubriant, Le Fleche, Le Mans, Laval area. Course flown: base to target to base. No bombs dropped, all returned to base. Over area 1040-1150 hours. Contacted ripsaw who had no targets. 50-60 U.S. trucks seen facing east on road west of Segre, J-5705. No e/a seen. No flak. Weather: 6/10 cloud, base 5000, tops 5500 with haze to 5000 ft, visibility 1 mile. Elsewhere base to Fougeres - haze to 5000 ft, visibility 4-5 miles. Landed 1215.

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Annex I

12 P-47D's of 78th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40, with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1135 to give assault area cover to Fougeres, Chateaubriant, Le Fleche, Le Mans, Laval area. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area: 1145-1218 hours. All bombs returned to base. Squadron patrolled assigned area as requested by Ripsaw One. Large force of our vehicles seen moving south from Laval toward Chateau-Gontier and on road from Le Mans to Alencon, also on road from Le Mans to Alencon, having reported Alencon as flak. Weather: ceiling unlimited. Visibility 5 miles. Elsewhere: overcast with base between 4000-10000 ft, moving slowly west coast Cherbourg Peninsula. Down 1250.

12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40 with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1107 to give assault area cover to Fougeres, Chateaubriant, Le Fleche, Le Mans, Laval area. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area 1225-1318. All bombs returned to base. Uneventful patrol. No e/a. No flak. Weather: 7/10 cloud, base 4500, visibility 5 miles. Down 1500.

12 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40 with 4 as escort dispatched at 1255, to give assault area cover to Fougeres, Chateaubriant, Le Fleche, Le Mans, Laval area. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area: 1330:1415. All bombs returned to base. Contacted ripsaw. No targets - patrol uneventful. No e/a seen. No flak. Weather: 8-9/10 cloud with base 8,000 tops unknown and visibility good. Down 1445.

12 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40 with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1355 to give assault area cover to Fougeres, Chateaubriant, Le Fleche, Le Mans, Laval area. Course flown: base to area to base. Over target: 1430-1518. All bombs returned to base. Squadron leader contacted ground controller Ripsaw who told them he had no targets and to patrol the assigned area. No targets of opportunity were sighted. Our troops and vehicles were observed on main road as far east as St Calais. Uneventful patrol. No e/a seen. No flak. Weather: 8/10-9/10 cloud, base 5,000 ft, Visibility 4 miles. Elsewhere: base to target area: Cavu. Down 1610.

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12 [illegible] Squadron, each (8) carrying 1 x [illegible] lb GP bomb fused 1/10 - 1/40 with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1447 to give assault area cover to Fougeres, Chateaubriant, le Fleche, le Mans, Laval area. Course flown: base to target area to base. Over areas: 1617-1814. Controller who had no targets. All bombs returned to base. No e/a. No flak. Weather: base to Avranches 8/10 cloud, base 3500, tops 10,000 and visibility poor. Landed 1830 hours.

12 P-47D's of 368th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x [illegible] lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40 with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1603 hours to give assault area cover to Fougeres, Chateaubriant. le Fleche, le Mans, Laval area. Course flown: base to area to area. Over area 1820-1730. Contacted controller who had no targets. All bombs returned to base. No e/a. No flak. Weather; base to Avranches 8/10 cloud, base 300, tops 2000 extending out over water. South of Laval: 6-8/10 cloud with base 4,000, tops 10,000 and visibility poor. Landed 1830 hours.

12 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40 with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1656. Course flown: base to target area to base. Over areas: 1728-1816. All bombs returned to base. Patrolled assigned area. Controller Ripsaw one, hard to hear near Le Mans. No assignments from ground control. Patrol uneventful. No e/a. No flak. Weather; Line north-south thru Chateau Gontier 4 to 5/10 cloud extending east, base 3500, tops 7000. Visibility 1-3 miles, restricted by haze. Elsewhere: Clear. Down 1853.

12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40 with 4 a/c escort, dispatched at 1804 to give assault area cover to Fougeres, Chateaubriant, Le Fleche, Le Mans, Laval area. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area 1850-1917. 2 bombs dropped near gun carrier at K-2608 - missed. Contacted Ripsaw one who had no targets. 6 bombs returned to base. Dive from 2500. Release at 1500 angle of 45 degrees. No flak. No e/a seen. Weather: Clear. Elsewhere: east of Le Mans 8/10 cloud with base at 10,000 ft. Down 2005.

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12 P-47D's of 367th Sq dropped, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/1-1/10 with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1050 to give assault area cover to Fougeres, Chateaubriant, Le Fleche, Laval area. Strike flown: base to area to base. Ov l area 1130-1220. All bombs returned to base. Controller had no targets. No a/c. No flak. Weather: to Fougeres, 6/10 Cu Nb cirrus, 14,000 ft, and 8 of Fougeres - Craze to 14,000 ft. Visibility two miles. Le Fleche - Laval area - 8/10 cloud with base 4,000 tops 6,000. No a/c seen.

12 P-47D's of 367th Sq dropped, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40 with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1050. Cruise flown: base to area to base. Ov l area: Fougeres-Laval. All bombs returned to base. Controller was airborne but had no assignments. No a/c. No flak. Weather: Haze, visibility 2 miles, light thin cirrus cloud. North of Avranches, visibility excellent. Down 0147.

B. (i) 142 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 95 P-47D's (completing mission) to give assault area cover to Fougeres, Chateaubriant, le Fleche, Le Mans, Laval area.
47 P-47D's acting as cover.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 142

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 294:30
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 227,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 341 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 95 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10-1/40.
(ii) 2 x 500 lb GP bomb dropped near gun carrier, at K-2608 - missed.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

93 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to home base.

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3. (1) Nil

4. (1) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

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1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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1 Aug 1944.

Subject: Oprep.

To : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Main)
Att: AC/S A-3.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 358th Fighter Group,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-2, dated 19 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 25 for the period ending midnight 10 August 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: S.O. 13 41-2 (Opf. 1 to 11).

4. a. 12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/4, 4 as escort, dispatched at 0644 to give assault area cover of Le Mans - Laval - Fougeres - area. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area: 1015-1030. 8 dropped in target area. Contacted Ripsaw and also Field Mare and Field Mare vectored squadron to Parolles, V-3089, 3-4 direct hits on 6 tanks on road, 2 left smoking. Extent of damage unknown. No e/a. Mc flak. Weather: no cloud, visibility 12 miles. N of Mayenne 10/10 cloud with base 500, tops 8000 and visibility 5 miles. Down 1105.
12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/4, with 4 acting as escort, dispatched at 0940 to give assault area cover of Le Mans - Laval - Fougeres - area. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area 1014-1101. All bombs returned to base. On body home Ripsaw reported 500 enemy tanks in vicinity of Le Mans to the north east.

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[illegible] No e/a. [illegible] Weather: [illegible] clouds, haze with base [illegible] visibility 4 miles. [illegible] are 8/10 clouds with base [illegible] ft, tops [illegible] ft, visibility 4-5 miles. [illegible] 1114-1118 [illegible] 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/4, [illegible] course flown: base to area to base. Over area 1114-1118. All bombs returned to base. [illegible] leader did not [illegible] vectored [illegible] them were, reported [illegible] in that vicinity. [illegible] thoroughly [illegible] time, but could not locate anything. No flak. No e/a. Weather: no clouds, visibility excell[illegible]. Down 1254.

12 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/4 nose with 4 as escort dispatched at 1140 to serve as assault area cover of Le Mans - Laval - Fougeres - area. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area 1114-1118. No bombs dropped, returned to base. Uneventful patrol. Ripsaw contacted but had no targets. No enemy tanks seen in area NE of Le Mans. No flak. No e/a seen. Weather: no clouds, haze to 5000, visibility 2-3 miles. Down 1347.

12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40 with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1148 for assault area cover of Le Mans-Laval - Fougeres - area. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area. 1314-1415. 2 bombs on target area, 6 returned to base. Dive from 3[illegible], release at 2000, angle 20 degrees. 1 tank damaged T 7715. 30-40 enemy tanks observed in area T-9[illegible], T-9407, T-9508. Vectored to Mortain area by Ripsaw. One damaged by flak; 1 cat "A". Light, intense, accurate flak at T-8505, T-7814, T-8818, T- 9009. Fires observed in grid box T-90[illegible]. Weather: 8/10, base 2000, tops 300[illegible], visibility 4 to 5 miles. Down 1420.

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[illegible] 1/1 -1/4[illegible] [illegible] escort, [illegible] at [illegible] to give [illegible] assault area cover, [illegible] - Laval - [illegible] - area. [illegible] flown. [illegible] base. [illegible] 1411-[illegible]. [illegible] bombs stopped, all returned to base. [illegible] target to patrol [illegible] area. [illegible] control [illegible] etc-[illegible] [illegible] report [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

tops 6000 with visibility 6 mil s. Loan 175[illegible].
12 P-47D's of 66th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x
500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10-1/4 with 4 as escort,
dispatched at 1740 to give assault area cover
to La Ferte - Laval - Fougeres - area. Course
flown: base - Rouen to base. Over area 1811-
1901. All to be returned to base. Uneventful
patrol. Some ltg and hvy rain in area.
No flak. Weather, haze 2000 ft and 5/10 with
visibility 10 miles. Area 1:48.
12 P-47D's of 66th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500
lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40 with 4 as escort, dis-
patched at 1738. Instead of 4 escaping from squad-
ron had 6 escaping at formation. All to be returned to
base. Weather 5/10, scattered, base 1500, tops
2000 visibility 10 miles. Cloud base 6/10, with
base 800, tops 5000. Area 1840.

B. (i) 138 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 72 P-47D's (competing mission) to give assault
area cover of Le Mans - Laval - Fougeres- area.
13 P-47D's dropped bombs on target area.
44 P-47D's acting as cover.
(iii) 2 A/C abortive:
(a) Nil
(b) Nil
(c) 1 tachometer
(d) 1 a/c escort abortive.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) 1 P-47D, enemy flak; location La Ferriere Aux Etanes.
(vii) 3 A/C damaged by flak; 2 Cat.A; 1 Cat.B.
(viii) 129

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 266:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 211,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 1,880 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) 1,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

F. (i) 88 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10-1/40.
(ii) 13 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped in target area.
(iii) Nil
(iv) 1 x 500 lb GP bomb.

74 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to home base.

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G. Kenneth J. Hamner, 2nd Lt., 0-766509 MIA .

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Other claims:
3-4 direct hits on 6 tanks on road, 2 left smoking.
1 tank damaged T-7715
trafed and destroyed 2 pieces of horsedrawn artillery at T-1686.
4 gun positions bombed and strafed at T-1540
1 truck destroyed by strafing at Y-9065.

For the Group Commander:

FRED A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP GC/7
APO 141 US Army

19 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 303rd Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 27 for the period ending Sunset 12 August 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: O.O.12 (Request Mission ILA-3) W 51-6.

4. A. 12 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40, dispatched at 1008 to attack enemy troop concentrations at M-887995. Course flown: base to target to base. Over target: 1055-1057. All 8 bombs dropped on target. Dive from 7500 ft, release at 2000, angle of 50 degrees. Excellent concentration of hits in wooded area (M-887995). Return fire received. 2 flights strafed in dive. No other observations. Flak: over target - heavy and light, moderate, and inaccurate. Weather: ceiling unlimited, visibility 5 to 10 miles with haze. North of target area, 1/10 cloud with visibility of 5 miles. Down 1152.
12 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10-1/40, with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1136 to give area cover (Nantes to Angers). Course flown: base to area to base. Over area: 1235-1305. All bombs returned to base. Controllers Gasket and Eggcup called, but no response. 1 staff car strafed and destroyed at La Hee, O-125445. Flak: moderate, accurate, heavy

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at D-1144. 4 ambulances seen in parking area at Chateau at D-1142. Weather: no clouds haze to 5,000 ft, visibility 1 mile. Down 1355.
12 P-47's of 365th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10-1/40, with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1235 for armed recce, to give area cover (Mantes to Angers). Course flown: base to area to base. 1 bomb jettisoned SE of Mantes, 7 returned to base. Over area 1330-1400. Flights 1,2,3,4 contacted. Squadron went down after 3 trucks which dispersed and disappeared in woods, D-4699. No e/a seen. No flak. Large fires seen in woods NE of Chartres D-0000 grid box. Weather: no clouds, haze to 6,000 ft. Elsewhere: 5 to 8/10 cloud, base 3000, tops 4000, visibility 6 miles. Down 1445.
12 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40, with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1335 on armed recce, to give area cover (Mantes to Angers). Course flown: base to area to base. Over area 1535. 7 bombs on target area, 1 jettisoned in channel. Dive from 8500 ft, release 2000, angle 70 degrees. Squadron leader contacted Ripon Four who vectored them to St Hildas des Bois (D-7789) to bomb the town where there were enemy troop concentrations. Bombs were well concentrated in center of town. Fire and huge explosions were observed. No flak. No e/a. Weather: no clouds, visibility 10 miles. Down 1545.
12 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10-1/40, with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1435 to go on armed recco, to give area cover (Mantes to Angers). Course flown: base to area to base. Over area: 1530-1600. 8 bombs in target area, dive from 8000, release at 3000, angle of 50 degrees. Ripon 4 contacted and gave target as St Hildes Le Bois, but bombed Beauvion, M-8477. 8 bombs on buildings with explosions seen. No e/a. 1 plane damaged by flak - Category A. (location unknown) Weather: 6 to 8/10 cloud, base 6500, tops 8000 ft, visibility 3-4 miles. Down 1605.

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SUBJECT: Oprep,.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air [illegible]
Att: 26 [illegible].
Commanding General, [illegible] Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, [illegible] Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force [illegible] 33-F, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 26 for the period ending Sunset 11 August 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: S.O. 11 51-8 (Opt. 1 to

4. A. 12 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40 with four as escort, dispatched at 1132 to give area cover in Nantes - Angers area. Course flown, base to area to base. Over area 1230-1245. 6 bombs on targets, dive from 11,000, release at 5,000, angle 70 degrees. 2 returned to base. On way to Nantes Airbase one vectored Squadron to point south of Angers (O-8573) to bomb field piece. 6 bombs dropped. 2 direct hits, others close. No e/a. No flak. Weather: CAVU down 1000.
12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10-1/40 with 4 as escort dispatched at 1240 to give armed recco, in Nantes - Angers area. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area: 1333-1400. 2 bombs in target area, 6 bombs returned to base. Dive from 3500, release 1500, angle 60 degrees. Could not contact Gasket. 1 truck containing troops, O-2755, destroyed. 1 truck containing troops, O-3859, destroyed. 1 truck containing troops destroyed at O-3859. 1 truck containing

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explosives be tried at 0-1057 followed by
1 time explosion. 1 truck destroyed by strafing at 0-7854. 1 truck hauling two trailers carrying one boat each destroyed by bombs and strafing, 0-709. 2 trucks destroyed by strafing 0-040 . No e/a seen. Flak; moderate, accurate, heavy at 0-1404, moderate, accurate, light at Nantes, 0-1100, inaccurate, heavy light at 0-1154. 1 plane damaged by flak; 1 cat. A. either; no cloud, haze at 1 000 ft, visibility 5 miles. Down 1440.
12 P-47D's of 368th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40 with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1535 to give assault area cover, in Nantes - Angers area. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area 1440-1456. 8 bombs dropped on target area, dive from 4,000 ft, release at 1000 angle 30 degrees. 8 freight cars bombed and strafed at 0-0862. 3 cars burning and exploded by strafing. No hits with bombs, flames from 50-100 ft in air. 1 car fell off tracks into gully. Hits observed on all 8. No e/a seen. Flak; east of Angers at 0-0800 heavy, moderate, accurate. Weather: haze from ground to 6000 ft, No clouds, visibility 6-8 miles, 1/8-where; 10/10, base 500, tops 1000. Down 1600.
12P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40 with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1430 to give area cover, in Nantes Angers area. Course flown; base to area to base. Over area 1600. 8 bombs in target area, dive from 6000, release 3000, angle 60 degrees. Hipsaw vectored squadron to enemy troop concentration 4 miles [illegible] (H 6613) woods dive bombed. 4 direct hits, 4 others in area. Troops seen running out of woods. Return fire received. Area between Nantes and Angers then patrolled. No other obsevations. No e/a seen. Flak; light, moderate, inaccurate, 4 miles [illegible] H 6606. Weather; ceiling unlimited, visibility 10-12 miles. Down 1629.
11 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40 with 3 as escort, dispatched at 1536 to give area cower, in Nantes Angers area. Course flown; base to area to base. Over area 1625-1656. 1 bomb on target, 1 jettisoned,

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[illegible] returned to base. [illegible], release at 1500, angle 45 degrees. 1 truck at [illegible]-1340 and 2 trucks at [illegible]-1940 strafed, 1 damaged and destroyed. No e/a. No flak; weather: no clouds, haze, tops 10,000 ft, visibility 6 miles. Numerous forming at 6000, [illegible] of Strasbourg. 0 at 1740.
12 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40, with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1655 to give area cover, in Nantes-Angers area. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area: 1726-1825. 8 bombs dropped on target area, dive from 5000 ft, release at [illegible], angle 35 degrees. 2 trucks destroyed, at [illegible], on road between [illegible]-7800 and [illegible]-8000, 20-25 trucks and horse-drawn vehicles, proceeding west, at point [illegible] of Pirmasens, 2-door, bomb 2 - 6 left burning. No e/a. No flak. Weather: base of 7000 ft, visibility 6 miles. Down 1925.
12 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40, with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1735 to give area cover, in Nantes-Angers area. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area: 1826-1905. All bombs returned to base. Pilgeam told leader to patrol assigned area. Located two camouflaged reconnaissance cars and 3 motorcycles at P-5945. They were strafed and one destroyed. Located an engine and 15 flat cars at [illegible]-7467, just west of Tours. They were strafed and engine was observed to catch fire and was destroyed. Flat cars were damaged. No e/a. 1 P-47 damaged by flak: light, moderate, and accurate at P-7467. Weather: no clouds, visibility 5 to 10 miles. Down 2000.
12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40, with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1838 to attack secondary target-gun installations at St Malo. Over area: 1930-2000. 8 bombs dropped on target area. Dive from 10,000 ft, release at 4,000, angle 35 degrees. All bombs dropped on gun installations at St Malo at P-7516. Three direct hits observed. No flak. No e/a. Weather: no cloud, haze with tops at 10,000, visibility up sun 1/2 mile, down sun 3-5 miles. Down at 2043 hours.
12 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40, with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1932 to give area cover, in Nantes-Angers area. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area 2025-2105. 8 bombs dropped in target area, dive from 3000, release at 1000, angle 40 degrees. It.

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3. John [illegible] [illegible] VIA.

1. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Other claims:
1 truck burning [illegible], [illegible] destroyed.
1 truck exploding in [illegible], destroyed.
1 truck containing troops, [illegible], destroyed.
1 truck containing explosives destroyed at [illegible] full was by large explosion.
1 truck destroyed by strafing at [illegible].
1 truck burning two trailers carrying one [illegible] and strafing, [illegible].
2 trucks destroyed by strafing [illegible].
8 freight cars bombed and strafed at [illegible].
5 cars burning and exploded by strafing.
1 truck at [illegible] and 3 trucks at [illegible] strafed, bombed and destroyed.
2 trucks destroyed, at [illegible], on RR between Y-3690 and Y-3699.
20-25 trucks and horse-drawn vehicles, proceeding [illegible], at point [illegible], bombed - 6 left burning.
2 camouflaged reconnaissance cars and 2 motorcycles at [illegible] were strafed and destroyed.
Strafed engine and 10 flat cars at [illegible], just east of Idurs. Engine was observed to catch fire and was destroyed. Flat cars were damaged.
Strafed locomotives and [illegible] cars on RR at P-6728.
2 bombs on RR at P-5523,
1 staff car destroyed at [illegible].
5 trucks destroyed at P-6821.
3 trucks damaged at P-6925.

For the Group Commander:

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1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: AG SOU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 368th Fighter Group,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-S, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 368th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 28 for the period ending Sunset 16 August 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: O.C. 13 & 51-S

4. A. 12 P-47Ds of 365th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40 with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1330 on armed recco of Argentan - Dreux - Etampes - Orleans - Vendome - Nogent area. Over area: 1355-1450. Course flown: base to targets area to base. All bombs returned to base. 2 M/T destroyed at (R-8190 and R-8667). Contacted Ripsaw, but he had no assignments. Saw 15 MR cars on sidings on NE side of Nogent, and a truck-armored - troop column near Brezolles, R-1052. No e/a. Flak; moderate, accurate, heavy flak at Falaise. Weather: 8/10 with 5-6000 ft base, visibility 4-6 miles. At Falaise 8 to 10/10 with base 4 to 6000 ft, visibility below clouds, 2-4 miles. Down 1550.
12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10-1/40 with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1426 on armed recco. Over area - 1500-1630. On armed recco of Argentan - Dreux - Etampes - Orleans - Vendome - Nogent area. 6 bombs dropped, 2 returned to base. Five from

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B. (i) 84 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 23 P-47D's dropped (1 each) [illegible] on target area.
35 P-47D's (completing mission on armed recco. of Argentan - Dreux - Etampes - Orleans - Vendome - Nogent area.
28 P-47D's acting as cover.
(iii) 3 a/c abortive.
(a) Nil
(b) Nil
(c) 2 Radio out; 1 engine cut-out.
(d) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 82

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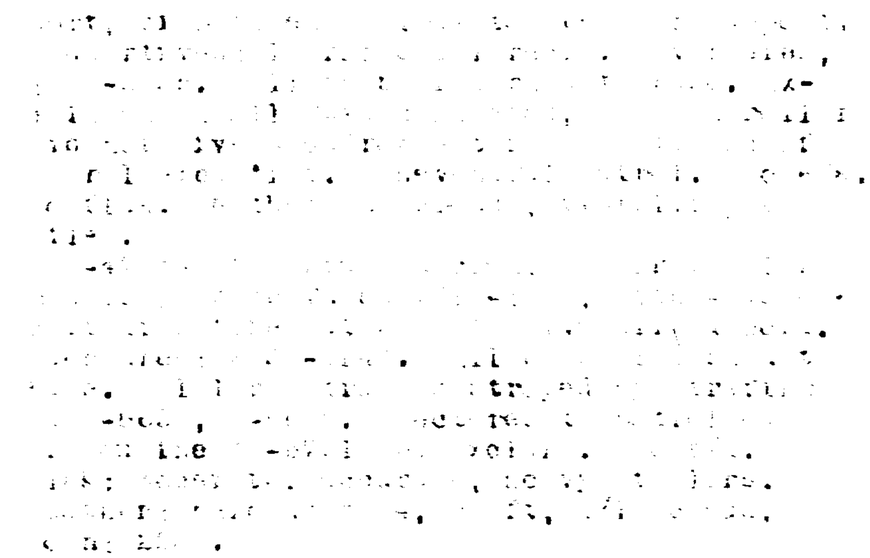

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air support in the [illegible]
47 -47 '. [illegible]

(iii) [illegible] ./) [illegible]:
(a) 11
(b) Nil
(c) 1 [illegible]; 1 [illegible].
(d) Nil

iv 1 -47, -26[illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
flak, while [illegible].

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vii 4 ./ [illegible] by flak; [illegible]
[illegible].

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(i) Nil

(ii) Nil

(i) 203:15

(ii) Nil

(i) 158,4[illegible] [illegible]. (b) [illegible]

(ii) 3[illegible] [illegible]. (b) [illegible]

(iii) [illegible] [illegible]. (b) [illegible]

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b. (i) [illegible] P-47D's [illegible]ched.
(ii) 4 P-47D's dropped (1 each) 4 x [illegible]
bombs on target at R-6626.
3 P-47D's dropped (1 each) [illegible]
bombs on enemy artillery [illegible]
1 P-47 dropped 1 x [illegible]
target area.
8 P-47D's (escaping [illegible]
column area in Klenova [illegible]
5th Armored, 94th Inf, [illegible]

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8 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, 4 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bombs and 4 as escort, dispatched at 1858 on armed recco. Over area 1940-2000. 4 bombs on targets. 1 plane damaged by flak: Cat A. One bomb on 2 strings of freight cars, 50 cars to each string. Bomb hit near fuel tank near tracks. No explosion. 3 bombs on engines of 50 freight cars west of town. One direct hit on tracks, 2 near misses. Engine strafed and seen leaking column of steam observed, approximately 10 cars set on fire. Destroyed one large bus at L-0457 by strafing and fires seen in wooded area adjacent to bus. Saw flak tower near westside of Villefranche north of road. No fire received. At L-4205, large camouflaged area seen over RR tracks. Flak: L and S of Tours, accurate, moderate, heavy flak. Down 2120.

B. (i) 24 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 3 P-47D's dropped (1 each) 3 x 500 lb GP bombs on train at L-0760.
1 P-47D dropped 1 x 500 lb GP bomb on 2 strings of freight cars, 50 cars to each string, in target area.
3 P-47D's dropped 3 x 500 lb GP bombs on engines of 50 freight cars in target area.
5 P-47D's (competing mission) on armed recco between Tours and Ierson.
12 P-47D's acting as escort.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47D damaged by flak; Cat. A.
(viii) 24

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 58:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 54,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 16,579 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

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1. In compliance with Hdqt. Air Force Memo No. 53-, dated [illegible] 4, the following report is submitted.

2. To : 368th Fighter Group.

3. (Pre) No. 38 for the period ending midnight 15 August 1944.

4. Mission or Operation No.: 8.8.19. - 61-2 (Opflest 1 to 16, both inclusive).

5. a. 8 P-47D's of 368th Squadron, 2 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb, 2 a/c carrying 2 x 250 lb frag bombs, 4 a/c acting as escort, dispatched at 1110 on close cover support, of 5th Armored and 7th Infantry Divisions in vicinity of Dreux. Course flown was base to target to base. On target area: 1153-1155. 4 frag bombs jettisoned in channel, 2 x 500 lb bombs returned to base. Squadron contacted "Excalibur". "Sweep Takes" called Squadron, giving instructions not to commit on attacks west of line Dreux, Nantes-Gaselcourt, and south of Seine. Observed fires on a/d and in town of Evereux. Unidentified vehicles on road south of Evereux. 10 white vehicles stationary on road east of Evereux. No flak. No e/a. No abortives. Landed at 1215.

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8 P-47D's, 366th Squadron, 2 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each fused 1/10 nose, 1/4 tail, 2 a/c carrying 2 x 260 lb frag bombs, 4 a/c acting as escort, dispatched at 1130 on close cover support of 5th Armored & 79th Infantry Divisions, vicinity Druex. Course flown: base to target to base. Time over target areas 1210-1310. Squadron contacted "Field Fare" and was informed that the area was not "Live Quick". Controller did not assign any targets. 2 frags and 2 500 lb GP's dropped in Marshalling yard at Gisors, R-6794, short of yards no hits. 1 P-47 piloted by 1st Lt. JOSEPH ATKINSON of 366th Squadron destroyed after being hit by flak, light, intense and accurate at Marshalling yard at R-6794 Lt. Atkinson bailed out, chute seen to open and hit ground at 1245 hours. 7 to 8 ambulances observed going south from Gisors to Magney en Vexin at R-6779. Large explosions seen on Evreux A/D. Squadron was advised by "Live Quick" that it could fly east of the Seine if it wanted to. No E/A seen, no abortives. Landed at 1345.

7 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, 4 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb, 2 carrying 2 x 260 lb Frags, and 3 as escort, dispatched at 1215 to give troops support, over area, 1000-1315.

4 frag jettisoned [illegible], 4 returned to base. [illegible] attacked and destroyed at R-7[illegible]. 1 [illegible] strafed and destroyed at R-[illegible]. [illegible] 1[illegible]. Down 1[illegible].

8 P-47's of 366th Squadron, 4 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb and 4 carrying 2 x 260 lb frag bombs, with 4 a/c escort, dispatched at 1645 on Dreux patrol. Over area 1[illegible]-1[illegible]. All bombs released. Horse-drawn vehicles strafed and bombed at R-5261, vicinity of Jory - 6 destroyed. No e/a. No flak. Down 1855.

8 P-47's of 366th Squadron, 2 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, and 6 carrying 2 x 260 lb Frag bombs each, with 4 a/c as escort, dispatched at 1715 on Dreux patrol. Over area: 1800-1[illegible]. Jettisoned 4 frags and remaining returned to base. Contacted ground controllers, but they had no targets. "Excelsior" reported over R/T that enemy was making desperate effort to cross Seine River, but would not permit squadron to attack them. No e/a. No flak. Down 1935.

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8 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, 2 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, and 6 carrying 2 x 260 lb frag bombs each, with 4 a/c as escort, dispatched at 1400 on Dreux area support. Over area 1440-1555. All bombs in area. 2 frag bombs had no fuses. 2 barges observed 2 miles toward Paris with no hits (vicinity release). Many vehicles and some small craft observed and fol lowed homing [illegible]. No e/a. No flak. Down 0130.

8 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, 2 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, and 6 carrying 2 x 260 lb frag bombs each, with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1400 on Dreux area patrol. Over area 1440-1555. Jettisoned 1 bomb, 500 lb GP, target trees. "Acclaim" told squadron to attack pontoon bridge at R-4878. 4 frag bombs and 1 - 500 lb bomb dropped and 3 direct hits observed. Bridge destroyed. Vehicles and personnel observed on bridge. Enemy was being issued by unidentified cavalry. Lt Dian strafed and destroyed 1 truck at R-5173. He was hit by flak in immediate vicinity and was seen in flames in flight at R-5485. No chute seen to open. Fire was later observed in woods at R-5573 in direction in which Lt Dian was seen to go. 2 E/A were observed at 12000 ft at R-5964. 1 x 500 lb bomb jettisoned and squadron climbed to 15000 ft, but e/a got away heading E. "Quickdraw" also reported to squadron over R/T that it had picked up pilot Springler with call no 07 from another organization and he was with them and OK. E/a seen - 2 ME 109's at R-5164. Light, moderate, accurate flak in following areas: R-5071, R-5173, R-5072, R-5074. Bridge at R-5466 observed to be intact. 1 pilot and plane piloted by Lt. Dian lost at R-5485. Down 2000.

8 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, 2 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bombs each, and 2 carrying 2 x 260 lb frags each, with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1400 on Dreux patrol. Over area 1440-1555. 1 bomb in area, 4 frags jettisoned in Bay of Mont St Michel. 1 returned to base. Bombed 88 milimeter gun emplacement at Lille 491499. No observations. Patrol otherwise uneventful. No flak. No e/a. Down 1629.

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[illegible] P-47D's of 366th Squadron, carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, and [illegible] carrying 8 x 260 lb frags each, with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1445 on Dreux patrol. Over area: 1530 -1615. Jettisoned the frags and 1 - 500 lb bomb returned to base. Uneventful patrol. Down 1700. No flak. [illegible].

[illegible] P-47D's of 367th Squadron, carrying [illegible] x 260 lb frags each, and [illegible] carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bombs each, with [illegible] as escort, dispatched at 1600 on Dreux patrol. Over area: 1645 -1745. [illegible] frags jettisoned, 1 x 500 lb bomb returned to base. Uneventful patrol. [illegible]. No flak. Down 1750.

[illegible] P-47D's of 367th Squadron, carrying [illegible] x 500 lb GP bombs each, and [illegible] carrying 4 x 260 lb frags each, with 3 as escort, dispatched at 1808 on Dreux patrol. Over area 1845-1945. 4 frags jettisoned, 2 returned to base. Uneventful patrol. Controllers had no targets. Uneventful patrol. [illegible]. No flak. Down 2030.

(i) 102 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 3 P-47D's dropped 2 x 500 lb GP bombs and 2 x 260 lb Frag bombs in Marshalling yard at Gisors, R-6794,
3 P-47D's dropped 4 x 260 lb frag bombs and 1 x 500 lb GP bomb on pontoon bridge at R-4675, bridge destroyed.
4 P-47D's dropped 2 x 500 lb GP bombs and 4 x 260 lb frag bombs in target area at R-5261, vicinity of Jory.
4 P-47D's dropped 2 x 500 lb GP bombs and 4 x 260 lb Frag bombs on target areas.
34 P-47D's (completing mission) on close cover support of 5th Armored and 79th Infantry Division in vicinity of Dreux.
50 P-47D's acting as escort.

(iii) Nil

(iv) [illegible]
1 [illegible] - Flak, 42-[illegible] in vicinity of Dreux,
1 [illegible] - Flak 42-7[illegible] in vicinity of Dreux.

(v) Nil

(vi) [illegible] destroyed.
1 P-47D -[illegible], 42-[illegible], over [illegible] vicinity of Gisors. Flak.
1 P-47D -[illegible] 42-[illegible] in vicinity of Le [illegible]-fion. Flak.

(vii) Nil

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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21 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,(Adv).
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8,dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 34 for the period ending Sunset 19 August 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: 19. [illegible] 51-4

4. a. 37 P-47D's (12-365th, 12-366th, 13-367th Sqds), 18 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb, 5 carrying 2 x 260 lb Frag bombs, with 12 as escort, and 2 as Weather Reconn, dispatched at 1110 to give armed recco of Tours, Bourges, Gien, Blois,Orleans area. Over area 1200-1300. 8 of the 500 lb bombs were returned to base, and 1 frag was jettisoned in the channel - all the rest of the bombs were dropped in target areas. 6 x 500 lb GP's and 1 x 260 lb Frag dropped on 50 freight cars 10 miles south of Orleans. No engines attacked, no hits, 2 near misses. Numerous flak towers in area, but no fire received from any of them. 2 x 500 lb bombs on AR trucks at L-7590, out truck (La Motte-Beauvion). 4 x 500 lb GP and 8 x 260 lb frags dropped on convoy, which was also strafed at F-6012, 1 light tank and 8 motor trucks destroyed. The following were destroyed by strafing: 1 motor truck at L-9173, 1 motor truck at L-3778, 1 staff car at L-1267, 1 staff car L-5269, 1 staff car at

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B. (i) [illegible]
(ii) [illegible]
(iii) [illegible]
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) Nil

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) [illegible]
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 80,[illegible] rds.
(ii) 4,851 rds.
(iii) Nil

F. (i) [illegible]
(ii) [illegible]

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contacted "Give Quick" who vectored them to Chappelle, R-2670 who ordered them to bomb crossroads. Nothing seen there and bombing results not observed. No e/a. No flak. Field force's over target. Down 1440.

8 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 4 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, with 4 a/c as escort, dispatched at 1151 to give support in Nantes area. Over area: 1155-1215. All bombs returned to base. Contacted "Give Quick" who directed them to numb town concentration in woods at R-4867. Could not find target. Destroyed 1 staff car by strafing at R-4867. No e/a. No flak. Give Quick at Vernon and Field Force at Amtes-Bassicourt. Many barges observed ing Seine at many points. Down 1455.

7 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 4 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, with 3 a/c as escort, dispatched at 1112. Over area: 1200-1235. All bombs dropped in target area. Squadron leader contacted "Give Quick". He vectored them to R-3867 where he said enemy tanks were ambushed. Spot was bombed. 2 in area, and 2 direct hits. No e/a. No flak. Down 1318.

8 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, 4 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, with 4 a/c as escort, dispatched at 1231 to give support in Nantes area. Over area: 1245-1340. 4 bombs in target area. Contacted Give Quick who vectored squadron to woods at R- 386705 where tanks were reported concentrated. 1 direct hit in woods, 3 near misses. 1 half track destroyed by strafing at R-6674, 1 large truck seen at R-6674 with Red Cross, but was filled with supplies. Flak: heavy, weak, accurate at R-5267. No e/a. Down 1405.

8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, 4 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, with 4 a/c as escort, dispatched at 1241 to give area cover in Nantes area. Over area: 1330-1415. All bombs returned. Contacted controllers, but they had no targets. No e/a. seen. No flak. French columns seen and large concentrations of U.S. troops across Seine. Barges observed at R-340900. Down 1458.

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7 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 4 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, with 3 a/c as escort, dispatched at 1527 to give area support in Mantes area. Over area 1450-1515. Squadron leader contacted Field Fare who vectored them to R-4375. They were told to bomb long flat vessels which were carrying tanks across the Seine River. 2 bombs were long and 3 near misses. Squadron then strafed vessels twice. Our troops and vehicles were loaded on main highway into Vernon. No flak. No e/a. Down 1553.

7 P-47D's of 368th Squadron, 4 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, 3 a/c as escort, dispatched at 1416 to Mantes area patrol. Over area; 1510-1615. Contacted Dive Quick who vectored them to R-5871 where tank battle was in progress. 1 bomb on tank, plus strafing of 2 others. 2 tanks damaged. 2 bombs returned to base. No e/a. No flak. Down 1605.

8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, 4 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, with 4 a/c as escort, dispatched at 1500, on area support 5th Armd Division and 79th Infantry Division between Mantes Gassicourt and Louviers. Over area 1530-1615. Contacted Dive Quick who vectored Squadron to woods R-3867 to dive bomb tanks, couldn't find target. No e/a. Flak: Over target meager, heavy, inaccurate R-6161. 4 bombs returned to base. Down at R-542667 on fire, 6 white topped vehicles seen on fire on road R-555664 believed to have been ours. Down 1705.

7 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 4 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, with 3 a/c as escort, dispatched at 1543 on area support 5th Armd Div and 79Th Inf Div between Mantes Gassicourt and Louviers. Over area 1630-1715. Ground controller "Dive Quick" requested Squadron to bomb E/T at R-3970, but another Squadron arrived first. Bandit reported in area by Sweepstakes and Ripsaw, who was operating on C channel. Ground Control, Field Fare, requested Squadron to look for pontoon bridges crossing Siene just north of Mantes Gassicourt. "Klonkike" tied up radio during entire period with excessive radio chatter so that Squadron leader had great difficulty in obtaining instructions from Ground Controllers. 4 bombs returned to base. No e/a. No flak: Down 1756.

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[redacted] 30 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Opre .

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air [illegible]
Att: AC/S, G-3.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air [illegible],
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter [illegible],
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force [illegible] and Op-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 366th Fighter Group.

3. Opre No. 35 for the period ending Sunset 30 August 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: 20 [illegible] 51-3. (Opflash 1 to 18 both inclusive).

4. a. 8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, 4 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, with 4 a/c as escort, dispatched at 0814, to give column cover to 5th Armored and 79th Infantry Division in Pontes- Gassicourt area. Over area: 0900-0950. All bombs returned to base. Controllers had no targets. No e/a. Flak: light, inaccurate in area U-2227. Down 1030.

8 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 4 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, with 4 a/c as escort, dispatched at 0855, on area support Mantes-Gassicourt area. Over area 0935-1[illegible]. All bombs returned to base. Controller had no targets. Weather made observation difficult. No e/a. Flak: moderate, inaccurate, heavy at Paris. Down 1122.

8 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, 4 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, 4 a/c as escort, dispatched on patrol of Mantes area at 0946. Over area: 1030-1200. 4 bombs in target area.

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(iii) 20 A/C [illegible] due to weather, [illegible].
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 108

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 277:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 288,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 34,900 rds. (30 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

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F. (i) 71 x 500 lb GP bombs.
(ii) 4 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on tanks and transport, at La Chapelle. R-3871.
4 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on R-3867, where enemy tanks were situated.
4 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on target R-390703 where tanks were reported to be concentrated.
4 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on two flat vessels which were carrying tanks moored the Seine River.
1 x 500 lb GP bomb dropped on target R-3871
4 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on target R-3770.
3 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on target of four tanks at R-390707, La Heuneire.
3 x 500lb GP bombs dropped on target R-4175, were 5 tanks and a machine gun nest were located.

(iii) 12 x 500 lb GP bombs jettisoned, mission recalled.
(iv) Nil

32 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Other claims:
5 tanks damaged; shared by Lt's Holloway, Uceek, Hicktsig, Coy, Ward, Nems, Hammerling, Powell.
1 machine gun nest destroyed by Lt Uceek.
Destroyed 1 staff car by strafing at R-3867.
Bombed R-3867 where enemy tanks were situated,
1 half track destroyed by strafing at R-6674.
1 bomb on tank, plus strafing of 2 others,
2 tanks damaged, at R-3871
3 tanks strafed, 1 burning and 2 damaged, at R-3770,
1 tank destroyed, 1 probable and one damaged at R-390707, La Heuneire.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR.,
1st Lt., Air Corps,

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TO : [illegible]
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1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force [illegible],
[illegible], negative report is submitted for the period ending 31 August 1944.

2. None.

For the Group Commander:

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1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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SUBJECT: (pre,

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force
Att: AC/AS
Commanding General, [illegible] Air Force,
Att: Stat Control
Commanding Officer, [illegible] Air Force,
Att: Stat Control

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo [illegible], dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending 24 August 1944.

2. (prep. No. 39.

For the Group Commander:

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1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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TO : Commanding General, Sixth Air Force Service Command,
ATTN: AC/AS.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
ATTN: Plot Control.
Commanding Officer, 354th Fighter Group,
ATTN: Plot Control.

1. In compliance with Sixth Air Force Circular No. [illegible], dated 29 May 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 368th Fighter Group.

3. Operation No. 68 for the period ending Sunset 30 August 1944.

Classification of operation No.: O.O. 68 (TAT -I) (Outlook - 1 to - 6 both inclusive).

4. a. 12 P-47D's of 368th Squadron, 4 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bombs with 8 a/c as escort, dispatched at 0918 to give close cover to 5th Inf, 7th Armd in area of Etampes, Pithiviers, Montereau, Melun. Over area 1017-1042. All bombs returned to base. Could not contact either ground controller, called on C and D channel. Uneventful patrol. No flak. No e/a. Saw long column of U.S. trucks in Fontainebleau and fighting in Melun. Down 1120.

12 P-47D's of 368th Squadron, 4 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, and 8 a/c as escort, dispatched at 0845 to give close cover in Etampes-Melun area. Over area 0945-1045. All bombs returned to base. Contacted "Bigelow". Had target for Squadron near Troyes, but unable to attack target due to lack of fuel. Uneventful patrol. Flak:

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weak, [illegible], heavy flak [illegible]. [illegible]
No a/c. [illegible] fuel [illegible] between
River and RR to [illegible] N of [illegible] A-3874.
Down: 11½.

12 [illegible] of 367th Squadron, 4 a/c
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to give
a/c [illegible] escort, dispatched at [illegible], to give
[illegible] support in Stumpf-Velun area. Over
area: 1130-1145. All bombs returned to
base. Mission reported limited flak,
but none were observed. Knew [illegible] but-
rail. Flak: moderate, accurate, heavy flak
at Celah. No a/c seen. Down 1210.

12 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 4 a/c
carrying 2 x 250 lb GP bombs each, with 8
a/c as escort, dispatched at 1205 to give
area support in Stumpf-Velun area. Over
area: 1300-1315. 1 plane damaged by flak,
but A. 8 bombs in target areas. West Rug
vectored squadron to B-1697 where it dropped
bombs on supposed concentration of troops
in woods. Also strafed area. 2 horse-drawn
artillary strafed: 1 damaged at X-3894,
tanks destroyed: 3 at X-4196, 1 at X-3990,
1 at B-3700. No a/a. Flak: heavy and
light flak which was moderate and accurate
at point NE of Velun, B-2838 from a/c.
Down 1710.

12 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 4 a/c
carrying 2 x 250 lb GP bombs with 8 a/c

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as escort. Dispatched at [illegible] to rendezvous with [illegible] to escort [illegible] Sqdn. [illegible]. Proceeded to [illegible] 1011-1[illegible]. [illegible] to rendezvous with [illegible]. [illegible] to patrol area from [illegible] to [illegible] to look for [illegible] vehicle. [illegible] side with [illegible] vehicles, [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] vehicles [illegible] movement [illegible] between [illegible] control [illegible] area. No flak. [illegible]. Owl 1-1.

11 P-47's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1650 to rendezvous with [illegible] at base to give close support in Shwebo-Yelun area. Rendezvous : 1701-1705. Uneventful patrol. No A/A. Flak: weak, inaccurate, heavy at 2407. Base 1945.

12 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1750 to go on area patrol. Mission recalled. Landed 1905.

E. (i) 95 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 3 P-47D's dropped 6 x 500 lb bombs on gun positions on southern edge of A/F at 2714.
4 P-47D's dropped 8 x 500 lb bombs on target 1607, on suppression of [illegible] of troops in woods.
85 P-47D's (completing missions to give close cover and area patrol to 36th Inf, 7th Ind Div in area of Ye-U, Kyaukmyaung, Monterohau, Shwebo.

(iii) 3 A/C abortive:
(a) Nil
(b) Nil
(c) 1 rough engine
(d) 1 pilot throttle; 1 hell, [illegible] glass neck.

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47D damaged by flak, Jat. [illegible].
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c. (i) 47 (150 gallon [illegible] type belly tanks).
(ii) 9 (150 gallon [illegible] type belly tanks).

d. (i) [illegible]
(ii) Nil

e. (i) 11,750 rds. (50 cal. armour piercing incendiary)
(ii) 11,150 rds. (50 cal. armour piercing)
(iii) Nil

f. (i) 12 x 500 lb GP bombs.
12 x 500 lb GP bombs.
(ii) 8 x 40 lb fragmentation clusters on troops and transport in area X-1607, on approach to concentration of troops and vehicles.
4 x 500 lb GP bombs on gun positions at western edge of A/D at X-2714.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

12 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.
10 x 250 lb bombs returned to base.

G. (i) Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Other claims:
Strafed and dropped 8 bombs on gun positions (3 direct hits) on western edge of A/D at X-2714.
Strafed area, at X-1607: 2 horse-drawn artillery strafed; 1 damaged at X-3894, tanks destroyed; 3 at X-4295, 1 at X-3999, 1 at X-3700.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. DURGAN JR.,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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E. (i) 71 -47's [illegible].

(ii) 30 -47's [illegible] A [illegible]
[illegible] recon. [illegible] [illegible] alum, [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible].
4 -47's [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible].
(iii) [illegible]:
(a) Nil
(b) Nil
(c) [illegible]
(d) 1 bell [illegible]
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) 1 F-47, [illegible] -717s, [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] rest of [illegible].
(vii) 1 F-47 damaged by flak, over t[illegible]
[illegible] r, a.
(viii) 84

I. (i) 36 (15 [illegible]
(ii) 36 (15 [illegible]

J. (i) 1.9:16
(ii) Nil

K. (i) 150,32[illegible] rds. (8 caliber [illegible])
(ii) 18,066 rds. (8 caliber [illegible])
(iii) 3,12[illegible] rds. (8 caliber [illegible])

F. (i) 24 x 38[illegible] lb frag bombs.
(ii) Nil
(iii) 24 x 38[illegible] lb frag bombs jettisoned.
Squadron bounced.
(iv) Nil

G. - HARR[illegible] D. BASSLER, 1st Lt., AC.
0-665377 KIA.

H. (1) 1 Me 109 destroyed in air by Colonel Cecil L. Nells.
1 Me 1[illegible] destroyed in air by Lt [illegible].
1 Me 10[illegible] destroyed in air by Lt Clarence C. Wright.
1 Me 109 destroyed in air by Capt[illegible] Robert R. Fishel
1 Me 11[illegible] destroyed in air by Lt Victor Beach.
1 Me 110 destroyed in air by Major James Stewart, Lt Silvestro Alessi and Lt Fred E. Coy Jr.,
1 Me 110 destroyed on ground by Major James Stewart.

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HEAD QUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP. 33/7
APO 141 US ARMY

24 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Main)
Att: 26 SOU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wng,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 40 for the period ending Sunset 25 August 1944.
Mission or Operation No.: O.O. 25 & 51-4 (opflash # 1 to # 5 both inclusive).

4. A. 36 P-47D's of this Group (12 from each Squadron) dispatched at 0755 on armed reconnaissance in area of Poitiers-Montmoreille-le Blanc-Cahteauroux. In target area: 0850-1000 hours. No bombs carried. 2 oil trucks and 1 jeep destroyed just east of Chauvigny by strafing. 1 M/T destroyed and 1 command car damaged, all by 366th Squadron. Seven M/Ts destroyed by strafing between St Pierre-le Moille and Tournon St Martin by 367th Squadron. Light, moderate, inaccurate flak at V-1382. Down 1020.
16 P-47D's dispatched by 368th Squadron at 1240 hours. All planes carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs each. Mission was area support to 2nd, 8th, 29th Inf. Divisions and Task Force "B" in vicinity of Brest. 12 A/C were forced to abort before reaching the target area due to adverse weather conditions. All returned to base. 4 A/C completed the mission dropping 7 bombs on 4 freighters at V-9393. Near miss

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observed. 1 bomb jettisoned. Kleenex Able and Default controllers vectored flight to above target. In target area 1520-1420, hours. Flak: weak, inaccurate, heavy from freighter attacked. Controller requested that more air support be sent. In addition to the four freighters attacked, 6 others were sighted in same area. Also numerous enemy barges seen along N coast of Crozon peninsula and on S coast of Brest Peninsula. Barges also seen in inlet at V-9188. Fires observed in locks at V-9500. Shelling observed in area R-0101, also from end of peninsula at R-0295. Weather en route (south of St Malo) 10/10 base 500 ft, tops 9000. Aborting a/c down at base 1330 hours. 4 a/c completing mission down at 1504.

16 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, dispatched at 1426 to give area support in vicinity of Brest at 1426 hours. Over target 1530-1550. 3 a/c aborted: mechanical. All a/c carried 2 each GP 500 lb bombs. Kleenex Able vectored squadron to V-9394, 5 miles E of Brest. Dropped 25 bombs on largest of 10 boats therebelieved to be a troop transport. No direct hits, but several near misses. Strafed on way down. 1 bomb jettisoned in Gulf of St Malo and six returned to base by aborting a/c. Flak: intense, accurate, light from troopship bombed. Down 1642.

16 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, each carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs, dispatched at 1701 hours to give support for assault of Brest. Over area: 1748-1810. 1 plane damaged by flak, Cat AC. 1 pilot wounded: Capt Fishel. All bombs in target areas. Kleenex Able vectored squadron to a freighter in area V-9189 -9193, 9593-9588. There were 10 to 20 freighters in area and squadron dropped 32 bombs with near misses. All a/c strafed and observed strikes on boats. One of the freighters previously attacked observed to be burning at V-9488. Two naval vessels destroyed at V-9292. Fired rockets at our a/c at

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4 P-47D's dropped 7 x 500 lb GP bombs on merchant ship V-9489.
8 P-47D's dropped 6 x 500 lb GP bombs at V-9393.
4 P-47D's dropped 8 x 500 lb GP bombs on freighter at V-9795.

(iii) Operational:
(a) Nil
(b) Nil
(c) 1 Radio, 1 cylinder head temp. gauge.
(d) Nil 1 Hydraulic system.

(iv) Nil

(v) 1 P-47D 42-28432, ran out of gas reset and crashed. (Pilot Lt Morris bailed out and returned to base.) 25 Dec 43.

(vi) Nil

(vii) 1 P-47D damaged by flak, not MC.

(viii) 97

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 207:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 212,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 19,632 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) 2,120 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).

F. (i) 128 x 500 lb GP bombs.
(ii) 7 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on 4 freighters at V-9393.
25 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on largest of 10 boats believed to be troop transports at V-9894, 5 miles east of Brest.
32 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped in area V-9189-9193, 9593-9588, there were 10 to 20 freighters in area.
8 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped at merchant ship V-9489.

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7 x 500 lb G.P. bombs dropped at 1[illegible]
J-[illegible].
6 x 500 lb G.P. bombs dropped at [illegible]67.
2 x 500 lb G.P. bombs dropped on freighter at J-[illegible]55.

(iii) 2 x 500 lb G.P. bombs jettisoned. (Jettisoned one bomb when it failed to release over target, but the other bomb jettisoned in half a minute).

(iv) 2 x 500 lb G.P. bombs were lost on destroyed aircraft (on [illegible]-97[illegible] 41-[illegible]).

31 x 500 lb G.P. bombs returned to base.

G. ROBERT R. [illegible] L, Capt. [illegible] 1Wx
In vicinity of Brest.

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Other Claims:
3 Flak installations probably destroyed and 3 flak installations damaged, by Capt J.M. Coulter 0-526271, at [illegible]-0821.
3 motor vehicles (2 oil trucks and 1 jeep) destroyed just east of Chauvigny by strafing, and 1 M/T destroyed and 1 command car damged, in areas: U-6975, L-4000 and [illegible]-1979.
7 Trucks destroyed, and 1 locomotive damaged: by following pilots;
Lt Manwaring - 2 trucks
Lt Nee - 2 trucks
Lt Powell - 2 trucks
Lt Netherill - 1 truck
Capt Ognisty, Lt Coy, Lt Buckle, Lt Alessi (shared) - damaged 1 locomotive.
1 Artillery position probably destroyed.
4 Merchant ships damaged, at V-97[illegible]5, V-9487, V-901908 and [illegible]-025957.
7 bombs on 4 ships (freighters) at V-[illegible]95, near misses.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR.,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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(iii) Nil
(iv. Nil
(v. Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1
(viii) 86

(i) Nil
(ii) Nil

(i) 56:13
(ii) Nil

(i) 65,
(ii) 10,
(iii) Nil

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destroyed,

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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[redacted]

[illegible] J./7

[illegible] August 1944.

SUBJECT: Opns.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force Bomber Com.,
Att: AC/S, A-3.
Commanding General, [illegible] Wing,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, [illegible] Fighter Gp,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo No. 55-8, dated Mar 29, 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Midnight 20 August 1944.

2. Oprep No. 45.

For the Group Commander.

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1st Lt., Air Corps,
Stat Officer.

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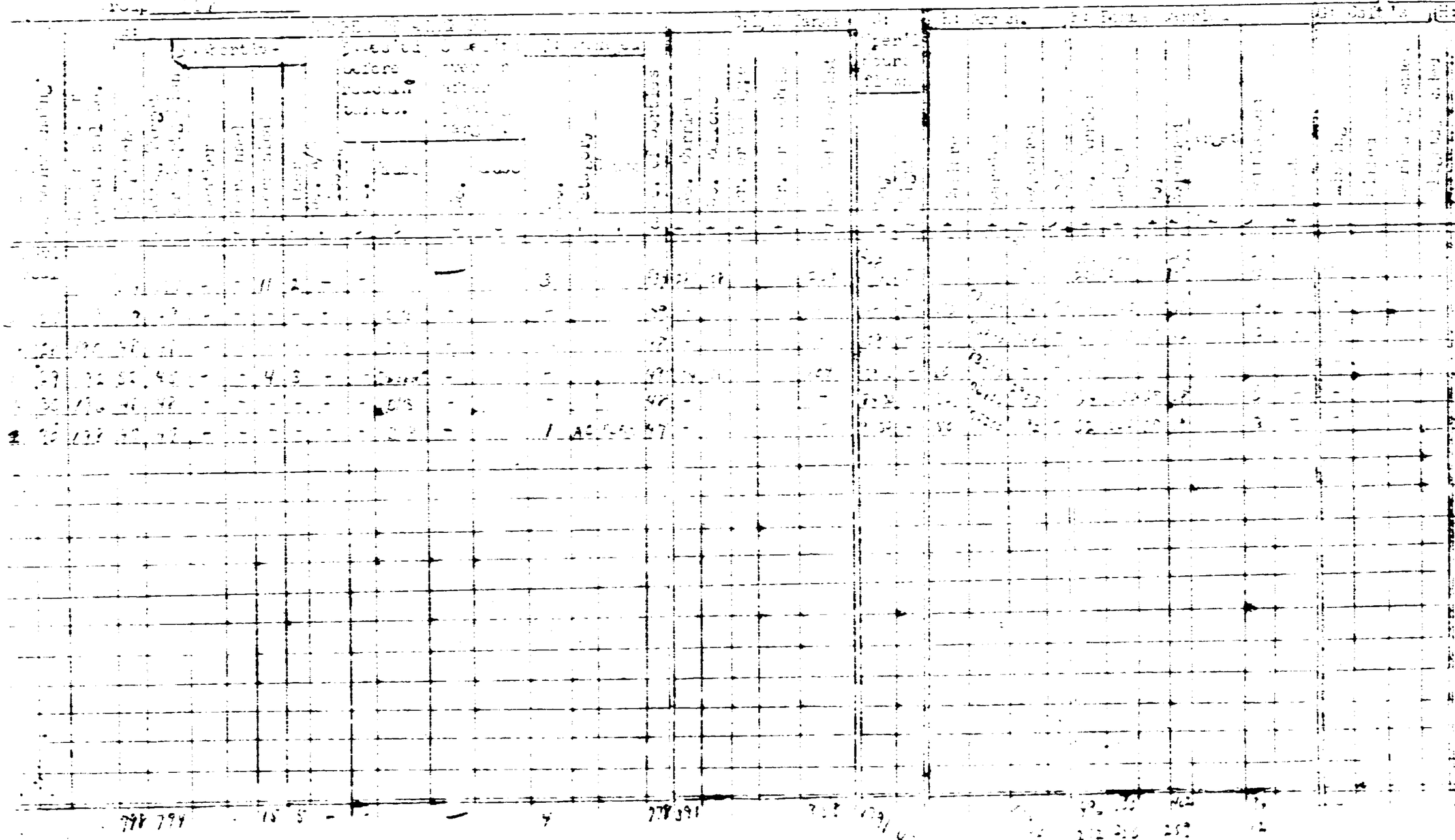

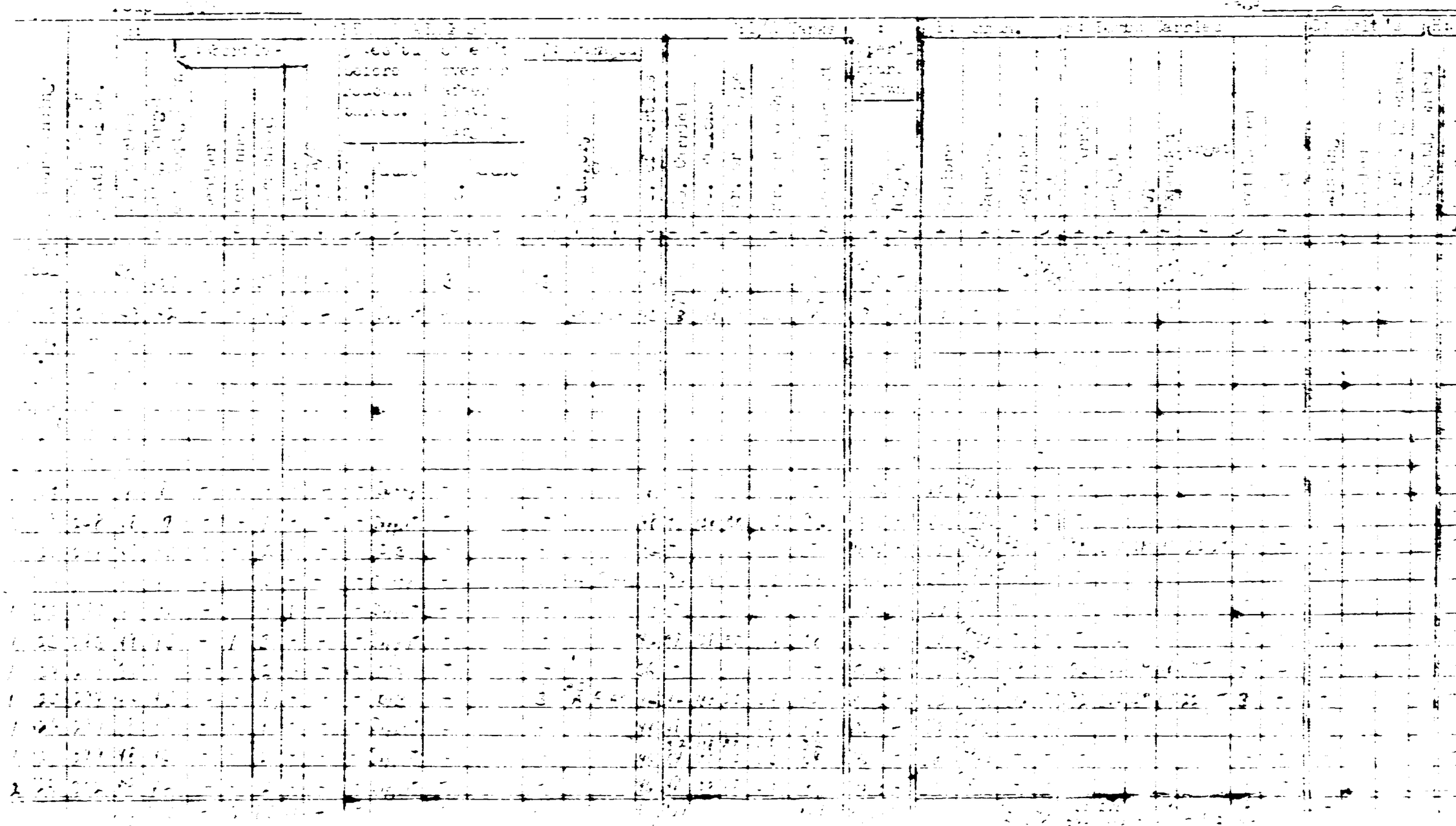

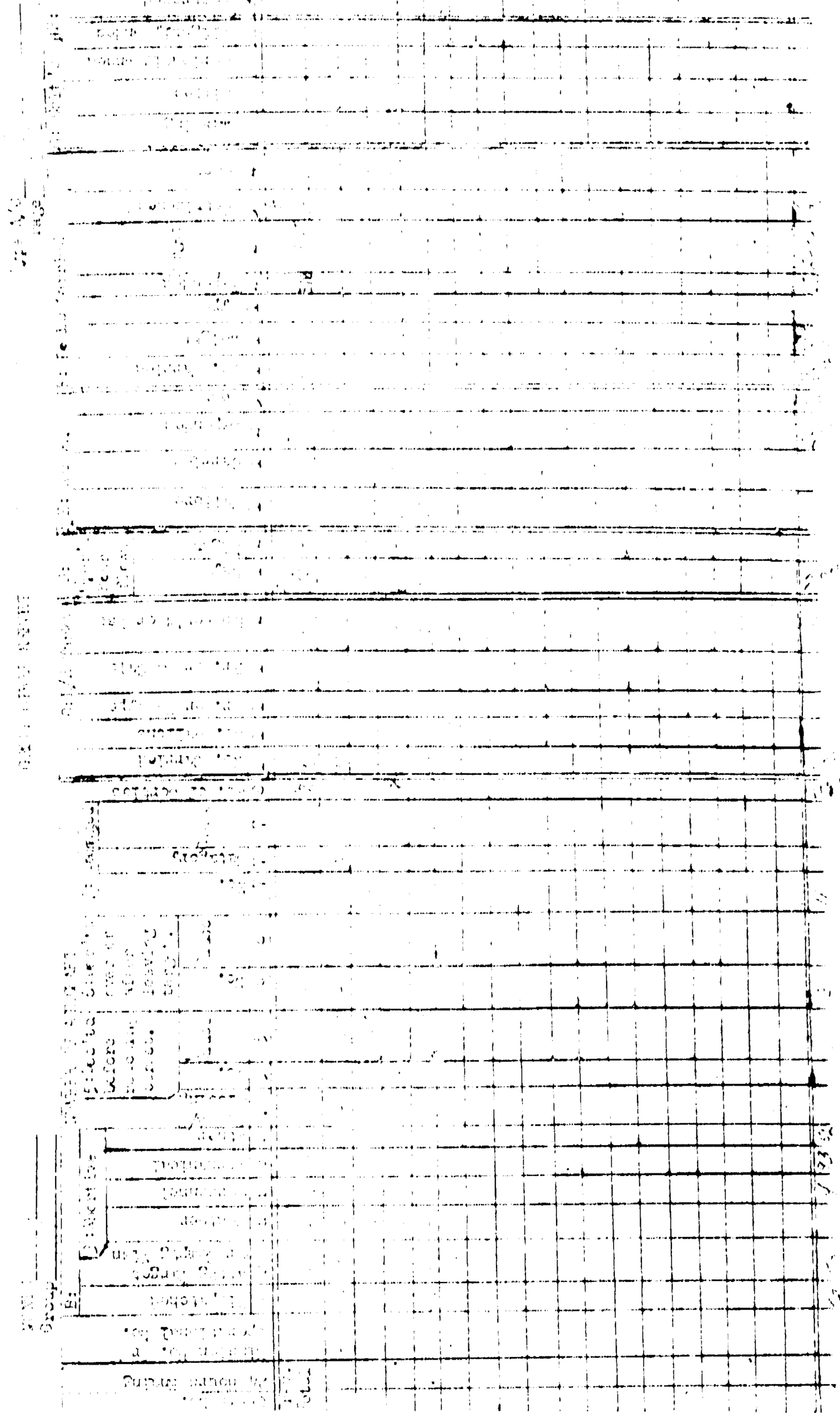

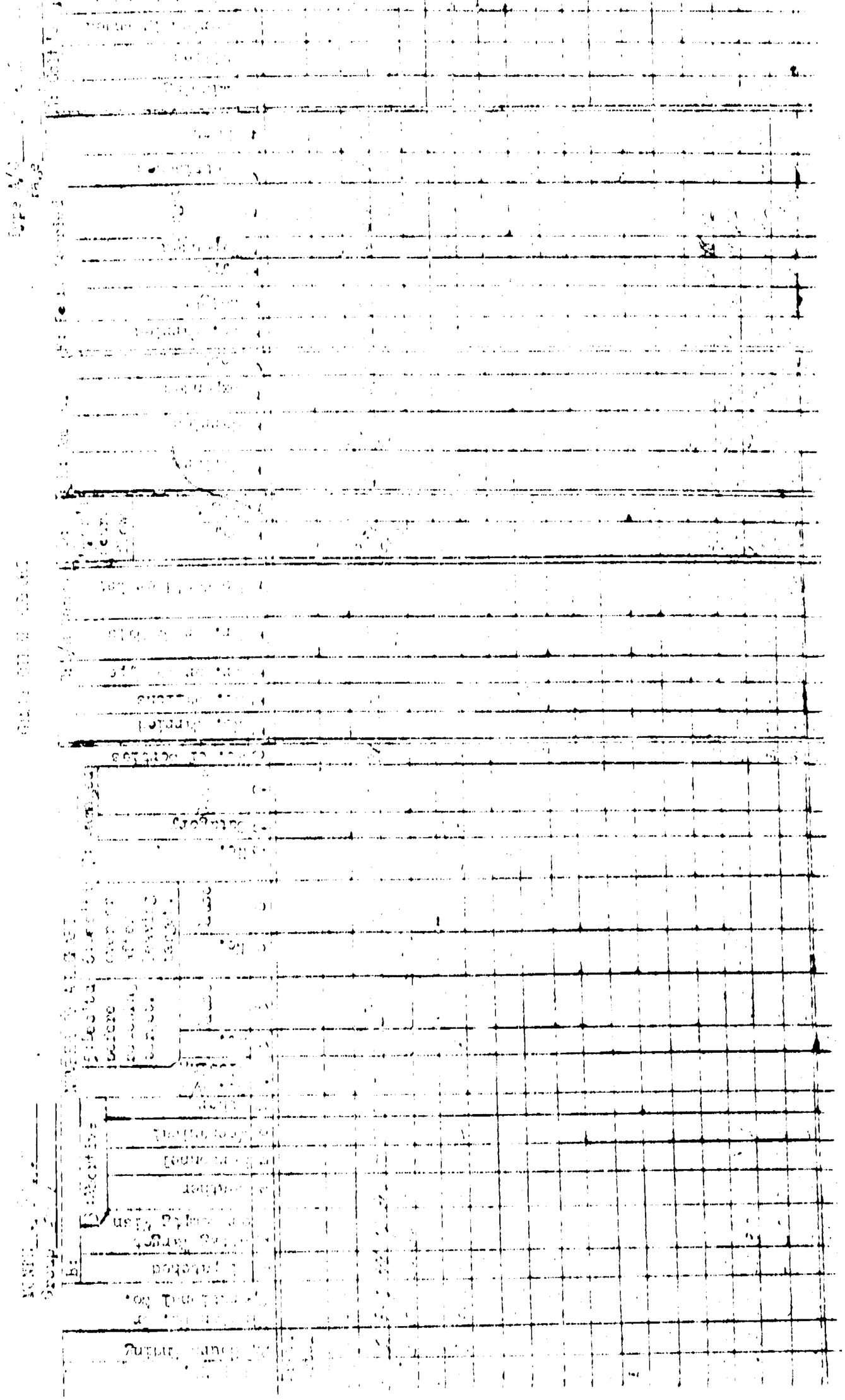

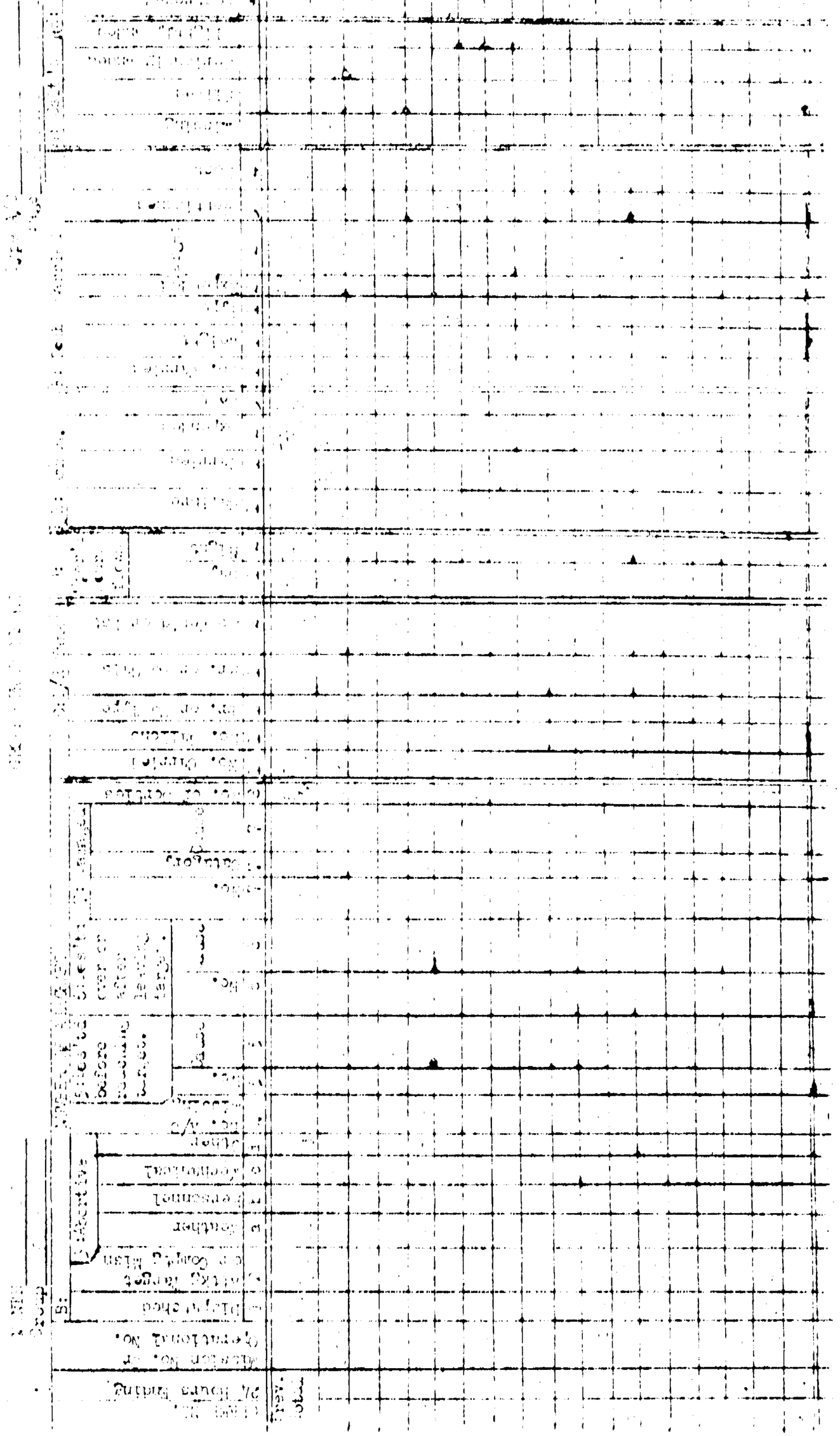

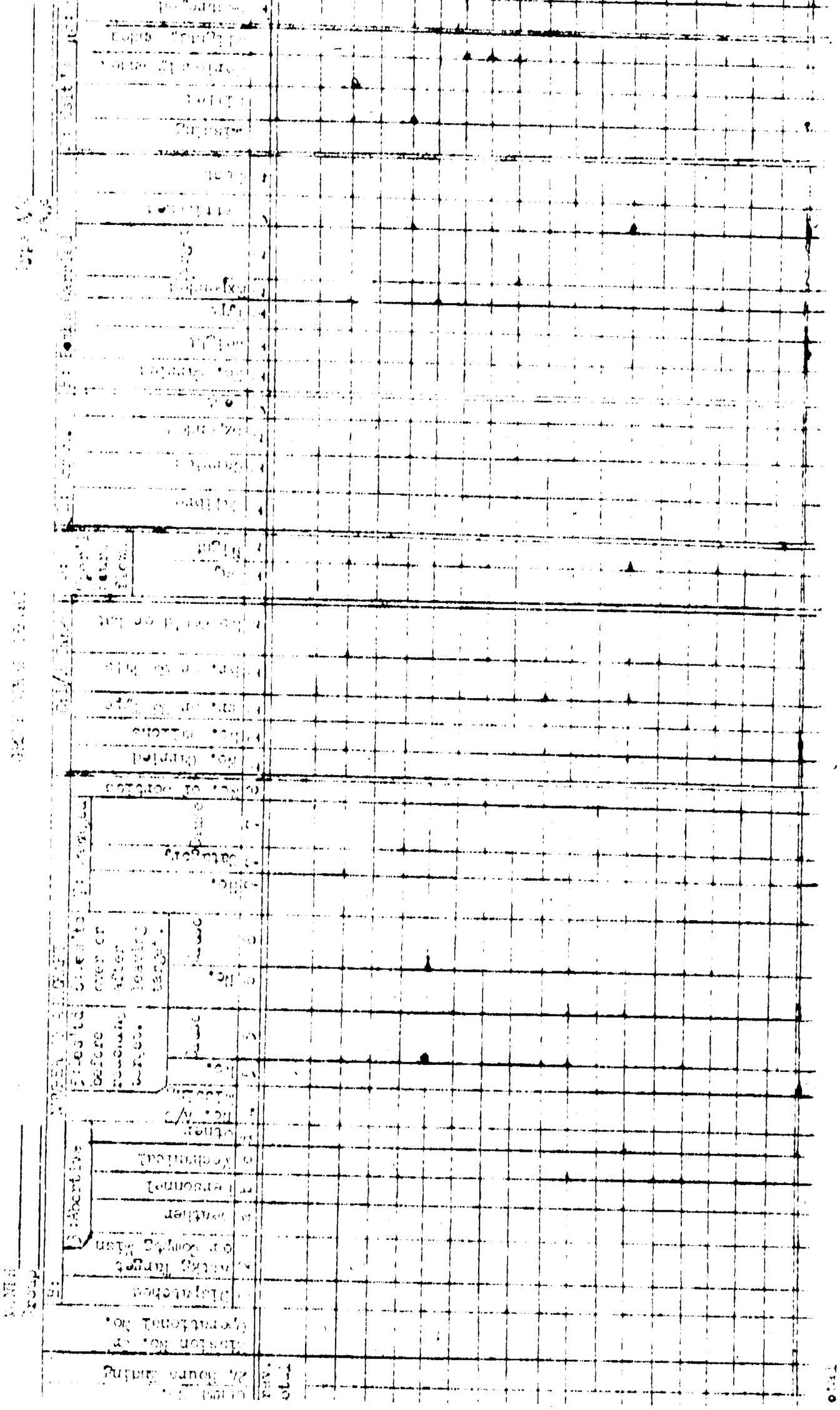

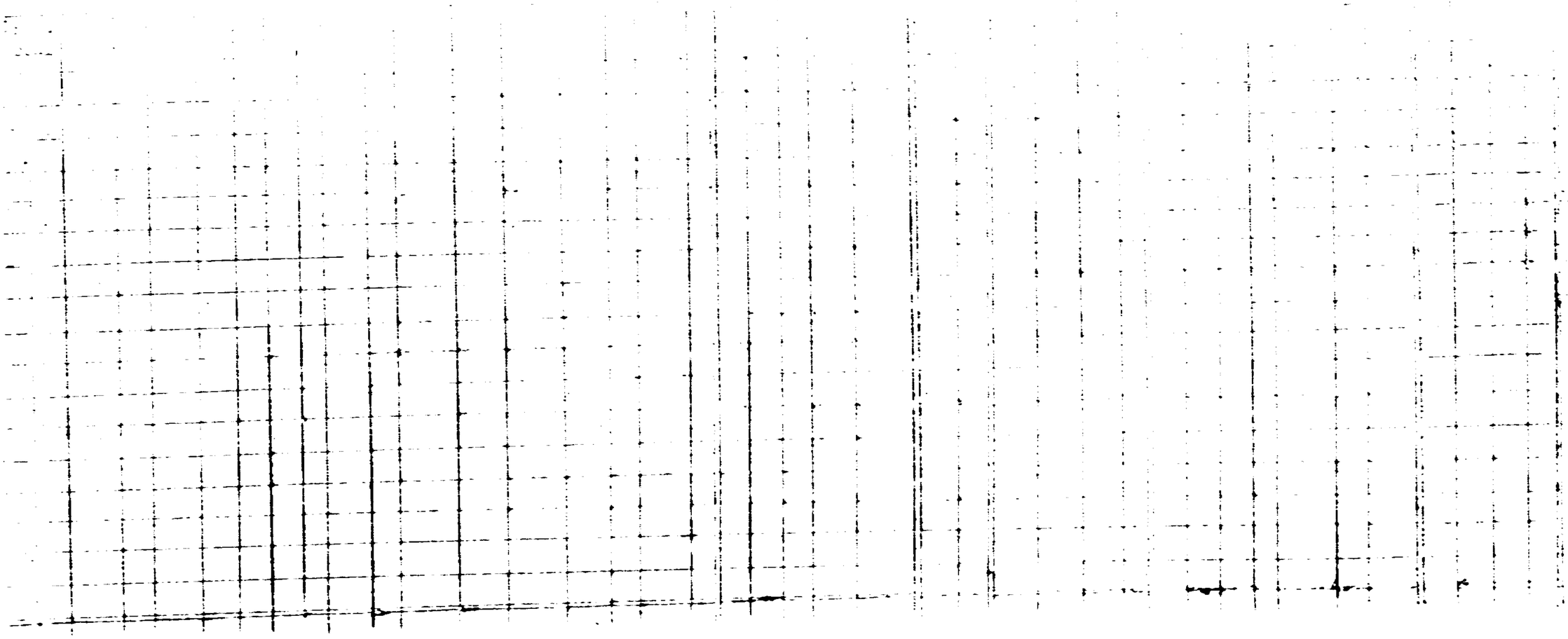

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- No. Damaged beyond repairable limits.
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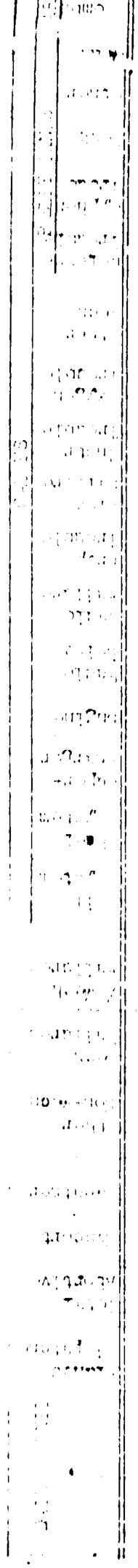

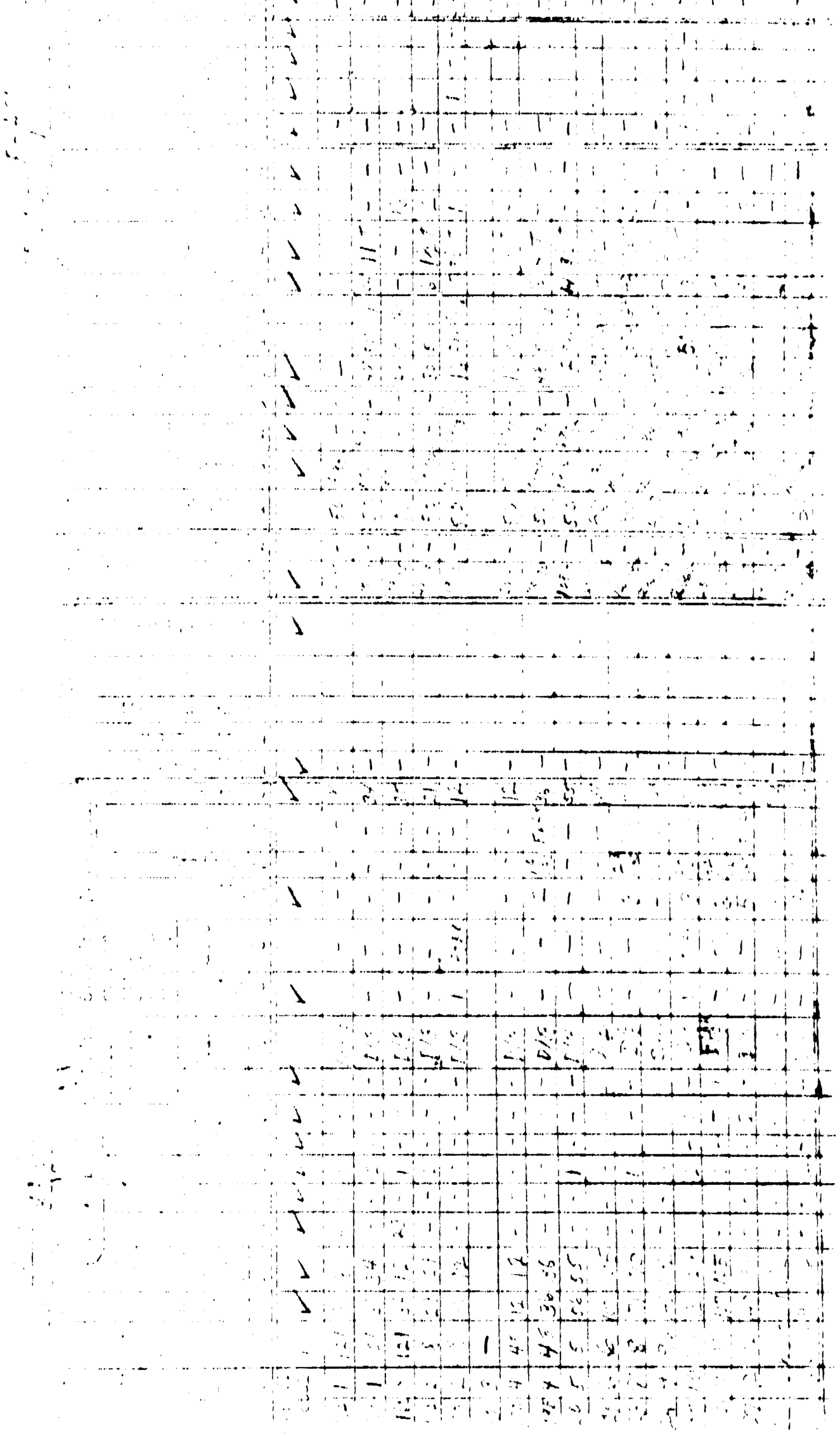

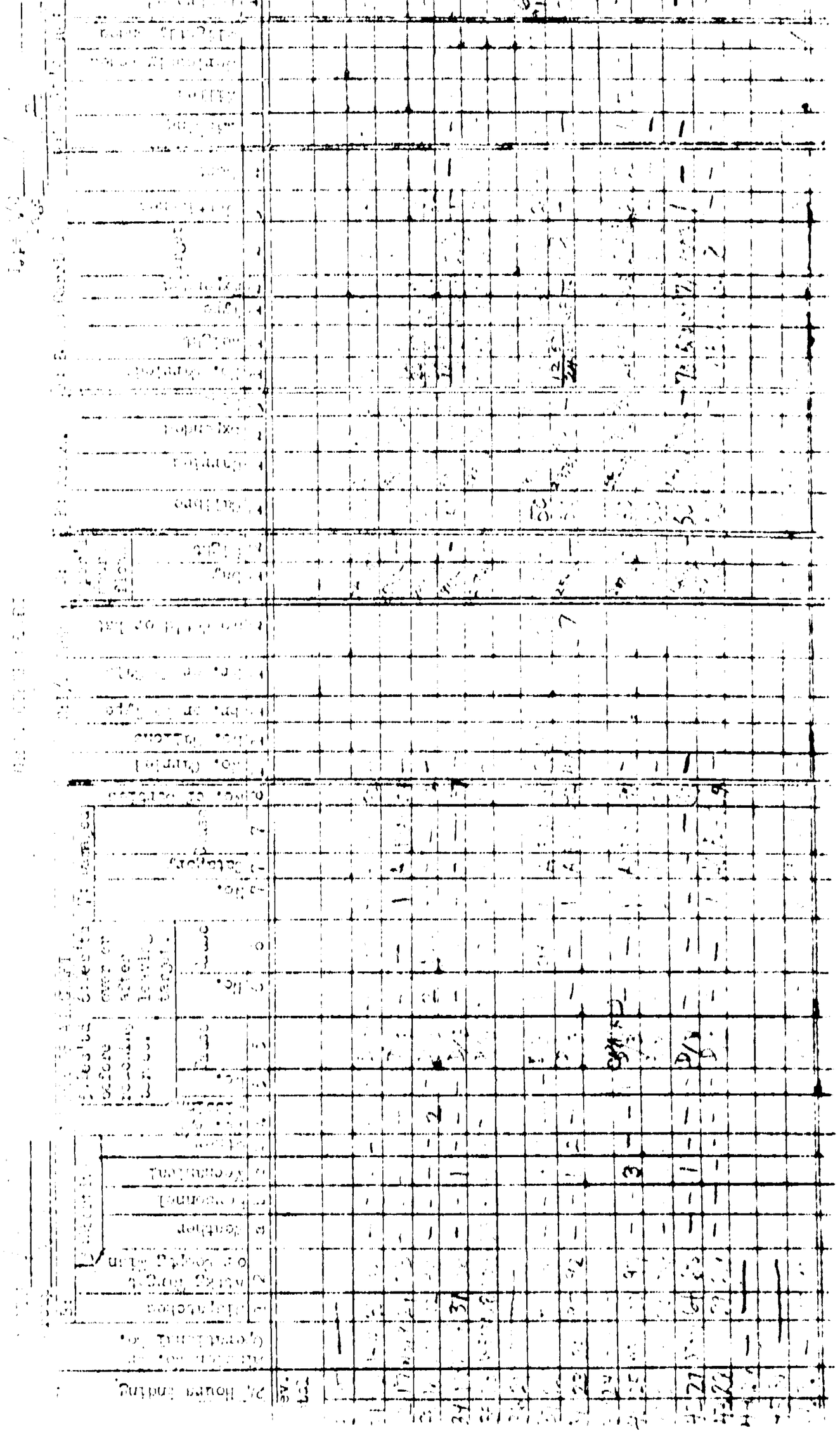

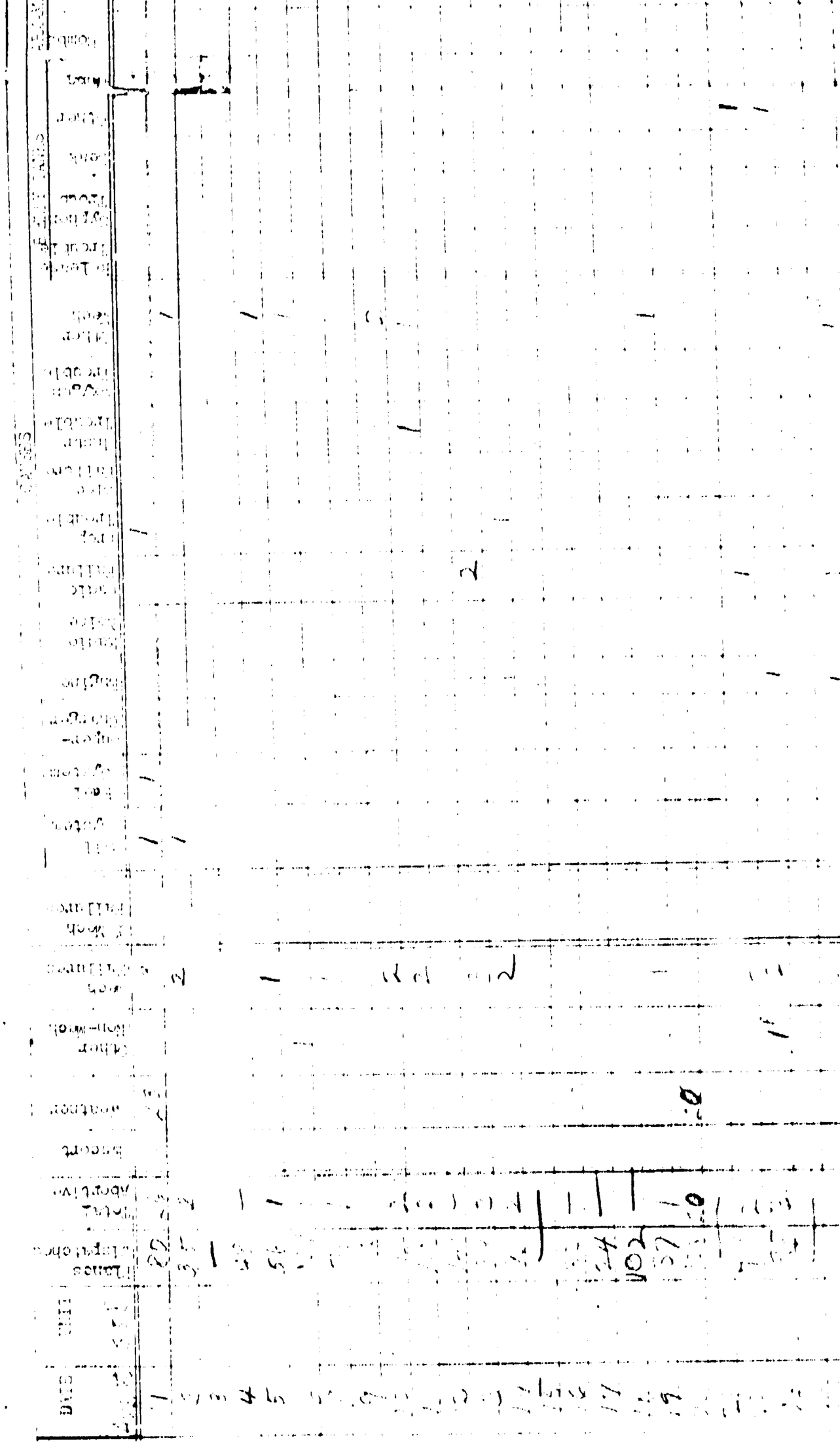

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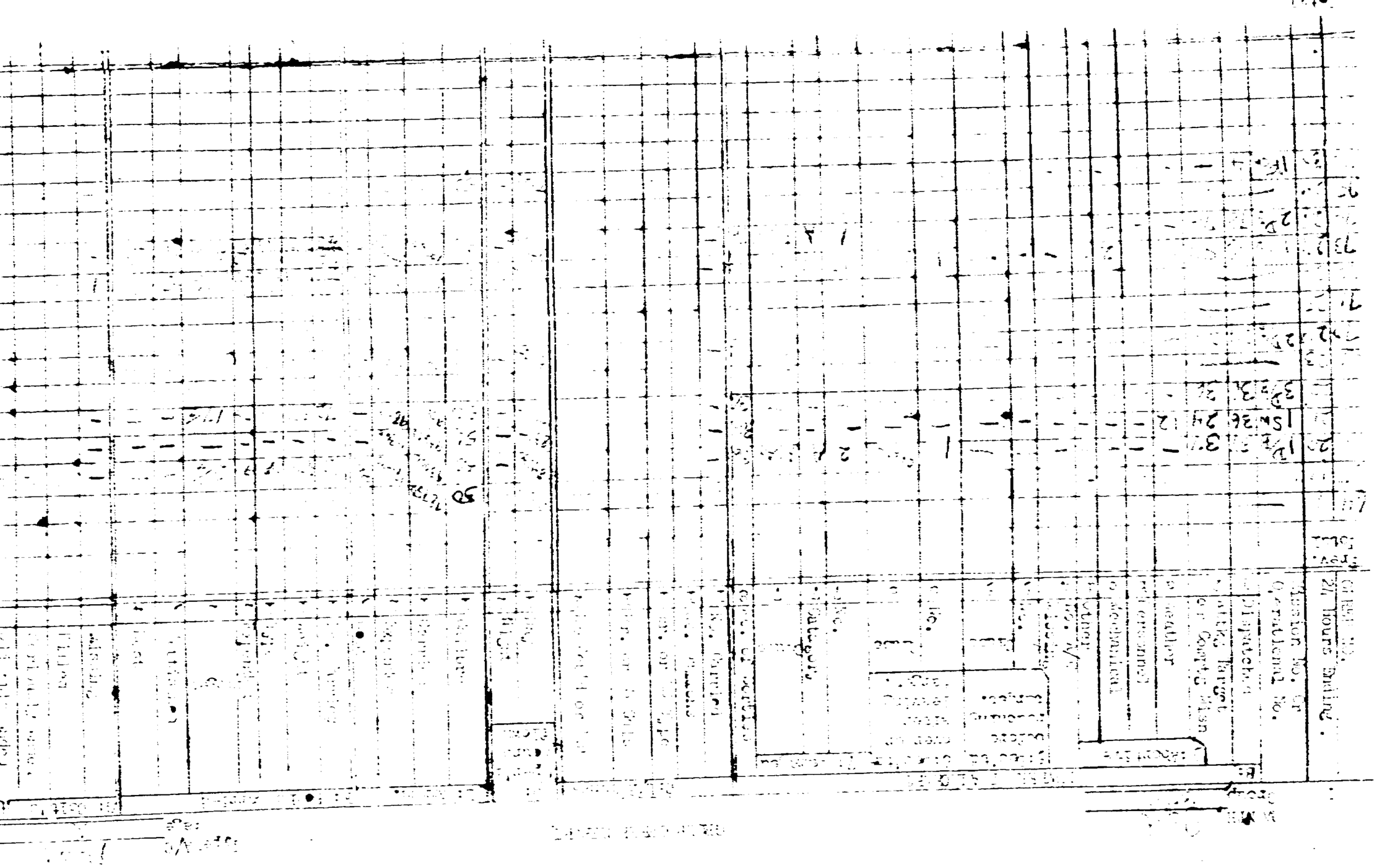

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP GC/6
APO 141 US Army

3 June 1944.

SUBJECT: OpRep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SOU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. OpRep No 1 for period ending Sunset 2 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 327.

3. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

4. A. 48 P-47D were dispatched at 1736 hours to dive-bomb tank cars on sidings in railroad stations between St. Pol and Arras, single track railroad between St. Pol and Arras, cuts and enbankments in that area. R/V in Cayeux, 1805 hours, 12,000 ft. Course flown as briefed to target area. Over target 1821-1848 hours. 4 P-47D dropped 8 bombs on enbankment at grid coordinates 416005 on sheet 73, GSGS 4040. 3 P-47D dropped 6 bombs on train of approximately 20 box cars, 4 miles east of Aubigny. No hits were observed. 5 bombs jettisoned over continent, 4 bombs jettisoned in Channel. 36 P-47D returned to home base with 73 bombs. Poor visibility made it extremely difficult to locate assigned targets. Group landed at home base 1930 hours. No E/A were seen throughout mission. Flak: moderate inaccurate light at Lens, intense, accurate heavy 6 miles south of Abbeville, meager, inaccurate heavy at Le Torquet. Weather: 9-10/10 cloud cover over target area, base 2,500 ft, top 6,000 ft; visibility 1-2 miles.

B. (i) 48 P-47D.
(ii) 4 P-47D bombed enbankment at grid coordinates 416005, sheet 73, GSGS 4040.
3 P-47D bombed train of approximately 20 box cars, 4 miles east of Aubigny.
(iii) 41 P-47D abortive: Pilots were unable to locate target because of poor visibility.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.

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D. (vii) 1 category A, flak; 1 category AC, flak.
(viii) 48.

C. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

J. (i) 104:30.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 76,800 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 412.
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 96 x 500 pound GP bombs fused 8-11 seconds tail only.
(ii) 8 bombs on enbankment at grid coordinates 416005 on sheet 73, 6065 4040.
6 bombs on box cars 4 miles east of Aubigny.
(iii) 9.
(iv) Nil.
73 bombs were returned to home base.

G. (i) Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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Headquarters 358TH Fighter-Bomber Group GC/6
APO 141 US Army

5 June 1944.

Subject: Operations.

To : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: A-2 Sec.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Oprep No 1 for period ending Sunset 3 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 341.

4. A. 32 P-47D dispatched at 2004 hours to escort marauders attacking targets at Ault and Camiers. 16 A/C made R/F in at 2040 hours, 12,000 ft, Le Treport. A/V with bombers at Ault, furnished target support in area 2053-2111 hours, 12,000 ft. Escorted bombers to mid-Channel where squadron withdrew 2115 hours, 12,000 ft. 16 A/C made R/F in at 2030 hours, 12,000 ft, Le Touquet. A/V with bombers at R/F in. Furnished support in target area 2035-2100 hours, 12,000 ft and escorted bombers to mid-Channel where squadron withdrew at 2105 hours. 1 B-26 seen hit by flak at Ault but did not go down. No E/A seen throughout mission. Flak: meager, inaccurate heavy at Le Touquet; intense, inaccurate heavy between Oriel and Le Treport. Weather: 10/10 clouds over target areas, base 10,000 ft, top 11,000 ft. Visibility above clouds excellent. 32 P-47D completed mission, landing at home base 2139 hours.

B. (i) 32 P-47D.
(ii) 16 P-47D escorted medium bombers attacking Ault.
16 P-47D escorted medium bombers attacking Camiers.
32 P-47D completed mission.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 32.

C. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

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D. (i) 50:30.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 51,200. (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

G. (i) Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

J. S. Chaff,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP GC/6
APO 141 US Army

5 June 1944.

SUBJECT: OPREP.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

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1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 4 June 1944.

For the Group Commander:

J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP GC/6
APO 141 US ARMY

7 June 1944.

SUBJECT: OPREP.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Oprep No. 1 for period ending Sunset 5 June 1944. Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 344.

4. A. 50 P-47D, including 2 forward relays, dispatched at 1900 hours to dive-bomb road bridge at St. Germain, France. Over target 2030 hours. 3 A/C dive-bombed primary target with 6 x 1000 pound GP bombs. Bombs released from 25 ft. 6 hits in target area, 2 hits on east end of bridge and 2 hits on west end between approach to bridge and river bank. All other A/C attacked targets of opportunity. 12 A/C dropped 24 x 1000 pound GP bombs on Rambouillet marshalling yard, starting large fires in yard. Observed large concentration of rolling stock. 3 A/C dropped 6 x 1000 pound GP bombs on bridge over gorge, location unknown. 14 A/C dropped 27 x 1000 pound GP bombs on following targets: (1) Railroad tracks between Dreux and Houdan. Hits observed on tracks. (2) Railroad bridge over road at Corbiel. Bridge not hit, but road under bridge hit several times. (3) Railroad bridge at Cheristy. No hits. (4) Versaille A/D. 2-3 hits on building area, east sector. A/D also strafed. 6 A/C dropped 12 x 1000 pound GP bombs on railroad tracks and cars several miles east of Beyness. 4 direct hits on train composed of approximately 20 passenger cars. 4 A/C dropped 8 x 1000 pound GP bombs on railroad tracks and cars NW of primary target. 10 bombs jettisoned in Channel, 1 safe over continent. 1 A/C destroyed over target with bombs affixed. Flak: over target intense, accurate light

A. Continued.
and heavy. Intense, accurate light in entire area of secondary targets, including Guyaucourt, and Versailles A/D. Weather: 10/10 cloud cover, base 5,000 ft, top 9,000 ft; visibility excellent above and below clouds. 1 A/C destroyed when pilot jumped, in vicinity of Dieppe, safely. This A/C was badly damaged by flak over primary target. Time of landing 2153 hours.

B. (i) 50 P-47D, including 2 forward relays.
(ii) 3 bombed road bridge at St. Germain, France.
12 bombed Rambouillet marshalling yards.
3 bombed road bridge over gorge, location unknown.
14 bombed R.R. tracks Dreux-Houdan, R.R. bridges at Corbiel and Cherisy, Versaille A/D.
6 bombed R.R. tracks and cars several miles east of Beyness.
4 bombed R.R. tracks and cars NW of primary target.
43 P-47D completed mission, including 2 forward relays.
(iii) (a) Nil.
(b) 1 pilot spun out of overcast.
(c) 1 tachometer, 1 prop.
(d) 2 external tank.
(iv) Nil.
(v) 1 flak.
(vi) 1 flak.
(vii) 2 category A, flak; 1 category AC, flak.
(viii) 43.

C. (i) 50 100 gallon-American.
(ii) 48 100 gallon-American.

D. (i) 127:45.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 80,000 (50 Calibre Ammunition)
(ii) 7367.
(iii) 3200.

F. (i) 96 x 1000 pound GP bombs; 64 fused 1/10 nose, 1/100 tail; 32 fused 4-5 second tail only.
(ii) 6 on road bridge at St. Germain, France.
24 on Rambouillet marshalling yard.
6 on road bridge over gorge, location unknown.
27 on R.R. tracks Dreux-Houdan, R.R. bridge at Corbiel, R.R. bridge at Cherisy, Versaille A/D.
12 on R.R. tracks and cars several miles E of Beyness.
8 on R.R. tracks and cars NW of primary target.
(iii) 11.
(iv) 2.

G. 1st Lt. John A. Wiersema, O-732423, KIA.
1st Lt. Robert Schneider, O-671777, MIA, bailed out vicinity of Dieppe.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP
APO 141
US Army

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8 June 1944

SUBJECT: OPREP.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Oprep No. 1 for period ending Sunset 6 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 331.

4.A.48 P-47D were dispatched at 1855 hours to escort troop carrier command A/C towing gliders to assualt beaches on Cherbourg Peninsula. Course flown was base to Southampton to Bournemouth to Portland Bill where R/V was effected with C-47's which were 5 minutes late. Time 2014 hours. Transport formation flying at 500 ft, was escorted uneventfully,by group flying at 1000 ft, to east coast of Cherbourg Peninsula, vicinity St. Mere Eglise. Gliders observed to land in area which appeared flooded, at 2126 hours. Several gliders observed to crash land and 1 C-47 was seen burning on the ground. Light, meager, inaccurate flak in drop area, believed to have been fired at the gliders. 3 A/C aborted; 1 prop out, 1 tire blowout, 1 escort. 1 A/C landed at Beaulieu on return from mission. Route back was reverse of route to target. No E/A seen. Visibility throughout mission excellent. 6/10 - 8/10 clouds, base 3,000 ft, top 4,000 ft. No cloud in drop area. 45 P-47D completed mission landing at home base 2300 hours.

B.(i) 48 P-47D.
(ii) 45 P-47D escorted C-47's towing gliders.
(iii) (a) Nil.
(b) Nil.
(c) 1 prop out.
(d) 1 tire blowout, 1 escort.

B. (iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 45.

C. (i) 96-108 British type, American gallons
(ii) 96-108 British type, American gallons

D. (i) 144:30
(ii) 37:30

E. (i) 76,800 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

G. Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP GC/6
APO 141 US Army

9 June 1944.

SUBJECT: OPREP.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

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2. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Oprep No. 1 for period ending Sunset 7 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 332.

4. A. 48 P-47D dispatched at 0414 hours to escort troop carrier command aircraft to Cherbourg Peninsula and return. Course flown: base to Southampton to Bournemouth to Portland Bill, altitude 2,500 ft. R/V with troop carrier command A/C at Portland Bill 0525 hours, 500 to 1,000 ft. From R/V course flown SW approximately 27 miles where 90 degree turn made to left, then approximately 80 miles to point of Pte de Barfleur where turn to south and drop zone made, arriving drop zone 0628 hours. Approximately 10 C-47's seen to force land in drop zone area. 4 C-47's observed to ditch in Channel, 1 of which was near St. Marcouf Island. Machine gun and light AA fire encountered in drop zone area, intense and accurate. 3 gliders on fire on ground near Ecausseville, thought to be signals for incoming troop carrier A/C. Area along beach, Carentan to Montebourg, flooded, with strip of land from Carentan to Ecausseville not under water, but land flooded slightly west of this strip. Return route same as out, arriving Portland Bill, 0718 hours, where group withdrew returning to base. Weather: 10/10 clouds, base 2,000 ft, visibility 5 miles en route; over drop zone 8/10 clouds, base 3,000 ft, visibility 6-8 miles. 41 A/C completed mission, landing home base 0835 hours.

B. (i) 48 P-47D.
(ii) 41 P-47D escorted Troop Carrier Command C-47's to Cherbourg Peninsula and return.

B. (iii) (a) 6 failed to assemble with group due to darkness.
(b) Nil.
(c) 1 electrical.
(d) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 41.

C. (i) 96 British type, 108 American gallons.
(ii) 68 British type, 108 American gallons.

D. (i) 117:00
(ii) 72:00

E. (i) 76,800 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

G. Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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9 June 1944.

SUBJECT: OPREP.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Oprep No.2 for period ending Sunset 7 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 352.

4. A. 16 P-47D with 32 frag-cluster bombs, fused instaneous, were dispatched at 1433 hours to attack targets of opportunity along Coutances-St. Lo road on Cherbourg Peninsula. Route was base to Isle of Wright to target area; return, reverse of course in. 16 A/C arrived in area of primary target 1508 hours. Road assigned had no traffic on it. Squadron then swept beach and slightly S scouting for targets. In area S. of primary target, a concentration of trucks, well camouflaged and dispersed in wooded area, was attacked by 8 A/C dropping 16 frag-clusters. Most bombs believed short. These 8 A/C continued back to Coutances and then swept area N of primary target. E of St. Lo and on Periers-St. Lo road, heavy truck convoys were strafed and approximately 15 trucks destroyed. All vehicles were proceeding in direction of Periers and were spaced at 300 yard intervals. Time of these attacks 1525-1535 hours. Some trucks observed to be loaded with barrels and burned with black smoke. Personnel seen in dark uniforms. All trucks painted light tan. Flak: nil. No E/A seen throughout mission. 5 miles directly N of Cherbourg Harbor, a submarine was observed to be partially submerged, but it completely submerged before it could be attacked. Time of observation, 1545 hours, 3,000 ft altitude. Submarine proceeding in easterly direction.. Incident reported to controller at 1545 hours. 8 A/C abortive due to failure to locate target of opportunity.

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4. A. Continued.
16 frag-cluster bombs jettisoned in Channel. 8 A/C completed mission, landing 1642 hours. Weather: scattered to broken clouds over target and elsewhere, base 3,000 ft, top unknown; visibility good.

B. (i) 16 P-47D.
(ii) 8 dropped frag clusters on trucks S of Coutances-St. Lo road.
(iii) 8 abortives due to failure to sight target of opportunity.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 16.

C. (i) 16 - 100 gallon-American.
(ii) 15 - 100 gallon-American.

D. (i) 40:00
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 25,600 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 5,672.
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 32 frag-cluster, M-4, instantaneous fuse.
(ii) 16 on trucks S of Coutances-St. Lo road.
(iii) 16.
(iv) Nil.

G. Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

Other Claims: Capt. E.H. Sprietsma 3 trucks.
1st Lt. J.H. Pedigo 2 trucks.
Capt. A.W. Perry 3 trucks.
2nd Lt. M.J. Summerlin 2 trucks.
1st Lt. A.V. Voorhees 2 trucks.
F/O J.C. Blazicek 2 trucks.
1st Lt. J.R. Holloway 2 trucks.
2nd Lt. D.F. Nee 2 trucks.

For the Group Commander:

J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical officer

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP
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10 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

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1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 8 June 1944.

For the Group Commander:

J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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10 June 1944.

SUBJECT: OPREP.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat
Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 9 June 1944.

For the Group Commander:

J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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10 June 1944.

SUBJECT: OPREP.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 9 June 1944.

For the Group Commander:

J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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11 June 1944

SUBJECT: OPREP.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 10 June 1944.

For the Group Commander:

J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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13 June 1944.

SUBJECT: OPREP.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat
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1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 11 June 1944.

For the Group Commander:

J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP GC/6
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14 June 1944.

SUBJECT: OPREP.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Oprep No. 1 for period ending Sunset 12 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 374.

4. A. 16 P-47D, carrying 48 x 500 pound GP bombs fused instantaneous, dispatched at 0758 hours to attack bridges and causeways N of Le Haye de Puits. L/F in 0852, 12,000 ft. Over targets 0903-0915 hours. 12 A/C dropped 33 x 500 pound bombs on primary targets, dive started 6,000 ft, angle of 30 degrees, releasing from 1,500 ft. 4 A/C dropped 12 bombs on bridge at T-1685. Near hits observed, 3 bombs falling about 5 feet from bridge embankment, possibly undermining. 1 bomb on R.R. tracks at Bruquebec, 0-1303, hitting E of track. 1 A/C dropped 2 bombs on road bridges at Cartaret. 1 medium bomber and 2 fighters, believed U.S., crash landed. Observed SE of Besneville, T-1592. L/F out between Omonville and Cherbourg, 0931 hours, 10,000 ft. No E/A seen. Flak: moderate, accurate heavy at 0-0707, W of Cherbourg. Weather: 4/10 cumulus over target, base 3,500 ft, visibility good; on route scattered clouds visibility good. 16 A/C completed mission, landing at home base at 1024 hours.

B. (i) 16 P-47D.
(ii) 12 bombed bridges and causeways N Le Haye de Puits.
4 bombed bridge at T-1685.
1 bombed R.R. tracks at 0-1303.
1 bombed road bridges at Cartaret.

B. (iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 16.

C. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

D. (i) 36:00
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 25,600 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 48 x 500 pound GP bombs, fused instantaneous tail only.
(ii) 33 on bridges and causeways N of Le Haye de Puits.
12 on bridge at T-1685.
1 on R.R. tracks at O-1303.
2 on bridges at Cartaret.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

G. Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP
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14 June 1944.

SUBJECT: OPREP.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 12 June 1944.

2. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Oprep No. 2 for period ending Sunset 12 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 374.

4. A. 32 P-47D with 96 x 500 pound GP bombs, fused 8-11 second tail only, dispatched at 1039 hours to dive-bomb gun positions vicinity La Pernelle on Cherbourg Peninsula. Course to target flown as briefed. L/F in St. Pierre Eglise 1200 hours, 12,000 ft. Time over target 1203-1223 hours. 30 A/C dropped 85 x 500 pound GP bombs on primary target. All bombs observed to hit in target area but smoke cover in area prevented accurate estimation of results. Dive started from 9,000 ft, angle of 30 degrees, bombs released from 1,500-3,000 ft. 1 A/C dropped 3 x 500 pound bombs on secondary target, main road between Cherbourg and Valognes. L/F out St. Pierre Eglise, 1226 hours, 12,000 ft. 5 bombs jettisoned in channel due to bomb release failure over target. 1 A/C abortive due to oil leak, returned to home base with 3 bombs. No flak throughout mission. No E/A seen. 1 submarine conning tower sighted E of Selsey Bill at 1235 hours, 6,500 ft. 31 A/C completed mission, landing at home base 1315 hours.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP GC/6
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14 June 1944.

SUBJECT: OPREP.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

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2, From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Oprep No. 3 for period ending Sunset 12 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 375.

4. A. 31 P-47D, carrying 93 x 500 pound GP bombs, fused 8-11 seconds tail only, dispatched at 1609 hours to glide bomb gun positions on Cherbourg Peninsula La Pernelle area. Course flown: base, Christ Church Pte de Barfleur, targets, St. Vaast, Christ Church, base. Time over targets 1705-1740 hours. 15 A/C dropped 38 x 500 pound GP bombs , going from 6,000 ft, angle 30 degrees, releasing at 2,500 ft. 38 hits in target area, 0-372198. Target was difficult to define. Bombed 5-6 emplacements in an open field about 100 yards W of road. Bombing believed effective. 4 A/C dropped 4 bombs on a small marshalling yard on point at St. Vaast. No hits observed. 16 A/C dropped 44 x 500 GP bombs, going from 4,000 ft, angle 30 degrees, releasing from 700 ft, on target at 0-378207. Specific location of hits in target area unobserved because of smoke from previous bombings. 1 radar installation or range finder damaged or destroyed in target area. 2 A/C dropped 2 bombs on road south of Valognes. L/F out St. Vaast, 1725 hours, 2,000 ft. 4 bombs jettisoned, 1 returned to home base. No E/A seen. No flak. Weather: 7/10 over target, base 15,000 ft, visibility excellent; en route 6/10 cloud, base 3,000 ft, top 6,000 ft, visibility excellent. 31 A/C completed mission landing at home base 1835 hours.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP
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15 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

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1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Oprep No. 1 for period ending Sunset 13 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 378.

4. A. 48 P-47D, carrying 48 x 500 pound GP bombs fused instantaneous nose, 1/100 tail, dispatched at 0537 to dive-bomb military traffic on roads from Angers to Laval to Fougeres to Vire. Course to target area flown as briefed. L/F in Granville, 0706 hours, 12,000 ft. Over target 0730-0740 hours. 31 A/C dropped 31 x 500 pound bombs on targets of opportunity, R.R. tracks and trains between Laval and Alencon. Complete overcast in area made it impossible to locate roads assigned as primary target. 6 direct hits on R.R. tracks between Laval and Alencon. Fires started among tank cars. 2 locomotives destroyed between Angers and Le Mans. 4 other hits on trains, composed of flat and box cars, resulting in fires. 7 bombs jettisoned in Channel, 9 returned to home base, 1 unloaded at Manston by A/C aborting due to loss of power-engine. L/F out Granville, 0815 hours, 12,000 ft. No E/A seen. No flak. 31 A/C completed mission, landing at home base 0934 hours. 1 A/C landed at Fairlope.

B. (i) 48 P-47D.
(ii) 31 dive-bombed R.R. tracks and trains between Laval and Alencon.
(iii) 17.
(a) 15 became lost in overcast.
(b) Nil.
(c) 2 engine cut out.
(d) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP
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15 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Oprep No. 2 for period ending Sunset 13 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 379.

4. A. 48 P-47D, carrying 48 x 500 pound GP bombs fused instantaneous, dispatched at 2056 hours to glide bomb highway traffic road Angers, Laval, Vire. L/F in Fecamp, 2138 hours, 12,000 ft. Over target area 2224 hours. 15 A/C dropped 15 bombs on railway junction and sidings at La Chapelle Athenaise, going from 3,000 ft, angle of 30 degrees, releasing from 800 ft. 5 direct hits observed among goods wagons causing explosions and fires. Several hits observed on R.R. tracks in yard. 4 A/C dropped 4 bombs on motor convoy between Laval and Fougeres. 2 hits on road. 4 A/C bombed Mayenne marshalling yard. 1 bomb seen to hit middle of yard between 2 locomotives. 15 A/C bombed R.R. fill E of Mayenne and Y in railroad. 4 A/C bombed road bridges W of Domfront. 3 A/C bombed road bridge N of Barenton. 1 A/C bombed R.R. bridge N of Mayennes. 2 A/C abortive due to mechanical failure. L/F out Fecamp, 2310 hours, 10,000 ft. No E/A seen. Flak: moderate accurate light from vehicles on Laval-Fougeres road and woods SW of Vire; meager, accurate heavy at Honfleur and from ships about 20 miles W of Le Havre. Weather: 10/10 cloud over target, base 5,000 ft, top 6,500 ft, visibility excellent. On route 5/10 cloud, base 12,000 ft, top 15,000 ft, visibility excellent 46 A/C completed mission, landing at home base 0010 hours.

B. (i) 48 P-47D.
(ii) 15 bombed R.R. junction and sidings at La Chapelle Athenaise.
4 bombed motor convoy between Laval and Fougeres.
4 bombed Mayenne marshalling yard.
15 bombed R.R. fill E. of Mayenne.
4 bombed road bridge W of Domfront.

B. (ii) continued:
1 bombed R.R. bridge N of Mayennes.
(iii) 2 .
(a) Nil.
(b) Nil.
(c) 1 water injection, 1 power plant.
(d) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 46.

C. (i) 96 British type, 108 American gallons.
(ii) 94 British type, 108 American gallons.

D. (i) 96:30..
(ii) 49:00.

E. (i) 76,800 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 6,251
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 48 x 500 pound GP bombs fused instantaneous.
(ii) 15 on R.R. junction and sidings at La Chapelle Athenaise.
4 on motor convoy between Laval and Fougeres.
4 on Mayenne marshalling yard.
15 on R.R. fill E of Mayenne.
4 bombed bridge W Domfront.
3 bombed road bridge N of Barenton.
1 bombed R.R. bridge N of Mayennes.
(iii) 2.
(iv) Nil.

G. Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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Hqrs, 358th Fighter-Bomber Group
APO 141 US Army

16 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, att: 26 SOU.
Commanding General, AAF Tactical Air Command, att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Oprep No. 1 for period ending Sunset 14 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IA FC O.O. 381.

4. A. 48 P-47's, each a/c carrying external load of 2 x 500 lb bombs and one 100 gallon belly tank, dispatched to dive bomb and cut railway lines between Montlevet Junction and Limours, Chartres and Voves, Gallardon, and Etampes, Course flown was base to Hastings to Le Treport to target area to Dieppe to base. L/F Le Treport 0803, 7,000 feet. 14 a/c dropped 28x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail from 12,000 feet, angle 25 degrees, release at 3,000 ft on railroad tracks between Dourdan and Auneau, NE of of Chartres. All bombs hit in target area, 3 hits directly on tracks. Trains on track approximately 2 miles north of Rambouillet strafed, 5 cars left burning. Large explosion indicated some cars filled with ammunition. 16 a/c dropped 32 x 500 lb GP bombs fused instantaneous nose, 1/40 tail, from 8,000 ft, angle 45 degrees, release from 1200 to 1500 ft on railway lines 8 miles southeast of Etampes. All bombs hit in target area. Observed 5 direct hits on tracks. 16 a/c dropped 32 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose to 1/40 tail from 6,000 ft, angle of 30 degrees, release from 1500-2000 ft on single track of east-west railway between Chartres and Etampes. Small marshalling yard at Ymonville containing approximately 10 locomotives were strafed. All locomotives were damaged, but they did not have steam up and extent of damage can't be determined. 1 a/c returned to base with bombs. 1 a/c unloaded bombs at Lashenden. No e/a seen. Meager accurate light flak and small arms fire encountered along railroad tracks at Rambouillet. Intense, inaccurate, heavy flak at Evreux.

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L/C Dieppe 0935 at 10,000 ft. Woods at Rambouillet filled with 3 trains composed of approximately 20 cars each loaded with supplies, observed at 0845, 1500 feet. 2 to 4 rockets seen vicinity Chateaudun A/D approximately 0845. One unidentified S/E Fighter seen spinning in after explosion from 10,000 ft, 0845 hours, between Chartres and Etampes. 2/10 clouds over target area. Base 3000 ft, tops 4000 ft, visibility 8-12 miles, from French coast to 40 miles inland, 8-9/10 cloud cover, base 3000 ft, tops 8000 ft, visibility 8-12 miles. Group returned to base 1015- 1 P-47 damaged by flying bomb debris, Cat AB, in target area. 2 a/c abortive: 1 Tachometer out, 1 oil leak.

B. (i) 49-47.
(ii) 14 bombed railroad tracks between Bourdan and Auneau, NE of Chartres.
14 bombed railway lines 8 miles southeast of Etampes.
16 bombed railway, single track of east-west railway between Chartres and Etampes, and strafed small marshalling yard at Ymonville, which contained 10 locomotives.
14 strafed trains on track approximately 2 miles north of Rambouillet, 5 cars left burning.
46 P-47s completed mission.
(iii) 2 a/c abortive:
(a) Nil
(b) Nil
(c) 1 tachometer, 1 oil leak
(d) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47D Cat. AB, flying bomb debris.
(viii) 46

C. (i) 48 100 gallon-American
(ii) 46 100 gallon-American

D. (i) 132:05
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 76,800 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 10,517 (50 calibre ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 96 500 pound GP bombs
(ii) 28 on R.R. tracks between Bourdan and Auneau, NE of Chartres.
32 on railway lines 8 miles SE of Etampes.
32 on single track of SW R.R. Between Chartres and Etampes.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
4 returned to home base.

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A. (i. Wil
(ii) Wil
(iii) Wil

-For the Group Commander

J. J. [illegible],
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP GC/6
APO 141 US Army

16 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Oprep No 2 for period ending Sunset 14 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.C. 383.

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4. A. 48 P-47D, carrying 96 x 500 pound GP bombs, dispatched at 1708 hours to attack highway traffic and rolling stock in Argentan, Alencon, Le Mans, Tours area. Course flown was base to Fecamp to Argentan, to Alencon to Le Mans to Tours to Trouville to base. L/F in Fecamp, 1759 hours, 12,000 ft. Over target area 1815-1847 hours. 15 A/C dropped 30 GP bombs, fused 8-11 seconds tail only, on marshalling yard at Le Mans and power unit approximately 4 miles S of Le Mans. Dive started 3,000 ft, angle of 30 degrees, bombs released from 1200 ft. 30 hits in target area. In marshalling yard, approximately 100 passenger coaches bombed and strafed resulting in 1 locomotive destroyed and an undetermined number of coaches damaged. 16 A/C dropped 32 x 500 pound bombs, fused 8-11 second delay tail, on R.R. cars and locomotives at Marolles and other targets in the area. Dive started 1,000 ft, angle of 50 degrees, bombs released from 50 ft. The following results were observed: 1 locomotive, 1 concrete bridge destroyed at Maralles, 8 R.R. cars burning; 1 radio truck destroyed at Trum; 1 locomotive destroyed at Nuron; 1 locomotive damaged 1 mile N of Lille; 2 locomotives, 1 command car destroyed, 6 goods wagons burning at Lille; 2 locomotives damaged, 1 large truck destroyed at Le Mans; R.R. didings and tracks between Le Mans and Beaumont strafed, resulting in 2 trucks destroyed on

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highway, 4 R.R. cars damaged. 16 A/C dropped 32 x 500 pound GP bombs, fused 8-11 second tail delay, from 3,000 ft, angle of 25-30 degrees, releasing from 1,500 ft, in target area resulting in following claims: 2 locomotives and tracks damaged W of Beaumont Sur S; 2 locomotives damaged on line between Cautern and Pre En P; radio station between Cauterne and Pre En P attacked, 1 tower destroyed; 3 direct hits on goods wagons in marshalling yard at Pre En P; train with 3 cars bearing trucks damaged at Sees; 1 locomotive, rolling stock damaged at Tresson; goods wagons damaged at Mont Fort; 1 truck destroyed at Place. L/F out at Trouville 1922 hours, 10,000 ft. No E/A seen. Flak: moderate, inaccurate light at Le Mans. 1 A/C landed at beachhead in France and is safe; 2 bombs on this A/C are unaccounted for although reports from other flights indicate that bomb run was made. Weather: over target 5/10 cloud cover, base 4,000 ft, top 6,000 ft, visibility excellent; from French coast to Alencon 8/10 cloud cover, base 4,000 ft, top 8,000 ft, visibility excellent. 47 A/C completed mission landing at home base 2006 hours.

B. (i) 48 P-47D.
(ii) 15 bombed marshalling yard at Le Mans and power unit 4 miles S of Le Mans.
16 bombed R.R. locomotives and cars at Marolles.
16 bombed targets in Pre en P area.
47 P-47D completed mission.
(iii) 1 landed on beachhead in France, weather.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 48.

C. (i) 48 - 100 gallon American.
(ii) 48 - 100 gallon American.

D. (i) 137:45
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 76,800 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 32,383
(iii) 1,600 (1 A/C landing at beachhead transferred)

F. (i) 96 x 500 pound GP bombs fused 8-11 second tail only.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP
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17 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Oprep No. 1 for period ending Sunset 15 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 385.

4. A. On June 15, 1944, operating under Operations Order No. 385, IX FC, the Group performed successive Squadron missions of armed reconnaissance, commencing just after dawn and continuing throughout the day, on all roads S of Valognes. The Squadrons were dispatched singly at intervals of 2 hours, and performed their missions as follows. 16 P-47D dispatched at 0601 hours, made L/F in St. Pierre Eglise, 0651 hours, 12,000 ft. Over target area 0655 hours. 4 A/C dropped 8 x 500 pound GP bombs on 3 armored cars at Cerisy, W of Coutances, destroying or seriously damaging same. 2 A/C dropped 4 x 500 pound GP bombs on box cars at T2628, destroying 6. 2 A/C dropped 4 x 500 pound GP bombs on bridge at T2626, destroying same. 4 A/C dropped 8 x 500 pound GP bombs on R.R. fill NW of Coutances, and strafed R.R. cars in area. 3 A/C dropped 6 x 500 pound GP bombs on bridges SW of Coutances, destroying same. Dive started at 2,000 ft, angle of 45 degrees, bombs released from 50 ft. L/F out at Vraswille, 0745, 6,000 ft. 2 bombs released over Channel due to bomb release failure over target.
16 P-47D , dispatched at 0-0 hours, made L/F in St. Pierre eglise, 0950, 14,000 ft. Over target area 0954 hours. 4 A/C dropped 31 x 500 pound GP bombs, going from 3,000 ft, angle of 25 degrees, releasing from 500 ft. 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on Villedieu Les Poles freight yards. 1 hit on cars, 2 on tracks. 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on gun positions at 0-1404 containing about 10 heavy guns. 6 direct hits causing much damage. 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on R.R. tracks at St. Symphorian. 1 hit on

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position at T-0997 strafed. Armored vehicle at T-2090 damaged by strafing. A/C out Cresville, 2130 hours, 6,000 ft. 2 bombs brought back. 1 abortive, oil leak, bombs returned to home base. Last Squadron landed at home base 2239 hours.

b. (i) 125 T-47's.
(ii) 4 a/c bombed 3 armored cars at Derisy.
2 a/c bombed box cars at T-2028.
2 a/c bombed bridge at T-2026.
4 a/c bombed A.A. fill in Boutances and strafed A.A. cars in area.
3 a/c bombed bridge S.W. of Boutances.
4 a/c bombed Villedieu Les Poles freight yards.
4 a/c bombed gun positions at O-1404.
4 a/c bombed A.A. tracks at St. Symphorian.
4 a/c bombed single track A.A. S of Feriers.
13 a/c bombed bridges at 129124, 143010, 130015, sheet 6A/3 and 4. 1:50,000 series.
8 a/c bombed A.A. bridge, tracks and cars at Feriers.
4 a/c bombed large highway bridge S.W. Boutances.
4 a/c bombed A.A. tracks at T-2320.
4 a/c bombed bridge at O-1500.
4 a/c bombed bridge at T-5149.
4 a/c bombed A.A. tracks at T-2255.
3 a/c bombed bridge and tracks at T-2534.
12 a/c bombed gun emplacements 3 miles N La Haye du Puits.
4 a/c bombed A.A. tracks N La Haye du Puits.
30 a/c bombed bridge T-197985.
(iii) a. nil.
b. 1 lost flight and returned to base.
c. 1 oil leak, 1 radio.
d. 1 bomb release failure over target.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) 1,3 miles N La Haye du Puits, flak.
(vii) 1 category A, flak.
(viii) 122.

c. (i) 125 - 100 gallon American.
(ii) 51 - 100 gallon American.

d. (i) 361:00.
(ii) Nil.

e. (i) 200,000 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 27,689.
(iii) 1,600.

f. (i) 250 x 500 pound G.P. bombs, fused 8-11 seconds, tail only.

[illegible]

21 June 1944.

SECRET: [illegible].

TO : [illegible] General, Ninth Air Force, Ref: AC 1290.
[illegible] Per Mail, HQ 1 Tactical Air Command, Ref: Sec'y Memo.
[illegible] Miller, 109th Photo Rcn Wing, Ref: Orig Summary.

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1. In connection with Ninth Air Force Mission No. [illegible], the following report is submitted.

2. From: 109th Photo-Recon Wing.

3. Group No. 1 Sqdn Aircraft Dispatched 20 June 1944.

Mission or Objective No. 1 to 20 L.C. 391.

4. 4 - AC P-47's, each carrying one 75 gal tank and 2 K 500 lb. bombs [illegible] Mission really much, the target at 1 55 to give us a run [illegible] on Cherbourg Peninsula. Course flown S [illegible] to St. Dizier-le-Coint to Courtenot to return [illegible] route. 1/C St. Pierre [illegible] hours, 3,000 ft. Pilot [illegible] - hours. 15 A/C dropped 30 x 500 lb GP bombs fused [illegible] - 11 second delay from 3,000 ft. Dive 45 degrees, release from 3,000 ft, on 314th, sheet 1 [illegible] 3 & 4. No [illegible] observed but many smoke locations [illegible] hit. If [illegible] were there, they were protected. 16 A/C dropped 30 K 500 lb bombs fused [illegible] - 11 second delay from 3,000 ft. Dive 45 degrees, release from 3,000 ft., on 314th, sheet 1 [illegible] 3 & 4. Good concentration of hits on and [illegible] of field. [illegible] observed at south end of field [illegible]. 4 A/C dropped 24 x 500 lb GP bombs fused - 11 second delay from 3,000 ft, [illegible] 45 degrees, release from 3,000 ft, on 314th, sheet 1 [illegible] 3 & 4. Hits [illegible] observed. One F/O aborted due to [illegible] and returned with bombs. Route to St. Pierre [illegible]. [illegible] were dropped, as [illegible] not attached. Two bombs jettisoned in channel, five [illegible] back to base. 1/C St. Pierre, 3,000 ft, 1545 hours. Three A/C aborted: 1 generator out, 1 over heat. 1 escort. No E/A seen. At 1545, 10 rds, moderate, inaccurate flak encountered. At 1 [illegible], light flak was fired and silenced. Intense and accurate [illegible] fire at St. Pierre [illegible]. Over target [illegible] hours. One P-47 from [illegible] flak [illegible] - hit

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP GC/6
APO 141 US Army

19 June 1944.

SUBJECT: OPREP.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Oprep No. 1 for the period ending Sunset 17 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 392.

4. A. 20 P-47's dispatched at 0618 hours, 27 P-47 dispatched at 0844 hours to attack troop concentrations about 2 miles E of St. Lo. XII A/C carried 2 fragmentation clusters, consisting of 18 x 23 lb bombs to each cluster. Target was attacked by 45 A/C dropping 1566 x 23 lb bombs from 600 ft, level flight. 19 A/C over target 0737. 27 A/C over target 0934 hours. Good concentration of hits obtained on target. Little activity observed in target area. 4 bombs clusters (72 x 23 lb bombs) jettisoned in Channel, 2 clusters by 1 A/C aborting due to radio, 2 jettisoned total of 2 clusters due to release failure over target. 2 clusters returned to beachead landing strip by F/O Blazicek where they exploded upon landing, seriously injuring pilot, and incurring major damage to A/C. 1 Cluster accidently dropped over our territory. Moderate, accurate small arms fire and light flak encountered in target area. Group was ordered to land at two advance landing grounds on beachead, and after so on the completion of mission, carried out later mission under advance headquarters control. Interrogation and report of the results of these missions were performed by personnel on A.L.O.'s and only partial information available here, which is as follows: 14 A/C, carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs, attacked parked vehicles on road in NW corner of Cherbourg Peninsula, over target 2010-2100 hours. 4 A/C dispatched with 2 x 500 lb GP bombs each and these 4 A/C attacked road and trucks near Perier. 1 direct hit, other near misses. This section bounced by 3 ME-109 vicinity Lessay, 3,000 ft, ensuing combat resulted in 1 ME-109 destroyed. Approximately 12 other A/C attacked motor transport La Haye du Puits area. Results undetermined. Approximately 18 A/C attacked horse drawn artillery units S of La Haye du Puits.

with 2 x 500 lb bombs, and strafing. Several direct bomb hits obtained, and with effective strafing attacks caused considerable damage to these units, approximately 25 of the units being destroyed. During the day 4 A/C were dispatched on escort to one C-47 to England. Escort uneventful. Combat with 4 plus FW-190's ensued 1615 hours vicinity Periers, resulting in loss of 1 P-47, and claims of 1 FW 190 destroyed, 1 FW-190 probably destroyed, and 2 FW-190's damaged. This took place at approximately 2,000 ft. Intense accurate light flak and machine gun fire encountered between La Haye du Puits and Lessay. Weather: 3/10 cloud cover over target areas, base 4,000 ft, visibility 2 miles. En route from England to continent 4/10 cloud, base 4,000 ft, 3 miles visibility.

B. (i) 99 P-47D.
(ii) 45 bombed troop concentrations about 2 miles E of St. Lo.
14 bombed parked vehicles on road In NW corner Cherbourg Peninsula.
4 bombed and strafed road and trucks near Perier.
12 bombed motor transport La Haye du Puits area.
18 bombed and strafed horse drawn artillery units S of La Haye du Puits.
4 escorted 1 C-47 to England.
(iii) (a) Nil.
(b) Nil.
(c) 1 radio.
(d) 1 bomb release failure over target.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) 1 vicinity Carentan E/A; 1 S Perier, enemy AA
(vii) 1 AC, landing accident, 2 caregory E, flak, 1 Category B, 2 category A.
(viii) 99.

C. (i) 47 - 150 gallon - American.
(ii) 47 - 150 gallon - American.

D. (i) 199:00.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 158,400 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) Unknown, A/C loaded in France.
(iii) 3200.

F. (i) 1692 x 20 lb fragmentation bombs.
96 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail.
(ii) 1566 frag bombs on troop concentration 2 Miles E. St. Lo.
28 x 500 lb bombs on parked vehicles NW corner Cherbourg Peninsula.
8 x 500 lb bombs on road and trucks near Perier.
24 x 500 lb bombs transport La Haye du Puits.
36 x 500 lb bombs on horse drawn artillery S La Haye du Puits.
(iii) 126 x 23 lb frags.
(iv) Nil.

G. 1st Lt. Philip D. Brockus, MIA.

G. continued.
1st Lt. Victor Idol, MIA.
F/O Jacob Blazicek, SIA.
2nd Lt. Doyle Nee, LIA.

H. In Air:
(i) 1 ME-109, 1st Lt. Joe Holloway.
1 FW 190, 2nd Lt. Kropenick, Colonel Wells shared.
(ii) 1 FW 190, Captain Austin
(iii) 1 FW 190, Lt. Kantorski; 1 FW 190 Lt. Tuck.

For the Group Commander:

J. C. [illegible],
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP GC/6
APO 141 US Army

20 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Oprep No. 1 for 18 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 394.

4. A. 16 P-47D, each carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail, dispatched at 1002 to escort and bomb with A-20's, attacking oil stocks in woods SW Conches A/D. Course was base to Beachy Head to St. Valery to target to Cabourg. R/V with bombers at Beachy Head, 9,000 ft, 1040 hours. L/F in St. Valery, 13,000 ft, 1055 hours. Arrived target area 1110 hours. Solid overcast in target area made it impossible to locate target. Neither A-20's nor P-47's dropped bombs. L/F out 11,000 ft, 1130 hours. Maintained escort of A-20's until 10 minutes beyond enemy coast at 1140 hours. All A/C returned to base with bombs. No flak; no E/A seen. Weather: over target 10/10 cloud cover base, 3,000 ft, top 4,500 ft. Air to air visibility 8 miles. Elsewhere along route 3-5/10 base 3,000 ft, top 4,500. Air to air visibility 8 miles.

B. (i) 16 P-47D.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) 16 poor weather over target.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 16.

C. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

D. (i) 40:00
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 25,600 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 32 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
32 bombs returned to base.

G. Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 368TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP GC/o
APO 141 US Army

21 June 1944.

SUBJECT: OPREP.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 20 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 19 June 1944.

For the Group Commander:

J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP GC/6
APO 141 US Army

22 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Oprep No. 1 for period ending Sunset 20 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 400.

4. A. 36 P-47's dispatched at 2056 hours to attack military traffic, roads, and railroads in Paris-Laon area. L/F in Le Treport, 2155 hours, 12,000 ft. Proceeded S to vicinity of Pontoise just N of Paris, where Group began attacking targets in sections and flights. 36 A/C dropped 72 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused instantaneous, on various targets, glide bombing from 6,000 ft, angle of 40 degrees, releasing at 1,500 ft. In target area 2200-2215 hours. 8 A/C dropped 16 x 500 lb bombs on R.R. sidings and 25-30 freight cars at Attichy E. of Compiegne. 2 direct hits on tracks. 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on 45 plus freight cars at Moissler. 1 direct hit seen on cars. 8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on road convoy o ten armored vehicles, 10 large trucks at Amblainville, 10 miles N of Pontoise headed S. Hits destroyed 3 armored vehicles and 4 trucks. 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on Meru freight yards. Hits observed on R.R. tracks. 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on Chantilly freight yards. 5 direct hits, 1 near miss on 75-80 box cars. Large explosions and flames resulted. 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on Lassigny freight yards. 6 hits on target. 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on R.R. fill and tracks at Clermont. Track believed cut. L/F out Cayeux, 2234 hours, 3,000 ft. No E/A seen. Intense, inaccurate light and heavy flak N of Pontoise; moderate, inaccurate, heavy flak at Arugil and Etrepagny A/D. No clouds over target, visibility

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2-3 miles in haze. 8/10 cloud over route to and from target, base 700 ft, tops 1,500 ft. Visibility 2 miles. 36 A/C completed mission, landing at home base 2320 hours.

B. (i) 36 P-47D.
(ii) 8 A/C bombed R.R. sidings and freight cars at Attichy, E of Compiegne.
4 A/C bombed 45 plus freight cars at Moissler.
8 A/C bombed road convoy of armored vehicles and trucks 10 miles N of Pontoise.
4 A/C bombed Meru freight yards.
4 A/C bombed Chantilly freight yards.
4 A/C bombed Lassigny freight yards.
4 A/C bombed R.R. fill and tracks at Clermont.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 36.

C. (i) 36 - 150 gallon - American.
(ii) 35 - 150 gallon - American.

D. (i) 81:30.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 57,600 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 6,262.
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 72 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused instantaneous.
(ii) 16 on R.R. sidings and freight cars at Attichy, E of Compiegne.
8 on 45 plus freight cars at Moissler.
16 on road convoy of armored vehicles and trucks 10 miles N of Pontoise.
8 on Meru freight yards.
8 on Chantilly freight yards.
8 on Lassigny freight yards.
8 on R.R. fill and tracks at Clermont.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

G. Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

O. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical ...

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP GC/6
APO 141 US Army

23 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat
Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter-Bomber Group.

3. Oprep No. 1 for period ending Sunset 21 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC C.O. 403.

4. A. 46 P-47's, each carrying external load of 2 x 150 gallon belly tanks, dispatched at 0820 hours to furnish withdrawal support to B-17's attacking targets in Berlin area. L/F in Hook of Holland, 0955 hours, 17,000 ft. R/V with bombers NE of Hamburg, 1105 hours, 23,000 ft. Maintained escort without incident to enemy coast where Group left bombers and made L/F out S of Haarlem, 1145 hours, 23,000 ft. Flak: intense, accurate heavy at Hamburg and Bremen, 24,000 ft; moderate, inaccurate heavy at New Munster. 3 A/C damaged by flak; 2 over Hamburg, category A; 1 over Cap Gris Nez, category AC. No E/A seen. Bombers in good formation. Much shipping activity observed in canals S and E of Bremen. 1 pilot upon calling for homing on C channel was given course of 345 degrees. Upon calling later he was advised to steer 175 degrees. This course brought him back over enemy coast, where he was greeted by light and heavy flak from Cap Gris Nez. When given 175 degrees again, he demanded code call from homer, and radio station was silent thereafter. Believed to be German radio station. 2 A/C collided in overcast 2 miles WSW West Malling. Both A/C crashed and burned, both pilots were killed. 10/10 cloud to Bremen, base 1,000

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4. A. ft, top 4,000, breaking to 8-9/10 to NW Hamburg. scattered to SE Hamburg. Non-persistant contrails at 20,000 ft. 40 A/C completed mission. Landed 1335 hours.

B. (i) 46 P-47's.
(ii) 40 P-47's escorted heavy bombers attacking Berlin.
(iii) (a) 2 lost in overcast.
(b) Nil.
(c) 1 oil leak.
(d) 1 escort.
(iv) Nil.
(v) 2 collided 2 miles WSW West Malling.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) 2 category A, flak; 1 category AC, flak.
(viii) 40.

C. (i) 92 - 150 gallon - American.
(ii) 92 - 150 gallon - American.

D. (i) 207:00
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 73,600 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) Nil.
(iii) 3,200.

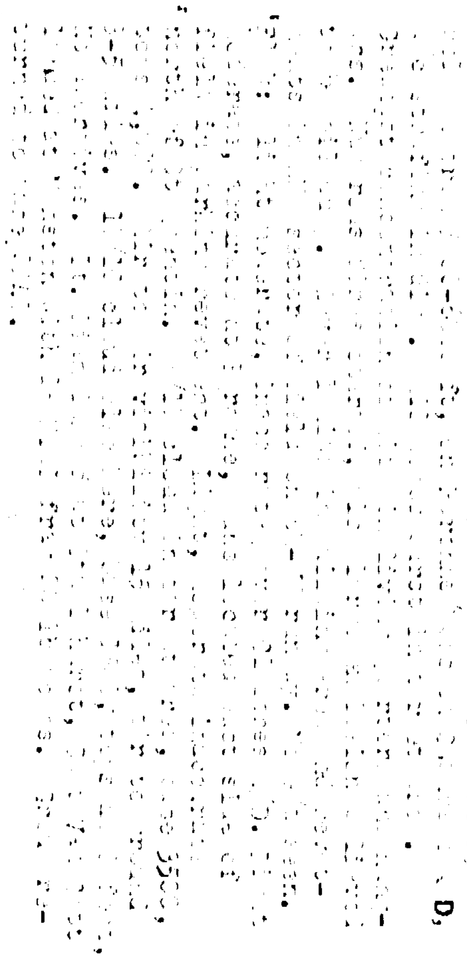
F. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

G. (i) Captain Edward H. Sprietsma, 0-732392, KIA.
2nd Lt. George T. Malone, Jr.,0-810533, KIA.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.



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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP GC/6
APO 141 US Army

24 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No 1 for period ending Sunset 22 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 406.

4. A. 47 P-47's, each carrying external load of 3 x 500 lb GP bombs, dispatched at 1231 to perform low level bombing and strafing attacks on targets in N sector of Cherbourg Peninsula. Course flown was base to St. Catherines' Point, to Omondville to target area to Pte de Barfleur to St. Catherines' Point to base. L/F in Omondville 1333, 11,000 ft, in target area 1335-1341 hours. 15 A/C dropped 44 bombs from 200 ft on 0-0722. All bombs hit in target area, Flottemanville-Hague. Direct hits scored on gun emplacements, buildings and oil dump which was seen to explode. 1 flak tower severely damaged at Cap Levy. 15 A/C dropped 45 bombs from 250-400 ft, om 0-1617. All hits in target area on blockhouses, barracks and guns. 15 A/C dropped 41 bombs from 1,000 ft on 0-1019. All hits in target area on barracks and defensive positions. 4 bombs returned to base, 3 jettisoned near base, 3 jettisoned in Channel, 1 lost at home base on take-off. 2 A/C abortive; 1 personnel, 1 mechanical. Personnel occurred when Lt. Miller struck trees at end of runway with landing gear on take-off. He proceeded to Manston where he belly landed his A/C. L/F out Pte de Barfleur, 1343 hours, 4,000 ft. No E/A seen. Flak: heavy, intense, fairly accurate at Beaumont-Hague, SE Cherbourg, Henneville, and Octeville. 45 A/C completed mission, landing at home base 1442 hours.

B. (i) 47 P-47D.
(ii) 15 bombed O-0722.
15 bombed O-1617.
15 bombed O-1019.
(iii) (a) Nil.
(b) 1 .
(c) 1 cylinder head temperature guage out.
(d) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) 4 category A. flak; 1 category AC, belly landing.
(viii) 45.

C. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

D. (i) 103:45.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 75,200 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 25,060
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 141 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 8-11 second delay.
(ii) 44 on O-0722.
45 on O-1617.
41 on O-1019.
(iii) 6.
(iv) Nil.
4 returned to base; 1 lost on take-off at home base.

G. Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US Army

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24 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, att; Stat Control.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No 2 for period ending Sunset 22 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 407.

4. A. 16 P-47's dispatched at 2020 hours to escort medium bombers to and from a target in France. Course flown to St. Catherines Point, Isle of Wright, where R/V made with bombers 2050, 12,000 ft. L/F in W of Grandcamp, 2113 hours, 12,000 ft. Turn to left made at Mortain, 2121 hours, 12,000 ft. Bombers reached target between towns of La Ferte Mace and Magny at 2128 hours, leaving 2133 hours. Good concentration of hits observed on target in woods. L/F out Dives Sur M. at 2150 hours, 12,000 ft. Squadron withdrew from bombers just before Shoreham at 2215 hours, 12,000 ft. 16 A/C completed mission, landing at home base 2235 hours. No flak, no E/A. Weather: 1-2/10 cloud at 15,000 ft. Visibility excellent. 15 P-47D and 16 P-47D dispatched at 1949 hours and 1959 hours respectively, to escort separate boxes of medium bombers to a single target, fuel dump at La Chapelle Moche, in France. 15 A/C made R/V at St. Catherines Point, 2027 hours, 12,000 ft; 16 A/C made R/V same location and altitude at 2037 hours. These boxes escorted uneventfully, making L/F in 2046, 2059 hours respectively, W of Grandcamp, 12,000 ft. Target attacked 2114 to 2128 hours with good concentration of hits on woods. Dark smoke rose from target area. L/F out Cobourg, 2139, 2145 hours respectively, 12,000 ft. Withdrew from bombers at St. Catherines Point, 2200, 2210 hours, at 7,000 ft. Landed at home base 2219, 2240 hours. No flak. No E/A seen.

B. (i) 47 P-47D.
(ii) 47 P-47D escorted medium bombers.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 47.

C. (i) 47 - 100 gallon - American.
(ii) 12 - 100 gallon - American.

D. (i) 122:30.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 75,200 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

G. Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP
APO 141
US ARMY

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25 June 1944.

SUBJECT: OPREP.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Comm. Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 23 June 1944.

For the Group Commander:

J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP
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25 June 1944.

SUBJECT: OPREP.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Comm. Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 24 June 1944.

For the Group Commander:

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J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 356TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US Army

26 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att; Stat Control.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att; Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att; Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No 1 for period ending Sunset 25 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 413, Par. H,I,J.

4. A. 48 P-47's dispatched at intervals by squadrons, 16 A/C each, to escort two boxes of A-20's, one box of B-26's to and from fuel dump target East of DOMFRONT. No bombs carried by our aircraft. (Par.H.) 365th Squadron, 16 A/C, dispatched 0732, made R/V at WORTHING, 0800, 14,000 ft., L/F in CABOURG 0829, 14,000 ft. Flew course to approximately LIGNERES, turned left to target run. Over target 0846. Bombs fell in East end of woods and to right of road. L/F out CABOURG 0902, 14,000 ft. Withdrew from bombers WORTHING, 0930, 10,000 ft. Saw one black sausage shaped ballon drifting west from LE HAVRE, 14,000 ft., 0829. No flak. no E/A seen. Weather 4/10 cirrus over channel and continent, 15,000 ft. base. Haze 7,000 ft. Visibility excellent. (Par.I) 366th Squadron, 16 A/C dispatched 0739, made R/V at WORTHING 0810, 14,000 ft. with one box of A-20's. Course same as 365th Squadron. L/F in CABOURG, 0837, 11,000 ft. over target 0858, L/F out CABOURG 0913, 10,000 ft. Excellent bombing pattern on woods both sides of road. No flak, no E/A seen. Left bombers WORTHING, 0942,

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10,000 ft. Landed base 0953. Weather: no cloud over target but 1/10 en route, base 14,000 ft. Visibility 15 miles. (Par. J.) 367th Squadron, 16 A/C, dispatched at 0817, made R/V 0855, WORTHING, 13,000 ft. L/F in TROUVILLE, 0928, 13,000 ft. over target 0938. Good concentration of bomb hits on woods observed, but due to smoke and dust other results not seen. L/F out CABOURG, 1000 hours 13,000 ft., Left bombers North of CABOURG, 1010 hours, 13,000 ft., landing at base 1039. No flak, no E/A seen. Weather, clear with visibility restricted to 7 miles in haze.

B. (i) 48 P-47D.
(ii) 48 P-47D escorted light and medium bombers.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 48.

C. (i) 16 - 100 gallon - American.
32 - 150 gallon - American.
(ii) 5 - 150 gallon - American.

D. (i) 116:00.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 76,800 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

G. (i) Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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SUBJECT: [illegible].

TO : Commanding General, VIII Fighter Command, Att: [illegible].
Commanding General, [illegible] Air Command, Att: [illegible].
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: [illegible].

1. In compliance with VIIIth Air Force Memo [illegible], dated 1 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 350th Fighter Group.

3. Report No. 2 for period ending 0 hours 25 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: 1st to 24th, All-B.

4. a. 48 P-47's each carrying external load of 1 - 150 gallon tanks, dispatched by 8 squadrons of 6 a/c each at 1450, 1510, 1530 hours to provide penetration, target and withdrawal escort for Marauders attacking petrol tanks in woods N of Beauvoir. Course flown was base to Northing to Jabourg to target to Jabourg to Northing to base. 16 a/c supporting first box of bombers made a/V at 1535, Northing, 8,000 ft. c/f in made 1550, 10,000 ft at Dives. In target area 1628-1633. Observed bombing to be excellent in pattern, resulting in one particularly intense fire and grey smoke in woods. c/f out at Dieppe, 10,000 ft, 1653 hours. Withdrew from bombers at Eye, 1721, 16 a/c supporting second box of bombers, a/V at Northing 1549, 14,000 ft. c/f in 1620 hours, Jabourg, 13,000 ft. In target area 1643-1653 hours. Bombers laid down good pattern of hits. 4 sticks parallel to each other. c/f out Fronville, 1708, 13,000 ft. Withdrew from bombers Dungeness, 1730, 13,000 ft. 16 a/c supporting third box of bombers made a/V at Northing, 1610 hours, 8,000 ft. c/f in Jabourg, 1640, 14,000 ft. In target area 1703-1713. Bombers scored good concentration of hits on target. 5-6 fires observed burning, with columns of white smoke up to 3,000 ft. 4 a/c escorted 1 Marauder on 1 engine to beachead area, then over Channel. Other engine had been shot by intense accurate heavy flak at Espinay. Flight Leader called Uppdan for homing, receiving 82, obviously incorrect. Vector believed given by enemy. c/f out Jabourg 1735, 14,000 ft. Withdrew from bombers over Channel, 1755. Flak: intense, inaccurate heavy over following a/d: Verneuil, Creteuil, Conches and Beaumont. Light meager, inaccurate over same a/d's. No E/A seen. Group returned to base 1811 hours. Weather: 1-2/10 cloud over target, base 6,000 ft, top 8,000 ft; visibility 5-10 miles. Elsewhere along route, 1-2/10 base 10,000

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5. (i) 49 F-47D.
(ii) 48 completed escort of Maraders attacking Germans.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 48.

6. (i) 48 - 150 gallon - American.
(ii) 6 - 150 gallon - American.

7. (i) 132:45.
(ii) Nil.

8. (i) 70,800 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

9. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

10. Nil.

11. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

H. Watt

J. S. Watt,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US Army

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27 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att; Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att; Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 26 June 1944.

For the Group Commander:

J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HQ, [illegible] 9th Fighter Group
APO [illegible] US Army

29 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, att: [illegible].
Commanding General, [illegible] Tactical Air Command, att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 15-3, dated 20 [illegible] Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 1. for period ending Sunset 27 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: AA FO O.O. 117-a.

4. a.. 36 P-47's, 12 a/c carrying external load of 1 x 150 gallon belly tank, 24 a/c carrying 1 x 150 gallon belly tank and 2 x 500 lb. GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail dispatched at 1442 on armed reconnaissance in Dreux, Chartres, Alencon, Argentan area, and also specifically to glide bomb fuel dumps in wooded area near Argentan, co-ordinates H 070 V 042. Course was base to Beachy Head to Fecamp to Argentan to Dreux to Chartres to Alencon to Argentan to Fecamp to Beachy Head to base. A/I Fecamp 1539, 12,000 ft. In target area 1600-1656. A/C Fecamp 1715, 10,000 ft. 12 a/c acted as escort. 21 a/c dropped 42 bombs from 3500 ft., angle 30 degrees, release from 1,000 ft. in wooded target area. 42 hits in area, large fires started. 15 tanks observed from 1.0 ft. vicinity., [illegible] approx. 10 miles NE Alencon, at 1610 heading SW. Tanks were attacked resulting in 2 tanks destroyed, 1 probably destroyed, 1 damaged. Lt. Barber's a/c was struck by tank fire and he was last seen preparing for belly landing near Courtomer, 15 miles SE Argentan. His a/c was not on fire. Large fuel truck strafed 3 miles E. of Argentan, exploded and was set ablaze. 1 staff car destroyed by strafing at St. Maurice des [illegible]., 15 miles SW Vermeil a/D. 1 truck destroyed between

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E. (i) 36 P-47 D
(ii) 31 A/C bombed target area.
(iii) 5 A/C abortives.
(a) Nil.
(b) Nil.
(c) 2 Radio, 1 belly tank failure, 1 oil leak, 1 prop.
(d) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) 1 vicinity of Courtomer E/T fire.
(vii) 2 A/C damaged by flak, 1, Cat.A., 1 Cat. AC.
(viii) 31

C. (i) 5 (100 gallon tanks, American)
31 (150 gallon tanks, American)
(ii) 5 (100 gallon tanks, American)
7 (150 gallon tanks, American)

D. (i) 86:30
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 57,600 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 13,055 (50 calibre ammunition)
(iii) 1,600 (50 calibre ammunition)

F. (i) 48 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused nose 1/10 second and tail at 1/40 second.
(ii) 42 hits in target area.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
6 bombs returned to base.

G. 1st Lt John R. Harber, O-675768, MLA.

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4. a. [illegible] a/c [illegible] Chartres, Alencon, [illegible] Dreux [illegible] Chartres to Alencon to [illegible] Dreux. A/A fierce, 12,000 feet, light. In target area 2000 to 2045. A/A fierce, 12,000 feet, white. 2 a/c dropped 40 bombs, 1000 to 1045, from 4,000 ft, angle 20 degrees, release from 500, 100 and 50 ft. on various targets of opportunity in assigned area. 7 a/c dropped 14 bombs on 2 tanks north of Dreux. 4 near misses, no hits. Lt. Buckley, hit by flak over target, crashed into ground 15 miles north of Dreux, 1 a/c dropped 10 bombs on truck on road east of Argentan, destroying it. Lt. Littlejohn hit by flak crash-landed on reconnaissance. 6 a/c dropped 12 bombs on tank and vehicles dispersed in wooded area north of Evreux. All hits in woods. Extent of damage, unknown. These a/c then strafed vehicles parked on road S.W. of Vernouil a/f, damaging same. 2 aborts brought back to base, 2 jettisoned channel because of mechanical difficulty. 12 a/c returned as escort. No E/A seen. Flak over target light, inaccurate, tense, and accurate north of Dreux. Major, [illegible]

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Hdqrs. Detached 358th Fighter Group, APO [illegible] 50/7
APO 121 US Army

30 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: [illegible].
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep. No. 1. for period ending Sunset 28 June 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: Force Assignment #1.

4. A. Group was assigned area patrol over the beachead. 16 P-47's, each a/c carrying external load of 1 x 150 gallon belly tank, dispatched at 0430 on patrol of eastern and western beachhead areas. Boundaries of area were Le Havre, Goule, Tilly, St Saveur le V. A/I Le Havre 0501, 12,000 ft. In area 0510 - 0640. A/C Le Havre, 0647, 12,000 ft. At 0600, 12,000 ft, at Burley's flight was bounced by 8 Me 109's, approximately 8 miles east of Caen. A/a came through overcast, fired on flight, then climbed and made another pass at which time Lt. Dew fired at A/a for which he does not enter any claim. A/a then climbed into overcast and never reappeared. Lt Charbonneau's a/c was damaged by 20 mm shell on first pass. He landed on a strip in France, then took off again and returned to base. Heavy moderate accurate flak from A/F southwest of Caen. 1 a/c abortive due to weather. Squadron returned to base 0745. 16 P-47's, each a/c carrying external load of 1 x 150 gallon belly tank, dispatched at 0554, on similar type mission, covering same areas. A/I 0631 Le Havre, 12,000 ft. In area 0640 - 0810. A/C Le Havre, 0815, 12,000 ft. Patrol was uneventful. Heavy meager accurate flak from A/C southwest of Caen. Observed Me 109's in distance attacking other squadron. Weather: over target, 10/10 cloud, base 13,000 ft, tops 14,000, visibility 10-15 miles. Elsewhere along route: 10/10 cloud, base 12,500 ft, tops 13,000. visibility 10-15

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5. (i) 32 [illegible]
(ii) 31 n/c
(iii) 1 n/c atomics.
(a) 1 negative.
(b) nil.
(c) nil.
(d) nil.
(iv) nil.
(v) nil.
(vi) nil.
(vii) 1 damaged by 20 mm. shell. Class'd by n.
(viii) 31

6. (i) 3 (250 gallon tanks, armour,
(ii) 5 (150 gallon tanks, armour)

7. (i) 100%
(ii) nil.

8. (i) 51,000 (9 gallons per min.)
(ii) 500 (1 gallon per min.)
(iii) nil.

9. (i) nil.
(ii) nil.
(iii) nil.
(iv) nil.

10. nil.

11. (i) nil.
(ii) nil.
(iii) nil.

For the Group Commander:

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Captain, AIR [illegible]
Intelligence Offi[illegible]

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1. In accordance with [illegible] the following report is submitted.

2. Form: [illegible]

3. Copy No. 1 for period ending [illegible]

Mission or Operation No.: [illegible]

4. a. Group was assigned area patrol over [illegible] for the day. Each squadron covered the east or [illegible] western beach ad areas for 2 periods of 4 hours each. Boundaries of area were Le Havre, Houlgate, Pont Audemer, St Saveur le V. 365th Squadron dispatched 16 a/c, each carrying external load of 1 x 150 gallon jettison tank, at 0710. T/O Le Havre 0805, 12,000 ft. In area 0824 to 0940. Landed Advon #2, Cricqueville, at 1035. Patrol uneventful. Second take-off, 16 a/c dispatched at 1230. In area 1410 to 1510, 5,000 to 6000 ft. T/O Le Havre, 1515, at 5,000 ft. Patrol uneventful. Flak meager, inaccurate flak north of Caen. No e/a seen. No abortives. Squadron landed at base 1502. Throughout patrol period, Controller "Sweepstakes", constantly requested exact location and altitude of squadron leader who refused to furnish same because it might jeopardize safety of squadron. 368th Squadron, carrying same external load as 365th, performing similar missions in same area, dispatched 16 a/c at 0840. T/O Le Havre 0923, 12,000 ft. In area 0940 to 0940. Landed at Advon # 4, 0915. Second take-off, dispatched 16 a/c at 1100. In area 1110 to 1440, 5000-6000 ft. T/O Le Havre 1245, 7,000 ft. Squadron landed at base 1310. Both patrol periods uneventful. No e/a seen. No abortives. Heavy, meager, inaccurate flak over Caen. Light, moderate, accurate flak vicinity St. Lo. Heavy, moderate accurate AA of Falaise. 397th Squadron carrying same external load, performing similar mission in same area, dispatched 16 a/c at 1230. T/O Le Havre 0512, 14,000 ft. In area 0540 to 0740. Landed at Advon

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HEADQUARTERS 350TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US Army

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1 July 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: AGSC.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 14 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 30 June 1944.

For the Group Commander:

J. S. PRATT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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Subject: [illegible].

To : [illegible], Chief, Air Force, AEC: [illegible].
[illegible], Director, Armed Forces Special Weapons, AFSWP: [illegible].
[illegible], Commanding Officer, Los Alamos Field, AEC: [illegible].

1. [illegible] change which adjusts [illegible] to [illegible] is [illegible] to be [illegible] [illegible].

For the Army Department:

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J. C. [illegible],
Captain, Air Corps,
Executive Officer.

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[illegible] July 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, att: Co S&O. (Rear)
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, att: Stat Control. (Advance)
Commanding Officer, 84th Fighter Wing, APO 595, att: Stat Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 1 for period ending Sunset 17 July 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: XX FC O.O. 786 Effort No.1.

4. a. 36 P-47's, 24 a/c carrying 48 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail, 12 a/c acting as escort, dispatching at 1345 to attack fuel dump at Conflure, map reference 7/B/3, 813266, 826258, 818246, 807243. Route was base to target to base. 42 bomb in target area at 1530 hours. Dive from 9000 ft, release at 5000 ft, angle of 70 degrees. 5 hits seen on fuel tanks, but no explosions, no fires, only small amount of black smoke. Tanks were painted red on top, clearly visible. 4 bombs on target of opportunity - railroad and road intersection a few miles west of Fougeres. 10 Fw 190's bounced the 365th Sqdn, 1445 hours, at 10,000 ft, 10 - 15 miles north of Vire. In the combat which ensued, 2 Fw 190's were destroyed, by Captain Coulter and Lt Bassler, 365th Squadron. 1 lone Fw 190 was damaged east of Avranches at 1530, 4,000 ft, by Captain Devruchy, 366th Squadron, who scored strikes on the fuselage and wings, but could not follow through because a/c disappeared into the overcast. 2 bombs jettisoned in channel. 1 a/c abortive, mechanical (bombs). No flak. Weather: No clouds over target area, visibility 6 - 8 miles. Elsewhere along route, 5/10 cloud, base 3,000 ft, tops 5,000 ft, visibility fair. Group returned to base at 1554.

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a. (i) 30 P-47D
(ii) 23 a/c attacked target. (1 a/c acting as top cover).
(iii) 1 a/c effective.
(a) Nil.
(b) Nil.
(c) 1 bomb release.
(d) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 30

b. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

c. (i) 12:30
(ii) Nil.

d. (i) 57,600 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 2,853 (50 calibre ammunition)
(iii) Nil.

e. (i) 46 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail.
(ii) 42 hits on fuel dump at Schuffye.
4 bombs on railroad and road intersection west of Poperes.
(iii) 2 x 500 lb GP bombs.
(iv) Nil.

f. (i) Nil.

g. (i) 1 Fw 190's destroyed.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) 1 Fw 190 damaged.

for the Group Commander:

Frank A. Talgan,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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c. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

d. (i) 10:15
(ii) Nil.

e. (i) 17,600 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

f. (i) 16 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 8-11 second tail only.
(ii) 14
(iii) 2
(iv) Nil.

g. Nil.

h. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

[signature]
[illegible] A. Talbot,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

mission uneventful. 1 abortive: weather. No Flak, no e/a. Weather in target area: overcast up to 18,000 ft, visibility 2-3 miles below, unlimited above. Elsewhere, base 3500 ft, in layers up to tops 17,000 ft. Top of haze over base 1500 ft. 8 a/c of 365th Sqdn carrying no external load, dispatched at 1100 to patrol American beach and assault areas. In target area 1100-1155, landed at base 1205. No flak, no e/a observed, no abortives, entire mission uneventful. Over front lines 10/10 cloud. Base 5,000 tops unknown, visibility 1-5 miles. Over Utah beachhead visibility 1 mile, NE Bayeux appeared clear. 8 a/c of 366th Sqdn, carrying no external load, dispatched at 1149 to patrol American beach and assault areas. In target area 1200-1230. Landed at base 1235. Entire mission uneventful. No flak, no e/a, no abortives. On west coast of peninsula, 10/10 cloud, base 4500 ft, tops 6500 ft, visibility 5 miles. Moving eastward toward Bayeux, weather was CAVU. 8 a/c carrying no external load, dispatched at 1316 hours to patrol American beach and assault areas. In target area from 1316-1513. Landed at base 1515. Entire mission uneventful. No flak, no e/a, no abortives. Weather over target, 8/10 clouds in layers between 5,000 and 15,000 ft. with visibility 6 miles. 8 a/c carrying no external load, dispatched at 1445 hours to patrol American beach and assault areas. In target area 1505-1640. Landed at base 1645. Heavy and light moderate accurate flak on crossroads NW Periers T-285725. 10/10 cloud south of Cherbourgh Peninsula, base 5,000 ft, tops unknown, visibility 4 miles. Over peninsula, CAVU, on west coast 6/10, base 5,000 ft, tops unknown. 8 a/c, carrying no external load, dispatched at 1625 hours to patrol American beach and assault areas. In target area 1630-1815 hours. Landed at base 1823 hours. 4 to 5 enemy tanks observed from 200 ft, seemed to be imbedded in ground south of Periers - between Periers and St Saveur at 1730, at T-2969. Mission otherwise uneventful, no flak, no e/a, no abortives. 10/10 cloud, base 1 to 5000 ft, tops 6 to 10,000 ft, visibility 2 to 3 miles. 8 a/c of 367th Sqdn carrying no external load, dispatched at 1803, to patrol American beach and assault areas. In target area 1805-1925. Landed at base 1930. Vectored SE to St. Lo for bandit, below overcast at 1,000 ft. Light, intense, accurate flak in this area at T 5756. 1 of our a/c believed destroyed by this flak. 1 pilot missing, 1st Lt. Otto K. Fuesshoff. 2 other a/c damaged by flak.

T 4070, light, intense, accurate. No e/a, no abortives. In target area 10/10 overcast base at 1000 ft, tops unknown, visibility 1 to 4 miles. 8 a/c, 365th Sqdn, carrying no external load, dispatched at 1940 to patrol American beach and assault areas. In target area 1940-2130. No e/a, flak or abortives. Fired on by friendly ack ack, 3 bursts at T-465735 at 2000. No damage. Mission otherwise uneventful. 9/10 cloud over target, base 2000 ft, tops 7,000 ft. Visibility 1/2 to 1 mile. No abortives. 7 a/c of 365th Sqdn, carrying no external load, dispatched at 2110 to patrol American beach and assault areas. In target area 2118-2205. Landed at base 2212. Lt. Shock destroyed 2, 40mm flak positions and crews at T 3274 and T 2673. 1 a/c damaged by flak. Cat. B. Intense and accurate light and heavy flak at T 3274 and T 2673 north of Periers. No E/A seen, no abortives. Mission otherwise uneventful. 10/10 cloud in target area, base 3500, tops unknown, visibility 2 miles.

B. (i) 91 P-47D
(ii) 89 P-47D Completed mission.
(iii) Abortive

(a) 1 P-47D, Weather
(b) Nil
(c) Nil
(d) Nil

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) 1 P-47D, Flak
(vii) 2 P-47D, Flak, 1 cat A, 1 cat AC
(viii) 90

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 148:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 145,600 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 128 (50 Calibre ammunition)
(iii) 1600 (50 Calibre ammunition)

F. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. MIA - OTTO [illegible]. RI[illegible]OFF, 1st Lt.

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

Frank A. Taylor
FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer

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[illegible] 368th Fighter Group
APO 141 US Army

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26 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (advance),
att: AC S3U.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command,
att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 84th Fighter Wing, att: Stat
Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 53-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 368th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 1 for period ending Sunset 19 July 1944.

Mission or Operation Order: IX FC O.O. 87.

4. A. 24 P-47's dispatched at 1840 hours to escort bombers to attack bridge near Angers over Loire River. R/V Cabourg 1858 hours, 14,000 ft. Course flown to target SW of Angers, where bridge over Loire River at Chalonnes Sur Loire was attacked. Time over target 1942-1945 hours. Excellent concentration of hits observed and two breaks in bridge were seen. Withdrew from bombers 2025 hours, Cabourg, 14,000 ft. No E/A seen. No flak at target, moderate, inaccurate heavy at Gace, 16 miles NNE of Argentan. Weather: over target, 4/10 cloud, base 1,000 ft, top 4,000 ft, visibility good. 23 P-47's completed mission, landing at home base 20:50 hours.

B. (i) 24 P-47's.
(ii) 23 escorted A-20's attacking bridge near Angers.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) 1.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 24.

C. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

D. (i) 59:30.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 38,400 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 1470.
(iii) 1600.

F. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

G. 2nd Lt. Donald E. Chiles, KIA.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

Frank A. Fallon,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
A'sst Stat Officer.

Headquarters 368th Fighter Group
APO 141 US Army

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26 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Advance),
att: AG 368.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command,
att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 84th Fighter Wing, att: Stat
Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 19 Jan 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 368th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 2 for period ending Sunset 19 July 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. 87.

4. a. 12 P-47's dispatched at 1840 hours to escort bombers to attack bridge at Tours. R/V Dabburg, 1920 hours, 14,000 ft. Course flown to target, time over target 2007 hours. Excellent concentration of hits observed on S end of bridge in the SW corner of Tours. Central section of bridge seen to collapse. Hits also seen at R.R. junction in SW corner of the town. Squadron withdrew from bombers 30 miles N of Dabburg, 2040 hours, 14,000 ft. No E/A seen. Intense, accurate heavy flak over target; meager, inaccurate heavy at Le Havre. Weather: 6/10 cloud, base 3,000 ft, top 5,000 ft, visibility 10 miles. 12 A/C completed mission, landing at home base 2130 hours.

B. (i) 12 P-47's.
(ii) 12 escorted A-20's attacking bridge at Tours.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 12.

C. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

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D. (i) 34:00.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 19,200 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

G. Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
A'sst Stat Officer.

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[illegible] 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US ARMY

23 Jul, 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (advance),
Att: A2 Sec.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 354th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 1 for period ending 20 July 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FC O.O. & 61-1.

4. A. Group participated in aerial patrol of American beach and assault area. 8 P-47's dispatched at 1344 hours, patrolled area without incident from 1450 hours to 1505 hours, landing at home base 1514 hours. 2 a/c abortive, 1 radio, 1 escort. Weather: 8/10 cloud, base 500 ft, top 1500-2000 ft; visibility 3 miles below cloud, 12-15 miles above. 8 P-47D's dispatched at 1455 hours on same patrol. Patrolled area from 1500 to 1640 hours. Shortly after patrol began, squadron was vectored to Caen but nothing was seen. Patrol of American area was then resumed, which was uneventful, landing at 1645. Weather: cloud increased to 10/10 with occacional breaks. Moderate inaccurate heavy flak at Periers.
8 P-47's dispatched at 1626 hours on same patrol. Area patrolled without incident from 1635 to 1810 hours, landing at 1817 hours. Moderate, Inaccurate flak at Periers. Weather unchanged.
8 P-47's dispatched at 1805 hours on same patrol. Patrol proceeded uneventfully from 1810 hours to 1845 hours when squadron was recalled due to weather. No flak. No E/A seen. Weather: Bayeux area, 10/10 cloud, base 6,000 ft, top unknown; visibility ½ mile; W of Bayeux, 10/10 cloud, base 500 ft, top unknown; visibility ½ mile.

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B. (i) 32 P-47's.
(ii) 30 P-47's patrolled American beach and assault area.
(iii) 1 radio, 1 escort.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 32.

C. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

D. (i) 48:30.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 51,200 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

G. Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
A'sst Stat Officer.

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Subject: [redacted].

To : [redacted]
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[redacted]
Commanding Officers.

1. It is [redacted] that [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

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SUBJECT: Operations Report.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attn: [redacted].
Commanding General, [redacted] Air Command,
Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, [redacted] Fighter Wing, Attn: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force [redacted] dated [redacted] 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending [redacted] July 1944.

For the Group Commander:

[redacted]
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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Headquarters 358th Fighter Group, 30/6
APO 141 US Army

29 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Advance), Att: A-2 Sec.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 474th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-1, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 58 for period ending Sunset 23 July 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX AS O.O. 99, Y 21-57.

A. 8 P-47's carrying 1 x 500 pound GP bomb each, 4 P-47's acting as escort were dispatched at 1047 hours to attack R.R. bridge at T-190540, sheet 6E/3, and to carry out armed reconnaissance of area VI. Alternate target, R.R. bridge at T-933334, sheet 5H/4. Course flown was base to target to base. Primary target was not attacked. No substitute seen. Original bridge observed to be destroyed. Group proceeded to secondary target, but again no bridge seen. Attacked tunnel and embankment at T-933334. 8 bombs dropped in target area. Dive from 3,000 ft, release from 500 ft, angle of 20 degrees. South end of tunnel destroyed, but embankment not hit. Time over target 1130-1145 hours. Armed reconnaissance of area VI not conducted because weather was closing in. No E/A seen. No abortives. Moderate, accurate heavy flak 5-10 miles N of Rennes. 2 a/c damaged by flak, 1 category AB, 1 category A. Weather: 10/10 over target, 2500 ft base, visibility 6 miles; elsewhere 10/10 cloud cover, base 3500 ft, visibility 5 miles. Group returned to base 1225.

B. (i) 12 P-47's.
(ii) 8 P-47's bombed tunnel at T-933334.
4 P-47's acted as top cover.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) 1 Cat AB, 1 Cat A.
(viii) 12

C. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US ARMY

25 July 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (advance), att: AC S-3.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 84th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No 58 for period ending 23 July 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: IX FTR CC C.C. WVS-2 and 3.

4. a. 12 P-47's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1405 hours, 8 a/c bombed up with 1 x 500 lb GP bomb, 8-11 seconds delay, 4 a/c escort, to attack troop concentrations south of St. Lo. Course straight from base to target. Dive from 2000 ft, releasing at 200 ft, angle of 10 degrees. Bombs dropped in good concentration on briefed positions along road from T-538592 to T-543587, also from T-538592 to T-547597. Specific damage unobserved. Over target 1435 hours to 1440 hours. Landed at 1455. 1 abortive, mechanical. Seven bombs on target. 1 returned. Moderate, inaccurate small arms fire over target. No e/a seen. Weather: 10/10 cloud, base 2500 ft, tops unknown. Visibility 4-5 miles. 10 P-47's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1405 hours to attack troop concentrations south east of St. Lo. Course flown from base in direction of target, but over St Gilles at 1452 hours, just before reaching target heavy concentration of flak bursts between two of the flights, causing squadron to take considerable evasive action. Before the squadron could reform and reach target, deadline of 1510 hours for attack had been reached, so squadron returned to base with out attacking target. One bomb was dropped over a flak position at St Gilles from 50 ft by Squadron

leader, who had gone to deck to evade flak. Result unknown. 8 a/c carried on each 500 lb GP bomb, 8-11 second delay fusing, four of which were jettisoned in channel and two returned. Squadron landed at 1500 hours. No e/a seen. Flak intense, accurate, heavy flak at St Gilles. Weather: 7 to 8/10 clouds, base 2500 ft, tops 3000 ft. Visibility poor.

B.(i) 15 P-47D carrying bombs and 7 P-47D acting as escort.
(ii) 8 P-47D attacking T-5388[illegible] to T-5478[illegible] and T-5388[illegible] to T-5478[illegible], flak position at St Gilles.
(iii) Abortive:
(a) Nil
(b) Nil
(c) 1 P-47D, gas in cockpit.
(d) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 21

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 18:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 35,000 rds. (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 798 rds. (50 calibre ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 15 500 GP bombs, 8-11 second delay fusing.
(ii) 7 Gp 500 lb bombs on targets From T-5388[illegible] to T-5478[illegible], also from T-5388[illegible] to T-5478[illegible].
1 x 500 lb GP Bomb on Flak position at St Gilles.
(iii) 4 x 500 lb GP bomb jettisoned in channel.
(iv) Nil
3 x 500 lb GP bomb returned to base.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

Frank A. [illegible],
Captain, AAF Corps,
[illegible]

[redacted]

Headquarters 358th Fighter Group
APO 141 US Army

27 July 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (advance), APO 339
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 14th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No88 for period ending 24th July 1944.

Mission or Operations No.: IX F.C. O.O. 88

4. a. 36 a/c of 12 ship squadron flights dispatched at 1059 hours to attack troop concentrations west of St Lo. Strafe flown was base to targets. 12 a/c of 365th Squadron dropped 24 x 260 lb fragmentation bombs on troops, position, T-414069, diving from 8000 feet, releasing at 1500 ft, angle 20 degrees. Good concentration of hits obtained. Accurate assessment of damage impossible due to haze and smoke. Over target 1150 hours. No flak. No e/a seen. Weather: 9/10 cloud, base 5000 ft, to 6000 ft. Visibility 2 miles in haze. Sqdn landed at 1245 hours. 12 a/c of 366th Squadron dropped 10 x 260 lb fragmentation bombs on troops, position at T-380060. Briefed target could not be located so two flights bombed position marked by red smoke at T-380060. Good concentration of hits obtained over target. 8 bombs jettisoned: 2 failing to release, 6 because a/c unable to find target. Intense, accurate heavy and light flak over target. Weather: 10/10 cloud, base 5000 ft, tops unknown. Visibility 5 miles, Squadron landed 1305 hours. 12 a/c of 367th Squadron dropped 12 x 260 lb fragmentation bombs on troop positions at T-419069. Excellent concentration of hits obtained. 1 bomb failed to release, brought back to Ara 69. Dive from 8000 ft, release

at 1000 ft, angle 30 degrees. No e/a reaction. No a/c as escort. Flak: meager, accurate heavy in vicinity of T-3368. Weather: Overcast, base 4000 ft, tops unknown.

B. (i) 36 P-47D
(ii) 32 P-47D attacking target troop concentration West of St Lo, Target at T-380660 and T-419669. 4 a/c jettisoned bombs
(iii) Abortive:
(a) 4 P-47D
(b) Nil
(c) Nil
(c) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 36

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 55:00 ~~(50-cal.-ammunition)~~
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 57,600 (50 cal. ammunition)
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 72 x 260 frag bombs.
(ii) 24 bombs on T-414669, 16 on T-380660 and 23 on T-419669
(iii) 8 x 260 frag bombs, 2 failing to release, 6 unable to find target.
(iv) Nil
1 x 260 frag bombs returned to AIG #9 because bomb release failed.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii)

For the Group Commander:

J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Stat. Officer.

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SECRET: Opnav.

To : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Advance), APO [illegible]
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, APO [illegible]
Commanding Officer, 70th Fighter Wing, APO [illegible]

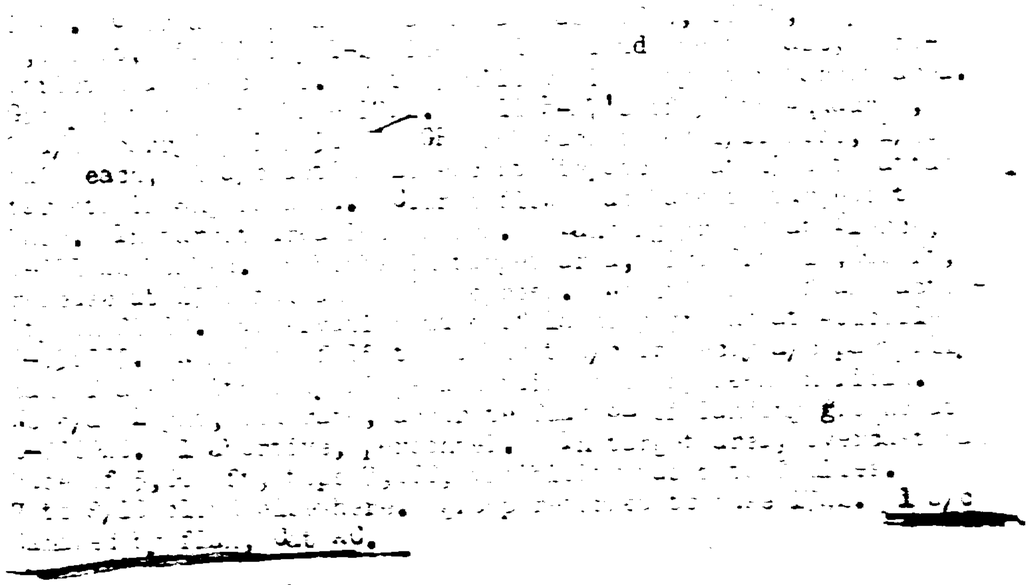
1. In compliance with Army Air Force Letter [illegible], dated [illegible], the following report is submitted.

2. From: 368th Fighter Group.

3. Opnav No. 88 for period ending 24 July 1944.

Mission or Operation No. XX with A.C.C. #102.

4. A. 12 P-47's of 365th Squadron dispatched at [illegible] to dive bomb Vernales Landing Ground and perform armed reconnaissance of Brittany Landing Grounds. Bombed Vern by primary target. 8 x 500 lb GP bombs fused Nose/Tail .01 sec. delay, dropped at Vernales A/G, diving from 10,000 ft, releasing at [illegible], 2 sticks of 4 bombs, 1 A/C aborted. Over target 2/Lt [illegible] A/C was hit by cross fire from two 3 inch single mounted A/A guns which were [illegible]. Both concentrations of fire in vicinity of bomb release. No signs of recent activity. Proceeded to Brittany A/G for armed recce. Nothing seen at [illegible]. No attack. Rendezvous with [illegible] at 1800 hrs. Proceeded to Landerneau and flew at Vernales A/G. No A/C in area. Weather: 5-/10, base [illegible], tops [illegible]. Visibility [illegible]. No F-51's [illegible] Squadron, 2 A/C aborted [illegible] for [illegible] A/C, [illegible] A/C, [illegible] A/C unable to locate, [illegible] A/C [illegible] bombs [illegible] Squadron. [illegible] Squadron [illegible] A/C [illegible] bombs [illegible] Squadron [illegible] A/C [illegible] bombs [illegible] Squadron [illegible] A/C [illegible] bombs



B. (i) [illegible] P-47's dispatched.
(ii) 8 P-47's dive bombed [illegible] of Various A/G and armed recce of [illegible] A/G
2) P-47's bombed targets in vicinity of Angers area. Target at [illegible]
12 P-47's escort.
(iii) 1 Abortive:
(a) Nil
(b) Personnel (sickness)
(c) Nil
(d) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 33

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 67:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 54,400 (50 cal. ammunition)
(ii) 4,779 (50 cal. ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 22 x 500 lb GP bombs.
(ii) 6 bombs on T-671942
8 bombs in target area in vicinity of Angers.
8 bombs on Varades A/G
(iii) 1 x 500 lb GP bomb (pilot sickness)
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. (1) Nil
(2) Nil
(3) Nil

For the Group Commander:

J. D. Scott,
Captain, Air Corps,
Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358th FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US Army

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28 July 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Advance)
Att: 26 SCU
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 84th Fighter Wing, Att:
Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 80 for period ending 24 July 1944.

Mission or Operations No.: IX F.C. C.O. NUO-2.

4. A. 12 P-47's of 366th Sqdn, 8 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail, dispatched at 2110 to attack Headquarters and troop concentrations at T-410383. In target area by 2134, but poor visibility made it inadvisable to bomb and after controller was informed of this fact, Group returned to base with bombs at 2145. No e/a seen, light, moderate, accurate flak 10 miles north of target. 1 a/c damaged by flak, Cat A. Heavy haze up to 6000 ft. Visibility up sun was nil, down sun, 1 mile.

B. (i) 12 P-47's dispatched.
(ii) Nil a/c did not attack target because of weather.
(iii) Abortive:
(a) 12 P-47's, poor visibility made it inadvisable to bomb target.
(b) Nil
(c) Nil
(d) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47D, Cat A, Flak.
(viii) 12
C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (ii) Nil

E. 19,200 rds (50 Cal ammunition)
Nil
Nil

F. 8 x 500 lb Gp bombs
Nil
Nil
Nil

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

J. S. CRAFT?
Captain, Air Corps
Stat Officer.

S E C R E T

HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US Army

GC/

28 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Advance)
Att: 26 SCU
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 84th Fighter Wing, Att:
Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No 9A for period ending 25 July 1944.

Mission or Operations No.: IX F.C. C.O. 86

4. A. 36 P-47's dispatched at 0907 hours to bomb strip West of St. Lo. Over target at 0950. 36 a/c dropped 108 x 260 bomb fragmentation bombs on this strip, diving from 6000 ft releasing at 1500 ft, angle 25 degrees. All bombs in fighter bomber area. Good concentration obtained. Moderate accurate heavy flak over target. Moderate inaccurate heavy flak over Periers, and light flak. No. e/a seen. Course flown straight to target, back to base. Down at 1025. Weather: 10/10 cloud,, base 10,000 ft, tops unknown. Visibility 5 miles in haze. 12 a/c of 367th Squadron, dispatched at 1419 hours to attack Gestapo Headquarters at T-30902095. Course Flown base to target, arriving 1458 hours. 8 a/c dropped 14 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail, diving from 8,000 releasing at 2,000, angle 70 degrees, 4 a/c escort. 2 bombs jettisoned in channel, mechanical release failure. Instead of attacking briefed target bombed chateau at T-250201, believing it to be briefed target 12 hits in area, 5 within 50 yards of chateau. Building strafed, and received meager inaccurate light flak and small arms fire from vicinity of target. Meager, inaccurate light flak at

tops unknown. 2 bombs jettisoned in channel.
11 a/c of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1420 hours to attack tank repair shop at Le Mans, [illegible]. 9 a/c dropped 18 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1 10 nose, 1 tail. 3 a/c aborted. Dive from 9,000 ft, release at 4500 ft, angle 60 degrees. Most of the bombs landed [illegible] and 100 ft of railway. No direct hits seen. Buildings near to railway cut on fire by strafing. No sight of tanks in vicinity. No flak. No e/a. Vis mod: 10/10 cloud, tops 11,000, visibility 20 miles.

B. (i) 69 P-47D
(ii) 60 P-47D dropped 144 x 260 lb frag bombs on strip west of St Lo. 8 P-47D dropped 14 x 500 lb GP bombs on T-[illegible]01. 8 P-47D dropped 16 x 500 lb GP bombs on T-[illegible]. 7 P-47D acting as escort.
(iii) Abortives: Nil.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 69
C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
D. (i) 76:16
(ii) Nil
E. (i) 94,[illegible] rds (50 cal ammunition)
(ii) 3997 rds (50 cal ammunition)
(iii) Nil
F. (i) 108 x 260 lb frag bombs
16 x 500 lb GP bombs
16 x 500 lb GP bombs
(ii) 108 x 260 lb frag bombs on strip west of St Lo. 14 x 500 lb GP bombs on T-[illegible]01. 16 x 500 lb GP bombs on T-[illegible].
(iii) 2 x 500 lb bombs jettisoned in channel due to mechanical release failure.
(iv) Nil
G. Nil
H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

[illegible]
Frank A. [illegible],
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 241 US Army

28 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Advance), Att: G-2.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 84th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 3B for period ending 25 July 1944.

Mission or Operation No. IX FIGHTER COMMAND 107, ASSN 4 & 5.

4. A. 12 P-47's of 365th Squadron. 8 a/c carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs each, fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail, 4 a/c acting as escort, dispatched at 1823 to attack machine gun and mortar emplacements at T-357717 and T-355704. Course was base to target to base. In target area 1848. All bombs in target area. Dive from 6,000 ft, release at 2500 ft, angle 30-40 degrees. 8 bombs on target 357717 which hit building area 75 yards NW of church. Large sections knocked out of building area. 4 hits in field north of house in crossroads where mortar emplacement at 355704 was located. 4 hits west of mortar emplacement, one of which hit at T-352708. Large explosion (yellow) was seen. No abortives, no flak, no E/A. Weather: 10/10 cloud, base 7,000 ft, tops 8,500 visibility 10 miles. Squadron returned to base 1715.

B. (i) 12 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 8 P-47D attacking machine gun and mortar emplacements at T-357717 and T-355704.
4 P-47D acting as escort.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 12

C. (i) Nil

D. (i) 10:40
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 19,200 rds. (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 1,650 rds. (50 calibre ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 16 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail.
(ii) 8 GP bombs on target T-357717; 4 GP bombs on target T-355704 and 4 GP bombs hit west of mortar emplacement (one of which hit at T-3552708).
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Stat Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US Army

GG/7

28 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Advance) Att: 26 SOS.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 84th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, date[illegible] Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 9C for period ending 25 July 1944.

Mission or Operation No. IX FITR CG C.O. 107, DZK-7A.

4. A. 12 P-47's of Squadron 367, 8 a/c carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs each, 8 fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail, 8 fused 8-15 second delay tail, 4 a/c acting as escort, dispatched at 1650 to attack Gestapo Headquarters at T-30902095. In target area 1740. Course flown was base to target to base. All bombs in target area. Dive from 8,000 ft, release at 3,000 ft, angle 60 degrees. Squadron badly damaged buildings in chateau ground area. One large fire started in small building, 1/2 mile SW of chateau on edge of woods. Huge flames and white smoke were observed, believed to be gas dump. All buildings in target area were strafed. No E/A. No flak encountered, no abortives. Over target: 8/10 cloud, base 8,000 ft, tops unknown. Visibility 6 miles. Air to ground excellent. Elsewhere: visibility at base was 3 miles restricted by haze. Squadron returned to base 1813.

B. (i) 12 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 8 P-47D's attacked Gestapo Headquarters at T-30[illegible]2095.
4 P-47D's acting as escort.
(iii) Nil

(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) Nil

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 15:55
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 14,000 rds. (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 1,650 rds. (50 calibre ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 1x x 500 lb GP bombs; 9 fused at 1/10 nose, 1/10 tail; 8 fused at 9-10 second delay tail.
(ii) 1x x 500 lb GP bombs in target area.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. (i) Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

J. L. Cluff,
Captain, Air Corps,
Stat Officer.

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Subject: Sprep.

To : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Advance) Attn: Ops Off.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 367th Fighter Group, Attn: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Regulation [illegible], dated 20 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 367th Fighter Group.

3. Sprep No. 12A for period ending 24 July 1944.

Missions or Operations No. 1A [illegible] 367th Ops Memo #2, dtd 21-27, 19, 19 and 20.

4. A. 13 P-47D's of 393rd Squadron, each a/c carrying 2 x 500 lb. GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail, dispatched at 0613 to attack dug in positions and strongpoints at T-613627 and T-613623. Course flown was base to target to base. In target area 0635. 24 bombs in target area. Dive from 5,000 ft., release at 2,000 ft., angle 25 degrees. Concentrated bombing on both targets. Good pattern on T-613627. One flight dropped bombs west of road in orchard and surrounding area on T-615623, 4 hits in small clump of woods and remainder in clearing and woods west of target woods. Two bombs returned to base. Targets well marked with red smoke. No a/a seen, no abortives. 3 bursts of light flak, meager and inaccurate 1 to 2 miles east of target area. 6/10 clouds in target area, base 5500 ft., tops 6,000 ft., visibility 10 miles. Thin light clouds at 500 ft. Squadron returned to base 0735. 11 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, each a/c carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose 1/40 tail, dispatched at 0613 to attack enemy dug in positions and troop concentrations in vicinity T-613627. Course flown was base to target to base. In target area 0640. 22 bombs in target area.

dive from 6,000 ft., release at 2,000 ft., angle of 40 degrees. Bombs laid down in excellent pattern. All a/c strafed target, light flak machine guns silenced by strafing. Dug in positions observed south of target in woods were also strafed. No abortives, no E/A seen. Meager, inaccurate light and heavy flak over target. Weather 5/10 to 6/10 cloud over target, base 6,000 ft., tops 7,000, visibility 15 to 20 miles. Elsewhere 4/10 to 5/10, base 1000 ft. Tops 2,000 ft. Squadron returned to base 0713. 10 P-47D's of 367th Squadron., each a/c carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail, dispatched at 0623 to attack troop concentrations at T-584630 and T-596631. Course flown was base to target to base. In target area 0650-0710. Target was not marked with red smoke by artillery, so squadron could not bomb. Circled target for 20 minutes. Artillery fire observed at point T-608627 in wooded area. 20 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base. No flak, no E/A seen. No abortives. Visibility over target 6 to 7 miles, no overcast. Elsewhere 8/10 low cloud at 7,000 to 8,000 ft., visibility air to air was excellent. Squadron returned to base 0740.

B. (i) 34 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 12 P-47D's attacking targets at T- 623617 and T-615623.
11 P-47D's attacking target at T-613627.
(iii) Abortive,

(a) Nil
(b) Nil
(c) 1 P-47D bomb release failure.
(d) 10 P-47D's could not attack troop concentrations at T-584630 and T-596631 because target was not marked with red smoke by artillery.

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 34

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 39:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 54,400 rds. (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) Nil
(iii), Nil

F. (i) 68 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail.
(ii) 24 x 500 lb GP bombs on T-623617 and T-615623.
22 x 500 lb GP bombs on troop concentrations in vicinity of T-613627.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

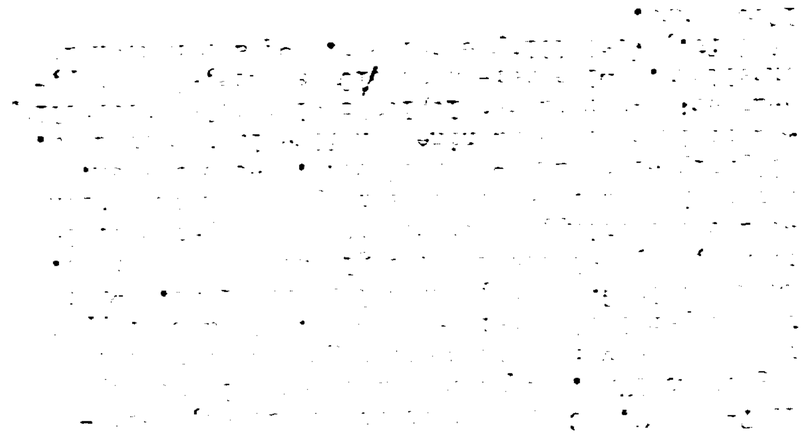
22 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.

G. (i) Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Stat Officer.



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3. NIL

4. (a) NIL
(b) NIL
(c) NIL

For the Group Commander:

[illegible]
Flight Lt. [illegible],
Intelligence Officer.

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S E C R E T

Headquarters 358th Fighter Group
APO 141 US Army

30/7

30 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 28th SOU.
Commanding General, IA Tactical Air Command, (Advanced)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 54th Fighter Wing, Att: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-9, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 10[illegible] for period ending Sunset 28 July 1944.

Mission or Operation No. IX FITR CC O.C. 194.

4. a. 12 a/c of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1038 hours to attack troop concentrations in the vicinity SE of St. Lo. Course flown from base direct to target which was completely obscured by 10/10 clouds overcast. Controller vectored squadron to target of opportunity (tanks on road). This target was not located. Squadron dropped 14 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10 nose 1/40 tail on cross roads believed to be located between Flers and Argentan. No results observed. 10 bombs jettisoned in enemy territory. Dive from 7,000 ft., release 3500 ft., angle 10 degrees. The plane of 1st Lieut. JOHN BOSTON was hit by flak. He bailed out at 1145 hours 4 or 5 miles North of Argentan and was seen to land safely. Plane was seen to explode and burn. Major BURTON D.YARIAN was wounded by flak in the arm but landed his plane safely at base. Four planes damaged by flak Category A. Time over target of opportunity was 1200 hours. Flak was heavy and light, intense, accurate vicinity ARGENTAN. Flights plotted by heavy accurate intense flak from FALAISE to VILLE. Weather: Over primary target 10/10ths base 1500 top 3000 ft., visibility good above clouds. Over target attacked

2/10 to 4/10ths base 2,000 to 3,000 visibility 10 miles. Squadron landed at base 1223 hours.
12 (twelve) P-47's of 368th Squadron dispatched at 1051 hours to attack troop positions east of Canisy. Course straight to target, over target 1110 - 1200 hours. 8 a/c dropped 16 x 500 lb GP bombs, 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail, diving from 4,000 feet, releasing at 2,000 feet, angle 30 degrees. No a/c escort. 4 a/c brought 8 bombs back thru failure to find target. 8 bombs on positions at La Chapelle, T-5758. 8 bombs on positions at T-6848. 2 bombs on crossroads between Flers and Argentan. Capt. Begrushy shot down by flak over T-573573, seen parachuting down from 1500 feet, last seen 500 feet. Flak intense, accurate light and heavy at T-5458, T-573573; intense, accurate, light at T-6148. No E/a seen. Weather: 7/10, base 2,000 ft, tops 4000 ft, visibility 10 miles.
12 a/c of 367th Squadron dispatched 1105 hours to attack Chateau at T-630592. Course straight to target. Could not bomb target on time due to changing cloud cover. Vectored to south by controller and returned over target at 1230 hours. Ten a/c dropped 20 x 500 GP bombs fused 1/10 nose and 1/40 tail, destroying chateau with numerous direct hits. 4 bombs jettisoned in channel due to inability of pilots to locate target. Dive from 7,000 ft, release 2,000 ft, angle 50 degrees. No a/c escorting. Two planes damaged by light flak, category "A". Light machine gun fire from wooded area south of target, at grid coordinate T-628591. Approximately 7 holes in field observed south of target, possibly gun positions, at T-628589. Weather: over target changing cloud cover, nil to 9/10, base 1500 ft, tops 3000 ft. Visibility 10 miles plus below clouds. Squadron down at 1250 hours.

B. (i) 36 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 7 P-47D's attacking target between Flers and Argentan.
8 P-47D's attacking troop positions east of Canisy.
10 P-47D's attacking Chateau at T-630592.
(iii) Abortive,
(a) Nil
(b) Nil
(c) Nil
(d) 5 P-47D's jettisoned their bombs because of heavy flak.
4 P-47D's could not locate target.
2 P-47D's jettisoned bombs in channel, could not locate target.

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Headquarters 358th Fighter Group
A.C 141 U.S Army

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30 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear).
att: 28th SOU.
Commanding General, IA Tactical Air Command.(advanced).
att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 354th Fighter Wing, att: Stat Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No.11A for period ending Sunset 27 July 1944.

Mission or Operation No. IA FC C.C. #114 (OpFlash Nos.#1. to #7. inclusive).

4. a. 12 a/c of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0940 hours to dive bomb RR bridge at Y-478816 and conduct armed Recco area Lehans, Rennes, Nantes, angers, Laval, Domfront. Primary Target not located. 16 x 500 GP bombs fused 1/10 and 1/40 dropped, dive from 8000 release 1500 angle 10 degrees, 4 a/c serving as cover. 10 locomotives believed destroyed by strafing at Y-808820 stationary on track, no steam up. 1 locomotive believed destroyed at Y-880820 stationary on track. 8 bombs on RR embankment at Y-887819, one hit. No E/a seen. 1 plane damaged by Flak Category "a". Weather: 9/10ths base 1500 Tops 7000 visibility above clouds 10 - 15 miles. Down at base 1125.
12 P-47's, 365th Squadron, 8 a/c carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs, each fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail, 4 a/c acting as escort, dispatched at 0950 to attack marshalling yard at T-164019, 60/1, and conduct armed reconnaissance south of Cherbourg Peninsula. Course flown: base to target, to Laval, to angers to Vantes to Rennes to Domfront to base. In target

area 10-8. All bombs in target area, dive from 8000 ft, released at 1000 ft angle 30 degrees. Squadron strafed M/Y in SW part of town of Lille, at L-1007, 40 to 50 box cars stationary on track. Many cars damaged. No locomotives observed. No flak, no e/a, no abortives. Weather: 10/10 over Cherbourg Peninsula, base 2000, tops 9000; 8/10 near Laval, base 2000, tops 9000, visibility good except in rain. Squadron returned to base 1200.

12 a/c of 367th Fighter Squadron dispatched at 1000 hours to dive bomb RR bridge at Y-8426510 and continue on Armed Reconnaissance area Lemans, Rennes, Nantes, Angers, Laval and Domfront. Primary target not attacked. 16 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10 and 1/40 dropped, dive from 10,000 release 5,000 angle 60 degrees. 4 a/c serving as escort. Strafed M/Y at Montsurs J-7852, RR line from J-8658 to J-8857. Bombs in area did not cut RR line. Bombs on Y-9058 Bridge east of Laval no direct hits. Strafed goods wagons 1 mile east of Laval. No results observed. No E/A seen, no flak. Weather: 10/10 clouds with breaks. Base 1500. Tops 5,000 to 10,000. Down at base 1140 hours.

12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1650 hours at attack a highway bridge SW of Coutances. Course straight from base to target, time over target 1710-1730 hours. 8 a/c dropped 16 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail, diving from 5,000, releasing at 1,500, angle 45 degrees, on primary target. Bridge destroyed by direct hits. About 4 other pontoon bridges seen from T-217622 southward along river. 4 a/c escort. No E/A seen. Flak moderate inaccurate light over target. Weather 4/10 cloud, base 5,000 ft., tops 7,000 ft., visibility 15-20 miles. Landed 1745.

12 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 2018 hours to attack artillery and troop positions at T-587604 and T-575604. Course base to target to base. Over target 2027. 12 a/c dropped 24 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 8-11 second delay, diving from 4,000 ft., releasing at 1,000 ft., angle 25 degrees, on targets. 16 bombs on positions at T-575604. 8 bombs on positions at T-57560. Excellent concentrations obtained on targets. No E/A seen. Moderate inaccurate light flak over targets.

Moderate, accurate heavy flak at T-570597. Moderate inaccurate light flak from Mtcle at T-588857. Weather: 6/10 cumulus, base 2,500 ft., very thin. 10/10, base 4,000 ft., tops 4500. Visibility 10 miles plus. Landed 2038.

12 a/c of 366th Squadron dispatched at 2017 to attack a CP and communications center SE of St. Lo. Over target 2040 to 2045. 12 a/c dropped 24 x 500 lb GP bombs diving from 4,000 ft., releasing at 1500, angle 40 degrees, on targets. Both targets destroyed by direct hits. Remains of building left burning. 2 bombs on each target. 6 bombs on bridge at Tessy Sur Vire. No direct hits. Extent of damage unknown. 2 bombs on road at T-586454. 1 truck destroyed also at T-586454, which blew up on being hit by strafing. No e/a seen. Intense inaccurate light flak over target. Several tanks seen on fire and knocked out at T-580550. Many ambulances seen operating from Tessy Sur Vire to south. Weather, 10/10 base 4500 feet, tops 5,000 feet. Visibility 15-20 miles. Landed 2055.

12 a/c of 367th dispatched at 2027 hours to attack Motor Park at T-590577 and artillery battery 200 yards west of T-585568. Approaching target at 2054 squadron broken up by intense and accurate flak over T-600560. 1 a/c dropped two bombs on flak positions mentioned, diving from 4,000 feet, releasing at 1,000, angle 60 degrees results not observed. Other a/c unable to reform and find targets due to weather and returned to base with remaining 22 bombs. Bomb load was 2 x 500 lb GP bombs per plane, 8-11 second delay fusing. Intense, accurate heavy flak at T-575508. Intense accurate flak and small arms fire at T-600560. No e/a. Weather: 4-6/10 at 2,000 ft., 8/10 at 4,000 ft., visibility good. Planes landed 2124.

B. (i) 84 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 57 P-47D's attacking targets.
16 P-47D's acting as escort.
(iii) Abortive,
(a) Nil
(b) Nil
(c) Nil
(d) 11 P-47D's broke formation due to heavy flak and were unable to reform because of weather.

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47D damaged by flak, Category "a".
(viii) 84

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 116:30
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 104,400 rds. (.5 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 21,770 rds. (.30 calibre ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) ~~106~~ x 500 lb GP bombs,
(ii) 16 x 500 lb GP bombs on AM bridge at T-[illegible]
16 x 500 lb GP bombs on Marchaillis [illegible] at T-[illegible]9.
16 x 500 lb GP bombs on AM bridge at T-[illegible]10.
16 x 500 lb GP bombs on railroad bridge SW of [illegible].
16 x 500 lb GP bombs on position at T-[illegible]
16 x 500 lb GP bombs on position at T-[illegible]
8 x 500 lb GP bombs on position at T-[illegible]
16 x 500 lb GP bombs on GP center SE of St.Lo.
6 x 500 lb GP bombs on bri. ay Tessy Sur Vire
2 x 500 lb GP bombs on road at T-526454
2 x 500 lb GP bombs on flak position at T-[illegible].

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

22 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 149 US ARMY

1 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear).
att: 50th COU.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, (Advanced,
att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 84th Fighter Wing, att: Stat
Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-1, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 12 for period ending sunset 28 July 1944.

Mission or Operation No. IX FC O.O. #117 (Opflash Nos. #1 to #28 inclusive).

4. A. 4 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0615 hours as armored column support. Course flown base to support area, reached 0655. Four a/c carried 8 x 500 lb bombs fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail, all of which were jettisoned. Unable to contact controller due to low ceiling making navigation difficult. Patrolled area SW of COUTANCES, strafing 6 MT and personnel. One truck left burning. 2 a/c damaged by flak in the attack, one a/c Cat "A" and the other a/c Cat "B". No E/A seen. Light moderate accurate flak vicinity T-2282. Weather: 10/10th, base 500 - 800 feet. Visibility 6 miles. Down at base 0724.
4 P-47Ds of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0615 as armored column support. Course flown base to support area. In area 0650 - 0710. 4 a/c carried 8 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail, four of which were jettisoned and four brought back to base due to weather conditions. Combat controller could not be contacted. No E/A seen. Intense, accurate, light flak encountered from tanks at T-4045. Weather: 9/10ths to 10/10ths, base 800, tops 1100 ft. Visibility 6 miles. Down at base 0725.

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4 a/c of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0730, as armored column cover, Combat Command "A". Support area not reached and planes returned to base, 0755 hours, because of weather conditions. 4 a/c carried 8 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail, 2 of which were jettisoned and 6 brought back to base, No E/A, No Flak. Weather: 10/10ths, base 0.0, tops 2000 ft. Visibility 1 mile. Down at base 0755 hours.
4 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0705 as armored column support, Combat Command "B". Reached support area 0725. Four a/c carried 8 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail. Attacked four tanks south of Feroy with bombs and strafing. Dive from 1500 ft, angle of 10 degrees, release at 800 ft. Results not certain, but believe one tank destroyed and balance damaged. No E/A seen. No flak. Weather: 8/10, base 500 ft, tops 4000 ft. Visibility 2 - 3 miles. Down at base 0821.
4 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0740 hours as armored column cover. Course straight to support area, over area 0805 - 0855. 4 a/c dropped 8 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail, level release, from 800 feet. Bombed and strafed 6 M/T, which were destroyed. One large mobile gun bombed and strafed, results unknown. 2 light tanks and 1 heavy tank strafed. Strikes observed. No E/A seen. No flak. 1 M/T observed with Red Cross painted on top and what was believed to be a gun extending from rear. Also observed tanks in unidentified town surrounded by M/T with Red Crosses on top. Weather: 8/10 to 10/10ths. Base 600 to 800. Top 8,000. Down at Base 0905.
4 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0745. Course straight to target. Over target 0805-0825. 4 a/c carried 8 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10 - 1/40. All bombs returned to base as ceiling too low to drop. Flight observed many German vehicles and horse drawn cavalry evacuating south from Coutances. Strafed and destroyed 8 M/T's. No results observed on cavalry strafed. Flak: Light meagre inaccurate 1 mile south of Coutances. Weather: Low clouds at 500 feet closing in from south. Visibility 5-10 miles. Down at base 0919
4 P-47D's of 368th Squadron dispatched at 0820. Course straight to target. Over target 0840-0920. 4 a/c carried 8 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10-1/40. 4 bombs dropped, dive from 500 ft., release 20 ft., angle 30 degrees. 1 M/T and 3 half tracks destroyed (seen burning) at T-3984-20. 1 M/T destroyed at 4624-82. 1 tank knocked over on side at T-398-20. 4 bombs returned to base. No Flak. No E/A seen. Weather: 10/10ths Base 1000 tops unknown. Visibility 10-20 miles. Down at base 09-5

4 I-47D's of 068th Squadron, no external load, dive-
bombed at 1058 on armored convoy, caused current "A"
Grid Attacked Division. Course: base to Le Mesnil
Germain, I-4655 to area to base. In area 1020-1700.
Attacked and damaged tank at I-8 0420. No a/a return.
No casualties. It rained hard by attack, and reduced
sage to 1p Jeep (last before he disappeared down sight.
1 AO and 1 pilot, It rained, lost. 2 other a/c dam-
aged by flak: 1 Dateport AO, 1 Dateport S. Flak: in-
tense, and moderate light and heavy 6 miles S of Issoudun
Our Mine. Number: 4 to 6/10 cloud, base 1500 to
6000 ft, visibility excellent. Pilot returned to
base 1755.

[redacted] 7 vehicles left burning and destroyed, total damaged unknown. Lead truck convoy released two orange balloons. 45 vehicles moving south of Gavray, T-2758[illegible], seen. No flak. No abortives. Weather: 4 to 6/10 clouds, base 1500, top 2000 ft. Visibility excellent. Flight landed at 1700 hours.

4 P-47D's of [redacted] Squadron carrying no external load dispatched to serve as cover for armed column of [redacted] Armored Division, Combat Command "A", at 1722. Time over Brehal 1744 hours. Course flown: Base to Brehal to base. The attack was directed at convoy, T-2[illegible]. No flak seen. The A/A fire was heavy, flak, intense. No abortives. Flak: Moderate, accurate heavy at [redacted], SW of Gavray; Mod rate, accurate, heavy at T-2[illegible], Weather: 8-8/10 cloud, base 2-3[illegible] ft, tops unknown. Visibility 10 miles. Landed 1822.

4 P-47D's of [redacted] Squadron carrying no external load, dispatched to give armored column cover at Lozon. Course flown: Base to area to base. Time over area: 1658-1800 hours. Uneventful patrol, no targets seen. Encountered 4 Fw 190's at T-[illegible]. It flod and shot down by 2 of the Fw 190s. He was seen to bail out, 1745 hours, at T-[illegible]. No flak. No abortives. Weather: 8/10 cloud, base 6,000 tops 8,000. Visibility good. Flight landed at 1810 hours.

4 P-47D's of [redacted] Squadron carrying no external load dispatched to strafe troops and vehicles east of Coutances in support of 2nd Armored Division, Combat Command "A" at 1609. Time over Brehal 1720 hours. Time over Gavray, 1730 hours. Course flown: Base to Notre Dame-le-Cenilly to Brehal to Gavray to base. Flight flew to Notre Dame-le-Cenilly, but could not contact "Murphy", Combat Controller. Flew to Brehal and went down on trucks between Brehal and Coudeville. Trucks were already beat up and flight did not fire. As they were pulling up off target, 8 Fw-190's were observed flying north at 4000 feet at 1720 hours. Flight attacked from eastern and destroyed one, pilot observed to bail out and E/A crashed. Remaining E/A broke contact by entering clouds. Flight went above clouds at 4000 to find E/A but they had disappeared. Then proceeded to Gavray where they strafed trucks along roads (T-2[illegible]),

4 P-47D's of 387th Squadron carrying no external loading dispatched to serve as cover for armored columns of 2nd armored Division of Combat Command "A" at 2120. Course flown: base to area to base with R/V at St Denis le Gast. Flight could not contact ground controller. Many "X" in assigned area - excessive radio chatter made RT contact between planes impossible. Tracks of convoys strafed resulting in the following claims: 1 destroyed, 3 damaged. No movements on roads observed. 30 vehicles marked with red crosses observed west of Coutances at T-2088. No e/a seen. No abortives. Flak: meager, inaccurate, light S.E of Coutances (T-2168). Weather: 10/10 clouds at 4,000 ft with good visibility. Flight landed at 2150.

4 P-47D's of 387th Squadron carrying no external load, dispatched to support Combat Command "B" at 2100 hours. Course flown: base to area to base. R/V at St Denis-le Gast. Over area 2125-2210. Flight flew to assigned area, could not contact ground controller. Patrolled assigned area from Coutances to Granville. Flew East S of Granville at 4,000 ft and received no flak. No e/a seen. No abortives. No flak. Weather: 8/10 cloud at 4,000 ft with good visibility. Flight landed at 2212.

4 P-47D's of the 388th Squadron, carrying no external load dispatched to serve as armored column cover for Combat Command "A", 2nd Armored Division at 2100. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area: 2140-2210. Uneventful patrol. No e/a seen. No abortives. Flak: intense, light and heavy in vicinity of T-8[illegible]. Weather: S and W of St Lo, 10/10 cloud, base 3,000 ft; elsewhere, ceiling 5500 ft, visibility good. N of Periers, 6/10 cloud, same altitude. Flight landed at 2230 hours.

4 P-47D's of the 388th carrying no external loading, dispatched to act as armed column cover for Combat Command "A", of 2nd Armored Division at 2025. Course flown: base to area to base. Time over area: 2030-2140. 1 car strafed and destroyed at [illegible]. Locomotive hit and damaged by many hits at T-4472. Recommaissance car destroyed at T-9675. Two tanks seen on road running SE from Flair. No e/a seen. No abortives. Flak: Light over area. Meager, inaccurate, light flak at Granville. Intense, light flak from boats at St. Malo. Weather: 10/10 cloud, base 2500 ft. South of Vire rain squalls raising to 4000 ft north to base. Visibility good. Flight landed 2200.

3. MIA Lnk Lt WILLIAM A. PORTER 0-707702 - Plk.
MIA 1st Lt PAUL D. FLOYD 0-[illegible] - [illegible]

4.(i) 1 Fm 100 (D&S) Lnk Lt John [illegible], 0-701716

(ii) Nil

(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Stat Officer.

S E C R E T

HEADQUARTERS 368th FIGHTER GROUP
AAC 1-1 US Army

1 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Main).
att: Ltr. Instr.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command (Advance).
att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 368th Fighter Wing,
att: Stat Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Ltr. Instr. 55-3, dated 2 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 368th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 13 for the period ending Sunset 29 July 1944.

Mission or Operation No. IX FC O.O. / 118 (Opflash Nos. 1. to 21 inclusive).

4. a. 4 P-47D's of 395th Squadron dispatched at 1815 hours as armored column cover. Course flown straight to target. Over target 0830-0845. 4 a/c carried 6 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 8-11 second. 4 bombs dropped, level release from 1500-2000 ft on tanks and T/T at T-244381. Flak started in convoy. No further results observed. 4 bombs returned to base. 1 plane damaged by flak, category AC. Flak: Heavy intense accurate at T-243382. Weather: Over target 1-/10ths ceiling practically zero. In route: 10/10ths. Base 400, tops unknown. Down at base 0740.
4 P-47D's of 395th Squadron dispatched at 0040 hours as armored column cover on Mission T-21-57. Course: straight to target. Over target 0650-0700. 4 a/c carried 6 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 8-11 second delay. 4 bombs dropped, dive from 2000, release 6000, angle 40 degrees. 4 trucks destroyed vicinity T 5426. 4 bombs returned to base. Capt. Woodyard forced to bail out in friendly territory and returned to base at 1700 hours. His plane destroyed and one other plane damaged by flak - category AC. Flak: light, intense, accurate in target area. Weather: 9/10 cloud, base 1000, tops unknown. Down at base 0745.

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4 P-47D's of 507th Squadron dispatched at 1010 hours as armored column cover. Course flown: straight to target. Over target 1150-1240. 4 a/c carried 8 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 8-11 - secs. 4 bombs dropped, level release from 8-9 ft on hedge row on enemy small fire position at T-2726. No results observed. 4 bombs returned to base. Ground controller contacted who asked flight to identify hits by red panels on lead tank but weather made it impossible. Flak: Light, meager, inaccurate small arms fire at T-2726. Weather: 6/10 base 500-800 ft, visibility below clouds very poor. Down at base 1250.

4 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1140 hours as armored column cover. Course flown: straight to target; time over target 1150-1240. 4 a/c carried 8 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 8-11 seconds delay. 7 bombs dropped, five from 8000 release 500, angle 15 degrees on Montbray at T-480370 destroying 5 m/ts, also strafed trucks and motor vehicles. 1 bomb returned to base. 2 planes damaged by flak, 1 Category A and 1 Category AC. Flak: light, moderate, accurate at T-480370. Weather: 7/10 cloud, base 4000, tops unknown. Down base 1250.

4 P-47D's of 368th Squadron dispatched at 1140 hours as armored column cover. Course straight to target. Over target 1150-1235. 4 a/c carried 8 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 8-11 seconds all of which were returned to base. Mission uneventful. Controller contacted and directed flight to target, but unable to locate it. One plane damaged by flak, Category "A". Flak: Intense, accurate, light and heavy, at T-4830. Weather: 1/10 cloud at 8000 - low scud. 10/10 base 4,000 ft, tops unknown over target. Down at base 1250 hours.

4 P-47D's of 367th Squadron carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs each, dispatched at 1138 on armored column cover. Course flown was base to St Denis Le Gast T-3045 to target to base. In target area 1145-1235. Flight contacted ground controller "Murphy" located at T 807407, who said he was surrounded by Germans and being shelled by artillery. Flight tried to learn where Germans were located by reconnoitering up and down main roads at deck level and shooting short bursts, but was not fired upon, and did not locate anything. 2 trucks destroyed at T-2545. No flak. No e/a seen. No abortives. 4/10 over target, base 2000 ft, tops at 3000 ft, visibility excellent. Squadron landed at 1250.

4 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs each, fused 8-11 second tail, dispatched at 1310 on armored column cover. Course flown was base to E-490516, La Meshil Herman to target to base. In target area, 1205-1220. 7 bombs in target area, 1 returned to base, dive from 4000, release at 500ft, angle 55 degrees. 2 bombs on German tank NW of Percy, no results observed. 1 truck destroyed strafing at T-3484710. 1 tank destroyed by strafing, 2 damaged at T-Bombed and strafed 20 mm and m/g positions at T-3864. Strikes observed. No e/a seen. No abortives. Flak: light, intense, inaccurate at T-3844. Heavy, moderate, accurate at T-3952. 12-16 tanks seen on road NE Percy. 8 tanks seen in woods at T-450470. Outbreak controller, 2 mi NE of Percy. Weather: over target, 9/10 cloud, base 3000 ft, tops 3500 ft, visibility excellent. Flight returned at 1530 hours.

4 P-47D's, 367th Squadron, carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs each, fused 8-11 tail, dispatched at 1240 on armored column cover. Course flown was base to R/V point, St Denis le Gast, to target to base. In target area 1335, 1355. All bombs in target area, dive from 4000 ft, release at 100 ft, angle 45 degrees. Flight flew to assigned area and contacted Lucky Uptide gave position of enemy force on road at Roundey, but when flight answered other P-47's had situation well in hand. 2 other a/c dropped 4 bombs on truck at T-270375. No hits secred. also strafed and secred hits this way. 2 other a/c dropped 4 bombs on armored vehicle at T-2380[illegible]8. No hits, but some secred by strafing. No flak, no e/a, no abortives. 2/10 to 3/10 cloud over target, base at 5000 ft, tops unknown. Visibility 20 miles. Landed at 1345.

4 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1240 hours as armored column cover. Course straight to target. Over target 1255-1345. 4 a/c dropped 8 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 8-11 second dive from 2,500 ft., release 1500, angle 45 degrees, in target area. 4 on tank at T-811450. No results observed. 4 on road bridge at T-810450. Hits on embankment on both sides. Bridge not destroyed. No E/a seen. No flak. Weather: 10/10 cloud, base 2500, tops 5,000, visibility 5-8 miles with intermittent rain. Down base 1410.

4 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1030 hours to serve as armored column cover. Course straight to target. Over target 1045-1415. 4 a/c carried 8 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 8-11 seconds. 4 bombs dropped, dive from 3000, release 200, angle 30 degrees on 4 tanks. No hits observed. 4 bombs returned to base.

Flak: light, heavy, inaccurate to [illegible]. Weather: 8/10 cloud, base 4000 ft, tops unknown. Down at base 1426.
4 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1808 hours on armored column support. Over target 1414. 4 a/c dropped 8 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 8-11 second, dive from 3000, release 1500, angle 60 degrees on 3-5 tanks well hidden by foliage at T-5748. Black smoke seen after bombing, but tanks did not burn. No flak, no e/a seen. Weather 5 to 5/10 cloud at 3000 ft, visibility unlimited. 4 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1335 hours as armored column cover. Course flown straight to target. over target 1446-1455. 1 a/c dropped 8 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 8-11 sec delay, dive from 2500, release 1,000 angle 45 degrees on bridge at T-518478. No damage to bridge. Western approach to bridge damaged. Truck strafed and damaged at W end of bridge. 6 planes damaged by flak, 1 Cat. a and 5 ab. Flak: light and heavy, intense and accurate at T-518478. Weather: 8/10 cloud, base 4,000 tops unknown. Visibility 8-9 miles. Down at base 1445.
4 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1410 hours as armored column cover. Course straight to target. Over target 1447-1500. 4 a/c carried 8 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 8-11 seconds. Five bombs dropped on tanks, five from 1500, release, at 0.0, angle 45 degrees at T-[illegible] All of which are believed damaged. 1 bomb returned to base. Strafed embedded tank and half track at T-370445. Believed damaged Lt Miller's plane hit by flak and he was forced to bail out at T-500495. No e/a seen. Flak: light intence accurate at T-500495. Weather: 5/10, base 3000 ft, tops 3500, visibility 20 miles. Down base, 1545 hours.
4 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1408 hours as cover for armored column. Over target area 1500 to 1540. Course: base to area to base. Load: 8 x 500 lb GP bombs, 8-11 second delay fusing. 4 bombs dropped on two armored vehicles at [illegible]. One hour delay. Dive from 6,000 releasing at 500 ft angle 45 degrees. Vehicles [illegible] by near misses and strafing and were left smoking. No flak. No e/a. Weather: 5/10, base ft, 1/10 at 4,000 ft. Visibility 10 miles. Landed, 1600.
4 P-47D's of 368th Squadron dispatched at 1408 hours, to armored column cover. Over area 1444 to 1540 hours. 4 a/c dropped 8 x 500 lb GP bombs, 8-11 second fuse on road bridge at T-518478, diving from 3500 releasing at 1500, angle 30 degrees. No direct hits. Strafed gun emplacements, six heavy guns, six heavy guns, at T-518478, not camouflaged, in two lines of three each from E to W. Concentration of strikes on center guns each line, with hits on all guns. No e/a. Flak: intense, accurate, heavy and light at T-518478. Heavy, inaccurate, heavy flak at T-447017. 1 a/c damaged by flak, Cat ab. Weather: 5/10, base 4500, tops 7000. Visibility 5 miles. Landed 1615.

4 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, dispatched at 1[illegible] hours as armored column cover. Over area 1[illegible] to 1615 hours. Bridge at Tessy Sur Vire, I-0[illegible], bombed and destroyed. Bombed bridge at I-[illegible], dive from 6000, releasing at 800 ft, angle 45 degrees. No direct hits. 1 A/T destroyed by strafing at I-[illegible]. 1 MT blew up. One AT Gun/Tk dest[illegible] by flak, bailed out I-[illegible]. No e/a seen. Intense, accurate, heavy and light flak at Tessy. Intense, accurate light flak and machine gun fire at I-[illegible], coming from woods. Weather: 5/10, base 5,000 ft. Visibility 10 miles. Landed [illegible].

4 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, dispatched at [illegible] hours as armored column cover. Over area, [illegible] to 1600 hours. 3 bombs dropped on armored half track at I-[illegible], diving from [illegible], releasing at 6[illegible] ft, angle of 10 degrees. 1 bomb hit about 10 yards from vehicle. Vehicle left burning, strafing and flak by [illegible] attacked, pilot bailed. 3 other vehicles strafed just south of Le[illegible], but have been destroyed by [illegible] attacks. No flak. No e/a seen. Weather 6/10, base 4000 ft, Visibility [illegible]. Landed at 1[illegible] hrs.

4 P-47D's of 368th Squadron dispatched at [illegible] hours as armored column cover. Over area [illegible] to [illegible] hours. 4 a/c dropped 8 x 500 lb bombs, 8-11 second, on road bridge at I-[illegible]. 1 direct hit causing a [illegible] on west side of bridge. Other bombs [illegible] of vicinity attacks. Very flak, [illegible] but accurate. Weather, [illegible], visibility [illegible] miles. Landed at [illegible].

4 P-47D's of 368th Squadron dispatched at 1611 hours as armored column cover. Over area 1[illegible]-1700. 4 a/c dropped 7 bombs on road bridge of masonry construction at Tessy. Direct hit caused approximately 75% destruction to bridge. 1 bomb dropped on vehicles in woods at I-01[illegible]79. Large explosion, flame, black and white smoke resulted. No flak. No e/a. Weather, 10/10, 1,000ft., visibility 10 miles. Landed 1710 hours.

8 P-47D's dispatched at 1605 of 367th Squadron as armored column cover. Carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs, 6-11 second fuse. Over area 1700-1[illegible]. Radio not combat controller, and could find no targets due to weather blocking and low clouds. Returned to base 1[illegible]. No flak. No e/a. Weather 8, 10/10, base 3,[illegible] ft., low cloud forming and to 4[illegible] ft. Visibility good.

8 P-47D's of 368th Squadron dispatched as armored column cover at 1600. Over area 1[illegible]-1[illegible]. Due to tur-

[illegible] bombs on [illegible]; [illegible] 500 lb GP bombs on two unnamed railroad bridges at [illegible]; [illegible] 500 lb GP bombs on road bridge at [illegible]; [illegible] 500 lb GP bombs on bridge at [illegible]; [illegible] 500 lb GP bombs on bridge at [illegible]; [illegible] 500 lb GP bombs on unnamed built up area at [illegible].

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

(49 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.)

J. MIA 2nd Lt Miller, Charles E. - [illegible]
MIA 2nd Lt Sutliffe, Jules E. - [illegible]

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

FRANK A. HAYDEN,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Staff Officer.

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[illegible]/AAF/APO 358th Fighter Group
APO 141
US Army

3 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear). Att: 20th Sub.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command (Advanced).
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 50th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 14 for the period ending Sunset 30 July 1944.

Mission or Operation No. IX FC O.O. 119, Y 21-2. (Opflash Nos. 1 to 23 incl.)

4. A. 8 P-47's, 367th Squadron, each a/c carrying 2x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 8-11 second tail, dispatched in flights of 4, first flight off at 1210, on armored column cover for 6th Division. Course: base to target to base. In target areas, 1230-1300, 1300-1330. Flight tried to contact ground controller "liver", but could not get him. Weather made it extremely difficult to locate target, so flight brought bombs back to base. No flak, no e/a seen, no abortives. Weather: over target, base at 300 ft, tops at 4500 to 5000 ft, visibility below overcast, excellent. Last ship landed at 1337. 8 P-47Ds of 365th Squadron, each a/c carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 8-11 second tail dispatched in flights of 4 a/c, first flight off at 1216 on armoured column cover for 6th Division. Course flown base to area to base. Times over target areas: 1112-1304, 1300-1400. 16 bombs dropped on targets. Dive from 10000, release 300, angle 30 degrees. 5 or 6 tanks attacked at 248321 with 8 bombs. No hits, but near misses on sides or road and between tanks. Also 1 truck strafed with strikes observed at 251319. 8 bombs on railroad at 209326. Hits in 3 lines of freight cars. Several damaged 35 cars in yards. No flak. Strafed medium tank in vicinity follegisy, 248318 - hits observed. No flak. No e/a seen. No abortives. Weather: over target - 9/10, 1000 ft base, tops 5000, visibility 10 miles with intermittent rain. Elsewhere 2 - 4/10 cloud base 1000, tops 5000, visibility 10 miles. Last ship landed 1415.

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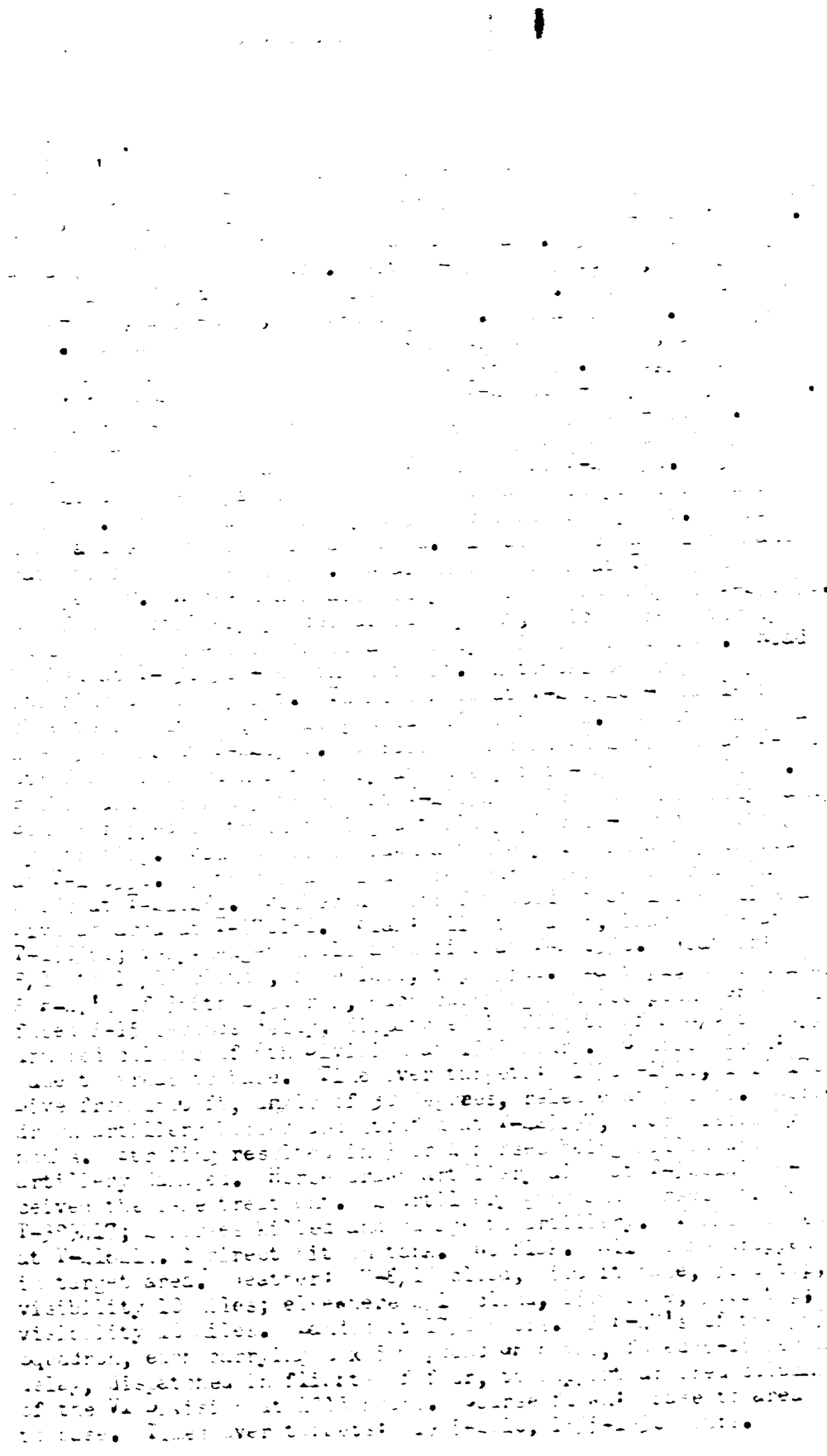

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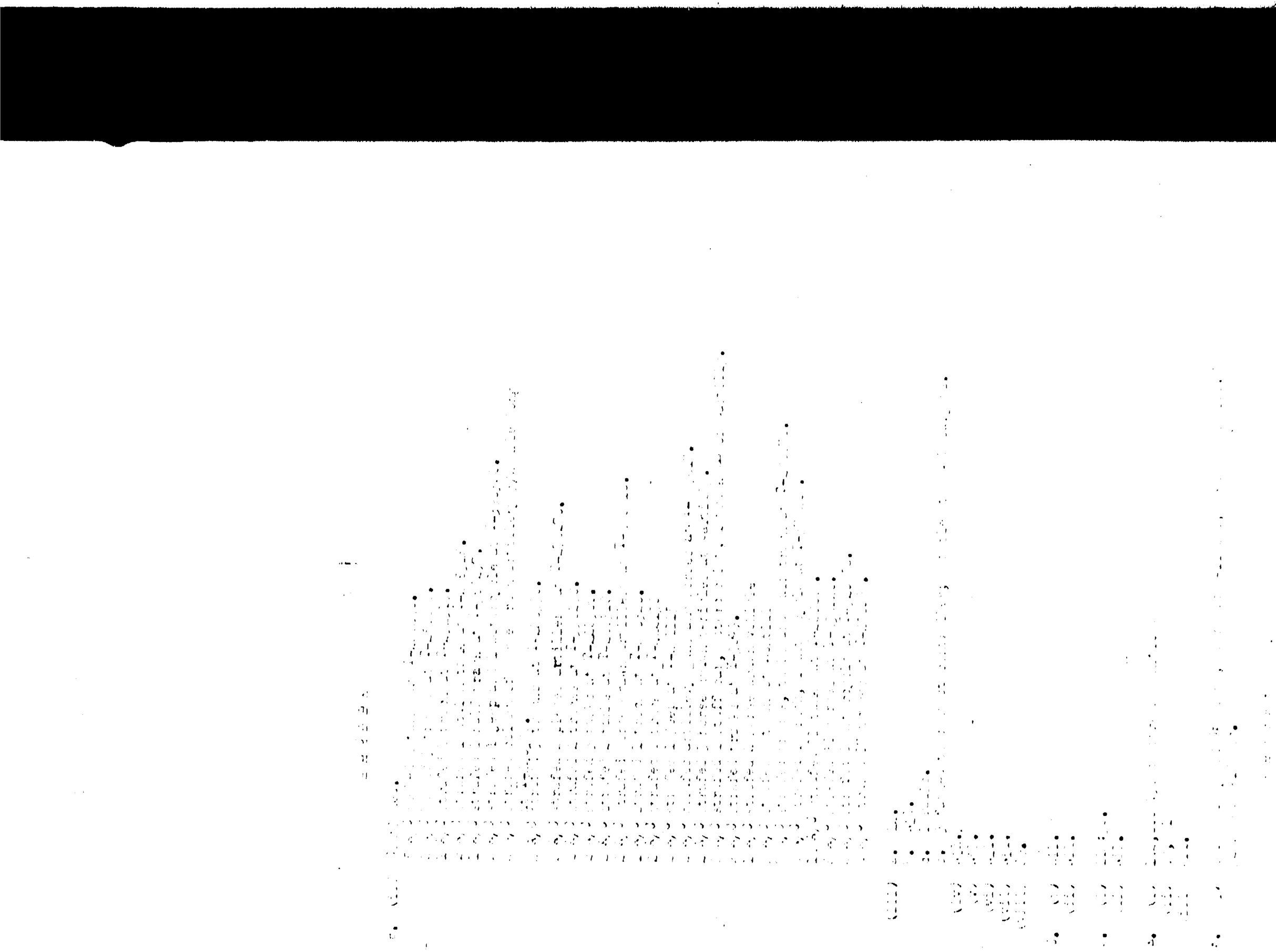
[illegible] d to target areas. [illegible] ft, angle of [illegible] degrees, release [illegible] ft. Bombed and strafed [illegible] from airfield, at [illegible], [illegible]. 1 Ju, destroyed at [illegible]. Aerial and strafed by Spitfires. 2 [illegible] destroyed by strafing in [illegible] square, plotted by the following coordinates: [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible]. Saw flak by variable cannon in [illegible] area. No A/A seen. No searchlights. No flak. Weather: [illegible], 10/10 cloud, base 800 ft; top 1500 ft; visibility 10 miles. Winds light. 12 P-47's of 367th Squadron, each carrying 2 x 500 pound GP bombs, fused 8-11 second delay, dispatched in 2 flights of 6 A/C, one flight of 3 A/C, to act as armored column cover for VI Division at 1230. Flew over targets 1245-1400, 1530-1630, 1630-1700, 1645-1730, 1830-1900. 1 abortive, radio. All bombs dropped in target area, 15 returned to base. Dive from 2500, release at 50 ft, angle of 30 degrees. 1st mission could not contact group controller. "Outbreak" at I-4863 reported enemy strike A/C approaching Vire from east. Area searched, but 500 ft ceiling made navigation difficult. No observation difficult. No observations. 2nd mission: 1 abortive, radio. Flight flew assigned area. No instructions from ground. 3 horse drawn vehicles destroyed by strafing at Bartilly. Staff car, motorcyclist and truck strafed and destroyed on main road, SE Bartilly. 1 A/C dropped 2 bombs near truck, but missed. 4 tanks bombed and strafed SE Bartilly. Hits about 50 ft away, 1 left smoking. 2 bombs dropped on wooded area SE Bartilly where small arms fire was coming from. 2 hits on woods. 4 miles NE Avranches, 16 Fw 190's flying NW at 1000 ft bounced one of this flight, but our A/C got into clouds and away. 3rd mission: 3 A/C, no contact with ground control. Patrolled area S and E of Arenal at 500 ft. No observations, bombs brought back to base. 4th mission: no contact with ground control. "Outbreak" contacted but had no jobs. Flew to Avranches and dive-bombed concentration of trucks on road NE out of Avanches with 8 bombs. 1 hit within 25 yards of column of vehicles. 5th mission: again no contact with ground control. Flight proceeded to S of Avranches and bombed and strafed military traffic on roads S and E moving S. 20 trucks destroyed and 3 damaged. 3 tanks destroyed, 2 by direct bomb hits, 1 exploded when strafed. Flak: light, intense, accurate at I-2222, also machine gun fire. A/A seen: 16 Fw 190's 4 miles NE Avranches, 1600 hours, 1000 ft, flying NW. Weather: 8/10 cloud, base 800 ft, top 4500 ft, visibility 10 to 15 miles. Down at 1923 hours. 7 P-47's of 367th Squadron, each carrying 2 x 500 pound GP bombs, fused 8-11 second delay, dispatched in 2 flights, 1 of 3 A/C, 1 of 4 A/C. 1st flight off at 1632, to support armored column of VI Division. Course; base to targets to base. In target areas: 1900-1930, 1930-2000. 12 bombs dropped in target area, 2 returned to base, dive from 2500, release at 50 ft, angle 40 degrees. 1st flight could not make contact with ground controller. Bombed and strafed 2 trucks and 1 large tank just N of St. Vaast, I-3097. 3 A/C dropped 6 bombs. 2 truck left burning. 4 other trucks in area strafed and hits scored. Flight then patrolled area S. of Avranches, but no observations. The second flight had 1 A/C comm[illegible] well camouflaged tanks SE of Bartilly at I-4863.

4. A. 2 A/C bombed and strafed 5 trucks in area leading 3 burning and 3 hit, with concentration of hits. Also strafed 4 horses drawn vehicles, scoring hits. 6 tanks on road at [illegible], T-200973, strafed. No flak. No A/A seen. Weather: 4-5/10 cloud with base at 2500, top 3000 ft; visibility 20 miles. Last plane down, 2015. 12 P-47's of 58th Squadron, each carrying 2 x 500 pound GP bombs, fused 45 second delay, dispatched in flights of 4 A/C each, 1st flight off at 1734, to support armored column of 1st Division. Course flown: base to areas to base. In target areas: 1744-2020, 2030-2100, 2050-2130. 24 bombs dropped in target areas. No abortives. Dive from 9500 ft, release at 7000 ft, angle of 45 degrees. 1 truck destroyed at T-270290. Strafed trucks, tanks and half tracks on road at T-280070. 1 half track damaged and 4 trucks destroyed at that point by strafing. 1 medium tank damaged at T-280090 and left smoking. Strafed and destroyed 1 truck and 1 motorcycle at T-270220. 2 tanks destroyed by bombs (direct hits). 1 tank set on fire and 10 tanks damaged by strafing at T-[illegible]. 30 trucks destroyed by strafing in vicinity of T-280[illegible]. 30 horses killed at T-[illegible]. 1 motorcycle destroyed at T-240250. 3 trucks destroyed by bombs and 2 trucks destroyed by strafing at T-250290. Strafed 15 trucks at same point-destroyed 2, damaged 13. No flak. No A/A seen. Weather: 2-4/10 cloud base 1500 to 2200; visibility 10 miles. Landed at 2150.

5. (i) 20 P-47.

(ii) 4 A/C bombed 5-6 tanks at T-[illegible].
4 A/C bombed R.R. crossing at T-[illegible].
1 A/C bombed R.R. at T-[illegible].
1 A/C bombed 1 tank at T-[illegible].
2 A/C bombed 5 trucks at T-[illegible].
1 A/C bombed 1 tank at T-[illegible].
1 A/C bombed road at T-[illegible].
3 A/C bombed tanks at T-[illegible].
2 A/C bombed 3 trucks at T-[illegible].
2 A/C bombed horse drawn artillery and infantry at T-[illegible].
1 A/C bombed truck towing artillery piece.
2 A/C bombed bivouac area at T-[illegible].
4 A/C bombed horse drawn artillery at T-[illegible].
4 A/C bombed horse drawn artillery in grid square [illegible] by T-[illegible], T-[illegible], T-[illegible], T-[illegible].
2 A/C bombed horse drawn artillery at T-[illegible].
2 A/C bombed horse drawn artillery at T-[illegible].
4 A/C bombed tanks at T-[illegible].
1 A/C bombed truck at [illegible].
1 A/C bombed 2 trucks SE of [illegible].
1 A/C bombed wooded area SE of [illegible].
4 A/C bombed concentration of trucks SE of [illegible].
4 A/C bombed trucks and tanks S of [illegible].
1 A/C bombed 2 trucks and 1 large tank at T-[illegible].
1 A/C bombed camouflaged tanks and 2 trucks SW of [illegible].
1 A/C bombed 2 trucks at T-[illegible].
1 A/C bombed 2 medium tanks at T-[illegible].



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SUBJECT: Operations.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear).
att: Ltr. Sub.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command (Advance).
att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, [illegible],
att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-5, dated 24 May 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 366th Fighter Group.

3. Oper No. 16A for the period ending midnight 31 July 1944.

Mission or Operation No. IA FO 0.0. # 144 - V E1-4

4. A. 36 P-47D's dispatched at 1000 hours on mission to dive bomb road bridges at Issoy sur Vire and fighter sweep after which they were to continue recommaissance of Rougeres, Mayenne, Domfront, Vire area. 0 abortives: 1 radio, 1 mechanical. All A/C carried 1 GP 500 lb bombs fuzed 1/10 and 1/10, all of which were returned to base. 1A/A observed at top cover. Unable to locate primary targets due to weather conditions. Flew briefed reconnaissance course which was uneventful. No e/a seen. No flak. Weather: 8 to 9/10 cloud, base 1000, tops 5000, visibility below clouds, 6 miles. Down at base 1245.

B. (i) 36 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 36 P-47D's (Completed mission) Reconnaissance of Rougeres, Mayenne, Domfront, Vire area.
(iii) Abortives: 3 A/C.
(a) Mil
(b) Mil
(c) 1 radio, 1 oil leak, 1 takeout and prop.

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) Nil

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 88:0
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 87,000 rds. (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 48 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10 and 1/4.
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

48 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/1. and 1/4. returned to base.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

Frank A. Hall,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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APO 141 US Army

8 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (AAF)
att: Ninth SOU.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command (advanced)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 36th Fighter Wing,
att: Stat Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-1, dated 21 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 368th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 15B for the period ending Sunset 31 July 1944.

Mission or Operation No. IX FC O.O. [illegible], Y 21-5

4. a. 24 P-47D's dispatched, 12 a/c each from 368th and 487th Squadrons, at 1045 to dive bomb ammunition dump at Fontorson and continue on reconnaissance of Fougeres - Mayenne - Domfront - Vire area. Course flown: straight to primary target. 16 a/c dropped 32 GP 500 lb bombs fused 1/10-1/40, dive from 10,000, release 4500, angle 70 degrees. 8 a/c served as cover. All bombs in target area, but no explosions. Bandits reported by controller in vicinity of Avranches, but could not be located. Continued on briefed reconnaissance course. Uneventful patrol. No e/a seen. No flak. Weather: 8/10 to 9/10 cloud, base 2000, tops 4500. Visibility 10 miles. Large hole in cloud over primary target. Over target area 1401-1445. Down at 1605.

B. (i) 24 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 16 P-47D's dive bomb ammunition dump at Fontorson and continue on reconnaissance of Fougeres - Mayenne - Domfront - Vire area;
8 P-47D's served as cover.
(iii) Abortives: Nil.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 24

5. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

6. (i) 48,000 rds. (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 240 rds. (50 calibre ammunition)
(iii) Nil

7. (i) 28 x 500 lb GP bombs, Fused 1/10-1/4,
(ii) 28 x 500 lb GP bombs, Fused 1/10-1/4, at target area on ammunition dump at Rotterdam.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

8. Nil

9. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Stat Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US ARMY

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4 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
att: 358th FBG.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command (Advanced)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 56th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 80-3, dated 28 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 150 for the period ending Sunset 31 July 1944.

Mission or Operation No. IX AS C.O.#128, 31B - 5.

4. A. 12 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1810 hours to bomb and cut main road running south from Montbray. Course flown straight to target. Over target 1825. 8 a/c carried 10 GP 500 lb bombs, fused 1/10-1/4. All bombs returned to base as squadron unable to locate target due to poor weather conditions. Flak: Heavy and light, meager, inaccurate at Foret de St. Sever. No e/a seen. Weather: 5/10, top 6000. Base unknown. Visibility one half mile. Landed 1941 (Time over target area, 1825 - 1925).

B. (i) 12 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) Nil
(iii) Abortive: 12 a/c due to weather condition.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 12

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3. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

4. (i) 14:15
(ii) Nil

5. (i) 15,[illegible]
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

6. (i) 10 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/11-1 [illegible]
returned to base.
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

10 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/11-1 [illegible]
returned to base.

7. Nil

8. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

Fred. A. Talbot,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS [illegible] FIGHTER GROUP
APO 181 [illegible] ARMY

4 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oper.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
att: 20th OOU.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command (Advance)
att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 64th Fighter Wing,
att: Stat Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Letter 55-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 508th Fighter Group.

3. Oper No. 18 for the period ending Sunset 1 August 1944.

Mission or Operation No. IA FO O.O.#181, Y - 11 - 1.

4. a. 8 P-47D's of 508th Squadron dispatched on intercept at 0915 hours, carrying no external load. Flew course to Coutances-Avranches area, arriving 0930 and patrolling area without incident to 1040 hours, when returned to base. No flak. No e/a seen. Weather: Over over patrol area, but N of St Lo 10/10 cloud, base 800 ft, tops 1500 ft, visibility 1 mile under overcast. Landed 1050 hour .

B. (i) 8 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 8 P-47D's on intercept to Coutances-Avranches area and patrolling area.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 8

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3. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

4. (i) 11:45
(ii) Nil

5. (i) 1,[illegible] lbs. (2 million 1 billion)
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

6. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

7. Nil

8. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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4 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26th SOU.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command (Advanced)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 84th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 20 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 165 for the period ending Sunset 1 August 1944.

Mission or Operation No. IX FC O.O.# 121, # 51-3.

4. a. 36 P-47D's, 24 a/c carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs each, fused 1/10 nose 1/40 tail. 12 a/c acting as escort, dispatched at 1812 on armed reconnaissance of Rennes, Ploermel, Loudeac, Lamballe, Dinan, area. In target area 1650-1758. 6 bombs on road bridge X-2893. No hits on bridge. 2 on road. 8 bombs on marshalling yard at Lamballe. No activity in yards. 4 hits on tracks, 2 near misses on road over r.r. 1 truck destroyed east of Merdrignac X-8080. 8 bombs on 2 hay wagons carrying concealed AA guns at X-4595. Near misses 8 bombs on freight cars at X-8858. 2 cars knocked off tracks, no fires seen. 6 bombs on 2 trucks which were also strafed and left burning at X-0858. One truck carrying personnel, going N.W. 4 bombs on over pass at X-6091. No hits. 4 bombs on siding at X-8095. 3 direct hits among 20 to 25 cars, starting fires - black smoke seen. No e/a seen. 1 abortive, mechanical. Light, meager, inaccurate flak at X-0869. Light intense and inaccurate in woods at X-2768. Light, meager inaccurate at X-4595. 10 to 15 American trucks observed north of Rennes on main highway, heading south. Haze to 3000 or 4000 ft, no clouds over target, 5 to 6 miles visibility. Over base 6/10, base 1000 ft, tops1500, visibility 3 miles.

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Group returned to base with 4 bombs at 1819.

5. (i) 36 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 24 P-47D's carrying bombs on armed reconnaissance of Rennes, Ploermel, Loudeac, Lamballe, Dinan, area.
12 P-47D's acting as escort.
(iii) Abortive: 2 A/C
(a) Nil
(b) Nil
(c) 1 fuel leaks and gas fumes; 1 oil pressure.
(d) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 34

6. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

7. (i) 78:30
(ii) Nil

8. (i) 57,600 rds. (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 4,965 rds. (50 calibre ammunition)
(iii) Nil

9. (i) 48 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose 1/40 tail.
(ii) 6 x 500 lb GP bombs on road bridge AB 2893.
8 x 500 lb GP bombs on marshalling yd at Lamballe.
8 x 500 lb GP bombs on 2 hay wagons carrying concealed AA guns at A-4595.
8 x 500 lb GP bombs on freight cars at A-8358
6 x 500 lb GP bombs on 2 trucks at A-0893.
4 x 500 lb GP bombs on siding at A-6095
4 x 500 lb GP bombs on over pass at A-6091
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

4 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.

10. Nil

11. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Stat Control.

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S E C R E T

[illegible] Headquarters [illegible] Fighter Wing
APO [illegible] 3 August 1944

5 August 1944.

SUBJECT: [illegible].

TO : [illegible], General, [illegible] Air Force (A-2),
att: Asst. Sec.
[illegible], General, [illegible] Air Defense Command,
att: Stat. Officer.
Commanding Officer, [illegible] Fighter Wing,
att: Stat. Officer.

1. In compliance with [illegible] Air Force Memo No. 31-3, dated 20 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 65th Fighter Group.

3. Oper. No. 180 for the period ending Sunset 1 August 1944.

Mission or Operation No. 1a 65 C.C.Pl, M Sh-a.

4. a. 65 P-47D's, 64 a/c carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs each, fused 1/10 nose 1/10 tail, 4 a/c nothing to report, dispatched at 1105 on ultra penetration of Dinan, Rennes, Chateaubriant, Flocmel, Loudac, Lamballe area. Course flown was base to Dinan to Rennes to Chateaubriant to Flocmel to Loudac to Lamballe to Dinan to base. In target area 1215-1255. Group recalled by Sweepstakes after only 1 squadron had completed the mission, another had gone halfway around, and the third had just made landfall in. Weather closing in rapidly in base area was reason for recall. 1 train observed going north on road, A-9886. Flooded belt 8 miles long, 4 to 6 miles inland north of Del, S-9730. 10 small boats seen in water between Arcale, S-9617, and Pte DU Brodin, S-9618. Approximately 100 barge type type vessels seen in inlet vicinity of Pt Servon, S-7714 at 1255, 4000 ft. Heavy, moderate, inaccurate flak north of road A-9614. No clouds in target area, haze up to 6000 ft, visibility 4-6 miles up sun, 1/2 down. North of Periers, clouds 10/10, base 800, tops 1500 ft, visibility 1 mile. 16 bombs jettisoned in channel, 62 returned to base. No e/a seen, no abortives. Group returned at 1345.

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2. (i) [illegible] B-17's dumping 4 x 500 lb GP bombs each.
   14 B-17's acting as decoy.
   (ii) 14 B-17's completed mission and returned safely to base, landing at Deenethorpe, Attlebridge, Thurleigh, Bassingbourn, Chelveston, Kimbolton, Podington, Glatton, Little Walden, Duxford, Foulsham, Horsham St. Faith, Ludham, Metfield, Langham, Wattisham, Lavenham, Honington, Rougham, Bury St. Edmunds, Mildenhall, Lakenheath, Feltwell, Methwold, Watton, Thetford, Snetterton Heath, Attlebridge, Deenethorpe.
   (iii) Nil
   (iv) Nil
   (v) Nil
   (vi) Nil
   (vii) Nil
   (viii) 38

3. (i) Nil
   (ii) Nil

4. (i) 5.:45
   (ii) Nil

5. (i) 87,[illegible] rds. (.5 calibre ammunition)
   (ii) Nil
   (iii) Nil

6. (i) 48 x 5.0 lb GP bombs, fused 1/11 no e 1/[illegible] tail.
   (ii) Nil
   (iii) 16 x 5.0 lb GP bombs jettisoned in channel.
   (iv) Nil

   32 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.

7. Nil

8. (i) Nil
   (ii) Nil
   (iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

FRANK A. TAYLOR
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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att: Stat Control.
att: Stat Officer.

1. In compliance with [illegible] dated [illegible], there follows, the following report for this date.

a. [illegible] fighter group.

b. Group No. 17a for the period ending [illegible]

[illegible] No. 1a to 1.c.8 a 31-1.

a. [illegible] squadrons (100th, 350th) dispatched as per (11 from 100th and 12 from 350th) at 1600 hours on armed reconnaissance to Hamm, Munster, Minden area. [illegible] 100-plus a/c. Ic's Battle of Britain 15 to [illegible] 1/10-10th. [illegible] above, haze and [illegible] below, slight to moderate [illegible] 10/10ths by cloud [illegible]. Leader [illegible] and [illegible]. [illegible] 5-10's. 2 tanks jettisoned by 100th and returned to base with a. All bombs of 350th (12) returned to base. [illegible] 5-10's. [illegible] 2 a/c 350th damaged [illegible] 1 a/c 350th [illegible]. Flak: heavy, moderate and [illegible]. Weather: 9/10 to 10/10 cloud, base [illegible], tops 7000, visibility restricted by haze to 4 to 5 miles. Down at base 1800 hours.

B. (i) 15 P-47D's carrying [illegible] GP bombs.
8 P-47D's served as cover.

(ii) All P-47D's completed mission on armed reconnaissance to Hamm, Munster area under 10/10 cloud.

(iii) 2 a/c returned:
(a) Nil
(b) Nil
(c) 1 mechanical; 1 oil leak.
(d) Nil

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(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) Nil

3. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

4. (i) 36, 8 Nov. (1 sighter ammunition)
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iii) Nil

5. (i) 40 x 500 lb GP bombs, about 1 1/2-1' ...
(ii) 8 x 500 lb GP Bombs dropped on Target A/T at 7-8[illegible].
(iii) 2 x 500 lb GP bombs jettisoned.
(iv) Nil

Nil x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.

6. Nil

7. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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e. (i) [illegible].
(ii) Nil.

f. (i) [illegible] (1 caliber,
(ii) 1943.
(iii) 2,430.

g. (i) 16 x 20 frag bombs.
(ii) 19 on 11 large A/C's at Enfield.
(iii) 1.
(iv) Nil.

h. (i) 2nd Lt. Charles H. Penn, [illegible] Air.

i. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

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1st Lt., Air Corps,
A'sst Stat Officer.

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Headquarters 358th Fighter Group
APO 141 US Army

5 Aug 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Rear), Att: AC/S.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 303rd Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 3 Aug 1944.

For the Group Commander:

[redacted] A. [redacted],
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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1. [illegible]
   (i) [illegible]
   (ii) [illegible]
   (iii) [illegible]
   (iv) [illegible]
   (v) [illegible]
   (vi) [illegible]
   (vii) [illegible]

2. [illegible]
   (i) [illegible]

3. [illegible]
   (i) [illegible]

4. [illegible]
   (i) [illegible]
   (ii) [illegible]
   (iii) [illegible]

5. [illegible]
   (i) [illegible]
   (ii) [illegible]
   (iii) [illegible]
   (iv) [illegible]

6. [illegible]

7. [illegible]
   (i) [illegible]
   (ii) [illegible]
   (iii) [illegible]

For the Board of Trade:

Frank A. Taylor per fdb

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HEADQUARTERS 368TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US ARMY

8 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
att: A6 S3U.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 368rd Fighter Wing, att:
Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 368th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 20 for period ending Sunset 8 August 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: O.O. 5 & 81-1 (Opl. 1 to 7).

4. a. 8 P-47D's of the 387th Squadron, each carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail, dispatched on armed recco of Fougeres, Vitre, Laval, Mayenne, Pontfroult area at 0751. Course flown: base to target to base. 14 bombs dropped in target area, dive from 8000 ft, release, 2000, angle of 60 degrees. 2 bombs brought back. Over target area, 0819-0845. No flak. No e/a seen. Assigned area patrolled. Ground controller "Exclaim", contacted but had no assignments. Came not readable. One truck headed east destroyed by bombing and strafing east of Laval (YB6442). Two trucks, headed east, both carrying personnel destroyed by bombing and strafing at YB6572. One staff car headed east destroyed by strafing at YB7084. Our vehicles in Vertain. No other observations. Weather: 1/10 cloud, tops unknown. Visibility good. Down 0904.

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8 P-47D's of 66th Squadron, each carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10-1/4, dispatched on armed recce at 1414 hours, course flown: base to target to base. Time over target area: 1445-1545. No bombs dropped, all bombs returned to base. Ground controller, Rodin 1, vectored flight to cover tanks seen on road between Martigné and Bais. Our tanks on road leading into Bais, T-8735. Observed being held up by fire coming from buildings, but were not returning fire. No assignment received from ground controller, Rodin 1. No e/a seen. Flak: vicinity of Flers T-8721, light intense and accurate. Weather: No cloud, visibility in sun one and one and one half mile, down sun 3 miles. Down 2100.

8 P-47D's of 66th Squadron, each carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10 - 1/4, dispatched on armed recce at 0914. Course flown: base to target to base. Time over target area: 2040-2100. No bombs dropped, all returned to base. No e/a seen. Uneventful reconnaissance. Weather: hazy, tops 4000, visibility 2-3 miles. Landed 2141.

E. (i) 56 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 49 P-47D's (completing mission) on armed recce of Fougeres, Vitre, Laval, Mayenne, Domfront area.
7 P-47D's attacking target, dropping 14 x 500 lb GP bombs in target area, of Fougeres, Vitre, Laval, Mayenne, Domfront area.
(iii) 1 a/C abortive:
(a) Nil
(b) Nil
(c) 1 Generator.
(d) Nil

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 55

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 108:00 .
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 89,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 6,752 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 112 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10 nose 1/40 tail.
(ii) 14 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped in target area, of Fougeres, Vitre, Laval, Mayenne, Domfront area.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

98 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to home base.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Stat Officer.

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HQ, 368th Fighter Group
APO 141

8 August 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: AC SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 366th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 368th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 21 for period ending Sunset 8 August 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: C.C. 8

4. A. 12 P-47D's of the 368th Squadron, each carrying 1 bomb (500 LB GP) fused 1/10 and 1/40, and dispatched to give armed recce of Reims area at 1220. No bombs dropped - all returned to base. Over area: 1240-1340. Course flown: base to area to base. Patrol uneventful. Controllers were contacted, but no targets were given and none seen. No e/a seen. No flak. Weather over target area: 1-2/10 cloud, base 3000 ft, tops 3500, visibility 8 miles. Elsewhere: 8/10 north of base with base of 1000 ft, tops 1500. Down at 1:10.
12 P-47D's of 368th Squadron, each carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40, dispatched to give armed recce of Reims area at 1610. Course flown: base to area to base. Time over target area: 1650-1750. 4 bombs dropped in target area - 8 returned to base. Dive from 6000 ft, release at 2000 ft, angle 70 degrees. Flight vectored to rr bridge by controller at 5 1650. 4 bombs dropped but missed. Flak: light, moderate, accurate flak at Y-3590. No e/a seen. Weather: 7/10 cloud on line 2 from Chateau-briant to Fougeres, base 4000, tops 7000 ft. 4-5 mile visibility. Returned to base 1800 hours.

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[illegible] they could attack, but could not get [illegible] tion from him. They continued to pull it in and also called it into the flight ship that was following them, but they did not attack. Weather: [illegible]. Landed at 1815 hours.

6 Fw-190's of 10th Squadron, each carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40, dispatched [illegible] patrol and armed recce of Rennes area at 1400 hours: base to area to base. Time over target 1440-1550. No bombs dropped, all returned to base. No e/a seen. Squadron flew to Mortain where Ripsaw One vectored flight to Dinan to contact ground controller. Enemy target marked with smoke was entirely close to our own troops who were resting in fields. No enemy action seen in area. Our troops seen just outside of St Male. Flight remained in this area from 1420 until 1550, then vectored to Rennes by Ripsaw One, but no assignment given. No other observations. Flak: NE St Male (s 8818), light, moderate, inaccurate, weather: over target area - no cloud, visibility 5-8 miles. Elsewhere: 8/10 cloud beginning 4/10 between Dinan and Rennes and extending south. Top 9000 ft, base 4000. Visibility 5-6 miles. Some haze at 1000.

12 Fw-190's of 10th Squadron, each carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40, in four sections (one A/C, two sections of 5), dispatched to [illegible] armed recce of Rennes area at 1400 hours: base to area to base. Over target area: 1500-1550 hours. No bombs dropped, one section met between Avranches and St Male because pilot low on gas, it returned to base. No e/a seen. No flak. Patrol uneventful. Were able to contact Ripsaw, but not [illegible] Acft [illegible].

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P-47D's of 368th Squadron, each carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40 dispatched on patrol of Reimes area at 1721. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area, 1705-1745. No bombs dropped, all returned to base. No e/a seen. Controller Ripsaw on D channel and he vectored squadron to Floermel. Here Squadron leader lost contact with him. Ground controller could not receive Squadron leader. Squadron flew back toward Reimes, but by the time contact made again, gas was low, so came home. Flak: Vire, heavy moderate, inaccurate, light, moderate, accurate. Weather: 3 to 5/10 cloud, base 8000 ft, tops unknown. Visibility 5 miles.

12 P-47D's of 368th Squadron, each carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40, dispatched to serve as cover in Reimes area at 1820 hours. Course flown: base to target to base. Over area, 1840-1915 hours. 8 bombs dropped, 4 returned to base. Dive from 8000, release 2000, angle 20 degrees. Bombed and strafed 10 escorted vehicles, trucks, and etc moving E out of Laval Y 8947. 5 destroyed, 4 damaged. Could not contact Ground Controller, only Ripsaw. No e/a. No flak. Weather: 8/10 cloud, base 8000, tops 11,000, haze to 7000. Visibility 3-4

14 P-47D's of 368th Squadron, each carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb, fused 1/10-1/40 dispatched for area cover at 1450. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area: 1545-1640. All bombs returned to base. Ripsaw vectored flight to Flatours at Chateaubriand, but did not go because low on fuel. Grand Slap able vectored flight Morlaix to look at rail bridge. No e/a seen. No e/a. No flak. Weather: Haze to 6000 ft, visibility 1 mile. Landed 2100.
4 P-47D's of 368th Squadron, each carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40 nose, dispatched to give cover for task force at 2024. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area 2045-2145. No e/a. No flak. All bombs returned to base. Flight contacted ground controller Grand Slap able and he vectored flight to west of St Brieuc where he said Germans were attacking on main road. Flight strafed 6 trucks and 12 horse drawn artillery at R-9810, resulting in 6 trucks destroyed and unknown damage to horse drawn artillery. Weather: no clouds, visibility 4 miles, slight haze. Landed 2215.
8 P-47D's of 368th Squadron, each carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40, dispatched on patrol of Rennes area. Over area 2005-2105. Course flown: base to target to base. 7 bombs in area, 1 returned to base. Dive from 8500, release 2000, angle 75 degrees. Squadron leader contacted ground controller Ripsaw who vectored them to Le Mans)-8887, where they were told to bomb 20 to 30 box cars and cut RR tracks. RR tracks cut at 2 places just short of box cars, and 3 direct hits on box cars. No flak, No e/a. No clouds, visibility 10 miles. Landed 2215.

B. (i) 107 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 93 P-47D's (completing mission) on armed recco of Rennes area.
14 P-47D's dropped 14 x 500 lb GP bombs, (1 x 500 lb bomb each) on target area of Rennes.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 107

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 223:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 171,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 10,924 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 107 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10-1/40,
(ii) 14 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on target area of Rennes.
(iii) 1 x 500 lb GP bomb jettisoned between Cancale and St Malo, because pilot was low on gas.
(iv) Nil

92 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Stat Officer.

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[redacted] to Army
Air [redacted]

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5 August 1944

Subject: Oprep.

To : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear), Att: [redacted]
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
Control.
Commanding Officer, 36th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat 3 Mtr 1.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo [redacted], dated [redacted], a narrative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 7 Aug 1944.

2. Oprep No. 22

For the Group Commander:

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Lt. Col. A.C.
Asst. C.O.,
Hqs. Sqd. 67th Ftr. Wg.

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Headquarters 358th Fighter Group
APO 141 US Army

10 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
att: A&E Sec.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 365rd Fighter Wing,
att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-2, dated 28 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 20 for the period ending Midnight 8 August 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: C.O. 8 & 81-2 (Opf. 1 and 2).

4. a. 36 P-47D's (12 from each squadron) dispatched at 1108 hours on armed recco in Beauvais-Compiegne-Amiens area. In target area from 1130 to 1220 hours. 8 a/c from each squadron carried 1 GP 500 lb bomb fused 1/10-1/40. 32 bombs dropped in target area alte from 4000, release at 4000, angle 45 degrees. 6 bombs on RR siding at Pavilly (N-1129), 1 direct hit. 5 bombs on RR tracks at Justen Chaussee, N-1015 - 2 direct hits. 6 bombs on RR bridge at N-2089, no hits. 4 bombs on RR tracks at N-4088. 6 bombs on woods, N-80+led. 1 bomb on 50 box cars. 2 bombs returned to base. 4 trucks destroyed by strafing (2 at N 4088 and 2 at N-2101) 12 a/c (4 from each squadron) served as cover. 1 abort (mechanical) from 358th. 1 plane from 357th damaged by flak, Category AC. Flak: Heavy and light, weak and inaccurate at Elbeuf (R-1199) Heavy, moderate, inaccurate at N-5080. Weather: In target area, 2/10 cloud, base 5000, tops 6000, visibility 6 miles in haze. Down at base, 1620 hours.

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36 P-47D's (12 each from 365th and 366th, 11 from 367th) dispatched at 1002 hours on armed recco in Beauvais, Compiegne, Amiens area. In target area from 1700 to 1740 hours. 20 a/c carried 1 GP 500 lb bomb fused 1/10-1/40.20 bombs in target area, dive from 6000, release at 2000 ft, angle 35 degrees. 8 M/T's destroyed; 6 by bombing and strafing at Breteuil (M-9829), 1 at Beauvais (M-9000), 1 at St Saulieur (M-9647). 4 M/T's probably damaged at Montdidier (M-4428) by near bomb misses. 1 flak tower damaged by strafing at Moreuil (M-[illegible]; 4 bombs on supply dump in woods NW of Montdidier, exact location unknown and results of bombing undetermined. 12 a/c served as cover. 1 plane from 366th, and one plane from 366th damaged by flak, both Category A. 2 bombs returned to base by 366th Squadron. Flak: Heavy, accurate, weak at Lillebonne (L-8147). Heavy, moderate accurate at Goderville (M-0814) Heavy, accurate, weak at Caudebec (L-9027). Heavy, inaccurate, weak at Crevecoeur (M-4428) weather: 5/10, base 6 00 ft, tops 9000 ft, visibility 5-6 miles. Down at base 1800.

3. (i).71 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 4 P-47D's (completing mission) on armed recco in Beauvais, Campiegne-Amiens area.
3 A/C dropped bombs on RR siding at Pavilly (M-1189).
8 A/C dropped bombs on RR tracks at Justa Chaussee, M-1015 -
3 A/C dropped bombs on RR bridge at M- 2689.
4 A/C dropped bombs on RR tracks at M-4038.
3 A/C dropped bombs on woods, M-8041[illegible].
1 A/C dropped bomb on 50 box cars.
4 A/C dropped bombs on supply dump in woods NW of Montdider.
16A/C dropped bombs in target area, Beavais, Compaiegne, Amiens area.
24 P-47D's served as cover.
(iii) 1 A/C abortive:
(a) Nil
(b) Nil
(c) 1 Radio
(d) Nil

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 3 a/c damaged by flak; 1 a/c Cat.AC. 2 a/c Cat.A.
(viii) 71

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 166:43
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 113,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 19,270 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 47 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10-1/40.
(ii) 3 bombs on RR siding at Pavilly (M-1128);
8 bombs on RR tracks at Juster Chaussee, M-1015.
3 bombs on RR bridge at M-2889.
4 bombs on RR tracks at M-4009.
3 bombs on woods, M-804100.
1 bomb on 30 box cars
4 bombs on supply dump in woods NW of Montdidier.
16 bombs in target area, Beauvais, Compaiegne, Amiens area.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
5 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.
G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Other claims:
3 trucks destroyed by strafing (2 at M 4009 and 2 at M-2201)
5 M/T's destroyed; 3 by bombing and strafing at Breteuil (M-0829), 1 at Beauvais (M-9000), 1 at St Saufleur (M-0847).
4 M/T's probably damaged at Montdidier (M 2429) by bomb misses.
1 flak tower damaged by strafing at Moreuil (M-284.).

For the Group Commander:

FRANK A. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Stat Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 368TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US ARMY

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11 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
att: A8 SOU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 368rd Fighter Wing,
att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 28 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 368th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 24 for the period ending Sunset 9 August 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: O.O. 9 & 51-1 (Opf. #1 to #12)

4. A. 12 P-47 D's of 366th Squadron, 8 each carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10-1/40 with 4 acting as escort, dispatched at 0907 hours to give assault area cover to Fougeres, Chateaubriant, Le Fleche, Le Mans, Laval area. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area: 0930-1000. All bombs returned to base. Uneventful patrol. No e/a seen. No flak. Fire and explosions seen east of Laval. Weather: 1/10 cloud at 9000. Landed 1050 hours.
12 P-47 D's of 365th Squadron, 8 each carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40 with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1000 hours to give assault area cover to Fougeres, Chateaubriant, Le Fleche, Le Mans, Laval area. Course flown: base to target to base. No bombs dropped, all returned to base. Over area 1040-1150 hours. Contacted ripsaw who had no targets. 50-60 U.S. trucks seen facing east on road west of Segre, J-3705. No e/a seen. No flak. Weather: 6/10 cloud, base 3000, tops 8500 with haze to 5000 ft, visibility 1 mile. Elsewhere base to Fougeres - haze to 5000 ft, visibility 4-5 miles. Landed 1215.

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[illegible] P-47D's [illegible] squadron, 9 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fuzed 1/10-1/40 with 4 lb detonator, dispatched at 1[illegible]. Cloud flown: base to area to base. Over area: 8/10-9/10. All birds returned to base. Intelligence area and AA, same as [illegible]. No a/c. No flak. Weather: to Fougeres, 8/10 cloud with base 4000 tops 6000. Over area: 8/10-9/10. All birds returned to base. Intelligence area and AA, same as [illegible]. No a/c. No flak. Weather: to Fougeres, 8/10 cloud with base 4000 tops 6000. Visibility fine and clear. Ie Fleche - 8/10 cloud with base 4000 tops 6000. Home base.

12 P-47D's of 507th Squadron, 9 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fuzed 1/10-1/40 with 4 lb detonator, dispatched at 1[illegible]. Cloud flown: base to area to base. Over area: 8/10-9/10. All birds returned to base. Intelligence area and AA, same as [illegible]. No a/c. No flak. Weather: to Fougeres, 8/10 cloud with base 4000 tops 6000. Visibility fine and clear. Ie Fleche - 8/10 cloud with base 4000 tops 6000. Home base.

B. (i) 142 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 95 P-47D's (completing mission; to give assault area cover to Fougeres, Chateaubriant, Ie Fleche, Le Mans, Laval area.
47 P-47D's acting as cover.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 142

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 294:60
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 227,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 541 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 95 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10-1/40.
(ii) 2 x 500 lb GP bomb dropped near gun carrier, at K-2603 - missed.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

95 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to home base.

G. (1) Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

Frank A. Lamb,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 368TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US ARMY

12 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oper.

To : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: AC S-3.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 303rd Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 26 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 368th Fighter Group.

3. Oper No. 25 for the period ending Sunset 10 August 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: 8.8. 10 & 41-2 (Off. #1 to #11).

4. a. 12 P-47D's of 368th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40, 4 as escort, dispatched at [redacted] to give assault area cover of Le Mans - Laval - Craon - area. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area: 1010-1040. 8 dropped in target area. Contacted Ajaan and also Field Base and Field Mare Control & Radio to Marville, W-0878, one direct hit on a tank in road, 2 left standing. Amount of damage unknown. 12 P/U. 12 flak, weather: no cloud, visibility 10 miles. 4 of flights to be sent with Base Ops, to brief and refuel. 4 flak. Some time.
12 P-47D's of 368th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40, 4 as escort, dispatched at [redacted] to give assault area cover of Le Mans - Laval - Craon - area. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area: 1011-1110. All bombs reported to base. On way home Ajaan reported one enemy bomber in vicinity of Le Mans to the north east.

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[illegible] No e/a. [illegible]. Weather: no [illegible], base [illegible]. [illegible] base 400 ft, tops [illegible], visibility [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] P-47D's of [illegible] Squadron, [illegible] carrying 1 x [illegible] lb GP bomb fused 1/1-1/4 [illegible] as escort, dispatched at [illegible] hours to give assault area cover, [illegible] Le Mans - Laval - Fougeres - area. Course flown: [illegible] base to area to base. Over area [illegible]. All [illegible] returned to base. Uneventful patrol. Ripsaw contacted but no target given. No e/a. No flak. Weather: [illegible]. Down [illegible].

12 P-47D's of 368th Squadron, 8 each carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40 with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1410 to give assault area cover of Le Mans - Laval - Fougeres - area. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area 1614-1801. All bombs returned to base. Uneventful patrol. Ripsaw contacted but no target given. No e/a. No flak. Weather: CAVU. Down 1640.

12 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 8 each carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40 with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1640 to give assault area cover of Le Mans -Laval - Fougeres area. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area 1714-1901. All to be returned to base. Ripsaw had no targets. Located 6 pieces of horsedrawn artillery at P-1888. Flight of 4 a/c strafed and destroyed them. No e/a. No flak. Weather: 2/10 cloud, base 8000, visibility unlimited. Base to target area: 8/10 cloud, base 1200 ft, visibility 1/2 to 1 mile. Down 1859.

12 P-47D's of 368th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb 1/10-1/40 with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1847 to give assault area cover of Le Mans - Laval - Fougeres - area. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area 1814-1701. 8 bombs in area, 4 brought back to base. (1 bomb on It Hamer's ship unaccounted for) Dive from 9000, release at 4000, angle of 45 degrees. Four gun positions bombed and strafed at L-1040. It Hamer went into ground at T-9411. No chute seen. 1 truck destroyed by strafing at M-9008. 2 damaged by flak: Category A, and 1 Category B. No e/a seen. Flak: Light, weak, and inaccurate in box at L-0000, and at L-1508. Numerous gun positions observed at L-0000 and L-0005. Weather: 8/10 - 4/10 cloud, base 8000,

tops 8000 with visibility 6 miles. Over IP.
12 P-47D's of 66th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x
500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40 with 4 as escort,
dispatched at 1745 to give target area cover
to La Mans - Laval - Fougeres - area. Bounce
flown; base to area to base. Over area lib-
eral. All bombs returned to base. Uneventful
patrol. Controller had no targets. No a/c.
No flak. Weather: Base 10cm ground to 8000 with
visibility 10 miles. Dusk 2140.
12 P-47D's of 66th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500
lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40 with 4 as escort, dis-
patched at 1745. Mission was recalled from squad-
ron had landed at Beaumin. All bombs returned to
base. Weather: 8/10, scattered, base 1000, tops
8000 visibility 10 miles. Over base: 8/10, with
base 800, tops 8000. Dusk 2140.

B. (i) 102 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 72 P-47D's (competing mission) to give target
area cover of Le Mans - Laval - Fougeres- area.
18 P-47D's dropped bombs on target area.
84 P-47D's acting as cover.
(iii) 1 a/c abortive:
(a) Nil
(b) Nil
(c) 1 tachometer
(d) 1 a/c escort abortive.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) 1 P-47D, enemy flak; location La Ferriere Aux
Loanes.
(vii) 3 a/c damaged by flak; 2 Cat."A", 1 Cat.B.
(viii) 129

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 866:30
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 211,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 1,680 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) 1,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

F. (i) 88 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused 1/10-1/40.
(ii) 18 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped in target area.
(iii) Nil
(iv) 1 x 500 lb GP bomb.

74 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to home base.

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1. Kenneth O. Mahler, 2nd Lt., O-7[illegible] MIA .

K. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Other claims:
d-4 direct hits on 6 tanks on road, 1 left
smoking.
1 truck damaged F-7710.
Strafed and destroyed 2 pieces of horse-drawn
artillery at F-1010.
4 gun position bombed and strafed at E-1041.
1 truck destroyed by strafing at F-1024.

For the Group Commander:

Frank A. [illegible],
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 368TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US ARMY

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13 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear),
att: AC S3U.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 368th Fighter Wing,
att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 35-3, dated 25 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 368th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 26 for the period ending Sunset 11 August 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: O.O. 11 S1-2 (Opr. 1 to

4. a. 12 P-47D's of 387th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40 with four as escort, dispatched at 1102 to give area cover in Nantes - Angers area. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area 1230-1245. 6 bombs on targets, dive from 11,000, release at 5,000, angle 70 degrees. 2 returned to base. Ck Mal to Nantes Ripsaw (No vectored Squadron to point south of Angers (O-3870) to bomb field ploss. 6 bombs dropped. 2 direct hits, others close. No e/a. No flak. Weather: 5/10 Cum 1000. 12 P-47D's of 388th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10-1/40 with 4 as escort dispatched at 1240 to give armed recco, in Nantes - Angers area. Course flown: base to area to base. Over area: 1330-1400. 2 bombs in target area, 6 bombs returned to base. Dive from 8500, release 1500, angle 60 degrees. Could not contact Basket. 1 truck containing troops, O-2155, destroyed. 1 truck containing troops, O-3069, destroyed. 1 truck containing troops destroyed at O-3809. 1 truck containing

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Other areas: 1760-1820. 8 Scribe in Puget area, 1820-1860, released at 2000 ft, Mazie to Vista. Open to Public. Dawn to dusk. Dogs on leash only. Trails designated, St Thomas, on Rd to Bureau T-Dock and J-Fish, 20-45 Tuesday and Thursday restricted, protected moss, or point L of Standish, I-4650, bunched - 6 left burned. No e/a. No Plum. Number: Haze to 7000 ft, visibility 5 all s. Dawn 1930.

Is F-47J's at 2714 Quadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb JP bomb fused 1/10-1/40, with 4 da assort, dispatched at 1700 to Jive area control, in James Mesa. Double Pico.m: base to area to base. Jeeps area. Double Pico.m: base to area to base. Over area: 1826-1960. All Scribe returned to base. Mipsam 3 id leader to patrol assigned area. Located two quantified reconnaissance ops and 6 motorcycles at F-Oiad. They were started and destroyed. Located an engine and 10 flat cars at F-7467, just west of house. They were started and explode was observed to ouron five and was destroyed. Plat ours were damaged. No e/a. 1 F-47 damaged by flak: light, moderate, and accurate at F-7427. Eastern: No cloud, visibility 6 to 10 miles. Dorm 2006.

Is F-47J's at 6006h Quadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb JP bomb fused 1/10-1/40, with 4 as assort, distributed at Isod to attack secondary target-gun installations at St Malo. Over area: 1500-6000. 8 bombs dropped on target area. Five from 10,000 ft, release at 2,000', angle 60 degrees. All bombs dropped at Isod to 1/8 mile, down sun 6-8 miles. Down at 5040 hours. Is I-47J's at 6007 Quadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb JP bomb fused 1/10-1/40, with 4 as assort, distributed at Isod to Jive area ocrer, in James Mesa. Journe Pico: base to area to base. Over area: Journe Pico: base to area to base. Over area: 1760-1820. 8 Scribe in Puget area, Vista. Open to Public. Dawn to dusk. Dogs on leash only. Trails designated, St Thomas, on Rd to Bureau T-Dock and J-Fish, 20-45 Tuesday and Thursday restricted, protected moss, or point L of Standish, I-4650, bunched - 6 left burned. No e/a. No Plum. Number: Haze to 7000 ft, visibility 5 all s. Dawn 1930.

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Is F-47J's at 6006h Quadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb JP bomb fused 1/10-1/40, with 4 as assort, distributed at Isod to attack secondary target-gun installations at St Malo. Over area: 1500-6000. 8 bombs dropped on target area. Five from 10,000 ft, release at 2,000', angle 60 degrees. All bombs dropped at Isod to 1/8 mile, down sun 6-8 miles. Down at 5040 hours. Is I-47J's at 6007 Quadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb JP bomb fused 1/10-1/40, with 4 as assort, distributed at Isod to Jive area ocrer, in James Mesa. Journe Pico: base to area to base. Over area: 1760-1820. 8 Scribe in Puget area, Vista. Open to Public. Dawn to dusk. Dogs on leash only. Trails designated, St Thomas, on Rd to Bureau T-Dock and J-Fish, 20-45 Tuesday and Thursday restricted, protected moss, or point L of Standish, I-4650, bunched - 6 left burned. No e/a. No Plum. Number: Haze to 7000 ft, visibility 5 all s. Dawn 1930.

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S. (i) 107 F-47J's disqualified.
    (ii) 46 F-47J's dropped bombs on target area, of
    Bases - Made no bids.
    21 F-47J's (completing rocket) to give use
    several in Manila - Ships sunk.
    55 F-47J's acting as cover.
    (iii) 2 A/C detailed:
    (a) All
    (b) All
    (c) 1 Reconnoiter out; 1 Hydraulic line trouble.
    (d) All
    (v) All
    (v) 1 F-47D destroyed by flak, at Tacloban, Leyte.
    (1) All
    (Vi.) 3 A/C damaged by flak, Oct. 4.
    (Vii.) 105

C. 1) All
    (ii) All

D. (i) 250:45
    (ii) Nil

E. (i) 250,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
    (ii) 29,155 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
    (iii) 2,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

F. (i) 72 x 500 lb. GP bombs fused 1/10-1/40.
    (ii) 49 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on target area.
    (iii) 1 x 500 lb GP bomb jettisoned.
    (iv) Nil

    22 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to home base.

G. John A. Minard, 2nd Lt.,) 0-818[illegible] MIA.

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Other claims:
1 truck containing troops, P-4[illegible],destroyed.
1 truck containing troops, P-3[illegible],destroyed.
1 truck containing troops, P-3[illegible],destroyed.
1 truck containing explosives destroyed at P-4067 followed by large explosion.
1 truck destroyed by strafing at P-70[illegible].
1 truck hauling two trailers carrying the boat destroyed by bombs and strafing,P-67[illegible].
1 truck destroyed by strafing P-[illegible].
8 freight cars bombed and strafed at P-[illegible].
5 cars burning and exploded by strafing.
1 truck at P-1[illegible] and 2 trucks at P-1[illegible] strafed, bombed and destroyed.
2 trucks destroyed, at Thouars, on rd between P-[illegible] and P-[illegible].
20-25 trucks and horse-drawn vehicles,proceeding NNE, at point 2 of Mirabeau, P-48[illegible], bombed - & left burning.
6 camouflaged reconnaissance cars and 6 motorcycles at P-[illegible] were strafed and destroyed.
Strafed engine and 15 flat cars at P-7[illegible], just west of Tours. Engine was observed to burn fire and was destroyed. Flat cars were damaged.
Strafed locomotives and lorries on RR at P-87[illegible].
2 tanks on RR at P-55[illegible],
1 staff car destroyed at P-78[illegible].
3 trucks destroyed at P-8[illegible].
3 trucks damaged at P-8[illegible].

For the Group Commander: /

WALTER P. MORGAN JR.,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP 33/7
APO 141 US ARMY

19 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: AC S3D.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 303rd Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 27 for the period ending Sunset 18 August 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: O.O.12 (Request Mission IIa-3) W 51-3.

4. a. 12 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/40, dispatched at 1008 to attack enemy troop concentrations at M-887995. Course flown: base to target to base. Over target: 1055-1057. All 8 bombs dropped on target. Dive from 7500 ft, release at 2000, angle of 60 degrees. Excellent concentration of hits in wooded area (M-887995). Return fire received. 2 flights strafed in dive. No other observations. Flak: over target - heavy and light, moderate, and inaccurate. Weather: ceiling unlimited, visibility 5 to 10 miles with haze. North of target area, 1/10 cloud with visibility of 5 miles. Down 1102.
12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10-1/40, with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1138 to give area cover (Nantes to Angers). Course flown: base to area to base. Over area: 1235-1305. All bombs returned to base. Controllers Gasket and Eggcup called, but no response. 1 staff car strafed and destroyed at La Mee, 0-128446. Flak: moderate, accurate, heavy

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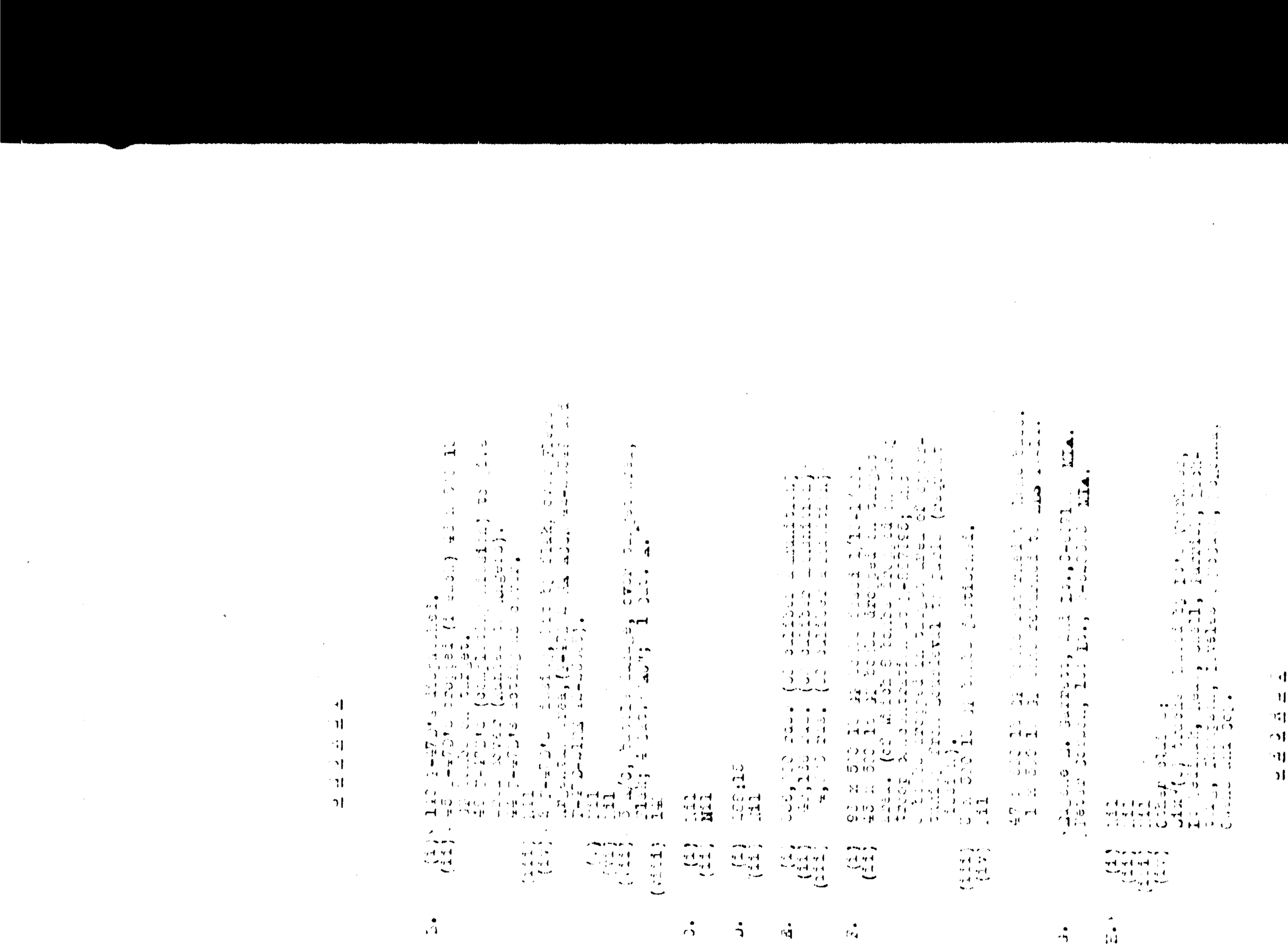
[illegible]

[illegible] 1 [illegible] (1-[illegible]) a destroyed on ground, damaged. Flak: 1 [illegible], moderate, accurate, heavy at 1-7000, [illegible], accurate right and [illegible] 1 [illegible] 1-[illegible].
Fighters: 1 1, [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] made it [illegible]. Visibility, [illegible]. Combat.
1 [illegible]-[illegible]'s of [illegible] Squadron, [illegible] 1 [illegible] of 12 250 lb GP bombs fused 1/10-1/4, with 4 [illegible] escort, dispatched at 1020 hrs [illegible] to [illegible] of Stabelwil-Dunio area. Over area [illegible]. 1 [illegible] in area, 1 returned to base. Dive from [illegible], release at 2,000, angle 40 degrees. 1 train destroyed, 1 [illegible] damaged, by [illegible] and strafing at 30 minutes (3-0800); 2 [illegible], 1 [illegible] away at 3-0745 [illegible] 1 [illegible] destroyed by strafing. Flak: [illegible], [illegible], light 3-0745. Weather: [illegible] 6000 ft. [illegible], visibility 2 miles. Combat.

[illegible]-47's of 305th Squadron, each carrying 1 [illegible] 12 GP bombs fused 1/10-1/4) dispatched at 0810 hrs to [illegible] area. Over area: 4000-4500. 1 [illegible] in target area, 1 returned to base., Dive from 4,000, release, 3,000, angle 40 degrees. 1 train destroyed by bombing and strafing at 3-0745. 1 [illegible] damaged by bomb at 3-0800. 1 train damaged by strafing at 3-0745. 1 [illegible] probably destroyed at 3-0801. Flak: weak, inaccurate, light at 3-0745, [illegible]. Weather: Good. Combat.

[illegible]-47's of 305th Squadron, 8 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb fused 1/10-1/4) with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1020 to attack targets of opportunity. Over area: 2000-2100. All returned to base (7 x [illegible] base, 1 to [illegible] with a/c); Squadron flew to [illegible] area which is to visibility of [illegible] (radio) where each [illegible] pilots would have a free. All vehicles were damaged and disposed in small [illegible]. Flak: 8 trains, 2 armed cars, 2 staff cars destroyed, and 2 trucks and 1 heavy gun damaged. Flak: light, moderate, inaccurate in vicinity of [illegible] (2-0750) Weather: visibility restricted by heavy haze up to 6,000 ft. Combat climb. 1 plane down at [illegible].



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Att: Data Secretary.

1. In accordance with Public Access Law 66-1, dated
30 May 1944, the following reports to our office

a. Form: Notice Publication Order

b. Open No. **28** For the period ending January 1e August
1944.

Classification of Circulation No.: D.D. 1e [illegible] 61-B

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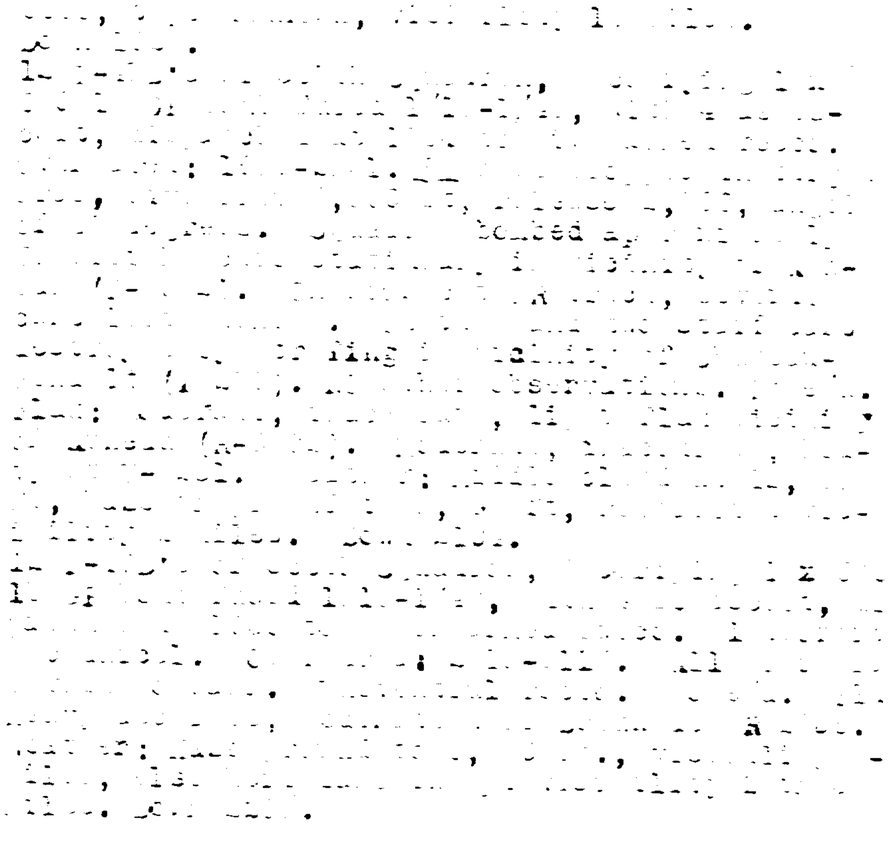

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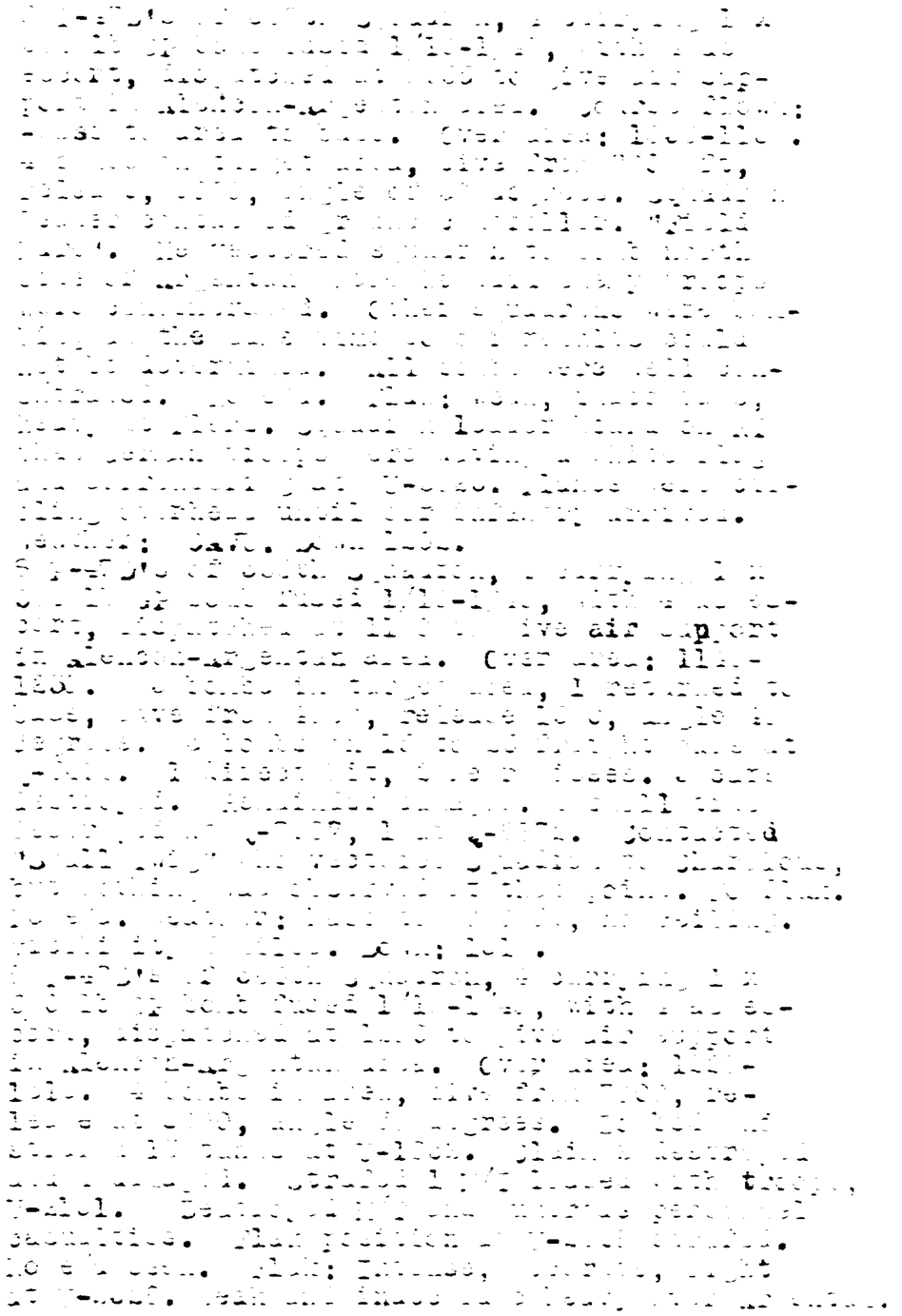
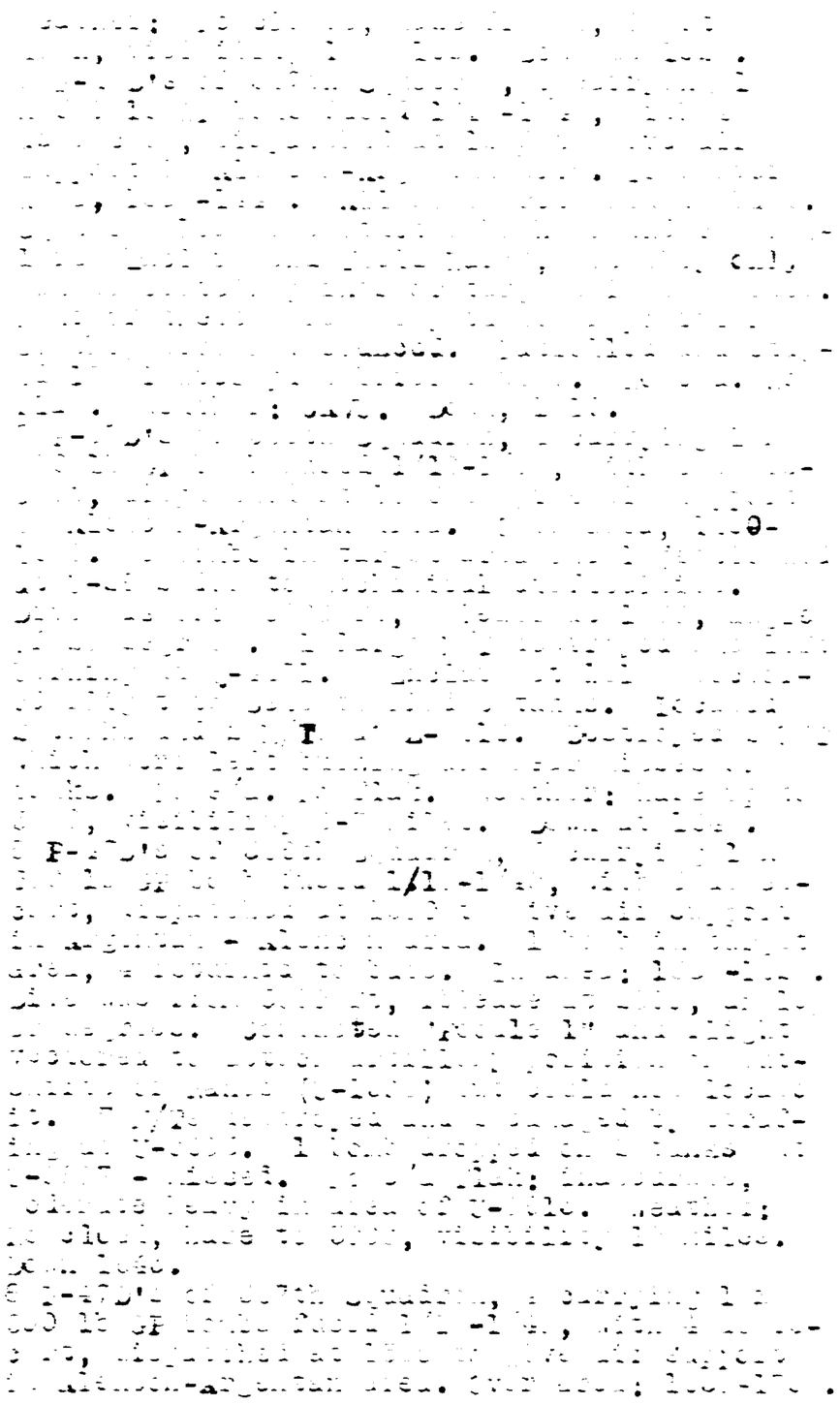
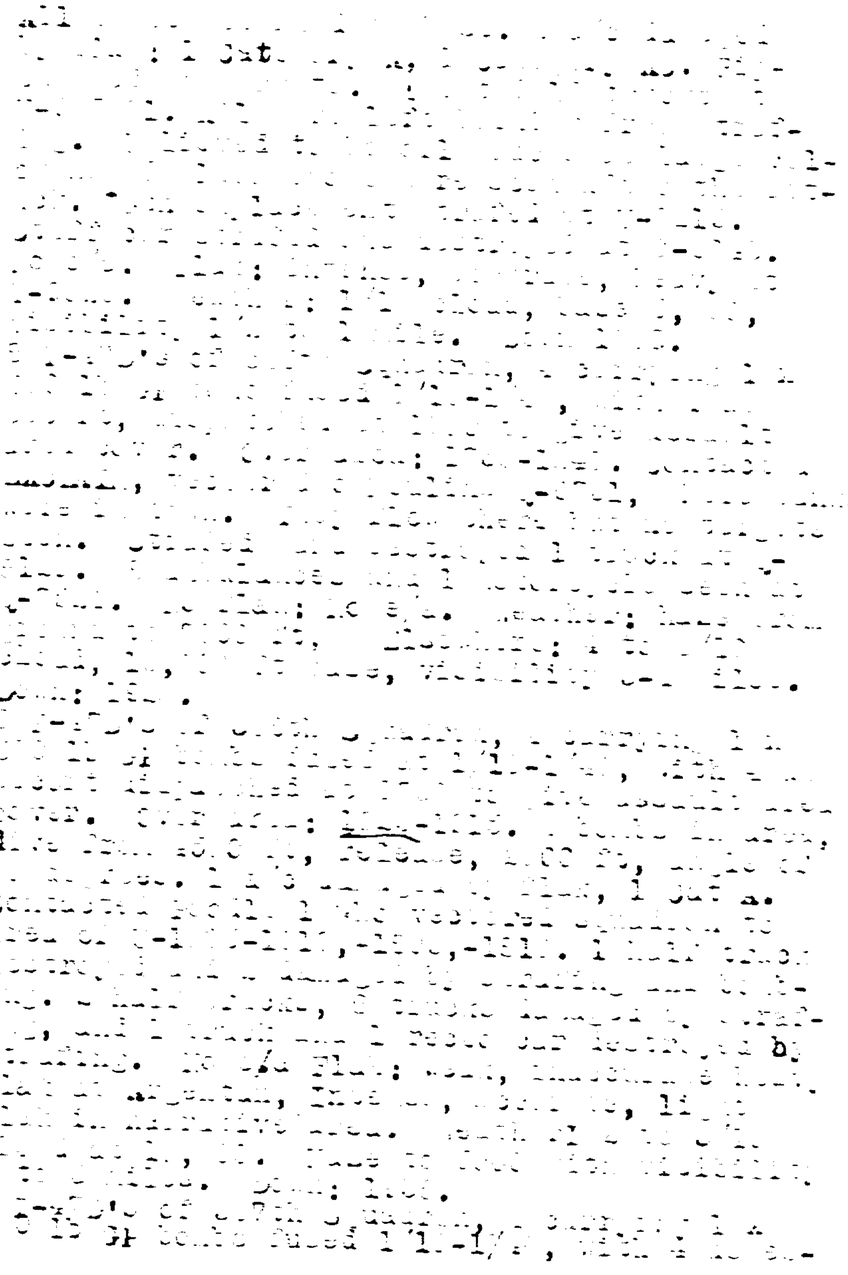
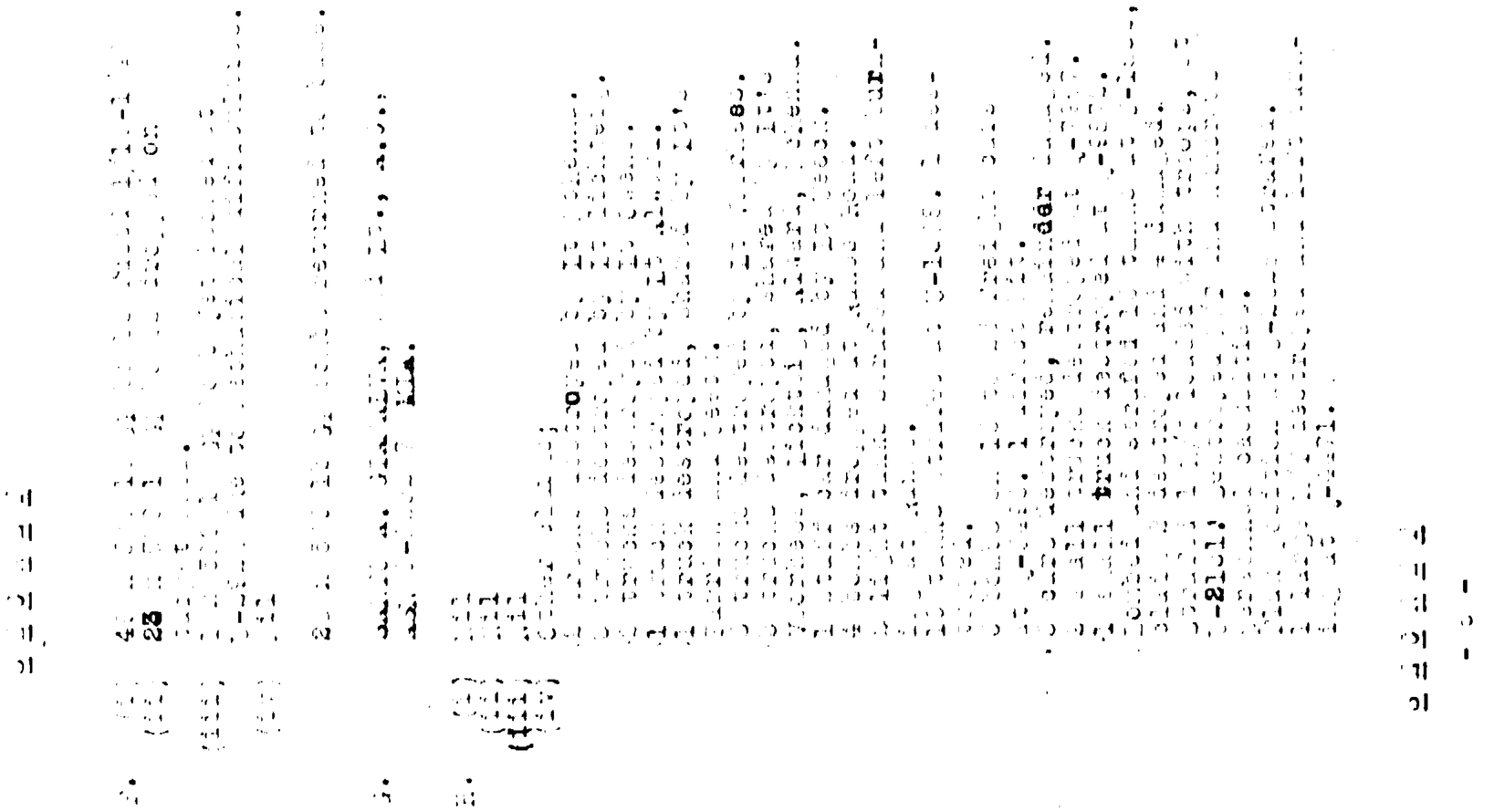
4. a. 8 P-47's of [illegible], a [illegible] 1 [illegible] of [illegible] 1'10-1's, with 4 [illegible] port, [illegible] at [illegible] the [illegible] in the [illegible]. (Two [illegible]: [illegible] 1 plane [illegible] and pilot, Lt [illegible] a. planes. [illegible] that both [illegible] Range [illegible]. He talked to them [illegible] engine was out. 1 plane [illegible] plane: [illegible], a. 4 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]









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SUBJECT: [illegible]

TO : [illegible], Federal, Flight Air Force (Rear)
att: [illegible].
[illegible], Federal, 4th Federal Air Service Command,
att: Stat Control.
[illegible] Office, Post Philadelphia,
att: Stat Control.

1. [illegible] for flight [illegible] dated 30-, dated 10 Jul 1944, [illegible] Report of Survey for the period 1 July to 15 August 1944.

2. Cprep No. 30.

For the Group Commander:

Walter [illegible], Jr.,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Control.

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S E C R E T

HEADQUARTERS 368TH FIGHTER GROUP GC ?
APO 141 US Army

20 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (rear)
Att: 2d SOU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-c, dated 25 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 368th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 61 for the period ending Sunset 16 August 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: O.O.16. W 51-2 (Opflash #1 to #4 both inclusive).

4. a. 8 P-47D's of Squadron, 365th, 4 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10-1/40, with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1000, to give armored column cover in Alencon area following 5th Armored, 79th Inf, 2nd French Armored, and 90th Division. Course flown: base to area -to base. Over area 1550-1615. All bombs in target area. Dive from 4000 ft, release at 1500, angle 55 degrees. Contacted Ripsaw who had no targets. ± bombs on tanks at R-6520 going north out of Rambouillet. 3 left burning, 2 others were hit. No e/a. Flak: weak, inaccurate, light at R-5740; moderate, inaccurate, heavy and light at R-5567. Weather: Dreux area, 10/10 cloud, base 2500, tops unknown, visibility 1 mile. Alencon area - 6/10, base 6000, tops unknown, visibility 3-4 miles. Down 1700.

S E C R E T

8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, 4 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10-1/40, with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1820 to give armored column cover. Over area 1700-1815. All bombs returned to base. "Small Twig" contacted and told Squadron to dive bomb gun position NW of Argentan at U-1722 which would be identified by white smoke, but since the entire area was covered by smoke did not bomb. Squadron went only as far E as U-3017. No e/a. No flak. Weather: 8/10, base 7500, tops 8,000. Down 1849.

8 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 4 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bombs fused at 1/10-1/40, with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1800, to give armored column cover. Over area 1825-2000. 4 bombs dropped in target area. Dive from 5000, release 1000, angle 60 degrees. "Small Twig" gave target of enemy artillery marked with smoke at U 186178 which was bombed. One direct hit, two near misses. "Small Twig" endeavored to vector squadron to strafe enemy troops in castle south of Ecouche, but squadron was unable to locate it. No e/a. Flak: inaccurate, weak, light at U-140160. Moderate, inaccurate, heavy in area north of Ecouche, U-190190. Weather: 3/10 cloud, base 10,000, visibility 3-5 miles. Visibility from Domfront to base excellent. Down 2015.

8 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, 4 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10-1/40, with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1900, to give armored column cover. Over area: 2015-2100. All bombs returned to base. 2 trucks damaged by strafing at Ambina, U-8651. Otherwise uneventful patrol. No e/a. No flak. Weather: no cloud, slight haze to 6000 ft, visibility 6 miles. Down 2140.

B. (i) 32 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 4 P-47D's dropped (1 each) 4 x 500 lb GP bombs on tanks at R-6523.
3 P-47D's dropped (1 each) 3 x 500 lb GP bombs on enemy artillery at U-186178.
1 P-47D dropped 1 x 500 lb GP bomb in target area.
6 P-47D's (competing mission) gave armored column cover in Alencon area following 5th Armored, 79th Inf, 2nd French Armored,

and 5oth Division.
16 P-47D's acting as escort.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 82

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 74:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 72,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 7,436 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 16 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10-1/40.
(ii) 4 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on tanks at R-8528.
3 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on enemy artillery at U-186178.
1 x 500 lb GP bomb dropped in target area.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

8 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to home base.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Other Claims:
Bombed tanks at R-8528, 3 left burning, 2 others were hit.
Bombed enemy artillery at U-186178.
2 trucks damaged by strafing at Ambina, Q-8651.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR.,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

6 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, 4 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bombs and 4 as escort, dispatched at 1000 on armed recce. Over area 1940-2000. 4 bombs on targets. 1 plane damaged by flak: Cat A. One bomb on 2 strings of freight cars, 50 cars to each string. Bomb hit near fuel tank near tracks. No explosion. 3 bombs on engines of 50 freight cars west of town. One direct hit on trucks, 2 near misses. Engine strafed and escaping column of steam observed, approximately 10 cars set on fire. Destroyed one large bus at L-8457 by strafing and fires seen in wooded area adjacent to bus. Saw flak tower near west side of Villefranche North of road. No fire received. At L-4806, large camouflaged area seen over RR tracks. Flak: H and S of Tours, accurate, moderate, heavy flak. Down 2121.

B. (i) 24 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 3 P-47D's dropped (1 each) 3 x 500 lb GP bombs on train at L-0760.
1 P-47D dropped 1 x 500 lb GP bomb on 2 strings of freight cars, 50 cars to each string, in target area.
3 P-47D's dropped 3 x 500 lb Gp bombs on engines of 50 freight cars in target area.
5 P-47D's (completing mission) on armed recce between Tours and Loches.
12 P-47D's acting as escort.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47D damaged by flak; Cat. A.
(viii) 24

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 58:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 54,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 16,579 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 18 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 1/10-1/40.
(ii) 2 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on train at L-3760.
1 x 500 lb GP bomb dropped on 8 string of freight cars, 50 cars in each string, in turn 3 area.
2 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on engine of 50 freight cars, in target area.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

3 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Other claims:
Bombed and strafed train at L-3760, one direct hit on end of train.
One staff car strafed and destroyed at L-4455.
One truck destroyed by strafing at L-3150.
One train strafed at L-3270 and left on fire.
Strafed 2 trucks northeast of Blois at L-3597.
One direct hit on RR tracks.
Engine strafed and escaping column of steam observed, approximately 10 cars set on fire.
Destroyed one large bus at L-3457 by strafing and fires seen in Wooded area adjacent to bus.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US ARMY

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21 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: AC/S G3U.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,(Adv.)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-6, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 53 for the period ending Sunset 18 August 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: G.O.18. W 51-2 (Opflash # 1 to # 15, both inclusive).

4. a. 8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, 2 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb, 2 a/c carrying 2 x 260 lb frag bombs, 4 a/c acting as escort, dispatched at 1010 on close cover support, of 5th Armored and 79th Infantry Division in vicinity of Dreux. Course flown was base to target to base. In target area: 1050-1130. 4 frag bombs jettisoned in channel, 2 x 500 lb bombs returned to base. Squadron contacted "Exclaim". "Sweepstakes" called squadron, giving instructions not to commit any attacks west of line Dreux, Nantes-Gassicourt, and south of Seine. Observed fires on A/D and in town of Evereux. Unidentified vehicles on road south of Evereux. 10 white vehicles stationary on road east of Evereux. No flak. No e/a. No abortives. Landed at 1215.

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6 P-47D's, 367th Squadron, 2 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail, 2 a/c carrying 2 x 260 lb Frag -bombs each, 4 a/c acting as escort, dispatched at 1004 on close cover support of 5th Armored & 79th Infantry divisions, vicinity Druex. Course flown was base to target to base. In target area 1120-1210. 4 frag bombs jettisoned in channel. The 2 x 500 lb Gp bombs returned to base. Squadron contacted "Sweepstakes", and were advised not to attack any ground targets west of Seine. Squadron also contacted "Chaseform" and were dispatched to investigate ground targets for Lib. No targets attacked. "Sweepstakes" vectored squadron to old site 14, instead of present one, 28. No flak. No e/a, no abortives. Landed at 1257.

6 P'47D's, 366th Squadron, 2 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail, 2 a/c carrying 2 x 260 lb frag bombs, 4 a/c acting as escort, dispatched at 1150 on close cover support of 5th Armored & 79TH Infantry Divisions, vicinity Druex. Course flown: was base to target to base. In target areas 1210-1310. Squadron contacted "Field Fare" and was informed that the name was not "Dive Quick". Controller did not assign any targets. 2 frags and 2 500 lb GP's dropped in Marshalling yard at Gisors, R-6794, short of yards no hits. 1 P-47 piloted by 1st Lt. JOSEPH ATKINSON of 366th Squadron destroyed after being hit by flak, light, intense and accurate at Marshalling yard at R-6794 Lt. Atkinson bailed out, chute seen to open and hit ground at 1245 hours. 7 to 8 ambulances observed going south from Gisors to Magney en Vexin at R-6779. Large explosions seen on Evreux a/D. Squadron was advised by "Dive Quick" that it could fly east of the Seine if it wanted to. No E/A seen, no abortives. Landed at 1345.

7 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, 2 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb, 2 carrying 2 x 260 lb Frags, and 3 as escort, dispatched at 1110 to give troops support, Over area, 1300-1300.

4 frags jettisoned in channel, 2 x 500 lb bombs returned to base. 1 staff car strafed and destroyed at R-7246. 1 staff car strafed and destroyed at R-7855. "Exclair" contacted, but had no targets. No flak. No e/a. Down 1430.

8 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 4 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb and 4 carrying 1 x 260 lb frag bomb, with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1000 to give troops support in vicinity of Dreux. Over area: 1050-1400. 4 frags jettisoned and 4 unaccounted for because a/c's are missing. 4 a/c flown by 2nd Lt Robert P. Alward, and 2nd Lt John W. Smith are missing as are pilots. Ground controller has no assignments. Flew at 6000 ft to vicinity of Mesnil Le Roi (R-4426) where 20+ plus Me 109s were observed flying from NE at 10 o'clock and 2000 ft above our formation. 109s bounced White Flight and in turn were bounced by Red Flight. E/a immediately took strong evasive action and could not be engaged in combat. E/a were not in recognizable formation when first observed. E/a seen - 20 plus Me 109s vicinity of Mesnil Le Roi. No flak. Weather: 4/10 cloud with visibility 12-15 miles. Down 1511.

8 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, 4 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb and 4 carrying 1 x 260 frag bomb, with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1625 on Dreux patrol. Over area 1710-1800. All bombs in target areas. Horse-drawn vehicles strafed and bombed at R-5401, vicinity of Jory - 6 destroyed. No e/a. No flak. Down 1855.

8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, 4 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, and 4 carrying 2 x 260 lb Frag bombs each, with 4 a/c as escort, dispatched at 1715 on Dreux patrol. Over area: 1800-1850. Jettisoned 4 frags and remaining returned to base. Contacted ground controllers, but they had no targets. "Exclair" reported over R/T that enemy was making desperate effort to cross Seine River, but would not permit squadron to attack them. No e/a. No flak. Down 1905.

8 P-47D's of 366th S quadron, 2 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, and 2 carrying 2 x 260 lb frag bombs each, with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1650 on Dreux area support. Over area: 1442-2100. All bombs in area. Controllers had no targets. 5 barges heading E toward Paris level-bombed with no hits (vicinity Poissy). Many vehicles with white markings on nose at Fleurs and Palaise heading N and NE. No e/a. No flak. Down 2100.

8 P-47D's of 366th S quadron, 2 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, and 2 carrying 2 x 260 lb frag bombs each, with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1945 on Dreux area patrol. Over area: 2005-2121. Jettisoned 1 bomb, all rest in target areas. "Exclaim" told squadron to attack pontoon bridge at R-4670. 4 frag bombs and 1 - 500 lb bomb dropped and 3 direct hits observed. Bridge destroyed. Vehicles and personnel observed on bridge. Enemy was being routed by our mechanized cavalry. Lt Dian strafed and destroyed 1 truck at R-5175. He was hit by flak in immediate vicinity and was seen in flames in flight at R-5470. No chute seen to open. Afire was later observed in woods at R-5575 in direction in which Lt Dian was seen to go. 2 ME 109's observed at 12000 ft at R-5964. 1 x 500 lb bomb jettisoned and squadron climbed to 14000 ft, but e/a got away heading SE. "Quickdive" also reported to squadron over R/T that it had picked up pilot Springler with call No 57 from another organization and he was with them and OK. E/a seen - 2 ME 109's at R-5964. Light, moderate, accurate flak in following areas: R-5071, R-5175, R-5872, R-5874. Bridge at R-5466 observed to be intact. 1 pilot and plane piloted by Lt. Dian lost at R-5475. Down 2200.

8 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, 2 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bombs each, and 2 carrying 2 x 260 lb frags each, with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1400 on Dreux patrol. Over area 1440-1555. 1 bomb in area, 4 frags jettisoned in Bay of Mont St Michel. 1 returned to base. Bombed 88 milimeter gun emplacement at Lille 491499. No observations. Patrol otherwise uneventful. No flak. No e/a. Down 1620.

P-47D's of 366th Squadron, 2 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, and 2 carrying 8 x 260 lb frags each, with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1440 on Dreux patrol. Over area: 1500-1615. Jettisoned the frags and 1 - 500 lb bomb returned to base. Uneventful patrol. Down 1700. No flak. No e/a.

8 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 2 carrying 8 x 260 lb frags each, and 6 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bombs each, with 4 as escort, dispatched at 1535 on Dreux patrol. Over area: 1640-1740. 4 frags jettisoned. 8 x 500 lb bombs returned to base. Uneventful patrol. No e/a. No flak. Down 1750.

7 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 2 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, 2 carrying 8 x 260 lb frags each, with 3 as escort, dispatched at 1800 on Dreux patrol. Over area 1840-1940. 4 frags jettisoned, 2 returned to base. Controllers had no targets. Uneventful patrol. No e/a. No flak. Down 2000.

B. (i) 102 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 3 P-47D's dropped 2 x 500 lb GP bombs and 2 x 260 lb Frag bombs in Marshalling yard at Gisors, R-6794,
8 P-47D's dropped 4 x 260 lb frag bombs and 1 x 500 lb GP bomb on pontoon bridge at R-4678, bridge destroyed.
4 P-47D's dropped 2 x 500 lb GP bombs and 4 x 260 lb frag bombs in target area at R-5281, vicinity of Jory.
4 P-47D's dropped 2 x 500 lb GP bombs and 4 x 260 lb Frag bombs on target areas.
34 P-47D's (completing mission) on close cover support of 5th Armored and 79th Infantry Division in vicinity of Dreux.
50 P'47D's acting as escort.

(iii) Nil

(iv) 2 a/c missing:
1 P-47D - 21RE 42-25528 missing in vicinity of Dreux,
1 P-47D - 6RE 42-74645 missing in vicinity of Dreux.

(v) Nil

(vi) 2 a/c destroyed.
1 P-47D -22RE, 42-25757, over in vicinity of Gisors. Flak.
1 P-47D -27 42-27242, in vicinity of Le Mesnil-Milon. Flak.

(vii) Nil

(viii) 102

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 220:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 244,000 rds. (.5 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 8,100 rds. (.50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) 8,600 rds. (.50 caliber ammunition)

F. (i) 28 x 500 lb GP bombs, and
52 x 260 lb frag bombs.
(ii) 6 x 500 lb GP bombs and 2 x 260 lb frag bombs dropped in marshalling yard at Diedrs, R-6794.
4 x 260 lb frag bombs and 1 x 500 lb GP bomb dropped on pontoon bridge at R-4078, bridge destroyed.
2 x 500 lb GP bombs and 4 x 260 lb frag bombs dropped in target area at R-8201, vicinity of Jury.
2 x 500 lb GP bombs and 4 x 260 lb frag bombs dropped on target area.
(iii) 8 x 500 lb GP bombs jettisoned.
16 x 260 lb frag bombs jettisoned.
12 x 260 lb frag bombs jettisoned in channel.
4 x 260 lb frag bombs jettisoned in Bay of Mont St Michel.
(iv) 8 x 260 lb frag bombs on missing and destroyed aircraft.

16 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.

G. JOSEPH ATKINSON, 1st Lt., A.C.,
ASN 0-687228, MIA.
ROBERT P. ALLARD, 2nd Lt., A.C.,
ASN 0-810726, MIA.
JOHN W. SMITH, 2nd Lt., A.C.,
ASN 0-701816, MIA.
WILLIAM DEAN, 1st Lt., A.C.,
ASN 0-561401, MIA.

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Other claims:
1 staff car strafed and destroyed at R-7240.

1 staff car strafed and destroyed at R-7808.
·Horse-drawn vehicles strafed and damaged at R-8801, vicinity of Jury - 3 destroyed.
·Bridge destroyed, at R-4078, by bombing, three direct hits observed.
·Strafed and destroyed 1 truck at R-8178 by Lt.Diam.
·Bombed 88 millimeter gun emplacement at Lille 4014881.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR.,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 368TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US ARMY

21 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 2d SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,(Adv).
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8,dated 28 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 368th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 64 for the period ending Sunset 19 August 1944.
Mission or Operation No.: 19. M 61-4

4. a. 37 P-47D's (14-368th, 12-366th, 10-367th Sqds), 16 carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb, 5 carrying 2 x 260 lb Frag bombs, with 12 as escort, and 2 as Weather Recons, dispatched at 1110 to give armed recce of Tours, Bourges, Dien, Blois,Orleans area. Over area 1200-1300. 6 of the 500 lb bombs were returned to base, and 1 frag was jettisoned in the channel - all the rest of the bombs were dropped in target areas. 6 x 500 lb GP's and 1 x 260 lb Frag dropped on 50 freight cars 10 miles south of Orleans. No engines attacked, no hits, 2 near misses. Numerous flak towers in area, but no fire received from any of them. 2 x 500 lb bombs on RR tracks at L-7590, cut track (La Motte-Beauvion). 4 x 500 lb GP and 6 x 260 lb frags dropped on convoy, which was also strafed at F-6012, 1 light tank and 8 motor trucks destroyed. The following were destroyed by strafing: 1 motor truck at L-9173, 1 motor truck at L-3776, 1 staff car at L-1267, 1 staff car L-5269, 1 staff car at

P-8[illegible]. No e/a. Flak: Mod., inaccurate, heavy at Tours, mod., accur., mod. heavy at P-8[illegible]. Large fir s observed in Tours at L-3[illegible] and L-7[illegible]. Down 1040.

E. (i) 67 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 7 P-47D's dropped 6 x 500 lb GP bombs and 1x 260 lb Frag bomb on 50 freight cars 10 miles south of Orleans.
2 P-47D's dropped 2 x 500 lb GP bombs on RR tracks at L-7[illegible],cut tracks (La Motte-Beauvron).
6 P-47D's dropped 2 x 500 lb GP bombs and 6 x 260 lb Frag bombs on convoy, which also strafed at P-6[illegible].
7 P-47D's (completing mission) to give armed recce of Tours, Bourges, Gien, Blois, Orleans area.
12 P-47D's acting as escort.
2 P-47D's acting as weather recce.
(iii) 1 a/c abortive:
(a) Nil
(b) Nil
(c) Hydraulic system.
(d)
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 37

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 81:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 88,258 rds. (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 4,851 rds. (50 calibre ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 16 x 500 lb GP bombs.
10 x 260 lb Frag bombs.
(ii) 6 x 500 lb GP bombs, and 1 x 260 lb Frag bomb dropped on 50 freight cars 10 miles south of Orleans.
2 x 500 lb GP bombs on RR tracks at L-7590, cut tracks (La Motte-Beauvron).

2 x 500 lb GP bombs and 1 x 260 lb Frag bombs dropped on convoy at F-0012.

(iii) 1 x 260 Frag bomb jettisoned in the Channel.

(iv) Nil

1 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Other claims:
1 light tank and 3 motor trucks destroyed at F-0012.
The following were destroyed by strafing: 1 motor truck at L-8178, 1 motor truck at L-8778, 1 staff car at L-1207, 1 staff car L-8806, 1 staff car at P-8858.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR.,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 366TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US ARMY

28 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Opreps.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 28 SOU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,(Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-5, dated 25 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 366th Fighter Group.

3. Opreps No. 38 for the period ending Sunset 28 August 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: 28 to 31-3. (Opflash #1 to #16 both inclusive).

4. a. 8 P-47D's of 390th Squadron, 4 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, with 4 a/c as escort, dispatched at 0814, to give column cover to 5th Armored and 7th Infantry Division in Nantes- Gassicourt area. Over area: 0900-0950. All bombs returned to base. Controllers had no targets. No e/a. Flak: light, intense, accurate in area U-8227. Down 1000.

8 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 4 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, with 4 a/c as escort, dispatched at 0855, on area support Nantes-Gassicourt area. Over area 0930-1000. All bombs returned to base. Controller had no targets. Weather made observation difficult. No e/a. Flak: moderate, inaccurate, heavy at Paris. Down 1122.

8 P-47D's of 388th Squadron, 4 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, 4 a/c as escort, dispatched on patrol of Nantes area at 0946. Over area: 1000-1200. 4 bombs in target area.

Contacted "Dive Quick" who vectored them to La Chapelle, R-5276 who ordered them to bomb crossroads. Nothing seen there and bombing results not observed. No e/a. No flak. Field Fare's receiver was out. Down 1240.

8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, 4 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, with 4 a/c as escort, dispatched at 1006 to give area support in Mantes area. Over area: 1120-1215. All bombs returned to base. Contacted "Dive Quick" who directed them to bomb tank concentration in woods at R-5867. Could not find tanks. Destroyed 1 staff car by strafing at R-5867. No e/a. No flak. Dive Quick at Vernon and Field Fare at Mantes-Passicourt. Many U.S. barges seen crossing Seine at many points. Down 1205.

7 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 4 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, with 3 a/c as escort, dispatched at 1112. Over area: 1200-1205. All bombs dropped in target area. Squadron leader contacted "Dive Quick". He vectored them to R-5867 where he said enemy tanks were ambushed. Spot was bombed. 2 in area, and 2 direct hits. No e/a. No flak. Down 1618.

8 P-47D's of 368th Squadron, 4 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, with 4 a/c as escort, dispatched at 1201 to give support in Mantes area. Over area: 1240-1044. 4 bombs in target area. Contacted Dive Quick who vectored squadron to woods at R-5867 where tanks were reported concentrated. 1 direct hit in woods, 3 near misses. 1 half track destroyed by strafing at R-5874, 1 large truck seen at R-5874 with Red Cross, but was filled with supplies. Flak: heavy, weak, accurate at R-5267. No e/a. Down 1400.

8 P-47D's of 368th Squadron, 4 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, with 4 a/c as escort, dispatched at 1241 to give area cover in Mantes area. Over area: 1309-1416. All bombs returned. Contacted controllers, but they had no targets. No e/a. seen. No flak. French columns seen and large concentrations of U.S. troops across Seine. Barges observed at R-6409. Down 1458.

7 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 4 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, with 3 a/c as escort, dispatched at 1027 to give area support in Mantes area. Over area 1400-1500. Squadron leader contacted Fi-ld Fare who vectored them to R-4875. They were told to seek long flat vessels which were carrying enemy tanks across the Seine River. 2 bombs were long and 2 near misses. Squadron then strafed vessel twice. Our troops and vehicles were loaded on main highway into Vernon. No flak. No e/a. Down 1500.

7 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, 4 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, 3 a/c as escort, dispatched at 1410 on Mantes area patrol. Over area: 1600-1700. Contacted Dive Quick who vectored them to R- 5871 where tank battle was in progress. 1 bomb on tank, plus strafing of 4 others. 2 tanks damaged. 2 bombs returned to base. No e/a. No flak. Down 1600.

8 P-47D's of 368th Squadron, 4 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, with 4 a/c as escort, dispatched at 1500, on area support 5th Armd Division and 79th Infantry Division between Mantes Gassicourt and Louviers. Over area 1600-1610. Contacted Dive Quick who vectored Squadron to woods R-5887 to dive bomb tanks, couldn't find target. No e/a. Flak: Over target medium, heavy, inaccurate R-8161. 4 bombs returned to base. Down at R-6426867 on fire, 6 white topped vehicles seen on fire on road R-5656864 believed to have been ours. Down 1705.

7 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 4 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, with 3 a/c as escort, dispatched at 1640 on area support 5th Armd Div and 79TH Inf Div between Mantes Gassicourt and Louviers. Over area 1600-1715. Ground controller "Dive Quick" requested Squadron to bomb E/T at R-5170, but another Squadron arrived first. Bandit reported in area by Sweepstakes and Ripsaw, who was operating on 3 channel. Ground Control, Field Fare, requested Squadron to look for pontoon bridges crossing Siene just north of Mantes Gassicourt. "Klondike" tied up radio during entire period with excessive radio chatter so that Squadron leader had great difficulty in obtaining instructions from Ground Controllers. 4 bombs returned to base. No e/a. No flak: Down 1700.

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12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, 358th Fighter Group, each loaded with 2 x 500 lb GP bombs, dispatched at 1250, for area support 5th Armd Div and 79th Inf Div between Pantes-Chaselcourt and Louviers. Mission recalled. All bombs jettisoned in bay off St Michel. Returned to this base 1400.

3. (i) 12 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 4 P-47D's dropped 4 x 500 lb GP bombs on crossroads, at La Jumelle, R-1478.
4 P-47D's dropped 4 x 500 lb GP bombs at R-0007, where enemy tanks were concentrated.
4 P-47D's dropped 4 x 500 lb GP bombs in woods at R-0567 where tanks were reported concentrated.
4 P-47D's dropped 4 x 500 lb GP bombs on long flat vessels which were carrying tanks across the Seine River.
1 P-47D dropped 1 x 500 lb GP bomb on tank at R-0571.
4 P-47D's dropped 4 x 500 lb GP bombs on woods at R-0770.
6 P-47D's dropped 6 x 500 lb GP bombs on target of four tanks at R-0707, La Fermiere.
6 P-47D's dropped 6 x 500 lb GP bombs on target R-4170, where 5 tanks and a machine gun nest were located.
[illegible] P-47D's (completing mission) to give area support to 5th Armored and 79th Infantry Div [illegible] Pantes-Chaselcourt area.
[illegible]67 P-47D's acting as escort.
(iii) 20 A/C aborted due to weather, mission recalled.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) Nil

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 277:40
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 268,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 64,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

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F. (i) 72 x 500 lb GP bombs.
(ii) 4 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on crossroads, at La Chapelle, R-2678.
4 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped at R-3867, where enemy tanks were shouldered.
4 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped in woods at R-3870 where tanks were reported c-oncentrated.
4 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on long flat vessels which were carrying tanks across the Seine River.
1 x 500 lb GP bomb dropped on tank at R- 3871
4 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on woods at R-3770.
8 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on target of four tanks at R-3977, La Heuneire.
8 x 500lb GP bombs dropped on target R-4178, were 8 tanks and 1 machine gun post were located.

(iii) 12 x 500 lb GP bombs jettisoned, mission recalled.
(iv) Nil

92 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Other claims:
8 tanks damaged; shared by Lt's Holloway, Ucsek, Lichtels, Joy, Ward, Neas, Hanwarring, Powell.
1 machine gun post destroyed by Lt Ucsek.
Destroyed 1 staff car by strafing at R-3867.
Bombed R-3867 where enemy tanks were shouldered,
1 half track destroyed by strafing at R-3674.
1 bomb on tank, plus strafing of 2 others, 2 tanks damaged, at R-3871
8 tanks strafed, 1 burning and 2 damaged, at R-3770,
1 tank destroyed, 1 probable and one damaged at R-3967, La Heuneire.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER F. MCRAE, JR.,

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HEADQUARTERS 350TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141

AG/7

30 August 1944.

SUBJECT: O. Rs.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: AC/S, G-3.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo No. 5-3, dated 25 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending 31 August 1944.

2. Opns No. 30.

For the Grp. Commander:

WALTER F. [illegible], JR.,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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One of our own A/C was destroyed, one
[illegible] to RAF. The [illegible] but
Lt Parr, a Member of the South [illegible]
was seen to [illegible] the [illegible] crash
near Chateau Arnoy. The engagement with
the enemy. Airfield at [illegible] had a A/C
burning on it, and three were seen in
[illegible] Weald, believed to be A.C. Flak
very moderate over Le [illegible] heavy
and light, intense and accurate at [illegible]
Gonfreville, heavy moderate inaccurate at [illegible]
Havre. Vicinity of Falaise, light heavy, mo-
derate. 1 of the Spitfires had 1 [illegible]
on it's fuselage behind cockpit [illegible]
RAF markings, with four crosses
on the wings. All fires were seen in area
of Evreux at 1-2000 at last. 7 to 8 turn
circles in area at 5-6000. 1 Spitfire dam-
aged at Evreux. U.S. Tanker convoy R-coll
heading east. German trucks at T-1444 go-
ing north. 1 Spitfire mechanical. Group land-
ed at Lille.

38 P-47D's, 8 external load, dispatch-
ed at 1610 to escort B/D at Orly. Course
was due to Orly to base. In target area
some flak. South and South Squadrons did
not strafe, but 56th Squadron did. As 56th
made its pass over the field the flight a
few 100's in the rear broke up leading and
trailing flights. The leading flight seem to break
and turn. The 56th then strafed A/D on
ground receiving flak from 100 and 2 ME
109's and 1 FW 190 damaged. Claims were
as follows: Destroyed in air: 1 ME 109
by Lt. Beck; 1 ME 109 shared by Major
Stewart, Lt. Alessi and Lt. Joy. On ground-1 ME 109 destroyed by Major Stewart,
1 ME 109 damaged by Lt Buchic, 1 ME 109
damaged by Lts Thompson, Mc Cabe, 1 ME
109 damaged by Lt Beck. Over target,
heavy flak, weak and inaccurate at 5-6000
feet, inaccurate to and light, at 3-7000,
intense, inaccurate and light. U.S. heavy
artillery fire directed N. N.E. coming
from north of Evreux. 1 defective, mechan-
ical. Group landed at Kley.

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B. (i) [illegible] P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 36 P-47D's (completing mission) on 36 recce. in area Celle, Uelzen, Fröjel and Celle.
84 P-47D's (completing mission) to strafe A D 10 Orell.

(iii) 2 A/C abortive:
(a) Nil
(b) Nil
(c) 1 flak
(d) 1 belly tank

(iv) Nil

(v) Nil

(vi) 1 P-47D 27RS ea-47176, crash., approximately west of Celle.

(vii) 1 P-47D damaged by flak, over target, Category A.

(viii) Nil

C. (i) 84 (150 gallon American belly tanks)
(ii) 84 (150 gallon American belly tanks)

D. (i) 1,344:10
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 136,080 rds. (.50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 15,000 rds. (.50 calibre ammunition)
(iii) 6,120 rds. (.50 calibre ammunition)

F. (i) 84 x 500 lb Frag bombs.
(ii) Nil
(iii) 84 x 500 lb Frag bombs jettisoned. Squadron bounced.
(iv) Nil

G. HARRY D. PASSLER, 1st Lt., AC., 0-668677 MIA.

H. (i) 1 Me 109 destroyed in air by Colonel Cecil L. Wells.
1 Me 109 destroyed in air by Lt Hamlett.
1 Me 109 destroyed in air by Lt Clarence C. Wright.
1 Me 109 destroyed in air by Captain Robert R. Fisher
1 Me 110, destroyed in air by Lt Victor Beach.
1 Me 110 destroyed in air by Major James Stewart, Lt Salvatore Alessi and Lt Fred E. Coy Jr.,
1 Me 110 destroyed on ground by Major James Stewart.

(ii) Nil

(iii) 1 He 1c. damaged in air by Lt Robert S. Veech.
1 He 111 damaged on ground by Lt F. Puchic.
1 He 111 damaged on ground by Lts Cecil Thompson and R. Owens.
1 He 111 damaged on ground by Lt Walter Veech.

(iv) Other claims: Nil

For the Group Commander:

WALTER F. LORAH JR.,
1st Lt., AAF Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 365TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US ARMY

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28 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Operations.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
att: AG 370.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing,
att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 88-2, dated 25 Apr 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 365th Fighter Group.

3. Oper No. 68 for the period ending Sunset 28 August 1944.
Mission or Operation No.: O.O. 28 (TAT -I)
(Opflash # 1 to # 6 both inclusive).

4. a. 12 P-47D's of 386th Squadron, 4 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bombs with 8 a/c as escort, dispatched at 0915 to give close cover to 5th Inf, 7th Armd in area of Etampes, Pithiviers, Montereau, Melun. Over area 1017-1048. All bombs returned to base. Could not contact either ground controller, called on C and D channel. Uneventful patrol. No Flak. No e/a. Saw long column of U.S. trucks in Fontainebleau and fighting in Melun. Down 1120.
12 P-47D's of 386th Squadron, 4 a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb GP bomb each, and 8 a/c as escort, dispatched at 0845 to give close cover in Etampes-Melun area. Over area 0940-1045. All bombs returned to base. Contacted "Bigelow". Had target for squadron near Troyes, but unable to attack target due to lack of fuel. Uneventful patrol. Flak:

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Ic P-4/Ds's of 0078th Squadron, + a/c
carrying 6 x 260 lb DP bombs with 0
a/c as escort, dispersed at 1500 to 15
rvations. No e/a seen. Down 1510.

Ic P-47Ds of 0008th Squadron, + a/c
carrying 2 x 500 lb DP bombs each, with
drop tanks as escort, dispersed at 1500 to
Flak: Moderate, heavy flak
t Velsen. No e/a seen. Down 1510.

Ic P-47Ds of 0008th Squadron, + a/c
carrying 2 x 500 lb DP bombs each, with
drop tanks as escort, dispersed at 1500 to
Flak: Moderate, heavy flak
t Velsen. No e/a seen. Down 1510.

Ic P-47Ds of 0078th Squadron, + a/c
carrying 6 x 260 lb DP bombs with 0
a/c as escort, dispersed at 1500 to
Flak: Moderate, heavy flak
t Velsen. No e/a seen. Down 1510.

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(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47D damaged by flak, Oct. 44.
(viii) 92

(iii) 3 A/C operative:
(a) Nil
(b) Nil
(c) Nil
(d) 1 pilot wounded; 1 belly tank jettisoned.

(ii) 3 P-47D's attacked a bridge at 5-1547. Results not observed.

(i) 56 P-47D's dispatched.

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(ii) 3 P-47D's attacked a bridge at 5-1547. Results not observed.

(i) 56 P-47D's dispatched.

Ie P-47D's of eighth Squadron dispatched to 1750 to do an Armed Recce. Mission recalled. Landed Isid.

12 P-47D's of eighth Squadron, dispatched to 1500 to give area support in Jeuglesea-Zelzum area. Over area: 1701-1500. Thirteen-Mid point. No opp. Flak: meds, moderate, heavy at 5-2007. Dam Isid.

(i) 56 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 3 P-47D's attacked a bridge at 5-1547. Results not observed.

+ P-47D's attacked a bridge at 5-1547, on suspected bombardment target 5-1507, on Autobahn.

66 P-47D's (equipped with) to give close cover and area patrol to Jeu Zmt. Zelzum at Jeuglesea, Belgium.

(iii) 3 A/C operative:
(a) Nil
(b) Nil
(c) Nil
(d) 1 pilot wounded; 1 belly tank jettisoned.

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47D damaged by flak, Oct. 44.
(viii) 92

C. (i) 47 (150 [illegible] bombs).
(ii) 9 (160 [illegible] bombs).

D. (i) 2654:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 216,960 Rds. (30 Sqd. [illegible])
(ii) 11,160 Rds. (60 Sqd. [illegible])
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 12 x 500 lb GP bombs.
24 x 250 lb GP bombs.
(ii) 8 x 250 lb bombs on target area S-1607, on supposed concentration of troops in woods.
8 x 250 lb bombs on gun positions on western edge of A/D at S-2714.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

12 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.
10 x 250 lb bombs returned to base.

G. (i) Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Other claims:
Strafed and dropped 8 bombs on gun positions (2 direct hits) on western edge of A/D at S-2714.
Strafed area, at S-1607: 2 horse-drawn artillery strafed; 1 damaged at X-8594, tanks destroyed; 8 at X-4295, 1 at X-8955, 1 at S-8700.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. [illegible] JR.,
1st Lt., AC Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 366TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US ARMY

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16 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
att: AC S-3.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 366th Fighter Wing,
att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 28 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending 24 August 1944.

2. Oprep. No. 38.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER F. MORGAN JR.,
1st Lt., Air Corps.,
Asst Stat Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 366TH FIGHTER GROUP
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27 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
att: 26 GCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing,
att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 366th Fighter Group.

5-2703

3. Oprep No. 40 for the period ending Sunset 25 August 1944.
Mission or Operation No.: G.O. 25 & 51-4 (opflash # 1 to # 5 both inclusive).

4. (a) —66 P-47D's of this Group (12 from each Squadron) dispatched at 0755 on armed reconnaissance in area of Poitiers-Montmorillon-Le Blanc-Chateauroux. In target area: 0850-1000 hours. No bombs carried. 2 oil trucks and 1 jeep destroyed just east of Chauvigny by strafing. 1 M/T destroyed and 1 command car damaged, all by 366th Squadron. Seven M/Ts destroyed by strafing between St Pierre-le Moille and Tournon St Martin by 367th Squadron. Light, moderate, inaccurate flak at V-1662. Down 1020.—
16 P-47D's dispatched by 366th Squadron at 1240 hours. All planes carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs each. Mission was area support to 2nd, 8th, 29th Inf. Divisions and Task Force "B" in vicinity of Brest. 12 A/C were forced to abort before reaching the target area due to adverse weather conditions. All returned to base. 4 A/C completed the mission dropping 7 bombs on 4 freighters at V-8656. Near misses

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(11) —De P-47D's (accepting Alaska) on armed reconnaissance in area of Petit-Ire-
touchoville-Le Blanc-Jubisaudeaux.
—— 16 P-47D's (accepting Alaska) on area
support to Ama, Sol., Rest Inf.Divisions
and Task Force "B" in Vitalit, Ger Sprot.
—— 4 P-47D's dropped 7 x 500lb GP bombs
on a fortifications at V-5656.
16 P-47D's dropped 80 x 500 lb GP bombs
on largest of 10 bomb dallsVul to be
drop transports at V- 5654, 6 miles
east of Sprot.
16 P-47D's dropped 80 x 500 lb GP bombs
in area V- 9185-9150, 5650-5606, where
were 10 to 20 fortifications in area.
4 P-47D's dropped 8 x 500 lb GP bombs
on reroland ship at V-4606.

3. (1) 100 P-47D's dispatched.

Allied ops dumped 4 x 500 lb GP bombs. Alsaska
Acti Vesuvres in Amng Fortifications to V-8706566,
V-5665, and V-7655, Also 250 GP rocket.
Lights bombs at Demolr ship V-7655, Le Blanc-
Jubisaudeaux Rds, Ger Sprot. 7 to be on
duty at V-6655, Metz Alsace Area observ. 0
close on 1 Div & Corps Boundary Line.
Le Havre-Lisieux, Evreux-Dreux Area clear.
All bombs on Target and Allied Aircraft
safe. We broke more equipment than
6 bombs were lost on Target and returned to
ops. Le Mastre on Hwy 7 Sal 5 E, on Sub
of Hwy Route. No Ack Ack encountered
in Sprot. Flak: Light, med, Accurate
at 1 Pyrd Y-6656. A large fire was ob-
served in Sub Sqr of Sprot. A.A. wise.

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4 F-47D's stripped 7 x 500 lb JP tanks
   only to V- 501506.
6 F-47D's stripped 6 x 500 lb JP bombs
   to Y-0506567.
4 F-47D's stripped 6 x 500 lb JP bombs
   on Special Duty to V-570500.

(iii) 6 A/C Lightning:
   (a) 111-
   (b) 111
   (b) 1 Radio; 1 Oxilizer Hand Temp. Gage;
   (a) 111 1 Magnetic Cycles.

(iv) 111

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(v) 1 F-47D destroyed, cause out of ov route and returned to base.) 5E Limitation.
   Pilot It limits battle

(vi) 111

(vii) 1 P-47D damaged of 71 A, 3at A.

(viii) 97

C. (i) 111
   (ii) 111

D. (i) 507:15
   (ii) 111

E. (i) 412,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
   (ii) 15,000 rds. (30 caliber ammunition).
   (iii) 2,100 rds. (30 caliber ammunition).

F. (i) 128 = 000 lb JP bombs.
   (ii) =7 x 500 lb JP bombs dropped on = Pleiku-
   ku to V-5050.
   20 x 000 lb JP bombs dropped on Lang-
   ove of 10 bombs balkV d 5c to twoop
   JP Misplaced at Y-5054, 3 miles east of
   Ec90t.
   58 x 500 lb JP bombs dropped in area
   Y-5189-5150, 5050-5555, burns here 1o
   to 20 rpt Contacts in area.
   8 x 500 lb JP bombs dropped at Marok-
   ang ship Y-9450.

7 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on ship at V-[illegible].
6 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped at [illegible]-0106857.
6 x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on freighter at V-97.905.

(iii) 2 x 500 lb GP bombs jettisoned. (Jettisoned one bomb when it failed to release over target, and the other bomb jettisoned in gulf of St Malo).

(iv) 2 x 500 lb GP bombs were lost on destroyed aircraft (of P-47D 42-28439)

31 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.

G. ROBERT R. FISHEL, Capt. 0-28456 LWA
In vicinity of Brest.

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Other claims:
3 Flak installations probably destroyed and 3 flak installations damaged, by Capt J.W. Coulter 0-526271, at [illegible]-3821.
3 motor vehicles (2 oil trucks and 1 jeep) destroyed just east of Chauvigny by strafing, and 1 M/T destroyed and 1 command car damged, in areas: U-6975, L-4000 and [illegible]-1975.
7 Trucks destroyed, and 1 locomotive damaged: by,following pilots;
Lt Manwaring - 2 trucks
Lt Lee - 2 trucks
Lt Powell - 2 trucks
Lt Wetherill - 1 truck
Capt Ogilsty, Lt Coy, Lt Buckle, Lt Alessi (shared) - damaged 1 locomotive.
1 artillery position probably destroyed.
4 merchant ships damaged, at V-970955, V-9487, V-901908 and [illegible]-325957.
7 bombs on 4 ships (freighters)at V-9895, near misses.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN, JR.,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 366TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US Army

28 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: AC S3U.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 26 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 366th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 41 for the period ending Sunset 28 August 1944.
Mission or Operation No.: 28 BPF - 1. (Opflash #1 to # 5 both inclusive.)

4. a. 16 P-47D's of 388th Squadron each carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs dispatched at 0815 to give area support to 2nd, 8th, 29th, IMF Div and Task Force "B" in vicinity of Brest. Time over area 1000 to 1100. Contact with Kleenex Able flight vectored to attack freighter at V-972802. 8 bombs on freighter, 1 direct hit, 1 on edge of vessel, other very near misses. Freighter also strafed and left burning. No contact with Hoptid. Contacted default. 2 flights vectored to Fort at V-981011. 16 bombs on Fort, 4 direct hits, several very near misses. a/C strafed on way down. Contact with Stanza. Flight vectored to town of STOL at V-961021. 4 bombs on factory W of road which divides town. 4 bombs on machine gun and AA positions east of road. No direct hits. a/C strafed on way down. 24 bombs were dropped on targets. 16 E/A. Flak: Over target area intense accurate, light at 2000 feet at V-961021. Brest aflame. Waves of our

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16 P-47D's of each squadron, 8 carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs each, and 8 P-47D's, 1 napalm fire bomb each, dispatched at 1510 to give area cov[illegible] of Brest. Bombing able [illegible] to [illegible] 10/10 cloud, tops [illegible] to 8000 ft, base 1500 ft. Results observed. 2 misses. Defended positions V-412870, 2 fire bombs on target, and [illegible] with large fire seen. 2 fire bombs on [illegible] at V-382862, 1 direct hit with large fire. Strike vectored to [illegible] positions [illegible] 2 fire bombs on target - all misses. All targets marked with red smoke. 1 bomb jettisoned. Total of 16 bombs on target areas. Flak: Intense accurate, light flak at V-411870, and [illegible]; weak, inaccurate light at [illegible]. Down 17nil.

16 P-47D's of each squadron, 8 carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs, 8 a/c carrying 1 napalm fire bomb each, dispatched at 1750 to cover land, sea, with 1mf DLV in Brest area. Time over area 1810-1815. 8 bombs in gun emplacement marked by red smoke, observed, 4 direct hits, started two gun emplacements, 8 bombs on strong point at [illegible]7020, good construction obtained. 8 fire bombs on artillery position [illegible]6, 6 direct hits considerable fires observed, destroyed and verified by ground control. 8 fire bombs on headquarters and communications center at [illegible]8018 results unobserved. All ground control contacted. No E/a. Flak: Over target intense inaccurate, light over targets N of City Brest. 2 fire bombs jettisoned. Down 1[illegible]9.

B. (i) 80 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 16 P-47D's dropped 2 x 500 lb GP bombs on freighter, 1 direct hit, 1 on edge of vessel, and 6 very near misses; dropped 16 x 500 lb GP bombs on Fort, 4 direct hits, several very near misses.; dropped 4 x 500 lb GP bombs on machine gun and aa position NE edge of road, [illegible] at [illegible]; dropped 4 x 500 lb GP bombs on fort, 4 of road with direct hits.

15 F-47Ds dropped 28 x 500 lb JP bombs on Yokosuka Ship Yards; 1 bomb on 5 ships; 1 near miss starboard quarter of Yokosuka; dropped 4 x 500 lb JP bombs on Yokosuka Ship Yards

(17) Other claims:
[illegible], 1 destroyed, and
1 damaged.
[illegible] Maj. Fleming, 1 It
D. . Johnson.
[illegible], 1 shot d.;
4 [illegible] It J. L. Brown
2 [illegible] It G.D. Black
1 by It J.A. McDevitt
1 shot and 2/shots destroyed by;
Capt Schilke, It Beech, It Mr[illegible],
and It Redfern.
2/shots damaged
1 Dr Spitfire [illegible] damaged, 2 It F.M.Jen.
2 Forts damaged. 1 by Capt J.F. Hacker
and 1 by Capt J.H. Woodburn. and 1/2
[illegible] Lt. H. Shell.

For the Group Commander:

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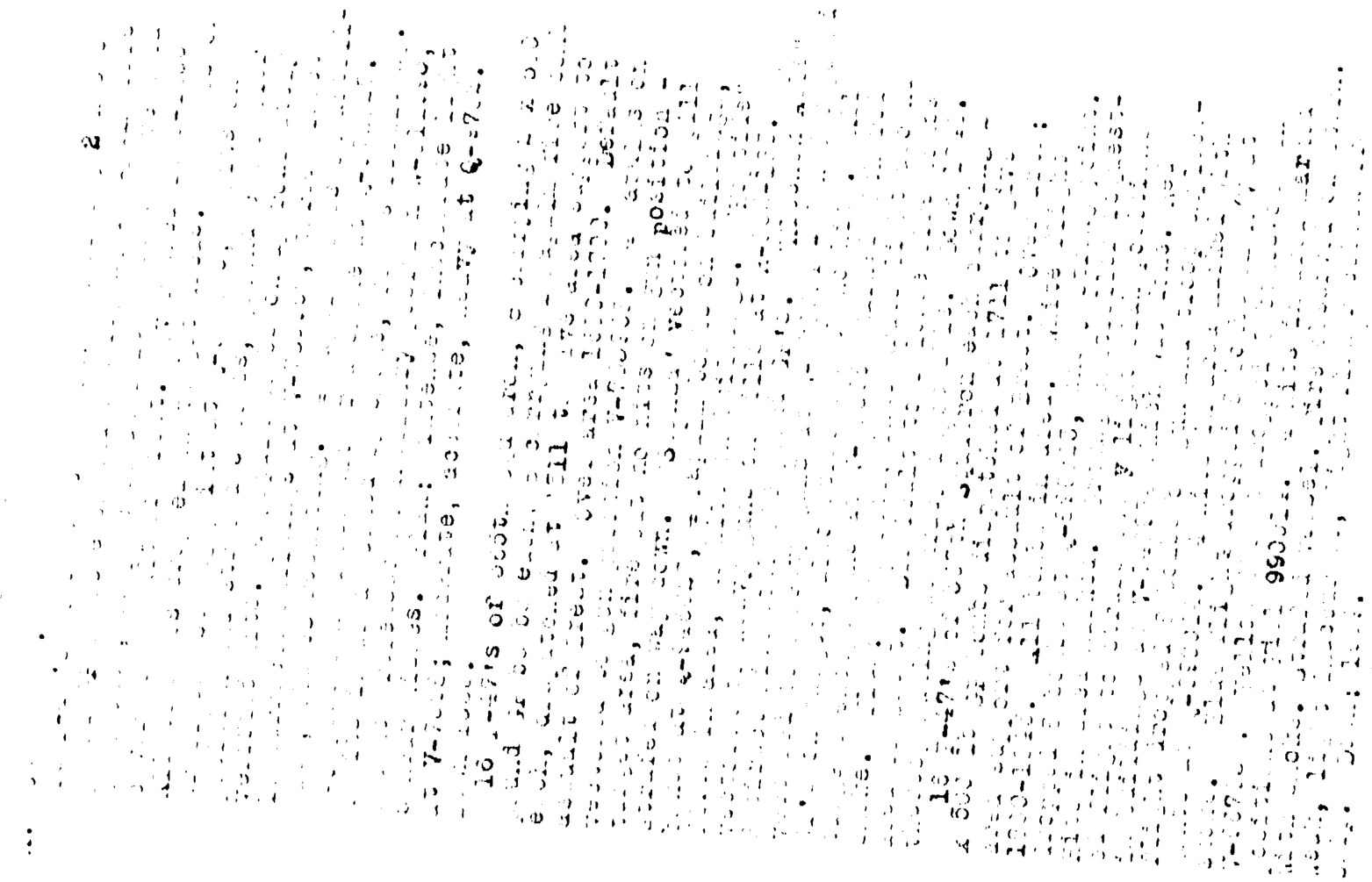
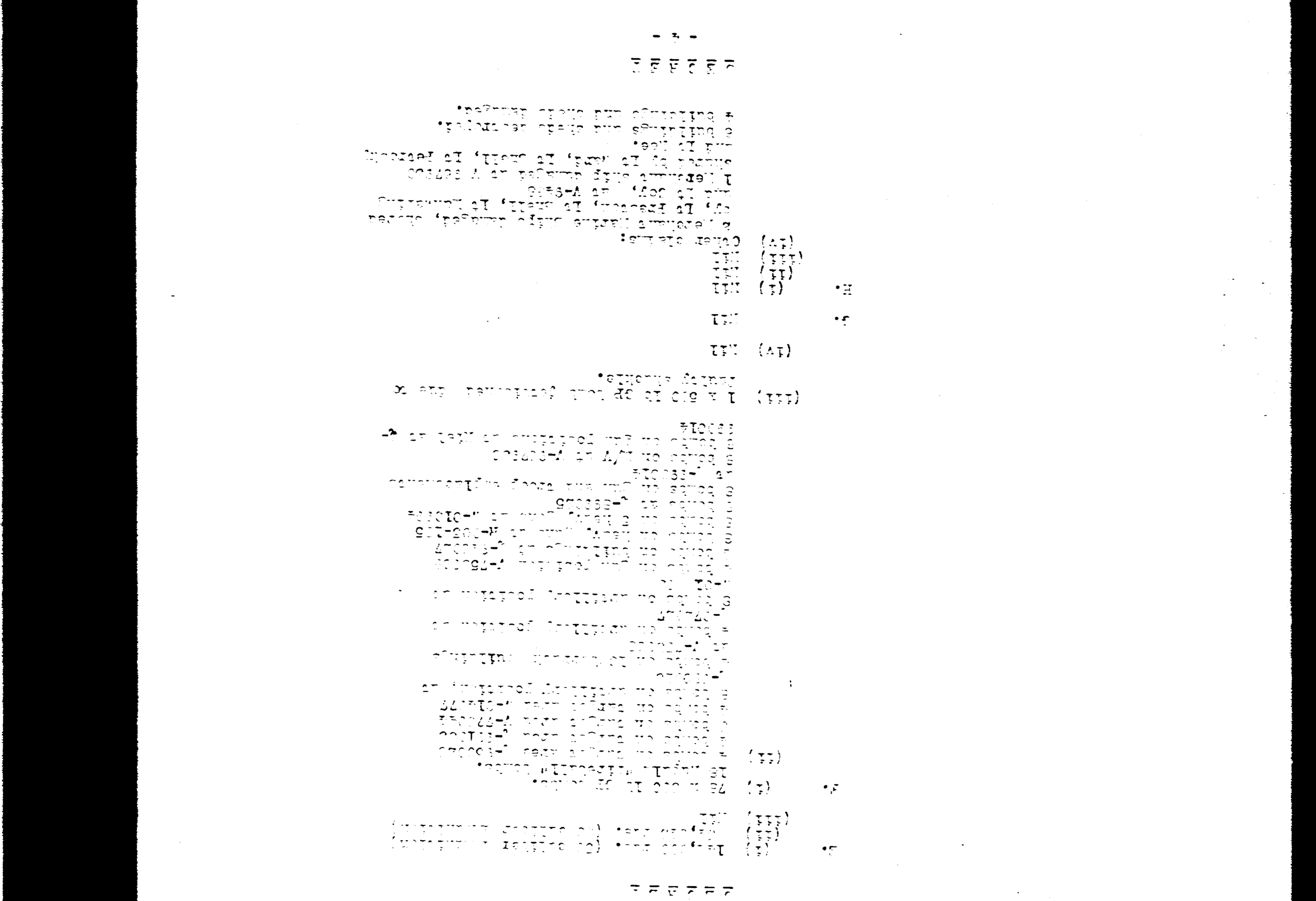
[illegible] F. Cobb, Jr.,
1st Lt., Air Corps.,
Stat Officer.





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[illegible] South Pacific Area
APO 251 [illegible]

30 August 19--.

SUBJECT: Operations.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (AAF)
ATT: AC/S, OPS.
Commanding General, XIII Bomber Air Command,
ATT: Staff Control.
Commanding Officer, Thirty-Fourth Wing,
ATT: Staff Control.

1. In accordance with Ninth Air Force Ltr 3-8, dated 29 Apr 19--, the following report is submitted.

2. From: South Pacific Area.

3. Operations for the period ending midnight 29 August 19--.

4. Mission or Operation No.: S.O. 23 (Phase 1 and 2).

a. 18 P-47D's of the 307th Squadron, each carrying a 300lb GP bomb, departed at 0715 to give area support to the 12th, 58th and 2nd Div and task force "Bluebook Able" assaulting Brest. Mtn cvr was 1010-1030. Squadron flew to objective area and recalled because of weather conditions. Squadron leader contacted ground controller "Grizzly" and was told it would be impossible to operate under the cloud cover. AC a/c at plan. Weather: Over target 10/10's stratus, base 0,000 to 2,000 ft., tops 100 to 300 feet, visibility 2 miles. Cloud thin to [illegible] to 7/10's stratus at 1,000 ft., visibility 5 to 8 miles. No bombs returned to base. Ammo 10==.

18 P-47D's of the 307th Squadron, each carrying a 300 lb GP bomb, dispatched at 1145 to give area support to the 12th, 58th and 2nd Div and task force "Bluebook Able" assaulting Brest. Mtn cvr was 1300-1315. 3 to 10/10 cloud at 1,000 ft., visibility 5 to 8 miles. No bombs returned to base. Ammo 10==.

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(11) 16 A/D incoming lorbs, in target areas, on
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[redacted]

F. (i) 59 x 500 lb GP bombs.
(ii) 30 x 500 lb GP bombs released on railroad;
0 bombs hung, jettisoned safe [illegible]
0 bombs hung, jettisoned [illegible]
0 bombs hung, jettisoned [illegible]
0 bombs hung, jettisoned [illegible]
(iii) [illegible]
(iv) [illegible]

29 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.

I. Nil

II. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Other claims:
3 artillery positions, destroyed.
1 building destroyed.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER F. [illegible]
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Stat Officer.

[redacted]

[illegible]

[illegible] 31 August 1944.

Subject: Oprep.

TO : [illegible]
att: 1st Sqd.
[illegible]
att: Stat Control.
[illegible]
att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with [illegible], Headquarters, a negative report is submitted for the period ending midnight 29 August 1944.

2. Oprep No. 44.

For the Group Commander:

[illegible]
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Stat Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US Army

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31 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 303rd Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 46 for the period ending Sunset 31 August 1944.
Mission or Operation No.: O.O. 31 XCD-1 (Opflash #1 to #6 inclusive).

4. A. 16 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, 12 a/c carrying 1 x Napalm bomb and 4 a/c carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs each, dispatched at 0723 to support 2nd, 8th, 29th Inf Div and Task Force "B" attacking Brest. Course flown: base to target to base/ Over area: 0830-0915. 10 Napalm and 6 x 500 lb GP bombs in target area; 2 Napalms jettisoned due to failure to release over target and 2 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base (also because of failure to release). 7 Napalms dropped on trenches at Q-9902, Good results observed. Could not contact Kleenex Able. Other controllers contacted only after 0830 hours. 6 x 500 lb GP bombs on gun positions at V-8595. 1 barracks destroyed. 3 Napalms on open gun positions and troops at V-950029.

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Good results observed. Flak: light, weak, inaccurate at V-8595. Some fires observed in Brest. Numerous small boats observed just outside eastern entrance to breakwater of harbor. Down 0940.

16 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 12 a/c carrying 1 x Napalm bomb each and 4 a/c carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs each, dispatched at 0907 to give area support for assault of Brest. Over area 1020-1100. 8 Napalms and 4 x 500 lb GP bombs in target area - 4 Napalms jettisoned in Bay of St Malo and 4 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base. White flight: Couldn't contact Default. Flight went over and bombed with Red Flight at Q-968031 which were 4 buildings, open gun positions, and troops. 3 near misses and 1 didn't explode. Target marked with green smoke. Weak, inaccurate, light flak. Red Flight: Contacted Stanza who gave them a target at Q-968031. 2 near misses, 2 didn't explode. Buildings strafed twice. Yellow Flight: Contacted Hoptide who gave them a gun position at R-006019. They couldn't bomb because of low clouds. 4 jettisoned in channel. Blue flight: Contacted Kleenex Able who told to bomb the town at W-105875 where there were troop concentrations. 4 in target area, 4 returned. This flight carried 500 lb GP bombs. Down 1138.

16 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, 12 a/c carrying 1 x Napalm bomb each, and 4 a/c carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs each, dispatched at 1104 to give area support to assault on Brest. Over area 1200-1300. 5 bombs in target area, 8 jettisoned, and 7 returned to base. 1 pilot wounded - Capt Elledge. 2 planes damaged: 1 Cat. "AC", 1 Cat."A". Kleenex Able vectored to W-1090 where some gun positions were supposed to be located, but flight was unable to locate them. Default vectored to V-753967 to bomb gun positions, but Napalms failed to release - a/c strafed and claim damage. 1 Napalm on gun position at V-7694, near miss, A/C strafed and damaged the installations. Hoptide vectored to

W-010995 to bomb heavy gun position at W-010995 - 3 Napalms in area, but no direct hits; however, large fires were started. Stanza vectored to Q-967070 to bomb building - 1 Napalm on target with a direct hit being scored. Flak: moderate and accurate at V-753967 and W-010995. Down 1345.

16 P-47D's of Squadron 366th, 4 a/c carrying 1 x Napalms each and 12 a/c carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs each, dispatched at 1304 to give area support for assault of Brest. Over area 1350-1440. 4 Naplams and 14 x 500 lb GP bombs in target areas. 2 x 500 lb GP bombs jettisoned and 8 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to home base. 6 artillery positions at V-8796 bombed with 4 Napalms bombs - 3 direct hits observed. 8 bombs on artillery position in woods, W-1082 - 7 direct hits and 1 near miss. 6 bombs on 2 houses some 2000 yards down the road SW of Guipauas (R-0204) One flight failed to bomb due to low ceiling at Q-9701 - 10/10 cloud at 3,000 ft. Flak: weak, inaccurate, light at V-9297. Fires observed on coast west from Brest. Enemy marking our troops with white smoke for our a/c to bomb. Down 1530.

16 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 6 a/c carrying 1 x Napalm bomb each, and 10 a/c carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs each, dispatched at 1504 to give area support for assault of Brest. Over area: 1600-1656. All bombs dropped in target areas. White flight: Default vectored to gun positions and German Hdqs which were bombed and strafed at V-8594. All 8 bombs short of target. Stanza vectored to gun positions at Q-944017 which was bombed and strafed twice. 8 bombs in area. Hoptide vectored to group of buildings containing enemy troops and these were bombed and strafed. One direct hit on buildings at Q-991019 and one near miss, 2 in target area, 2 fire bombs long of target. Flak: meager, inaccurate, light flak. Kleenex Able vectored to gun positions containing 6 to 8 guns and these were bombed and strafed at V-998883. 3 in target areas, 2 short. This last flight carried Napalms. Flak: light, weak, inaccurate at Q-991010. Down 1721.

15 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, 8 a/c carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs and 7 a/c carrying 1 Napalm bomb each, dispatched at 1704 to give area support for assault on Brest. Over area: 1800-1900. 16 x 500 lb GP bombs and 6 Napalms in target areas. 1 fell of near Landerneau - reason unknown. Kleenex Able vectored to naval guns at W-065777. 8 bombs in smoke-marked area. No results observed. Stanza vectored to fortified buildings at Q-967010. 3 Napalms dropped and hit buildings and troops area marked by purple smoke. Default vectored to V-8495 but could not locate his target. Flight hit target at V-786952 marked by white smoke. Gun positions were hit by 3 direct hits and rest of bombs fell in target area. Hoptide marked fortified houses at R-013008 with smoke. 3 Napalms all in target area. Buildings left burning. Flak: moderate, inaccurate, heavy and light and machine fire at Le Conque, V-7090. Down `915.

B. (i) 95 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 13 A/C dropped bombs in target areas as follows:

- 7 Napalm bombs on trenches at Q-9902.
- 6 x 500 lb GP bombs on gun positions at V-950029.
- 3 Napalm bombs on open gun positions and troops at V-950029.

10 A/C dropped bombs in target areas as follows:

- 4 x 500 lb GP bombs on town at W-105875 where there were troop concentrations.
- 4 Napalm bombs on 4 buildings, open gun positions and troops at Q-968031.
- 4 Napalm bombs at Q-968031.

5 A/C dropped 5 Napalm bombs as follows;

- 1 Napalm bomb on gun position at V-7694.
- 3 Napalm bombs on heavy gun position at W-010995
- 1 Napalm bomb on building at Q-967070.

15 A/C dropped bombs in target areas as follows:
- 4 Napalm bombs on 6 artillery positions at V-8796.
- 8 x 500 lb GP bombs on artillery position in woods, W-1082.
- 6 x 500 lb GP bombs on 2 houses SW of Guipauas R-0204

16 A/C dropped bombs in target areas as follows:
- 8 x 500 lb GP bombs at V-8594
- 8 x 500 lb GP bombs on gun positions at Q-944017
- 4 x 500 lb GP bombs on buildings at Q-991019
- 2 Naplam bombs at Q-991019
- 4 Napalm bombs at V-998883

15 A/C dropped bombs in target areas as follows;
- 8 x 500 lb GP bombs at naval guns at W-065777
- 8 x 500 lb GP bombs on gun positions at V-786952
- 3 Napalms bombs on fortified buildings at Q-967010
- 3 Napalm bombs on fortified houses at R-013008 ; 1 Napalm at Landerneau.

21 A/C (completing mission) to support 2nd, 8th, 29th Inf Div and Task Force "B" attacking Brest.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 2 A/C damaged: 1 Cat. "AC", 1 Cat."A".
(viii) 95

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 230:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 213,750 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 42,090 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 84 x 500 lb GP bombs, Fuze M 113.
53 Napalm Fireball bombs.

(ii) 7 Napalm bombs on trenches at Q-9902
6 x 500 lb GP bombs on gun positions at V-950029
3 Napalm bombs on gun position and t troops at V-950029
4 x 500 lb GP bombs on town at W-105875, troop concentrations.
4 Napalm bombs on 4 buildings, gun positions and troops at Q-968031
4 Napalm bombs at Q-968031
1 Napalm bomb on gun position at V-7694
3 Napalm bombs on heavy gun position atv W-010995
1 Napalm bomb on building at Q-967070
4 Napalm bombs on 6 artillery positions at V-8796
8 x 500 lb GP bombs on artillery position in woods W-1082
6 x 500 lb GP bombs on 2 houses SW of Guipauas R-0204
8 x 500 lb GP bombs at V-8594
8 x 500 lb GP bombs on gun positions at Q-944017
4 x 500 lb GP bombs on buildings at Q-991019
2 Napalm bombs at Q-991019
4 Napalm bombs at V-998883
8 x 500 lb GP bombs at guns at W-065777
8 x 500 lb GP bombs on gun positions at V-786952
3 Napalms bombs on fortified buildings at Q-967010
3 Napalm bombs on fortified houses at R-013008
1 Napalm bomb fell near Landerneau.

(iii) 3 x 500 lb GP bombs jettisoned.
13 Napalm bombs jettisoned. (2 were jettisoned due to failure to release over target; 4 bombs were jettisoned in Bay of St Malo; 7 were jettisoned over target area).

(iv) Nil

21 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.

G. James C. Elledge, Capt., O-660124 LWA
(approx. 12 miles SW of St Renan, France).

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Other claims:
1 building destroyed, (shared by Capt Sherman, Lt Guintini, Lt Fox and Lt Powell.
2 Railroad cars destroyed.
1 building destroyed.
2 Gun positions destroyed.
5 Gun positions probably destroyed.
Attacked troops at two (2) places.

For the Group Commander:

Walter P. Morgan Jr

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US Army

GC/7

3 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 303rd Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 47 for the period ending Sunset 1 September 1944.
Mission or Operation No.: 0.0. 32 W 51-2 (Opflash #1 to #5 inclusive).

4. A. 12 P-47D's of the 365th Squadron dispatched at 0715 to support the 2nd, 8th, and 29th Divisions attacking Brest. Each of the 12 a/c carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs. Over target area 0815 - 0855 hours. Stanza contacted planes and vectored them to gun positions at cross roads at Q-968080, marked with green smoke. 8 bombs released; hits on road and alongside road. No results observed on gun positions. Hoptide vectored planes to gun positions marked with white smoke at Q-995020. Dropped 7 bombs in area. No results observed. Default vectored planes to gun positions unmarked at V-928997. Could not locate guns. Located rectangular emplacement, possibly gun position. 1 direct hit on it; 8 bombs released, all in area. 1 bomb returned to base; failure to release. Down at base at 0953. No enemy aircraft, no flak encountered.

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12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0900 to support 2nd, 8th, and 29th Divisions attacking Brest. Each of the 12 a/c carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs. Over target area 0945-1045. 8 bombs released on gun positions and trenches at Q-991016. Victored to positions by Hoptide. Fair results observed; 3 direct hits. Stanza vectored planes to gun positions at V-842954. 8 bombs in area. Excellent results observed, three-four direct hits. V-8496 burned fiercely due to strafing of buildings. Stanza also vectored planes to gun positions and troop concentrations at Q-9503. 6 bombs released with fair results observed; 2 direct hits. 2 bombs returned to base, failure to release. No enemy aircraft; no flak encountered. Time down 1120.

12 P-47D's of the 367th Squadron dispatched at 1100 to support the 2nd, 8th, and 29th Divisions attacking Brest. Each of the 12 a/c carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs. Over target area 1145-1245. White flight: 3 a/c dropped 6 bombs on gun emplacements at V-855950. 1 a/c dropped 2 bombs on 2 buildings at V-844954, near misses. Chateau, enemy Headquarters, strafed at V-858948. Red flight: 4 a/c dropped 8 bombs on gun emplacements at Q-9555006. 8 hits in area. Road and town of Lambezellec, Q-950026 strafed. Yellow Flight: 4 a/c dropped 8 bombs on gun positions at V-973007. 8 hits in area, which also was strafed. No R/A. Flak: Over target: light, moderate, inaccurate at V-855950, V-973007. Weather: Over target: 10/10 clouds at 5,000 ft., moving in from West, 2 to 3/10s clouds at 1,000 feet. Visibility excellent. On course 2 to 3/10s at 3500 ft., 7/10s at 10,000 ft. Time down 1316.

12 P-47D's of the 365th Squadron dispatched at 1300 to support the 2nd, 8th, and 29th Divisions attacking Brest. Each of the 12 a/c carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs. Over target area 1340-1435. Hoptide vectored planes to building strong points marked with white smoke at V-994022. 8 bombs released,

12 A/C dropped bombs in target area as follows:
- 8 bombs on building strong points at V-994022.
- 8 bombs on Lambezelles, bombed town east of church and south of ravine, at Q-950025.
- 8 bombs on artillery position at V-878957.

13 A/C (completing mission) to give area support to the 2nd, 8th, and 29th Divisions attacking Brest.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 60

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 131:30
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 135,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 33,432 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 120 x 500 lb GP bombs, with M 115, fuze.
(ii) 93 x 500 lb GP bombs expended on operations as follows:
- 8 bombs on gun positions at Q-968080.
- 7 bombs on gun positions at Q-995020.
- 8 bombs on gun positions at V-928997.
- 8 bombs on gun positions and trenches at Q-991019.
- 8 bombs on gun positions at V-842954.
- 6 bombs on gun positions and troop concentrations at Q-9303.
- 6 bombs on gun emplacements at V-855950.
- 2 bombs on two buildings at V-844954.

8 bombs on gun emplacements at Q-955006.
8 bombs on gun positions at V-973007.
8 bombs on building strong points at V-994022.
8 bombs on Lambezelles, bombed town at Q-950025.
8 bombs on artillery position at V-878957.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

27 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Other claims:
Destroyed: 1 building.
3 ammunition sheds by Capt. J. K. Woodyard.
2 houses; one by Lt J.A.McDevitt and one by Lt F.H. Tew.

Damaged: 7 gun positions.
1 house, by Lt J.A. McDevitt.

1 troop concentration attacked, six bombs released, two direct hits.
Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR.
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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4 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,(Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 303rd Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 48 for the period ending Sunset 2 September 1944.
Mission or Operation No.: 33, W 51-1 (Opflash # 1 and # 2).

4. A. 12 P-47D's of the 367th Squadron dispatched at 0713 hours to support 2nd, 8th and 29th Divisions in assault on Brest. Each plane carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs. Over target area, 0805 to 0851 hours. Default and Hoptide were contacted and they told squadron it could not bomb because of low cloud. All bombs returned to base. Weather over target area 9/10 cloud, base 200 - 1500 feet, with heavy rain. Top 7,000 - 11,000 feet. Visibility, above good; below haze, 1 to 3 miles. Weather elsewhere, 7 - 9/10 clouds, tops 7,000 - 11,000 feet, base unknown, with heavy showers. No enemy aircraft encountered. Meager, inaccurate, light flak over Brest. Position undetermined due to overcast; one pilot went down in overcast to 800 feet. Landed at base 0927 hours.

12 P-47D's of the 365th Squadron dispatched at 0905 hours to support 2nd, 8th and 29th Divisions in assault on Brest. Each plane carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs. In target area, 1000 - 1100 hours. Default vectored flight to V-752966; eight bombs dropped on 240 mm. No hits. Aircraft strafed on way down. One light machine gun position strafed and damaged at V-752962. Target not marked with smoke. Stanza vectored flight to attack stronghold in town of Lambeselles at Q-973061. Eight bombs in target area. Four buildings destroyed, one large explosion seen with multi-colored smoke. Town also strafed. Hoptide vectored flight to Q-996070. Eight bombs on fortified positions, strafing on way down. Four good hits. Target marked with white smoke. No enemy aircraft encountered. Moderate, inaccurate light flak at V-752766. Cloud over target 9/10, with 3,000 ft. base; visibility good. Down at base 1145 hours.

B. (i) 24 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 12 A/C dropped 24 x 500 lb GP bombs on target areas as follows:
8 bombs on 240 mm. at V-752966.
8 bombs on stronghold in town of Lambeselles at Q-973061.
8 bombs on fortified positions at Q-996070.
12 A/C (completing mission) to give area support to the 2nd, 8th and 29th Divisions in assault on Brest.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 24

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 55:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 54,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 2,848 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 48 x 500 lb GP bombs, with M113 fuzes.
(ii) 24 x 500 lb GP bombs, with M113 fuzes expended as follows:
8 bombs on 240 mm. at V-752966.
8 bombs on stronghold in town of Lambeselles at Q-973061.
8 bombs on fortified positions at Q-996070.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

24 x 500 lb GP bombs, with M113 fuzes returned to base.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Other claims:
Destroyed; 4 buildings, one each by Lt Schroeder, Lt Mockler, Lt Wright, and Lt Blood.
Damaged: 1 flak installation, by Lt Johnston.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US Army

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4 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,(Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 303rd Fighter Wing.
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 48A for the period ending Sunset 2 September 1944.
Mission or Operation No.: Escort (Per verbal orders of Starboard).

4. A. 3 P-47D's of the 367th Squadron dispatched at 1000 hours to escort B-25 to Chartres. Course flown: base to Laval to Chartres. Landed at Chartres 1130 hours. Left Chartres at 1415, escorting C-47 to base. Course flown: Chartres to Laval to base. Landed 1555 hours. Escort was without incident.

B. (i) 3 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 3 P-47D's completed mission, escort of B-25 to Chartres and escorted C-47 from Chartres to base.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 3

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C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 9:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 6,750 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. (i) Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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5 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 303rd Fighter Wing.
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 49 for the period ending Sunset 3 September 1944,
Mission of Operation No.: 34. W51-2. (Opflash # 1 to #6 inclusive).

4. A. 16 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0720 hours to give area support to 8th and 29th Infantry Divisions assaulting Brest. Over target area 0800 - 0845 hours. Each a/c carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs. Squadron was directed by Default to three guns at V-7597. 7 bombs were dropped on marked positions, 7 hits in area. Stanza vectored squadron to buildings, gun position and motor pool at Q-967010. 14 bombs released and 14 hits observed in area. Stanza also directed planes to buildings at Q-981018. Planes dived on buildings, released 8 bombs; 6 hits observed. 3 bombs were jettisoned in bay due to mechanical release failure. No enemy aircraft encountered. Flak over targets: moderate, inaccurate light at V-980996; moderate, inaccurate light at V-7597; weak, inaccurate light at Q-9801. Down at base, at 0935.

16 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0915 to give area support to 8th and 29th Infantry Divisions assaulting Brest. Time over area 1005 - 1105. Each a/c carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs. Default vectored to 2 targets. First was unmarked gun positions at V-914964. 8 bombs in area, positions also strafed. Results not observed. Other target was gun emplacements unmarked at V-842947, eight bombs released; all fell short. Strafed fort and barracks at V-842947. Stanza vectored planes to unmarked gun positions at Q-945023, 8 bombs dropped, with hits on 4 gun emplacements. All vectored by Stanza to ammunition cars and tank guns at Q-970030. 7 bombs in area. No direct hits observed. One bomb jettisoned at Q-9410; pilot pulled wrong lever by mistake. No enemy aircraft. No flak encountered. Greyish - brown bursts at 4500-5500 ft, over bay of Brest, which were like burst of flak, but appeared to float or hang in the air. Down at base 1140.

16 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1111 to give area support to 8th and 29th Infantry Divisions assaulting Brest. Each plane carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs. Over target area 1200-1300 hours. First section was vectored to two targets by Stanza. 16 bombs were dropped on the first, a fort at V-852947. 4 direct hits, and otheres were near misses. Also strafed fort. Second target, troops and gun positions at V-780975, was strafed. The second section of the Squadron was directed to a gun position and ammunition dump 500 yards East of Q-968008. 14 bombs were released and target was strafed. Hits in area were observed. 2 bombs were dropped in woods at Q-964005. Four aircraft flew reconnaissance over Crozon area; no enemy activity observed. No enemy aircraft encountered. Flak: weak, inaccurate, small arms fire at V-780975; weak, inaccurate light flak at Q-968008. Down at base 1346 hours.

16 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1320 to give area support to 8th and 29th Infantry Divisions assaulting Brest. Time over

target 1400-1500. Each aircraft carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs. Attacks directed by Stanza: 8 bombs on gun position at Q-935009, 2 direct hits, target strafed; 8 bombs on gun position at Q-947004, 2 direct hits, target strafed. Other attacks directed by Default: 8 a/c dropped 16 bombs on fort at V-852946, with 2 direct hits and with 5 near misses, strafed target; 4 a/c strafed gun position at V-755965, with many strikes observed. No enemy aircraft encountered. Flak: weak, inaccurate light at Q-935009 and V-755965. Time down 1543.

16 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1510 to support 8th and 29th Infantry Divisions in assault on Brest. 8 a/c carried 16 x 500 lb GP bombs, while the other 8 a/c carried 8 NAPALM tanks. Over target area 1600-1700 hours. Stanza vectored planes to two targets. The first, four to six guns at Q-944017 marked with red smoke, received 4 direct hits from the 8 bombs released. Target was also strafed. Two or three guns were destroyed. The second target was buildings at Q-964025. Two buildings were destroyed by four NAPALMs and strafing. Troops were in the buildings. Default vectored planes to gun positions at V-753965 and V-935992, not marked with smoke. 8 bombs were dropped on the first, with no hits, but guns were damaged by strafing. 3 NAPALMs were released on second point, also strafed. One building destroyed. One NAPALM bomb jettisoned in Channel mechanical failure to release. One P-47D landed at Morlaix, damaged by Flak, category AC. Moderate, accurate light flak at Q-964025. Down at base, 1745 hours. Our ambulances and jeeps seen 2-3 miles north of Lambazelles, going south on main road to town. Our troops dug in at Q-80000. Observed from 5,000 feet at 1630 hours.

16 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1714 hours to support 8th and 29th Infantry Divisions in assault on Brest. 8 a/c carried 8 NAPALM bombs, while the other 8 a/c carried 16 x 500 lb GP bombs. Over target area 1803-1900 hours. White Flight dropped 7 NAPLAM bombs on gun position at V-753965. No hits; one failed to explode. Gun position and area effectively strafed. One NAPALM bomb failed to release and

was jettisoned at St. Mathieu at V-7394. Red flight bombed and strafed gun position at V-938996. 8 bombs released, with two near misses. Yellow flight released 8 GP bombs on ammunition dump 1000 yards east of Q-968008; one bomb observed to burn for only a few seconds. Clouds presented accurate bombing and observation of results. 9/10 cloud cover, base 2500, tops 4500. Horizontal visibility unlimited. Excessive R/T prodedure by Klondike again made contact with groung controllers difficult. Moderate inaccurate light flak at V-7498 and V-938996. Down at base, 1950 hours.

B. (1) 96 P-47D's dispatched.

(11) 16 A/C dropped bombs in target areas as follows;
7 bombs on guns at V-7597
14 bombs on buildings,gun positions and motor pool at Q-967010
8 bombs on buildings at Q-981018
16 A/C dropped bombs in target areas as follows;
8 bombs on unmarked gun positions at V-914964
8 bombs on gun emplacements unmarked at V-842947
8 bombs on unmarked gun positions at Q-945023
7 bombs on unmarked gun positions(at Q-970030) ammunition cars and tank guns.
16 A/C dropped bombs in target area as follows;
16 bombs on fort at V-852947
14 bombs on a gun position and ammunition dump 500 yards East of Q-968008.
2 bombs were dropped in woods at Q-964005.
16 A/C dropped bombs in target area as follows;
8 bombs on gun positions at Q-955009
8 bombs on gun position at Q-947004
16 bombs on fort at V-852946
16 A/C dropped bombs in target area as follows;
8 bombs on four to six guns at Q-944017
8 bombs on gun position at V-753965
4 NAPALMs on building at Q-964025
3 NAPALMs on gun positions at V-935992

16 A/C dropped bombs in target areas as follows;
5 NAPALM s on gun position at V-753965
4 NAPALMs on gun positions at V-753965
8 bombs on gun position at V-938996
8 bombs on ammunition dump 1000 yards east of Q-968008

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47D damaged by flak, category AC.
(viii) 96

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 238:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 216,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 52,036 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 160 x 500 lb GP bombs.
16 NAPALM fireball bombs.

(ii) 156 x 500 lb GP bombs expended on operations, and 14 NAPALM bombs expended, as follows:
- 7 bombs on gun positions at V-7597
- 14 bombs on buildings, gun position and motor pool at Q-967010
- 8 bombs on buildings at Q-981018
- 8 bombs on unmarked gun positions at V-914964
- 8 bombs on unmarked gun emplacements V-842947
- 8 bombs on unmarked gun positions at Q-945023
- 7 bombs on ammunition cars and tank guns at Q-970030
- 16 bombs on fort at V-852947
- 14 bombs on gun position and ammunition dump 500 yards East of Q-968008
- 2 bombs were dropped in woods at Q-964005
- 8 bombs on gun positions at Q-935009
- 8 bombs on gun position at Q-947004
- 16 bombs on fort at V-852946
- 8 bombs on four to six guns at Q-944017
- 8 bombs on gun position at V-753965

8 bombs on gun position at V-938996
8 bombs on ammunition dump 1000 yards east of Q-968008
4 NAPALM bombs on building at Q-964025
3 NAPALM bombs on gun positions at V-935992
7 NAPALM bombs on gun positions at V-753965

(iii) 3 x 500 lb GP bombs jettisoned in bay due to mechanical release failure.
1 x 500 lb GP bomb jettisoned at Q-9410; pilot pulled wrong lever by mistake.
1 NAPALM bombs jettisoned in Channel, mechanical failure to release.
1 NAPALM bomb jettisoned at St. Mathieu at V-7394, bomb failed to release over target.

(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Other claims:
Destroyed: 3 buildings by 1st Lt Brak.
3 buildings by 365th squadron.
3 gun positions.
Probably destroyed; 1 fort

Damaged: 11 buildings.
6 gun positions

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US Army

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9 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 303rd Fighter Wing.
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 50A. for the period ending Sunset 4 September 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: Weather Reconnaissance.

4. A. 2 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, dispatched at 1035 hours on weather reconnaissance. Down at 1150.

B. (i) 2 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 2 A/C completing mission on weather reconnaissance.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 2

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 2:30
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 4,500 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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5 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 303rd Fighter Wing.
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 4 September 1944.

2. Oprep No. 50.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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7 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Minthe Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 303rd Fighter Wing.
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 51 for the period ending Sunset 5 September 1944.
Mission or Operation No.: 0.0. 36 W- 51-2 (Opflash #1 to #6 inclusive).

4. A. 12 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, each a/c carrying 1 Napalm bomb, dispatched at 1130 to support Task Force "B" attacking Crozon Peninsula. Over target areas: 1230-1300. 11 Napalm bombs were dropped in target areas and 1 was jettisoned off the coast near Brest (bomb would not release over target). Kleenex Able vectored squadron to gun positions at V-935905. 3 bombs dropped on these positions which turned out to be dummy sites. Located gun positions containing 5-8 guns at V-930905. 7 bombs dropped, all of which hit in area with 4 direct hits, 1 short in water. Results believed to be excellent. 4 of the Napalms including the 1 short in the water dis not explode. Strafed while on bombing run, but no fires were started. No flak. No e/a seen. Down 1400.
12 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, each a/c carrying 1 Napalm bomb, dispatched at 1205 to give area support to Task Force "B" assaulting

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Crozon Peninsula. Over target areas: 1300-1330. 10 Napalm bombs dropped on targets and 2 jettisoned in Bay of St Malo. Kleenex Able vectored squadron to gun position at V-930905 which was bombed and strafed. 3 bombs failed to explode, but were set afire by strafing. 2 bombs hung up and were later jettisoned in Bay of St Malo. Good concentration of hits in area. Red Crosses and letters PW observed at V-9209. No e/a seen. Flak: weak, inaccurate light at V-930905. 1 plane damaged by flak: Cat. "A". 8/10 cloud with base of 4000 ft over target. Down 1424.

12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, each a/c carrying 1 Naplam bomb, dispatched at 1245 to give area support to Task Force "B" assaulting Crozon Peninsula. Over target area: 1330-1400. All bombs dropped in target areas. Kleenex Able vectored squadron to gun positions at V-888755. 12 bombs dropped on these positions. 5 direct hits and 1 building on East side of installation was hit and set on fire, which was further damaged by strafing. Large fires seen in area. 3 a/c strafed light flak positions at V-883772 and strikes were observed. No e/a. Flak: weak, inaccurate, light flak at V-883772. Down 1440.

12 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, 8 a/c carrying 1 Napalm each and 4 a/c carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs each, dispatched at 1604 to give area support for Task Force "B" assaulting Crozon Peninsula. Over target areas: 1655-1750. 14 bombs in target areas and 2 Napalms fell off in channel. Kleenex Able vectored 2 flights to guns at V-920805. Flights attacked 6 camouflaged gun positions located in 2 zigzag trenches at V-925810. 6 Naplams landed in target areas. 4 direct hits observed with target area completely enveloped by fire. All gun positions believed to be destroyed. Controller vectored other flights to Motor Transport at V-972856. Nothing seen. 1715 at 2000 ft., circled area and attacked fort at V-840884, 8 GP bombs in area. 4 direct hits, Strafed in all attacks. No E/A. Flak: Over target; weak inaccurate light at V-840884. Group with call sign KLONDIKE and TURMOIL cluttering up "B" channel constantly in target area. Time down 1830.

12 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, 8 a/c carrying 1 Napalm each and 4 a/c carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs each, dispatched at 1642 to give area support for Task Force "B" assaulting Crozon Peninsula. Over target areas: 1722-1820. 1st fliaght bombed V-965856 marked with smoke. No results observed. 3 Napalms in target area. 1 Napalm hung up and had to return to base. 2nd flight vectored by Kleenex Able to gun positions at V-984856. Dropped 4 Napalm bombs. Good concentration in area. Target not marked. 3rd flight unable to obtain target from controller due to excessive R/T chatter. 8 GP 500 lb bombs returned to base. No enemy aircraft. Flak: Over target V-984856, weak light inaccurate. Weather: Over target: 5/10s base 3000, top 5000-6000. On course 7/10s base 3000 top 5000-6000, visibility 10 miles. Time down 1902.

12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, each a/c carrying 1 x 500 lb Napalm bomb, dispatched at 1714 to give area support to Task Force "B" assaulting Crozon Peninsula. Time over area 1800-1835. "Kleenex Able" had no target, so referred Squadron to Stanza; Stanza gave target gun positions (4) in square, and barracks, at Q-960014. 10 Napalm bombs on target. 3 hits on barracks. 4 on gun positions. 2 Napalms jettisoned in Bay. No enemy aircraft seen. Flak: Over target Q-960014, weak inaccurate light. Time down 1920.

B. (i) 72 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 11 A/C dropped bombs in target area as follows;
- 3 bombs on gun positions at V-935905
- 7 bombs on guns at V-930905
- 1 bomb short in water, near V-930905

10 A/C dropped bombs in target area as follows;
- 10 bombs on gun positions V-930905

12 A/C dropped bombs in target area as follows;
- 12 bombs on gun positions V-888755

10 A/C dropped bombs in target area as follows;
- 6 bombs on guns at V-920805
- 8 GP 500 lb bombs on gun positions at ~~V-935810~~. V870854

7 A/C dropped bombs in target area as follows;
- 3 bombs on V-965856
- 4 bombs on gun positions at V-984856

10 A/C dropped 10 Napalm bombs on gun positions and barracks at Q-960014.
12 A/C completing mission to support Task Force "B" attacking Crozon Peninsula.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47D damaged by flak; Cat."A" over target, at V-930905.
(viii) 72

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 169:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 162,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 31,507 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 64 Napalm bombs .
16 GP 500 lb bombs, Fuze M113.
(ii) 56 Napalm bombs expended as follows:
3 bombs on gun positions at V-935905
7 bombs on guns at V-930905
1 bomb short in water near V-930905
10 bombs on gun positions at V-930905
12 bombs on gun positions at V-888755
6 bombs on guns at V-920805
3 bombs on V-965856
4 bombs on gun positions at V-984856
10 bombs on gun positions at Q-960014.

8 GP 500 lb bombs expended on gun positions at V-985810. V-880814

(iii) 1 Naplam bomb jettisoned off the coast near Brest, bomb would not release over target.
3 Napalm bombs jettisoned in Bay of ST Malo.
2 Napalm bombs jettisoned in channel
1 Napalm jettisoned in bay.

(iv) Nil

1 Napalm bomb returned to base.
8 GP 500 lb bombs returned to base.

G. Nil.

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Other claims:
Destroyed:
4 buildings.
2 gun positions,366th squadron.
4 gun positions; 1 each by Lt Schroeder, Lt Crawford, Lt Donlon, and Lt Mann.
Probably destroyed;
1 fort, by Lt Johnston.
1 gun position, by Lt Schroeder.
Damaged:
8 flak installations.

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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8 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 303rd Fighter Wing.
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 52 for the period ending Sunset 6 September 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: 0.0. 37 X 51-1 (Opflash #1 to #7 inclusive).

4. A. 12 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, each a/c carrying 2 GP 500 lb bombs dispatched at 0715 to give area support to 2nd Inf Division assaulting Brest. Over target areas: 0800-0830. 21 bombs dropped on targets, 3 jettisoned in Bay of St Brieuc. Hoptide did not have target. Stanza vectored squadron to Q-069091, a road junction, where he said there were troop concentrations. 21 bombs dropped on area with 5 direct hits and rest in the area. Squadron strafed during bombing run. A large explosion was observed. No e/a. Flak: weak, inaccurate, light at Q-970005. Down 0912.

12 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, each carrying 2 GP 500 lb Bombs, dispatched at 0755 to support 2nd Inf Division assaulting Brest. Over target areas: 0845-0930. 24 bombs dropped in areas. Hoptide vectored 6 planes to gun positions at Q-982012. 12 bombs in target area. All good hits. Marked with white and violet smoke. Flight also made several strafing attacks on this target. Hoptide then vec-

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tored the other 6 planes to cross roads at Q-968007 to bomb anti-tank guns installations there. All 12 bombs in target area - this area was not marked with smoke. Flight also strafed during bombing run. One building destroyed by 2 direct hits in area. No e/a seen. Flak: accurate, small arms fire at Q-982012. 1 plane damaged from small arms fire: Category "A". One B-26 seen to mysteriously explode at 8000 ft SW of city - no chutes seen, and no flak apparent in that area. Down 1015.

12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, each a/c carrying 2 GP 500 lb bombs, dispatched at 0839 to support 2nd Inf Division assaulting Brest. Over area:0930 - 1000. 2 abortives, 1 mechanical and 1 escort. 20 bombs dropped on target and 4 bombs returned to base (from abortives). Hoptide vectored squadron to 3 gun positions at Q-998002. 20 bombs were dropped and excellent pattern was observed. Squadron strafed during bombing run. No e/a. No flak. Down 1040.

12 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, each carrying 2 GP 500 lb bombs, dispatched at 1140 to give area support to 2nd Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Over target area: 1230-1330. 24 bombs dropped on targets. 8 a/c dropped 16 bombs on enemy strong point at Q-981018, and strafed area. Good concentration. Explosion and fire observed. Hoptide released flight to Kleenex Able. Squadron proceeded to Crozon and 4 a/c dropped 8 bombs on gun position at V-890755. Good concentration. No flak: No e/a. Down 1416.

12 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, each carrying 2 GP 500 lb bombs, dispatched at 1225 to give support to 2nd Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Over area: 1315-1400. 24 bombs dropped on targets. Hoptide vectored squadron to attack enemy strong point at Q-981008 (true location was at Q-981018). Target was marked with purple smoke. All bombs in target area. Squadron strafed during dive. Several buildings set on fire and destroyed. Observed red panels placed by our ground troops at Q-993020. No e/a seen. No flak. Down 1440.

12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, each carrying 2 GP 500 lb bombs, dispatched at 1309 to give support to 2nd Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Over target areas: 1400-1440. 22 bombs dropped on targets, 2 returned to base. Kleenex Able assigned on flight to bomb 12 gun positions at V-988834. 6 bombs dropped and also strafed, 3 gun positions probably destroyed. Hoptide assigned 2 flights to bomb 5-6 buildings at Q-968012. 16 bombs dropped on targets and also strafed - 4 buildings probably destroyed. Neither target was marked by smoke. No e/a seen. Flak: moderate, inaccurate, light at Q-968012. Down 1515.

12 P-47D's of 367th Squadron, each a/c carrying 2 GP 500 lb bombs, dispatched at 1605 to give support to 2nd Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Over area: 1655-1740. 24 bombs dropped on targets. Hoptide directed to flights to go to Kleenex Able area, but weather prevented doing of the same. Contacted Default who vectored to gun position at V-744954. Strafed position and dropped 16 bombs on it. 6 direct hits, other in excellent concentration. Hoptide vectored one flight to heavy artillery position at Q-973008 which was strafed and bombed with 8 bombs. Excellent concentration. Smoke seen emanating from target. No flak. No e/a seen. Down 1826.

B. (i) 84 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 12 A/C dropped 21 bombs on area Q-069091
12 A/C dropped bombs as follows in target areas;
12 bombs on gun positions at Q-982012
12 bombs on anti-tank guns installations at Q-968007
10 A/C dropped 20 bombs on 3 gun positions at Q-998002.
12 A/C dropped bombs in target areas as follows;
16 bombs on enemy strong point at Q-981018
8 bombs on gun positions at V-890755
12 A/C dropped 24 bombs on enemy strong point at Q-981018.
12 A/C dropped bombs in target areas as follows;
6 bombs on gun positions at V-988834
16 bombs dropped on 5-6 buildings at Q-968012
12 A/C dropped bombs in target areas as follows:
16 bombs on gun positions at V-744954
8 bombs on heavy artillery positions at Q-973008.

(iii) 2 A/C abortive:
(a) Nil
(b) Nil
(c) 1 prop failure;
(d) 1 abortive escort

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47D damaged by small arms fire; Cat."A".
(viii) 84

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 191:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 189,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 61,085 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 168 GP 500 lb bombs,(108 Fuze,M113; 60 Fuze,M103).

(ii) 159 GP 500 lb bombs expended on operations as follows;
21 bombs on target area Q-069091
12 bombs on gun positions at Q-982012
12 bombs on anti-tank guns installations at Q-968007
20 bombs on 3 gun positions at Q-998002
16 bombs on enemy strong point at Q-981018
8 bombs on gun positions at V-890755
24 bombs on enemy strong point at Q-981018
6 bombs on gun positions at V-988834
16 bombs on 5-6 buildings at Q-968012
16 bombs on gun positions at V-744954
8 bombs on heavy artillery positions at Q-973008.

(iii) 3 GP 500 lb bombs jettisomed in Bay of St Brieuc.

(iv) Nil

6 GP 500 lb bombs returned to base.

G. (i) Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Other claims:
Destroyed;
1 bridge, by Lt F.H. Tew.
4 buildings (one each by Capt. Hackler, Lt Wright, Capt Woodyard and Lt Johnston).
5 buildings (shared by Lt McCabe, Lt McGrew, Lt Neas, Lt Gaintini, Lt Petrosky, Lt Hunt, Lt Alessi and Lt McKenna).
3 gun positions.
1 house, by Capt J.C. Elledge.
3 heavy gun positions, (one each by Lt J.L. Green, Lt Garcea,and Lt G.H. Blood.
Probably destroyed;
4 buildings,
3 gun positions,
Damaged:
2 heavy gun positions (one each by Lt J.L. Green and Lt G.C. Leslie.

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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9 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 303rd Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 7 September 1944.

2. Oprep No. 53.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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10 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 303rd Fighter Wing.
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 54 for the period ending Sunset 8 September 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: O.O. 39. X 51-1 (Opflash #1 to #9 inclusive).

4. A. 12 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0715 to give area support to 2nd Infantry Division attacking Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Time over area 0800-0840. Planes vectored by "Hoptide" to cross roads at Q-968008, marked with purple and green smoke; good concentration of hits on cross roads. 6 buildings destroyed. All bombs in target area. No enemy aircraft. Flak: over target weak, accurate light at Q-968008. One P-47D damaged by flak, category "A". Time down 0940.

12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0751 to give area support to 2nd Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Each aircraft carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Time over area 0845-0920. Squadron contacted Hoptide, vectored to attack gun position at Q-966007. 20 bombs dropped on gun position. Position in large building N. of road junction. Numerous near misses, no direct hits. 4 bombs jettisoned due to failure to release over target, of which one bomb accident-

ally fell off at R-1011. Target not marked. Strafed in the attack. No enemy aircraft. Flak; over target, light, moderate, inaccurate at V-976998. A gun position observed at Q-976002. Time down 1000.

12 P-47-D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0840 to give area support to 2nd Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Each aircraft carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Time over area 0930-0955. Ground controller "Hoptide" contacted squadron and vectored squadron to Q-980021. Target was a clump of 4 to 6 houses. Bombing was North to South. 10 direct hits, 14 in target area. Squadron strafed on way down, went back and strafed again. Controller called and said results of bombing was excellent. No enemy aircraft. No flak: Weather over target area 1 to 2/10's clouds, bottom 2000, tops 8000 ft., visibility unlimited. Elsewhere same. Time down 1039.

12 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1140 to give area support to 2nd Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Each aircraft carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Time over area 1230-1300. Squadron contacted "Hoptide" on "B" channel, vectored to target at Q-987003. Fortified houses marked with purple smoke. All bombs dropped in target area. 6 houses definitely destroyed and 30 damaged by strafing in 5 passes by all 12 aircraft. No enemy aircraft. No flak; Time down 1340.

12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1226 to give area support to 2nd Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Each aircraft carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Time over area 1315-1320. Squadron contacted "Hoptide" and vectored squadron to target group of buildings at R-985002. 25 bombs dropped on target. Very close misses observed, they then were strafed. 1 large explosion observed as result of strafing in woods. Target marked by smoke. 1 bomb hung up and jettisoned N of Brest peninsula. No enemy aircraft. No flak. Numerous fox holes on small peninsula observed in grid box V-980990. Time down 1420.

12 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1312 to give area support to 2nd Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Time over area 1413-1448. "Hoptide's" radio out. Squadron contacted "Default" who vectored them to V-752947, a gun position which was surrounded by 6 to 8 buildings. 8 direct hits and 16 in target area. Former direct hits at point V-752947 and later bombs at a gun position 200

yards away at V-745946. Squadron strafed on way down. No enemy aircraft. Flak: Over target, moderate light at V-752947. Moderate, inaccurate, light at V-738981. Weather: 7 to 8/10's clouds, base 3-4000, heavy showers, tops unknown. Visibility above good in showers down to 2 miles. Time down 1533. Each aircraft carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs.

12 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1610 to give area support to 2nd Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Each aircraft carrying 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Time over area 1700-1725. Squadron contacted controller "Hoptide" and vectored to Q-972011, cross roads. Dropped all bombs on buildings adjacent to cross roads in target area. Target not marked. Also strafed in attacks. No enemy aircraft. Flak: Light machine gun fire in target area. Time down 1800.

12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1656 to give area support to 2nd Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Each aircraft carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Time over area 1745-1815. 22 bombs dropped in target area and 2 returned to base due to failure to release. Hoptide assigned Squadron to bomb buildings at Q-976006. 22 bombs dropped with excellent results observed. Numerous probable direct hits observed. Target marked with purple smoke. All planes strafed in attack. No e/a seen. No flak. Down 1848.

12 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1743 to give area support to 2nd Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area 1831-1910. All bombs on target. Squadron vectored by Hoptide to clump of 5 buildings containing troops at Q-985001. All houses destroyed by either direct hits or near misses. Target was marked with white and purple smoke. Target was strafed 4 times. No e/a seen. Flak: weak, inaccurate, light flak at Q-985001. Down 1956.

B. (i) 108 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 12 A/C dropped 24 bombs in target area at cross roads at Q-968008.
10 A/C dropped 20 bombs on gun position at Q-966007

12 A/C dropped 24 bombs on target of 4 to 6 buildings at Q-980021
12 A/C dropped 24 bombs on target of Fortified houses at Q-987003
12 A/C dropped 23 bombs on target of group of buildings at R-985002
12 A/C dropped 8 bombs on gun position at V-752947 and 16 bombs on a gun position at V-745946
12 A/C dropped 24 bombs on buildings adjacent to cross roads in target area Q-972011
11 A/C dropped 22 bombs on target of buildings at Q-976006
12 A/C dropped 24 bombs on 5 buildings containing troops at Q-985001
3 A/C completing mission to give area support to 2nd Infantry Division attacking Brest.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47D damaged by flak, category "A".
(viii) 108

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 235:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 243,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 95,182 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 216 GP 500 lb bombs.
(ii) 209 GP 500 lb bombs expended on operations on the following targets;
[illegible] bombs on gun position at Q-966007
[illegible] bombs on cross roads at Q-968008
24 bombs on buildings at Q-980021
24 bombs on fortified bldgs at Q-987003
23 bombs on buildings at R-985002
8 bombs on gun position at V-752947
16 bombs on gun position at V-745946
24 bombs on buildings at Q-972011
22 bombs on buildings at Q-976006
24 bombs on bldgs containing troops at Q-985001

(iii) 5 GP 500 lb bombs jettisoned, failure to release over target.

(iv) Nil

2 GP 500 lb bombs returned to base ,due to failure to release.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 6. Gun emplacements:
a) Destroyed 1
b) Probably destroyed Nil
c) Damaged 1

9. Buildings:
a) Destroyed 31
b) Probably destroyed 3
c) Damaged 4

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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11 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 303rd Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 55 for the period ending Sunset 9 September 1944.
Mission or Operation No.: 40 X 51-1 (Opflash #1 to #6 inclusive).

4. A. 8 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0714 to give area support to 2nd Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over target area: 0800-0835. All bombs in area. Default vectored them to V-906987, a heavy concrete square gun emplacement containing 3 wooden buildings. 9 direct hits, 5 short, and 2 long. One building left burning after squadron had strafed twice. No e/a seen. Flak: weak, inaccurate, light flak at V-8798. Down 0922.
8 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0903 to give area support to 2nd Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. All bombs dropped in target area. Hoptide vectored to enemy strong point at Q-9800. 12 good hits were registered on target which was marked with white and purple smoke. Squadron also made several stra-

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fing passes which further damaged the buildings making up the strongpoint. No flak. No e/a seen. Controller advised Squadron leader that an American pilot named Crawford was captured last night by enemy and was suffering from broken foot. Down 1115.

8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1118 to give area support to 2nd Inf Div assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over target area: 1200-1240. 15 bombs dropped in target area; 1 dropped off behind lines - controller verified fact that it did not effect any of our troops. Hoptide vectored to a target, but artillery smoke was about 1/4 mile short. Smoke was bombed by 2 a/c (4 bombs), but it was discovered that that was not the target. Correction of position was made and 11 bombs were dropped on Q-971000, a fort. 7 hits were registered on fort which appeared to have been damaged previously by bombs. Hoptide verified good hits. No e/a seen. No flak. Down 1320.

8 P-47's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1310 to give area support to 2nd Inf Div assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over target area: 1400-1428. 15 bombs dropped, 1 hung up. Hoptide vectored squadron to V-997998, and AA position, which was marked with white and purple smoke. 3 direct hits and 12 others in area. Squadron proceeded to Kleenex Able area where controller requested a/c with bomb to bomb A/D, V-973873. Bomb hit on north edge of field. Hoptide gave coordinate V-965952 incorrectly. No e/a. No flak. Down 1516.

8 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1503 to support 2nd Inf Div assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1600-1630. 12 bombs in target areas and 4 fell off accidentally in Brest Harbor. Hoptide vectored to bomb woods at V-954991. All missed. Controller advised not to strafe. Target marked with Green, purple, and white smoke. No e/a. No flak. Down 1715.

8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1719 to give area support to 2nd Inf Div assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1755@1825. All bombs dropped. Hoptide vectored squadron to target which was a tank and flak position at

V-952996, but squadron leader believed target to be dangerously close for bombing and the controller agreed. Hoptide sent squadron to Default who vectored them to target of radio station in 3-4 buildings at V-903983. Destroyed 2 buildings. Intense strafing silenced small arms fire from target area. No e/a. Flak: moderate, inaccurate, light flak at V-903983. Down 1905.

B. (i) 48 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on a heavy concrete square gun emplacement at V-906987
8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on enemy strongpoint at Q-9800
8 A/C dropped 15 bombs; 11 of which were dropped on Q-971000, 4 in target area.
8 A/C dropped 15 bombs on AA position at V-997998, and 1 bomb on A/D at V-973873
8 A/C dropped 12 bombs on woods at V-954991
8 A/C dropped 16 bombs to target of radio station in 3-4 bldgs at V-903983

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 48

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 104:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 106,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 30,979 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 96 GP 500 lb bombs,(64 fuzed M103-M101A2, and 32 fuzed M113).

(ii) 91 GP 500 lb bombs were expended on operations on the following targets;
16 bombs on a heavy concrete square gun emplacement at V-906987
16 bombs on enemy strong point at Q-9800
15 bombs in target area Q-971000
15 bombs on AA position at V-997998
1 bomb on A/D at V-973873
12 bombs on woods at V- 954991
16 bombs on radio station in 3-4 buildings at V-903983.

(iii) 5 GP 500 lb bombs jettisoned; (1 bomb dropped off behind lines; and 4 bombs fell off accidently in Brest Harbor).

(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 6. Gun emplacements:
a) Destroyed 1

9. Buildings:
a) Destroyed 1
b) Probably destroyed 10

17. Other claims;
1 Radio station, probably destroyed.
1 Fort destroyed.

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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11 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 303rd Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 56 for the period ending Sunset 10 September 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: 0.0. 41 X 51-1 (Opflash #1 to #3).

4. A. 16 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1015 to give area support to 29th Division and Task Force "B" assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over target area: 1100-1145. All bombs dropped on targets. Kleenex Able vectored 1 flight to gun positions at V-949862 in corner of hedgerow. 8 bombs in area with 2 direct hits. No guns seen. Positions were strafed. No smoke on target although smoke was requested. Kleenex Able vectored 1 flight to gun positions at V-954879. 8 bombs in area with 4 good hits. No guns seen. Area strafed. No smoke on target although it was requested. Default vectored 6 a/c to bomb 3 or 4 gun positions in between oil tanks at V-915970. 12 bombs in area; all good hits. Guns believed to be damaged. 2 strafing passes in area damaged several buildings housing troops. Target was not marked. Default vectored 2 a/c to 4 or 5 guns at V-908970. 4 bombs in area - no direct hits observed. Strafed the positions. No smoke on target. No e/a. Flak: light, moderate and inaccurate at V-949862, and light moderate and accurate at V-954829. Down 1240.

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16 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1314 to give area support to 2nd and 29th Inf Divisions assaulting Brest and Task Force "B" assaulting Crozon Peninsula. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1402-1440. 1 abortive (mechanical) which dropped its bombs in St Malo Bay. 30 bombs dropped in target areas. Default vectored 4 a/c to gun position at V-884928. Strafed and dropped 8 bombs - no direct hits, but area was well covered by 2 strafing passes. Released by Default and Hoptide vectored 4 a/c to V-953991, a wooded area containing buildings. 8 bombs dropped with 3 direct hits and area was well covered by 2 strafing passes. This target was marked. Kleenex Able vectored the remaining 7 a/c to artillery position at V-993858. 14 bombs dropped with 2 direct hits, and other near misses. Area was well covered in 4 strafing passes. No e/a seen. Flak: intense, inaccurate, light flak at V-993858. Down 1540.

16 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1615 to give area support to 29th Division and Task Force "B" assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over target areas: 1700-1750. All bombs dropped on targets. Default vectored squadron to artillery position at V-915980 where they dropped 20 bombs and strafed the position. Excellent pattern observed. This target was not marked with smoke. Default assigned V-913965 as target, but squadron leader incorrectly read coordinates and flight bombed with 12 bombs artillery positions and pill boxes at V-971990. 3 direct hits observed. Could not contact Kleenex Able. No e/a seen. No flak. Down 1840.

B. (i) 48 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 16 A/C dropped 32 bombs on the following targets:
8 bombs on gun positions at V-949862
8 bombs on gun positions at V-954879
12 bombs on gun positions at V-915970
4 bombs on guns at V-908970

15 A/C dropped 30 bombs on the following targets;
8 bombs on gun positions at V-884928
8 bombs on wooded area containing buildings at V-953991
14 bombs on artillery position at V-993858

16 A/C dropped 32 bombs on the following targets;
20 bombs on artillery position at V-915980
12 bombs on artillery positions and pill boxes at V-971990.

(iii) 1 A/C abortive:

a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 1 prop governor.
d) Nil

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47D damaged by shell casing, Target of A/C ahead. Cat."A".
(viii) 47

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 119:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 108,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 29,575 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 96 GP 500 lb bombs, Fuzed 1/10" nose, .025" tail.

(ii) 94 GP 500 lb bombs expended on operations on the following targets;
8 bombs on gun positions at V-949862
8 bombs on gun positions at V-954879
12 bombs on gun positions at V-915970
8 bombs on gun positions at V-884928
8 bombs on wooded area containing buildings at V-953991
14 bombs on artillery position at V-993858
20 bombs on artillery position at V-915980
12 bombs on artillery positions and pill boxes at V-971990.
4 bombs on gun position at V-908970

(iii) 2 GP 500 lb bombs jettisoned in St Malo Bay.
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 6. Gun emplacements:
a) Destroyed 1
b) Probably destroyed 5
c) Damaged 2

A number of direct hits on gun positions but results were not observed.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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12 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 303rd Fighter Wing.
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 57 for the period ending Sunset 11 September 1944.
Mission or Operation No.: O.O. 42 X 51-1 (Opflash #1 to # 12 inclusive).

4. A. 8 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0717 to give area support to 29th Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 0755-0845. Default vectored one flight to gun position, V-915975, which was bombed with 8 bombs and strafed. 1 direct hit, other close. Fire was started in gun pit. Other flight vectored to gun position at V-912978 which was bombed with 8 bombs and strafed. Good concentration of 6 bombs in target area. No e/a seen. Flak: weak, inaccurate, light at V-915975. Down 0948.
8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0817 to give area support to 29th Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 0850-0950. Default vectored to 2 barracks buildings at V-900974. Bombed with 16 bombs and strafed, with 3 direct hits and 5 near misses observed. Target was marked with purple and white smoke. Medium sized freighter seen in Bay at V-925899 flying flag with red field, blue cross, and white border. It was not attacked as controller could not verify it as a target. No e/a seen. Flak: moderate, inaccurate, light at V-9094. Down 1025.

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8 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0915 to give areas support to 29th Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1000-1042. Default vectored to target which was already under attack by another squadron. Squadron located 4 gun emplacements at V-838863. 16 bombs in area, no direct hits but 4 near misses. Barracks damaged by strafing. No e/a seen. Flak: small arms fire at V-838863. One plane damaged by flak: Category AC.

8 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1025 to give area support to 29th Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1107-1127. Default vectored to gun position at V-883929. 12 direct hits observed. 2 a/c dropped 4 bombs on gun position at V-889935. No hits, but area was well covered by strafing. No e/a seen. No flak. Down 1218.

8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1117 to give area support to 29th Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1200-1240. Default vectored to gun positions at V-857891. 16 bombs dropped with 12 direct hits observed. Strafed gun position at V-871872 and a building at V-871861. Gun flashes were seen and as intense fire started in area. No e/a. No flak. Down 1325.

8 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1215 to give area support to 29th Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1300-1345. Default vectored to gun emplacement at V-946863 where squadron dropped all 16 bombs. Near misses on guns and 1 building destroyed. No e/a. Flak: weak, inaccurate, light at V-846863. Down 1430.

8 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1318 to give area support to 29th Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1400-1440. Default vectored 4 a/c to coastal gun position, V-848879 where flight dropped 8 bombs and strafed the position. Many near misses, but no diredt hits. 3 a/c dropped 6 bombs on chateau, an enemy headquarters at V-848878. No direct hits, but fires were started by(2) two strafing passes. Flight also strafed barracks just west of gun position at V-848879. 2 bombs released prematurely over town at V-859878. Controller stated that these bombs landed in enemy territory. No enemy aircraft seen. Flak: light machine gun fire at chateau, V-848878, Down 1540.

8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1412 to give areas support to 29th Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1455-1545. Default assigned a number of targets all of which were marked by smoke. 4 bombs were dropped on gun position at V-908988. 4 on houses at V-905984, 4 on radio tower at V-905979. 4 on town at V-909972. Fair bombing results observed; 1 bomb hit town. No e/a. 2 planes damaged, by flak: Gat A. Flak: moderate, accurate, light at V-909972. Down 1625.

8 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1517 to give area support to 29th Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1600-1650. Default vectored flight to bomb between anti-tank ditches and fort at V-903987. All bombs in area with 8 good hits registered. Other flight was vectored to bomb road intersection at V-908978. 8 bombs on intersection and also strafed. No smoke on either target. 2 hospital ships seen heading for Brest from Crozon at 1610. No e/a. No flak. Down 1745.

8 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1624 to give area support to 29th Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1702-1803. Default vectored 1 flight to gun position at V-899981. 8 bombs dropped with 6 direct hits in area marked with white smoke. position was also strafed. Other flight dropped 8 bombs and strafed village at V-904974, and an enemy strongpoint. Area effectively strafed. No e/a. No flak. Down 1831.

8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1727 to give area support to 29th Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1759-1840. 16 bombs were dropped on group of 5 buildings at V-900993. 6 direct hits and 6 near misses observed. All a/c strafed in dive and it is believed that the target was destroyed. No e/a seen. Flak: weak, inaccurate, light flak at V-9099. Down 1925.

8 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1817 to give area support to 29th Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1900-1940. Default vectored one flight to U-901984 to bomb concentration of buildings. 8 direct hits which destroyed ammunition dump and 5 buildings. Another flight was vectored to attack at U-903975, a barracks in the west end of the town. 8 bombs in target area. Both flights strafed the town and left 5 or 6 buildings burning. No e/a seen. No flak. Down 2020.

B. (i) 96 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on the following targets;
8 bombs on gun position at V-915975
8 bombs on gun position at V-912978
8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on 2 barracks buildings at V-900974
8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on 4 gun emplacements at V-838863
6 A/C dropped 12 bombs on gun position at V-883929
2 A/C dropped 4 bombs on gun position at V-889935
8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on gun positions at V-857891
8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on gun emplacement at V-946863
4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on coastal gun position at V-848879
3 A/C dropped 6 bombs on chateau, an enemy headquarters at V-848878
1 A/C dropped 2 bombs over town at V-859878
2 A/C dropped 4 bombs on gun position at V-908988
2 A/C dropped 4 bombs on houses at V-905984
2 A/C dropped 4 bombs on radio tower at V-905979
2 A/C dropped 4 bombs on town at V-909972
4 A/C dropped 8 bombs between anti-tank ditches and fort at V-903987
4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on road intersection at V-908978
4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on gun position at V-899981
4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on village at V-904974
8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on group of 5 buildings at V-900993
4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on ammunition dump and 5 buildings at U-901984
4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on barracks in west end of town at U-903975

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 3 P-47D's damaged by flak; 1 Cat."AC", 2 Cat."A".
(viii) 96

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 220:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 216,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 78,300 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 192 GP 500 lb bombs, fuzed nose M103, 1/10" and tail M101A2, 1/40".

(ii) 192 GP 500 lb bombs expended on operations on the following targets:
8 bombs on gun position at V-915975
8 bombs on gun position at V-912978
16 bombs on 2 barracks bldgs at V-900974
16 bombs on 4 gun emplacements at V-858863
12 bombs on gun position at V-883929
4 bombs on gun position at V-889935
16 bombs on gun positions at V-857891
16 bombs on gun emplacement at V-946863
8 bombs on gun position at V-848879
6 bombs on chateau,an enemy headquarters at V-848878
2 bombs over town at V-859878
4 bombs on gun position at V-908988
4 bombs on houses at V-905984
4 bombs on radio tower at V-905979
4 bombs on town at V-909972
8 bombs bewteen anti-tank ditches and fort at V-903987
8 bombs on road intersection at V-908978
8 bombs on gun position at V- 899981
8 bombs on village at V-904974
16 bombs on group of 5 buildings at V-900993
8 bombs on ammunition dump and 5 buildings at U-901984
8 bombs on barracks in west end of town at U-903975

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 6. Gun emplacements;
a) Destroyed, 3
b) Probably destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 3

9. Buildings;
a) Destroyed, 6
b) Probably destroyed,11
c) Damaged, 83

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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15 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 303rd Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 58 for the period ending Sunset 12 September 1944.
Mission or Operation No.: O.O. 43. X 51-1 (Opflash #1 to #6 inclusive).

4. A. 8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0728 to give area support to 29th Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Time over area 0800-0845. 16 bombs on gun position at V-841873; 14 hits inside position, destroyed; Default said position silenced. Strafed Headquarters building at V-845875, many strikes observed. No enemy aircraft. No flak. Time down 0935.
8 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0926 to give area support to 29th Infnatry Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Time over area 1010-1105. 8 a/c dropped 15 bombs on gun position, V-912963. 8 bombs in area marked. Fire started by strafing. No other observations. 1 bomb dropped on Take Off. Two of our aircraft damaged by flak, category "A". No enemy aircraft. Flak: Intense accurate machine gun fire at V-912963. Weather: Over target, thin layer of cloud forming at 4000 feet, some haze, visibility 5 miles. Time down 1140.

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B. (1) 48 P-47D's dispatched.

(11) 8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on gun position at V-841873
8 A/C dropped 15 bombs on gun position at V-912963
8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on Fort at V-915994
4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on gun position at V-846882
4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on Headquarters in a cave, at V-921972
8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on heavy gun position at V-855888
4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on gun position at V-923974
4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on gun position at V-948990

(111) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 2 A/C damaged by flak, Category "A".
(viii) 48

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 111:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 108,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 56,774 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 96 GP 500 lb bombs,; fuze,nose M106, 1/10" and tail M101A2, 1/40".

(ii) 96 GP 500 lb bombs expended on operations on the following targets;
16 bombs on gun position at V-841873
15 bombs on gun position at V-912963
16 bombs on Fort at V-915994
8 bombs on gun position at V-846882
8 bombs on Headquarters in a cave at V-921972
16 bombs on heavy gun position at V-855888
8 bombs on gun position at V-923974
8 bombs on gun position at V-948990

(iii) 1 bomb jettisoned (dropped on Take Off).
(iv) Nil

8 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1113 to give area support to 29th Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Time over area 1200-1300. Default vectored Squadron to bomb Fort at V-915994. 16 bombs dropped, with good hits, and Fort strafed on way down. Target was not marked with smoke. No enemy aircraft. Flak: Moderate, inaccurate, light at V-915994. Time down 1340.

8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1328 to give area support to 29th Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Time over area 1400-1435. Each aircraft carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Default vectored to two targets; 8 bombs were dropped on the first, a gun position at V-846882 with 4 direct hits. The position was also strafed. The second target was a Headquarters in a cave at V-921972, 8 bombs released; good concentration of hits obtained at mouth of cave. Results not observed. No enemy aircraft. No flak. Time down 1525.

8 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1524 to give area support to 29th Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Time over target 1605-1700. Default vectored squadron to a heavy gun position at V-855888. 9 bombs in target area. 5 near misses, and 2 direct hits. Squadron strafed in dive. No enemy aircraft. Flak: Over target weak, accurate, light, at V-852888. Weather: Over target nil clouds, visibility 15 miles up to 5000 feet. Numerous fishing boats were seen at an inland cove at V-863882. Time down 1735.

8-P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1713 to give area support to 29th Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Time over targets 1800-1900. Default vectored squadron to two targets. 8 bombs dropped on 1st target, a gun position at V-923974, and 8 good hits, 1 gun destroyed, 1 damaged. Target also strafed in attack. Target not marked by smoke. 8 bombs dropped on 2nd target gun position at V-948990. No results observed. Target also strafed. No e/a. Flak: Over target V-948990, weak, inaccurate, light. Time down 1940.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 6. Gun emplacements;
a) Destroyed, 1
b) Probably destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 3

9. Buildings, (Headquarters)
c) Damaged, 1

13. Horse drawn vehicles;
c) Damaged, 1

17. Other claims;
1 Fort probably destroyed.

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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19 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 303rd Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 60 for the period ending Sunset 14 September 1944.
Mission or Operation No.: O.O. 45 X 51-1 (Opflash #1 to #4 inclusive).

4. A. 8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1209 to give area support to 29th Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1300-1400. All 16 bombs in target area. Default vectored squadron to gun positions at V-907979. 16 bombs dropped on target which was marked with smoke. 4 direct hits observed. Hedgerows, trenches and buildings strafed at same point. 1 staff car destroyed by strafing at same point. No e/a seen. Flak: moderate, inaccurate, light at V-907979. Down 1434.

8 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1409 to give area support to 29th Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1500-1600. 15 bombs dropped on targets and 1 bomb was jettisoned because it hung up over target. 1 plane was damaged by flak: Cat. A. Default vectored one flight on woods V- 915970 where German troop reinforcements were reported to be. 8 bombs in area plus strafing - results were unobserved. Default vectored other flight to gun emplacements on hill at V-913975. 7 bombs in area plus strafing - results unobserved. Flak: moderate, accurate, light at V-913975.

8 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1610 to give area support to 29th Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1658-1745. All 16 bombs were dropped in target areas. 1 plane damaged by flak: Cat "A". Default vectored squadron to V-905970, an enemy troop concentration marked with white smoke. 5 direct hits, 4 near misses, and 7 in target area. 3 strafing passes were made of this area. No e/a. Flak: moderate, accurate, light at V-905970. Down 1833.

8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1809 to give area support to 29th Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1900-1940. 15 bombs dropped in target area and 1 jettisoned north of Brest Peninsula. Default vectored squadron to troop concentration in valley at V-910975. 15 bombs dropped with excellent results. 3 direct hits on road, and one on empty gas tank. Strafed area. Three 75 mm or 88 mm artillery pieces strafed at same point and believed to be damaged. One plane damaged by flak: Cat."A". Flak: weak, accurate light at V-923970. Down 2020.

B. (i) 32 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on gun positions V-907979
8 A/C dropped 15 bombs on troop concentration in valley at V-910975
4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on woods where German troop reinforcements were reported to be at V-915970
4 A/C dropped 7 bombs on gun emplacements on hill at V-913975
8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on enemy troop concentrations at V-905970

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 3 P-47D's damaged by flak, Category "A".
(viii) 32

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 80:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 72,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 38,090 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 64 GP 500 lb bombs, fuzed 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail.
(ii) 62 GP 500 lb bombs expended on operations as follows;

16 bombs on gun positions V-907979
15 bombs on troop concentration in valley at V-910975
8 bombs on woods where German troop reinforcements were reported to be at V- 915970
7 bombs on gun emplacements on hill at V-913975
16 bombs on enemy troop consentration at V-905970

(iii) 2 GP 500 lb bombs were jettisoned, north of Brest Peninsula.
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Results of bombing and strafing unobserved.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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18 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 303rd Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 15 September 1944.

2. Oprep No. 61.

For the Group Commander:

/s/ Walter P. Morgan Jr.

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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21 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 62 for the period ending Sunset 16 September 1944,
Mission or Operation No.: 47 W 51-1.

4. A. 34 P-47D's of 358th Fighter Group (11 A/C of 365th Squadron, 12 A/C of 366th Squadron and 11 A/C of 367th Squadron) dispatched from A-76 at 1600 hours to go on armed reconnaissance of Karlsruhe-Breten-Offenburg-Lahr area. In addition thereto 4 P-47D's of 365th Squadron were dispatched at 1400 hours on Weather reconnaissance; down 1600. 22 A/C carried 1 GP 500 lb bomb each, and 12 A/C acted as escort. Over area: 1655-1735. 21 bombs were dropped on targets, and 1 bomb was returned to base, because it hung up. 7 bombs were dropped on RR line at the following places: W-0975, W-0872, W-0770, W-0668 resulting in the cutting of the line in four places. 7 bombs were dropped on RR junction northeast of Rastatt at R-3831. 2 direct hits seen, but no other results were observed. 1 bomb on RR track at R-4150, with 1 direct hit, but no other results observed. 2 bombs on RR tracks at R-6245 with 1 direct hit and 1 near miss. 2 bombs on RR track at R-7935 with 1 near miss. 2 bombs on RR track 10 miles west of Haguenau - both were near misses.

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1 train strafed and locomotive destroyed at R-7935. 8 planes damaged by flak: 1 Category AC, 1 Category B, and 6 Category A. No e/a seen. Flak: moderate, inaccurate, light at WR-3831; intense, accurate, heavy at WR-3020; intense and accurate, heavy and light at R-4150, R-6245,R-7935. Down 1830.

B. (i) 38 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 7 A/C dropped 7 bombs on RR line at W-0975, W-0872,W-0770, W-0668 resulting in the cutting of the line in four places.
7 A/C dropped 7 bombs on RR junction north-east of Rastatt at R-3831.
1 A/C dropped 1 bomb on RR track at R-4150.
2 A/C dropped 2 bombs on RR track at R-6245.
2 A/C dropped 2 bombs on RR track at R-7935.
2 A/C dropped 2 bombs on RR track 10 miles west of Haguenau, at R-7935.
12 A/C acting as escort.
4 A/C on Weather reconnaissance.

(iii) 1 A/C abortive:
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 1 Oil leak.
d) Nil

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 8 A/C damaged by flak; 6 Cat."A" 1 Cat."AC" and 1 Cat. "B".
(viii) 37

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 83:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 85,500 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) Unknown
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 22 GP 500 lb bombs,
(ii) 21 GP 500 lb bombs expended on operations as follows:

7 bombs on RR line at W-0975, W-0872, W-0770, and W-0668 resulting in the cutting of the line in four places.
7 bombs on RR junction northeast of Rastatt at R-3831
1 bomb on RR track at R-4150
2 bombs on RR track at R-6245
2 bombs on RR track at R-7935
2 bombs on RR track 10 miles west of Haguenau at R-7935

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

1 GP 500 lb bomb returned to base.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 11. Railroads cut, 1 RR line cut in four places.

3. 1 Locomotive destroyed.

Other results of bombing and strafing unobserved.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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19 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 17 September 1944.

2. Oprep No. 63.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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19 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 18 September 1944.

2. Oprep No. 64.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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21 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 65 for the period ending Sunset 19 September 1944.
Mission or Operation No.: O.O. 50.

4. A. 35 P-47D's of 358th Fighter Group, (11A/C of the 365th Squadron, 12 A/C of the 366th Squadron and 12 A/C of the 367th Squadron) dispatched at 1325 on Operation "Market". The whole mission was abortive. Weather was 10/10 from deck to 12,000 and so the group C.O. recalled all planes. Down 1440.

B. (i) 35 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) Nil
(iii) 35 A/C abortive, Mission recalled due to weather.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) Nil

C. (i) 28 x 150 Gal Belly tanks dispatched.
(ii) Nil

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D. (i) 59:20
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 78,750 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Nil

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR.
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

Rhine River. Flak: intense, accurate, light and heavy 5 miles south of Bonn, and also F-1505, F-02505, L-5078, and L-5578. Down 1720.

B. (1) 37 P-47D's dispatched, (including 1 P-47D on weather reconnaissance).

(ii) 8 A/C dropped 8 bombs on marshalling yards at F-4510.
1 A/C dropped 1 bomb on gun position approx. 5 miles S of Bonn.
3 A/C completing mission on Armed Reconnaissance in Bonn-Colgne area.
1 A/C completing mission on weather Reconn.
24 A/C acted as escort.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) 1 P-47D-27RE 42-27315, crashed into a hill and plane exploded, 5 miles E of Siegburg, Germany.
(vii) 2 P-47D's damaged by flak, Category A.
(viii) 36

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 84:30
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 93,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 18,490 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) 2,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

F. (i) 12 GP 500 lb bombs, fuzed 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail.
(ii) 9 GP 500 lb bombs expended as follows;
8 bombs on marshalling yards at F-4510
1 bomb on gun position approx. 5 miles S. of Bonn.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

3 GP 500 lb bombs returned to base.

G. David W. Johnston Jr. 1st Lt., 0-678057 KIA.
(5 miles east of Siegburg, Germany).

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 1. Motor vehicles;
a) Destroyed, 7

3. Locomotives;
a) Destroyed, 4

4. Railroad cars;
c) Damaged, 50

9. Buildings;
a) Destroyed, 2

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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22 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 67 for the period ending Sunset 21 September 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: O.O. 52. W 51-1.

4. A. 36 P-47D's of 358th Fighter Group (12 a/c from each squadron, 365th, 366th and 367th) dispatched at 1656 to attack airfields at Wiesbaden (M-4261), Frankfort/Rhien (M-6161) and Germersheim (R-667). No external loadings were carried. Over target areas: 1800-1827. 10/10 cloud to 11,000 ft prevented locating airfields. The 365th Squadron attacked train moving S. One locomotive and 30 box cars in this train in the vicinity of Kaiserlauten (R-0494), The locomotive was damaged and several RR cars damaged and 1 car was seen burning after the strafing attack. The 366th Squadron attacked trains in the area. One locomotive damaged at Heidelberg, R-6891. One locomotive destroyed at Neustadt, R-3085. Two trains NE of Landau moving E were attacked resulting in one locomotive being set on fire at R-3571 and one locomotive damaged at R-2969. An unknown number of cars were damaged. The 367th made no attacks due to bad weather. Flak: Intense,

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inaccurate, light at R-3085, R-3571, R-2969. Intense, inaccurate light at Metz. Moderate, inaccurate, heavy at Q-5255 (Saarbrucken). Intense, inaccurate heavy at Q-4572, Q-6083 (Neunkirchen) and M-1938 (Bad Kreuzrack). Weather: 10/10 clouds with tops at 11,000 ft and a haze which restricted visibility to 1 mile. Down 1935.

B. (i) 36 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 24 A/C attacked targets at Kaiserlauten (R-0494), at Heidelberg (R-6891), at Neustadt, (R-3085) and at Landau (R-3571) and R-2969.

(iii) 12 A/C abortive: due to -
a) 12 P-47D's, weather.
b) Nil
c) Nil
d) Nil

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 36

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 83:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 93,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 11,366 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 3. Locomotives;
a) Destroyed, 1
b) Probably destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 3

4. Railroad cars;
a) Destroyed, 1
b) Probably destroyed, Nil
c) Damaged, 5

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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24 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 68 for the period ending Sunset 22 September 1944.
Mission or Operation No.: 53 W 51-6 (Opflash # 1 to # 3 inclusive).

4. A. 12 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1112 to dive bomb supply depot at Q-549576 and Q-550576. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over target area: 1150-1230. 22 bombs were dropped in target areas and 2 returned to base because of failure of bomb release. Squadron bombed first two targets at Q-549576 and Q- 550576. 4 direct hits, 18 near misses. Supply dump was in a wooded area so results could not be observed. Railroad was cut in three or four places. Squadron strafed in dive. No e/a seen. Flak: intense, inaccurate, heavy and light in grid coordinate Q-5050, Q-6060. 4 camouflaged a/c sighted on a grass field at Q-2058. Down: 1302.
12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1125 to attack ordnance arsenals and supply areas. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs.

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Over target areas: 1205-1230. 24 bombs dropped in target areas. 16 bombs were dropped on an arsenal at ¢-269658 - 6 direct hits. 8 bombs on ordnance arsenal at ¢-283657 - 3 direct hits. 1 small locomotive strafed and destroyed at ¢-260640. 1 M/T destroyed at ¢-260640. Many cars were observed in M/Y in the vicinity of Saarbrucken on the SW edge of the city. No e/a seen. Flak: heavy, moderate, inaccurate at Saarbrucken, ¢-4375. Intense and accurate light flak at ¢-260640. Down 1305.

12 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1103. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1150-1245. 24 bombs dropped in target areas. Impossible because of weather to locate assigned targets (solid overcast). On way home 24 bombs were dropped on rectangular buildings believed to be factories in vicinity ¢-9555. All bombs in area. 4 direct hits. 1 building destroyed - 2 damaged. Blue, white, black, and brown smoke came up from wreckage. No e/a seen. No flak. 10/10 cloud over assigned target area. Down 1345.

B. (i) 36 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 12 A/C dropped 22 bombs on targets at ¢-549576 and ¢-550576.
8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on an arsenal at ¢-269658.
4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on ordnance arsenal at ¢-283657.
12 A/C dropped 24 bombs on factories in vicinity ¢-9555.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 36

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 77:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 93,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 9,859 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 72 GP 500 lb bombs, (48 fuzed at M 113, 4-5 Sec. and 24 fuzed at M 103, 1/10" nose; M 101A2, 1/40 Sec. tail).

(ii) 70 GP 500 lb bombs expended on foloowing targets;
22 bombs on targets Q-549576 and Q-550576
16 bombs on arsenal at Q-269658
8 bombs on ordnance arsenal at Q-283657
24 bombs on factories in vicinity of Q-9555

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

2 GP 500 lb bombs returned to base.

G. (i) Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 1. Military Transportation,
a) Destroyed, Nil
b) Probably destroyed, 1

3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 1

7. Dumps.(ordnance arsenal)
a) Destroyed, Nil
b) Probably destroyed, 2

9. Factories,
a) Destroyed, 1
b) Probably destroyed, Nil
c) Damaged, 2

11. Railroads Cut,
c) Damaged, 1

Other results not observed because targets were in wooded area.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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24 September 1944.

SUBJECT; Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 23 September 1944.

2. Oprep No. 69.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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25 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 70 for the period ending Sunset 24 September 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: 0.0. 55 WCL - 1 (Opflash # 1 and # 2).

4. A. 12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron with each a/c carrying 1 GP 500 lb bomb, dispatched at 1700 on armed reconnaissance in Luneville, Saarbourg, Haguenal area. Over area: 1735-1820. All bombs were dropped on targets. 8 bombs on train 8 miles N of Seldtat V-8065. 4 direct hits destroyed 10 cars. 4 bombs on train with six cars 3 miles E of Saarbourg, Q-5316. 2 direct hits. No e/a seen. No flak: Down 1910.
12 P-47D's of 365th Squadron each a/c carrying 1 GP 500 lb bomb, dispatched at 1630 on armed reconnaissance in Luneville, Saarbourg and Haguenal areas. Over areas 1715-1800. Controller Timber contacted had target but would not bomb due to 10/10 overcast 3000-11000 feet. 4 bombs on underpass at Q-7410 North West of Wasselnheim, 2 near misses E side of pass in town of Mansmientser.

8 bombs on locomotive headed, with steam up, east with 10 to 15 RR cars at Q-7405. The end of the cars was hit with 1 direct hit. Unknown number of cars destroyed. 2 bombs on tracks next to cars. Locomotive destroyed by strafing at same point. Strafed convoy of 15 trucks parked west to east at Q-7806. 3 destroyed and 5 damaged. Squadron then strafed camouflaged gas dump with 5 to 6 tanks and buildings at Q-7304. A large explosion was seen. 1 damaged by flak: Cat. AC. Flak: weak, inaccurate, light at Q-7304, moderate, inaccurate, heavy at Q-3910 SW of Saarbourg. Down 1910.

B. (i) 24 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 8 A/C dropped 8 bombs on train 8 miles N of Seldtat V-8065.
4 A/C dropped 4 bombs on train with 6 cars 3 miles E of Saarbourg Q-5316.
4 A/C dropped 4 bombs on underpass at Q-7410
8 A/C dropped 8 bombs on locomotive and 10 to 15 RR cars at Q-7405.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47D damaged by flak, Category AC.
(viii) 24

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 58:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 62,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 21,543 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i), 24 GP 500 lb bombs,fuze,tail,M113-4-5 Sec.
(ii) 24 GP 500 lb bombs expended as follows;
8 bombs on train 8 miles N of Seldtat V-8065
4 bombs on train with 6 cars 3 miles E of Saarbourg Q-5316
8 bombs on locomotive and 10 to 15 RR cars at Q-7405.
4 bombs on underpass at Q-7410.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

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26 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 25 September 1944.

2. Oprep No. 71.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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29 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 73 for the period ending Sunset 27 September 1944.

Mission or Operation No. 0.0. 58 W 51-4; VVZ-1, and Leaflet mission; (Opflash # 1 to # 10 inclusive).

4. A. 16 P-47D's (8 a/c from 366th and 8 a/c from 367th Squadron) dispatched at 0958 to give close support to 12th Corps Chateau Salins area and conduct armed reconnaissance. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1030-1100. No contact was made with Ironclad. 1 squadron contacted "Unstrap" who requested reconnaissance of Chaubrey, ↘-0622, for tank activity. Nothing was seen. One squadron contacted "Ersatz" who reconnaissance of area in vicinity of ↘-169180, for tanks and troop activity. Nothing was seen. Both squadrons patrolled area and patrols were uneventful. All bombs were returned to base. 4 a/c damaged by flak: Cat. A. No e/a seen. Flak: intense, accurate, heavy at ↘-3322 and at ↘-0520. Weak, inaccurate, light at ↘-1512. Down 1139.

12 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched on armed reconnaissance of Strasbourg, Offenbourg, Rastatt, Bruschal, Germerscheim, Landau, Hagenau area at 0940. Each a/c carried

turned to base. Squadron under base of overcast (9/10 cloud with base at 3200 feet) received intense, accurate, heavy and light flak upon entering area north of Chateau Salins. Formation then broke up and no attack was made. One a/c damaged by flak, jettisoned 2 bombs safe at a point approximately 6 miles north of Toul, U-6411. "Ironclad" was contacted upon entering area. No e/a seen. Flak: heavy, intense, accurate, light and heavy at U-1030 and surrounding area in vicinity of Chateau Salins. 1 a/c damaged by flak: category B. Down 1507.

3 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1405 to drop leaflets on area east of Pont-A-Mousson (U-9238, U-9336, U-9231). Over area: 1431-1436. Each a/c carried 2 x leaflet bombs. 2 bombs on each of the targets. Flak: intense, inaccurate, light flak received from horseshoe on N side of Bois de Secourt, U-920387. No e/a seen. Down 1510.

7 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1400 to drop leaflets in Metz and Pont-A-Mousson areas. 4 a/c carried 3 x P and PW bombs and 3 a/c carried 2 x P and PW bombs. Over Metz: 1430-1435 and over Pont-a-Mousson 1450-1500. 2 bombs dropped on town at U-9748 - leaflets covered the town. 2 bombs on Buchy, U-9344 and 2 bombs on Luppy, U-9944. These bombs exploded prematurely and leaflets dropped on the edge of the town. All 12 bombs dropped on Metz covered the heart of the city. Flak: Moderate, inaccurate, light on SW edge of Metz (U-8357), from flak tower at U-9139 and at Ply (U-8377). Moderate, inaccurate, heavy at U-9050. No e/a seen. Down 1524.

7 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1347 to give close support to Chateau Salins area. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. In target area:1400-1500. All bombs returned to base. No contact was made with "Ironclad". One truck strafed and destroyed at ¢-4929, 8 miles NW of Saarbourg. 1 truck destroyed and 1 damaged by strafing at ¢-4624, 5 miles NW of Saarbourg. 3 barges seen in canal at ¢-4122, 8 miles E of Saarbourg. Trenches observed facing north in area of ¢-1727, 20 miles NE of Nancy. No e/a seen. Flak: inaccurate, weak, light at ¢-1325, 20 miles NE of Nancy. Down 1548.

8 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1550 to give area support to 80th Infantry Division, in the vicinity of Chateau Salins. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1625-1700. "Iron-clad" contacted. Target - artillery and troops at Moivron (U-9125) bombed. 15 direct hits in area marked by smoke. Excellent results. Troops dug in along road, U-910259 to U-930266 strafed. One bomb which hung up over primary target dropped on town of Moviron at request of controller. No explosion seen. No flak. No e/a seen. Down 1740.

8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1551 to give close cover support to 80th Infantry Division in Vicinity of Chateau Salins. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area 1620-1705. 12 bombs in area, 2 jettisoned, and 2 returned to base. 6 bombs dropped and 1 direct hit observed on tank at Q-1028. 1 truck destroyed by strafing at Q-4929. 1 truck destroyed by strafing at Q-4624. Flak position strafed along road at Q-1231. 1 truck destroyed by strafing at Q-0832. 8 tanks probably destroyed by strafing at Q-1724. 3 trucks probably destroyed by strafing at Q-1724. 1 truck probably destroyed at Q-1125. 3 trucks destroyed by strafing at Q-1029. 2 trucks destroyed by strafing at Q-1332. 4 bombs dropped on 2 tanks at Q-1029 - both damaged. 2 bombs dropped on 2 tanks at Q-1924 - both damaged. 1 truck damaged by strafing at Q-2226. 1 light tank damaged by strafing at Q-0826. No e/a seen. Flak: intense, accurate, light flak in 3 mile radius of Chateau Salins at Q-1025. Dogn: 1740.

B. (i) 86 P-47D's dispatched (including 2 P-47D's on weather reconnaissance).

(ii) 12 A/C dropped 22 bombs on M/Y at Zabern, Q-7216.
8 A/C dropped 14 bombs (also strafed) on following points: V-3889, V-3992, V-3591, V-3793, V-4291.
8 A/C dropped 15 bombs on artillery and troops at Moivron (U-9125) and also dropped 1 bomb on town of Moivron.
8 A/C dropped 6 bombs on tanks at Q-1028; dropped 4 bombs on 2 tanks at Q-1029, and dropped 2 bombs on 2 tanks at Q-1924.
3 A/C dropped 6 Leaflet bombs (2 leaflet bombs on each of the following targets, U-9238, U-9336, U-9231).
7 A/C dropped 18 Leaflet bombs as follows;
2 Leaflet bombs dropped on town at U-9748
2 Leaflet bombs on Buchy, U-9344.
2 Leaflet bombs dropped on Luppy, U-9944.
12 Leaflet bombs dropped on city of Metz.

38 A/C completing mission to give close support to 12th Corps and 80th Infantry Division in vicinity of Chateau Salins(including 2 a/c on weather reconnaissance).

(iii) 2 A/C abortive; due to -
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 1 Radio; 1 prop.
d) Nil

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) 1 P-47D-20RE - 42-76561, hit by flak, over target, approximately 6 miles Southwest of Sarrebourgh, Germany.
(vii) 5 P-47D's damaged by flak: 4 Cat. A., 1 Cat. B.
(viii) 84

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 154:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 223,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 30,415 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) 2,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

F. (i) 148 Gp 500 lb bombs, dispatched.
24 Leaflet bombs dispatched.

(ii) 64 GP 500 lb bombs expended as follows;
22 bombs dropped on M/Y at Zabern, Q-7216.
14 bombs dropped on following points; V-3889, V-3992, V-3591, V-3793, V-4291.
15 bombs dropped on artillery and troops at Moivron (U-9125)
1 bomb dropped on town of Moivron.
6 bombs on tanks at Q-1028
4 bombs on 2 tanks at Q-1029
2 bombs on 2 tanks at Q-1924

24 Leaflet bombs expended as follows;
2 leaflet bombs dropped on U-9238
2 leaflet bombs dropped on U-9336
2 leaflet bombs dropped on U-9231
2 leaflet bombs dropped on town at U-9748
2 leaflet bombs dropped on Buchy, U-9344
2 leaflet bombs dropped on Luppy, U-9944
12 leaflet bombs dropped on city of Metz.

(iii) 4 GP 500 lb bombs jettisoned, because a/c were hit by flak.
(iv) Nil

80 GP 500 lb bombs were returned to base.

G. Robert D. Dwyer, 2nd Lt., O-820423 MIA. approximately 6 miles Southwest of Sarrebourgh.

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 10
b) Probably destroyed, 4
c) Damaged, 1

2. Armored vehicles and tanks,
a) Destroyed, 1
b) Probably destroyed, Nil
c) Damaged, 13

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 15

6. Gun emplacements,
a) Destroyed, 12

9. Buildings,
a) Destroyed, 4

14. M/Y attacked,
a) Destroyed, Nil
b) Probably destroyed, Nil
c) Damaged, 1

17. Artillery position,
a) Destroyed, 1

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

Walter P. Morgan Jr.

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Statistical Officer.

S E C R E T

HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

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30 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, AIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 74 for the period ending Sunset 28 September 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: O.O. 59.W 51-1 (Opflash #1 and #2).

4. A. 36 P-47D's of 358th Fighter Group (12 a/c from each squadron) dispatched at 0959 to attack Fort west of Metz at U-781587. 12 a/c carried 2 GP 1000 lb bombs each, and 24 a/c carried 1 150 gal. Blaze Bomb each. Over target area: 1030-1125. 45 bombs dropped (23 x 150 gal B.B, and 22 GPs) on target; with one 150 gal. B.B, jettisoned and 2 GPs returned to base. Contacted "Chase Farm" who marked target with smoke. 7 direct hits on SW corner of Fort and corner was destroyed by these GP bombs. 2 direct hits with B.B's. on pill box on top of block house started fires. 8 to 10 direct hits with GPs on center of blockhouse. 8 B.Bs. on southern edge of Fort and 4 to 6 hits on center of Fort. Fort was left burning and much smoke was seen. No e/a seen. Flak: weak, inaccurate, light at U-809571. Down 1149.

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40 P-47D's of 358th Fighter Group (12 a/c from 365th Squadron, 14 a/c from 366th Squadron and 14 a/c from 367th Squadron) dispatched at 1558 to attack targets consisting of forts in front of Metz at U-773580, U-773575, U-775571, U-775560. 24 a/c carried 2 GP 1000 lb bombs each, and 16 a/c carried 1 150 gal. Blaze Bomb each. Over area: 1634-1704. Total of 63 bombs dropped on target; and 1 B.B. returned to base, because it hung up over target. 36 bombs on U-773580 (Fort No.2) with 18 direct hits observed. 14 bombs on U-773575 (Fort No.3) with 5 direct hits observed. 13 bombs on U-775571 (Fort No.4) with 6 direct hits observed. Target was marked with green smoke. The 367th Squadron was vectored to U-825540 in vicinity of Metz, by Ripsaw No. 1. The target was e/a on the ground. A/F was strafed and the following claims are made; 3 Fw 190s and 1 He 111 - all on the ground. 1 building at U-825540 was strafed and left burning. No e/a encountered in the air. flak: moderate, inaccurate, light at U-825540. 1 a/c damaged by flak: Cat. A. Down 1755.

B. (i) 76 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 36 A/C dropped 22 GP 1000 lb bombs and 23 150 gal. Blaze Bombs on target; a fort west of Metz at U-781587
40 A/C dropped 48 GP 1000 lb bombs and 15 150 gal. Blaze Bombs on targets, consisting of forts in front of Metz, as follows;
36 bombs on U-773580 (Fort No.2)
14 bombs on U-773575 (Fort No.3)
13 bombs on U-775571 (Fort No.4)

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47D damaged by flak, Cat. "A".
(viii) 76

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 157:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 197,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 17,700 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 72 GP 1000 lb bombs, fuzed nose M103,-1/10; tail M10lA2,- 1/40,
40 x 150 gal. Blaze Bombs,

(ii) 70 GP 1000 lb bombs expended as follows;
22 bombs on target, a fort west of Metz, at U-781587.
48 bombs on targets consisting of forts in front of Metz at U-773580, U-773575, U-775571, and U-775560.
38 x 150 gal. Blaze Bombs expended as follows;
23 B.B.s on target, a fort west of Metz, at U-781587
15 B.B.s on targets consisting of forts in front of Metz at U-773580, U-773575, U-775571, and U-775560.

(iii) 1 x 150 gal. Blaze Bomb jettisoned, because failure to release over target.

(iv) Nil

2 GP 1000 lb bombs returned to base, because bombs failed to release over target.
1 x 150 gal. Blaze Bomb returned to base, because bomb failed to release over target.

G. Nil

H. (i) 4 E/A destroyed on the ground, as follows;
2 FW 190s destroyed by Lt. Robert E. Powell, 2nd Lt., 367th Squadron, (0-697226)
1 He 111 destroyed by 2nd Lt. Robert E. Powell, 367th Squadron. (0-698226)
1 FW 190 destroyed by 1st Lt., Milford C. Peterson, 0-522319

(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 9. Buildings,
a) Destroyed, 1

17. Other claims,
Forts,
a) Destroyed, 3
c) Damaged, 3

(Cont'd) Pill-boxes,
a) Destroyed, 1
b) Probably destroyed, 4

Blockhouses,
a) destroyed, 1

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

IM7

30 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 29 September 1944.

2. Oprep No. 75.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP IM7
APO 141 U.S. Army

1 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-S, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 76 for the period ending Sunset 30 September 1944.

Mission or Operation: Weather Reconnaissance.

4. A. 4 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, dispatched at 1205 hours on weather reconnaissance. Down at 13:10.

B. (i) 4 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 4 P-47D's completing mission on weather reconnaissance.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 4

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 4:20
(ii) Nil

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E. (i) 10,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. (i) Nil

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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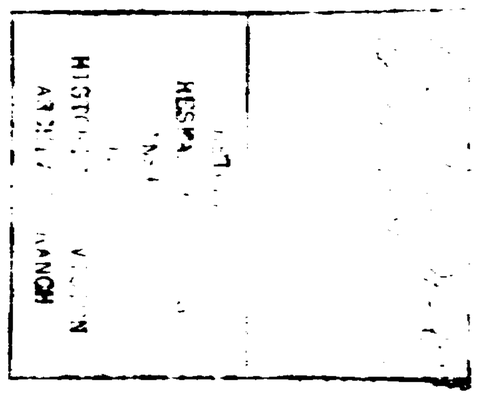

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1. [illegible]

2. [illegible]

3. [illegible] Rep No. 41 [illegible]
1 to 5 both inclusive."

4. [illegible] 16 P-47D's of 368th Fighter Group [illegible] dive bombing and strafing support to the 5th Army [illegible] Flight Vectored to Ack Ack Fighter at [illegible]. 2 bombs on freighter, 1 direct hit, 1 on edge of vessel, causing very heavy damage. Freighter [illegible] and left burning. No contact with tanker. Contacted defended. 2 flights were vectored to Port at [illegible] 16 to be on port, 4 direct hits, several very near misses. [illegible] on way down. Contact with tanker. Flight vectored to town of [illegible] at -9015. 4 bombs on factory, 2 of roof & left divide town. 4 bombs on machine gun and [illegible] tions established. 2 dir [illegible] strafed on way down. 16 bombs dropped on target. No A/A. Flak very [illegible] intense accurate, light at [illegible] at -9015. Direct effect. [illegible]

-94 A. 2 [illegible] returned to base [illegible]. [illegible] no damage, [illegible] flak. No a/c. Flak, very [illegible], [illegible], light [illegible], [illegible] moderate to, light -2A4, [illegible] moderate light --0100, -2A7, light accurate [illegible] Y-6006. [illegible] observed at Y-9760, one Y-6007 numerous fires observed on Brest after [illegible] troops rejoicing [illegible] side of [illegible] ville -9[illegible]. [illegible] ship [illegible] to be seen at Y-[illegible], [illegible], ship otherwise normal. No activity observed at [illegible] area. A/D - field [illegible] covered with bomb craters [illegible] the runway. [illegible].

16 -47's of 307th [illegible], each carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs dispatched at 1615 to give area support for [illegible] of Brest. Over area: 1625-1640. All bombs dropped in area. 2 a/c dropped 2 bombs on gun position at -8068[illegible], 1 a/c dropped 4 bombs on truck and flak at -8068[illegible]. Field also strafed and small explosions hit 4 a/c dropped 8 bombs on gun position at -8746[illegible]. 4 a/c dropped 8 bombs on gun position at R-7058. 4 a/c dropped 8 bombs on artillery position at -8146[illegible]. In all cases hits were covered by [illegible] smoke by [illegible]. One merchant ship observed to blow up in harbor at Y-9794 at 1445 hours. Flak, inaccurate, light flak over [illegible]. [illegible].

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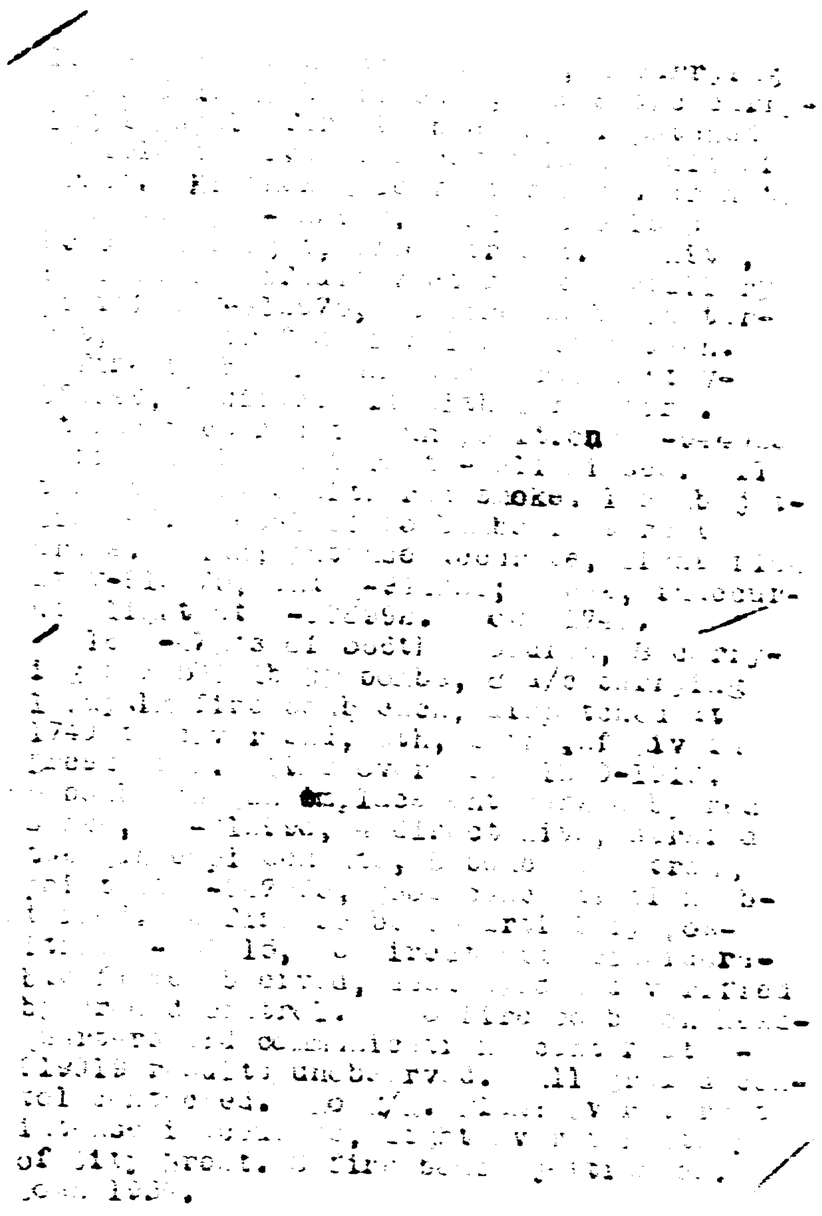


3. (i) [illegible] dispatched.

(ii) 16 [illegible]-47's dropped 8 x 500 lb [illegible] on freighter, 1 direct hit, [illegible] of vessel, and 6 very near [illegible]; dropped 16 x 500 lb G. bombs on [illegible] 4 direct hits, several very near [illegible]s.; dropped 4 x 500 lb [illegible] machine gun and A/A position [illegible] road, town of [illegible] at -5015-1; dropped 4 x 500 lb G. bombs on first [illegible] of road which divides town.

18 P-47D's dropped 29 x 500 lb GP bombs on 5 ships at V-9383; and 1 bomb dropped at ship at V-9793, near misses observed.
16 P-47D's dropped 4 x 500 lb GP bombs on gun position at [illegible]-885897; dropped 4 x 500 lb GP bombs on truck and fields at [illegible]-855897; dropped 8 x 500 lb GP bombs on gun position at [illegible]-874946; dropped 8 x 500 lb GP bombs on gun position at R-[illegible]16; dropped 8 x 500 lb GP bombs on artillery position at [illegible]-918996.
15 P-47D's dropped 8 x 500 lb GP bombs on [illegible] bombs [illegible]-944930; dropped 8 fire bombs on target, artillery position at V-918975; dropped 8 fire bombs on guns and strafed at V-852946; dropped 8 fire bombs on gun positions [illegible]-944920.
14 P-47D's dropped 8 x 500 lb GP bombs on gun emplacements at [illegible]-912995; dropped 8 x 500 lb GP bombs on strong point at [illegible]-947926; dropped 8 fire bombs on artillery position at [illegible]-990915; dropped 8 fire bombs on Headquarters and communications center at [illegible]-919919.
4 P-47D's (completing mission) to give area cover in assault of Brest.

(iii) Nil

(iv) Nil

(v) Nil

(vi) Nil

(vii) 2 A/C damaged by flak; Cat. A

(viii) 80

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 186:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 169,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 82,542 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) [illegible] x 500 lb GP bombs.
[illegible] Napalm "fireball" bombs.

[illegible] x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on frel-
[illegible] E. 1 direct hit, [illegible] edge of
[illegible], and 6 very near misses.
[illegible] lb GP bombs on gun pit.
[illegible] lb GP bombs on [illegible] gun
[illegible] position at -9581 21.
[illegible] lb GP bombs on fuel [illegible] of
[illegible] which divided [illegible] of stem.
[illegible] lb GP bombs dropped on 5
[illegible] at V-9388;
[illegible] lb GP bombs dropped at this
[illegible], near miss [illegible] burying.
[illegible] x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on gun
[illegible] at -868988.
[illegible] x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on truck
[illegible] at -855997.
[illegible] x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on gun
position at -974026.
[illegible] x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on gun
position at R-905018.
[illegible] x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on art-
illery positions at [illegible]-912983.
[illegible] x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on ammo
dump, -982980.
[illegible] Napalm fireball bombs dropped on
artillery position V-91[illegible]75.
[illegible] Napalm fireball bombs dropped on
guns at V-858946.
[illegible] Napalm fireball bombs dropped on gun
position [illegible] -9444023.
[illegible] x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on gun
emplacements at [illegible]-91[illegible]
[illegible] x 500 lb GP bombs dropped on strong
point at -947025.
[illegible] Napalm fireball bombs dropped on
artillery position at [illegible]-919015.
[illegible] Napalm fireball bombs dropped on
headquarters and communic[illegible] centre
at [illegible]-919014.
[illegible] x 500 lb GP bombs dropped in target
area.

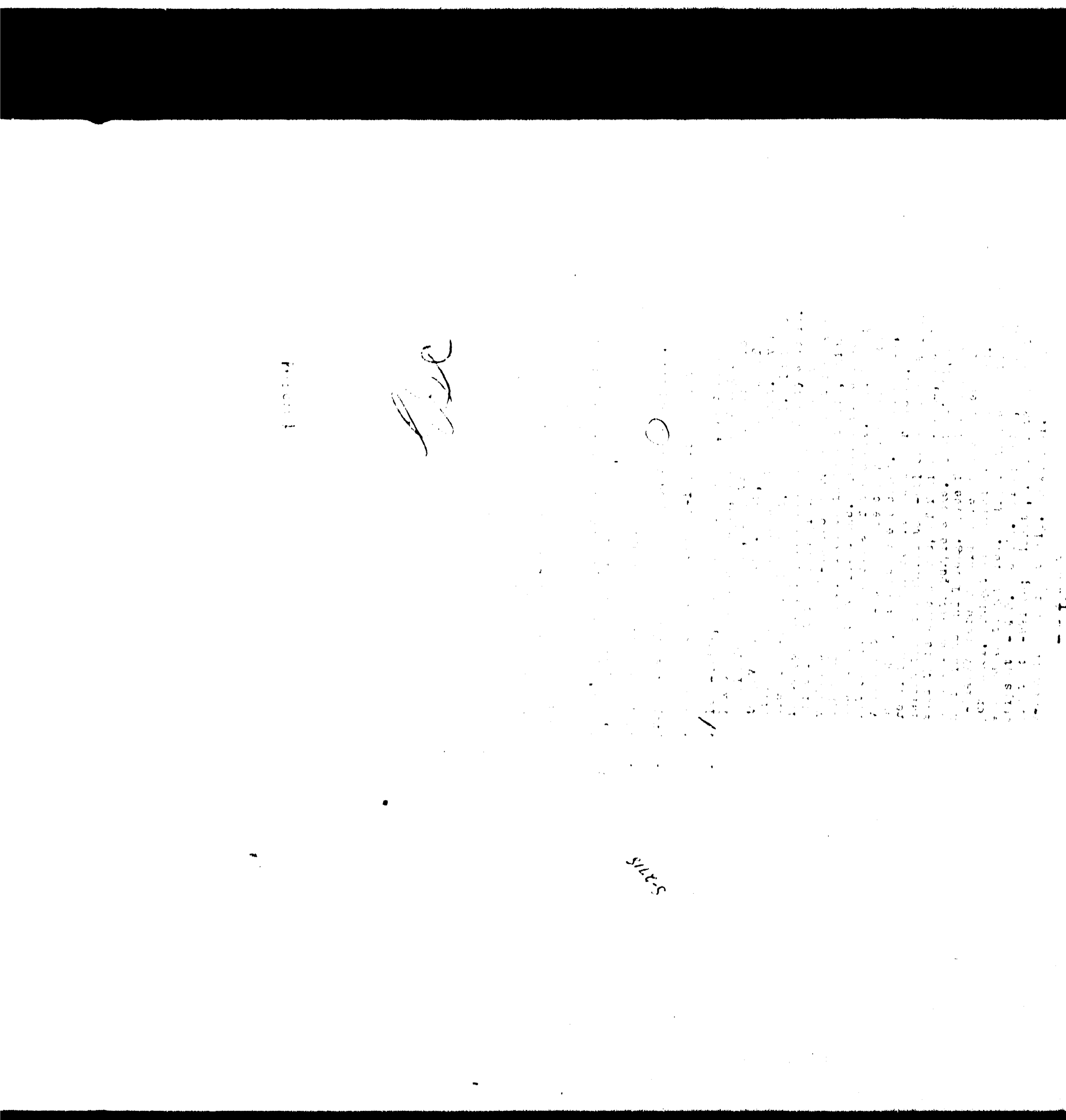
(iii) [illegible] Napalm Fireball bombs jettisoned

(iv) Nil

[illegible] x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil



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thereto. own 1745.

16 [illegible] with quadrant bush carrying a

x 5[illegible] to [illegible] 1711 to div?

1810-1240. [illegible] flight

dropped [illegible] the point.

Hit in the [illegible] Smoke to west-

ward of flight [illegible] y light [illegible] position

in bell [illegible] 74 [illegible] dio. Red

flight dropped [illegible] of [illegible]-co-

ordinates [illegible]. A hit in [illegible] with

smoke. Blue flight dropped [illegible]

Y-98792. [illegible] flight dropped [illegible]

position [illegible] 990014. A hit in [illegible] ar-

with smoke, tr.fed ve sel. Fire [illegible]

ead, light [illegible], light [illegible]

ship. [illegible] 1806.

; 1 Napalm at Landereau.

5 SEP End

[illegible]

[illegible]:

TO : [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

1. In compliance with [illegible] dated 29 [illegible] 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 94th Fighter Group.

3. (Prep No. 47 for the period [illegible] September 1944.
Mission or operation no.: [illegible] 82 91-2 (Uplink 1 to 5 inclusive).

4. [illegible] 12 P-47D's of the 400th Squadron dispatched at 0715 to support the 2nd, 8th, and 5th Divisions attacking Brest. Each of the 12 a/c carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs. Over target area 0815 - 0855 hours. Contacted controlled planes and vectored them to gun positions at cross roads at V-968060, marked with green smoke. 8 bombs released; hits on road and alongside road. No results observed on gun positions. Flight vectored planes to gun positions marked with white smoke at V-995[illegible]. Dropped 7 bombs in area. No results observed. Default vectored planes to gun positions unmarked at V-928997. Could not locate guns. Located rectangular emplacement, possibly gun position. 1 direct hit on it; 4 bombs released, all in area. 1 bomb returned to base; failure to release. Down at base at 0953. No enemy aircraft, no flak encountered.

- [illegible] -

[illegible] 12 P-47's of the 365th Squadron dispatched at 1330 to support the 358, 359th and 365th Divisions attacking Brest. [illegible] the 12 a/c carried 2 x 500 lb GP bomb. [illegible] target area 1345-1430. Reptide [illegible] planes to building strong points [illegible] white smoke at V-9[illegible]22. 8 bombs [illegible],

...direct fit on building and th... ...
...iza directed plane... to Barbezeth; b... ...
...n east of Sidon and south... ravine. ...
...be released, one house destroyed at -45 ...
...fault vect...ed plane... unmarked artillery
position at V-878957. 8 bombs released. Pos-
...ition and... unidentified fires destroyed. No en-
...y aircraft encountered. Accuracy, medium,
light flak at V-878957, one 20mm gun at V-
...3940. Down at base 1600 hours.

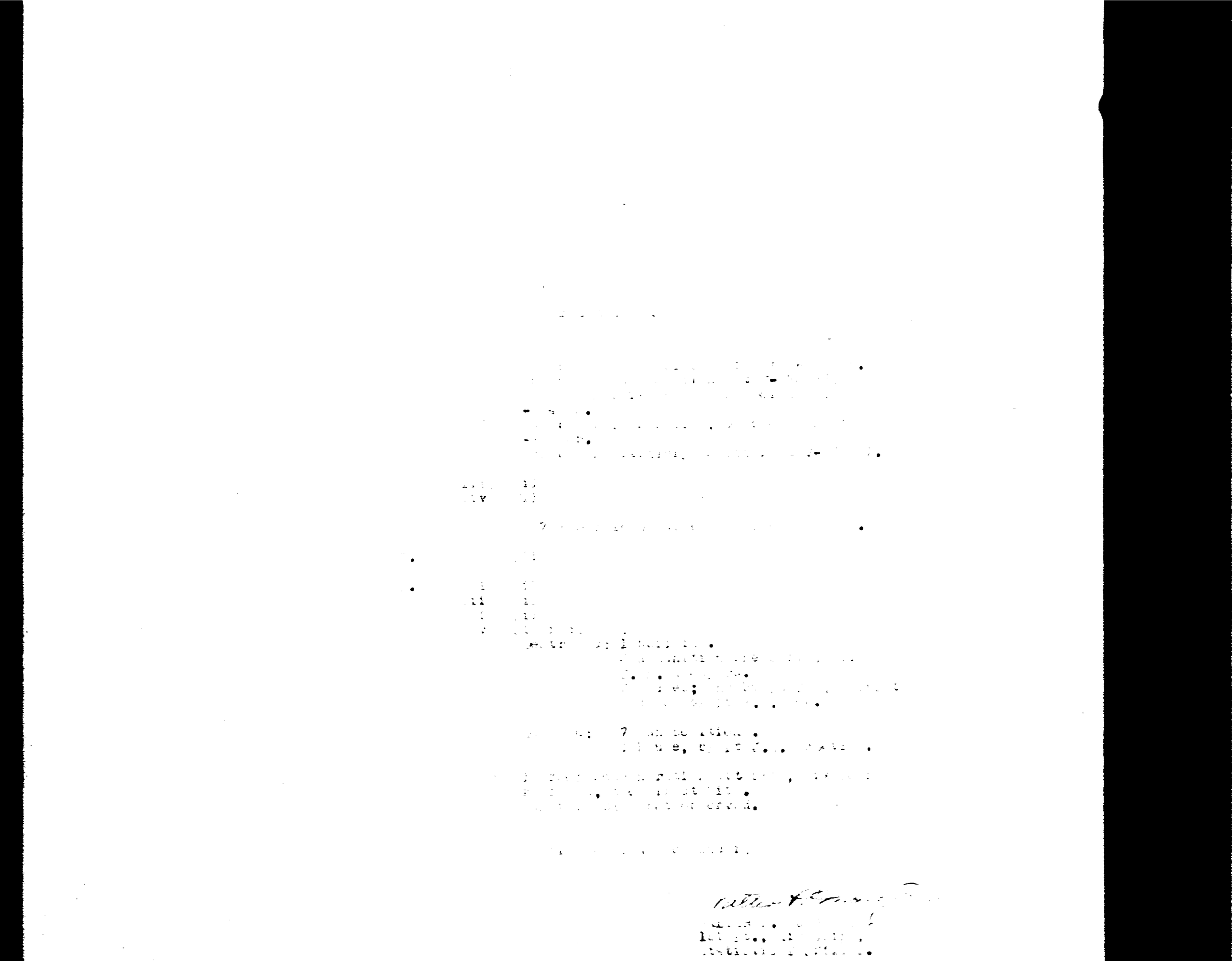
...2 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at
1930 hours to support 2nd, 8th, and 29th Di-
...sions in assault on Brest. Each plane carri...
...3 x 500 lb GP bombs. Squadron reached landfall
...and returned to base due to weather. Bombs not
...ejected, dispersed or defused. All bombs returned
to base. Weather 10/10 over target with ..., ...
ft. base. Haze from 5,000 ft. up. Visibility
10 miles. Down at base 1620.

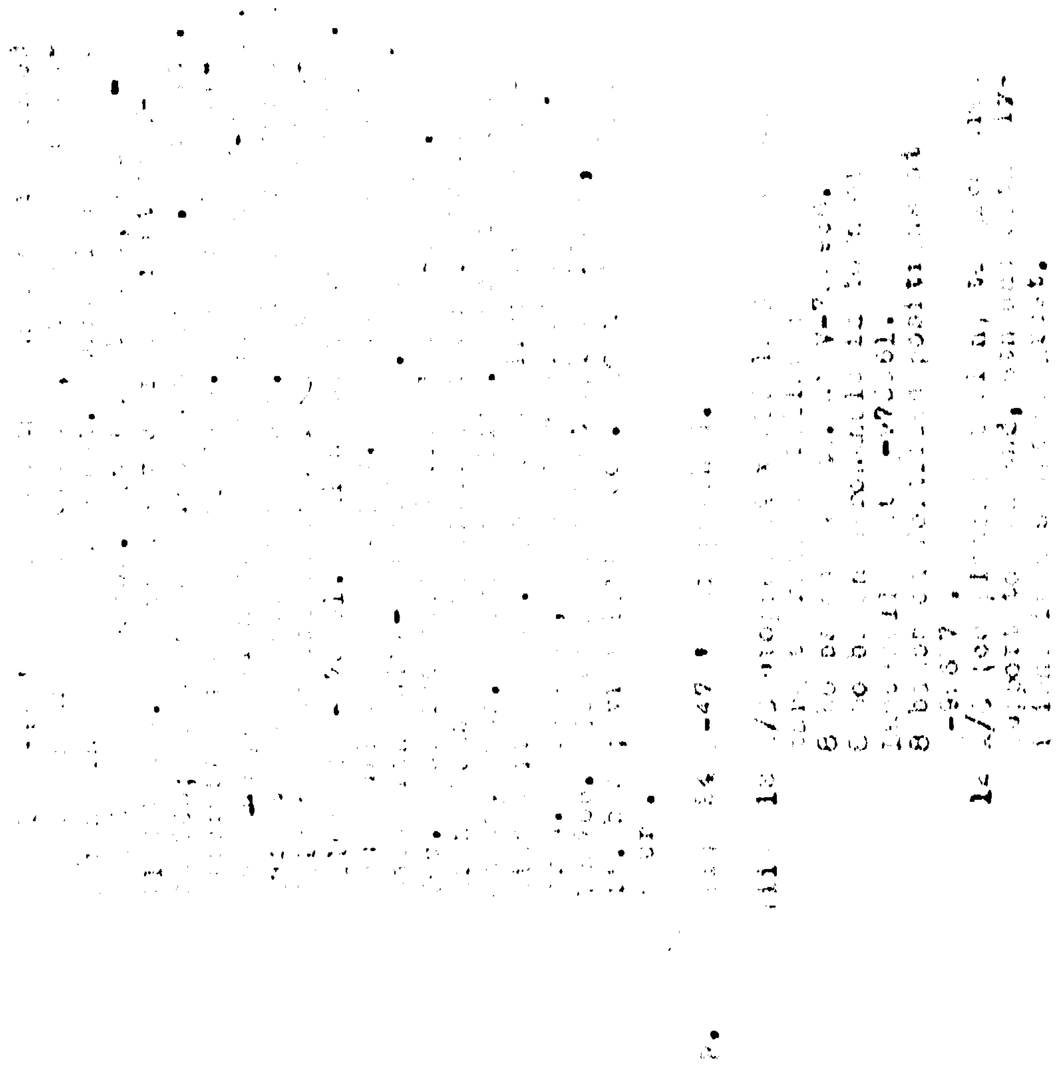
B. (i) 60 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs in target area... as
follows:
8 bombs on gun positions at
cross roads at ...-968080.
7 bombs on gun positions at
...-995020.
8 bombs on gun position... at
V-928997.

11 A/C dropped bombs in target area... as
follows:
8 bombs on gun positions and
trenches at ...-991019.
8 bombs on gun positions at
V-842954.
6 bombs on gun positions and
troop concentrations at ...-
9303.

12 A/C dropped bombs in target area... as
follows:
6 bombs on gun emplacements
at V-855950.
2 bombs on two buildings at
V-844954.
8 bombs on gun emplacements
at ...-955006.
8 bombs on gun positions at
V-973007.





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1. In compliance with [illegible] -
ber 1944, the following report is submitted.

a. From: South Minster Group.

b. Group No. 46, for the period ending [illegible]
o'clock.

c. Aircraft operational: Escort (Per A [illegible]
of Stars [illegible].

4. a. [illegible] -47's and the 47th [illegible] at
2.00 hours [illegible] Escort B-24's [illegible]
Clacton; base to level to Utrecht. [illegible]
Dunkirk line [illegible]. [illegible]
a certain P-47 in trouble. [illegible]
true to level to base. [illegible]
Escort and [illegible] its field [illegible].

B. (i) 3 P-47D's ship turned.

(ii) 3 P-47D's completed [illegible]
B-24 to Utrecht and back [illegible]
Charters to base.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 3

for the [illegible]:

[signature]

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: [illegible] General, [illegible]
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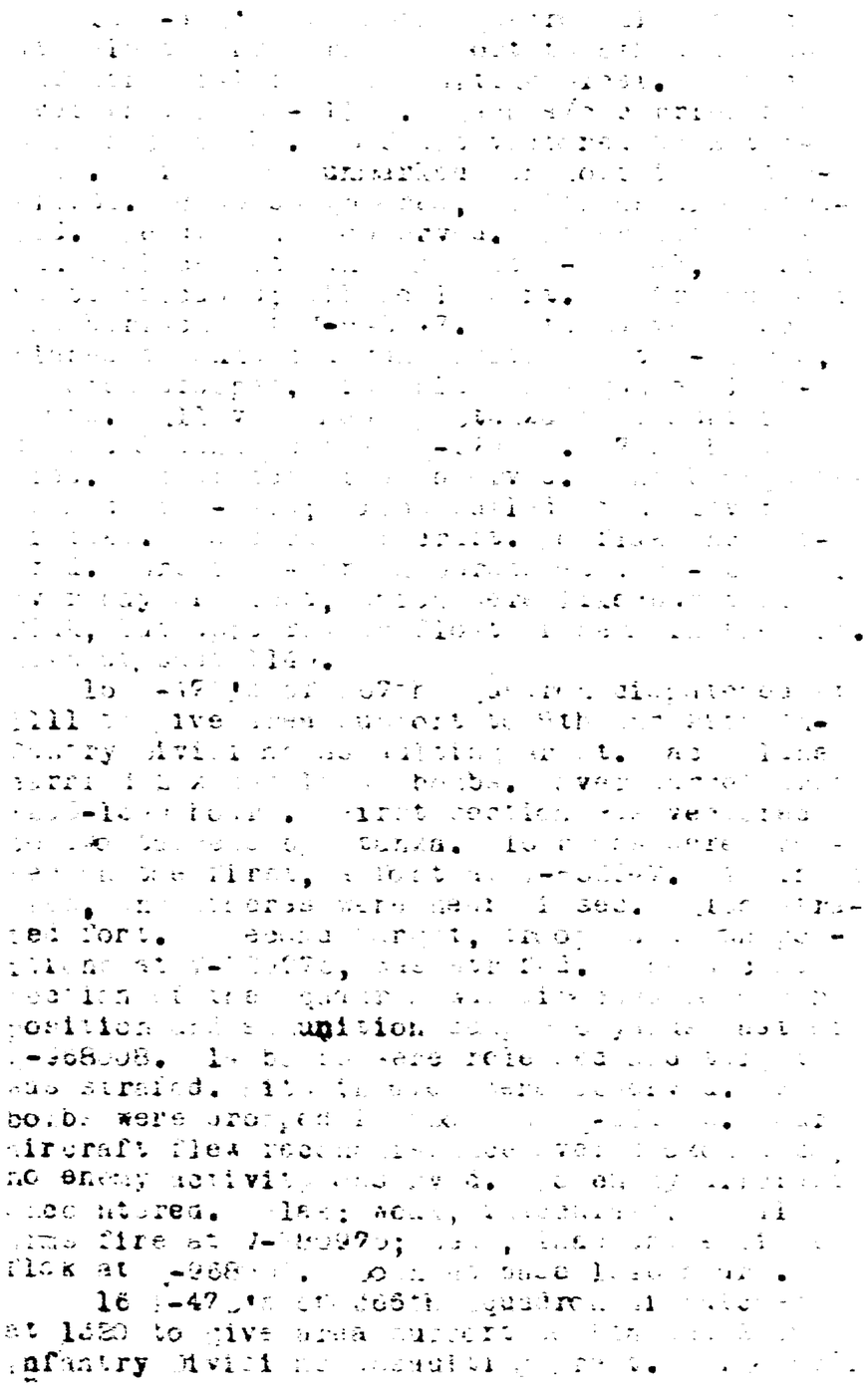

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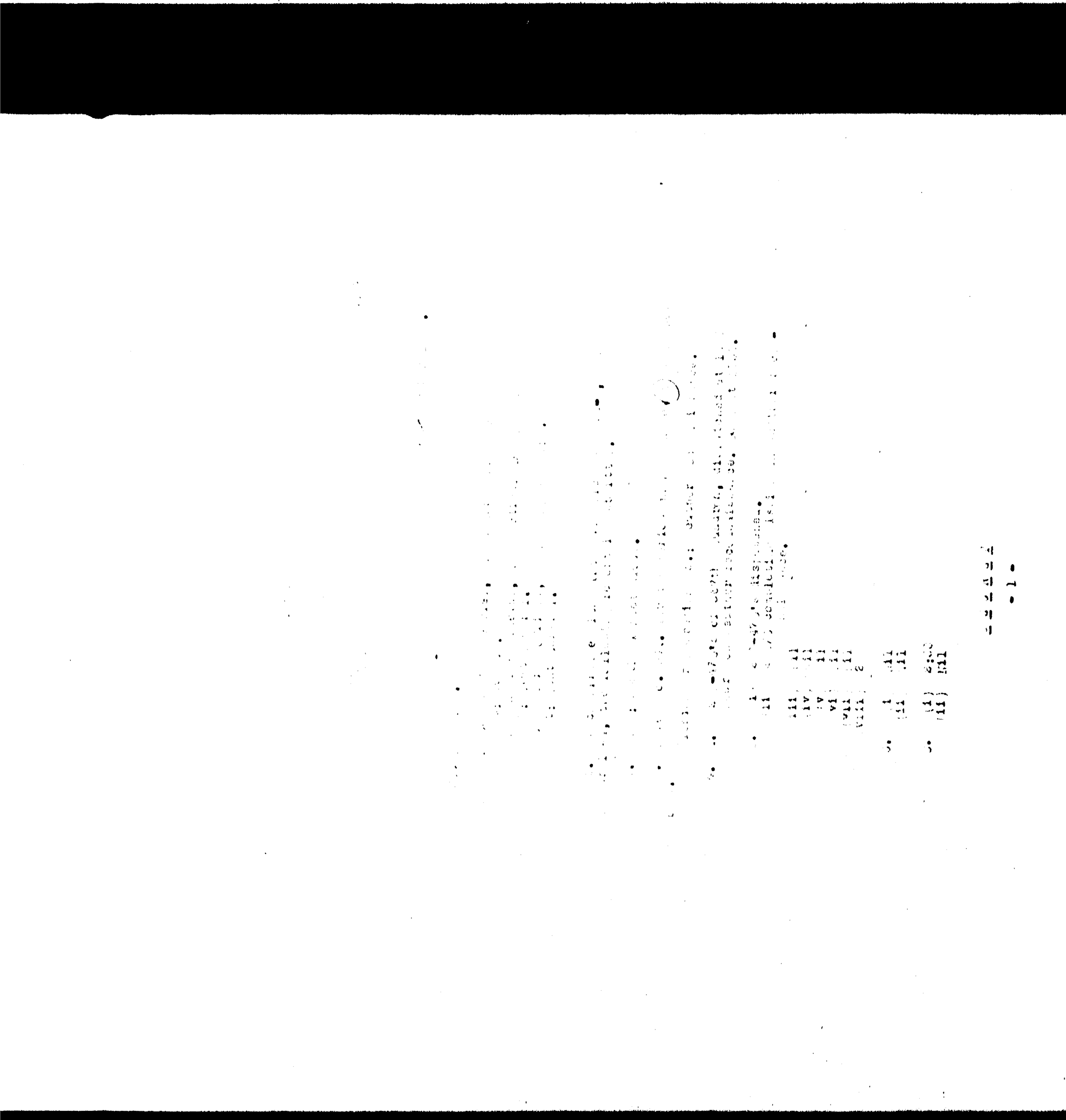

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att: [redacted].
[redacted] officer, [redacted]
att: [redacted].

1. In accordance with [redacted], [redacted] ar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. [redacted] night report.

3. Ops No. 51 for the period [redacted] ber 1944.

Assigned operational No.: [redacted] 50 - 51-2 inclusive).

4. [redacted] 12 B-47's of 380th Squadron, each a/c carrying 1 Napalm bomb, dispatched at 1400 to support task force [redacted] attacking [redacted] Over target area: 1500-1600. 11 Napalm bombs were dropped in turn [redacted] and 1 was jettisoned off the coast near Brest (bomb could not release over target). Flew in box Vectored Squadron to run positions at V-30[redacted]. 3 bombs dropped on these positions which turned out to be dummy fires. Ident[redacted] run positions containing 8-8 guns at V-30[redacted]. 7 bombs dropped, all of which hit in area with 4 direct hits, 1 short in water. Results bomb[redacted] V[redacted] to be excellent. 4 of the Napalm including the 1 short in the water did not explode. Strafed while on bomb run, but no fire was encountered. No flak. No a/a guns. No M 109's.

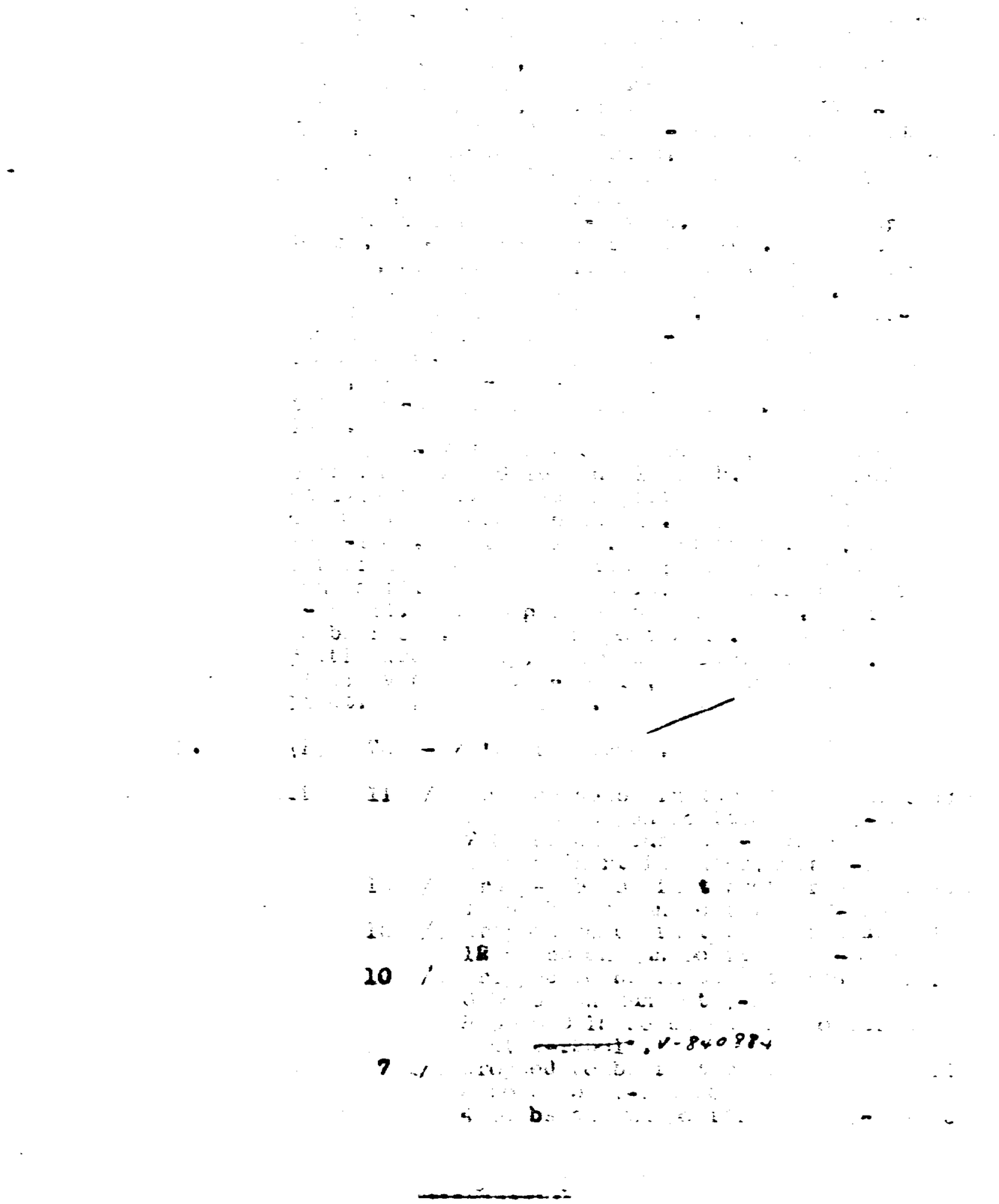
12 B-47's of 380th Squadron, each a/c carrying 1 Napalm bomb, dispatched at 1400 to give area support to task force [redacted] attacking

[redacted]

Crozon peninsula. Over target areas: 1000-1[illegible]. 12 napal bombs dropped on target and 2 jettisoned in Bay of St Malo. Kleenex Able vectored squadron to gun position at V-9[illegible] which was bombed and strafed. 2 bombs failed to explode, but were set afire by strafing. 4 bombs hung up and were later jettisoned in Bay of St Malo. Good concentration of hits in area. Red brown and [illegible] observed at V-928[illegible]. No e/a seen. Flak: weak, inaccurate light at V-9[illegible]. 1 plane damaged by flak: Cat. "A". 8/10 cloud with base of 4,000 ft over target. Down 1400.

12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, each a/c carrying 1 napalm bomb, dispatched at 1440 to give area support to Task Force "B" assaulting Crozon Peninsula. Over target area: 1[illegible]-1430. All bombs dropped in target area. Kleenex Able vectored squadron to gun positions at V-888755. 12 bombs dropped on these positions. 9 direct hits and 1 building on East side of installation was hit and set on fire, which was further damaged by strafing. Large fires seen in area. 3 a/c strafed light flak positions at V-885772 and strikes were observed. No e/a. Flak: weak, inaccurate, light flak at V-885772. Down 1440.

12 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, 8 a/c carrying 1 napalm each and 4 a/c carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs each, dispatched at 1654 to give area support for Task Force "B" assaulting Crozon Peninsula. Over target areas: 1655-1750. 14 bombs in target areas and 2 napalms fell offin channel. Kleenex Able vectored 2 flights to guns at V-925895. Flights attacked 6 camouflaged gun positions located in 2 zigzag trenches at V-925810. 6 napalms landed in target areas. 4 direct hits observed in target area completely enveloped by fire. All gun positions believed to be destroyed. Controller vectored other flights to motor Transport at V-972856. Nothing seen. 1715 at 2000 ft., circled area and attacked fort at V-840884, 8 GP bombs in area. 4 direct hits, strafed in all attacks. No E/A. Flak: over target; weak inaccurate light at V-840884. Group with call sign KLONDIKE and [illegible] CIL fluttering up "B" channel constantly in target area. Time down 1850.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V-840984

12 A/C dropped 12 Napalm bombs on gun positions and barracks at Y-960914.
12 A/C [illegible] a sick bay, supply dock, three [illegible] Citadelle, Brest Peninsula.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 [illegible] Napalm bomb; Cat."A" over target, at Y-960936.
(viii) 72

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 109:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 162,000 lbs. [illegible]
(ii) 81,037 lbs. [illegible]
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 64 Napalm bombs .
16 GP 500 lb bombs, fuze [illegible].
(ii) 56 Napalm bombs expended as follows:
3 bombs on gun positions at Y-960905
7 bombs on guns at Y-960905
1 bomb short in water near Y-960905
10 bombs on gun positions at Y-960905
12 bombs on gun positions at Y-960758
6 bombs on guns at Y-960815
3 bombs on Y-960806
4 bombs on gun positions at Y-964006
10 bombs on gun positions at Y-960914.

8 GP 500 lb bombs expended on gun positions at Y-960914. Y-960758.

(iii) 1 Napalm bomb jettisoned off the coast near Brest, bomb would not release over target.
3 Napalm bombs jettisoned in Bay of [illegible]alo.
2 Napalm bombs jettisoned in channel
1 Napalm jettisoned in bay.

(iv) Nil

1 Napalm bomb returned to base.
8 GP 500 lb bombs returned to base.

G. Nil.

[illegible]

3. (i) All
(ii) Wi
(iii) Fil
(iv) Othe
Ac
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] both squadrons.
[illegible] positions; 1 each by it
wherever, at [illegible] first, it
[illegible] unit.
[illegible]
1 left, by it
1 gun positio
Ai
[illegible]

[illegible]

For the Unit Commander:

[illegible]
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

[illegible]

AAF/IT:

6 September 1944.

AAF IT: Order.

TO : Commanding General, VIII Fighter Command
ATTN: G2 Sec.
Commanding General, IX Fighter Command
ATTN: Stat Control.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command
ATTN: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Field Order No. 55-8, and 2nd Bomb Div, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 368th Fighter Group.

3. Group No. 52 for the period ending sunset 6 September 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: U.S. 07 A 51-1 (Postponed 1 to 7 inclusive).

4. a. 12 P-47D's of 368th Squadron, each a/c carrying 2 GP 500 lb bombs dispatched at 0715 to give area support to 2nd Inf Division assaulting Brest. Over target area: 0800-0830. 21 bombs dropped on target, 2 jettisoned in Bay of St Brieuc. Hoptide did not have target. Stanza vectored squadron to [illegible]0991, a road junction, where he said there were troop concentrations. 21 bombs dropped on area with 5 direct hits and rest in the area. Squadron strafed during bombing run. A large explosion was observed. Ack a/a. Flak: Weak, inaccurate, light at [illegible]. Code 3912.

12 P-47D's of 368th Squadron, each carrying 2 GP 500 lb bombs, dispatched at 0755 to support 2nd Inf Division assaulting Brest. Over target areas: 0845-0900. 24 bombs dropped in areas. Hoptide vectored 8 planes to gun positions at [illegible]82018. 12 bombs in target area. All good hits. Marked with white and violet smoke. Flight also made several strafing attacks on this target. Hoptide then vec-

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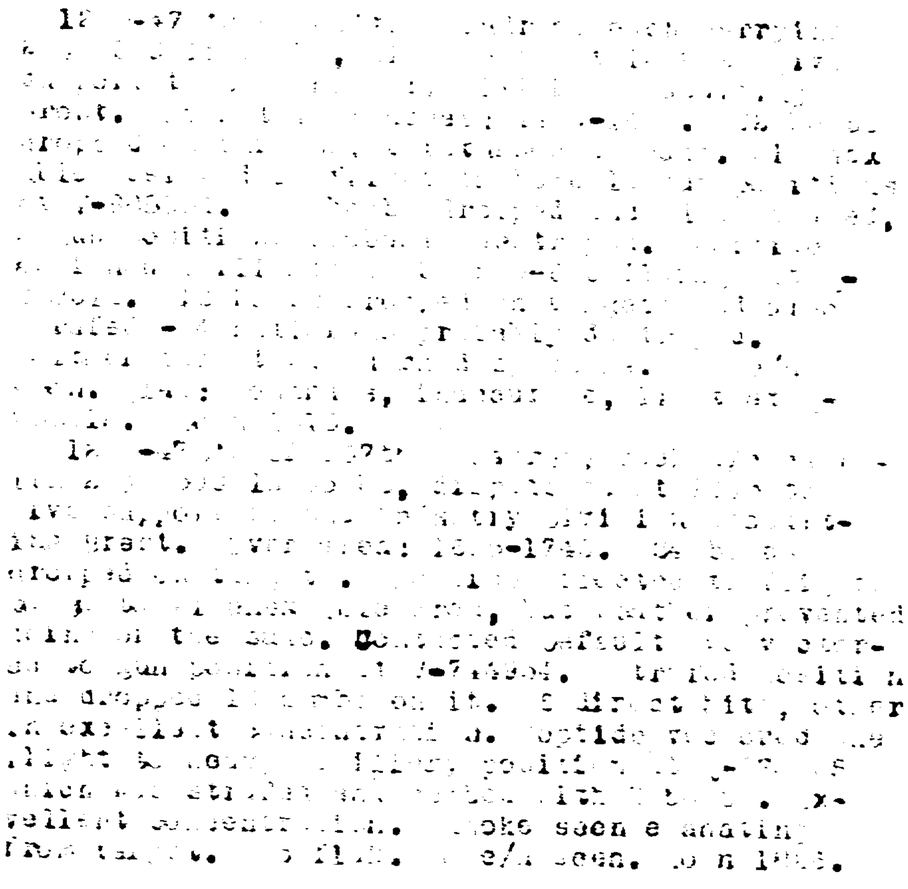

B. (i) 84 (-17)'s dropped.

(ii) 12 a/c dropped 21 bombs on area - [illegible]
12 a/c dropped bombs as follows in target areas;
12 bombs on gun positions at -98[illegible] 12
12 bombs on anti-tank gun installations at -[illegible]7
12 a/c dropped 21 bombs on 6 gun positions at -95[illegible]2.
12 a/c dropped bombs in target areas as follows;
10 bombs on enemy strong point at -981[illegible]8
2 bombs on gun positions at -98[illegible]6
12 a/c dropped 24 bombs on enemy strong point at -981[illegible]8.
12 a/c dropped bombs in target areas as follows;
6 bombs on gun positions at -98[illegible]4
16 bombs dropped on [illegible]-8 buildings at -98[illegible]2
12 a/c dropped bombs in target areas as follows:
18 bombs on gun positions at -944[illegible]4
8 bombs on heavy artillery positions at -973[illegible]8.

(iii) [illegible]

(iv) Nil

(v) Nil

(vi) Nil

(vii) [illegible]

(viii) Nil

9. (i) Nil

(ii) Nil

10. (i) 191:33

(ii) Nil

11. (i) 18,000 Pds. (by enemy action)

(ii) 61,288 Rds. (by friendly action)

(iii) Nil

12. (i) 188 GP 500 lb bombs, (138 fuze, 113; 50 fuze, 133).

(ii) 188 GP 500 lb bombs expended on operations as follows;
21 bombs on target area [illegible]-969091
12 bombs on gun positions at [illegible]-988012
12 bombs on anti-tank gun installations at [illegible]-968007
20 bombs on gun positions at [illegible]-998002
16 bombs on enemy strong point at [illegible]-981018
8 bombs on gun positions at V-890755
24 bombs on enemy strong point at [illegible]-981018
8 bombs on gun positions at V-988804
16 bombs on S-E buildings at [illegible]-968012
16 bombs on gun positions at [illegible]-744954
8 bombs on heavy artillery positions at [illegible]-975008.

(iii) 6 GP 500 lb bombs jettisoned in Bay of St Brieuc.

(iv) Nil

6 GP 500 lb bombs returned to base.

13. (i) Nil

[redacted]

H. (i) [redacted]
(ii) [redacted]
(iii) [redacted]
(iv) [redacted]

Destroyed;

[redacted] building, by 1st Lt. [redacted]
[redacted] building [redacted] one each by Capt.
[redacted] Wolf, 1st Lt. [redacted] Capt. Goodman,
[redacted] Lt. [redacted]
[redacted] building [redacted] manned by 1st Lt. [redacted] Babe,
[redacted] Lt. [redacted] 1st Lt. [redacted] Gaintini,
[redacted] Lt. [redacted] Lt. [redacted] 1st Lt. [redacted]
[redacted] 1st Lt. [redacted].
[redacted] gun positions.
[redacted] gun, by Capt J. [redacted] Alledge.
[redacted] gun positions, [redacted] one each
[redacted] Lt. [redacted] Lt. [redacted] 1st Lt. [redacted], 1st Lt. [redacted]
[redacted] Lt. [redacted] Lt. [redacted].

[redacted] destroyed;
[redacted] buildings,
[redacted] gun positions,

[redacted] damaged:

[redacted] heavy gun positions [redacted] one each
by 1st Lt. [redacted] and 1st Lt. [redacted]
[redacted].

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

[redacted]
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

1[illegible] Sept[illegible] 1944.

[illegible]: [illegible].

[illegible] : [illegible]
[illegible]tt: [illegible].
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[illegible]tt: [illegible].
[illegible]
[illegible]tt: [illegible].

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force [illegible], the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. [illegible] No. 54 for the period ending [illegible] September 1944.

[illegible] or Operation No.: [illegible]. A 51-1 (Flights 1 to 9 inclusive).

4. [illegible] 12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at [illegible] to give area support to 2nd Infantry Division attacking Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Time over area 0830-0840. Planes vectored by "Hoptide" to cross roads at [illegible], marked with purple and green smoke; good concentration of hits on cross roads. 6 buildings destroyed. All bombs in target area. No enemy aircraft. Flak: over target weak, accurate light at [illegible]968008. One P-47D damaged by flak, category "A". Time down 0940.

12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0751 to give area support to 2nd Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Each aircraft carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Time over area 0845-[illegible]. Squadron contacted Hoptide, vectored to attack gun position at [illegible]968007. 20 bombs dropped on gun position. Position in large building N. of road junction. Numerous near misses, no direct hits. 4 bombs jettisoned due to failure to release over target, of which one bomb accidental-

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[illegible] -47's [illegible] Squadron dispatched at [illegible] to give area support to 2nd Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Each aircraft carried [illegible] 500 lb bombs. Time over area 17[illegible]-1955. [illegible] returned to base due to failure to release. [illegible] 12 P-47's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1745 to give area support to 2nd Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Each aircraft carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Time over area 1745-1915. 22 bombs dropped in target area and 2 returned to base due to failure to release. Reptide assigned squadron to bomb buildings at -976[illegible]. 22 bombs dropped with excellent results observed. Numerous probable direct hits observed. Target marked with purple smoke. All planes strafed in attack. No e/a seen. No flak. Down 1940.

12 P-47's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1745 to give area support to 2nd Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area 1801-1910. All bombs on target. Squadron vectored by Reptide to dump of 5 buildings containing troops at -980[illegible]. All houses destroyed by either direct hits or near misses. Target was marked with white and purple smoke. Target was strafed 4 times. No e/a seen. Flak: weak, inaccurate, light flak at -985[illegible]. Down 1956.

B. (i) 108 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 12 A/C dropped 24 bombs in target area at cross roads at -968[illegible]08.
10 A/C dropped 20 bombs on gun position at -966[illegible]07

(iii) [illegible] bombing, failure to release [illegible].

(iv) Nil

[illegible] bombs released [illegible], failure to release.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. a. Gun emplacements:
a) Destroyed 1
b) Probably destroyed Nil
c) Damaged 1

g. Buildings:
a) Destroyed 31
b) Probably destroyed 8
c) Damaged 4

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

[signature]

[illegible],
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

S E C R E T

Headquarters 358th Fighter Group GC/7
APO 141 U.S. Army

11 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 GSU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 368rd Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 55 for the period ending Sunset 9 September 1944.

5-2791

Mission or Operation No.: 40 I 51-1 (Opflash #1 to #6 inclusive).

4. A. 8 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0714 to give area support to 2nd Infantry Division as aulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over target area: 0800-0835. All bombs in area. Default vectored them to V-906987, a heavy concrete square gun emplacement containing 3 wooden buildings. 9 direct hits, 5 short, and 2 long. One building left burning after squadron had strafed twice. No e/a seen. Flak: weak, inaccurate, light flak at V-8798. Down 0922.

8 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0903 to give area support to 2nd Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. All bombs dropped in target area. Hoptide vectored to enemy strong point at V-9800. 12 good hits were registered on target which was marked with white and purple smoke. Squadron also made several stra-

fing passes which further damaged the buildings making up the strongpoint. No flak. No e/a seen. Controller advised squadron leader that an American pilot named Crawford was captured last night by enemy and was suffering from broken foot. Down 1115.

8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1118 to give area support to 2nd Inf Div assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over target area: 1200-1240. 15 bombs dropped in target area; 1 dropped off behind lines - controller verified fact that it did not effect any of our troops. Hoptide vectored to a target, but artillery smoke was about 1/4 mile short. Smoke was bombed by 2 a/c (4 bombs), but it was discovered that that was not the target. Correction of position was made and 11 bombs were dropped on V-971000, a fort. 7 hits were registered on fort which appeared to have been damaged previously by bombs. Hoptide verified good hits. No e/a seen. No flak. Down 1320.

8 P-47's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1310 to give area support to 2nd Inf Div assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over target area: 1400-1428. 15 bombs dropped, 1 hung up. Hoptide vectored squadron to V-997998, and AA position, which was marked with white and purple smoke. 3 direct hits and 12 others in area. Squadron proceeded to Kleenex Able area where controller requested a/c with bomb to bomb A/D, V-973873. Bomb hit on north edge of field. Hoptide gave coordinate V-965952 incorrectly. No e/a. No flak. Down 1516.

8 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1503 to support 2nd Inf Div assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1600-1630. 12 bombs in target areas and 4 fell off accidentally in Brest Harbor. Hoptide vectored to bomb woods at V-954991. All missed. Controller advised not to strafe. Target marked with Green, purple, and white smoke. No e/a. No flak. Down 1715.

8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1719 to give area support to 2nd Inf Div assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1755-1825. All bombs dropped. Hoptide vectored squadron to target which was a tank and flak position at

V-952996, but squadron leader believed target to be dangerously close for bombing and the controller agreed. Hostile sent squadron to default who vectored them to target of radio station in 3-4 buildings at V-903983. Destroyed 2 buildings. Int was strafing silenced all arms fire from target area. No e/a. Flak: moderate, inaccurate, light flak at V-903983. Noon 1905.

B. (i) 48 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on a heavy concrete square gun emplacement at V-906987
8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on enemy strong-point at -9800
8 A/C dropped 15 bombs; 11 of which were dropped on -971000, 4 in target area.
8 A/C dropped 15 bombs on AA position at V-997998, and 1 bomb on A/D at V-973873
8 A/C dropped 12 bombs on woods at V-954991
8 A/C dropped 16 bombs to target of radio station in 3-4 bldgs at V-903983

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 48

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 104:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 108,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 30,979 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 96 GP 500 lb bombs, (64 fuzed M103-M101A8, and 32 fuzed M113).
(ii) 91 GP 500 lb bombs were expended on operations on the following targets;
16 bombs on a heavy concrete square gun emplacement at V-906987
16 bombs on enemy strong point at -9800
15 bombs in target area -971000
15 bombs on AA position at V-997998
1 bomb on A/D at V-973873
12 bombs on woods at V- 954991
16 bombs on radio station in 3-4 buildings at V-903983.

(iii) 5 (p[illegible] bombs jettisoned; (1 bomb dropped off behind lines; and 4 bombs fell off accidently in Brest Harbor).

(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 6. Gun emplacement :
a) Destroyed 1

9. Buildings:
a) Destroyed 1
b) Probably destroyed 10

17. Other claims;
1 Radio station, probably destroyed.
1 Fort destroyed.

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander;

WALTER P. MORGAN Jr;
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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11 September 1944.

AGAJ 3F: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
att: 26 GL.
Commanding General, IXX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, [redacted] Fighter Wing,
att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 56 for the period ending Sunset 10 September 1944.

S-2504

Mission or Operation No.: O.B. 41 & 51-1 (Offlash 1 to 8).

4. a. 16 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1015 to give area support to 29th Division and Task Force "B" assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over target area: 1100-1145. All bombs dropped on target. Kleenex able vectored 1 flight to gun positions at V-949862 in corner of hedgerow. 8 bombs in area with 2 direct hits. No guns seen. Positions were strafed. No smoke on target although smoke was requested. Kleenex able vectored 1 flight to gun positions at V-954879. 8 bombs in area with 4 good hits. No guns seen. Area strafed. No smoke on target although it was requested. Default vectored 8 a/c to bomb 3 or 4 gun positions in between oil tanks at V-915970. 12 bombs in area; all good hits. Guns believed to be damaged. 2 strafing passes in area damaged several buildings housing troops. Target was not marked. Default vectored 2 a/c to 4 or 5 guns at V-908970. 4 bombs in area - no direct hits observed. Strafed the positions. No smoke on target. No e/a. Flak: light, moderate and inaccurate at V-949862, and light moderate and accurate at V-954829. Down 1240.

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16 P-47D's of 387th Squadron dispatched at 1614 to give area support to 29th and 30th Infantry Divisions assaulting Brest and Task Force "B" assaulting Crozon Peninsula. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1402-1440. 1 abortive (mechanical) which dropped its bombs in St Malo Bay. 30 bombs dropped in target areas. Default vectored 4 a/c to gun position at V-884928. Strafed and dropped 8 bombs - no direct hits, but area was well covered by 2 strafing passes. Released by Default and Captive vectored 4 a/c to V-953991, a wooded area containing buildings. 8 bombs dropped with 3 direct hits and area was well covered by 2 strafing passes. This target was marked. Kleenex Able vectored the remaining 7 a/c to artillery position at V-998858. 14 bombs dropped with 2 direct hits, and other near misses. Area was well covered in 4 strafing passes. No e/a seen. Flak: intense, inaccurate, light flak at V-998858. Down 1840.

16 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1615 to give area support to 29th Division and Task Force "B" assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over target areas: 1700-1750. All bombs dropped on targets. Default vectored squadron to artillery position at V-915980 where they dropped 20 bombs and strafed the position. Excellent pattern observed. This target was not marked with smoke. Default assigned V-913965 as target, but squadron leader incorrectly read coordinates and flight bombed with 12 bombs artillery positions and pill boxes at V-971990. 3 direct hits observed. Could not contact Kleenex Able. No e/a seen. No flak. Down 1840.

B. (i) 48 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 16 A/C dropped 32 bombs on the following targets:
8 bombs on gun positions at V-949862
8 bombs on gun positions at V-954879
12 bombs on gun positions at V-915970
4 bombs on guns at V-908970

15 A/C dropped 30 bombs on the following targets;
8 bombs on gun positions at V-884928
8 bombs on wooded area containing buildings at V-953991
14 bombs on artillery position at V-998858

16 A/C dropped 32 bombs on the following targets;
20 bombs on artillery position at V-915980
12 bombs on artillery positions and pill boxes at V-971990.

(iii) 1 A/C destroyed:

a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 1 probably destroyed.
d) Nil

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 Jeep, damaged by shell splinters, target of A/C dived. Det. 7/8.
(viii) 47

J. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

K. (i) 119:50
(ii) Nil

L. (i) 108,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 29,575 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

M. (i) 96 GP 500 lb bombs, fuzed 1/10" nose, .025" tail.

(ii) 94 GP 500 lb bombs expended on operations on the following targets;
8 bombs on gun positions at V-949862
8 bombs on gun positions at V-954879
12 bombs on gun positions at V-915970
8 bombs on gun positions at V-884928
8 bombs on wooded area containing buildings at V-953991
14 bombs on artillery position at V-993858
20 bombs on artillery position at V-915980
12 bombs on artillery positions and pill boxes at V-971990.
4 bombs on gun position at V-908970

(iii) 2 GP 500 lb bombs jettisoned in Lingayen Gulf.
(iv) Nil

N. Nil

O. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

1. 6. Gun emplacements:
   a) Destroyed 1
   b) Probably destroyed 5
   c) Damaged 2

A number of direct hits on gun positions but results were not observed.

For the Group Commander:

[redacted] Jr,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

S E C R E T

Headquarters [illegible]
APO 141 [illegible] Army

12 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 OCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 358rd Fighter Wing.
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 57 for the period ending Sunset 11 September 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: O.O. 42 & 51-1 (Opflash #1 to # 12 inclusive).

4. a. 8 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0717 to give area support to 29th Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 0755-0845. Default vectored one flight to gun position, V-915975, which was bombed with 8 bombs and strafed. 1 direct hit, other close. Fire was started in gun pit. Other flight vectored to gun position at V-912978 which was bombed with 8 bombs and strafed. Good concentration of 6 bombs in target area. No e/a seen. Flak: weak, inaccurate, light at V-915975. Down 0948.

8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0817 to give area support to 29th Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 0850-0950. Default vectored to 2 barracks buildings at V-900974. Bombed with 16 bombs and strafed, with 3 direct hits and 5 near misses observed. Target was marked with purple and white smoke. Medium sized freighter seen in Bay at V-925899 flying flag with red field, blue cross, and white border. It was not attacked as controller could not verify it as a target. No e/a seen. Flak: moderate, inaccurate, light at V-9094. Down 1025.

8 P-47D's [illegible] Squadron dispatched at 1015 to give area support to 29th Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1000-1042. Default vectored to target which was already under attack by another squadron. Squadron located 4 gun emplacements at V-868868. 16 bombs in area, no direct hits but 4 near misses. Barracks damaged by strafing. No e/a seen. Flak: small arms fire at V-868868. One plane damaged by flak: Category AC.

8 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1025 to give area support to 29th Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1137-1187. Default vectored to gun position at V-888829. 12 direct hits observed. 2 a/c dropped 4 bombs on gun position at V-868868. No hits, but area was well covered by strafing. No e/a seen. No flak. Down 1218.

8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1117 to give area support to 29th Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1230-1243. Default vectored to gun positions at V-857891. 16 bombs dropped with 12 direct hits observed. Strafed gun position at V-871872 and a building at V-871861. Gun flashes were seen and an intense fire started in area. No e/a. No flak. Down 1325.

8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1215 to give area support to 29th Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1300-1345. Default vectored to gun emplacement at V-940880 where squadron dropped all 16 bombs. Near misses on guns and 1 building destroyed. No e/a. Flak: weak, inaccurate, light at V-840860. Down 1430.

8 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 131[illegible] to give area support to 29th Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1400-1440. Default vectored 4 a/c to coastal gun position, V-848879 where flight dropped 8 bombs and strafed the position. Many near misses, but no direct hits. 3 a/c dropped 6 bombs on chateau, an enemy headquarters at V-848878. No direct hits, but fires were started by (8) two strafing passes. Flight also strafed barracks just west of gun position at V-848879. 2 bombs released prematurely over town at V-858878. Controller stated that these bombs landed in enemy territory. No enemy aircraft seen. Flak: light machine gun fire at chateau, V-848878. Down 1540.

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B. (i) 96 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on the following targets;
6 bombs on gun position at V-[illegible]
8 bombs on gun position at V-[illegible]
8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on 8 barracks buildings at V-90.974
8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on 4 gun emplacements at V-868868
6 A/C dropped 12 bombs on gun position at V-868929
4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on gun position at V-889868
8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on gun position at V-887861
8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on gun emplacement at V-918868
4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on coastal gun position at V-848879
3 A/C dropped 6 bombs on chateau, an enemy headquarters at V-848578
1 A/C dropped 2 bombs over town at V-[illegible]
2 A/C dropped 4 bombs on gun position at V-908988
2 A/C dropped 4 bombs on houses at V-[illegible]
2 A/C dropped 4 bombs on radio tower at V-905978
2 A/C dropped 4 bombs on town at V-909972
4 A/C dropped 8 bombs between anti-tank ditches and fort at V-903987
4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on road intersection at V-908978
4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on gun position at V-899981
4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on village at V-904974
8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on group of 5 buildings at V-900993
4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on ammunition dump and 5 buildings at V-901964
4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on barracks in west end of town at V-903975

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 3 P-47D's damaged by flak; 1 Cat."A", 2 Cat."A".
(viii) 96

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H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 6. Gun emplacements;
a) Destroyed, 3
b) Probably destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 3

9. Buildings;
a) Destroyed, 6
b) Probabl, destroyed,11
c) Damaged, 23

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

SECRET

S E C R E T

16 SEP [illegible]

Headquarters 358th Fighter Group
APO 141
US Army

GC/7

13 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 GCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 303rd Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 58 for the period ending Sunset 12 September 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: O.O. 43. X 51-1 (Opflash 1 to #6 inclusive).

4. A. 8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0728 to give area support to 29th Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Time over area 0800-0845. 16 bombs on gun position at V-841873; 14 hits inside position, destroyed; Default said position silenced. Strafed Headquarters building at V-845875, many strikes observed. No enemy aircraft. No flak. Time down 0935.
8 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0926 to give area support to 29th Infnatry Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Time over area 1010-1105. 8 a/c dropped 15 bombs on gun position, V-912963. 8 bombs in area marked. Fire started by strafing. No other observations. 1 bomb dropped on Take Off. Two of our aircraft damaged by flak, category "A". No enemy aircraft. Flak: Intense accurate machine gun fire at V-912963. Weather: Over target, thin layer of cloud forming at 4000 feet, some haze, visibility 5 miles. Time down 1140.

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8 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1113 to give area support to 29th Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Time over area 1200-1300. Default vectored Squadron to bomb Fort at V-915994. 16 bombs dropped, with good hits, and Fort strafed on way down. Target was not marked with smoke. No enemy aircraft. Flak: Moderate, inaccurate, light at V-915994. Time down 1340.

8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1328 to give area support to 29th Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Time over area 1400-1435. Each aircraft carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Default vectored to two targets; 8 bombs were dropped on the first, a gun position at V-846882 with 4 direct hits. The position was also strafed. The second target was a Headquarters in a cave at V-921972, 8 bombs released; good concentration of hits obtained at mouth of cave. Results not observed. No enemy aircraft. No flak. Time down 1525.

8 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1524 to give area support to 29th Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Time over target 1603-1700. Default vectored squadron to a heavy gun position at V-855888. 9 bombs in target area. 5 near misses, and 2 direct hits. Squadron strafed in dive. No enemy aircraft. Flak: Over target weak, accurate, light, at V-852888. Weather: Over target nil clouds, visibility 15 miles up to 5000 feet. Numerous fishing boats were seen at an inland cove at V-863882. Time down 1735.

8-P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1713 to give area support to 29th Infantry Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Time over targets 1800-1900. Default vectored squadron to two targets. 8 bombs dropped on 1st target, a gun position at V-923974, and 8 good hits, 1 gun destroyed, 1 damaged. Target also strafed in attack. Target not marked by smoke. 8 bombs dropped on 2nd target gun position at V-948990. No results observed. Target also strafed. No e/a. Flak: Over target V-948990, weak, inaccurate, light. Time down 1940.

B. (i) 48 A/C dispatched.

(ii) 8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on gun position at V-841873
8 A/C dropped 15 bombs on gun position at V-912963
8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on Fort at V-915994
4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on gun position at V-846882
4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on Headquarters in a cave, at V-921972
8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on heavy gun position at V-855888
4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on gun position at V-923974
4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on gun position at V-948990

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 2 A/C damaged by flak, Category "A".
(viii) 48

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 111:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 108,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 56,774 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 96 GP 500 lb bombs,; fuze,nose M106, 1/10" and tail M101A2, 1/40".

(ii) 96 GP 500 lb bombs expended on operations on the following targets;
16 bombs on gun position at V-841873
15 bombs on gun position at V-912963
16 bombs on Fort at V-915994
8 bombs on gun position at V-846882
8 bombs on Headquarters in a cave at V-921972
16 bombs on heavy gun position at V-855888
8 bombs on gun position at V-923974
8 bombs on gun position at V-948990

(iii) 1 bomb jettisoned (dropped on Take off).
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 6. Gun emplacements;
a) Destroyed, 1
b) Probably destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 3

9. Buildings, (Headquarters)
c) Damaged, 1

13. Horse drawn vehicles;
c) Damaged, 1

17. Other claims;
1 Fort probably destroyed.

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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15 [illegible] 1944.

[illegible] Chief.

[illegible] : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: AG 580.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 303rd Fighter Gp,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo No. [illegible], dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 303rd Fighter Group.

3. Group No. 59 for the period ending [illegible] 15 October 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: O.O. 44 [illegible]-2 (Periods 1 to 5, inclusive).

4. a. 12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at [illegible] from advanced base at Bar le Duc to support 7th Armored, 5th and 90th Infantry Divisions in area bounded by Thionville, Saarbrucken, Nancy and Metz. No bombs were carried. "Chase Farm" vectored squadron to gun pit in woods marked with red smoke. Nothing was seen in woods, but strafed tanks and trucks at U-8754 to U-8777 which were parked bumper to bumper. 4 large fires and several smaller ones observed, but it was impossible to assess real damage done by strafing because targets were obscured by smoke from the fires. No e/a seen. Flak: intense, barrage-type, light flak and weak, inaccurate, heavy flak at U-8777. Both 1144.

12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched from Bar le Duc at 1052 to give area support to 7th Armored, 5th and 90th Infantry Divisions in area bounded by Thionville, Saarbrucken, Nancy and Metz. Each a/c carried 2 [illegible] 500 lb bombs. Over target area: 1130-1145. a/c was vectored to gun positions at U-8259 marked with white smoke. 25 bombs dropped in target area and squadron strafed area with good re-

[illegible] observed. One bomb retained [illegible] dropped [illegible] up and failed to release over [illegible]. No a/c [illegible]. Flak: Intense, inaccurate, light flak, [illegible] inaccurate, weak, heavy at 0-8057. [illegible] 1215.

12 -47's of 367th Squadron [illegible] bombs to be used to support 7th Armored, 5th and 90th Infantry Divisions in the area bounded by Thionville, Saarbrucken, Nancy and Metz, at 1120. Each a/c carried one 2,000 lb bomb. Over target area: 1200-1300. 4 bombs dropped on target, one returned to base because they hung up. Met one vector to Metz, 50 miles at 0-7600. Which was marked by flares. 3 bombs were dropped with direct hits and 3 near misses registered. Position was then strafed and explosions were seen, apparently as a result of the strafing. Group then patrolled River Moselle to Metz to assist in rescues, 0-2705. No a/c seen. Flak: Intense, inaccurate, light at 0-7005; other [illegible], inaccurate, heavy at Metz. Bombs 1250.

12 P-47's of 366th Squadron dispatched from base at 1600 to give area support to 7th Armored, 5th and 90th Infantry Divisions in the area bounded by Thionville, Saarbrucken, Nancy and Metz. Each a/c carried one 2,000 lb bomb. Over target: 1410-1450. 11 to be used on target area and 1 was returned to base because it hung up and failed to release over target. Met was vectored 8 miles to IP position at 0-3207, where the bombs were dropped and the squadron strafed with good results observed. Target was marked with white flares. No a/c seen. Flak: light, intense and inaccurate flak, and heavy, inaccurate, weak flak at Thionville, 0-3707. Bombs 1557.

12 P-47's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1505 to give area support to 7th Armored, 5th and 90th Infantry Divisions in the area bounded by Thionville, Saarbrucken, Nancy and Metz. Each a/c carried one 2,000 lb bomb. Over target: 1553-1606. 1 plane missing, pilot 2nd Lieut. [illegible] Wells missing. 2 planes damaged by flak: 1 Lt. [illegible]. 4 bombs jettisoned - 1 by 2nd Lieut. Wells (position unknown) and 3 by planes (jettisoned bombs while escorting him after he was hit. Pilots jettisoned these bombs 5 miles S of Metz because they were low on gas.

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other results not observed; and it was impossible to assess real damage done by aircraft because target was shrouded by smoke and fire.

For the Group Commander:

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1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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Hq 358th FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US Army

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19 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 303rd Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 60 for the period ending Sunset 14 September 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: S.O. 45 & 51-1 (Opflash #1 to #4 inclusive).

4. A. 8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1209 to give area support to 29th Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1300-1400. All 16 bombs in target area. Default vectored squadron to gun positions at V-907979. 16 bombs dropped on target which was marked with smoke. 4 direct hits observed. Hedgerows, trenches and buildings strafed at same point. 1 staff car destroyed by strafing at same point. No e/a seen. Flak: moderate, inaccurate, light at V-907979. Down 1434.

8 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1409 to give area support to 29th Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1500-1600. 15 bombs dropped on targets and 1 bomb was jettisoned because it hung up over target. 1 plane was damaged by flak: Cat. A. Default vectored one flight on woods V- 910970 where German troop reinforcements were reported to be. 8 bombs in area plus strafing - results were unobserved. Default vectored other flight to gun emplacements on hill at V-913975. 7 bombs in area plus strafing - results unobserved. Flak: moderate, accurate, light at V-913975. Down 1700.

8 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1610 to give area support to 29th Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1658-1745. All 16 bombs were dropped in target areas. 1 plane damaged by flak: Cat "A". Default vectored squadron to V-905970, an enemy troop concentration marked with white smoke. 5 direct hits, 4 near misses, and 7 in target area. 3 strafing passes were made of this area. No e/a. Flak: Moderate, accurate, light at V-905970. Down 1803.

8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1809 to give area support to 29th Division assaulting Brest. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1900-1940. 15 bombs dropped in target area and 1 jettisoned north of Brest Peninsula. Default vectored squadron to troop concentration in valley at V-910975. 15 bombs dropped with excellent results. 5 direct hits on road, and one on empty gas tank. Strafed area. Three 75 mm or 88 mm artillery pieces strafed at same point and believed to be damaged. One plane damaged by flak: Cat."A". Flak: weak, accurate light at V-925970. Down 2020.

B. (i) 32 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on gun positions V-907979
8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on troop concentration in valley at V-910975
4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on woods where German troop reinforcements were reported to be at V-915970
4 A/C dropped 7 bombs on gun emplacements on hill at V-913975
8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on enemy troop concentrations at V-905970

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 3 P-47D's damaged by flak, Category "A".
(viii) 32

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 80:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 72,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 38,090 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 64 GP 500 lb bombs, fuzed 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail.
(ii) 62 GP 500 lb bombs expended on operations as follows;

16 bombs on gun positions V-907979
15 bombs on troop concentration in valley at V-910975
8 bombs on woods where German troop reinforcements were reported to be at V- 915970
7 bombs on gun emplacements on hill at V-913975
16 bombs on enemy troop concentration at V-905970

(iii) 2 GP 500 lb bombs were jettisoned, north of Brest Peninsula.
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Results of bombing and strafing unobserved.

For the Group Commander:

/s/ Walter P. Morgan Jr.
WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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Headquarters 306th Fighter Group
APO 141 US Army

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18 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Sprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
att: 26 30G.
Commanding General, AIA Tactical Air Command (Rear)
att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 306th Fighter Wing;
att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 15 September 1944.

2. Sprep No. 61.

For the Group Commander:

Walter P. MORGAN Jr.
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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[redacted] September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear),
Att: AO Sec.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force [illegible] 29 Apr 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 62 for the period ending Sunset 19 September 1944,
Mission or Operation No.: 47 - 51-1.

4. a. 34 P-47D's of 358th Fighter Group (11 A/C of 365th Squadron, 12 A/C of 366th Squadron and 11 A/C of 367th Squadron) dispatched from A-76 at 1600 hours to go on armed reconnaissance of Karlsruhe-Breten-Offenburg-Lahr area. In addition thereto 4 P-47D's of 365th Squadron were dispatched at 1430 hours on weather reconnaissance; down 1630. 22 A/C carried 1 GP 500 lb bomb each, and 12 A/C acted as escort. Over area: 1605-1735. 21 bombs were dropped on targets, and 1 bomb was returned to base, because it hung up. 7 bombs were dropped on RR line at the following places: R-0975, R-0872, R-0773, R-0668 resulting in the cutting of the line in four places. 7 bombs were dropped on RR junction northeast of Rastatt at R-3831. 2 direct hits seen, but no other results were observed. 1 bomb on RR track at R-4150, with 1 direct hit, but no other results observed. 2 bombs on RR tracks at R-6245 with 1 direct hit and 1 near miss. 2 bombs on RR track at R-7900 with 1 near miss. 2 bombs on RR track 10 miles west of Haguenau - both were near misses.

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1 train strafed and locomotive destroyed at R-7935.
8 planes damaged by flak: 1 Category AC, 1 Category B, and 6 Category A. No e/a seen. Flak: moderate, inaccurate, light at R-3831; intense, accurate, heavy at R-3020; intense and accurate, heavy and light at R-4150, R-6245, R-7935. Down 1830.

B. (1) 38 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 7 A/C dropped 7 bombs on RR line at R-0975, R-0872, R-0770, R-0668 resulting in the cutting of the line in four places.
7 A/C dropped 7 bombs on RR junction north-east of Rastatt at R-3831.
1 A/C dropped 1 bomb on RR track at R-4150.
2 A/C dropped 2 bombs on RR track at R-6245.
2 A/C dropped 2 bombs on RR track at R-7935.
2 A/C dropped 2 bombs on RR track 10 miles west of Haguenau, at R-7935.
12 A/C acting as escort.
4 A/C on weather reconnaissance.

(iii) 1 A/C abortive:
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 1 Oil leak.
d) Nil

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 8 A/C damaged by flak; 6 Cat "A"; 1 Cat. "AC"; and 1 Cat. "B".
(viii) 37

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 83:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 85,500 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) Unknown
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 22 GP 500 lb bombs,
(ii) 21 GP 500 lb bombs expended on operations as follows:

7 bombs on RR line at R-0975, R-0872, R-0770, and R-0668 resulting in the cutting of the line in four places.
7 bombs on RR junction northeast of Rastatt at R-3831
1 bomb on RR track at R-4150
2 bombs on RR track at R-6245
2 bombs on RR track at R-7935
2 bombs on RR track 10 miles west of Haguenau at R-7935

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

1 GP 500 lb bomb returned to base.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 11. Railroads cut, 1 RR line cut in four places.

3. 1 Locomotive destroyed.

Other results of bombing and strafing unobserved.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS [illegible]
APO 141

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19 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear,
Att: AC S-3.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 17 September 1944.

2. Oprep No. 63.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER F. MORGAN JR;
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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Headquarters 358th Fighter Group
APO 141
US Army

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19 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: A2 SCU.
Commanding General, AAA Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding Officer, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 18 September 1944.

2. Oprep No. 64.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN Jr,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US Army

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21 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 65 for the period ending Sunset 19 September 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: O.O. 50.

4. A. 35 P-47D's of 358th Fighter Group, (11A/C of the 365th Squadron, 12 A/C of the 366th Squadron and 12 A/C of the 367th Squadron) dispatched at 1325 on Operation "Market". The whole mission was abortive. Weather was 10/10 from deck to 12,000 and so the group C.O. recalled all planes. Down 1440.

B. (i) 35 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) Nil
(iii) 35 A/C abortive, Mission recalled due to weather.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) Nil

C. (i) 28 x 150 Gal Belly tanks dispatched.
(ii) Nil

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D. (i) 59:20
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 78,750 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Nil

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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[illegible] 365th Fighter Group
APO 141 [illegible] U.S. Army

22/7

22 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: AC/S, G2.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-0, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 365th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 66 for the period ending sunset 20 September 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: 3... of FPC .

4. a. 36 P-47D's of 365th Fighter Group (12 a/c each from 386th, 366th and 387th Squadrons) dispatched at 1455 for Armed Reconnaissance in Bonn-Cologne area. and 1 P-47D dispatched on Weather Reconnaissance. 12 a/c carried 1 GP 500 lb bomb each, and 24 a/c acted as escort. Over target areas: 1555-1655. 9 bombs dropped in target areas and 3 returned to base. 8 bombs dropped in marshalling yards at F-4510, 2 buildings along tracks set on fire, and 2 locomotives were seen to explode. Some of cars in yard were strafed. Strafed 2 locomotives and cars in vicinity of Siegburg, F-6044, resulting in damage to locomotives and cars. 6 trucks and 1 staff car destroyed by strafing near Bruck. 1 bomb dropped on gun position approximately 5 miles S of Bonn - no results were observed. 1 plane and pilot, Lt David A. Johnston, lost. He was seen to crash into a hill and his plane exploded. 2 planes damaged by flak: Category A. Observed trenches being dug by enemy at F-1505 on a bank of

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H. (1) [illegible]
(2) [illegible]
(3) [illegible]

1. a. [illegible] vehicles; [illegible], 7

b. [illegible]; [illegible] 4

4. [illegible]; [illegible]

5. [illegible]; [illegible]

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

[illegible]
1st Lt., [illegible],
Statistical Unit F.

[redacted]

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Inaccurate, slight at [illegible], A-0571, A-2[illegible].
Intense, inaccurate slight at etc. Moderate,
inaccurate, heavy at A-0288 (Bernbruecken).
Intense, inaccurate heavy at A-4072, A-0880
(Neukirchen), at A-1000 (Bad Arnsberg).
Weather: 10/10 cloud with tops at 11,000 ft
and a haze which restricted visibility to 1
mile. 0001 1900.

B. (i) 36 A-47[illegible] dispatched.

(ii) 24 a/c attacked targets at Koblenz/Lutzel (A-0491),
at Heidelberg (A-0691), at Feudenheim,
(A-0880) and at Mainz (A-2071, and A-2280).

(iii) 12 a/c [illegible]: due to -
a) 12 A-470's, weather.
b) Nil
c) Nil
d) Nil

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 36

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 80:20
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 90,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 11,366 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

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[illegible]

[illegible]

SUBJECT: Operations.

TO : [illegible]
[illegible]
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[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

1. In accordance with [illegible] the following report is submitted.

2. Pro : South Fighter Group.

3. Operations No. 68 for [illegible]

Position of Operations Nos.: 5C - 61-3 (Operations 1 to 3 inclusive).

4. a. 12 P-47D's of [illegible] 7th Squadron [illegible] rtle to give [illegible] Supply dropped at [illegible] and [illegible]. Each a/c carried 2 - 300 lb bombs. Over t[illegible] Nos-Ice. 12 bombs were dropped in [illegible] were returned to base because of failure to find [illegible]. Squadron advised first two bombs at [illegible] and [illegible]. Attacked [illegible], 10 near misses. Supply dump [illegible] were observed [illegible] results could not be observed. Attack was [illegible] three or four pieces. [illegible] formation started in dive. No a/a seen. Area: [illegible], [illegible], Belv[illegible] to be in [illegible] coordinates [illegible], [illegible]. 4 [illegible] a/c sighted [illegible] [illegible] and it [illegible]. Down: None.

12 P-47D's of South Squadron dispatched at 1125 to attack ordnance [illegible] supply areas. Each a/c carried 2 - 500 lb bombs.

B. (1) 50 p-47Js dispatched.

(11) 12 a/c dropped 22 bombs on target at -0547N
and q-0500?E.
8 a/c dropped 16 bombs on an alternate at -0544N
4 a/c dropped 8 bombs on estimated position at
-2800?.
12 a/c dropped 24 bombs on industries in Valmiera
-3000.

(111) Nil
(IV) Nil
(V) Nil
(VI) Nil
(VII) Nil
(VIII) 50

C. (1) Nil
(11) Nil

D. (1) 77:15
(11) Nil

A. (i) [illegible] Id. (no [illegible])
(ii) [illegible] Nos. (no [illegible])
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 7a [illegible] Id. Nos., [illegible] 11a, 1-3 sec. and 2a [illegible] 11a, 1/2 mise; 1 Lim., 1/2 [illegible] 14).

(ii) 7a [illegible] 10 Bombs exploded [illegible] target;
2a [illegible] hits -[illegible] -555878
10 [illegible] -555855
[illegible] -[illegible]
2a [illegible] in vicinity of -5555

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

2 A. [illegible] 10 bombs released at time.

G. (i) Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 1. Military Transportation,
a) Destroyed, Nil
b) Probably destroyed, 1

5. Locomotives,
a) [illegible] 1

7. Bridges (ordnance arsenal)
a) Destroyed, Nil
b) Probably destroyed, 2

9. Factories,
a) Destroyed, 1
b) Probably destroyed, Nil
c) Damaged, 2

11. Railroads Out,
c) Damaged, 1

Other results not observed because targets were in wooded area.

For the Group Commander:

/s/ [illegible]
William [illegible] Jr.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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Headquarters 358th Fighter Group 30/7
APO [illegible] [illegible]

24 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: AC/S OPD.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, IXth Fighter Command,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo No. 95-2, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 25 September 1944.

2. Oprep No. 69.

for the Group Commander:

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[illegible] P. [illegible] Jr.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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APO 141

20 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, [illegible] Air Force (ADVON),
Att: AC S-2.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (ADVON)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, IXth Fighter Com,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo No. [illegible], dtd 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 366th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 70 for the period ending Sunset 24 September 1944.

Mission or Operation No.: S.O. 55 XOL - 1 (Opflash # 1 and # 2).

4. A. 12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron with each a/c carrying 1 GP 500 lb bomb, dispatched at 1700 on armed reconnaissance in Luneville, Saarbourg, Haguenal area. Over area: 1730-1825. All bombs were dropped on targets. 8 bombs on train 8 miles S of Delatat V-8060. 4 direct hits destroyed 10 cars. 4 bombs on train with six cars 3 miles S of Saarbourg, V-5016. 2 direct hits. No e/a seen. No flak: Down 1910.

12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron each a/c carrying 1 GP 500 lb bomb, dispatched at 1800 on armed reconnaissance in Luneville, Saarbourg and Haguenal areas. Over areas 1710-1800. Controller Timber contacted had target but would not bomb due to 10/10 overcast 8000-11000 feet. 4 bombs on underpass at V-7410 North West of Wasselnheim, 2 near left side of pass in town of Wangenbourg.

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8 bombs on locomotive and [illegible], 4th over 10, east with 10 to 15 RR cars at [illegible]-7405. [illegible] end of the cars was hit with a direct hit. Unknown number of cars destroyed. 2 bombs on tracks next to cars. Locomotive destroyed by straffing attack. Strafed convoy of 15 trucks parked next to east at [illegible]-7606. 5 destroyed and 5 damaged. Squadron then strafed Canadian [illegible] with [illegible] to 6 tanks and buildings at [illegible]-7604. A large explosion was seen. 1 damaged by flak: Sgt. [illegible] flak: Heavy, inaccurate, light at [illegible]-7606, moderate, inaccurate, heavy at [illegible]-5810 [illegible] of Scharbourg. Two holes.

B. (i) 24 [illegible]-47's dispatched.

(ii) 8 a/c dropped 8 bombs on train 8 miles N of Celdtat V-5005.
4 a/c dropped 4 bombs on train with 6 cars 3 miles S of Scharbourg [illegible]-5516.
4 a/c dropped 4 bombs on underpass at [illegible]-7410
8 a/c dropped 8 bombs on locomotive and 10 to 15 RR cars at [illegible]-7405.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47 damaged by flak, Interior, A.
(viii) 24

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 58:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 62,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 21,045 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i), 24 GP 500 lb bombs, fuze, tail, [illegible]-4-3 sec.
(ii) 24 GP 500 lb bombs expended as follows;
8 bombs on train 8 miles N of Celdtat V-5005
4 bombs on train with 6 cars 3 miles S of Scharbourg [illegible]-5516
8 bombs on locomotive and 10 to 15 RR cars at [illegible]-7405.
4 bombs on underpass at [illegible]-7410.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

[illegible]

[illegible]
Assistant Director,
Agriculture, Ali Jorpe,
Agricultural Officer.

Final results not observed.

For the Crop Botanist:

7. Crops,
   a) Harvested,
   b) Standing,

1. [illegible]
   a) Left,
   b) [illegible]
   c) [illegible]

[redacted]

[illegible] 17
[illegible]

[illegible] September 194[illegible].

SUBJECT: Opreps.

TO : [illegible] General, Ninth Air Force (2 [illegible]
Att: 28 Opreps.
[illegible] General, XIX Tactical Air Command (1 [illegible]
Att: 1 Opreps Control.
[illegible] General, IXth Fighter Com[illegible]
Att: 1 Opreps Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force letter [illegible], dated [illegible] ber 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending sunset 25 September 1944.

2. Opreps No. 71.

For the Group Commander:

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[illegible] L. Cudd Jr,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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Headquarters XXIX Tactical Air Command
APO 141

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January

27 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: AC/S.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo No. 53-8, dated 25 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 26 September 1944.

2. Oprep No. 72.

For the Group Commander:

William P. Odom Jr.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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2 GP [illegible] lb bombs. 1 a/c abortive: mechanical and it returned to base with its bombs. Over target area: [illegible]. 22 a/c in target area and 2 returned to base [illegible] a/c. 22 bombers were [illegible] at Laon/Athies, -7216, 12 miles due east of Laon. Approximately 60 box cars and oil dep. in yards. 2 a/c on tracks near to dep. destroyed [illegible] type unknown. 6 bombs in building area destroyed 4 buildings. 6 bombs on road west of railway-ing yards. Flak positions strafed by three pairs of [illegible] and destroyed. 1 flyer hit by flak on bail out. He is [illegible]. His chute was seen to billow while hitting trees at a point 8 miles west of Laon/Athies, -8516. No e/a seen. Flak: intense, accurate, light in 10 positions of 4 guns each in [illegible] side of track, -7216. Intense, inaccurate, heavy in NE side of town. Moderate, inaccurate, light at -8507 10 miles [illegible] of Laon/Athies. Duration 1145.

8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1145 to give close support to 12th Corps in Chateau Salins area. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over areas: 1220-1305. 14 bombs dropped on targets and 2 hung up. 14 bombs on tanks and strafed the following points: V-3988, V-3998, V-3991, V-3796, V-4291 - this area is about 45 miles E of Saarbrucken. No results observed. No contact was made with "Irascible". Many camouflaged tanks seen in fields 45 miles E of Saarbrucken. No e/a seen. Flak: intense and inaccurate, heavy and light at -3920, -3925, -3930, -5535. Down 1035.

7 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1155 to give area support to 80th Infantry Division in vicinity of Chateau Salins. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500-lb bombs. Over area: 1255-1250. All bombs returned to base. "Irascible" requested squadron to bomb town U-9122 (12 miles east of Chateau Salins), but was unable to comply because of clouds. "Beagle" gave target, 30 tanks, -145180 (6 miles SE Mieuze). Areas were covered but nothing was seen. No other observations made. No e/a seen. No flak. Down 1210.

8 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1349 to give area support to 80th, Infantry Division in vicinity of Chateau Salins. 1 a/c aborted: radio. Over area: 1420-1425. 2 to be jettisoned by a/c damaged by flak and rest were re-

turned to base. Squadron Leader Lowe of 464th Squadron (A/C) [illegible] with base at 4000 feet, received intense, accurate, heavy and light flak upon entering area north of Chateau Salins. Formation then broke up and re-attack was made. One a/c damaged by flak, jettisoned 2 bombs safe at point approximately 6 miles north of Noui, U-8411. "Ironclad" was contacted upon entering area. No e/a seen. Flak: heavy, intense, accurate, light and heavy at U-1000 and surrounding area in vicinity of Chateau Salins. 1 a/c damaged by flak: category B. Down 1007.

3 P-47D's of 507th Squadron dispatched at 1405 to drop leaflets on area east of Pont-a-Mousson (U-9208, U-9006, U-8201). Over area: 1431-1436. Each a/c carried 2 x leaflet bombs. 2 bombs on each of the targets. Flak: intense, inaccurate, light flak received from horseshoe on N side of Bois de Secourt, U-920887. No e/a seen. Down 1510.

7 P-47D's of 507th Squadron dispatched at 1400 to drop leaflets in Metz and Pont-a-Mousson areas. 4 a/c carried 3 x F and P4 bombs and 3 a/c carried 2 x F and P4 bombs. Over Metz: 1400-1435 and over Pont-a-Mousson 1430-1500. 2 bombs dropped on town at U-8748 - leaflets covered the town. 2 bombs on Buchy, U-9544 and 2 bombs on Luppy, U-9944. These bombs exploded prematurely and leaflets dropped on the edge of the town. All 12 bombs dropped on Metz covered the heart of the city. Flak: moderate, inaccurate, light on SW edge of Metz (U-8677), from flak tower at U-9156 and at Ars (U-8577). Moderate, inaccurate, heavy at U-9050. No e/a seen. Down 1524.

7 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1347 to give close support to Chateau Salins area. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. In target area:1400-1500. All bombs returned to base. No contact was made with "Ironclad". One truck strafed and destroyed at [illegible]-4929, 8 miles NW of Saarbourg. 1 truck destroyed and 1 damaged by strafing at [illegible]-4624, 5 miles NW of Saarbourg. 3 barges seen in canal at [illegible]-4124, 8 miles E of Saarbourg. Trenches observed facing north in area of [illegible]-1727, 20 miles NE of Nancy. No e/a seen. Flak: inaccurate, weak, light at [illegible]-1525, 20 miles NE of Nancy. Down 1548.

8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1550 to give area support to 80th Infantry Division, in the vicinity of Chateau Salins. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1620-1700. "Iron-clad" contacted. Target - artillery and troops at Moivron (U-1126) bombed. 16 direct hits in area marked by smoke. Excellent results. Troops dug in along road, U-9102Sb to U-9228b strafed. One bomb which hung up over primary t... dropped on town of Moivron at request of controller. No explosion seen. No flak. No e/a seen. Down 1740.

8 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1551 to give close cover support to 80th Infantry Division in Vicinity of Chateau Salins. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area 1620-1700. 12 bombs in area, 2 jettisoned, and 2 returned to base. 6 bombs dropped and 1 direct hit observed on tank at ,-1028. 1 truck 1 truck destroyed by strafing at ,-4929. 1 truck destroyed by strafing at ,-4024. Flak position strafed along road at ,-1231. 1 truck destroyed by strafing at ,-0832. 8 tanks probably destroyed by strafing at ,-1724. 3 trucks probably destroyed by strafing at ,-1724. 1 truck probably destroyed at ,-1125. 3 trucks destroyed by strafing at ,-1532. 4 bombs 2 trucks destroyed by strafing at ,-1029 - both damaged. 2 bombs dropped on 2 tanks at ,-1924 - both damaged. 1 truck damaged by strafing at ,-2226. 1 light tank damaged by strafing at ,-0826. No e/a seen. Flak: intense, accurate, light flak in 5 mile radius of Chateau Salins at ,-1025. Down: 1740.

B. (1) 86 P-47D's dispatched (including 2 P-47D's on weather reconnaissance).

(11) 12 A/C dropped 22 bombs on M/Y at Sabern, ,-7216.
8 A/C dropped 14 bombs (also strafed) on following points: V-3899, V-3992, V-3591, V-3795, V-4291.
8 A/C dropped 15 bombs on artillery and troops at Moivron (U-9125) and also dropped 1 bomb on town of Moivron.
8 A/C dropped 6 bombs on tanks at ,-1028; dropped 4 bombs on 2 tanks at ,-1029, and dropped 2 bombs on 2 tanks at ,-1924.
3 A/C dropped 6 Leaflet bombs (2 leaflet bombs on each of the following targets, U-9238, U-9336, U-9231).
7 A/C dropped 18 Leaflet bombs as follows;
2 Leaflet bombs dropped on town at U-9748
2 Leaflet bombs on Buchy, U-9344.
2 Leaflet bombs dropped on Luppy, U-9944.
12 Leaflet bombs dropped on city of Metz.

38 A/C completing mission to give close support to both Corps and both Infantry Division in vicinity of Chateau Salins (including 8 A/C on Weather reconnaissance).

(iii) 2 A/C abortive; due to -
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 1 Radio; 1 prop.
d) Nil

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) 1 B-17 - 42-7[illegible] - 42-7[illegible]bol, hit by Flak, over target, approximately 5 miles Southwest of Darmstadt, Germany.
(vii) 5 B-17's damaged by Flak: 4 Cat. A., 1 Cat. B.
(viii) 84

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 154:30
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 225,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 30,415 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) 2,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

F. (i) 148 Gp 500 lb bombs, dispatched.
24 Leaflet bombs dispatched.

(ii) 64 GP 500 lb bombs expended as follows;
22 bombs dropped on M/Y at Saberg, U-7216.
14 bombs dropped on following points; V-3889, V-3992, V-3591, V-3795, V-4291.
15 bombs dropped on artillery and troops at Boivron (U-9125)
1 bomb dropped on town of Boivron.
6 bombs on tanks at U-1028
4 bombs on 2 tanks at U-1029
2 bombs on 2 tanks at U-1924

24 Leaflet bombs expended as follows;
2 leaflet bombs dropped on U-9238
2 leaflet bombs dropped on U-9336
2 leaflet bombs dropped on U-9231
2 leaflet bombs dropped on town at U-9748
2 leaflet bombs dropped on Buchy, U-9344
2 leaflet bombs dropped on Luppy, U-9944
12 leaflet bombs dropped on city of Metz.

(iii) 4 C-47 DAY 11 bombs attacked, because s/c were
mit by flak.
(iv) Nil

80 G. 500 lb bombs were returned to base.

J. Robert D. Dwyer, 2nd Lt., O-[illegible] USA.
Approximately 6 miles SOUTH-East of Barisbourgh.

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 10
b) Probably destroyed, 4
c) Damaged, 1

2. Armored vehicles and tanks,
a) Destroyed, 1
b) Probably destroyed, Nil
c) Damaged, 13

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 15

6. Gun emplacements,
a) Destroyed, 12

9. Buildings,
a) Destroyed, 4

14. M/Y attacked,
a) Destroyed, Nil
b) Probably destroyed, Nil
c) Damaged, 1

17. Artillery position,
a) Destroyed, 1

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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[illegible] South Fighter Gp.
APO 141 U.S. Army

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30 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (main)
Att: AC S-3.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command (main)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, [illegible] Fighter Wg.,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force [illegible] dated 29 Mar 1944, the following [illegible] submitted.

2. From: 366th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 74 for the period [illegible] September 1944.

4. Mission or Operation No.: O.O. 36. 81-1 (Preflash #1 and #2).

4. a. 36 P-47D's of 366th Fighter Group (12 a/c from each squadron, dispatched at 1808 to attack Fort West of Metz at U-7815. 12 a/c carried 2 GP 1000 lb bombs each, and 24 a/c carried 1 150 gal. Blaze Bomb each. Over target area: 1050-1125. 45 bombs dropped (23 x 150 gal B.B, and 22 GPs) on target; with one 150 gal. B.B, jettisoned and 2 GPs returned to base. Contacted "Chase Plane" who marked target with smoke. 7 direct hits on SW corner of fort and corner was destroyed by these GP bombs. 2 direct hits with B.B's. on pill box on top of block house started fires. 8 to 10 direct hits with GPs on center of blockhouse. 8 B.Bs. on southern edge of fort and 4 to 6 hits on center of fort. Fort was left burning and much smoke was seen. No e/a seen. Flak: weak, inaccurate, light at U-8/8971. Down 1149.

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40 a/c [illegible] 14 a/c [illegible] attack [illegible] of Metz at 0-7[illegible], 0-7[illegible], 0-7[illegible], 0-7[illegible] 36. 24 a/c carried 1 1000 lb GP bomb, 16 a/c carried 1 100 gal. Blaze bomb and remainder 1000-lb GP. Identified 36 bursts on target; and 4 b.u. returned home, but [illegible] over target. 36 bombs on 0-77[illegible] (fort No.2) with 14 direct hits. 14 bombs on 0-77[illegible] (fort No.3) with 3 direct hits observed. [illegible] Vaux and Vallieres to Bazoncourt in Vicinity of Metz, by Ni[illegible]. No. 1. The [illegible] on the ground. A/A Batteries and the following [illegible]; 3 [illegible] and 1 at 111 - all on the ground. 1 building at [illegible] and left building. No a/c observed in the air. Flak: Moderate, inaccurate, light at 0-8[illegible]. 1 a/c damaged by flak: Cat. "A" 1705.

D. (i) 76 P-47's dispatched.

(ii) 36 a/c dropped 28 x 1000 lb bombs and 33 100 gal. Blaze bombs on target; 4 Fort West of Metz at 0-761367
40 a/c dropped 46 x 1000 lb bombs and 15 100 gal. Blaze bombs on target, consisting of forts in front of Metz, as follows;
36 bombs on 0-77[illegible] (Fort No.2)
14 bombs on 0-77[illegible] (Fort No.3)
16 bombs on 0-77[illegible] (Fort No.4)

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47 damaged by Flak, Cat. "A".
(viii) 76

E. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

F. (i) 157:45
(ii) Nil

4. (i) 1 x 2,000 lb. [illegible]
(ii) 17,[illegible] lb. [illegible]
(iii) Nil

5. (i) 72 x 1,000 lb GP bombs, [illegible]
Nil 1,000 lb, - 1/4d,
48 x 100 lb. M.C. Bombs [illegible],

(ii) 70 x 1,000 lb GP bombs exploded [illegible];
48 x 100 lb. M.C. bombs exploded [illegible];
-1 0-7.1x7.
[illegible] on the target [illegible]
in front of etz at 0-77.[illegible], 0-77.[illegible],
0-77.71, and 0-77.[illegible].
[illegible] x 100 lb. M.C. bombs exploded as follows;
[illegible] on the et, [illegible] east of etz,
at 0-71.7
10 bombs on targets consisting of light
in front of etz at 0-77.[illegible], 0-77.[illegible],
0-77.71, and 0-77.[illegible].

(iii) 1 x 100 lb. M.C. bomb was jettisoned, because
failure to release over target.

(iv) Nil

2 x 1,000 lb bombs returned to base, because
bombs failed to release over target.
1 x 100 lb. M.C. bomb returned to base, be-
cause bomb failed to release over target.

6. Nil

8. (i) 4 a/c. destroyed on the ground, as follows;
2 a/c. [illegible] destroyed by Lt. Robert A. Robbins,
2nd Lt., 307th Squadron, (0-0771),
1 He 111 destroyed by 2nd Lt. Robert A.
Robbins, 307th Squadron. [illegible]
1 Ju. 188 destroyed by 1st Lt., Albert A.
Peterson, 0-820819

(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

9. - a. Buildings,
a/ Destroyed, 1

17. Other claims,
Boats,
a/ Destroyed, 3
c/ Damaged, 3

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30 September 1944.

SUBJECT: G/Prep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: AC/S.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, IX Fighter Command,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 35-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 29 September 1944.

2. G/Prep No. 75.

For the Group Commander:

Walter F. Morgan
WALTER F. MORGAN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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Headquarters, 358th Fighter Group
APO 141
U.S. Army

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1 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Opreps.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: A-2 Sec.
Commanding General, AIA Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-1, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Opreps No. 76 for the period ending midnight 30 September 1944.

Mission or Operation: Weather Reconnaissance.

4. A. 4 P-47D's of 365th Squadron, dispatched at 1205 hours on weather reconnaissance. Down at 13:10.

B. (i) 4 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 4 P-47D's completing mission on weather reconnaissance.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 4

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 4:20
(ii) Nil

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E. (i) 10,400 lbs. (6) Officer + Munition,
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. (i) Nil

For the Group Commander:

Walter F. Grimes Jr.

WALTER F. GRIMES JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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[illegible] October 1944.

SUBJECT: Opns.

TO : [illegible]
Att: 20 Gps.
[illegible]
Att: Stat Control.
[illegible]
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force [illegible], dated 2[illegible] 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: [illegible] Fighter Group.

3. Operations for the period ending sunset 1 October 1944.

Mission or Operation: Weather Reconnaissance.

4. A. 4 P-47D's of 368th Squadron, dispatched at 9:50 hours on Weather Reconnaissance. Down 12:15.

B. (i) 4 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 4 P-47D's completing mission on weather reconnaissance.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 4

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 9:45
(ii) Nil

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E. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. (i) Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. Nil

For the Group Commander:

[signature]

WALTER P. MORGAN JR.
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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4 October 1944.

Subject: Oprep.

To : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: AC/S, A-2.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Intelligence Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Intelligence Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo No. 55-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 368th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 78 for the period ending Sunset 2 October, 1944.

Operation No.: O.O. 66 (Mission numbers A-51-3; A-51-4; NON-1, and A-51-7) Opflash 1 to 5 inclusive).

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4. a. 16 P-47D's of 387th Squadron dispatched at 0937 for armed reconnaissance of Barrouemines, Bitche, Hagenau, Strasbourg, Ingwiller, Barrebe area. 12 a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs each, and 4 a/c acted as escort. Over area: 1015-1025. Weather (8/10 cloud with base of 6,500 ft) prevented reconnaissance of assigned area. Squadron went through a hole in the clouds SE of Sarrbrucken and bombed RR track between Forbach and Rosbrucken. Squadron dropped all bombs. 1 direct hit on track at 3070644 and 2 very near misses. No movement was noted on RR or on roads in immediate area. No e/a seen. Flak: weak, inaccurate, light from flak tower at 3064600, approximately 8 miles SE of Saarbrucken. Down 1109.

24 P-47D's of 365th Squadron and 366th Squadron (12 a/c from each) dispatched at 0905 to attack R/Y at Hombourg. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs.

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Over area: 1600-1620. Squadron bombed through holes in clouds after they had been advised by Ripsaw that they were over target. 22 bombs on RR yards, at U-7168½ on N edge of Homburg. Supply dump on north edge of yards went up in flames. 1 tank car burned. 8 bombs cut RR at U-6072, S of Saarbrucken. 24 bombs on yards and warehouses at U-7180. 7 direct hits on 2 rows of 4 warehouses each on N side of tracks. 4 direct hits on tracks. No e/a seen. Flak: weak, inaccurate, light flak at U-6572. R/T jamming on "A" channel at 10,000 ft. 8/10 to 10/10 cloud over target area with base at 1000 ft and tops at 12,000. Down 1630.

12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1548 to support 4th Corps and attack dug in tanks at U-1817. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1625-1720. Squadron could not contact Aggroup on C or D Channel and was intercepted by Ironclad who told them to attack trucks on secondary road at U-8438, 18 miles NE of Nancy. Squadron told by Ironclad to disregard briefed target and attack these trucks. Squadron couldn't find these trucks so was given another target at U-9050 on edge of woods 12 miles NE of Nancy. All bombs dropped on this target. 2 bombs overshot target and landed in open field E of target causing unusual column of white smoke. Remainder of bombs fell in edge of woods. 3 Me 109's sighted at 9,000 ft above squadron at 16,000 ft in vicinity of U-1010, 18 miles east of Nancy. No hostile action taken. Flak: accurate, and intense, heavy and light at U-9533. 14 miles NE of Nancy. Weak, inaccurate, light at U-2721, 18 miles E of Nancy. Moderate, accurate, heavy at U-2225, 18 miles E of Nancy. 1 plane damaged by flak: 1 Cat. AC. Down 1745.

11 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1705 to attack double tunnel at Peterchen, U-156704. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1750-1800. Ripsaw gave squadron wrong vector and squadron dropped 20 of its bombs on marshalling yard at U-1752, Kirechingen. 14 direct hits on tracks. 2 bombs were dropped on RR at U-0545, east of Hansurmid. No e/a seen. Flak: moderate, inaccurate, heavy at U-8942 and U-2007, at Avold. Down 1845.

11 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1706 to dive bomb tunnel entrance at ,-156704 (20 miles NE of Metz). Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. In addition, 2 P-47D's dispatched on weather reconnaissance. Over area: 1805-1815. 10 bombs dropped on targets, 2 lost, and 10 returned to base. Squadron flew to area approximately 10 miles south of target. At 10,000 ft, at 1745 hours, Lt Nolon, (White Two) and Lt Lee, (White Three), collided and White 3's tail section was cut off. The ship spun and the pilot observed "something bro k" as he leave the ship at approximately 6000 ft. He believed this to have been Lt Lee. No chute was seen. Leader then vectored to target by Mipsam 5. 5 a/c dropped 10 bombs on west end of tunnel. One direct hit on truck at tunnel entrance. 2 hits over tunnel just in from west end. One a/c strafed locomotive and 10 box-cars, damaging several cars at ,-148706. One a/c strafed barracks type buildings at ,-148706. Flak: Light, inaccurate, light at ,-130776. Down 1850. 4 a/c of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1050 hours, (on alert), to patrol area over home base. Patrol uneventful. Down 1220.

B. (i) 60 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 12 A/C dropped 24 bombs in target area, on RR track between Forbach and Rosbruck.
24 A/C dropped 48 bombs in target area as follows;
22 bombs on RR yards at ,-716819 on N edge of Homburg.
2 bombs dropped and cut RR at ,-0572, S of Saarbrucken.
24 bombs dropped on yards and warehouses at ,-8180.
12 A/C dropped 24 bombs on target at U-9030 on edge of woods 12 miles NE of Nancy.
11 A/C dropped 22 bombs in target area as follows;
20 bombs on marshalling yard at ,-1752, at Kirechingen.
2 bombs dropped on RR at ,-0545, east of Hansurnid.
5 A/C dropped 10 bombs on west end of tunnel at ,-156704.
6 A/C completing mission to attack tunnel at Tetrehen, ,-156704.
4 A/C acted as escort.
2 A/C on weather reconnaissance.
4 A/C (on alert) patroled area over base.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) 1 P-47D -4RA, A/C# 42-22707, destroyed over target, in a mid-air collision with another a/c of the flight, while taking evasive action due to heavy flak, in vicinity of Faulquemont, (.1749), France.
(vii) 1 P-47D damaged by flak, Det. AC.
(viii) 76

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 167:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 192,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 3,385 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) 2,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

F. (i) 140 GP 500 lb bomb, dispatched, fuzed, nose 1/10th and tail 1/40th on 48 bombs and tail fuzed at 4-3/10th on 84 bombs, and tail fuzed at 8-15th tail on 8 bombs.
(ii) 128 GP 500 lb bombs expended on operations.
(iii) Nil
(iv) 2 GP 500 lb bombs lost on destroyed aircraft.

10 GP 500 lb bombs returned to base.

G. (i) Noble F. Lee, 2nd Lt., 0-672222. MIA. Vicinity of Faulquemont, France. (.1749).

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 3. Locomotives;
a) Destroyed, Nil
b) Probably destroyed, Nil
c) Damaged, 1

4. Railroad cars;
a) Destroyed, Nil
b) Probably destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 4

7. Ships;
   a) Destroyed, Nil
   b) Probably damaged, 1

9. Buildings (harbour);
   a) Destroyed, 4
   b) Probably damaged, Nil
   c) Damaged, 4

11. Railroads cut; 17 places.

16. Troop concentrations attacked, 1.

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

[illegible]
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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C. (i) 34 x 150 gallon bombs (napalm)
(ii) 33 x 150 gallon bombs (napalm)

D. (i) 77:50
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 81,600 rds. (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 3,920 rds. (50 calibre ammunition)
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 34 x 150 gallon Blaze bomb.
(ii) 11 x 150 gallon Blaze bomb on fort at U-776553.
11 x 150 gallon Blaze bomb on fort at U-779560.
11 x 150 gallon Blaze bomb on fort at U-778570.
(iii) Nil.
1 x 150 gallon Blaze bomb returned to base.

G. (i) Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

I. 17. Other claims:
forts,
c) Damaged, 3.

For the Group Commander:

ALLEN P. MORGAN, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't Adjutant.

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Headquarters 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

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8 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear),
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 80 for the period ending Sunset 4 October 1944.

Operation No.: O.O. 65, Mission AGA-1, Opflash No.1, 2 and 3).

4. A. 12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1625 to support units of XX Corps in the vicinity of Metz. Each a/c carried 2 500 lb GP bombs. And in addition thereto one a/c carried one 150-gal. BB.(Napalm), weight 1000 lbs. Over target area: 1712-1757. 24 GP bombs and 1 BB, dropped on troops, gun positions, and trucks in woods at U-770550, just west of Metz. All hits concentrated in these woods. 2 strafing attacks made of the area. One large explosion seen, apparently from a gas truck. Artillery was attacking the same point at the same time. Flak: intense, accurate, barrage-type, light at U-810550. One a/c damaged by flak: Category A. Down 1825.

12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1630 to support units of XX Corps in vicinity of Metz. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1730-1750. Controllers could not be contacted. "Casket" was very weak. Attacked

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AA gun positions surrounding the town of Wittengen, L-1718. At least 50 plus guns in area in batteries of 4 guns each stretched along river bank from L-1817 to L-1819. Destroyed 15 plus guns by bombing and strafing. An unknown amount were damaged. Road bridge over river at L-1817 destroyed by 2 bombs. All bombs were dropped. No e/a seen. Flak: intense, inaccurate, light flak north of Tries. Down 1830.

12 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1658 to give area support to XX Corps in vicinity of Metz. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over target area: 1705-1735. 21 bombs in target area. 3 bombs lost (unarmed) 8 miles S of Verdun. Squadron couldn't contact controllers. "Ripsaw" told them to go on an armed reconnaissance of the area. Two cars and two germans destroyed by strafing at L-2095. One engine destroyed by strafing at L-2095, Merzig; 50 box cars strafed and damaged at L-2599, 4 miles NE Merzig. Gun emplacement strafed at L-2403, five miles NNE Merzig. Barracks bombed and strafed at L-2985, 2 miles N of Saaslauten - 2 direct hits and 3 near misses on barracks. 2 direct hits and 6 near misses on train and RR sidings at L-2095, Merzig. RR cut at several places by 4 direct hits at L-3183, 2 miles N of Saarlauten. No e/a seen. Flak: weak, accurate, light at L-2802 six miles NE of Merzig and at L-2095, Merzig. 2 a/c damaged by flak: Cat. A. Down 1844.

B. (i) 36 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped 24 GP bombs and 1 BB. on troops, gun positions, and trucks in woods at U-770550, just S of Metz.
12 A/C dropped 24 GP bombs on gun positions surrounding town of Wiltengen, L-1718, and guns at L-1817 to L-1819, and road bridge over rive at L-1817.
11 A/C dropped 22 GP bombs on following places; Barracks at L-2985; train and RR sidings at L-2095, Merzig, and on RR at L-3183.
(iii) 1 A/C abortive: bomb release failure over target.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 3 P-47D's damaged by flak; Category "A".
(viii) 36

C. (i) 1 x 150 gal. belly tank, used as "Blaze Bomb".
(ii) 1 x 150 gal. belly tank, used as "Blaze Bomb".

D. (1) 78:35
(ii) Nil

E. (1) 86,440 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 24,358 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (1) 72 GP 500 lb bombs, dispatched, (48 fuzed M113, 4-5", and 24 fuzed M113, 8-15").
1 x 150 gal-BB. dispatched.

(ii) 69 GP 500 lb bombs expended as follows;
24 GP bombs on troops, gun positions, and trucks in woods at U-770550, just west of Metz.
24 GP bombs on gun positions surrounding town of Hiltengen, L-1718, and guns at L-1817 to L-1819, and road bridge over river at L-1817.
21 GP bombs on following places; Barracks at L-2085, Merzig, and on RR at L-3183, and on train and RR sidings at L-2095.
1 x 150 gal-BB on troops, gun position and t trucks in woods at U-770550, just west of Metz.

(iii) 3 GP 500 lb bombs.
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 1. Military transportation;
a) Destroyed, 3

3. Locomotives;
a) Destroyed, 1

4. Railroad cars,
a) Damaged, 5

5. Bridges,
   a) Destroyed, 1

6. Gun emplacements,
   a) Destroyed, 15 plus

9. Buildings (barracks)
   a) Destroyed, 1

11. Railroads cut, 1

17. German personnel,
   a) Destroyed, 2

Unable to observe other results.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. [illegible] JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

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7 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear),
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att; Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 5 October 1944.

2. Oprep No. 81.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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Headquarters 368th Fighter Group
APO 141
U.S. Army

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8 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: AC/S G-2.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-5, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 368th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 82 for the period ending Sunset 6 October 1944.

Operation No.: 67, (Missions A 51-1; C 51-1; YV5-1, Opflash number 1 to 8, inclusive).

4. a. 2 P-47's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1000 hours on weather reconnaissance. Down 1150.
12 P-47's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1010 hours to give area cover for medium and light bombers attacking Juren. Over area: 1100-1200. Bombers in good formation. Excellent bombing pattern observed. Great fires left burning. Several bombers hit by flak, but none were seen to go down. Flak: intense, accurate, heavy at F-1138, 8 miles S of Juren; weak, inaccurate, heavy at F-2112, 20 miles SE of Juren. Enemy advanced landing ground seen at F-1848, 4 miles S of Juren. Each a/c carried a 150 gal. belly tank; 9 belly tanks were jettisoned and 3 tanks were returned. Down 1255.
12 P-47's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1100 to support XX Corps. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1200-1225. Controller "Chase Farm" gave target of town of Colppy at U-843625 north of Metz and marked it with green and red smoke. Troop concentrations.

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24 bombs dropped, with 19 direct hits in town; 16 of which were in the southern section and 3 in the western section. Strafed on way down and 10 plus buildings were destroyed. 5 fires started. 1 Gun position of two 20mm guns, 50 to 75 yds N of church in town strafed and probably destroyed. Gun position seen at building east of church along road in town - five 20mm guns. 6 emplacement observed 200 yds S of town. These were not attacked as squadron was out of ammunition. 1 plane damaged by flak, Cat. AC. Down 1605.

12 P-47's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1121 to give area support to XX Corps in Saizierslès-Metz area. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area 1156-1300. Could not contact Basket. Chase farm working another squadron. Rail full (XX Corps) directed squadron to bomb SE corner of fort, U-7854. 3 direct hits, and good concentration of other bombs in area marked. All bombs were dropped. Our tanks observed to move in after bombing. Gully north of fort, running west to east, strafed at direction of controller. No flak. No e/a. Down 1304.

12 P-47's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1345 to give area cover to XX Corps. 11 a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs each, and 1 a/c carried 1 BB. Over area: 1430-1500. Controller Chase farm vectored Squadron to strongpoint at U-8867 - a farmhouse with 8 to 9 buildings surrounding it. 23 bombs and 14 direct hits in area. Did not see BB. burn. 2 buildings destroyed by bombing. Made strafing pass on buildings and all buildings left burning furiously. 8 to 10 buildings believed to be destroyed. One 20mm gun strafed at U-861676. Sheds in area left burning and gun destroyed. Ridpaw was heard to say "Good show". Down 1545. No flak. No e/a.

12 P-47's of 367th Squadron dispatched to give area support to XX Corps, at 1432 hours. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1540-1555. 1 bomb returned to base. Squadron contacted Jenny who vectored them to L-040105 - a small town called Hormeldingen which is 12 miles due east of Luxembourg where he said there were enemy troop concentrations. The target was marked with red smoke. We had 11 direct hits in the smoked area and 10 near misses. There were 2 direct hits on a bridge leading from the town. No flak. No e/a. Down 1624.

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12 P-47's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1455 to give area support to XX Corps. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1544-1624. Squadron instructed by Hipsaw V to contact Jenny who had a priority target. Jenny instructed squadron to attack town of Lacheringen at L-3614 - 15 miles S of Luxembourg. 16 bombs dropped and strafed causing numerous fires. All bombs in town. 1 flight had previously attacked A/F at Sliedkastel at L-6471, 12 miles E of Saarbrucken. 8 bombs dropped and strafed. Trucks and warehouses on sidehit with direct hits. 1 train strafed at L-6575, 11 miles E of Saarbrucken. Locomotive and 15 flat cars loaded with tanks severely damaged and 10 tank cars destroyed. Flak: intense and accurate, light and heavy at L-6050. Moderate, accurate, light and heavy at L-6576. 1 a/c damaged by flak: Out. Down 1205.

11 P-47's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1714 to give area support to XX Corps. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1745-1810. Chasefarm vectored squadron to L-7668, Saizlers, 6 miles north of Metz. Target was south end of town which contained enemy troops concentrations. All bombs in red smoke marked area and approximately 20 buildings were destroyed. Squadron strafed in dive. No flak. No e/a. Down 1841.

11 P-47's of 368th Squadron dispatched at 1655 to give area support to XX Corps. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1750-1820. Could not contact Chasefarm. Hipsaw One gave target, train 1 mile north ofTunnel at L-1602. Unable to find target. Attacked tunnel mouth and adjacent factory at L-170002. 10 direct hits on factory and also strafed. Large explosion seen. 8 buildings destroyed. No direct hits on tunnel. 8 bombs landed in town 2-5 eight gun AA positions destroyed at factory. While on way to target another voice on RT told leader target was 5 miles SE of Thionville. Leader had already sighted correct target and when challenged the second Hipsaw did not respond whereas the first Hipsaw did. Tank trap observed on top of tunnel. 10 AA guns seen at L-16800. Bridge at L-178982, NE of Leizig still attacked - approximatley 15 AA positions being prepared. All bombs were dropped in target area.

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Flak: Intense, inaccurate, light in NE of town (Wettlach) NW of Leizig, and at Serrig, L-1609. Inaccurate light flak from 20-30 guns between L-176964 and L-176996. Down: 1910.

B. (i) 96 P-47's dispatched, (including 2 A/C on weather reconnaissance).

(ii) 12 A/C dropped 24 bombs on target of town of Olipp, at U-845625, troop concentrations.
12 A/C dropped 24 bombs on SE corner of Fort, U-7854
12 A/C dropped 22 bombs and 1 BB. on strongpoint at U-8867.
12 A/C dropped 23 bombs on town called Hermeldingen at L-040105, troop concentrations.
12 A/C dropped 24 bombs; 16 on town at L-0514, and 8 on R/Y at Bliesknstel at L-6471.
11 A/C dropped 22 bombs on U-9669, Maizieres, town contained troop concentrations.
11 A/C dropped 22 bombs on town at L-170002, AA positions at factory.
12 A/C completing mission, giving area cover for medium and light bombers attacking Juren.
2 A/C on weather reconnaissance.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 2 P-47's damaged by flak; 1 Cat. AC; 1 Cat. A.
(viii) 96

C. (i) 12 x 150 gal. belly tanks, and in addition thereto 1 x 150 gal. belly tank, used as "Blaze Bomb".
(ii) 9 x 150 gal. belly tanks jettisoned.
1 x 150 gal. belly tank, used as BB. dropped.

D. (i) 806:35
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 230,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 56,612 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 162 GP 500 lb bombs dispatched; (90 fuzed,nose, .1o3,1/10" and tail, 101ac 1/40"; 72 fuzed tail, 11c, 4-5", 8-11" and c-15").
1 Blaze Bomb dispatched.

(ii) 161 GP 500 lb bombs expended as follows;
24 bombs on town of Volpy at U-843625.
22 bombs and 1 BB. on strongpoint at U-8867.
24 bombs on SE corner of Fort, U-7854.
23 bombs on town, Vonseldingen at L-040135, troop concentrations.
16 bombs on town at L-0514.
8 bombs on M/Y at Bliesskastel at L-6471.
22 bombs on U-9656, Hangiers, troop concentrations.
22 bombs on town at L-170002, AA positions at factory.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
1 GP 500 lb bomb returned to base.

G. (i) Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 2. Armored vehicles,
b) Probably destroyed, 15

3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 1

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 10
b) Probably destroyed, 15

5. Bridges,
a) Destroyed, 1

6. Gun emplacements, (flak installations)
   a) Destroyed, 6

9. Factories and buildings,
   a) Destroyed, 37

11. Railroads cut, 1

Unable to observe other results.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. McGAR JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

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9 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 83 for the period ending Sunset 7 October 1944.

Operation No.: 68, Missions W 51-3; X 51-1; Y 51-1; Opflash numbers 1 to 5.

4. A. 16 P-47's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0915 to attack barge traffic on the Marne-Rhine Canal. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1025-1049. 12 Plus barges sighted NE of Luneville at ⟂-1208 - 2 destroyed by direct hits and 10 others severely damaged by 2 strafing attacks. 16 bombs were dropped during this attack. 10 near misses caused bank to cave in. Dropped 8 bombs on 6 barges at ⟂-2010 and made 2 strafing passes. 1 direct hit destroyed 1 barge and 3 bombs hit bank causing it to cave in. 10 barges sighted at ⟂-1509 and 2 barges were set on fire by strafing passes. At ⟂-2412, 8 bombs dropped destroying 2 barges on direct hits and two hits on bank caused bank to cave in. 8 barges damaged by strafing. Flak: intense, accurate, heavy south of lake at ⟂-2514. Weak, inaccurate, heavy at ⟂-2208, NE of Luneville. 2 planes damaged by flak: 1 Category A, 1 Category AC. Down 1115.

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16 P-47's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1534 to attack barge traffic along Marne-Rhine Canal, each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1555-1435. 8 bombs on 6 barges at ,-6715. 2 direct hits destroyed 2 and 2 were damaged by strafing. At ,-5308 4 bombs dropped on 5 barges with 2 direct hits destroying 2 and 1 probably destroyed. 2 were damaged by strafing. 4 bombs dropped on lock, but over shot. 1 barge hit and destroyed at ,-1209. 16 bombs on 30 plus barges in canal to town of Lagrade (,-2812- ,-2511). 10 direct hits destroyed 12 barges. 15 more were damaged by strafing. When barges blew up large black cloud arose. 3 heavy gun emplacements believed to be housing 3 guns each at ,-2508 strafed and 2 were seen to explode and 1 was seen burning. Squadron claims all three destroyed. One machine gun emplacement destroyed at ,-2811 by strafing. Saw 15 M/T and trailers parked in cover of trees at ,-2911, but were unable to attack because out of ammunition. Flak: moderate, accurate, heavy at ,-6715 and ,-2811; intense, inaccurate, light at ,-6715; moderate inaccurate heavy and light at ,-5308. Moderate, inaccurate, light at ,-2811. 5 a/c damaged by flak: 2 Category AC, and 1 Category A. Down 1550.

12 P-47's of 366th Fighter Squadron, dispatched at 1452 to escort A-20's attacking Trier. Over area: 1600-1620. Made R/V with bombers 20 miles N of Trier. Bombers in good formation. Excellent concentration of bomb hits observed in factory area in eastern end of Trier at L-2332. Bridge was not hit. Squadron did not make R/V with bombers over Dillingen at ,-2585, 12 miles NE of Saarbrucken. Ripsaw told squadron that bombers were coming to Dillingen late when they were approaching Trier. One flight mistakenly escorted bombers attacking bridge believed to be at either L-5732 or L-5960, 30 miles NE of Trier. Bridge believed hit. Large tank trap ditches observed moving along entire bank of Saar River. Bridges observed across Saar River between Dillingen and Triers as being intact. Large fires and smoke observed 8 miles NW of Saarbrucken in vicinity of ,-3075. Flak: intense, accurate, heavy at Trier, L-2332 and along Saar River Valley between ,-2585 and Triers at L-2332. Down 1652.

12 P-47's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1505 to escort medium bombers attacking Bullay, L-5762. 1 a/c aborted due to oil leak. Over area: 1625-1630.

R/V with bombers at Sedan at 1040 hours, 13,000 ft. First two boxes had good concentration in town. Third box was long on hillside. 5 to 6 trains of approximately 10 passenger cars each observed in small M/Y N of Trier - believed to have been in grid square, L-2040. White cement bridge at Trier believed destroyed by our bombers. Flak: moderate, inaccurate, heavy at L-5762 and weak, inaccurate, heavy at grid square L-2040, 10 miles N of Trier. Down 1716.

16 P-47's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1655 to attack barge traffic along Marne-Rhine canal. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1730-1800. 16 bombs dropped at Reming, ,-4311 on locomotive with 15-20 box cars in M/Y. 9 direct hits on tracks at end of M/Y, 1 RR shed destroyed and large explosion engine and 4 cars destroyed by 5 bombs. 6 cars were left smoking by strafing and are claimed as destroyed. 4 light gun positions destroyed at target by strafing. One light gun position destroyed at ,-3408. 4 light and 4 heavy guns strafed at ,-4412 and are claimed as probably destroyed. 7 bombs on 8 barges in canal, but no direct hits made. 2 barges damaged by strafing, 8 bombs on ,-4217 on canal locks. 2 direct hits on canal locks in lake and it is believed that the works of the lock were broken. 16 barges strafed and damaged at ,-2512. One bomb hung up over target and was jettisoned safe at U-8573. Flak: intense, accurate, light and heavy at ,-4311; intense, inaccurate, light at ,-2010; intense, inaccurate, light, and heavy at ,-3030, NE of Saarburg; and intense, heavy and light in the vicinity of ,-5515 and ,-5520. 1 plane damaged by flak; Cat AC and 1 pilot, Lt Benz, wounded by flak. Down 1825.

B. (i) 72 P-47's dispatched.
(ii) 16 A/C bombed barges, NE of Luneville at ,-1208; barges at ,-2010 and at ,-2412
16 A/C bombed barges at ,-6715, at ,-5308, and at barges in canal at ,-2818- ,-2511.
16 A/C bombed locomotive with 15-20 box cars at Reming, ,-4311, and at barges on canal locks at ,-4217.
12 A/C completing mission to escort A-20's attacking Trier.
12 A/C completing mission to escort medium bombers attacking Bulley, L-5762.

(iii) 1 A/C abortive; due to,
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 1 oil leak

(iv) Nil

(v) Nil

(vi) Nil

(vii) 6 P-47's damaged by flak; 2 Cat. A; 4 Cat. AC.

(viii) 71

C. (i) Nil

(ii) Nil

D. (i) 147:20

(ii) Nil

E. (i) 172,500 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

(ii) 37,875 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

(iii) Nil

F. (i) 96 GP 500 lb bombs, fuzed, tail, M113, 4-5" Sec.

(ii) 95 GP 500 lb bombs expended as follows;
15 bombs dropped on barges NE of Luneville at ,-1208.
8 bombs dropped on barges at ,-2010.
8 bombs dropped on barges at ,-2412.
8 bombs dropped on barges at ,-6715.
4 bombs dropped on barges at ,-5308.
4 bombs dropped on lock at ,-1209.
16 bombs dropped on barges in canal in town of Lagrade ,-2812- ,-2511.
16 bombs dropped on Rexin, ,-4311, on locomotive with 15-20 box cars in M/Y.
7 bombs dropped on barges in canal at ,-4412.
8 bombs dropped on canal locks at ,-4217.

(iii) 1 GP 500 lb bomb jettisoned safe at U-8573, because bomb hung up over target.

(iv) Nil

G. Norman (NMI) Benz, 2nd Lt., O-824375, MIA.
Wounded by flak, over target.

H. (i) Nil

(ii) Nil

(iii) Nil

I. 3. Locomotives;
a) Destroyed, 1

4. Railroad cars;
   a) Destroyed, 4
   b) Probably destroyed, Nil
   c) Damaged, 6

6. Gun emplacements;
   a) Destroyed, 13
   b) Probably destroyed, 4

9. Buildings;
   a) Destroyed, 1

12. Barges;
   a) Destroyed, 24
   b) Probably destroyed, 1
   c) Damaged, 54

17. Other claims;
   German personnel destroyed, 4
   Canals, caved in at 2 places.
   Canal locks broken.

Unable to observe other results.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. [illegible],
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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10 October 1944.

Subject: [redacted]rep.

To : [redacted]anding General, Ninth Air Force,
[redacted]tt: AC/S.
[redacted]manding General, [redacted] Tactical Air Command (Rear),
[redacted]tt: Stat Control.
[redacted]manding General, 100th Fighter [redacted]ing,
[redacted]tt: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force [redacted]ero 55-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. [redacted]rep No. 84 for the period ending Sunset 8 October 1944.

[redacted]peration No.: 69, Mission No. 51-2 (Opflash numbers 1 to 7, inclusive).

4. [redacted] 4 P-47's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0740 on escort of VIII. 2 aborties due to a/c accident. Landed at Verdun at 0815. Took off (2 a/c) from Verdun at 0815 and landed at St Trond 0921. Took off at 0920 for Eindhoven, but never landed there (3 passes made at field by P-47) and landed at Brussels 1000. Took-off 1145 and were back at base at 1200. 2nd Lt Hannold crashed at Eindhoven. He is safe. 1 plane destroyed and 2 damaged, category unknown. Down 1200.

12 P-47's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0852 to strafe Schwabisch Hall a/d. Over area, 1000-1010. Squadron could not locate briefed a/d because of weather conditions. Squadron strafed 2 locomotive engines at R-6828, about 8 miles SW of Karlsruhe resulting in the claim of 1 destroyed and 1 damaged. 30 coaches attached to locomotives not strafed. 2 engines destroyed at R-6148, 6 miles S of Karlsruhe by strafing. 1 steam boat destroyed and [redacted]

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barges damaged at J-2724, 4 miles SW of Mastatt. 2 a/c strafed and destroyed locomotive pulling 10 box cars, N of Buden-Baden at J-8220. Another locomotive at same spot damaged in opposite direction damaged. 100 ft river boat burning on Rhine River at J-8615, probably destroyed by strafing. Rail box at J-8015 attacked. No claims. Pilot of Lt Miller at J-1716 observed to be knocked out. 8 ME 109s and 4 unknown number of unidentified a/c seen on ground 6 miles N of Stuttgart. Yellow flight bounced and fired upon by 8 P-47's at vicinity of Heilbronn, about 1000 to 15,000 ft. These a/c are known to have been friendly as they circled above and then headed towards our lines. Flak: Moderate, inaccurate, W of Stuttgart. Intense at J-8716, inaccurate. Heavy, accurate, heavy at J-8020, 4 miles SE of Heinze. Some at 11000 ft a/c, 2 guns at 11000 ft J-84).

16 P-47's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0912 to attack Zeiersheim A/D. Over area: 0940-0950. Strafed one A/C and 1 a/c on N corner of Zeiersheim A/D. Both were hit. No a/c on east side of field, but 3 heavy flak and 1 light flak position on E side of field silenced. At Altdorf, J-8508, front yards of houses in town appeared to have ground camouflage material over equipment or trucks. Strafed and five large columns of oil smoke seen up to 1000 ft. 1 truck seen exploded, from strafing. 3 haystacks 500 ft SW of town believed to be camouflaged strafed and left burning. 1 truck in Sontheidier, J-8007 destroyed by strafing. Strafed a train of 15 cars heading west from town of Seetheim, J-8072 and claim 4 damaged. Lt Fred W. Selby, 0-708764, AAF, was hit by flak, on attack on airfield, lent ing at Seetheim, Germany, approximately 15 miles SE of Mannheim, Germany. Flak: Intense, heavy, inaccurate at Saargemund, J-8606. Heavy and light moderate, and accurate at A/D. 14 barrage balloons at tgt flying from 2000-5000 ft lined up along both sides of river at bridge. Some flak.

12 P-47's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0910 to attack Lachenheim A/D. Over area: 1000-1105.

[illegible] destroyed. [illegible]
[illegible] a/c. [illegible] Sea. Of Nieuwe.
[illegible] vicinity of [illegible]
[illegible] destroyed. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] traffic
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [

Returned to base 1650. Flak: moderate, accurate, heavy at 1-10K [illegible] moderate, inaccurate, heavy at 7-8 5?. 1 a/c damaged by flak: AC category.

B. (i) 76 P-47's dispatched (including 4 a/c on escort of VIP).

(ii) 20 a/c on completion of mission strafing Schwabisch Hall a/d.
20 a/c completing mission to attack Bernarheim a/d.
24 a/c completing mission to attack Sacherheim a/d.
4 a/c on escort of VIP.

(iii) 3 a/c abortive due to,
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 1 trim tab.
d) 2 accident, one a/c struck another a/c of flight on take off.

(iv) Nil
(v) 1 P-47 D 42-75198, on escort of VIP, cartwheeled while attempting to land.
(vi) 1 P-47 D-20RA 42-25291, over target, hit by flak, on attack on an a/d, went in. Westheim, Germany.
(vii) 9 a/c damaged; 5 by flak, and 4 by E/A; 3 a/c Cat. "A"; 1 a/c Cat."B", and 5 a/c Cat."AC".
(viii) 74

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 155:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 182,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 36,493 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) 4,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

F. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Fred E. Selby, 2nd Lt., O-708764, KIA.
Hit by flak, on attack over a/d, Westheim, Germany.

3. (i) 2 a/c destroyed in air, as follows;
1 e 109 by Lt Hanks, O-887109, 367th Sq.
1 e 109 by Lt Hines, O-780408, 367th Sq.

3 a/c destroyed on ground, as follows;
1 e 217 by Lt Rice, O-[illegible], 366th Sq.
1 e 110 by Lt Allen O-814026, 366th Sq.
1 e 110 by Lt Brown O-816187, 366th Sq.

(ii) 2 a/c probably destroyed on ground, as follows;
1 a/c by Capt [illegible], O-660124, 365th Sq.
1 a/c by Lt Col[illegible] Renner, O-705617, 365th Sq.

(iii) 1 a/c damaged in air, by Lt. Horton, O-692840, 367th Squadron.

5 a/c damaged on the ground, as follows;
1 e 217 by Lt Hilderer, O-70[illegible], 366th Sq.
1 e 217 by [illegible]erry, O-62168, 366th Sq.
1 e 217 by Lt Pantorski, O-[illegible]67, 366th Sq.
1 e 110 by Lt Johnson, O-[illegible], 366th Sq.
1 e 110 by Lt [illegible]t, O-7[illegible], 366th Sq.

I. 1. Military transportation (trucks);
a) Destroyed, 2

c. Locomotives;
a) Destroyed, 7
c) Damaged, 4

4. Railroad cars;
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 5

6. Gun emplacements;
a) Destroyed, 5
c) Damaged, 4

12. Boats and barges;
a) Destroyed, 1
b) Probably destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 3

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

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JOSEPH J. [illegible],
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

IM7

11 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Operep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 9 October 1944.

2. Operep No. 85.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 353rd FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

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11 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Opreps.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: AC/S G-3.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 10 October 1944.

2. Opreps No. 86.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Grabls
JOSEPH J. GRABLS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

IG7

12 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 87 for the period ending Sunset 11 October 1944.

Operation No.: 72. Mission from Strip A-64.

5-2781

4. A. 12 P-47's dispatched (6 a/c from 365th Squadron and 6 a/c from 366th Squadron) at 1700 hours from Strip A-64 on Armed Reconnaissance of Saarbrucken, Landau and Kaiserslautern areas. Time over areas 1805-1815. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Heavy haze, clouds and darkness on reaching Metz area forced shortening of mission. "Ripsaw" gave target, a railway gun at ⅁-0744, South East of Metz; entire area strafed intensively. 4 bombs on camouflaged installation on RR track. 3 direct hits; tracks cut, large column of white smoke. 4 bombs on "Y" in RR at ⅁-0545, track cut, and one hit on light flak position, destroying same. 4 bombs on town of Solgne ⅁-9542; all bombs hit town. 8 bombs on flak car on siding ⅁-0801, 15 miles SE of Nancy, 4 direct hits, 1 gun destroyed. 4 gun positions strafed at ⅁-0445; silenced. Extent of damage un-

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know. Flak over target: Moderate, accurate, light, [illegible]-0545; Intense, accurate, heavy, [illegible]-1508; Intense, accurate, heavy [illegible]-5727; Meager, accurate, heavy, U-8947. Elsewhere: Intense, accurate, light from U-7545 to I-8419. 4 bombs returned to base because dearkness over targets. 1 A/C damaged (prop) in landing, category "A". Flak received from own troops. 2 Ju-88's reported in area. Time down 1905.

B. (i) 12 P-47's dispatched.

(ii) 11 A/C bombed targets as follows;
4 bombs on railway gun at [illegible]-0744,
4 bombs on "Y" in RR at [illegible]-0545,
4 bombs on town of Solgne at [illegible]-9542,
8 bombs on flak car on siding at [illegible]-0801.

(iii) 1 A/C abortive, due to
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 1 a/c, failure to release bombs over target.

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47D damaged in landing (prop) category "A".
(viii) 12

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 1345
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 28,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 5,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 GP 500 lb bombs, fuzed M113, 8-15".
(ii) 20 GP 500 lb bombs expended as follows;
4 bombs on RR gun at [illegible]-0744
4 bombs on "Y" in RR at [illegible]-0545
4 bombs on town of Solgne at [illegible]-9542
8 bombs on flak car on siding at [illegible]-0801
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
4 GP 500 lb bombs returned to base.

G. Nil

4.

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 6. Gun emplacements;
a) Destroyed, 1

11. Railroads cut; 3

~~17~~. Railroad Gun;
a) Destroyed, 1

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Grazis
JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358th FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 US ARMY

G-10

15 October 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 Sec.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command (Rear), Att: Stat. Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Letter 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 88 for the period ending Sunset 12 October 1944.

Operation No.: 73, Mission C 51-1 (Opflash number 1)

4. A. 12 P-47's of 365th Fighter Squadron, dispatched at 0823, to support A-20's attacking Neufchafel, St Die, Bitche. R/V not made with bombers. After circling the briefed point, Squadron sighted bombers to north, headed east, but when Squadron called and told their position, bombers were unable to see Squadron. No flak, no e/a. Squadron down at 1000.

12 P-47's of 366th Fighter Squadron dispatched at 0828 to escort A-20's bombing Neufchafel, St Die, Bitche. With bombers at 0940 to 1040. Bombers were in excellent formation. Good bombing observed. Left bombers 10 miles SW of Metz. Supply dump observed at V-9897, adjacent to RR loading platform on edge of Strasbourg. Concealed landing strip observed in vicinity of V-7208 with buildings and vehicles under trees 18 miles N. of Strasbourg. Flak: weak, inaccurate, heavy at V-7580. Squadron down at 1100.

B. (i) 24 P-47D's dispatched
(ii) 12 P-47D's completed Mission.
(iii) Abortive:
(d) 12 P-47D's unable to locate bombers.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 24

C. Nil

D. (i) 59:15

E. (i) 57,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Nil

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. CRELLIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP IG7
APO 141 U.S. Army

15 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 89 for the period ending Sunset 13 October 1944.

Operation No.: 74, Mission No.X51-2 and X51-3, (Opflash #1 to #5 inclusive).

4. A. 12 P-47's of 367th Squadron dispatched from A-64 at 1020 hours to escort B-26's of Ninth Air Force attacking Dillengen. R/V with bombers at Luxembourg. Over target 1100-1150 hours. Escort uneventful. Intense, accurate heavy flak received by bombers at target and north of town. One B-26 seen to lose altitude at target, going down in a steep dive. One chute seen, 1110 hours, 4,000 feet. E/A reaction nil. No aborts, no bomb loadings, no casualties, no A/C damaged. Down at A-64 at 1210 hours.

12 P-47's of 365th Squadron dispatched from A-64 at 1025 to escort B-26's of Ninth Air Force attacking Bullay. R/V with bombers at Luxemburg on time. Escort uneventful. In target area 1115 - 1205 hours. Bombers observed to cut two rail lines in two places south of Cochen at L-5760. Results believed good. One aborts, no bomb loadings, no casualties, no A/C damaged. 1 abortive, Lt. Hudgens, oil leaks. Down at A-64 at 1240 hours. No flak or E/A encountered.

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11 P-47's (4 a/c from 367th Squadron and 7 a/c from 366th Squadron), dispatched from A-64 at 1605 hours to drop leaflets (P and PT bombs) in vicinity of Metz. Eleven P and PT bombs carried, one each aircraft. Planes flew to assigned area and dropped leaflets on U-847440, U-850475, U-800472, U-802490, U-782492, U-785535, U-825935, U-845535. Good coverage of towns. No caualties, no A/C damaged, no E/A encountered. Flak: weak, accurate, heavy at U-8558; weak, inaccurate, light 10 miles SW Metz at U-8053 to U-8755. Over target area, 1620 to 1645 hours. Down at A-64 at 1704 hours. No aborts.

16 P-47's (8 a/c from 366th Squadron and 8 a/c from 367th Squadron), dispatched from A-64 at 1640 to attack barges on Rheine River from L-9386 to L-9674. Each A/C carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Time over target 1637-1642. 16 bombs on 4 barges at Kamp L-9281, on Rheine River, 8 miles north of St. Goar. 4 direct hits, others near misses. 4 barges destroyed, A/C strafed in dive. 14 bombs on barges near junction of river and canal at L-9476. 2 direct hits on barges, 2 destroyed. A/C strafed in dive. Also strafed trenchs alongside canal from which light flak was being fired. 2 bombs on 4 - 5 buildings on edge of canal, buildings destroyed. No casualties, 4 A/C damaged by flak , category "A", No E/A encountered. Flak: At Metz intense, accurate, heavy; Intense, accurate, light at Kamp, L-9201, weak, inaccurate, light, South of Trier. Observations during mission: Concentration of many barges on Rheine River in vicinity of St. Goar; 1 heavy gun emplacement observed North NE of Trier L-1724. Time down 1736.

12 P-47's of 365th Squadron, dispatched from A-64 to attack tanks dug in at ₰-0030. 8 A/C carried 1 BB. each. 8 A/C carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs each. Time up 1625. Time over target 1705-1745. Squadron contacted "Unstrap" on "B" channel who had target indicated with red and white smoke. 16 bombs in woods at ₰-0030 which were also strafed. Tracks all overarea leading into woods. 1 BB. did not go off, others did and burned brightly. 2 vehicles (MT's) strafed and destroyed at ₰-295019. Woods strafed 3 times. 1 burned out tank observed at

U-992293. No E/A encountered; Flak: Moderate, accurate, heavy at [illegible]-0035; also intense, inaccurate, light flak at same place. 2 A/C damaged by flak category "A". Time down 1815.

B. (i) 63 P-47's dispatched.

(ii) 12 A/C completing mission escorting B-26's of Ninth Air Force attacking Dillengen.
11 A/C completing mission escorting B-26's of Ninth Air Force attacking Bullay.
11 A/C completing mission dropping leaflets (P and PA bombs) in vicinity of Metz.
16 A/C bombed barges on Rheine River from L-9386 to L-9674.
12 A/C bombed tanks dug in at [illegible]-0030.

(iii) 1 A/C abortive, due to
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 1 oil leak.

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 6 A/C damaged by flak; Category "A".
(viii) 62

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 120:30
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 151,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 15,090 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 40 GP 500 lb bombs, fuzed, tail, M113,4-5".
8 Blaze Bombs.
11 P and PM bombs, (leaflets).

(ii) 40 GP 500 lb bombs expended as follows;
16 bombs on barges near junction of river and canal at L-9476.
14 bombs on 4 barges at Kamp L-9281.
2 bombs on 4 - 5 buildings on edge of canal,
8 bombs on woods at [illegible]-0030.

8 Blaze Bombs (Napalm) dropped in woods at [illegible]-0030.
11 P and PM bombs (Leaflets) dropped on U-847440; U-85075, U-800472, U-802490, U-782492, U-785535, U-825935, U-845535.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 2

9. Buildings,
a) Destroyed, 5

12. Barges,
a) Destroyed, 6
b) Probably destroyed, 4

For the Group Commander:

Joseph Grazis
JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

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17 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 90 for the period ending Sunset 14 October 1944.

Operation No.: 75, Mission X 51-2 (Opflash # 1 to #5 inclusive).

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4. A. 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0932 to escort B-26s attacking RR bridge over Moselle River at Bremms. Over target area: 1007-1055. 4 a/c abortive due to weather. R/V with 6 boxes of B-26s at Bastogne, 12,000 ft. Escort uneventful. Approximately 20 miles north of Luxembourg, 4 contrails seen coming straight down and going up between 30,000 and 18,000 ft. No further identification made. Time of this observation was about 1015 at 12,000 ft. No e/a seen. No flak. Down 1120.
12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0933 to escort B-26s attacking 4906 E/B/9. Over target areas: 1015-1100. Bombers were in good formation. Solid overcast prevented accurate observation of results. R/V was at Trier, 1015 and escort left bombers at 1100, 25 miles NW of Metz. Squadron observed same peculiar contrails as seen by 367th Squadron which was dispatched at same time.

Saw 4 trains of barges, 6 to a train observed on canal south of Wiesbaden. No e/a seen. No flak. Engine of one a/c quite and pilot bellied a/c in at a point 6 to 8 miles from base - Category B damage. Down 1210.

12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1615 to cut RR at L-6719, in vicinity of Oberstein on railroad running from Saarlauten to Saarbrucken. Over area: 1705-1745. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Squadron flew to briefed point and dropped their bombs on V-6719, but observation could not be made as the overcast and flak prevented it. Ripsaw vectored squadron to briefed coordinates. A/c piloted by Lt Nagle hit by flak and he had to bail out, at a point 30 miles east of St Dizier. He is safe. Flak: moderate, accurate, light at L-6719 and moderate, accurate, heavy at Saarbrucken. 3 a/c damaged by flak: Cat. A. Weather: 9/10, 1500 ft base, 8,000 top. Down 1830.

12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1603 to go on armed reconnaissance of Trier to Bupirch area. Over area: 1650-1730. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. 22 bombs dropped on bridge at point NE of Trier. 1 direct hit observed on one end of bridge. 1 train destroyed with 15 flat cars at L-9067, 20 miles S of Koblenz. 2 bombs dropped on this train and several strafing passes made. Flak: intense, and accurate, heavy and light over Trier. Intense, heavy, accurate in vicinity of L-3000. 1 plane damaged by flak: Cat. A. Down 1815.

12 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1600 to go on armed reconnaissance of Metz, Monweiler and Merzig area. 9 a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs each. 3 a/c acted as escort. Over area: 1640-1740. 2 bombs dropped on RR tracks and bridge at L-1709 - 2 direct hits on tracks. 4 bombs on locomotive and 10 cars in M/Y at Luben. 4 direct hits destroyed locomotives and the 10 cars. 4 bombs destroyed 4 motor transport at L-1302, Oberscholtz. 8 bombs on M/Y at Mettalch, L-1701. 4 bombs cut the tracks and the other 4 bombs destroyed 1 locomotive and 12 cars. 1 M/T strafed and destroyed at L-1908; 5 M/T destroyed by strafing at Saarburg, L-1504. 1 large oil

dump hit in same area and fires from dump and fires were seen to spread to town. Strafed M/G positions at L-1701. Flak: light and heavy flak at all targets. Light and heavy flak from Hettalek, L-1701 to Saarbourg, L-1504. RR cars with guns at L-1709 - number unknown. 1 plane damaged by flak; Category AC. 2 planes and 2 pilots missing (Lt Mann, and Lt Shantz). Lt Mann was last seen smoking and heading for home at a point 6 miles S of Thionville. Nothing is known about Lt. Shantz. Down 1815.

B. (i) 60 P-47s dispatched.

(ii) 12 A/C completed mission escorting B-26s attacking 49065/89.
8 A/C completed mission escorting B-26s attacking RR bridges over Moselle River at Bremms.
12 A/C dropped 24 bombs on briefed point on V-6719.
11 A/C dropped 22 bombs on bridge at point NE of Trier.
1 A/C dropped 2 bombs on train with 15 flat cars at L-9067.
9 A/C dropped 18 bombs as follows;
2 bombs on RR tracks and bridge at L-1709
4 bombs on locomotives and cars in M/Y at Luben.
4 bombs on motor transport at L-1302, Oberscheltz.
8 bombs on M/Y at Hettalch, L-1701.
3 A/C acted as escort.

(iii) 4 A/C abortive, due to weather.

(iv) 2 P-47s missing. P-47D-15RA- 42-76270 and P-47D-26RA - 42-28291, cause, flak.

(v) Nil

(vi) 1 P-47D 42-8541, hit by flak, pilot bailed out, at a point 30 miles east of St Dizier.

(vii) 6 A/C damaged; 4 a/c category "A"; 1 a/c cat. "AC" damaged by flak. 1 a/c engine quite and pilot bellied a/c in at a point 6 to 8 miles from base - Cat."B" damage.

(viii) 56

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 123:40
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 144,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 11,560 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) 7,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

F. (i) 66 GP 500 lb bombs dispatched. Fuzed, tail, M113, 4-5".
(ii) 66 GP 500 lb bombs expended as follows;
24 bombs on briefed point on V-6719
22 bombs on bridge at point NE of Trier
2 bombs on train and 15 cars at L-9067
18 bombs dropped as follows; 2 bombs on RR tracks and bridge at L-1709; 4 bombs on locomotives and cars in M/Y at Luben; 4 bombs on motor transport at L-1302, Oberscholtz; and 8 bombs on M/Y at Mettalch, L-1701.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. a) Edward S. Shantz, 2nd Lt., 0-766728 MIA.
b) Russell E. Mann, 2nd Lt., 0-822222 MIA.

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 1. Military Transportation,
a) Destroyed, 10

3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 3

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 37

5. Bridges,
a) Destroyed, 1

11. Railroads cut, 2

For the Group commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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Headquarters 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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18 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: 26 SOS.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 91 for the period ending Sunset 15 October 1944.

Operation No.: 76, Mission # 51-2 (Opflash #1 to #3).

4. A. 10 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0848 to cut RR at L-6719 in vicinity of Oberstein. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area 0915-0945. Squadron contacted Ripsaw who vectored them to their briefed point. They cut the RR tracks at two points, L-7123 and L-7425 with 10 direct hits and 10 near misses. 4 buildings were also destroyed at these points. Flak: weak, inaccurate, heavy at 7-9957, 4 miles east of Metz. No e/a. Down 1040.
12 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0905 on armed reconnaissance of Metz to Merzig area. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs, and 6 of the a/c also carried one P and PW (Leaflet) bombs. Over area: 0935-1020. Armed reconnaissance flown, but solid overcast made bombing impossible. P and PW bombs dropped through lone break in overcast between U-858455 and U-865415. 3 seen to open, others not observed. 1 jet propelled aircraft observed flying above and behind formation at 15,000 ft heading west. Down 1100.

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12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0857 to go on armed reconnaissance of Trier, Cochen, Simmern area and to cut RR at L-5101. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 0940-1030. 10/10 overcast. Bombed at M/Y at Obr Lahnstein, L-9190, 5 miles S of Koblenz. 16 bombs dropped and strafed area. All 16 bombs in M/Y and 2 tank cars seen to explode. 8 bombs on string of 8-10 barges in river at same point. No hits observed. Silver objects, size of baseballs seen passing our a/c in vicinity of L-6550. Believed to be "Window" being dropped by heavy bombers. Our a/c at 8,000 ft at the time these were seen. Flak: moderate, inaccurate, light at L-4030, 14 S of Trier. Down 1104.

B. (i) 34 P-47s dispatched.

(ii) 10 A/C bombed and cut RR tracks, at L-7123 and L-7425.
12 A/C completing mission on armed reco of Metz to Merzig area; 6 a/c dropped P and Pw bombs (leaflets) between U-858453 and U-865415.
12 A/C bombed at M/Y at Obr Lahnstein, L-9190, 5 miles S of Koblenz.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 34

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 73:35
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 81,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 7,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 68 GP 500 lb bombs dispatched.
6 P and Pw (Leaflet) bombs dispatched.
(ii) 44 GP 500 lb bombs expended as follows;

20 bombs dropped and cut RR tracks, at L-7123 and L-7425.
16 bombs dropped in M/Y at Obr Lahnstein, L-9190, 5 miles S of Koblenz.
8 bombs dropped on string of 8-10 barges in river at L-9190.

6 P and P. (Leaflet) bombs dropped between U-858453 and U 865415.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
24 GP 500 lb bombs returned to base, because solid overcast made bombing impossible.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 4. Railroad cars (tank),
a) Destroyed, 2

9. Buildings,
a) Destroyed, 4

10. Railroads Cut, 1

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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19 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 16 October 1944.

2. Oprep No. 92.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph Grazis
JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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19 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 17 October 1944.

2. Oprep No. 93.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Grazis
JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
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19 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 18 October 1944.

2. Oprep No. 94.

For the Group commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
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20 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 19 October 1944.

2. Oprep No. 95.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Brazis

JOSEPH J. BRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
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21 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 96 for the period ending Sunset 20 October 1944.

Operation No.: 81, Missions X 51-3; X 51-1 and 51-4.

4. A. 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0905 to cut railroad at ⌐-9893 in vicinity of Kaiserslautern and conduct armed reconnaissance of this area. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 0955-1010. 1 abortive: mechanical (tail wheel). 20 bombs dropped on targets, 2 jettisoned E of Kaiserlautern, and 2 returned to base. Ripsaw was contacted and he said target had 10/10s cloud coverage, but squadron found a hole and bombed 8 miles E of Kaiserlautern at R-1298, scoring 2 direct hits, and 12 near misses resulting in the cutting of tracks in several places. A cement RR bridge at R-1892 was attacked, but no direct hits were observed; however, the tracks 100 yds short of the bridge were cut. No e/a seen. Flak: weak, inaccurate, heavy at Saarbrucken, ⌐-4571. Weather: 10/10 with low scud at 1000 ft. Down 1121.

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11 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0850 to go on armed reconnaissance and cut railroad lines. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over target area: 0935-1020. 20 bombs dropped on targets and 2 returned to base. 6 bombs on Kunhm, L-7084 (RR) - no hits. 8 bombs on RR at Polin, L-7089 - 2 rails cut in two places, and 2 hits on road east of RR. 1 building destroyed on east edge of RR. RR bridge damaged by near miss and RR station strafed. 6 bombs on RR at L-8396, between Ossenheim and Rubenach, 4 direct hits on tracks, with 2 cutting main line and 2 in M/Y which caused large explosion followed by black smoke. No e/a seen. Flak: weak, inaccurate, heavy in vicinity of L-9070. Weather: 10/10 cloud. Down 1115.

11 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1234 to conduct armed reconnaissance of Bitchie, Hagenau, Landau area. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1320-1400. 21 bombs dropped on targets and 1 returned to base because of failure to release. 2 bombs on 3 barges pulled by tug, R-2833, in Rhine River. 2 barges destroyed. Tug was strafed and fire and steam were seen to rise from it. 5 tank cars strafed and destroyed at R-1223 - cars were believed to be empty. 2 bombs on 15 box cars and strafing at R-3827 resulting in cutting of rails and damaging of cars. 1 locomotive attached to train at R-3028 strafed and destroyed. 1 bomb dropped on train at R-0426 which was also strafed and destroyed. 5 bombs on M/Y at R-2127; 4 hits on buildings on edge and 1 in M/Y. 3 trains in M/Y strafed and 10 passenger cars probably destroyed. 1 locomotive destroyed and strafing at R-3344. 8-10 cars and locomotive destroyed by strafing at R-1323. 15 freight cars and 1 locomotive bombed and strafed at R-2126. 11 bombs dropped and 6 near misses observed. 12 barges seen at R-2833 in Rhine River heading SW. 1 RR bridge over Rhine seen intact at R-2728 with pontoon bridge alongside. Much barge traffic seen in same vicinity and much rail traffic on east side of Rhine. No e/a seen. Flak: weak, inaccurate, light at R-3340, and intense, inaccurate, light at R-2728. 1 a/c damaged by flak: Cat AC. Down 1433.

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B. (i) 34 P-47s dispatched.

(ii) 10 A/C bombed railroad 8 miles S of Kaiserlautern at R-1298.
10 A/C bombed RR at Polin, L-7089, Munhm, L-7084 (RR), RR at L-8396, between Ossenheim and Rubenach.
11 A/C bombed barges at R-2833; bombed RR and tank cars at R-1223; bombing on box cars and cutting of rails at R-3827; bombed train at R-0426; bombed M/Y at R-2127; locomotive and freight cars bombed at R-2126.

(iii) 3 A/C abortive, due to
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 1 mechanical, tail wheel.
d) 2 a/c failure to release bombs over targets.

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47 damaged by flak: Cat. AC.
(viii) 33

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 79:30
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 81,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 9,720 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 68 GP 500 lb bombs dispatched, fuzed, M113(4-5").
(ii) 61 GP 500 lb bombs expended as follows;
20 bombs dropped on railroad 8 miles S of Kaiserlautern at R-1298.
6 bombs on Munhm, L-7084,(RR).
8 bombs on RR at Polin, L-7089.
6 bombs on RR at L-8396.
2 bombs on 3 barges pulled by tug, R-2833.
2 bombs on 15 box cars at R-3827
1 bomb on train at R-0426.
5 bombs on M/Y at R-2127.
11 bombs on freight cars and locomotive at R-2126.

(iii) 2 GP 500 lb bombs jettisoned, A of Kaiserlautern.
(iv) Nil
5 GP 500 lb bombs returned to base.

G. Nil.

H. (1) Nil.

I. 3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 5

4. Railroad cars and tanks,
a) Destroyed, 30
b) Probably destroyed, 10
c) Damaged, 15

5. Bridges,
a) Damaged, 1

9. Buildings,
b) Probably destroyed, 4
c) Damaged, 1

10. Railroads cut, 13 places.

12. Barges and Tug,
a) Destroyed, 3

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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Headquarters 358TH Fighter Group 037
A.P.O 141 U.S. Army

22 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: 26 SOU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 97 for the period ending Sunset 21 October 1944.

Operation No.: 82, Mission No. 51-1 (opflash #1, #2 and #3).

4. A. 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1315 to go on armed reconnaissance of area from Saarlauter to Saarbrucken. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over target areas: 1340-1420. Weather in Metz area was very bad with a solid overcast. Squadron then flew to Nancy where it contacted Ripsaw on "C" channel. Ripsaw then ordered them to contact "Pailful" on "C" channel, but squadron could not receive him. Weather was so bad in that area that leader decided to bring squadron back to base. All bombs were returned. No e/a. No flak. Weather: 10/10 with base at 2000 ft and visibility 1/2 mile. Down 1450.

12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1330 to go on armed reconnaissance of Saarlauter and Trier area and to cut rails at L-4312. 1 a/c aborted due to radio trouble. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over target areas: 1400-1445. 18 bombs on train

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consisting of locomotive and 15 freight cars heading west in M/Y at L-2838. Train was also strafed. 2 direct hits on train, with 2 on rails, and 10 near misses. Entire train and locomotive claimed destroyed. 4 bombs on railroad fill at a point near L-3748. 4 direct hits observed and tracks were cut. No e/a. Flak: weak, inaccurate, heavy at Trier. 2 bombs returned to base. Down 1552.

12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1307 to dive bomb RR at L-3101 and conduct armed reconnaissance of Trier-Koblenz area. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. 1 a/c aborted due to radio trouble. - 2 bombs returned to base. Over area: 1358-1500. 1 a/c had near miss on RR bridge at L-2335. 1 a/c hit and destroyed small RR beidge 400 yds to the NE of aforementioned bridge. 2 a/c bombed small M/Y at Ahrana resulting in 2 railways being cut. 4 a/c bombed tunnel at L-2637. RR cut at west entrance by a direct hit and 2 hits observed on tunnel roof. Strafed small town and left it smoking. Light flak positions in area strafed. 3 a/c bombed RR tracks and buildings at Clotten (L-6164). RR was cut by direct hit and near miss. Flak was received from nearby wooded area and this area was strafed. No e/a. Flak: moderate, inaccurate, light at L-6164 and weak, inaccurate, light at L-2637. Down 1542.

B. (i) 36 P-47s dispatched.

(ii) 11 A/C bombed train consisting of locomotive and 15 freight cars; and bombed railroad fill at a point near L-3748.
1 A/C bombed RR bridge at L-2335.
1 A/C bombed small bridge near L-2335.
2 A/C bombed small M/Y at Ahrana.
4 A/C bombed tunnel at L-2637.
3 A/C bombed RR tracks and buildings at Clotten (L-6164).

(iii) 14 A/C abortive, due to:-
a) weather, 12
b) Nil
c) 2 radio.

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 35

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 79:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 86,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 7,680 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 72 GP 500 lb bombs, fuzed, Nil3 (4-5").

(ii) 44 GP 500 lb bombs expended as follows;
18 bombs on train consisting of locomotive and 15 freight cars heading in (west, M/Y at L-2838.
4 bombs on railroad fill at a point near L-3748.
2 bombs, near miss on RR bridge at L-2335.
2 bombs hit and destroyed small RR bridge 400 yds to NE of L-2335.
4 bombs on small M/Y at Ahrana.
8 bombs on tunnel at L-2637.
6 bombs on RR tracks and buildings at Glotten (L-6164).

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
28 GP 500 lb bombs returned to base.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 1

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 15

5. Bridges,
a) Destroyed, 1

11. Railroads cut, 4

17. Railroad fill, damaged.

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. [illegible],
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

4. [illegible] 50 B-17s of 100th Bomber Group (11 s/a from 95th squadron, 9 s/a from 350th squadron, 10 s/a from 351st squadron) dispatched to [illegible] to attack an bridge at U-867960. 1 s/a abortive - mechanical. Over target: 10/10-10000. [illegible] a/c carried 6 X 1000 lb bombs. 30 bombs on targets; 6 jettisoned and 4 returned to base. 16 bombs on bridge near [illegible]etz, of which 6 bombs on N. end of bridge and 8 on S. end, but effect of damage unknown. 6 bombs on tracks north of bridge and 2 on tracks at U-868960. [illegible] destroyed 2 buildings north of [illegible] 862962. 6 bombs on double [illegible] 900938. 2 direct hits reported on buildings, the tracks in three places. Eight FW 190s and 1 squadron to attack N/Y through hole in cloud at U-857830. 10 bombs on 10 box cars in yards, all cars destroyed. 4 to 6 88m. gun positions along tracks strafed and destroyed. 3 bombs jettisoned. 6 a/c not bombing because of weather. 4 bombs returned; 2 because of bomb

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release failure and on aborting aircraft. Flak. [illegible] inaccurate, heavy at target, 2 aircraft out of formation. Intense, fairly light at 1-[illegible]50.00, S. corner of Metz. Weak, inaccurate, [illegible] at 1-870[illegible], light, inaccurate, heavy at 1-[illegible]00, [illegible], accurate, light at 1-[illegible]. 1 a/c damaged by flak, set. [illegible] port [illegible].

7. (i) 50 a/c [illegible] sections.

(ii) 8 a/c bombed bridge near Metz; [illegible] of bridge, and trucks at 1-[illegible]70, and buildings north of bridge at 1-862562.
5 a/c bombed M/Y south of 1-[illegible]603, and attacked 4 to 6 20cm gun positions.
18 a/c bombed double AA tracks at 1-[illegible] and 1-890540; and bridge [illegible] at 1-861561.

(iii) 5 a/c abortive, due to:-
a) 3 a/c weather
b) 2 a/c mechanical; 1 tachometer; 1 bomb failure release.

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 a/c damaged by flak, set. [illegible].
(viii) 50

8. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

9. (i) 56:00
(ii) Nil

10. (i) 72,000 rds. .50 caliber ammunition.
(ii) 11,200 rds. .50 caliber ammunition.
(iii) Nil

11. (i) 60 GP 1000 lb bombs dispatched.

(ii) 50 GP 1000 lb bombs expended as follows;
16 bombs on bridge near Metz, and trucks north of bridge and trucks at 1-[illegible]857, and buildings north of bridge at 1-862562.
10 bombs on M/Y south of 1-357603.
24 bombs on double AA tracks at 1-[illegible] and 1-890540 and tracks at 1-[illegible].

[illegible] 000 lt bombs jettisoned, because of
[illegible] either.

[illegible] 1000 lt bombs returned to base.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

4. [illegible],
   a) destroyed, 2

5. Gun emplacements,
   a) destroyed, 6

6. Factories and buildings,
   a) destroyed, 2

11. Railroads cut,
    a) destroyed, in 2 places.

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

[illegible]
[illegible],
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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Hq, 358th Fighter Group
APO 141
U.S. Army

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25 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: 26 SOU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-6, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 23 October 1944.

2. Oprep No. 99.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH E. [illegible],
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS [illegible] AIR FORCE 027
APO 141 U.S. ARMY

25 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: AG 530.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 24 October 1944.

2. Oprep. 100.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. [illegible],
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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Headquarters 368 F. Fighter Group
APO 141 U.S. Army

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26 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Opns.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: AC/S.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, IXth Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 28 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 25 October 1944.

2. Operations No. 101.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Hall,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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...ctober 1944.

Subject: Oper.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth ... ...ce,
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Commanding General, ...th Bomber ... Command (Rear),
...tt: ...ht Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter ...,
...tt: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force ...mo 33—, dated 2... ...er 1944, the follo...ing report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oper...o. 152 for the period ending Sunset 28 October 1944.
Operation No. 87, ...ission A 51-1.

4. ... 48 P-47s of the 358th Fighter Group (16 a/c from each squadron) dispatched at 1047 to attack AA bridge at L-420180. 32 a/c carried 2 GP 1000 lb bombs each, and 16 a/c acted as escort. Over target area: 1150-1225. 1 bomb jettisoned accidently by 367th squadron and all the rest of the bombs were returned to base. Jipsaw 3 vectored squadron to target, but bade weather made it impossible to see target. ...eather was so bad all along route that no attacks on targets of opportunity were possible. Flak: weak, inaccurate, heavy at L-4218. 1 jet-propelled a/c, type unknown, observed in target area at L-4218 at 1212 hours climbing away from our formation at 15,000 - 20,000 ft. Estimated speed was at 400 plus mph. ...eather: 10/10 with

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[illegible]

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, [illegible] Air Force.
Att: Ld SOS.
Commanding General, 48th Tactical Air Support Group,
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, [illegible] Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 29 Jan 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending [illegible] October 1944.

2. Oprep No. 103.

For the Group Commander:

[illegible]
[illegible] D. [illegible],
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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d -/- b[illegible] /Y at [illegible]
8 -/- [illegible]
1 -/- [illegible] 2 [illegible]
at L-4129.
4 -/- str[illegible] at L-817.
2 -/- str[illegible] /Y at [illegible], L-8[illegible].
1 -/- [illegible] at [illegible], L-[illegible].
1 -/- [illegible] at [illegible], [illegible].
1 -/- [illegible] at [illegible], [illegible] 6
/Y, [illegible]
1 -/- [illegible] at /Y.
1 [illegible]
(iv) 1[illegible],
(v) 1[illegible].
(vi) 1 [illegible] L-[illegible].
(vii) 1 [illegible]; 1 [illegible].
(viii) 6[illegible].
(i) [illegible].
(ii) [illegible].
(i) [illegible]
(ii) [illegible]
(iii) [illegible]
(i) 216,000 (50 calibre [illegible])
(ii) 37,931 (50 calibre [illegible])
(iii) 2400 (50 calibre [illegible])
(i) 40 x 260 lb frags.
32 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 4-5 second delay.
14 x 1000 lb GP bombs fused instantaneously
28 x 1000 lb GP bombs fused 1/10-1/40.
32 x 1000 lb GP bombs fused 8-11 seconds.
(ii) 24 x 1000 lb GP bombs on [illegible] bridge at L-420180.
8 x 1000 lb GP bombs on -/Y at [illegible].
14 x 1000 lb GP bombs on bridge at L-524017
2 x 1000 lb GP bombs on train in -/Y at [illegible].
8 x 1000 lb GP bombs on [illegible] bridge at [illegible].
8 x 260 frags on [illegible]erzig, L-2[illegible].
8 x 260 frags on Dierfield, [illegible].
6 x 260 frags on Bogstahl, L-3[illegible].
8 x 260 frags on [illegible] /Y at Ahalle., [illegible].
8 x 500 lb GP bombs on [illegible] at [illegible].
4 x 500 lb GP bombs on [illegible] at L-[illegible].
4 x 500 lb GP bombs on train at [illegible].
16 x 500 lb GP bombs on [illegible] /Y at [illegible].
16 x 1000 lb GP bombs on bridge at L-420180.
16 x 1000 lb GP bombs on town at [illegible], Wittlich.
(iii) 2 x 260 frags returned to base by abortive.
(i) Nil.
(i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

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[illegible]

1. [illegible] destroyed.
2. [illegible] destroyed [illegible] damaged.
3. [illegible] destroyed [illegible] damaged.
4. [illegible] destroyed [illegible] damaged
5. [illegible] destroyed
6. [illegible] destroyed
7. [illegible] damaged.
8. [illegible] damaged.

[illegible] answer:

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 12/3
[illegible]

[illegible] 2 Nov 1:44.

[illegible]:

[illegible]

1. [illegible]

2. [illegible]

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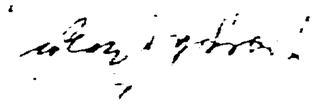

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HEADQUARTERS 358th FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. ARMY 6 NOV 1944 GE/3

4 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: AC/S, G-3.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, I Bomber Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 29 Mar 194-, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep no. 106 for the period ending Sunset 1 November 1944. Operation No. 73, Mission VUL - 2 and Mission # 51-3.

4. a. 16 P-47's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1310 to bomb Gun batteries from ↙-455067 to ↙-455070. Each A/C carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs. Squadron could not contact "Limber". 24 bombs on two small patches of woods at briefed target point. Guns not in open fields surrounding woods, but one flash seen in woods. 24 hits well concentrated on woods 5 bombs on small M/Y at Hermelingen, ↙-4608, 2 hits on spur tracks. No E/A encountered. 1 jet A/C seen flying at 20,000 feet going west from Nancy. Flak: moderate, inaccurate, at ↙-4005, meager, inaccurate, heavy at ↙-2001, moderate, inaccurate, heavy V-5040. Our troops in convoy seen going into Rechicourt ↙-3306, saw stars on vehicles. 1 of our A/C aborted mechanical trouble. 1 A/C damaged by flak, category "AC". Down 1515.

16 P-47's of 367th Squadron each A/C carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs dispatched at 1310 on armed recon, Zweibrucken, Landau, Haguenau, Sarrabourg, and to bomb Supply Depot at Saaraguamines, ↙-5649. Time over target 1415-1435. Squadron bombed supply depot at Sarrgeumines ↙-5649, getting 15 direct hits and 1 near miss on warehouses and barracks. Huge fire started with black and white smoke up to 3000 feet. At least 12 warehouses and barracks destroyed. M/Y at Sarreguemines which had 3 main line tracks also bombed, 8 direct hits on M/Y resulting in claims of 1 engine destroyed, 50 cars destoyed, 30 cars damaged and tracks cut in at least 8 places. 1 heavy van destroyed by strafing at ↙-3352, 10 miles SE Saarbrucken. 1 engine and 10 cars damaged by strafing at ↙-5739, 20 miles SE Saarbrucken. 7 industrial buildings bombed at ↙-5070, 7 miles SE Saarbrucken, 2 direct and 6 near misses claims of 4 buildings destroyed. Staff car destroyed

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a. A. Continued:
by strafing at ~0444, 10 miles SE Metz. 20 [illegible] gun and crew destroyed by strafing at ~0545, 12 miles SE Metz. 1 engine destroyed by strafing ~515505, Saareguemines No E/A encountered. Flak: moderate, accurate heavy at Metz; intense, inaccurate light at Saareguemines. Weather: over target CAVU; 2 ME-262, flying at 18,000 to 20,000 ft, 1530 hours, 8 miles S of Metz, going NW. Time down 1549. 2 of our A/C damaged by flak, category "A", 1 category "B" crash landed.

16 P-47's of 366th Squadron each A/C carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs dispatched at 1336 on armed recconn., Zweibrucken, Landau, Hagenau, Sarrabourg, and to bomb Supply depot at Saaraguemines, ~5649. Time over target 1430-1500. 2 bombs dropped on target at ~5649, 1 direct hit observed on buildings and 1 on tracks cutting rails. 12 bombs dropped on large factory at ~5548, 10 direct hits and 2 very near misses observed. Most of factory at ~5548 believed destroyed. 2 bombs dropped on RR junction at ~5447, 2 direct hits observed cutting rails. 10 bombs dropped on town of Wittsungen at ~5751 causing tremendous fires. No E/A encountered. Lt. McCowan hit by flak in vicinity of ~5555 and heard over R/T asking for help. Believed to be injured personally. Crash landed on one of our strips seriously wounded. 1 of our A/C damaged by flak Category "A" and one Category "B". Flak: Heavy and light weak inaccurate at ~5852, also in area 15 miles East and West from ~5053 a continuous belt of heavy moderate inaccurate flak. Time down. 1555.

b. (i) 48 P-47's dispatched.

(ii) 12 A/C bombed two small patches of woods at briefed target point
3 A/C bombed small M/Y at Merzelingen, ~4800.
8 A/C bombed supply dump at Saargeumines, ~5649.
4 A/C bombed M/Y at Saareguemines.
2 A/C strafed 1 heavy van at ~5352, 10 miles SE of Saarbrucken.
6 A/C strafed 1 engine and 10 cars at ~5737, 14 miles SE of Saarbrucken.
6 A/C bombed 7 industrial buildings at ~5648, 4 miles SE Saarbrucken.
2 A/C strafed staff car at ~0444, 10 miles SE of Metz.
4 A/C strafed 20MM gun and crew at ~0545, 12 miles SE of Metz.
4 A/C strafed 1 engine at ~515505, Saareguemines.
1 A/C bombed target at ~5649.
6 A/C bombed large factory at ~5548.
4 A/C bombed R.R. junction at ~5447.
5 A/C bombed town of Wittsungen at ~5751.

(iii) 1 A/C abortive, hydraulic leaks.

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[redacted] 838th [redacted] Sqdn [redacted] /3
APO 141 [redacted] Army

4 Nov 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear), Attn: 26 OU
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attn: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, a negative report is submitted for Oprep No.109, dated 2 Nov 1944.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. [redacted],
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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SUBJECT: O, rep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: AC/S G-2.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 95-8, the following report is submitted for November 1944.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. O, rep no. 111.

Operation no.: 96, Mission no. A 51-1 (Opflash #1, 2 and 3).

4. A. 16 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1308 to escort B-26s bombing target at L-195380. Plan B (1), R/V at target for area support. Bombers in good formation, bombed through overcast, NAO. Flew at 14,000 feet, could not contact bombers but contacted Ripsaw "B". No E/A encountered. Flak: Over target heavy, accurate, intense. Over target 1350-1430. Down 1520.

12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1405 to escort B-26s attacking Saarbolder (L-70[illegible]). Time with bombers 1443-1516. Squadron R/V with B-26s at [illegible] hours at 12,000 feet. Briefed course was flown and mediums bombed on time through an overcast and no observation was made. Squadron contacted Ripsaw [illegible] all during the mission and bomber call sign "Hatchman" was used to contact the bomber group. Squadron left bombers at 1516 hours. No E/A encountered. Flak: Moderate, inaccurate, heavy at L-4590, 14 miles North of Trier. Weather: Over target, 10/10 clouds, 4 to 14,000 ft., above excellent, below moderate. Time [illegible] 1600.

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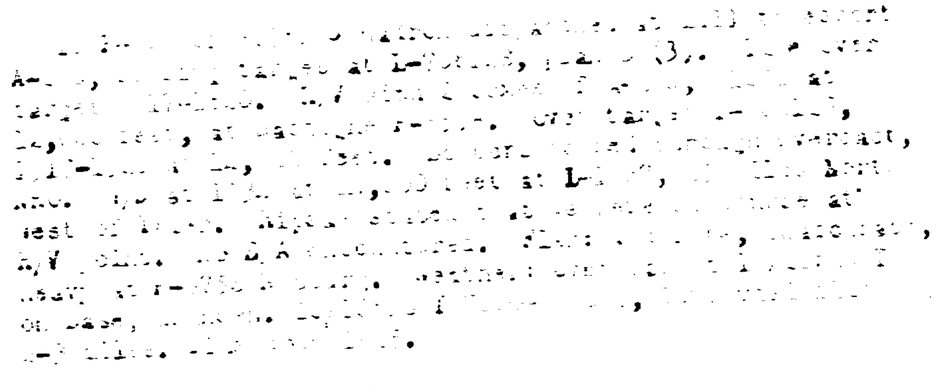

E. (i) [illegible]
(ii) [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) --

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 97:30
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 105,000 rds. (.30 caliber ammunition)
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
((iv) Nil

G. (i) Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
((iv) Nil

I. Nil

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GILLIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

S E C R E T

Subject: Opns.

To : Commanding Officer, [illegible]
Attn: Asst S-2(Ops).
Commanding Officer, [illegible]
Attn: Asst S-2(Ops).
Commanding General, [illegible]
Attn: Asst S-2(Ops).

1. In compliance with [illegible], the following Operational Report is submitted for [illegible].

2. From: 366th Fighter Group.

3. Oper. No. 122.
Operation No.: 7T, Classification: A part (Phases 1, 2, and 3).

4. A. 16 P-47s of 366th Fighter Squadron dispatched at 1100 to escort B-26s at [illegible] (attacking Coblenz). Time over target 1322-1326. 3 squadron A/V with 2 box B-26s 1/4 mi Trier, 1-3150, 13,000 feet. No results observed on bombing because of overcast. Altimeters 29.92, castings 29.92, 14,000 feet. No E/A encountered. No flak. Difficult to contact towers for a while, rockets and contrails seen at 1342, 1000, headed north east toward Liege Belgium, seemed to come from [illegible], North East Trier. Time home 1455.

16 P-47s of 366th Fighter Squadron dispatched at 1130 to escort B-26s bombing target at Coblenz, [illegible]. Time over target 1324-1415. A/V with bombers at 1-2000, 11,000 feet 1334, after they had climbed through overcast. No results observed. Could not contact either towers or "Hipsaw". First escorted B-26s but left to escort B-26s going on course. Serves as general area support and escort to B-26s leaving the area. Altimeters 29.92 feet 1415. R/T, A and B channels jammed by other groups talking to "Hipsaw" could not break in. No E/A encountered. No flak. Weather: over target 10/10 all [illegible] to A/V and return tops 10,000 feet, over base [illegible] tops 2,500. Time home 1434.

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2. [illegible] report is submitted for [illegible].

For the group Commander:

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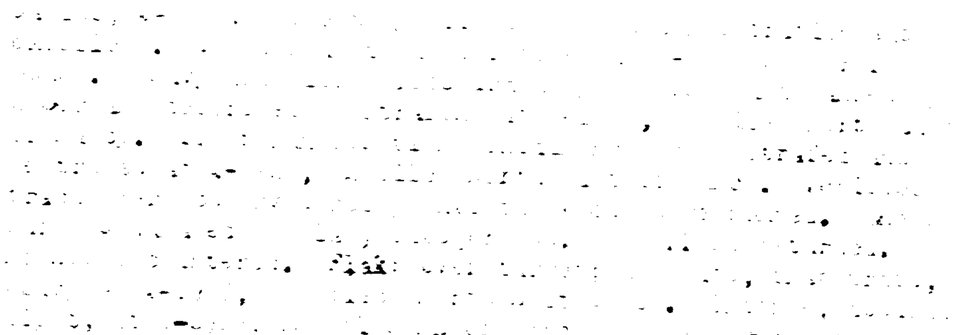
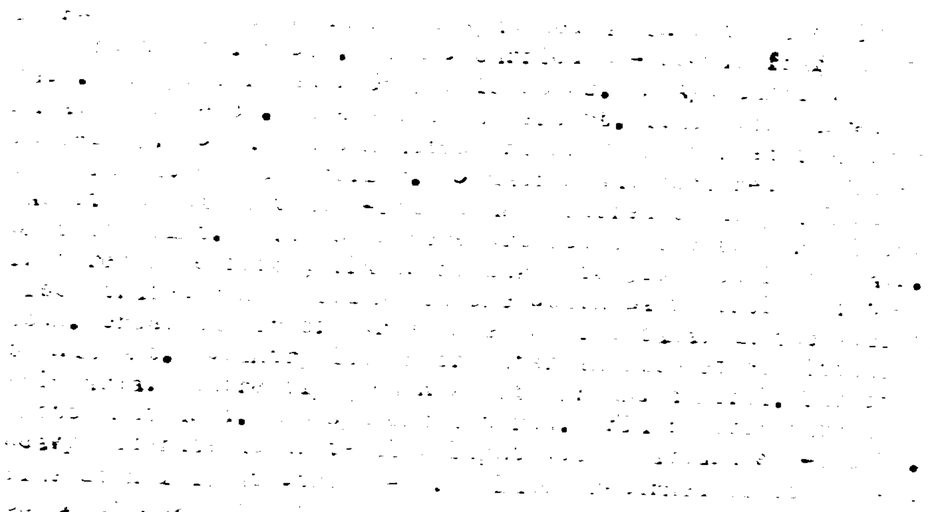


support to All Corps. [illegible] A/C carried 1 [illegible] 500 lb frag bombs each. 3 A/C carried 5 - 500 lb frag bombs each. 1 A/C carried [illegible] - 500 lb frag bombs. 4 A/C carried [illegible] - 500 lb GP bombs each. [illegible] flex as escort. Time over target [illegible]-1500. Dropped [illegible] target troop concentration in woods at [illegible]. 5 - 500 lb bombs on target, all on target in woods. Dropped [illegible] in woods at [illegible] Chateau Salins, only seen to explode. Drawing light and heavy fire from area [illegible]. In woods at [illegible] Chateau Salins. 10 frag [illegible] target area. 1 frag jettisoned at [illegible] encountered. Flak: Meager, inaccurate, light at [illegible]. Light, inaccurate, at [illegible]. Heavy, moderate, inaccurate at [illegible]. 4 flights of planes landed at Istres [illegible] returned from A-3. in A pm November 4th. Time [illegible].



(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) [illegible] damaged by fire, [illegible].
(viii) Nil

J. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) [illegible]
(ii) Nil

E. (i) [illegible] rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 49,512 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 48 GP 500 lb bombs,
72 - 260 lb Frag bombs,
24 Napalm (Firebombs, 150 gallon type.

(ii) 8 GP 500 lb bombs dropped at V-775379 in trenches and gun positions in wooded area.
3 NAPALM bombs dropped on troop emplacements in trench and fox holes at V-780760.
12 Frag bombs at V-994966, in woods of troop activity.
8 GP 500 lb bombs dropped the South edge of the [illegible] Salins, V-0928.
12 Frag bombs dropped on the South edge of the forest of Castex Salins, at V-0928.
2 Napalm bombs dropped on two German tanks at V-[illegible].
3 Napalm bombs were dropped in North East edge of [illegible], V-[illegible].
12 Frag bombs were dropped in North East edge of woods at V-[illegible].
8 GP 500 lb bombs were dropped in woods at V-[illegible].

[illegible] bombs on troop concentrations in the area at [illegible].
[illegible] bombs dropped in woods at [illegible] Enemy killed.
11 frag and 12 demo bombs dropped in woods at [illegible] Enemy killed.
3 frag-20s 12 demo bombs dropped in town at [illegible].
[illegible] 500 lb bombs dropped in town at [illegible].
4 napalm bombs dropped in town at [illegible].
4 frag-20s [illegible] dropped in woods at [illegible].
[illegible] 500 lb bombs dropped in wooded area at [illegible].
12 frag 260-lb bombs dropped in wooded area at [illegible].
4 napalm bombs dropped in [illegible] area at [illegible], [illegible]
west bank.

(iii) 4 napalm (fire bombs) [illegible].
4 frag 20s in [illegible] petroleum, at [illegible].

(iv) Nil
[illegible].

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a/ Destroyed, 2
2. Armored tanks,
a/ Destroyed, 2
6. Gun emplacements,
a/ Destroyed, 5
13. Horse drawn vehicles, heavy,
a/ Destroyed, 1
17. 4 horses and 6 Germans destroyed.

Other results are unknown because bombs were dropped in woods
in troop concentrations.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Gr[illegible],
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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[illegible]

[illegible] carried [illegible] 500 lb bombs each. [illegible] carried [illegible] Frag 260 lb bombs each. [illegible] "Flaby" sent to "Armoured". Armoured vectored [illegible] due to overcast, could not find target. [illegible] on road at [illegible], destroyed 2 trucks, 1 armd car. [illegible] but in a place at [illegible]. Flak not [illegible] of enemy activity observed. Flak light, [illegible] at [illegible]. One of our [illegible] missing, last at [illegible]. [illegible] over target 1550-1610.

4 P-47's of 365th Squadron dispatched at [illegible] close support to 6th Armored Division. [illegible] 500 lb bombs each. [illegible] carried [illegible] Frag 260 lb bombs each. Time over target 1550-1610. Squadron could not contact "Liver". "Flaby" vectored Squadron to 2 tanks well camouflaged by trees and branches at [illegible] which were proceeding South West of woods. [illegible] 500 lb bombs, [illegible] direct hits, good strafing pattern, no explosions, all damaged. Attack and result reported to "Flaby". 1 Ck 500 lb bomb returned mechanical. No A/A encountered. Flak: moderate, inaccurate, light, meager, inaccurate, heavy, over target. Time down 1610.

7 A/C of 365th Squadron dispatched at [illegible] close support to 6th Armored Division. Time over target 1550-1610. 3 A/C carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs each. [illegible] 2 Frag 260 lb bombs each. Squadron contacted [illegible] vectored to tanks at [illegible], town of Nemur, [illegible] tanks, 1 horse drawn artillery piece seen, [illegible] into Bois Sensitaire woods. 6 GP 500 lb bombs [illegible] misses, 6 frags, all direct hits, resulting in [illegible] explosion. Targets heavily strafed, 4 tanks [illegible].

[redacted]

(iii) [redacted]
a/ Heat loss,
b/ Hill
c/ Mechanical, e, Gun release failure.

(iv) 1 P-47 [redacted], Missing, Cause Unknown, [redacted] 10 miles East of Metz.

(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 5 A/C damaged by flak; 2 category "AD" and 3 category "A".
(viii) 77

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 103:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 184,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 22,105 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) 2,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

F. (i) 50 GP 500 lb bombs,
76 - 260lb Frag bombs,
Fuzes, nose, M103 65
" tail, M100A2 43
" tail, M101A2 8
" tail, M113 38

(ii) 4 - 500 lb GP bombs on locomotive East of Saarbrucken [redacted] 510104.
4 - 500 lb GP bombs on L/Y at [redacted] 51055.
12 - 500 lb Frag bombs on warehouses and supply dump at [redacted] 507107.

(iii) [illegible]
& [illegible] bombing.

(iv) [illegible]

14 - 260 lb Frag bombs returned to base.

G. [illegible]

(i) [illegible]
(ii) [illegible]
(iii) [illegible]
(iv) [illegible]

I. 1. Military transportation, a/ Destroyed [illegible],
b/ Damaged [illegible]
2. Armored vehicles and tanks, a/ Destroyed 6.
3. Locomotives, a/ Destroyed 2
4. Gun emplacements, a/ Destroyed, 5
5. Buildings, a/ Destroyed 11,
b/ Probably destroyed 1,
11. Railroads cut, - tracks cut.
13. Horse drawn vehicles, a/ Destroyed 17,
17. Automatic weapons positions, a/ Destroyed, 1.

Other results unobserved.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Grazio
[illegible]
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

[illegible]

2. [illegible]

3. Opreps No. 117. For the period [illegible]
Operation No.: 102, Mission No.-2.

4. A. 12 A/C of 347th Squadron dispatched at 0830 for close support both Division in the vicinity of B-7735, [illegible] a Mousson. 4 A/C carried 2 x 500 GP bombs; 4 A/C carried 3 x 260 lb frags; 4 A/C flew as escort. [illegible] over target, 0900 - 1000. Squadron contacted Fl. [illegible] who was too weak to transmit; Flight relayed [illegible] Mi.saw was vectored on course to A-1354, five [illegible] of Faulquemont and told them to look through the [illegible] cast, Squadron turned straight and level at [illegible] through the overcast. 6 frags were jettisoned [illegible] visibility of Saarbrucken. No losses, no claims [illegible] A/A encountered. No flak encountered. [illegible] trail seen at 15,000 ft, 5 miles SE of [illegible] at 1000 hours. Weather: 5/10 cirrus, base [illegible], tops 6000 ft, visibility 1/2 mile, [illegible]. [illegible] down: 1030

B. (i) 12 P-47s
(ii) 6 A/C bombed through overcast at A-[illegible], five miles NW of Faulquemont.
4 A/C acted as escort.
(iii) 2 A/C abortive, failure to release [illegible] over target.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 12

4. (a) [illegible]
(b) [illegible]

5. (a) [illegible]
(b) [illegible]

6. (a) [illegible]
(b) [illegible]
(c) [illegible]

7. (a) [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

(b) [illegible]
[illegible]

(c) [illegible]
[illegible]

(d) [illegible]
[illegible]

(e) [illegible]

8. [illegible]

9. [illegible]

10. [illegible]

Copies through channels, to all concerned.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph Gross
Joseph J. Gallo,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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S E C R E T

[illegible] 358th Fighter Group
[illegible] A.P.O. [illegible]

30/7

23 November 1944

Subject: Oprep.

To : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attn: AC/S, G-2.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (main)
Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attn: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 118, for the period ending Sunset 11 November 1944.
Operation No.: 103, Mission OPS - 2 (Opflash #1 and #2).

4. A. 16 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1245 hours to support 6th Armored Division. 8 A/C carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs each, and 4 A/C carried 3 - 260 lb Frag bombs each. Time over target, 1325-1440. 8 GP bombs were dropped ca. 50 - 75 horse drawn artillery pieces and 33 M/T's at ↙-175345, ↙-190308 and Q-187335. Following are the claims by the bombing and strafing: 35 horse-drawn artillery pieces and 23 M/T's destroyed; 5 horse-drawn artillery pieces and 5 M/T's damaged. A few staff cars in the line-up had red crosses. Secondary roads adjacent to main roads were lined with horse-drawn artillery. Fifty plus trucks were sighted along road ↙-174334 to ↙-166338. 6 GP bombs were dropped on them and the entire column strafed, resulting in claims of 30 trucks destroyed and 10 damaged. 4 - 6 fires were observed. The 12 frag bombs were dropped ca. six 20mm gun emplacements and 8 medium tanks at ↙-255242 to Forest de Bride, destroying three gun positions and damaging all 8 tanks. The two other GP bombs were returned to base, failure to release. 4 A/C acted as escort. No E/A encountered. Flak: received; moderate, accurate, light at ↙-242243; weak, accurate, light at ↙-180350. 3 A/C damaged by flak; 2 category "AC" 1 category "A". One A/C and pilot missing, 2nd Lt. Albert L. Ligon, O-710002, KIA. P-47D-28RA- 42-28444. Our own tanks were observed at

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[illegible] 1,000 feet. Clear at base 1015 hours.

16 A/C of 366th Sq. dispatched at 1015 hours to bomb fixed reconnaissance. 8 A/C carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs each, 4-5 sec. delay; 4 A/C carried 2 frag bombs each, and the other 4 A/C carried 4 napalm (firebomb) each. 8 GP bombs were dropped on explosive factory at 3157; 6 buildings destroyed. 10 motor trucks were strafed and destroyed at [illegible], 1 flak gun strafed and destroyed at 3375. Dropped 4 GP bombs at [illegible] (Merry), destroying 2 large trucks. Dropped 4 frags and 2 GP bombs on flak positions in town and woods at 15410; 1 large fire started. Dropped 4 napalm and 2 GP bombs on flak positions in woods at 15465; 2 large fires started. 3 frags returned to base, failure to release. 2 GP bombs returned to base, A/C abortive, due to pilot failure. One Me-109 observed vicinity Barreguedres, 510370, climbing at a 45 degree angle and using jet to about 15,000 feet, flak encountered: intense, accurate, heavy on North side Ouz, 315755; intense, accurate, light at 2400; intense, accurate, light and heavy at 15465; intense flak from Vatimont to Faulgumont to Fauligny; both light and heavy flak, 070430,170500, 102556. No casualties, no A/C claims. Extremely heavy traffic on highway at [illegible], proceeding No. Down at base, 1750 hours.

3. (i) 34 P-47s dispatched (including 2 A/C on weather recon.).

(ii) 8 A/C bombed artillery pieces, horse drawn and A/T at 175345, 190368 and 187335. And on trucks sighted along road at 174334, to 166398.
4 A/C bombed 6 20mm gun emplacements and 2 medium tanks at 255242 to Forest de Bride.
7 A/C bombed explosive factory at 315755; trucks at 008445 (Merry) and flak positions in woods at 215465.
3 A/C bombed flak positions in town and woods at 15510
4 A/C bombed flak positions in woods at 215465.
4 A/C acted as escort.
2 A/C on weather reconnaissance.

(iii) 2 A/C abortive, due to:-
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 2 mechanical, 1 A/C couldn't get sufficient manifold pressure and RPM on takeoff. 1 A/C failure to release bombs.

(iv) 1 P-47D-2RA - 42-28444, missing, hit by flak, over target.

(v) Nil

(vi) Nil

(vii) 3 A/C damaged by flak; 1 Category "A". 2 category "B".

(viii) 34

E. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

F. (i) 7,445
(ii) Nil

G. (i) 52,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 11,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) 2,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

H. (i) 32 GP 500 lb bombs dispatched,
24 - 260 lb Frag bombs dispatched.
4 Napalm (Firebombs) dispatched.
(ii) 8 GP bombs were dropped on 50 - 75 horse drawn artillery pieces and 35 M/T's at [illegible],
8 GP bombs were dropped on fifty plus trucks along road [illegible] to [illegible].
12 - 260 lb Frag bombs were dropped on six 20mm gun emplacements and eight medium tanks at [illegible] to Forest de Bride.
8 GP bombs were dropped on explosive factory at [illegible],
2 GP bombs were dropped on flak positions in town and woods at [illegible].
4 GP bombs were dropped on Army at [illegible].
9 - 260 lb Frag bombs dropped on flak positions in town and woods at [illegible].
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
2 GP 500 lb bombs returned to base.
3 - 260 lb Frag bombs returned to base.

G. ALBERT L. LIGGA, 2nd Lt., 0-710002, MIA.

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

I. 1. Military Transportation, a) Destroyed 69, c) Damaged 15
2. Armored vehicles & tanks, a) Destroyed 8
6. Gun emplacements, a) Destroyed, 4 b) Probably destroyed 2, c) Damaged 3
9. Buildings, a) Destroyed 7
13. Horse drawn vehicles, a) Destroyed, 35 c) Damaged, 5

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GALLO,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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2. In compliance with [illegible] Air Force [illegible], [illegible] negative report is submitted [illegible] 1944.

3. Wprep No. 119.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. [illegible],
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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Subject: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attn: [illegible].
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, All Tactical Air Command, (Rear),
Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 54th Fighter Wing, Attn: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 1 November 1944.

2. Oprep No. 121.

For the Group Commander:

[redacted]
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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17 November 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: AG SOU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, (Rear),
Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 15 November 1944.

2. Oprep No. 122.

For the Group Commander:

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JOSEPH J. BRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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[illegible] November 1944.

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TO : Commanding General, 8th Air Force, APO 634, 20 Nov.
Commanding General, 9th Tactical Air Command (Rear).
Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, (Rear),
Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 84th Fighter Wing, Attn: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force [illegible] the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Operations Rep No. 123, for the period ending Sunset 20 November 1944.
Operation No.: A.O. 43; A.O. 45; A.O. 46. (Attach 24, 25 and 26).

4. A. 16 A/C of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1050 hours [illegible] to perform dive-bomb mission on 6 heavy guns at [illegible] to be followed by Armed Recco A. to Rhine. [illegible] A/C carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs each; 4 A/C flew as escort. However, unfavorable weather prevented both the attack on primary target and the Armed Recco, so squadron flew above overcast to Nancy, then due East to Strasbourg, and bombed A/T 2 miles N. of Strasbourg at Schiltigheim, at A-0502. Claims from this bombing are: 6 engines destroyed; 45 cars destroyed, 7 cars damaged; 7 houses destroyed, 6 [illegible] houses destroyed; 1 factory damaged. Squadron then flew on strafing mission with the following claims: at A-7902, 2 miles NE of Strasbourg, 3 trucks destroyed; at A-052040, 4 miles NE of Strasbourg, 4-88 LW guns destroyed, 2 damaged; at A-066045, 5 miles N. of Strasbourg, 1 river boat damaged; at A-03505 0, 6 miles N. of Strasbourg, 1 engine destroyed; at A-065075, 10 miles N of Strasbourg, 1 engine destroyed, 3 cars destroyed, 7 cars damaged. Time in target area was 1150 to 1210 hours. No E/A encountered; no losses, but one P-47 damaged, Cat. AC, flak. Planes landed at A-90 at 1257 hours. Weather: 8/10ths clouds, base 3,000 ft., tops 5000 ft. Another layer from 7500 to 8500 ft. Vis. below 5 to 6 miles; above 4 to 5 miles. Flak encountered: weak, inaccurate, heavy at Strasbourg; moderate, accurate, heavy at A-052040, 4 miles NE Strasbourg.

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16 A/C of [illegible] dispatched at 1050 hours from [illegible] to give cover over position at [illegible]. 12 A/C carried 2 x 500 lb A bombs each, with instantaneous fuse, and the other 4 A/C carried one 150 gal napalm container. In the target area, base to 1217 hours. All bombs dropped through overcast at point designated by Adkins. No observations. No flak or enemy aircraft encountered. No losses. One aircraft landed at A-90 at 1430 hours. Weather: 10/10, base 1500 ft, tops 4500 ft, over target; 8-9/10, base 7500 ft, tops 9000 ft, slight rain.

16 A/C of South African dispatched at 1100 hours to bomb gun positions at [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible], and to conduct reconnaissance back to the line. 12 A/C carried 2 x 500 lb A bombs, and the other 4 A/C carried one napalm bomb each. Course flown was [illegible] to target area to Metz-River to A-90. Over target area, 1310 to 1350 hours. A/C at Arzviller ([illegible]), 6 miles N of Saarbourg, bombed with 4 napalms, resulting in 12 M. cars destroyed, 4 probably destroyed, and tracks cut in three places. Bombed barges in canal at [illegible]; 2 barges destroyed and bank canal caved in. Bombed barges in canal at [illegible]; 2 barges destroyed and bank of canal caved in. One locomotive was destroyed by bombing at [illegible]. 2 Gr 500 lb bombs were returned to base, failure to release. Weak, inaccurate, light flak received at [illegible]. No E/A encountered. No A/C lost. Squadron landed at A-90 1432 hours. Weather: 9/10, bottom 600 ft, tops 1000 ft, visibility 3 miles in target area; trucks in target area from 600 to 5,000 ft.

B. (i) 50 P-47s dispatched (including 2 A/C on weather recce).

(ii) 12 A/C bombed A/F 2 miles S. of Strasbourg at Achilting-heim, A-0102. and then flew on strafing mission at A-052040, 4 miles NE of Strasbourg, at A-035050, at A-065075.
16 A/C bombed through overcast at point designated by Adkins.
14 A/C bombed A/F at Arzviller ([illegible]), 6 miles S of Saarbourg; bombed barges in canal at [illegible]; bombed barges in canal at [illegible]; bombed locomotive at [illegible].
4 A/C acted as escort.
2 A/C on weather reconnaissance.

(iii) 2 A/C abortive, due to:-
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 2 mechanical; 1 due to motor trouble, 1 failure to release bombs.

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 [illegible]
(viii) 90

J. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

K. (i) 11/10
(ii) Nil

L. (i) 1 [illegible] Nos. (90 cals. [illegible])
(ii) [illegible] Nos. (50 calibre ammunition)
(iii) Nil

P. (i) 72 - 500 lb GP bombs, fuze, nose, 11D; tail, 11D(L).
8 - Napalm bombs, (150 gal tanks used, weight 1,200 lbs).

(ii) 68 - 500 lb GP bombs,
8 - Napalm bombs,

(iii) 2 - 500 lb GP bombs jettisoned due to motor trouble.

(iv) Nil

2 - 500 lb GP bombs returned to base, failure to release.

Q. Nil

R. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

1. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 3

3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 9

4. Railroads cars,
a) Destroyed, 60
b) Probably destroyed, 4
c) Damaged, 7

6. Gun emplacements,
a) Destroyed, 4
b) Nil
c) Damaged, 2

9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 13
b) Nil

12. Vessels and barges,
a) Destroyed, 4
b) Nil
c) Damaged, 1

13. Other claims,
Canal boats carried [illegible] planes.

Soviet barrage balloons, [illegible]

For the Commander-in-Chief:

Joseph Kroger
Lieutenant Colonel,
Asst. Chief, Air Corps,
Asst. Chief of Staff.

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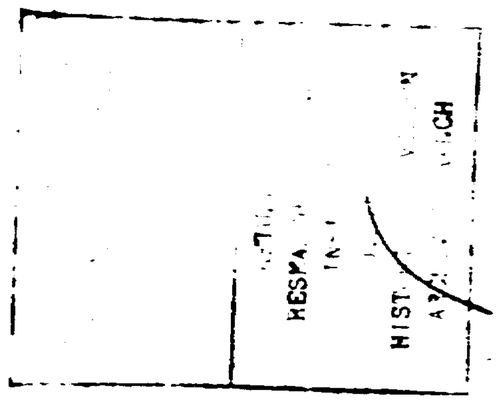

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

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2 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 77 for the period ending Sunset 1 October 1944.

Mission or Operation: Weather Reconnaissance.

4. A. 4 P-47D's of 366th Squadron, dispatched at 9:50 hours on weather reconnaissance. Down 12:15.

B. (i) 4 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 4 P-47D's completing mission on weather reconnaissance.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 4

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 9:45
(ii) Nil

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP IM7
APO 141 U.S. Army

4 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear)
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 78 for the period ending Sunset 2 October, 1944.

Operation No.: 0.0.63 Mission numbers W-51-3; W 51-4; NCH-1, and W 51-7) Opflash # 1 to # 5 inclusive).

4. A. 16 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0907 for armed reconnaissance of Sarreguemines, Bitche, Hagenau, Strasbourg, Ingwiller, Sarrelbe area. 12 a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs each, and 4 a/c acted as escort. Over area: 1015-1025. Weather (8/10 cloud with base of 3,000 ft) prevented reconnaissance of assigned area. Squadron went through a hole in the clouds SW of Sarrbrucken and bombed RR track between Forbach and Rosbruck. Squadron dropped all bombs. 1 direct hit on track at Q-370644 and 2 very near misses. No movement was noted on RR or on roads in immediate area. No e/a seen. Flak: weak, inaccurate, light from flak tower at Q-364630, approximately 8 miles SW of Saarbrucken. Down 1109.

24 P-47D's of 365th Squadron and 366th Squadron (12 a/c from each) dispatched at 0905 to attack M/Y at Hombourg. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs.

Over area: 1000-1025. Squadrons bombed through hole in clouds after they had been advised by Ripsaw that they were over target. 22 bombs on RR yards, at ⍺-716819 on N edge of Homburg. Supply dump on north edge of yards went up in flames. 1 tank car burned. 2 bombs cut RR at ⍺-6572, E of Saarbrucken. 24 bombs on yards and warehouses at ⍺-7180. 7 direct hits on 3 rows of 4 warehouses each on E side of tracks. 4 direct hits on tracks. No e/a seen. Flak: weak, accurate, light flak at ⍺-6572. R/T jamming on "A" channel at 10,000 ft. 8/10 to 10/10 cloud over target area with base at 1000 ft and tops at 12,000. Down 1130.

12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1548 to support XII Corps and attack Dug in tanks at ⍺-1817. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1625-1720. Squadron could not contact Eggcup on C or D Channel and was intercepted by Ironclad who told them to attack trucks on secondary road at U-8933, 15 miles NE of Nancy. Squadron told by Ironclad to disregard briefed target and attack these trucks. Squadron couldn't find these trucks so was given another target at U-9030 on edge of woods 12 miles NE of Nancy. All bombs dropped on this target. 2 bombs overshot target and landed in open field SW of target causing Unusual column of white smoke. Remainder of bombs fell in edge of woods. 3 Me 109's sighted at 9,000 ft above squadron at 16,000 ft in vicinity of ⍺-1010, 15 miles east of Nancy. No hostile action taken. Flak: accurate, and intense, heavy and light at U-9533. 14 miles NE of Nancy. Weak, inaccurate, light at ⍺-2721, 16 miles E of Nancy. Moderate, accurate, heavy at ⍺-2223, 16 miles E of Nancy. 1 plane damaged by flak: 1 Cat. AC. Down 1745.

11 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1705 to attack double tunnel at Teterchen, ⍺-156704. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1750-1800. Ripsaw gave squadron wrong vector and squadron dropped 20 of its bombs on marshalling yard at ⍺-1752, Kirechingen. 14 direct hits on tracks. 2 bombs were dropped on RR at ⍺-0545, east of Hansurnid. No e/a seen. Flak: moderate, inaccurate, heavy at U-8942 and ⍺-2357, St Avold. Down 1845.

11 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1706 to dive bomb tunnel entrance at ↳-156704 (20 miles NE of Metz). Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. In addition, 2 P-47D's dispatched on weather reconnaissance. Over area: 1805-1815. 10 bombs dropped on targets, 2 lost, and 10 returned to base. Squadron flew to area approximately 10 miles south of target. At 13,000 ft, at 1745 hours, Lt Nolen, (White two) and Lt Nee, (White three), collided and White 3's tail section was cut off. The ship spun and one pilot observed "something brown" to leave the ship at approximately 6000 ft. He believed this to have been Lt Nee. No chute was seen. Leader then vectored to target by Sipsaw 5. 5 a/c dropped 10 bombs on west end of tunnel. One direct hit on track at tunnel entrance. 2 hits over tunnel just in from west end. One a/c strafed locomotive and 10 box-cars, damaging several cars at ↳-148735. One a/c strafed barracks type buildings at ↳-148738. Flak: weak, inaccurate, light at ↳-130776. Down 1850.

4 a/c of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1050 hours, (on alert) to patrol area over home base. Patrol uneventful. Down 1220.

B. (i) 80 P-47D's dispatched.

(ii) 12 A/C dropped 24 bombs in target area, on RR track between Forbach and Rosbruck.

24 A/C dropped 48 bombs in target area as follows;
22 bombs on RR yards at ↳-716819 on N edge of Homburg.
2 bombs dropped and cut RR at ↳-6572, E of Saarbrucken.
24 bombs dropped on yards and warehouses at ↳-8180.

12 A/C dropped 24 bombs on target at U-9030 on edge of woods 12 miles NE of Nancy.

11 A/C dropped 22 bombs in target area as follows;
20 bombs on marshalling yard at ↳-1752, at Kirechingen.
2 bombs dropped on RR at ↳-0545, east of Hansurnid.

5 A/C dropped 10 bombs on west end of tunnel at ↳-156704.

6 A/C completing mission to attack tunnel at Tetterchen, ↳-156704.

4 A/C acted as escort.

2 A/C on weather reconnaissance.

4 A/C (on alert) patroled area over base.

E. (i) 10,500 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. (i) Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. Nil

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

1. [illegible] 7th Ftr. [illegible] Air Force [illegible]
   Group 78th Ftr [illegible] 7th Ftr Squadron [illegible] degrees
2. Specific Point [illegible] Purpose of Mission [illegible]
   Intended Destination [illegible]
3. Weather Conditions [illegible] 8/10 to 9/10 cloud, tops [illegible], visibility 5 to 10 miles
   Reported 8/10 to 9/10 cl[illegible], tops [illegible], visibility 5 to 10 miles
4. Given (a) Pilot [illegible] 175 [illegible] Position [illegible] (1709)
   of last known position of missing aircraft.
   (b) Specify whether (X) [illegible] contacted by radio;
   ( ) Forced down; ( ) Out of control; ( ) Position not available.
5. Airfield was left, [illegible] ( ) Lone Hostile Aircraft; (X)
   (Check only one) ( ) Enemy [illegible] ( ) Evasive action due to enemy
   Other circumstances as follows: [illegible] while taking evasive action due to enemy
   anti-aircraft, plane collided with another aircraft
6. Airfield: Type [illegible] Number [illegible] Name [illegible] Number [illegible]
7. Runways: Type [illegible] Number [illegible]
   (b) 11 (c) 11
8. Identification numbers (side numbers) of aircraft:
   (a) P-1 11204 P-3 [illegible] P-1 [illegible] (d) P-1 [illegible]
   (e) P-2 [illegible] P-1 [illegible] P-2 [illegible] (f) P-1 [illegible]
9. The [illegible] was [illegible] (Squadron) 11
   or (b) [illegible]
10. Number of [illegible] 1 serial [illegible] 2 [illegible] 1
    (Starting with [illegible], [illegible] Duplicate: If [illegible]
    than 15 persons [illegible] particulars on
    separate sheet [illegible]

	Name P [illegible]	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	[illegible]ee, Doyle P.	2nd Lt.	[illegible]
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10.			

11. IDENTIFY HEREON [illegible] Personnel [illegible] Aircraft [illegible] AIR-
    Plane, and Observer [illegible] FOR SAME:

Name in full (last, first, middle)	Rank	Serial No.	Pilot	Navigator	Forced landing
1. Veesk, Robert R.	2nd Lt.	O-741748	X		
2. Nolen, John E.	1st Lt	O-810650		X	
3.					

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE [illegible] ING STATEMENTS: (a) Personnel [illegible] Personnel [illegible] walking
    away from scene [illegible]; or (c) Any other [illegible] Pilot was seen to jump from aircraft at
    9,000 feet altitude, no parachute visible
13. ATTACH [illegible] WHERE AIRPLANE [illegible]
14. ATTACH [illegible] PERTAINING [illegible]
15. ATTACH [illegible] SERIAL number [illegible] Not applicable

Date of [illegible] 3 October 1944

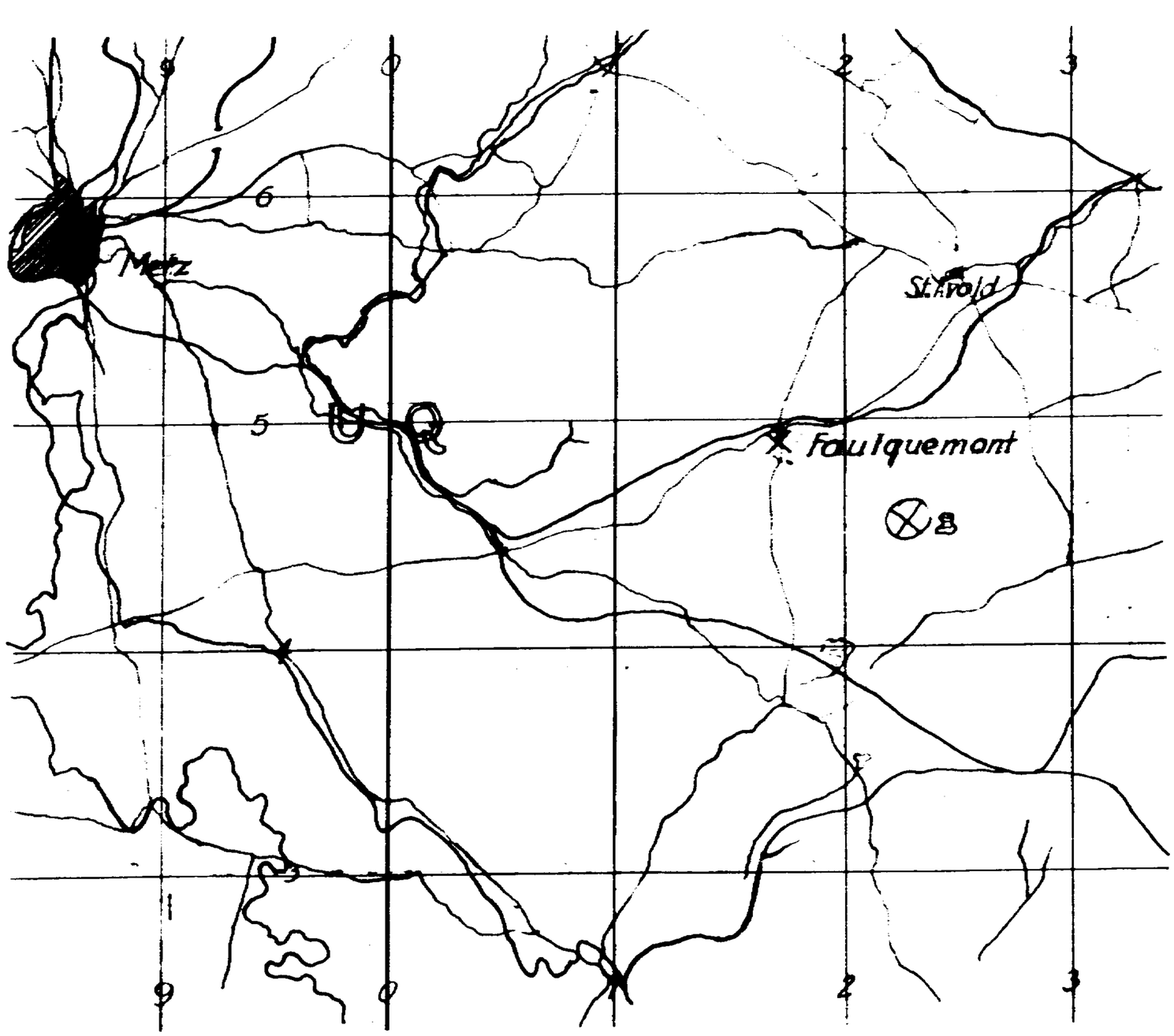
S T A T E M E N T

2 October 1944

I was flying as White Two on a bombing mission. Lt. Noe, with whom I collided with later on was White Three. On the way to the target Lt. Ueeck tacked on to our flight because the rest of his flight had to return to base. That made five men in the flight. When Lt. Ueeck joined on he tacked on to number four man. At that time I was on my leaders left wing. He went into a right turn and everyone crossed over in the turn including myself, putting me on the right. Then a ship crossed over onto my right, I thought it was the element leader, Lt. Noe, and it actually was, so I crossed over to the left again, but then I didn't see his wingman cross over to him (Lt. Noe) and I looked back and to the left and saw [redacted] number 4 and 5 and figured that they were 3 and 4 instead of 4 and 5. So I went back to the right side of the flight leader between him and the other man who I thought was number 5 but who was actually number 3, Lt. Noe. I thought then that, who I thought was number five had decided to tack on to me so although he was more line abreast with the flight leader than I right then, I assumed he would cut his throttle alittle and get on my wing. At that time the flight went into another right hand turn and being as number 4 and 5, who, remember, I thought were 3 and 4 were still pretty far back and away, I slid under the flight leader to the outside of the turn. I saw Lt. Noe slide over to and under me. That is the last time I saw him until we collided. I supposed he would follow me around the turn just as I was following the leader. At any rate, we collided while still in the right turn. He came up from underneath, or else I went down from on top, so that his tail section hit my plane right where the left wing and fuselage meet. It was all over in a flash of course. As soon as I collected my wits and perceived that my plane would still fly I looked back and saw his plane. The tail had just come off of it and the nose was either straight up or down, I don't know which. Later on his plane was observed heading straight down. I did not see him bail out but Lt. Ueeck thinks he did. My plane still flew in perfect trim and I came home with my bombs, which I still had.

John E. Molen

JOHN E. MOLEN,
1st Lt., Air Corps.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APO 141 US Army

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6 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear),
att: A6 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 368th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 79 for the period ending Sunset 3 October 1944.

Operation No.: C.O. 64, Mission MM-2, Opflash No. 1.

4. A. 34 P-47's (12 from 366th Squadron, 11 each from 365th and 367th Squadrons) dispatched at 1200 hours to attack a Fort near Metz. Each A/C carried 1 each SB (Napalm) bomb. Over area 1245-1335. 33 bombs dropped on targets, 1 returned to base. Controller vectored Squadrons to targets. 3 direct hits on Fort at U-776553, 11 direct hits on Fort at U-779560, 11 direct hits on Fort at U-778570. Controller called Squadron leader and reported excellent results from bombing on the Forts at U-779560 and at U-778570. Observed display of red panels at U-7555, also red panelled vehicles around Fort Driand. No E/A seen. Flak: moderate, inaccurate heavy at U-880464; intense, inaccurate heavy at U-8555; weak, accurate heavy at U-8858. Down at 1410 hours.

B. (i) 34 P-47's.
(ii) 11 A/C bombed Fort at U-776553.
11 A/C bombed Fort at U-779560.
11 A/C bombed Fort at U-778570.
(iii) 1 bomb release failure over target.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 34.

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C. (i) 34 x 150 gallon bombs (napalm)
(ii) 33 x 150 gallon bombs (napalm)

D. (i) 77:50
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 81,600 rds. (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 3,920 rds. (50 calibre ammunition)
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 34 x 150 gallon Blaze bomb.
(ii) 11 x 150 gallon Blaze bomb on Fort at U-776553.
11 x 150 gallon Blaze bomb on Fort at U-779560.
11 x 150 gallon Blaze bomb on Fort at U-778570.
(iii) Nil.
1 x 150 gallon Blaze bomb returned to base.

G. (i) Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

I. 17. Other claims:
Forts,
c) Damaged, 3.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

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8 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear),
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-6, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 80 for the period ending Sunset 4 October 1944.

Operation No.: O.O. 65, Mission XCA-1, Opflash No.1, 2 and 3).

4. A. 12 P-47D's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1625 to support units of XX Corps in the vicinity of Metz. Each a/c carried 2x500 lb GP bombs. And in addition thereto one a/c carried one 150-gal. BB.(Napalm), weight 1000 lbs. Over target area: 1712-1757. 24 GP bombs and 1 BB, dropped on troops, gun positions, and trucks in woods at U-770550, just west of Metz. All hits concentrated in these woods. 2 strafing attacks made of the area. One large explosion seen, apparently from a gas truck. Artillery was attacking the same point at the same time. Flak: intense, accurate, barrage-type, light at U-810550. One a/c damaged by flak: Category A. Down 1825.

12 P-47D's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1630 to support units of XX Corps in vicinity of Metz. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1730-1750. Controllers could not be contacted. "Gasket" was very weak. Attacked

AA gun positions surrounding the town of Wittengen, L-1718. At least 50 plus guns in area in batteries of 4 guns each stretched along river bank from L-1817 to L-1819. Destroyed 15 plus guns by bombing and strafing. An unknown amount were damaged. Road bridge over river at L-1817 destroyed by 2 bombs. All bombs were dropped. No e/a seen. Flak: intense, inaccurate, light flak north of Tries. Down 1830.

12 P-47D's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1638 to give area support to XX Corps in vicinity of Metz. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over target area: 1705-1735. 21 bombs in target area. 3 bombs lost (unarmed) 8 miles S of Verdun. Squadron couldn't contact controllers. "Hipsaw" told them to go on an armed reconnaissance of the area. Two cars and two germans destroyed by strafing at ⅁-2095. One engine destroyed by strafing at ⅁-2095, Merzig; 50 box cars strafed and damaged at ⅁-2599, 4 miles NE Merzig. Gun emplacement strafed at L-2403, five miles NNE Merzig. Barracks bombed and strafed at ⅁-2985, 2 miles N of Saarlauten - 2 direct hits and 3 near misses on barracks. 2 direct hits and 6 near misses on train and RR sidings at ⅁-2095, Merzig. RR cut at several places by 4 direct hits at ⅁-3183, 2 miles N of Saarlauten. No e/a seen. Flak: weak, accurate, light at L-2802 six miles NE of Merzig and at ⅁-2095, Merzig. 2 a/c damaged by flak: Cat. A. Down 1844.

B. (i) 36 P-47D's dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped 24 GP bombs and 1 BB. on troops, gun positions, and trucks in woods at U-770550, just W of Metz.
12 A/C dropped 24 GP bombs on gun positions surrounding town of Wiltengen, L-1718, and guns at L-1817 to L-1819, and road bridge over rive at L-1817.
11 A/C dropped 21 GP bombs on following places; Barracks at ⅁-2985; train and RR sidings at ⅁-2095, Merzig, and on RR at ⅁-3183.
(iii) 1 A/C abortive: bomb release failure over target.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 3 P-47D's damaged by flak; Category "A".
(viii) 36

C. (i) 1 x 150 gal. belly tank, used as "Blaze Bomb".
(ii) 1 x 150 gal. belly tank, used as "Blaze Bomb".

D. (i) 78:35
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 86,440 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 24,358 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 72 GP 500 lb bombs, dispatched, (48 fuzed M113, 4-5", and 24 fuzed M113, 8-15").
1 x 150 gal-BB. dispatched.

(ii) 69 GP 500 lb bombs expended as follows;
24 GP bombs on troops, gun positions, and trucks in woods at U-770550, just west of Metz.
24 GP bombs on gun positions surrounding town of Wiltengen, L-1718, and guns at L-1817 toL-1819, and road bridge over river at L-1817.
21 GP bombs on following places; Barracks at Q-2095, Merzig, and on RR at Q-3183, and on train and RR sidings at Q-2095.
1 x 150 gal-BB on troops, gun position and trucks in woods at U-770550, just west of Metz.

(iii) 3 GP 500 lb bombs.
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 1. Military transportation;
a) Destroyed, 3

3. Locomotives;
a) Destroyed, 1

4. Railroad cars,
c) Damaged, 5

5. Bridges,
   a) Destroyed, 1

6. Gun emplacements,
   a) Destroyed, 15 plus

9. Buildings (barracks)
   a) Destroyed, 1

11. Railroads cut, 1

17. German personnel,
   a) Destroyed, 2

Unable to observe other results.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

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8 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-S, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 82 for the period ending Sunset 6 October 1944.

Operation No.: 67, Missions X 51-1; C 51-1; YV3-1, Opflash number 1 to 8, inclusive).

4. A. 2 P-47's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1000 hours on weather reconnaissance. Down 1150.
12 P-47's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1010 hours to give area cover for medium and light bombers attacking Duren. Over area: 1100-1200. Bombers in good formation. Excellent bombing pattern observed. Great fires left burning. Several bombers hit by flak, but none were seen to go down. Flak: intense, accurate, heavy at F-1138, 8 miles S of Duren; weak, inaccurate, heavy at F-2212, 20 miles SE of Duren. Enemy advanced landing ground seen at F-1848, 4 miles S of Duren. Each a/c carried a 150 gal. belly tank; 9 belly tanks were jettisoned and 3 tanks were returned. Down 1255.
12 P-47's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1100 to support XX Corps. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1200-1225. Controller "Chase Farm" gave target of town of Wolppy at U-843625 north of Metz and marked it with green and red smoke. Troop concentrations.

24 bombs dropped, with 19 direct hits in town; 16 of which were in the southern section and 3 in the western section. Strafed on way down and 10 plus buildings were destroyed. 5 fires started. 1 gun position of two 20mm guns, 50 to 75 yds N of church in town strafed and probably destroyed. Gun position seen at building east of church along road in town - five 20mm guns. LG emplacement observed 200 yds W of town. These were not attacked as squadron was out of ammunition. 1 plane damaged by flak, Cat. AC. Down 1305.

12 P-47's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1121 to give area support to XX Corps in Maizieres-les-Metz area. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area 1158-1300. Could not contact Gasket. Chase Farm working another squadron. Pail Full (XX Corps) directed squadron to bomb SE corner of Fort, U-7854. 3 direct hits, and good concentration of other bombs in area marked. All bombs were dropped. Our tanks observed to move in after bombing. Gully north of fort, running west to east, strafed at direction of controller. No flak. No e/a. Down 1334.

12 P-47's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1345 to give area cover to XX Corps. 11 a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs each, and 1 a/c carried 1 BB. Over area: 1430-1500. Controller Chase Farm vectored Squadron to strongpoint at U-8867 - a farmhouse with 8 to 9 buildings surrounding it. 23 bombs and 14 direct hits in area. Did not see BB. burn. 2 buildings destroyed by bombing. Made strafing pass on buildings and all buildings left burning furiously. 8 to 10 buildings believed to be destroyed. One 20mm gun strafed at U-861676. Sheds in area left burning and gun destroyed. Ripsaw was heard to say "Good Show". Down 1545. No flak. No e/a.

12 P-47's of 367th Squadron dispatched to give area support to XX Corps, at 1432 hours. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1540-1555. 1 bomb returned to base. Squadron contacted Jenny who vectored them to L-040135 - a small town called Wormeldingen which is 12 miles due east of Luxembourg where he said there were enemy troop concentrations. The target was marked with red smoke. We had 11 direct hits in the smoked area and 10 near misses. There were 2 direct hits on a bridge leading from the town. No flak. No e/a. Down 1624.

12 P-47's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1455 to give area support to XX Corps. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1544-1624. Squadron instructed by Ripsaw V to contact Jenny who had a priority target. Jenny instructed squadron to attack town of Wincheringen at L-0514 - 15 miles E of Luxembourg. 16 bombs dropped and strafed causing numerous fires. All bombs in town. 1 flight had previously attacked M/Y at Blieskastel at L-6471, 10 miles E of Saarbrucken. 8 bombs dropped and strafed. Tracks and warehouses on sidehit with direct hits. 1 train strafed at L-6573, 11 miles E of Saarbrucken. Locomotive and 15 flat cars loaded with tanks severly damaged and 10 tank cars destroyed. Flak: intense and accurate, light and heavy at U-8050. Moderate, accurate, light and heavy at L-6575. 1 a/c damaged by flak: Cat. A. Down 1205.

11 P-47's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1714 to give area support to XX Corps. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1745-1810. Chasefarm vectored squadron to U-9669, Maiziers, 6 miles north of Metz. Target was south end of town which contained enemy troops concentrations. All bombs in red smoke marked area and approximately 20 buildings were destroyed. Squadron strafed in dive. No flak. No e/a. Down 1841.

11 P-47's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1655 to give area support to XX Corps. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1730-1820. Could not contact Chasefarm. Ripsaw One gave target, train 1 mile north oftunnel at L-1802. Unable to find target. Attacked tunnel mouth and adjacent factory at L-170002. 10 direct hits on factory and also strafed. Large explosion seen. 8 buildings destroyed. No direct hits on tunnel. 8 bombs landed in town 2-5 eight gun AA positions destroyed at factory. While on way to target another voice on RT told leader target was 5 miles SE of Thionville. Leader had already sighted correct target and when challenged the second Ripsaw did not respond whereas the first Ripsaw did. Tank trap observed on top of tunnel. 10 AA guns seen at L-16800. Bridge at L-178982, NW of Meizig still attacked - approximatley 15 AA positions being prepared. All bombs were dropped in target area.

Flak: intense, inaccurate, light in NE of town (Mettlach) NW of Meizig, and at Serrig, L-1609. Inaccurate light flak from 20-30 guns between L-176984 and L-176996. Down: 1910.

B. (i) 96 P-47D's dispatched, (including 2 A/C on weather reconnaissance).

(ii) 12 A/C dropped 24 bombs on target of town of Wolpy at U-843625, troop concentrations.
12 A/C dropped 24 bombs on SE corner of Fort, U-7854
12 A/C dropped 22 bombs and 1 BB. on strongpoint at U-8867.
12 A/C dropped 23 bombs on town called Hormeldingen at L-040135, troop concentrations.
12 A/C dropped 24 bombs; 16 on town at L-0514, and 8 on M/Y at Bliesakastel at L-0471.
11 A/C dropped 22 bombs on U-9669, Maiziers, town contained troop concentrations.
11 A/C dropped 22 bombs on town at L-170002, AA positions at factory.
12 A/C completing mission, giving area cover for medium and light bombers attacking Duren.
2 A/C on weather reconnaissance.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 2 P-47's damaged by flak; 1 Cat. AC; 1 Cat. A.
(viii) 96

C. (i) 12 x 150 gal. belly tanks, and in addition thereto 1 x 150 gal. belly tank, used as "Blaze Bomb".
(ii) 9 x 150 gal. belly tanks jettisoned.
1 x 150 gal. belly tank, used as BB. dropped.

D. (i) 206
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 280,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 56,612 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (1) 188 GP 500 lb bombs dispatched; (90 fuzed, nose, M1c3, 1/10" and tail, M10A2 1/40"; 72 fuzed tail, M115, 4-5", 8-11" and 8-15").
1 Blaze Bomb dispatched.

(ii) 181 GP 500 lb bombs expended as follows;
24 bombs on town of Wolpy at U-843825.
22 bombs and 1 BB. on strongpoint at U-8867.
24 bombs on SE corner of Fort, U-7854.
23 bombs on town, Wormeldingen at L-040135, troop concentrations.
16 bombs on town at L-0514.
8 bombs on M/Y at Bliesskastel at L-6471.
22 bombs on U-9689, Barracks, troop concentrations.
22 bombs on town at L-170002, AA positions at factory.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
1 GP 500 lb bomb returned to base.

G. (i) Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 2. Armored vehicles,
b) Probably destroyed, 15

3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 1

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 10
b) Probably destroyed, 15

5. Bridges,
a) Destroyed, 1

6. Gun emplacements, (flak installations)
   a) Destroyed, 6

9. Factories and buildings,
   a) Destroyed, 37

11. Railroads cut, 1

Unable to observe other results.

For the Group Commander:

WALTER P. MORGAN JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEAD.UARTERS 356TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

IL7

9 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: 28 SCU.
Commanding General, AIA Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 356th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 83 for the period ending Sunset 7 October 1944.

Operation No.: 68, Missions W 51-3; A 51-1; W 51-1; Opflash numbers 1 to 5.

4. A. 16 P-47's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0915 to attack barge traffic on the Marne-Rhine Canal. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1025-1049. 12 Plus barges sighted NE of Luneville at ⍺-1208 - 2 destroyed by direct hits and 10 others severely damaged by 2 strafing attacks. 16 bombs were dropped during this attack. 10 near misses caused bank to cave in. Dropped 8 bombs on 6 barges at ⍺-2010 and made 2 strafing passes. 1 direct hit destroyed 1 barge and 3 bombs hit bank causing it to cave in. 10 barges sighted at ⍺-1509 and 2 barges were set on fire by strafing passes. At ⍺-2412, 8 bombs dropped destroying 2 barges on direct hits and two hits on bank caused bank to cave in. 8 barges damaged by strafing. Flak: intense, accurate, heavy south of lake at ⍺-2514. Weak, inaccurate, heavy at ⍺-2206, NE of Luneville. 2 planes damaged by flak: 1 Category A, 1 Category AC. Down 1115.

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16 P-47's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1334 to attack barge traffic along Marne-Rhine Canal, Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1355-1435. 8 bombs on 6 barges at ⁂-6715. 2 direct hits destroyed 2 and 2 were damaged by strafing. At ⁂-5308 4 bombs dropped on 6 barges with 2 direct hits destroying 2 and 1 probably destroyed. 2 were damaged by strafing. 4 bombs dropped on lock, but over shot. 1 barge hit and destroyed at ⁂-1209. 16 bombs on 30 plus barges in canal to town of Lagrade (⁂-2812-⁂-2511). 10 direct hits destroyed 12 barges. 15 more were damaged by strafing. When barges blew up large black cloud arose. 3 heavy gun emplacements believed to be housing 3 guns each at ⁂-2[illegible]08 strafed and 2 were seen to explode and 1 was seen burning. Squadron claims all three destroyed. One machine gun emplacement destroyed at ⁂-2811 by strafing. Saw 15 M/T and trailers parked in cover of trees at ⁂-2911, but were unable to attack because out of ammunition. Flak: moderate, accurate, heavy at ⁂-6715 and ⁂-2811; intense, inaccurate, light at ⁂-6715; moderate inaccurate heavy and light at ⁂-5308. Moderate, inaccurate, light at ⁂-2811. 3 a/c damaged by flak: 2 Category AC, and 1 Category A. Down 1530.

12 P-47's of 366th Fighter Squadron, dispatched at 1452 to escort A-20's attacking Trier. Over area: 1600-1620. Made R/V with bombers 20 miles N of Trier. Bombers in good formation. Excellent concentration of bomb hits observed in factory area in eastern end of Trier at L-2332. Bridge was not hit. Squadron did not make R/V with bombers over Dillingen at ⁂-2585, 12 miles NE of Saarbrucken. Ripsaw told squadron that bombers were coming to Dillingen late when they were approaching Trier. One flight mistakenly escorted bombers attacking bridge believed to be at either L-5732 or L-5960, 30 miles NE of Trier. Bridge believed hit. Large tank trap ditches observed moving along entire bank of Saar River. Bridges observed across Saar River between Dillingen and Triers as being intact. Large fires and smoke observed 8 miles NW of Saarbrucken in vicinity of ⁂-3075. Flak: intense, accurate, heavy at Trier, L-2332 and along Saar River Valley between ⁂-2585 and Triers at L-2332. Down 1652.

12 P-47's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1505 to escort medium bombers attacking Dullay, L-5762. 1 a/c aborted due to oil leak. Over area: 1625-1650.

R/T with bombers at Sedan at 1640 hours, 13,000 ft. First two boxes had good concentration in town. Third box was long on hillside. 5 to 6 trains of approximately 10 passenger cars each observed in small M/Y N of Trier - believed to have been in grid square, L-2040. White cement bridge at Trier believed destroyed by our bombers. Flak: Moderate, inaccurate, heavy at L-5762 and weak, inaccurate, heavy at grid square L-2040, 10 miles N of Trier. Down 1710.

16 P-47's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1535 to attack barge traffic along Marne-Rhine canal. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1730-1800. 16 bombs dropped at Reming, ↘-4311 on locomotive with 15-20 box cars in M/Y. 9 direct hits on tracks at end of M/Y, 1 RR shed destroyed and large explosion engine and 4 cars destroyed by 3 bombs. 6 cars were left smoking by strafing and are claimed as destroyed. 4 light gun positions destroyed at target by strafing. One light gun position destroyed at ↘-3408. 4 light and 4 heavy guns strafed at ↘-4412 and are claimed as probably destroyed. 7 bombs on 8 barges in canal, but no direct hits made. 2 barges damaged by strafing, 8 bombs on ↘-4217 on canal locks. 2 direct hits on canal locks in lake and it is believed that the works of the lock were broken. 16 barges strafed and damaged at ↘-2512. One bomb hung up over target and was jettisoned safe at U-8573. Flak: intense, accurate, light and heavy at ↘-4311; intense, inaccurate, light at ↘-2010; intense, inaccurate, light, and heavy at ↘-3030, NE of Saarburg; and intense, heavy and light in the vicinity of ↘-5515 and ↘-5520. 1 plane damaged by flak; Cat AC and 1 pilot, Lt Benz, wounded by flak. Down 1825.

B. (i) 72 P-47's dispatched.
(ii) 16 A/C bombed barges, NE of Luneville at ↘-1208; barges at ↘-2010 and at ↘-2412
16 A/C bombed barges at ↘-6715, at ↘-5308, and at barges in canal at ↘-2512- ↘-2511.
16 A/C bombed locomotive with 15-20 box cars at Reming, ↘-4311, and at barges on canal locks at ↘-4217.
12 A/C completing mission to escort A-20's attacking Trier.
~~12~~ A/C completing mission to escort medium bombers attacking Bullay, L-5762.

(iii) 1 A/C abortive; due to,
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 1 oil leak

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 6 P-47's damaged by flak; 2 Cat. A; 4 Cat. AC.
(viii) 71

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 147:20
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 172,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 37,873 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 96 GP 500 lb bombs, fuzed, tail, M113, 4-5" Sec.
(ii) 95 GP 500 lb bombs expended as follows;
16 bombs dropped on barges NE of Luneville at ⌖-1208.
8 bombs dropped on barges at ⌖-2010.
8 bombs dropped on barges at ⌖-2412.
8 bombs dropped on barges at ⌖-6715.
4 bombs dropped on barges at ⌖-5308.
4 bombs dropped on lock at ⌖-1209.
16 bombs dropped on barges in canal in town of Lagrade ⌖-2812- ⌖-2511.
16 bombs dropped on Reming, ⌖-4311, on locomotive with 15-20 box cars in M/Y.
7 bombs dropped on barges in canal at ⌖-4412.
8 bombs dropped on canal locks at ⌖-4217.
(iii) 1 GP 500 lb bomb jettisoned safe at U-8573, because bomb hung up over target.
(iv) Nil

G. Norman (NMI) Benz, 2nd Lt., O-824375, WIA.
Wounded by flak, over target.

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 3. Locomotives;
a) Destroyed, 1

4. Railroad cars;
   a) Destroyed, 4
   b) Probably destroyed, Nil
   c) Damaged, 6

6. Gun emplacements;
   a) Destroyed, 13
   b) Probably destroyed, 4

9. Buildings;
   a) Destroyed, 1

12. Barges;
   a) Destroyed, 24
   b) Probably destroyed, 1
   c) Damaged, 54

17. Other claims;
   German personnel destroyed, 4
   Canals, caved in at 2 places.
   Canal locks broken.

Unable to observe other results.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Grazis
JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

10 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 84 for the period ending Sunset 8 October 1944.

Operation No.: 69, Mission W 51-2 (Opflash numbers 1 to 7, inclusive).

4. A. 4 P-47's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0740 on escort of VIP. 2 abortives due to a/c accident. Landed at Verdun at 0815. Took off (2 a/c) from Verdun at 0818 and landed at St Trend 0921. Took off at 0920 for Eindhoven, but never landed there (5 passes made at field by C-47) and landed at Brussels 1030. Took-off 1145 and were back at base at 1230. 2nd Lt Hannold crashed at Eindhoven. He is safe. 1 plane destroyed and 2 damaged, category unknown. Down 1230.

12 P-47's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0852 to strafe Schwabisch Hall A/C. Over area, 1000-1010. Squadron could not locate briefed A/D because of weather conditions. Squadron strafed 2 locomotive engines at R-3629, about 8 miles SW of Karlsruhe resulting in the claim of 1 destroyed and 1 damaged. 50 coaches attached to locomotives not strafed. 2 engines destroyed at R-6148, 6 miles E of Karlsruhe by strafing. 1 steam boat destroyed and 3

barges damaged at R-2724, 4 miles SW of Rastatt. 2 a/c strafed and destroyed locomotive going N pulling 15 box cars, N of Baden-Baden at R-3220. Another locomotive at same spot headed in opposite direction damaged. 150 ft river boat moving S on Rhine River at R-2120 probably destroyed by strafing. Pill box at R-2018 strafed. No claim. Bridge 5 miles W of Bischweiller at R-1718 observed to be knocked out. 6 FW 190s and an unknown number of unidentified T/E a/c seen on A/D 6 miles N of Stutgart. Yellow flight bounced and fired upon by 8 P-47's at vicinity of Heilbronn, about 1000 at 16,000 ft. These a/c are known to have been friendly as they circled above and then headed towards our lines. Flak: Moderate, inaccurate, heavy, 6 miles N of Stutgart and at R-3718, Baden-Baden. Weak, accurate, heavy at R-3520, 4 miles SW of Dienze. Down at 1128 (a/c, 2 down at ALG A-64).

12 P-47's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0902 to attack Germersheim A/D. Over area: 0945-0955. Strafed one T/E and 1 S/E on SW corner of Germersheim A/D. Both were hit. No a/c on east side of field, but 3 heavy flak and 1 light flak position on N side of field silenced. At Albersweiler, R-3538, front yards of houses in town appeared to have ground camouflage material over equipment or trucks. Strafed and saw large columns of oil smoke seen up to 1000 ft. 1 truck seen exploded, from strafing. 3 haystacks 300 ft SE of town believed to be camouflaged strafed and left burning. 1 truck in Montadidier, R-3837 destroyed by strafing. Strafed a train of 15 cars heading west from town of Westheim, R-4372 and claim 4 damaged. Lt Fred E. Selby, O-708764, KIA, was hit by flak, on attack on airdrome, went in; at Westheim, Germany, approximately 15 miles SW of Mannheim, Germany. Flak: Intense, heavy, inaccurate at Saargemund, R-5056. Heavy and light moderate, and accurate at A/D. 14 barrage balloons at tgt flying from 2000-3000 ft lined up along both sides of river at bridge. Down 1105.

12 P-47's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0913 to attack Sachenheim A/D. Over area: 1020-1035.

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A/D strafed and 3 e/a claimed destroyed and 5 damaged - all F/B a/c. 10-15 seen on airdrome. 2 trains strafed at R-9780 vicinity of area 15 miles N.W. of Stuttgart, moving east - both locomotives of the two trains destroyed. A/C destroyed on ground: 1 Do 217 and 2 Me 110's, 3 Do 217's and 2 Me 110's damaged. Seven trains seen 2-8 miles N of Stuttgart in the vicinity of S-0886 moving south. Many barges seen moving S on Rhine in area 10-30 miles NE of Strasbourg. Considerable amount of rail traffic moving out of Hagenau, R-0484. Flak: intense, accurate, light and heavy at A/D. Intense, accurate, heavy over Stuttgart and moderate, accurate, heavy on eastern edge of the city. 3 a/c damaged by flak: 2 Cat. A and 1 Jet AC. Down 1105.

12 P-47's of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1420 to attack Schwaisch Hall A/D. 1 a/c aborted; mechanical - trim tab. Over area: 1500-1510. Squadron bounced by 8 Me 109's 8 miles NE of Chateau-Salins while at 12,000 ft. Approximately 12 109's remained above at 16,000 ft. Claim 2 Me 109's destroyed and 1 damaged in resulting engagement. Squadron regrouped and made AR of area east of Chateau-Salins. One RR car destroyed and one damaged at Saaralben (Q-4845). 5 light AA positions strafed in grid box (Q-2040). One left smoking. E/A seen: 8 miles NE of Chateau-Salins - 15 Me 109's. Flak: Saaralben (Q-4845) moderate, accurate, accurate, light and heavy. Damaged a/c: 1 Cat. A, 1 Cat. B, and 2 Cat. AC - 3 by E/A and 1 by AA. Down 1619.

12 P-47's of 366th Squadron at 1423 to attack Sacherheim A/D. Over area time, squadron encountered 30 plus Me 109's in vicinity of Q-1020, 20 miles NE of Nancy. E/A's were going west at 20,000 feet and squadron at 17,000. Squadron climbed to attack and e/a evaded to the south. 1 e/a made a pass as decoy down to deck. All e/a had silver wings and fuselages appeared black. Chased e/a to 20 miles west of Belfort, but could not close on them. Then returned to base at 1555. 1 damaged by e/a: Cat. AC.

12 P-47's of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1430 to attack Germersheim A/D. Squadron on course to target when bounced by 15 plus Me 109's out of sun, at 20,000 ft. Came down to between 1000 to 2000 ft and then back up into sun. E/a were then lost. Our a/c were at 12,000 ft at the time of the attack, which occurred at 1505 some 15 miles SE of Metz. Patrol of area uneventful.

Returned to base 1650. Flak: Moderate, accurate, heavy at X-1923 and moderate, inaccurate, heavy at X-8057. 1 a/c damaged by flak: AC category.

B. (i) 76 P-47's dispatched (including 4 a/c on escort of VIP).
(ii) 26 a/c completing mission strafing Lohnabisch Hall A/D.
23 a/c completing mission to attack Germersheim A/D.
24 a/c completing mission to attack Landerheim A/D.
2 a/c on escort of VIP.
(iii) 1 a/c abortive due to,
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 1 trim tab.
d) 2 accident, one a/c struck another a/c of flight on take off.
(iv) Nil
(v) 1 P-47D 42-75192, on escort of VIP, cartwheeled while attempting to land.
(vi) 1 P-47D-20RA 43-25891, over target, hit by flak, on attack on an A/D, went in. Westheim, Germany.
(vii) 9 A/C damaged; 5 by flak, and 4 by E/A; 3 a/c Cat. "A"; 1 a/c Cat."B", and 5 a/c Cat."AC".
(viii) 74

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 155:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 182,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 36,498 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) 4,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

F. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Fred E. Selby, 2nd Lt., O-706764, KIA.
Hit by flak, on attack over A/D, Westheim, Germany.

H. (i) 2 E/A destroyed in air, as follows;
1 Me 109 by Lt Buckle, 0-887139, 367th Sq.
1 Me 109 by Lt McCrew, 0-766489, 367th Sq.

3 E/A destroyed on ground, as follows;
1 Do 217 by Lt Rice, 0-818023, 366th Sq.
1 Me 110 by Lt Allen 0-814626, 366th Sq.
1 Me 110 by Lt Brown 0-816987, 366th Sq.

(ii) 2 E/a probably destroyed on ground, as follows;
1 a/c by Capt James C.Elledge,0-660124, 365th Sq.
1 a/c by Lt Daniel D. Renner, 0-705617, 365th Sq.

(iii) 1 E/A Damaged in air, by Lt. Wharton,0-692840, of 367th Squadron.

5 E/A Damaged on the ground, as follows;
1 Do 217 by Lt Stalnaker, 0-702856, 366th Sq.
1 Do 217 by F/O Perry, T-62168, 366th Sq.
1 Do 217 by Lt Kantorski, 0-688267, 366th Sq.
1 Me 110 by Lt Johnson, 0-823202, 366th Sq.
1 Me 110 by Lt Test, 0-701823, 366th Sq.

I. 1. Military transportation (trucks);
a) Destroyed, 2

3. Locomotives;
a) Destroyed, 7
c) Damaged, 4

4. Railroad cars;
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 5

6. Gun emplacements;
a) Destroyed, 5
c) Damaged, 4

12. Boats and barges;
a) Destroyed, 1
b) Probably destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 3

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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Headquarters 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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11 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: 26 SOU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 9 October 1944.

2. Oprep No. 85.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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11 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 10 October 1944.

2. Oprep No. 86.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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12 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: 26 SOU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 87 for the period ending Sunset 11 October 1944.

Operation No.: 72. Mission from Strip A-64.

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4. A. 12 P-47's dispatched (6 a/c from 365th Squadron and 6 a/c from 366th Squadron) at 1700 hours from Strip A-64 on Armed Reconnaissance of Saarbrucken, Landau and Kaiserslautern areas. Time over areas 1805-1815. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Heavy haze, clouds and darkness on reaching Metz area forced shortening of mission. "Ridsaw" gave target, a railway gun at ⅄-0744, South East of Metz; entire area strafed intensively. 4 bombs on camouflaged installation on RR track. 3 direct hits; tracks cut, large column of white smoke. 4 bombs on "Y" in RR at ⅄-0545, track cut, and one hit on light flak position, destroying same. 4 bombs on town of Solgne ⅄-0542; all bombs hit town. 8 bombs on flak car on siding ⅄-0501, 15 miles SE of Nancy, 4 direct hits, 1 gun destroyed. 4 gun positions strafed at ⅄-0446; silenced. Extent of damage un-

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H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 6. Gun emplacements;
a) Destroyed, 1

11. Railroads cut; 3

17. Railroad Gun;
a) Destroyed, 1

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Grails
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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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15 October 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear), Att: Stat. Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 88 for the period ending Sunset 12 October 1944.

Operation No.: 73, Mission C 51-1 (Opflash number 1)

4. A. 12 P-47's of 365th Fighter Squadron, dispatched at 0823, to support A-20's attacking Neufchafel, St Die, Bitche. R/V not made with bombers. After circling the briefed point, Squadron sighted bombers to north, headed east, but when Squadron called and told their position, bombers were unable to see Squadron. No flak, no e/a. Squadron down at 1000.

12 P-47's of 366th Fighter Squadron dispatched at 0828 to escort A-20's bombing Neufchafel, St Die, Bitche. With bombers at 0940 to 1040. Bombers were in excellent formation. Good bombing observed. Left bombers 10 miles SW of Metz. Supply dump observed at V-9897, adjacent to RR loading platform on edge of Strasbourg. Concealed landing strip observed in vicinty of V-7208 with buildings and vehicles under trees 18 miles NW of Strasbourg. Flak: weak, inaccurate, heavy at V-7580. Squadron down at 1100.

B. (i) 24 P-47D's dispatched
(ii) 12 P-47D's completed Mission.
(iii) Abortive:
(d) 12 P-47D's unable to locate bombers.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 24

C. Nil

D. (i) 59:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 57,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Nil

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH S. GRAIS,
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Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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15 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: 26 SOU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 69 for the period ending Sunset 13 October 1944.

Operation No.: 74, Mission No.X51-2 and X51-3, (Opflash #1 to #5 inclusive).

4. A. 12 P-47's of 367th Squadron dispatched from A-64 at 1020 hours to escort B-26's of Ninth Air Force attacking Dillengen. R/V with bombers at Luxembourg. Over target 1100-1150 hours. Escort uneventful. Intense, accurate heavy flak received by bombers at target and north of town. One B-26 seen to lose altitude at target, going down in a steep dive. One chute seen, 1110 hours, 4,000 feet. E/A reaction nil. No aborts, no bomb loadings, no casualties, no A/C damaged. Down at A-64 at 1210 hours.

12 P-47's of 365th Squadron dispatched from A-64 at 1025 to escort B-26's of Ninth Air Force attacking Bullay. R/V with bombers at Luxemburg on time. Escort uneventful. In target area 1115 - 1205 hours. Bombers observed to cut two rail lines in two places south of Cochen at L-5760. Results believed good. One aborts, no bomb loadings, no casualties, no A/C damaged. 1 abortive, Lt. Hudgens, oil leaks. Down at A-64 at 1240 hours. No flak or E/A encountered.

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11 P-47's (4 a/c from 367th Squadron and 7 a/c from 368th Squadron), dispatched from A-64 at 1603 hours to drop leaflets (P and PW bombs) in vicinity of Metz. Eleven P and PW bombs carried, one each aircraft. Planes flew to assigned area and dropped leaflets on U-847440, U-850475, U-800478, U-802490, U-782492, U-785535, U-825935, U-845535. Good coverage of towns. No casualties, no a/c damaged, no E/a encountered. Flak: weak, accurate, heavy at U-8558; Weak, inaccurate, light 10 miles SW Metz at U-8053 to U-8755. Over target area, 1620 to 1645 hours. Down at A-64 at 1704 hours. No aborts.

16 P-47's (8 a/c from 368th Squadron and 8 a/c from 367th Squadron), dispatched from A-64 at 1640 to attack barges on Rheine River from L-9386 to L-9074. Each A/C carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Time over target 1837-1842. 16 bombs on 4 barges at Kamp L-9281, on Rheine River, 8 miles north of St. Goar. 4 direct hits, others near misses. 4 barges destroyed, A/C strafed in dive. 14 bombs on barges near junction of river and canal at L-9476. 2 direct hits on barges, 2 destroyed. A/C strafed in dive. Also strafed trenchs alongside canal from which light flak was being fired. 2 bombs on 4 - 5 buildings on edge of canal, buildings destroyed. No casualties, 4 A/C damaged by flak , category "A", No E/A encountered. Flak: at Metz intense, accurate, heavy; Intense, accurate, light at Kamp, L-9201, weak, inaccurate, light, South of Trier. Observations during mission: Concentration of many barges on Rheine River in vicinity of St. Goar; 1 heavy gun emplacement observed North NE of Trier L-1724. Time down 1736.

12 P-47's of 365th Squadron, dispatched from A-64 to attack tanks dug in at [illegible]-0030. 8 A/C carried 1 BB. each. 8 A/C carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs each. Time up 1625. Time over target 1705-1745. Squadron contacted "Unstrap" on "B" channel who had target indicated with red and white smoke. 16 bombs in woods at [illegible]-0030 which were also strafed. Trucks all overturned leading into woods. 1 BB. did not go off, others did and burned brightly. 2 vehicles (KT's) strafed and destroyed at [illegible]-295019. Woods strafed 3 times. 1 burned out tank observed at

U-992293. No A/A encountered; Flak: Moderate, accurate, heavy at L-0035; also intense, inaccurate, light flak at one place. 2 A/C damaged by flak category "A". Time down 1815.

E. (i) 83 P-47's dispatched.

(ii) 12 A/C completing mission escorting B-26's of Ninth Air Force attacking Dillengen.
11 A/C completing mission escorting B-26's of Ninth Air Force attacking Bullay.
11 A/C completing mission dropping leaflets (P and Pm bombs) in vicinity of Metz.
16 A/C bombed barges on Rheine River from L-9386 to L-9674.
12 A/C bombed tanks dug in at L-0030.

(iii) 1 A/C abortive, due to
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 1 oil leak.

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 6 A/C damaged by flak; Category "A".
(viii) 62

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 120:30
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 151,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 15,090 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 40 GP 500 lb bombs, fuzed, tail, M113,4-5".
8 Blaze Bombs.
11 P and Pm bombs, (leaflets).

(ii) 40 GP 500 lb bombs expended as follows;
16 bombs on barges near junction of river and canal at L-9476.
14 bombs on 4 barges at Kamp L-9281.
2 bombs on 4 - 5 buildings on edge of canal,
8 bombs on woods at L-0030.

8 Blaze bombs (Napalm) dropped in woods at [redacted]-0030.
11 P and PW bombs (Leaflets) dropped on U-847440; U-85075, U-800472, U-802490, U-782492, U-785535, U-825935, U-845535.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 1. Military transportaion,
a) Destroyed, 2

9. Buildings,
a) Destroyed, 5

12. Barges,
a) Destroyed, 6
b) Probably destroyed, 4

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Grazis
JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat Officer.

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Hdqrs. 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

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17 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
att: 26 SOU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 90 for the period ending Sunset 14 October 1944.

Operation No.: 75, Mission A 51-2 (Opflash # 1 to #5 inclusive).

4. a. 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0932 to escort B-26s attacking RR bridge over Moselle River at Bremms. Over target area: 1007-1055. 4 a/c abortive due to weather. R/V with 6 boxes of B-26s at Bastogne, 12,000 ft. Escort uneventful. Approximately 20 miles north of Luxembourg, 4 contrails seen coming straight down and going up between 30,000 and 18,000 ft. No further identification made. Time of this observation was about 1015 at 12,000 ft. No e/a seen. No flak. Down 1120.
12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0933 to escort B-26s attacking 490d3/B/9. Over target areas: 1015-1100. Bombers were in good formation. Solid overcast prevented accurate observation of results. R/V was at Trier, 1015 and escort left bombers at 1100, 25 miles NW of Metz. Squadron observed same peculiar contrails as seen by 367th Squadron which was dispatched at same time.

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dump hit in same area and fires from this and fires were seen to spread to town. Strafed A/D positions at L-1701. Flak: light and heavy flak at all targets. Light and heavy flak from Lettalek, L-1701 to Saarburg, L-1504. AM dump hit. Guns at L-1709 - number unknown. 1 plane damaged by flak; Category AC. 2 planes and 2 pilots missing (Lt Mann, and Lt Shantz). Lt Mann was last seen circling and heading for home at a point 6 miles S of Thionville. Nothing is known about Lt. Shantz. DOW 1619.

5. (i) 60 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 a/c completed mission escorting B-26s attacking AM/B9.
8 a/c completed mission escorting B-26s attacking AM bridges over Moselle River at Bremm.
12 a/c dropped 24 bombs on briefed point on Y-8716.
11 a/c dropped 22 bombs on bridge at point on SE of Trier.
1 a/c dropped 2 bombs on train with 15 flat cars at L-9067.
1 a/c dropped 10 bombs as follows;
2 bombs on AM tracks and bridge at L-1709.
4 bombs on locomotives and cars in A/Y at Luxem.
4 bombs on motor transport at L-1608, Oberscholtz.
8 bombs on A/A at Metzlech, L-1701.
3 a/c noted no escort.

(iii) 4 a/c abortive, due to weather.

(iv) 2 P-47s missing. P-47D-15RE- 42-75470 and P-47D-25RA - 42-27451, cause, flak.

(v) Nil

(vi) 1 P-47D 42-8041, hit by flak, pilot bailed out, at a point 30 miles east of St Dizier.

(vii) 6 a/c damaged; 4 a/c category "A"; 1 a/c cat. "AC" damaged by flak. 1 a/c engine failed and pilot bellied a/c in at a point 6 to 7 miles from base - cat."B" damage.

(viii) 56

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Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot			
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11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LEFT AIRPLANE OF AIRPLANE, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

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2.						
3.						

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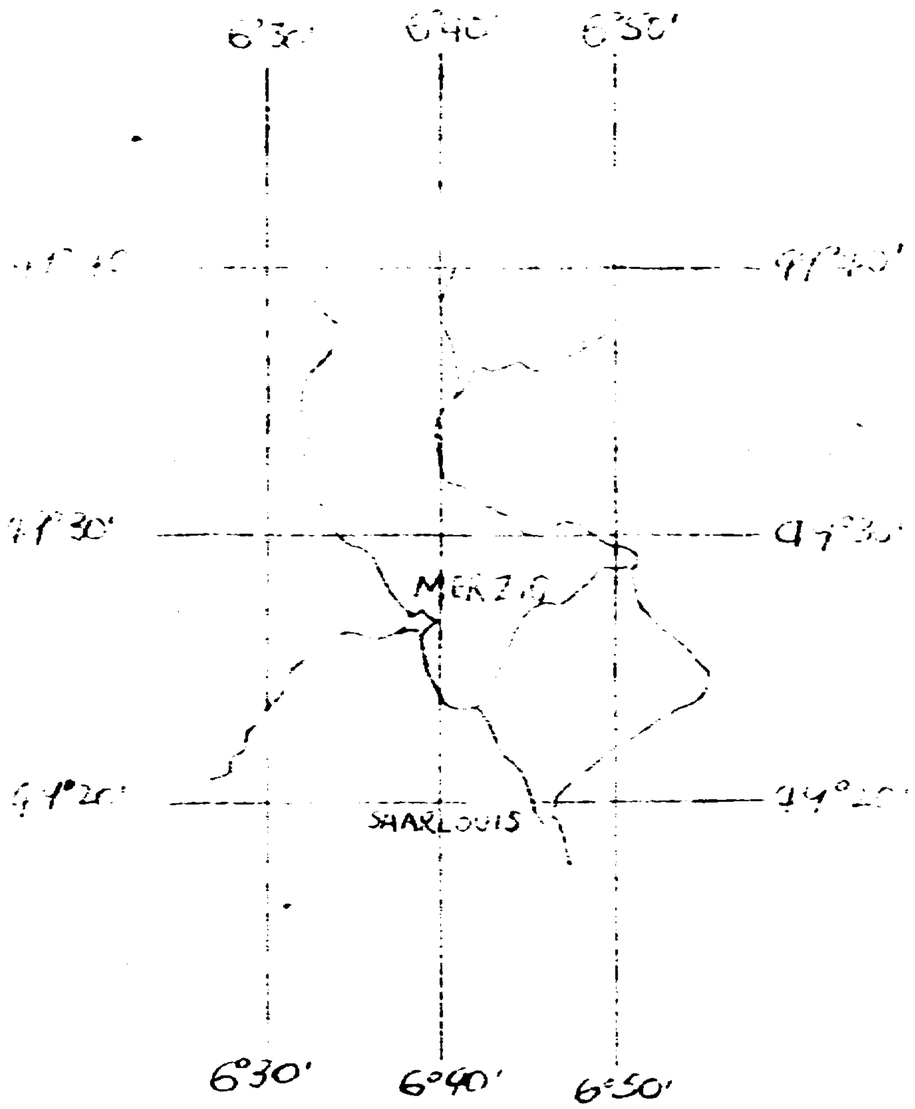
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE SURVIVORS, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE_____

Date of Report_____



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4. DATE: (a) Date _____; [illegible] _____; and Location _____
of last known whereabouts or missing [illegible].
(b) Specify whether ( ) Last Sighted; ( ) Last Contacted by Radio;
( ) Forced Down; ( ) Saw Crash; or ( ) Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one ( ) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstances as follows _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series _____; A.A.F. Serial Number _____
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(b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Number of Each Kind, Type and Serial Number)
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(e) _____; (f) _____; (g) _____; (h) _____
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty _____
or (b) Non-battle Casualty _____
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew _____; Passengers _____; Total _____
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot			
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11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

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Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.						
2.						
3.						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, L.P., CHART, OR SKETCH SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF [illegible] PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE BURIAL OF CRASH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE THEREOF _____

Date of Report _____

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(Signature of Preparing Officer)

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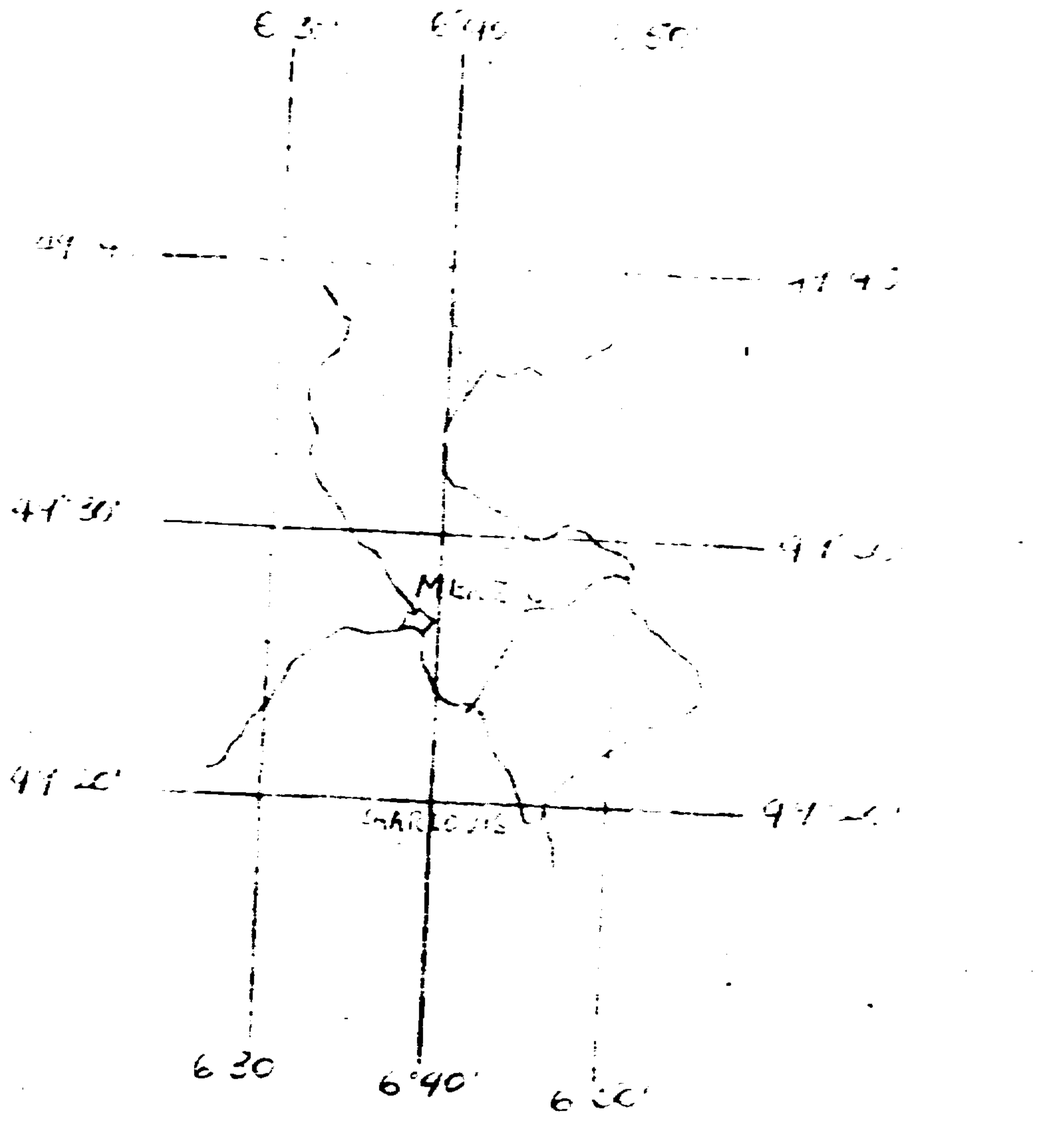
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Headquarters 365th Fighter Group
APO 141

U.S. Army

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18 October 1944.

Subject: Oper.

To : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
att: AC/S.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Ltr dated 18 March 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 365th Fighter Group.

3. Oper No. 81 for the period ending midnight 18 October 1944.

Operation No.: 78, Mission # 81-1 (Officer #1 to go).

4. a. 16 P-47s of 387th Squadron dispatched at 0748 to bomb AA at I-6719 in vicinity of Oberstein. Each a/c carried 2 x 500 lb HE bombs. Over area 0810-0848. Squadron contacted Airborne to vector them to their briefed point. They bombed the AA tracks at the points, I-7112 and I-7180 with 10 direct hits and 10 near misses. 4 buildings were also destroyed at these points. Flak: weak, inaccurate, heavy at 7-9557, 4 miles east of Metz. No e/a. Clear 10/10.

12 P-47s of 388th Squadron dispatched at 0800 on armed reconnaissance of Metz to Merzig area. Each a/c carried 2 x 500 lb bombs, and 8 of the a/c also carried one P-103 fm (leaflet) bombs. Over area: 0850-1040. Armed reconnaissance flown, but solid overcast made bombing impossible. 1 AMI was bomb dropped through hole found in overcast between U-6886 and U-8008. 6 seen to open, others not observed. 1 jet propelled aircraft observed flying above and behind formation at 10,000 ft making west. Clear 11/10.

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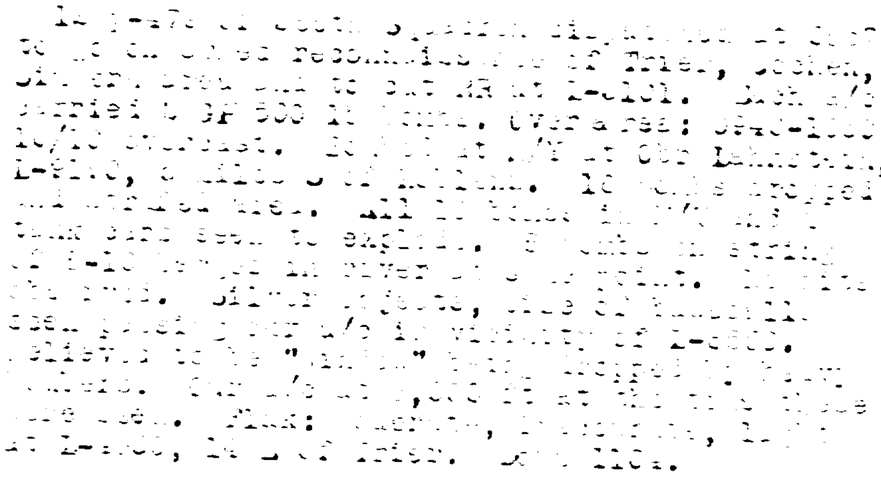

2. (1) 04 F-4's dispatched.

    (11) 10 a/c bombed ammo dump at AR 7[illegible] at 1-7[illegible] and 1-7[illegible].
          12 a/c conducted armed recon of area to include Xom; 8 a/c dropped 1 rnd 2.75 rocket (warhead) fuse delay 1-[illegible] and 1-[illegible].
          10 a/c bombed ammo dump at AR [illegible] at 1-[illegible], 1-[illegible], 1-[illegible].

    (111) Nil
    (IV) Nil
    (V) Nil
    (VI) Nil
    (VII) Nil
    (VIII) 04

3. (1) Nil
    (11) Nil

4. (1) 78;00
    (11) Nil

5. (1) 81,600 rds. (60 caliber - ammunition)
    (11) 7,200 rds. (50 caliber - ammunition)
    (111) Nil

7. (1) 04 AF 600 lb bombs dropped.
          6 F and FW (Lockheed) bombs dropped.
    (11) 44 AF 500 lb bombs dropped on [illegible].

4.C [illegible] and 0x0 AA Trains, at L-710 and L-718.
   b. 50 lb GP dropped in L/T at Ost Bahnstelle, L-710, 6 miles S of Wittenz.
   c. 50 lb GP dropped on [illegible] at L-10 bridge in river at L-110.

   6 x 500 lb GP (AN-M64) bombs dropped between L-709 and L-710 Sector.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
24 SP 500 lb bombs returned to base, because solid overcast made bombing impossible.

5. Nil

6. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

7. 4. Railroad bars (twin),
a) Destroyed, 2

8. Buildings,
a) Destroyed, 4

10. Railroads Cut, 1

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph Knapp
JOSEPH J. KNAPP,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

[redacted]

[redacted] Headquarters 305th Fighter Wing
A.P.O. 141 U.S. Army

13 October 1944.

Subject: Operational Report.

To : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
APO: 240 U.S. Army.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
APO: Stat Control.
Commanding General, Ninth Fighter Wing,
APO: Stat Control.

1. In accordance with Ninth Air Force Memorandum No. 80-3, dated 28 April 1944, a Operative report is submitted for the period ending Midnight 12 October 1944.

2. Oper. No. 92.

For the Group Commander:

George [illegible]
Robert J. Smith,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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APO 141 U.S. Army

19 October 1944.

SUBJECT: G-Rep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
att: AC S-3.
Commanding General, 4th Tactical Air Command (Rear),
att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Head Quarters letter, dated 28 April 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunday, 17 October 1944.

2. G-Rep No. 38.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph [illegible]
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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20 October 1.44.

SUBJECT: Opnep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
att: AG 300.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 30-5, dated 21 Jan 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 19 October 1944.

2. Opnep No. 95.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph Frazer
JOSEPH F. FRAZER,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

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21 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 96 for the period ending Sunset 20 October 1944.

Operation No.: 81, Missions W 51-3; X 51-1 and 51-4.

4. A. 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0905 to cut railroad at Q-9893 in vicinity of Kaiserslautern and conduct armed reconnaissance of this area. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 0955-1010. 1 abortive: mechanical (tail wheel). 20 bombs dropped on targets, 2 jettisoned E of Kaiserlautern, and 2 returned to base. Ripsaw was contacted and he said target had 10/10s cloud coverage, but squadron found a hole and bombed 8 miles E of Kaiserlautern at R-1298, scoring 2 direct hits, and 12 near misses resulting in the cutting of tracks in several places. A cement RR bridge at R-1892 was attacked, but no direct hits were observed; however, the tracks 100 yds short of the bridge were cut. No e/a seen. Flak: weak, inaccurate, heavy at Saarbrucken, Q-4571. Weather: 10/10 with low scud at 1000 ft. Down 1121.

11 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0850 to go on armed reconnaissance and cut railroad lines. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over target area: 0935-1020. 20 bombs dropped on targets and 2 returned to base. 6 bombs on Nunhm, L-7084 (RR) - no hits. 8 bombs on RR at Polin, L-7089 - 2 rails cut in two places, and 2 hits on road east of RR. 1 building destroyed on east edge of RR. RR bridge damaged by near miss and RR station strafed. 6 bombs on RR at L-8396, between Ossenheim and Rubenach, 4 direct hits on tracks, with 2 cutting main line and 2 in M/Y which caused large explosion followed by black smoke. No e/a seen. Flak: weak, inaccurate, heavy in vicinity of L-9070. Weather: 10/10 cloud. Down 1115.

11 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1234 to conduct armed reconnaissance of Bitchie, Hagenau, Landau area. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over area: 1320-1400. 21 bombs dropped on targets and 1 returned to base because of failure to release. 2 bombs on 3 barges pulled by tug, R-2833, in Rhine River. 2 barges destroyed. Tug was strafed and fire and steam were seen to rise from it. 5 tank cars strafed and destroyed at R-1223 - cars were believed to be empty. 2 bombs on 15 box cars and strafing at R-3827 resulting in cutting of rails and damaging of cars. 1 locomotive attached to train at R-3028 strafed and destroyed. 1 bomb dropped on train at R-0426 which was also strafed and destroyed. 5 bombs on M/Y at R-2127; 4 hits on buildings on edge and 1 in M/Y. 3 trains in M/Y strafed and 10 passenger cars probably destroyed. 1 locomotive destroyed and strafing at R-3344. 8-10 cars and locomotive destroyed by strafing at R-1323. 15 freight cars and 1 locomotive bombed and strafed at R-2126. 11 bombs dropped and 6 near misses observed. 12 barges seen at R-2833 in Rhine River heading SW. 1 RR bridge over Rhine seen intact at R-2728 with pontoon bridge alongside. Much barge traffic seen in same vicinity and much rail traffic on east side of Rhine. No e/a seen. Flak: weak, inaccurate, light at R-3340, and intense, inaccurate, light at R-2728. 1 a/c damaged by flak; Cat AC. Down 1433.

B. (i) 34 P-47s dispatched.

(ii) 10 A/C bombed railroad 8 miles E of Kaiserlautern at R-1298.
10 A/C bombed RR at Polin, L-7089, Munhm, L-7084 (RR), RR at L-8396, between Ossenheim and Rubenach.
11 A/C bombed barges at R-2833; bombed RR and tank cars at R-1223; bombing on box cars and cutting of rails at R-3827; bombed train at R-0426; bombed M/Y at R-2127; locomotive and freight cars bombed at R-2126.

(iii) 3 A/C abortive, due to
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 1 mechanical, tail wheel.
d) 2 a/c failure to release bombs over targets.

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47 damaged by flak: Cat. AC.
(viii) 33

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 79:30
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 81,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 9,720 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 68 GP 500 lb bombs dispatched, fuzed, M113(4-5").
(ii) 61 GP 500 lb bombs expended as follows;
20 bombs dropped on railroad 8 miles E of Kaiserlautern at R-1298.
6 bombs on Munhm, L-7084, (RR).
8 bombs on RR at Polin, L-7089.
6 bombs on RR at L-8396.
2 bombs on 3 barges pulled by tug, R-2833.
2 bombs on 15 box cars at R-3827
1 bomb on train at R-0426.
5 bombs on M/Y at R-2127.
11 bombs on freight cars and locomotive at R-2126.

(iii) 2 GP 500 lb bombs jettisoned, E of Kaiserlautern.
(iv) Nil
5 GP 500 lb bombs returned to base.

G. Nil.

H. (i) Nil.

I. 3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 5

4. Railroad cars and tanks,
a) Destroyed, 30
b) Probably destroyed, 10
c) Damaged, 15

5. Bridges,
a) Damaged, 1

9. Buildings,
b) Probably destroyed, 4
c) Damaged, 1

10. Railroads cut, 13 places.

12. Barges and Tug,
a) Destroyed, 3

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

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22 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 97 for the period ending Sunset 21 October 1944.

Operation No.: 82, Mission W 51-1 (opflash #1, #2 and #3).

4. A. 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1315 to go on armed reconnaissance of area from Saarlauter to Saarbrucken. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over target areas: 1340-1420. Weather in Metz area was very bad with a solid overcast. Squadron then flew to Nancy where it contacted Ripsaw on "C" channel. Ripsaw then ordered them to contact "Pailful" on "C" channel, but squadron could not receive him. Weather was so bad in that area that leader decided to bring squadron back to base. All bombs were returned. No e/a. No flak. Weather: 10/10 with base at 2000 ft and visibility 1/2 mile. Down 1450.

12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1330 to go on armed reconnaissance of Saarlauten and Trier area and to cut rails at L-4312. 1 a/c aborted due to radio trouble. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. Over target areas: 1400-1445. 18 bombs on train

consisting of locomotive and 15 freight cars heading west in M/Y at L-2838. Train was also strafed. 2 direct hits on train, with 2 on rails, and 10 near misses. Entire train and locomotive claimed destroyed. 4 bombs on railroad fill at a point near L-3748. 4 direct hits observed and tracks were cut. No e/a. Flak: weak, inaccurate, heavy at Trier. 2 bombs returned to base. Down 1532.

12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1307 to dive bomb RR at L-3101 and conduct armed reconnaissance of Trier-Koblenz area. Each a/c carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. 1 a/c aborted due to radio trouble. 2 bombs returned to base. Over area: 1358-1500. 1 a/c had near miss on RR bridge at L-2335. 1 a/c hit and destroyed small RR beidge 400 yds to the NE of aforementioned bridge. 2 a/c bombed small M/Y at Ehrana resulting in 2 railways being cut. 4 a/c bombed tunnel at L-2637. RR cut at west entrance by a direct hit and 2 hits observed on tunnel roof. Strafed small town and left it smoking. Light flak positions in area strafed. 3 a/c bombed RR tracks and buildings at Clotten (L-6164). RR was cut by direct hit and near miss. Flak was received from nearby wooded area and this area was strafed. No e/a. Flak: moderate, inaccurate, light at L-6164 and weak, inaccurate, light at L-2637. Down 1542.

B. (i) 36 P-47s dispatched.

(ii) 11 A/C bombed train consisting of locomotive and 15 freight cars; and bombed railroad fill at a point near L-3748.
1 A/C bombed RR bridge at L-2335.
1 A/C bombed small bridge near L-2335.
2 A/C bombed small M/Y at Ehrana.
4 A/C bombed tunnel at L-2637.
3 A/C bombed RR tracks and buildings at Clotten (L-6164).

(iii) 14 A/C abortive, due to:-
a) weather, 12
b) Nil
c) 2 radio.

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 35

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 79:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 86,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 7,680 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 72 GP 500 lb bombs, fuzed, M113 (4-5").

(ii) 44 GP 500 lb bombs expended as follows;
18 bombs on train consisting of locomotive and 15 freight cars heading in (west) M/Y at L-2838.
4 bombs on railroad fill at a point near L-3748.
2 bombs, near miss on RR bridge at L-2335.
2 bombs hit and destroyed small RR bridge 400 yds to NE of L-2335.
4 bombs on small M/Y at Ehrana.
8 bombs on tunnel at L-2637.
6 bombs on RR tracks and buildings at Clotten (L-6164).

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
28 GP 500 lb bombs returned to base.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 1

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 15

5. Bridges,
a) Destroyed, 1

11. Railroads cut, 4

17. Railroad fill, damaged.

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Grazis
JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

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25 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 98 for the period ending Sunset 22 October 1944.

Operation No.: 83, Mission W 51-2.

4. A. 30 P-47s of 358th Fighter Group (11 a/c from 365th Squadron; 7 a/c from 366th Squadron, and 12 a/c from 367th Squadron) dispatched at 0920 to attack RR bridge at U-867555. 1 a/c abortive - mechanical. Over area: 1020-1055. Each a/c carried 2 GP 1000 lb bombs. 50 bombs on targets; 6 jettisoned and 4 returned to base. 16 bombs on bridge near Metz, of which 2 bombs on NW end of bridge and 2 on SE end, but extent of damage unknown. 5 bombs on tracks north of bridge and 1 on tracks at U-866570. 2 bombs destroyed 2 buildings north of bridge at U-862562. 8 bombs on double RR tracks at U-900538. 6 direct hits resulted in cutting the tracks in three places. Ridpaw vectored 1 squadron to attack M/Y through hole in clouds at Q-357603. 10 bombs on 15 box cars in yard, all cars destroyed. 4 to 6 20mm gun positions along tracks strafed and destroyed. 6 bombs jettisoned. 3 a/c not bombing because of weather. 4 bombs returned; 2 because of bomb

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release failure and on aborting aircraft. Flak: moderate, inaccurate, heavy at U-900540, 2 miles east of Metz. Intense, inaccurate light at U-845560, SW corner of Metz. Weak, inaccurate, heavy at U-870545, weak, inaccurate, heavy at U-2060, moderate, accurate, light at U-357603. 1 a/c damaged by flak, Cat. "AC". Down 1135.

B. (i) 30 P-47s dispatched.

(ii) 8 A/C bombed bridge near Metz; tracks north of bridge, and tracks at U-866570, and buildings north of bridge at U-862562.
5 A/C bombed M/Y south of U-357603, and strafed 4 to 6 20mm gun positions.
12 A/C bombed double RR tracks at U-900538 and U-890540; and bombed track at U-831531.

(iii) 5 A/C abortive, due to:-
a) 3 a/c weather
b) 2 a/c mechanical; 1 tachometer; 1 bomb failure release.

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 A/C damaged by flak, Cat."AC".
(viii) 30

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 56:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 72,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 11,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 60 GP 1000 lb bombs dispatched.

(ii) 50 GP 1000 lb bombs expended as follows;
16 bombs on bridge near Metz, and tracks north of bridge and tracks at U-866570 and buildings north of bridge at U-862562.
10 bombs on M/Y south of U-357603.
24 bombs on double RR tracks at U-900538 and U-890540 and tracks at U-831531.

(iii) 6 GP 1000 lb bombs jettisoned, because of weather.

(iv) Nil
4 GP 1000 lb bombs returned to base.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. (iii) Nil

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 15

6. Gun emplacements,
a) Destroyed, 6

9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 2

11. Railroads cut,
a) Destroyed, in 2 places.

Other results not observed.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

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25 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 24 October 1944.

2. Oprep. 100.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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26 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 25 October 1944.

2. Oprep No. 101.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph Grazis
JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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27 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 102 for the period ending Sunset 26 October 1944.
Operation No. 87, Mission X 51-1.

4. A. 48 P-47s of the 358th Fighter Group (16 a/c from each squadron) dispatched at 1047 to attack RR bridge at L-420180. 32 a/c carried 2 GP 1000 lb bombs each, and 16 a/c acted as escort. Over target area: 1150-1225. 1 bomb jettisoned accidently by 367th squadron and all the rest of the bombs were returned to base. Ripsaw 3 vectored squadron to target, but bade weather made it impossible to see target. Weather was so bad all along route that no attacks on targets of opportunity were possible. Flak: weak, inaccurate, heavy at L-4218. 1 jet-propelled a/c, type unknown, observed in target area at L-4218 at 1212 hours climbing away from our formation at 15,000 - 20,000 ft. Estimated speed was at 400 plus mph. Weather: 10/10 with

base at 1000, tops at 5500 with haze from deck to 10,000 ft. Down 1330.

B. (i) 48 P-47s dispatched.

(ii) Nil

(iii) 48 A/C abortive, due to:- weather.

(iv) Nil

(v) Nil

(vi) Nil

(vii) Nil

(viii) 48

C. (i) Nil

(ii) Nil

D. (i) 116:05

(ii) Nil

E. (i) 115,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

(ii) Nil

(iii) Nil

F. (i) 64 GP 1000 lb bombs dispatched.

(ii) Nil

(iii) 1 GP 1000 lb bomb jettisoned accidentally.

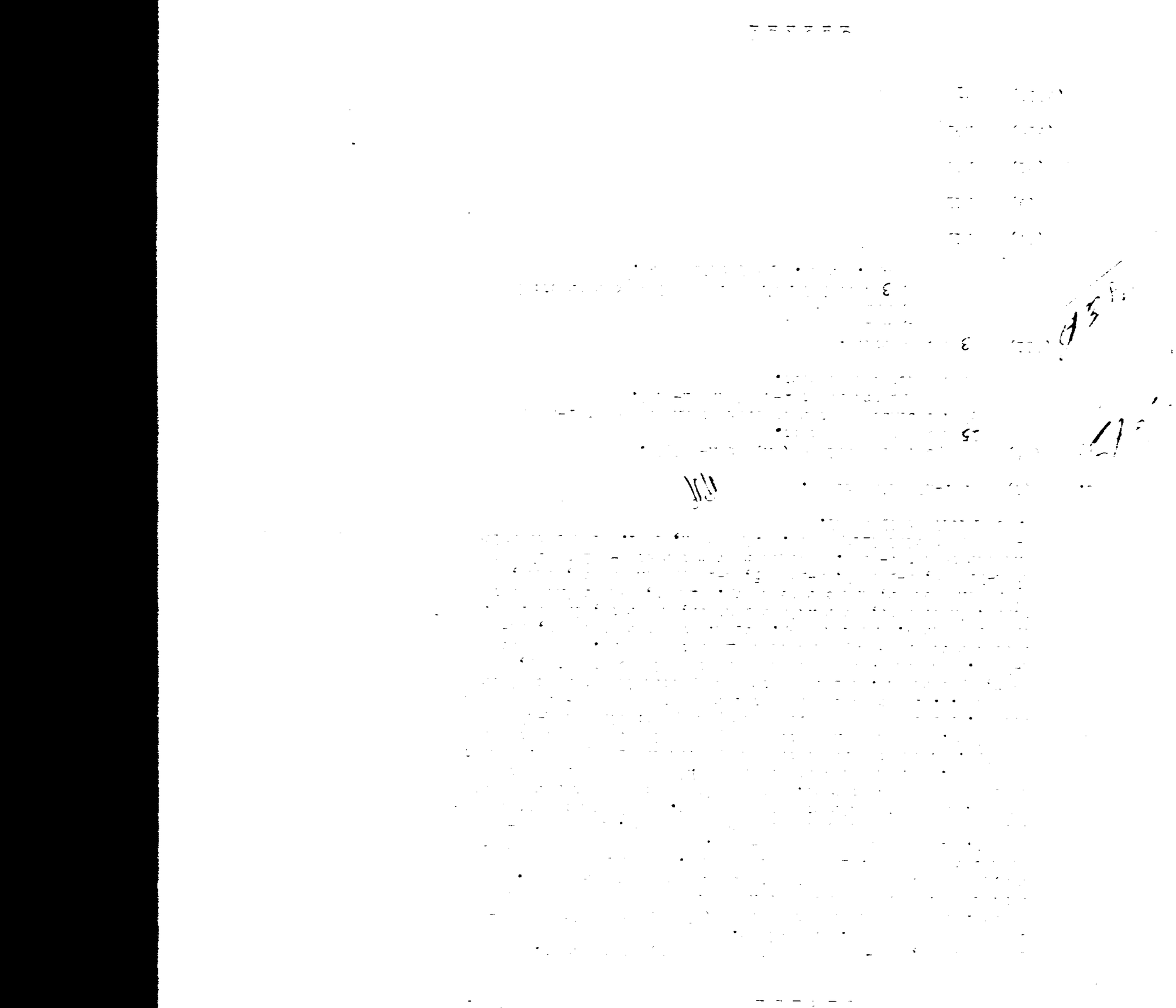
(iv) Nil
63 GP 1000 lb bombs returned to base.

G. Nil

H. Nil

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer



4. Continued:
1 heavy flak position on building in Waldweiler, L-3222 strafed. Gun destroyed, building damaged. 6 bombs on Dogstuhl, L-3903, 6 hits center of town, 2 fires resulting, unknown number of buildings destroyed. 8 bombs on M/Y at Thailer, L-3504, 8 hits on building area S side of tracks, 5 buildings destroyed, 1 locomotive, 6 freight cars strafed, large columns of steam rose from engine, cars badly damaged. 86 bombs in target area. 1 A/C abortive, radio failure, 2 frags returned. No E/A encountered. Flak: meager, inaccurate light at Q-405903; moderate inaccurate light at L-2094; meager, inaccurate heavy at Q-2295. Radio "A" Channel garbled such that Ripsaw 5 sounded like a chinaman, suspect new type of jamline, not one word readable. Same effect but lessened within Group, had to work on "D" Channel. Time down 1131.

16 P-47's of 365th Squadron, 8 A/C carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs, 4-5 second delay, 8 as escort, dispatched at 1500 on armed reconnaissance Saarlautern, Lebach, Neuenkirchen, St. Wendel, Oberstein, Bad Kruezack, Biggen, Lauterecken, Homburg, and Saarbrucken, also to cut rails at L-6415 and L-9425. Time over target 1600 1615. 8 bombs dropped on R.R. at L-6415, cutting rails, 2 direct hits observed. 4 bombs dropped on R.R. at L-6416, 2 direct hits cutting rails. 1 train strafed at L-8112 heading NE composed of 8 coaches. 3 coaches destroyed and 5 probably destroyed. 1 locomotive at Q-5992 heading S strafed and destroyed. 1 truck strafed and destroyed at L-8615. 1 train strafed at L-7023 heading NE, locomotive destroyed and 4 bombs dropped. Flak: over target nil; heavy weak inaccurate over Saarbrucken, heavy weak inaccurate in vicinity of Q-0065. 2 P-47's dove at Blue flight flying at 8,000 feet with orange tails and yellow spinners and black and white D-Day markings and fired at them. P-47's continued on down to deck. It appeared as though only 2 guns on each wing were firing with no tracers. 1 of our A/C returned fire. 1 jet propelled A/C at Q-6088 heading N and straight up at 18,000 feet no contact made. 1 of our A/C damaged by flak category "AC". Time down 1700.

14 P-47's of 367th Squadron, 8 A/C carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs, 6 A/C as escort, dispatched at 1511 on armed reconnaissance Searguemines, Rohrback, Bitchie, Haganau, Landau and Zwiebrucken. Time over area 1620-1640. 1 staff car and 2 Germans destroyed at Q-4129. Barge damaged at Hockfelden (Q-8817). 10 barges observed in area. M/Y at Pfaffenhaffen (Q-9028) bombed and strafed. 1 locomotive and 20 cars destroyed. 4 buildings left burning. M/Y at Ingweiller (Q-8130) strafed, 15 cars including 8 tank cars destroyed. Heavy M/T destroyed at Wingen (Q-7336). No E/A encountered. Flak: moderate accurate heavy at Q-0945; moderate, inaccurate, heavy at Q-2735. Moderate accurate flak SE Metz, (Q-945) damaged Blue leader. He crashed and burned at U-6442. Pilot safe. L P-47 damaged by flak category "A". Weather: 4/10's clouds, base 4,000, tops 5,000, visibility 2 miles. Time down 1718

4. Continued:

16 P-47's of 365th Squadron, 8 a/c carrying 2 x 1000 lb GP bombs fused at 1/10, 1/40, and 8 a/c carrying 2 x 260 lb frag bombs. Dispatched at 1525 on armed reconnaissance Trier, Aachen, Koblenz, Simmern, Hermeskiel, Neuenkirchen, and Bupriche, also to cut rails at L-3101. Time over target 1600-1645. Dive from 9,000 feet, release 2,000 feet 45 degree angle. Bridge at L-420180, Hermiskiel 16 bombs in area, 12 hits in NE corner, very close to bridge, believed damaged, 2 buildings E of bridge burning, claimed destroyed. 4 buildings NE bridge blown up (1 was long rectangular, believed warehouse). North approach to bridge badly torn up by previous bombing. 16 frags dropped on town at L-3954, Mittlick, 8 of them in M/Y, damaging locomotive and 10 cars, locomotive strafed, had steam up. 8 frags on group of buildings, 7 of which were destroyed, seen to explode. 120 MM gun in M/Y strafed and destroyed. Flak: Moderate, inaccurate heavy and weak inaccurate light at L-3954. At Mittlick L-3954. 4 jet planes seen at 1615, from 6,000 to 8,000 feet seen to zoom up to 20,000 feet. Between Nancy and Metz, at 1715, one jet seen at about 30,000 feet headed east. Time down 1730.

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E. (i) 90 P-47D dispatched.

(ii) 12 a/c bombed R.R. bridge at L-420180.
4 a/c strafed 1 locomotive and 10 cars at ~-4591.
4 a/c strafed 1 locomotive and 8 cars at L-0131.
12 a/c strafed 4 locomotives and 50 cars at Neuenkirchen M/Y.
8 a/c strafed 1 locomotive and 30 cars at L-5510.
8 a/c strafed 3 light flak positions and crews at L-2303.
8 a/c strafed 21 cars at ~-350995.
4 a/c bombed M/Y at ~-4492.
7 a/c bombed bridge at L-524017.
1 a/c bombed train at M/Y at ~-360905.
1 a/c strafed 1 locomotive and 12 cars at ~-360905.
4 a/c bombed R.R. bridge at ~-363943.
4 a/c bombed town, Merzig, L-2094.
4 a/c bombed town, Bierfield, ~-4222.
4 a/c strafed flak position in building in Waldweiler, ~-3222.
3 a/c bombed town Bogstahl, L-3903.
4 a/c bombed M/Y at Thailer, ~-3504.
4 a/c strafed 1 locomotive and 6 cars at L-3504.
4 a/c bombed R.R. at L-6415.
2 a/c bombed R.R. at L-6416.
4 a/c strafed 8 coaches at L-8112.
4 a/c strafed locomotive at ~-5992.
2 a/c strafed 1 truck at ~-6615.
2 a/c bombed and strafed train at L-7023.
8 a/c acted as escort.

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4. B. (ii) Continued:
8 A/C bombed M/Y at Pfaffenhaffen, ~9028.
6 A/C acted as escort.
4 A/C strafed 1 staff car and 2 Germans at ~4129.
4 A/C strafed barge at ~8817.
8 A/C strafed M/Y at Ingweiller, ~8130.
2 A/C strafed heavy M/T at Singen, ~,336.
8 A/C bombed bridge at L-420180, Hermiskiel.
8 A/C bombed town at L-3954, Wittlick (8 bomb in M/Y, other 8 on buildings)
4 A/C strafed 120 MM gun in M/Y.
(iii) 1 abortive, radio failure.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) 1 destroyed by flak. (Pilot safe)
(vii) 1 category A; 1 category AC.
(viii) 89.
C. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
D. (i) 206:00
(ii) Nil.
E. (i) 216,000 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 37,931 (50 calibre ammunition)
(iii) 2400 (50 calibre ammunition)
F. (i) 48 x 260 lb frags.
32 x 500 lb GP bombs fused 4-5 second delay.
12 x 1000 lb GP bombs fused instantaneously
28 x 1000 lb GP bombs fused 1/10-1/40.
32 x 1000 lb GP bombs fused 8-11 seconds.
(ii) 24 x 1000 lb GP bombs on R.R. bridge at L-420180.
8 x 1000 lb GP bombs on M/Y at ~4492.
14 x 1000 lb GP bombs on bridge at L-524017
2 x 1000 lb GP bombs on train in M/Y at ~360905.
8 x 1000 lb GP bombs on R.R. bridge at ~363943.
8 x 260 frags on Merzig, L-2094.
8 x 260 frags on Bierfield, ~4222.
6 x 260 frags on Bogstahl, L-3903.
8 x 260 frags on M/Y at Thailer, L-3504.
8 x 500 lb GP bombs on R.R. at L-6415.
4 x 500 lb GP bombs on R.R. at L-6416.
4 x 500 lb GP bombs on train at L-7023.
16 x 500 lb GP bombs on M/Y at ~9028.
16 x 1000 lb GP bombs on bridge at L-420180.
~~16 x [redacted]~~ 1b GP bombs on town at L-3954, Wittlick. → 260 [illegible]
(iii) 2 x 260 frags returned to base by abortive.
G. (i) Nil.
H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

I. 1. (a) 3 destroyed.
3. (a) 12 destroyed (b) 1 probable (c) 1 damaged.
4. (a) 56 destroyed (b) 5 probable (c) 149 damaged.
5. (a) 1 destroyed (c) 2 damaged
6. (a) 5 destroyed
9. (a) 13 destroyed
11. 3 places.
12. (c) 1 damaged.

For the Group Commander:

/s/ Joseph J. Grazio
JOSEPH J. GRAZIO,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Stat Officer.

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Headquarters 358TH FIGHTER GROUP AG/3
APO 141 US Army

1 Nov 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 106 for the period ending Sunset 30 Oct 1944.
O.O. No. 91.

4. 27 P-47's dispatched to escort B-26's. Mission recalled due to weather. Total combat time flown, 20:00 hours.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. [illegible],
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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Headquarters 358th Fighter Group
APO 141 US Army

2 Nov 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear), att: 26 SCU
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, att: Stat Control

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 107 for period ending 31 Oct 1944.

Mission or Operation: Weather reconnaissance.

4. A. 2 P-47's dispatched at 1000 hours on weather reconnaissance of the Metz-Saarbrucken area. Down 1215 hours.

B. (i) 2 P-47's dispatched.
(ii) 2 P-47's completed mission.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 2.
C. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
D. (i) 4:30.
(ii) Nil.
E. (i) 4800 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
F. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
G. (i) Nil.

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Headquarters 358th Fighter Group
APO 141 US Army

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4 Nov 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear), att: 26 OOU
Commanding General, AIA Tactical Air Command, att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-S, a negative report is submitted for Oprep No.109, dated 2 Nov 1944.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Grazis
JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Stat Officer.

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Headquarters 358TH FIGHTER GROUP 3E/3
APO 141 US Army

4 Nov 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear),
att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-6, the following report is submitted.for 3 Nov 1944.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 110.

Mission or Operation No.: C.O. 95, Mission No. A51-1.

4. A. 16 P-47's of the 367th Fighter Squadron, dispatched at 1407 hours to escort B-26's attacking Konz Karthaus Bridge at L-542297. Squadron controlled by Ripsaw Three throughout mission. Rendezvous with B-26's at 12,000 feet, 1515 hours. Withdrew from escort at 1535 hours. One Group of bombers, believed to be the second group (Hotel), not observed to bomb. No further observations. No abortives, no casualties, no A/C damaged, no claims. No E/A or flak encountered. Home 1618. Weather: 9/10 in layers up to 8,000 feet; thin stratus layers between 8 and 14,000 feet.

B. (i) 16 P-47's.
(ii) 16 P-47's escorted B-26's to Konz Karthaus.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.
(v) Nil.
(vi) Nil.
(vii) Nil.
(viii) 16.

C. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

D. (i) 36:20.
(ii) Nil.

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4. E. (i) 38,400 (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

G. Nil.

H. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
(iiii) Nil.

I. (i) Nil.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Stat Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP GE/7
APO 141 U.S. Army

7 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Attn: 26 SOU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, the following report is submitted for 5 November 1944.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 112.
Operation No.: 97, Mission No. X 51-1 (Opflash #1,2 and 3).

4. A. 16 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1226 to escort B-26s at L-700808 (attacking Homburg). Time over target 1322-1326. Squadron R/V with 1 box B-26s 1304 NE Trier, L-3138, 13,000 feet. No results observed on bombing because of overcast. Withdrew 1348, Bastogne T-5758, 14,000 feet. No E/A encountered. No flak. Difficult to contact bombers for a while, rockets and contrails seen at 1342, 1406, headed North East toward Liege Belgium, seemed to come from L-4040, North East Trier. Time down 1435.
16 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1238 to escort B-26s bombing target at Homburg, L-700808. Time over target 1334-1415. R/V with bombers at L-9014, 11,000 feet 1334, after they had bombed through overcast. No results observed. Could not contact either bombers or "Ripsaw". First escorted A-20s but left to escort B-26s going on course. Served as general area support and escort to B-26s leaving the area. Withdrew 11,000 feet 1415. R/T, A and C channels jammed by other groups talking to "Ripsaw" could not break in. No E/A encountered. No flak: Weather: Over target 10/10 all way in to R/V and return tops 10,000 feet, over base bottom 800 tops 2,500. Time down 1434.

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16 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1300 to escort B-26s attacking Homburg, ~-700808. Time with bombers 1400-1405. Squadron R/V with B-26s at 1350 hours at 16,000 ft. Briefed course was flown and bombers were 5 minutes late in bombing through overcast. No observations made of results. Jigsaw 5 was used as controller throughout mission. Bomber call sign of "Mortgage" used to contact bombers. Squadron withdrew at 1435 hours. No E/A encountered. No flak. Weather: Over target 10/10s clouds, tops 8 to 10,000, base 2500, visibility very good, below 3-4 miles. 2 Me 263 sighted 16 miles NE Trier. They were headed South East and were at 25,000 feet, time was 1415. Time down 1511.

B. (i) 48 P-47s.
(ii) 48 P-47s escorted B-26s bombing target at Homburg, ~-700808.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 48

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 106:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 115,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Nil

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Grazis
JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

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8 November 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force,
Attn: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, a negative report is submitted for Oprep No. 113, dated 6 November 1944.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

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7 November 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attn: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attn: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, a negative report is submitted for Oprep No. 114, dated 7 November 1944.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

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10 November 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attn: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, the following report is submitted for 8 November 1944.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 115.
Operation No.: 100, Mission No. W 51-7 (Opflashs #1 to #6).

4. A. 15 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0955 to give close support to 80th Inf Div in Nancy Area. 4 A/C carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs each. 4 A/C carried 3 260 lb frag bombs each. 3 A/C carried 1 Napalm bomb each. 4 A/C flew as escort. Time over target 1030-1115. Squadron contacted Ironclad and were vectored to Cote De Delme Ridge. Dropped 8 - 500 lb GP bombs at V-975375 in trenches and gun positions in wooded area. All hits in area. 3 Napalms dropped on troop emplacements in trenches and fox holes at V-980360. All direct hits. 12 frags dropped at V-994368, in woods where we observed troop activity. All hits in area. Controller said bomb East of Liscourt. All targets East of Liscourt. Photo Delme Ridge used. No E/A encountered. Flak: Meager heavy, Inaccurate in Forest Chateau Salins at [illegible]1030. Intense, light, inaccurate, at V-950370. Intense, light, inaccurate at V-995360. Observed on RR between [illegible]-0645 and [illegible]-1047, 8 to 10 flat cars with guns in groups of 2 and 3 spread out along track. No engines observed, 6 flat cars with guns on RR at [illegible]-270345. Time down 1200.

16 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1013 to give close support to 35th Inf Div Vic [illegible]-0020. (Nancy area). 4 A/C carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs each. 4 A/C carried 3 - 260 lb frag bombs each. 4 A/C carried 1 Npalm bomb each. 4 A/C flew as escort. Time over target 1135-1150. Squadron contacted Flabby who told them to call "Ironclad". They were vectored to the South edge of the Forest De Chateau

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Salins, ↖-0928, where they all bombed and concentration was excellent. Two German tanks destroyed at ↖-0928 by NAPALM bombs. Heavy artillery piece drawn by 4 horses and manned by 6 Germans destroyed by strafing at ↖-1267, 32 miles North East of Nancy. Light gun position containing 3 guns strafed and destroyed at ↖-0928, 24 miles North East of Nancy. Vehicles tracks were observed going into the woods were bombed. One of our A/C damaged by flak, category AC. 2 NAPLAMS returned. No E/A encountered. Flak: over target; moderate, inaccurate, heavy at ↖-0928, 24 miles North East Nancy. Intense, accurate, light, at ↖-0928, 24 miles NE of Nancy. Elsewhere: Intense, inaccurate, light at ↖-1627, 32 miles North East of Nancy. Weather: Over target 10/10s, base 6500, tops 10,000, Visibility below very good. Time down 1230.

16 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1104 to give close support to XII Corps. 4 A/C carried 1 NAPALM each. 4 A/C carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs each. 4 A/C carried 3 - 260 lb frag bombs each. 4 A/C flew as escort. Time over target 1135-1230. "Flabby" directed Squadron to contact "Bluejacket" and he told flights to bomb gun and mortor emplacements at ↖-2313. 3 NAPLAMS and 12 frags were dropped in North East edge of woods. Excellent pattern observed in corner of woods. 8 GP 500 lb bombs dropped in woods at ↖-1912. 4 AA guns (light) strafed and destroyed at ↖-2413. 2 trucks strafed and destroyed at ↖-2524. 1 NAPALM failed to explode because it was hit by flak after it was dropped. 2 remaining NAPALMS resulting in 3 fires. Cause of 3rd fire unknown, but was much greater than NAPALM. No E/A encountered. Flak: Over target, light, moderate, inaccurate at ↖-2413. 3 of our A/C aborted, 2 weather, and 1 mechanical. 1 NAPALM bomb returned. Heavy enemy guns observed in woods on western edge at ↖-2212. Our tanks observed at ↖-2114. 1 P-47 with orange tail observed on ground at ↖-1813. Time down 1306.

16 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1325 to give close support to XII Corps. 4 A/C carried 1 NAPALM bomb each. 3 A/C carried 3 - 260 lb frag bombs each. 1 A/C carried 2 - 260 lb frag bombs. 4 A/C carried 2 - 500 lb GP bombs each. 4 A/C flew as escort. Time over target 1420-1500. "Ironclad" gave target troop concentration in woods at ↖-0037. 8 - 500 lb GP bombs on target, all on target in woods. Dropped 4 NAPALM'S in woods at ↖-0828 Chateau Salins, only 2 seen to explode. Drawing light and heavy fire from area bombed. 10 frags in woods at ↖-1133 Chateau Salins. 10 frags and 4 NAPALM'S in target area. 1 frag jettisoned at ↖-1835 hung up. No E/A encountered. Flak: Meager, inaccurate, light at ↖-0037. Light, inaccurate, at ↖-0928. Heavy, moderate, inaccurate at ↖-1133. 2 flights of planes landed at Strip A-82. Returned from A-82 in AM of November 9th. Time down 1530.

16 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1420 to give close support to 26 Inf Div. 4 A/C carried 3 - 260 lb frag bombs each. 4 A/C carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. 4 A/C carried 1 Napalm bomb each. 4 A/C flew as escort. Time over target 1455-1555. Squadron contacted "Flabby" who turned them over to "Bluejacket" controller. Squadron was vectored by "Bluejacket" to Hamport at ~-151274 and ordered to drop all bombs on this point. All bombs were dropped in the town resulting in three huge fires, flames rising 2 to 300 feet in the air. Also strafed gun positions in the South East portion of the town. Great number of barges seen on the canal in the vicinity of Hamport. Countryside under water in flooded condition in this area. Extremely good R/T with ground control. Target photos not used. No E/A encountered. Flak: Over target heavy moderate accurate also light week inaccurate ~-151274. Time down 1615 at strip A-82. Planes returned to strip A-80 on 9th of November 9th. 1 of our A/C damaged by flak category "A".

12 A/C of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1500 to give close support to 35 Inf Div Vicinity Nancy ~-0020. 4 A/C carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. 4 A/C carried 3 - 260 lb frags. 4 A/C carried 1 Napalm bomb each. Time over target 1615-1630. Squadron leader contacted "Flabby" who told them to bomb wooded area at ~-0036, 5 miles North West Delme. Good concentration in the wooded area. No observation made. "Flabby" did not make reference to photos which Squadron leader carried. Red Flight leader and wingman became separated from flight and squadron attempting to escort crippled P-47, 38-Z, out of the target area. Last seen heading north. No E/A encountered. Flak: intense, inaccurate, light at ~-945345, 8 miles North West Delme. Weather: Over target 6 to 7/10's at 1500 feet, visibility 4 miles. Elsewhere, Moselle River to the West 10/10s, 800 base heavy rain storm. Visibility 1/2 mile. Two of our A/C missing, 1st Lieut., ROBERT E. WARD, and F/O [redacted] F. EVERITT. Planes down at strip A-90, 1700. Returned to strip A-89, 9th November Time down 1430.

B. (i) 91 P-47s dispatched (including 20 A/C acting as escort).
(ii) 4 A/C bombed at V-975375, trenches and gun positions in wooded area.
3 A/C bombed troop emplacements in trenches and fox holes at V-980360.
4 A/C bombed at V-994368, in wooded area where troop activity was observed.
10 A/C bombed South edge of the Forest De Chateau Salins, ~-0928.
3 A/C bombed gun and mortor emplacements at ~-2313.
4 A/C bombed gun abd mortor emplacements in north East edge of woods, at ~-2313.
4 A/C bombed in woods at ~-1912.

4 A/C bombed troop concentration in woods at ~-0037.
4 A/C bombed in woods at ~-0828 Chateau Salins.
4 A/C bombed in woods at ~-1133 Chateau Salins.
12 A/C bombed in town at ~-151274.
12 A/C bombed wooded area at ~-0036.
20 A/C acted as escort.

(iii) 3 A/C abortive, due to:-
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 1 Elevator trim tabs failure; 2 failure to release bombs over target.

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 2 A/C damaged by flak, 1 Cat. "A", 1 Cat."AC".
(viii) 89.

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 198:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 218,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 25,516 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 48 GP 500 lb bombs,
72 - 260 lb Frag bombs,
24 Napalm (Firebombs) 150 gallon type.

(ii) 8 GP 500 lb bombs dropped at V-975375 in trenches and gun positions in wooded area.
3 NAPALM bombs dropped on troop emplacements in trenches and fox holes at V-980360.
12 Frag bombs at V-994368, in woods of troop activity.
8 GP 500 lb bombs dropped the South edge of the Forest De Chateau Salins, ~-0928.
12 Frag bombs dropped on the South edge of the Forest De Chateau Salins, at ~-0928.
2 Napalm bombs dropped on two German tanks at ~-0928.
3 Napalm bombs were dropped in North East edge of woods, ~-2313.
12 Frag bombs were dropped in North East edge of woods at ~-2313.
8 GP 500 lb bombs were dropped in woods at ~-1912.

8 GP 500lb bombs on troop concentration in woods at ~-0037.
4 Napalm bombs dropped in woods at ~-0828, Chateau Salins.
11 Frag 260 lb bombs dropped in woods at ~-1133 Chateau Salins.
8 Frag-260 lb bombs dropped in town at ~-151274.
8 GP 500 lb bombs dropped in town at ~-151274.
4 Napalm bombs dropped in town at ~-151274.
4 Frag-260 bombs dropped in woods at ~-151274.
8 GP 500 lb bombs dropped in wooded area at ~-0036.
12 Frag 260-lb bombs dropped in wooded area at ~-0036.
4 Napalm bombs dropped in wooded area at ~-0036, 5 miles North West Delme.

(iii) 4 Napalm (Firebomb) jettisoned.
1 Frag 260 lb bomb jettisoned, at ~-1835.

(iv) Nil
2 Napalm (Firebombs) reutned to base.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 2
2. Armored tanks,
a) Destroyed, 2
6. Gun emplacements,
a) Destroyed, 5
13. Horse drawn vehicles, heavy,
a) Destroyed, 1
17. 4 horses and 6 Germans destroyed.

Other results are unknown because bombs were dropped in woods in troop concentrations.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

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10 November 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attn: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attn: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, the following report is submitted for 9 November 1944.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 116.
Operation No.: 101, Mission OCB-1 (opflashs #1 to #7).

4. A. 12 A/C of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1100 on armed reconnaissance Saarbourg, Saarbrucken and Vitamont area. Time over target 1210-1255. 4 A/C carried 3 260 lb frags. 4 A/C carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs each. 4 A/C flew as escort. No target from controller, unable to receive controller but advised him over R/T that because of overcast unable to operate in his area and were going on armed reconnaissance. 4 GP 500 lb bombs on locomotive East of Saarbourg at ↙-510164 missed with bombs but destroyed by strafing. Engine traveling West. 4 GP 500 lb bombs on R/Y at ↙-495155. 2 bombs hit tracks, 2 direct hits on warehouses, destroyed. All frags on warehouses and visible supply dump at ↙-507167. Fire started all direct hits. No A/A encountered. Flak: Over target, heavy, meager, inaccurate, ↙-502145. Light, intense, inaccurate over Saarbourg. Heavy, meager, inaccurate at ↙-005455. Weather: Over target 8/10's base 2,000 found targets thru holes in clouds. Time down 1345.
12 A/C of 367th Squadron dispatched on armed reconnaissance, Saarbourg, Saarbrucken, Valimont area. 4 A/C each carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs. 4 A/C carried 3 Frag 260 lb bombs each. 4 A/C flew as escort. Time over target 1350-1410. Squadron was vectored by "Ironclad" to

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<-060345, 6 miles North East Delme to investigate wooded area. Roads leading to the woods were heavily concentrated with horse drawn venicles. Squadron had an excellent concentration with their bombs and also strafed the woods 3 times. Claims of 15 horse drawn vehicles destroyed and 1 light flak position which contained 4 guns destroyed. Automatic weapons position destroyed by strafing at <-050350, 5 miles North East Delme. Squadron leader called "Flabby" and told him of heavy concentration of horse drawn vehicles at coordinate given above. Flak: Moderate, accurate, light <-060345, 6 miles North East Delme. Meager, inaccurate, heavy at <-075285, 6 miles North West Chateau Salins. Weather: Over target; 7 to 8/10's base 2,000, tops 700 feet, visibility 3 to 4 miles. 2 of our A/C damaged by flak category "A". Time down 1440.

12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1250 on armed reconnaissance, Saarbourg, Saarbrucken and Vitamont. 4 A/C carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs each. 4 A/C carried 3 Frag 260 lb bombs each. 4 A/C flew as escort. Squadron contacted "Flabby" sent to "Ironclad". Ironclad vectored to <-0037. Due to overcast, could not find target. Bombed 10 to 15 trucks on road at <-105500, destroyed 2 trucks, damaged 2. Rails cut in 2 places at <-140490. Photos not used. No friendly or enemy action observed. Flak: Light, weak, inaccurate at <-105500. One of our A/C missing, 1st Lt. Harry A. Black Jr. 4 A/C down at 1450. 7 A/C down at 1530. Time over target 1320-1420.

6 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1420 to give close support to 6th armored division. 2 A/C carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs each. 4 A/C carried 2 Frag 260 lb bombs each. Time over target 1530-1540. Squadron could not contact "Liver". "Flabby" vectored Squadron to 8 tanks well camouflaged by trees and branches at <-165475 along road running South West of woods. 3 GP 500 lb bombs, 8 frag bombs direct hits, good strafing pattern, no explosions, all damaged. Attack and result reported to "Flabby". 1 GP 500 lb bomb returned mechanical. No E/A encountered. Flak: Moderate, inaccurate, light, meager, inaccurate, heavy over target. Time down 1610.

7 A/C of 365th Squadron dispatched at 145[illegible] to give close support to 6th Armored Division. Time over target 1540-1610. 3 A/C carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs each. 4 A/C carried 2 Frag 260 lb bombs each. Squadron contacted "Flabby" who vectored to tanks at <-0846, town of Henery(herny). 4 tanks, 1 horse drawn artillery piece seen, <-081482, on road North into Bois Densitaire woods. 6 GP 500 lb bombs all near misses, 6 frags, all direct hits, resulting in a large explosion. Targets heavily strafed, 4 tanks destroyed.

1 artillery piece destroyed. 2 frag bombs and strafing on locomotive at ↵-085462, large cloud of steam rose from target, locomotive destroyed. Strafed 30 flat cars heavily loaded with material, damaged lo. No fires seen. On road east of Nerny at ↵-095455, 4 half tracks, 1 horse drawn artillery, strafed and 1 half track exploded. 4 half tracks destroyed. No E/A encountered. Flak: Moderate, accurate, light, at ↵-0846, meager, inaccurate, light at ↵-103457, ↵-095457. 1 of our A/C damaged by flak, category "AC". Saw other tanks along road in woods north of target. Called this information to "Flabby". Time down 1640.

12 A/C of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1546 on armed reconnaissance, Saarbourg, Saarbrucken, Vatimont area. Time over targets 1625-1640. 4 A/C carried 2 GP 500 lb(each) bombs. 4 A/C carried 3 - 260 lb Frags each. 4 A/C flew as escort. Squadron contacted "Liver" but "Flabby" cut in and told Squadron leader he had a target for them. Target was the town of Nerny ↵-0746, 16 miles South East of Metz, which he said contained heavy concentrations of light flak positions. Squadron had a good concentration with their bombs and claimed 10 buildings destroyed and 1 light caliber four guns positions destroyed. Squadron claims by strafing 1 light gun position destroyed at ↵-0548, 12 miles South East of Metz, 1 light gun position destroyed at ↵-1045, 14 miles South East of Metz and four gun 20 mm position destroyed at ↵-0431, 20 miles South East of Metz. No E/A encountered. Flak: Over target; moderate, accurate, light at ↵-0746, 16 miles South East of Metz. 2 of our A/C damaged by flak, category "A" and "AC". Weather: Over target 10/10's clouds, base 6500 feet, tops unknown, visibility 3 to 5 miles. 6 frags returned. Time down 1744.

16 A/C of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1629 to give support to 6th armored division. 4 A/C carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs each. 4 A/C carried 3 -260 lb frags. 8 A/C flew as escort. "Hipsaw" advised squadron to return to base without attacking any target due to bad weather and darkness. Time "Hipsaw" gave instruction to return to base 1710. Jettisoned 4 frags in river safely at ↵-3040, 8 frags returned, and 8 - 500 lb GP bombs returned. No E/A encountered. Time down 1812.

B. (i) 77 P-47s dispatched. (including 24 A/C acting as escort).
(ii) 2 A/C dropped bombs on locomotive East of Saarbourg at ↵-510164
2 A/C dropped bombs on A/Y at ↵-495155.
4 A/C bombed warehouses and visible supply dump at ↵-507167.

8 A/C bombed wooded area, ~-060345, 6 miles North East Delme.
8 A/C bombed 10 to 15 trucks on road at ~-105500, and rails at ~-140490.
6 A/C bombed 8 tanks at ~-165475 along road running South West of woods.
6 A/C bombed 4 tanks, and 1 horse drawn artillery piece seen at ~-081482, on road North into Bois Consitaire woods.
1 A/C bombed locomotive at ~-085462.
6 A/C bombed town of Remy ~-0746, 16 miles South East of Metz.
24 A/C acted as escort.

(iii) 10 A/C abortive, due to:-
a) weather, 8
b) Nil
c) mechanical, 2, bomb release failure.

(iv) 1 P-47 42-76487, missing, cause unknown, 8 miles South and 10 miles East of Metz.

(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 5 A/C damaged by flak; 2 category "B" and 3 category "A".
(viii) 77

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 163:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 184,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 22,105 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) 2,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition.)

F. (i) 50 GP 500 lb bombs,
76 - 260lb Frag bombs,
Fuzes, nose, M103 65
" tail, M100A2 43
" tail, M101A2 8
" tail, M113 38

(ii) 4 - 500 lb GP bombs on locomotive East of Saarbourg at ~-510104.
4 - 500 lb GP bombs on M/Y at ~-495155.
12 - 260 lb Frag bombs on warehouses and supply dump at ~-507167.

— 8 - 500 lb GP bombs on wooded area, 6 miles Northeast Delme at ~-060345.
12 - 260 lb Frag bombs on wooded area, 6 miles Northeast Delme at ~-060345.
— 8 - 500 lb GP 500 lb bombs on trucks on road at ~-105500 and on rails at ~-140490.
12 - 260 lb Frag bombs on trucks on road at ~-105500 and on rails at ~-140490.
— 3 - 500 lb GP bombs on 8 tanks at ~-165475 along road running Southwest of woods.
— 8 - 260 lb Frag bombs on 8 tanks at ~-165475 along road running Southwest of woods.
— 6 - 500 lb GP bombs on town of Herny, at ~-0846.
— 6 - 260 lb Frag bombs on town of Herny, at ~-0846, and ~-081482.
— 2 - 260 lb Frag bombs on locomotive at ~-085462.
— 8 - 500 lb GP bombs on town of Herny at ~-0746.
— 6 - 260 lb Frag bombs on town of Herny at ~-0746.

(iii) 4 - 260 lb Frag bombs jettisoned to avoid the danger of them coming off landing.

(iv) Nil
9 - 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.
14 -.260 lb Frag bombs returned to base.

G. HARRY A. BLACK, JR., 1st Lt., O-116672, MIA. (8 miles South and 10 miles East of Metz).

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

I. 1. Military Transportation, a) Destroyed 2,
b) Damaged 2
2. Armored Vehicles and tanks, a) Destroyed 8.
3. Locomotives, a) Destroyed 2
6. Gun emplacements, a) Destroyed, 5
9. Buildings, a) Destroyed 11,
b) Probably destroyed 1,
11. Railroads cut, 4 tracks cut.
13. Horse drawn vehicles, a) Destroyed 17,
17. Automatic weapons positions, a) Destroyed, 1.

Other results unobserved.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

INSTRUCTIONS: This report will be prepared in triplicate by each Army Air Force organization within 48 hours of the time an airplane is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location A.L.S. 120 Command or Air Force 19TH T.A.C. 9TH A.F.
   Group 350TH FITR. Squadron 350TH F. Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of departure A.L.S. 180 Course
   Intended Destination S/E OF METZ Type of Mission DIVE BOMBING
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED CEILING 5,000 FT 5/10 CLOUD COVER VIS. 4-5 MILES
4. GIVE: (a) Date 9 NOV. Time 1420 and location 2 MI. N. OF MATTVILLERS of last known whereabouts of missing airplane.
   (b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted; ( )Last contacted by radio; ( )Forced down; ( ) Seen to crash; or( ) Information not available.
5. AIRPLANE WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS RESULT OF: (Check only one) ( )Enemy Airplane; ( )Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other circumstances as follows: NOT DETERMINED
6. AIRFRAME: Type, Model and Series P47D-20 ;A.A.F. Serial No. 42-76487
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series -59 ;A.A.F. Serial No. (a) FP-004574
   (b) (c) (d)
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish Quantity, Type and Serial No.)
   (a) 709443 (b) 401794 (c) 760313 (d) 709231
   (e) 913200 (f) 1213655 (g) 1005422 (h) 1044679
9. The Persons Listed Below Are Reported As: (a) Battle Casualty YES or (b) Non Battle Casualty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: Crew 1 Passengers 0 Total 1
    (Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard airplane, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1.	Pilot	BLACK, HARRY A. JR.	1ST. LT.	O-1155672
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				
9.				
10.				

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRPLANE, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE ITEMS TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

	Name in full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial No.	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1.	~~KILFOYLE, T.T.~~	~~1ST.LT.~~	~~O-766557~~			
2.	ROBERSON, W.J.	2ND. LT.	O-767383	X		
3.						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BAILED OUT, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used ; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify)

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRPLANE WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRPLANE.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE [illegible] CRASH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE [illegible]

Date of Report 10 NOVEMBER 1944

SOUTH FIGHTER SQUADRON
APO 141 US ARMY

9 NOVEMBER 1944

S I G N A L E D I

I FOLLOWED LT. OBERSON AND LT. BLACK DOWN A FOUR BOMB RUN AND SAW BOTH GO THROUGH THE CLOUDS BEFORE ME. I BROKE THROUGH, SPOTTED SOME RAILROAD TRACKS, RELEASED MY BOMBS AND PULLED UP INTO THE OVERCAST ON NEEDLE BALL AND AIR SPEED UNTIL I BROKE OUT. I FLEW AROUND UNTIL I FOUND LT. GIVEN, THE SQUADRON LEADER, AND JOINED UP WITH HIM. I NEVER DID SEE LT. BLACK AFTER HE WENT THROUGH THE CLOUDS ON HIS DIVE RUN. HE ONLY TALKED OVER THE RADIO ONCE AND THAT WAS WHEN WE WERE CLIMBING THROUGH THE OVERCAST ON OUR WAY TO THE TARGET.

THOMAS T. KILFOYLE, JR.
1ST. LT., AIR CORPS
PILOT

WE [illegible] THREE AND LT. [illegible] WHITE FOUR. [illegible] 9,500 FEET ALTITUDE SEARCHING F[illegible] WHITE LEADER [illegible] SERVE AND [illegible] BOMB FROM NOT LOWER [illegible] MOUNTAINOUS [illegible] ROAD TRACK [illegible] COMMENCED [illegible] LEASING BY [illegible] HAVING CLOUDS, FLYING [illegible] INTO AN OPEN SPACE AT ABOUT 5,[illegible] PROCESS OF FLYING OUT [illegible] BLACK USE THE RADIO. ALTHOUGH, [illegible] CUT [illegible] LT. BLACK ASKED THE FLIGHT LEADER [illegible] THAT I HEARD CLEARLY. [illegible] FOR THE ARMY [illegible] HIND ME IN THAT ORDER. LT. [illegible] APPREHENSION AT [illegible] HIM THREE OR FOUR TIMES. HE [illegible] NO ANSWER.

LT. KILFOYLE LATER STATED THAT AS HE CONCEDED HIS DIVE BEHIND LT. BLACK AND MYSELF HE COULD SEE BOTH OF US DIVING. LT. LEETY, RED THREE, ALSO SAW THE THREE OF US DIVING.

WENDELL J. [illegible]
2ND. LT. AC
PILOT

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

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11 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attn: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 117. for the period ending Sunset 10 November 1944.
Operation No.: 102, Mission OHP-2.

4. A. 12 A/C of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0838 for close support 80th Division in the vicinity of U-7735, Pont a Mousson. 4 A/C carried 2 x 500 GP bombs; 4 A/C carried 3 x 260 lb frags; 4 A/C flew as escort. Time over target, 0900 - 1000. Squadron contacted Ironclad who was too weak to transmit; Flabby relayed message. Hipsaw One vectored Squadron to [illegible]-1352, five miles NW of Faulquemont and told them to bomb through the overcast, Squadron bombed straight and level at 7000 ft. through the overcast. 6 frags were jettisoned in the vicinity of Saarbrucken. No losses, no claims, no E/A encountered. No Flak encountered. One Me-163 contrail seen at 15,000 ft, 8 miles SE of Metz heading SE at 1000 hours. Weather: 10/10 clouds, base 1000 ft, tops 6000 ft, visibility 1/2 mile, ice in clouds. Time down: 1036

B. (i) 12 P-47s
(ii) 6 A/C bombed through overcast at [illegible]-1352, five miles NW of Faulquemont.
4 A/C acted as escort.
(iii) 2 A/C abortive, failure to release bombs over target.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 12

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 25:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 28,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 1,500 rds. (50 caliber ammunition),
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 8 GP 500 lb bombs,
12 - 260 lb Frag bombs,
Fuze, nose, M103 20.
Fuze, tail, M100A2 12
Fuze, tail, M101A2 8

(ii) 8 GP 500 lb bombs,
6 - 260 lb Frag bombs.

(iii) 6 - 260 lb Frag bombs jettisoned in the vicinity of Saarbrucken.

(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Nil

Bombed through overcast, results unobserved.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

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13 November 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attn: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, AIA Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attn: Stat Control.

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1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 118, for the period ending Sunset 11 November 1944. Operation No.: 103, Mission OPC - 2 (Opflash #1 and #2).

4. A. 16 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1245 hours to support 6th Armored Division. 8 A/C carried 2 GP 500 lb bombs each, and 4 A/C carried 3 - 260 lb Frag bombs each. Time over target, 1325-1440. 8 GP bombs were dropped on 50 - 75 horse drawn artillery pieces and 33 M/T's at ↖-175345, Q-190368 and Q-187335. Following are the claims by the bombing and strafing: 35 horse-drawn artillery pieces and 23 M/T's destroyed; 5 horse-drawn artillery pieces and 5 M/T's damaged. A few staff cars in the line-up had red crosses. Secondary roads adjacent to main roads were lined with horse-drawn artillery. Fifty plus trucks were sighted along road Q-174334 to ↖-166338. 6 GP bombs were dropped on them and the entire column strafed, resulting in claims of 30 trucks destroyed and 10 damaged. 4 - 6 fires were observed. The 12 frag bombs were dropped on six 20mm gun emplacements and 8 medium tanks at ↖-255242 to Forest de Bride, destroying three gun positions and damaging all 8 tanks. The two other GP bombs were returned to base, failure to release. 4 A/C acted as escort. No E/A encountered. Flak: received; moderate, accurate, light at ↖-242248; weak, accurate, light at ↖-180350. 3 A/C damaged by flak; 2 category "AC" 1 category "A". One A/C and pilot missing, 2nd Lt. Albert L. Ligon, O-710002, MIA. P-47D-28RA- 42-28444. Our own tanks were observed at

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C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 79:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 81,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 11,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) 2,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

F. (i) 32 GP 500 lb bombs dispatched,
24 - 260 lb Frag bombs dispatched.
4 Napalm (Firebombs) dispatched.
(ii) 8 GP bombs were dropped on 50 - 75 horse drawn artillery pieces and 33 M/T's at ↙-175345, ↙-190368 and ↙-187335.
8 GP bombs were dropped on fifty plus trucks along road ↙-174334 to ↙-166338.
12 - 260 lb Frag bombs were dropped on six 20mm gun emplacements and eight medium tanks at ↙-255242 to Forest de Bride.
8 GP bombs were dropped on explosive factory at ↙-315755,
2 GP bombs were dropped on flak positions in town and woods at ↙-155410.
4 GP bombs were dropped on Herny at ↙-088445.
9 - 260 lb Frag bombs dropped on flak positions in town and woods at ↙-155410.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
2 GP 500 lb bombs returned to base.
3 - 260 lb Frag bombs returned to base.

G. ALBERT L. LIGGA., 2nd Lt., O-710002, KIA.

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

I. 1. Military Transportation, a) Destroyed 69, c) Damaged 15
2. Armored vehicles & tanks, a) Destroyed 8
6. Gun emplacements, a) Destroyed, 4 b) Probably destroyed 2, c) Damaged 3
9. Buildings, a) Destroyed 7
13. Horse drawn venicles, a) Destroyed, 35 c) Damaged, 5

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

365TH [illegible] -G1
FC 141 [illegible] mg

13 November 1944

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I was leading Gatepost White Flight and Lt. Ligon was flying the number four position. The flight had just dropped its bombs and had set up a strafing pattern. We had made several passes when Lt. Dickerson, who was flying the number three position, called in and said he had been hit. I immediately called the flight and told them to form on me and we would take Lt. Dickerson out. Lt. Ligon never rejoined the flight. We neither heard him call over the radio reporting any trouble nor did we see any sign of a crash landing.

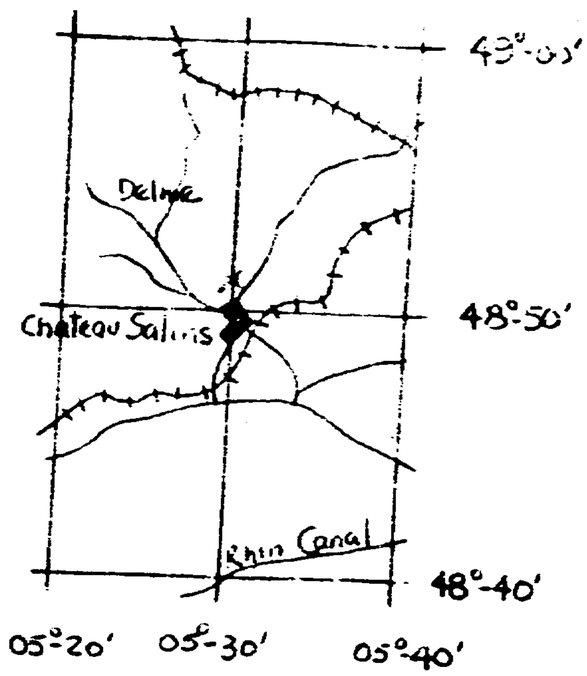
Howard L. Dunley, Jr.
[illegible] L. DUNLEY, JR.,
Capt., Air Corps.

13 November 1944

STATEMENT

I was flying red four position in Gatepost Squadron. We were in a loose string formation at about 2500 feet flying parallel to the target. As we were turning to make our bombing run on the target I pulled up to about 3000 feet and looked down towards the target. I saw a plane going in on a strafing pass at the target at about 500 feet. I noticed that the top of the cowling was painted black which was the same type ship that Lt. Ligon was known to be flying.

Harold M. Thompson
[illegible],
[illegible] Air Corps.



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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

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14 November 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attn: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 12 November 1944.

2. Oprep No. 119.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Grazie

JOSEPH J. GRAZIE,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
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14 November 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attn: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, AIA Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Att: Stat Control.
Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, (Rear),
Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, Attn: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 13 November 1944.

2. Oprep No. 120.

For the Group Commander:

[redacted]
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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[illegible]

2. In reply refer to file [illegible] dated [illegible], and [illegible] Navy Yard.

3. [illegible]

For the Group Commander:

[illegible]
Joseph [illegible]
[illegible]
Air Corps,
Asst. Chief of Staff.

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Headquarters 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

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17 November 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, att: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing,
attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, (Rear),
attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
attn: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 194-, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 15 November 1944.

2. Oprep No. 122.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

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18 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attn: 26 SCU.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, (Rear),
Attn: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, Attn: Stat Control.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 123, for the period ending Sunset 16 November 1944.
Operation No.: A.O. 43; A.O. 45; A.O. 46. (Opflash #1,#2 and #3).

4. A. 16 A/C of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1050 hours from A-80 to perform dive-bomb mission on 6 Heavy Guns at -455070 to be followed by Armed Recco E. to Rhine. 12 A/C carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs each; 4 A/C flew as escort. However, unfavorable weather prevented both the attack on primary target and the Armed Recon, so squadron flew above overcast to Nancy, then due East to Strasbourg, and bombed M/Y 2 miles N. of Strasbourg at Schiltigheim, at R-0102. Claims from this bombing are: 6 engines destroyed; 45 cars destroyed, 7 cars damaged; 7 houses destroyed, 6 green houses destroyed; 1 factory damaged. Squadron then flew on strafing mission with the following claims: at -9902, 2 miles NW of Strasbourg, 3 trucks destroyed; at R-052040, 4 miles NE of Strasbourg, 4-88 MM guns destroyed, 2 damaged; at R-006045, 5 miles N. of Strasbourg, 1 river boat damaged; at R-03505 0, 6 miles N. of Strasbourg, 1 engine destroyed; at R-065075, 10 miles N of Strasbourg, 1 engine destroyed, 3 cars destroyed, 7 cars damaged. Time in target areas was 1150 to 1210 hours. No E/A encountered; no losses, but one P-47 damaged, Cat. AC, flak. Planes landed at A-90 at 1257 hours. Weather: 8/10ths clouds, base 3,000 ft., tops 5000 ft. Anothe: layer from 7500 to 8500 ft. Vis. below 5 to 6 miles; above 4 to 5 miles. Flak encountered: weak, inaccurate, heavy at Strasbourg; moderate, accurate, heavy at R-052140, 4 miles NE Strasbourg.

16 A/C of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1050 hours from A-80 to dive bomb gun position at ↙-457138. 12 A/C carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs each, with instantaneous fuse, and the other 4 A/C carried one 150 gal Napalm each. In the target area, 1208 to 1217 hours. All bombs dropped through overcast at point designated by Adkins. No observations. No flak or enemy aircraft encountered. No losses. Squadron landed at A-90 at 1225 hours. Weather; 10/10, base 1500 ft, tops 2500 ft, over t arget; 6-8/10, base 7500 ft, tops 9500 ft, along route.

16 A/C of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1222 hours to bomb gun positions at ↙-474122, ↙-473121, ↙-474120 and ↙-475199, and to conduct reconnaissance east to the Rhine. 12 A/C carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs, and the other 4 A/C carried one Napalm bomb each. Course flown was A-80 to target area to Rhine River to A-90. Over target area, 1310 to 1350 hours. M/Y at Arzviller (↙-580138), 6 miles E of Saarbourg, bombed with 4 Napalms, resulting in 12 RR cars destroyed, 4 probably destroyed, and tracks cut in three places. Bombed barges in canal at ↙-605140; 2 barges destroyed and bank canal caved in. Bombed barges in canal at ↙-554137; 2 barges destroyed and bank of canal caved in. One locomotive was destroyed by bombing at ↙-540159. 2 GP 500 lb bombs were returned to base, failure to release. Weak, inaccurate, light flak received at ↙-605140. No E/A encountered. No A/C lost. Squadron landed at A-90, 1432 hours. Weather: 9/10, bottom 800 ft, tops 3000 ft, visibility 3 miles in target area; clouds in three layers from 800 to 8,000 ft.

B. (i) 50 P-47s dispatched (including 2 A/C on weather recon).

(ii) 12 A/C bombed M/Y 2 miles N. of Strasbourg at Schiltigheim, R-0102. and then flew on strafing mission at R-052040, 4 miles NE of Strasbourg, at R-035050, at R-065075.
16 A/C bombed through overcast at point designated by Adkins.
14 A/C bombed M/Y at Arzviller (↙-580138), 6 miles E of Saarbourg; bombed barges in canal at ↙-605140; bombed barges in canal at ↙-554137; bombed locomotive at ↙-540159.
4 A/C acted as escort.
2 A/C on weather reconnaissance.

(iii) 2 A/C abortive, due to:-
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 2 mechanical; 1 due to motor trouble, 1 failure to release bombs.

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 F-47 damaged,flak, Category "AC".
(viii) 50 ✓

D. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

J. (i) 112:20
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 120,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 8,575 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 72 - 500 lb GP bombs, fuse, nose, M103; tail, M101A2.
8 - Napalm bombs, (150 gal tanks used, weight 1,000 lb).

(ii) 68 - 500 lb GP bombs,
8 - Napalm bombs,

(iii) 2 - 500 lb GP bombs jettisoned due to motor trouble.

(iv) Nil

2 - 500 lb GP bombs returned to base, failure to release.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

I. 1. Military transportaion,
a) Destroyed, 3

3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 9

4. Railroads cars,
a) Destroyed, 60
b) Probably destroyed, 4
c) Damaged, 7

6. Gun emplacements,
a) Destroyed, 4
b) Nil
c) Damaged, 2

9. Factories and building s,
a) Destroyed, 13

12. Vessels and barges,
a) Destroyed, 4
b) Nil
c) Damaged, 1

17. Other claims,
Canal banks caved in, 2 places.

Bombed through overcast, other results unobserved.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141 U.S. Army

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19 November 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 124, for the period ending Sunset 17 November 1944. Operation No.: A.O.20; A.O.21; A.O.22; A.O.23. (Opflash #1 to # 5).

4. A. 16 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched from A-80 at 0910 hours to dive bomb gun positions and to conduct armed reconnaissance from Nancy to Strasbourg. 12 A/C carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs each; and the other 4 A/C acted as escort. Bombed fused 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail. Squadron flew from A-80 to Benestroff to Heming to Molsheim (18 miles west of Strasbourg) to A-90. Squadron was in target area from 0955 to 1010 hours. 23 bombs were dropped on gun positions at ~-422089; 3 positions were destroyed by 5 direct hits and numerous near misses. 7 - 20mm guns were strafed and destroyed at ~-4212. 3 trucks strafed and destroyed at ~-4313. 1 bomb failed to release and was returned to base. Flak encountered; weak, accurate, heavy at ~-4014; moderate, inaccurate, light from ~-3905 to ~-4208. 3 of our aircraft were damaged, category "A". 30 plus barrage ballons were observed at 4500 feet on southern edge of Strasbourg. 5 jet E/A were observed orbiting in entire area from Nancy to Strasbourg; at least one was an Me-163. Other observations included; bridge at V-7391 intact, with no activity; 15 plus M/T going along road at ~-7593; enemy AAC (apparently) at ~-7391; no activity in marshaling yard at ~-6590; and numerous civilians moving along road in carts SE of Heming, waving white flags. Squadron landed at A-90, 1025 hours. Weather:

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4/10, base 10,000 feet, tops, 12,000 feet; visibility unlimited from 10 miles N of Strasbourg E: heavy fog layer observed.

16 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched from A-80 at 1110 hours to dive bomb gun positions at ↙-457139. 12 A/C carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs each, and the other 4 acted as escort. Course flown was from A-80 to just west of Saarebourg to the Rhine to A-90. In target area, 1155 to 1205 hours. 24 direct hits were scored on 4 gun emplacements at ↙-457138; all four guns destroyed. Moderate, accurate, heavy flak encountered NW of Saarebourg; one plane damaged, category "E". No losses, no E/A sighted. Down at A-90, 1250 hours. Weather: 8/10 with base at 12,000 and tops unknown; visibility excellent over target.

16 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1020 hours to dive bomb 6 heavy gun positions at ↙-455070. 12 A/C carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs each, and 4 A/C each carried one Napalm bomb. Course flown was from base to target to base. In target area, 1115 to 1125 hours, 4 direct hits and 8 near misses were scored on the target (heavy guns at ↙-455070,, and 12 GP bombs hit in immediate area. 1 direct hit and 3 near misses were made with the Napalms. 3 of the heavy guns were destroyed, and 2 others were damaged. 1 fuel truck destroyed by strafing at ↙-444065, and one M/T was destroyed by strafing at ↙-437082. Intense, inaccurate, light flak was encountered at ↙-411053. Twin jets were observed at target at 15,000 - 20,000 feet at 1120 hours. 1st Lt., Warren A. Jones, is MIA; last seen at ↙-437082. Down at base, A-80, 1210 hours. U.S. troops were observed at Avricourt, ↙-315055. Weather: base to Toul:10/10 at 7000 feet, 500 feet thick; Toul to target, 1/10 scattered cloud, visibility 6 miles.

14 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched from A-80 at 1336 hours to escort B-26s attacking ↙-744168. Course flown was A-80 to Nancy to Schirmecke to Saverne (target) to Schirmecke to A-80. Assigned course was flown, at 17,000 feet, but bombers were not located. Could not contact Brewer (bomber C/S). Weather, which was 10/10 with base at 10,000 feet and tops at 14,000 ft, prevented observation. Also 2/10 cloud at 17,000 feet; visibility good. Over target at 1430 hours. Landed at A-80, 1550 hours. No flak, no E/A.

24 - 500 lb GP bombs were dropped on heavy guns at [illegible]-455070.
4 - Napalm bombs were dropped on heavy guns at [illegible]-455070.

(iii) Nil

(iv) Nil
1 GP 500 lb bomb returned to base.

G. MANUEL A. JONES, 1st Lt., 0-766541, MIA. (Last seen at [illegible]-437082).

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 4

2. Armored vehicles and tanks,
a) Destroyed, 1

6. Gun emplacements, heavy guns,
a) Destroyed, 17
b) Nil
c) Damaged, 2

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Grazis
JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

IMPORTANT: This report [illegible]
ganization with [illegible]

1. ORGANIZATION: [illegible] A/C #80, France; [illegible] XII TAC, 1ST TAF;
   Group 358th Fitr ; [illegible] 367th Fitr ; [illegible] Nil
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure A/C #80, France ; 111 - 282 degrees
   Intended Destination Lorquin, Ch37082, Fr; [illegible] Dive Bomb. A.C. #21
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS [illegible]
   1/10th scattered clouds between 5,000 and 10,000 feet, visibility 6 miles
4. GIVE (a) Date 11-17-44; [illegible] 1127 Hrs. Vicinity of Lorquin, Fr. (Ch37082)
   of last known [illegible]
   (b) Specify [illegible] or (X) [illegible];
   ( ) Forces Down; [illegible]
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

STATEMENT

17 November 1941.

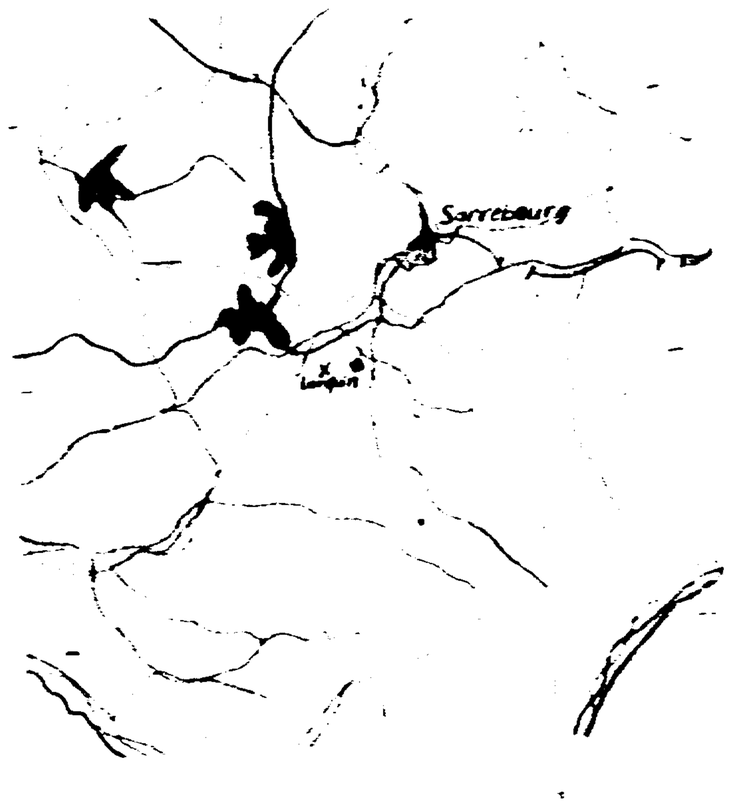
I was flying yellow four on Lt. Jones's wing and followed him down on the dive bombing run from [illegible] ordered [illegible] a normal recovery. While I was pulling out of the dive, yellow leader, Lt. Schubert, and yellow three shot across in front of me [illegible] safety began turning [illegible]. The strafing [illegible] approximately [illegible] altitude.

Yellow two had lost the leader in the dive bombing run and did not follow on the strafing pass, [illegible] the flight later. I kicked over to the right to follow yellow leader and yellow three down, but yellow leader had already started his recovery before I had a chance to get to him. I did not see yellow three effect a recovery in any direction from the strafing pass, so I joined on yellow leader. Both yellow leader and I called yellow three for his position but received no answer. I do not know if his radio was in commission.

I last sighted Lt. Jones as he crossed my nose at the start of the strafing pass. His ship appeared to be in perfect condition.

David P. Harris

DAVID P. HARRIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps.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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141, U.S. Army

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23 November 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 125, for the period ending Sunset 18 November 1944, Operation No,: A.o. 42; A.O.43; A.O.44; A.O.45 and A.O. 49. (Opflashs #1 to #6 inclusive).

4. A. 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1123 hours to escort A-26's. R/V at Neufchateau and thence to Gebweiler (V-0124) to target at Brusach (V-8837), a bridge. Time over target 1150-1245 hours. Bombers were in good formation; none seen seen hit by flak; Northern bridge (rd) hit and seen to collapse into river. Further observed great fires burning in the vicinity of Gerardmer (V-3744). No E/A encountered; no claims; no losses. Flak: heavy, intense, inaccurate at V-8837 (Brusach). Weather: Haze, thin cloud layer up to 20,000 ft, visibility 10 miles. Time down: 1315.

16 A/C of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1146 hours to dive-bomb Supply dump at V-808643 and Ammo Dump at V-808627. Each aircraft carried 2 x 500 GP bombs. Results of bombing at Ammo dump V-808627 were excellent with 14 x 500 GP's on target; no fires or explosions observed. Results of bombing at Supply Dump, V-808463 were also excellent with 16 x 500 lb GP bombs on target and only 2 buildings left standing. Squadron then flew armed reconnaissance to Rhine River with claims as follows; 4 barges destroyed; 4 barges damaged; 9 box cars damaged; 2 M/T destroyed; 1 trolley car destroyed; 6 double bay bldgs destroyed; all aforesaid claims were in Grid Box V-9070. Also claimed are 6 Double Bay Buildings

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at V-8126,3 and 2 Double Bay buildings damaged at same point. 8 horse drawn vehicles(to claims) destroyed. Two bombs missed bridge at V-9308. Time over target was 1250 hours. No E/A encountered, no claims, 1 P-47D crashed on landing in category B; no other losses. Flak: was meagre, light and inaccurate at V-dou43. Weather: visibility good, ceiling unlimited, high cirrus clouds. Time down: 1400 hours.

12 A/C of the 365th squadron dispatched at 1138 hours to escort B-26's. A/C carried no external load. Route flown was from base to R/V at Neufchateau to target to Neufchateau to base. Bombers attacked and hit west approach of bridge at V-9511. Time over target was 1228-1238 hours. Flak was heavy, inaccurate, moderate at V-9512. No E/A encountered; no claims; no losses. Weather: 7/10ths clouds with 14,000 base and tops unknown. Visibility 10 miles. Time down: 1345.

10 A/C of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1425 hours to dive-bomb radio and radar installations at V-380330. 5 A/C each carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs; 5 A/C flew as top cover. All bombs were dropped on farm house N. of Freiburg. Primary target, which could not at first be located, was damaged by strafing. The following claims are also made as a result of strafing: 1 tug destroyed at V-3930, 1 truck destroyed at V-3935, 1 switchhouse destroyed at V-3935; 1 locomotive destroyed and 20 MT cars destroyed at V-3[illegible]; 2 locomotives and 15 MT cars destroyed S. of Pelitz at V-[illegible]; 1 repair barge damaged at V-[illegible]; 2 radio towers damaged at V-[illegible]. Time over target was 1445 - 1830 hours. Route flown was from base to target to base. A great deal of rail traffic was seen N of [illegible] and [illegible], proceeding in both directions; trains were exceptionally long, travelling solely as if loaded. Other tracks had a great many stationary cars (within 40 mil radius. Flak was intense, accurate, light and heavy at Rostatt at V-3410. No E/A encountered; no losses; no other claims. Weather: CAVU with 15 mile visibility and slight haze. Time down: 1740 hours.

12 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1525 hours to dive-bomb gun emplacements at V-4741. 8 A/C carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs each; 4 A/C flew as escort. 16 bombs dropped in target area, with the following results: 10 direct hits with 4 guns destroyed, and 2 MT track cut. Time over target was 1609-1630. Squadron then flew armed reconnaissance to Rhine as far as [illegible], and thence returned to base. No E/A encountered; no claims, no losses, but one P-47 damaged by flak, Category B. At target, flak was light, accurate, moderate. Weather: Coul to Rhine River, 7/10 clouds, base 14,000 ft, tops unknown, visibility 3-4 miles below clouds. Time down: 1750 hours.

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15 A/C of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1544 hours to dive-bomb Offenburg L/Y at G-1688. 11 A/C each carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs; 4 A/C flew as escort. 22 bombs fell on target, with 20 direct hits. Then entire L/Y was strafed thoroughly. Claims are as follows: 7 locomotives destroyed; 80 freight cars destroyed; 100 freight cars damaged; 4 MT damaged; 2 factories destroyed; one shed destroyed; 1 round-house damaged; 10 sheds damaged; one barracks damaged; 2 light AA positions destroyed. Time over target was 1642-1657 hours. 100 MT and half tracks seen along road on west edge of L/Y; 4 heavy guns seen at G-1487875; light guns seen on hill to East G-1886; 14 BB at 14,000 ft. along Rhine River at Strasbourg. Flak was intense, accurate, heavy at Kehl (G-0698); moderate, inaccurate, light at target. No E/A encountered; no losses; no other claims. Weather: CAVU. Time down: 1800 hours.

B. (i) 77 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 16 A/C dive-bombed Supply Dump at V-808643 and Ammo Dump at V-808627.
5 A/C dive-bombed radar and radio installations at V-380330.
8 A/C dive-bombed gun emplacements at G-474123.
11 A/C dive-bombed Offenburg L/Y at G-1688.
24 A/C escorted B-26's.
13 A/C acted as top cover.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 2 A/C damaged; 1 P-47 damaged in crash landing; Category B;
1 A/C damaged by flak, category B.
(viii) 77

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 175:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 184,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 31,185 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 80 GP 500 lb bombs dispatched, fuse, nose, M103; tail, M101A2.
(ii) 16 bombs dropped on Ammo dump V-808627
16 bombs dropped on Supply dump, V-808643.

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Enclosure

1. [illegible] bombs were dropped on farm [illegible] of Freiburg.
2. [illegible] bombs were dropped in target area of [illegible] at [illegible].
22 bombs were dropped in target of Offenburg [illegible] at [illegible].

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

9. Nil

11. Nil

I. 1. Transportaion, Military;
a/ Destroyed, 3
b/ Nil
c/ Damaged, 4

3. Locomotives;
a/ Destroyed, 10

4. Railroad cars;
a/ Destroyed, 112
c/ Damaged, 109

6. Gun emplacements;
a/ Destroyed, 6

7. Dumps (Ammo and supply);
a/ Destroyed, 1

9. Buildings (switchhouse and factories);
a/ Destroyed, 10
c/ Damaged, 11

11. Railroads cut; in 4 places.

12. Vessels and barges;
a/ Destroyed, 5
c/ Damaged, 5

13. Horse drawn vehicles;
a/ Destroyed, 8

17. Other claims;
Radio Towers, damaged, 2
Trolley cars, destroyed, 1
Round house, damaged, 1.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph Shaw
[illegible] Adams,
2nd Lt., Air Corps

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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23 November 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 126, for the period ending Sunset 19 November 1944. Operation No.: A.O. # 45, 47, 48, 51.

4. A. 16 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0755 hours to dive-bomb radio station at R-381329. Each A/C carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs. 2 flights bombed primary target, getting 8 direct hits, with claims as follows: 5 buildings destroyed, tower destroyed, radio station destroyed. One flight bombed A/F at R-352292 with claims of 2 engines destroyed, 10 cars destroyed, 10 cars damaged, 6 buildings destroyed, and rail tracks cut in 4 places, at approximately 50 yard intervals. One flight bombed A/F at R-335410 and thereby cut rail tracks at 6 places, also at approximately 50 yard intervals. Squadron then strafed and claims as a result of this strafing are as follows: at R-2834, 2 locomotives destroyed; at R-400335, 2 trucks destroyed; at R-400310, 1 engine destroyed, 4 cars destroyed, 10 cars damaged, 3 buildings damaged; at R-350290, 2 engines destroyed, 5 cars destroyed; at R-335410, 1 engine destroyed; at R-000255, 2 gun positions destroyed; at R-250214, 2 tugs and 1 barge damaged; at R-220300, 1 gas truck destroyed; at R-258324, 1 engine damaged; at R-335410, 3 engines destroyed, 25 cars damaged, 1 house destroyed. Route was Base to Mastatt to Base. Time over target was 0855-0910 hours. No E/A encountered; 3 P-47s damaged, Lat. FAK. Flak was intense, accurate, heavy at R-381329 and intense, inaccurate, light at R-381329. Weather: clouds nil, base 3,000 ft., tops unknown, visibility excellent. Time down 0948 hours.

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16 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0917 hours to escort B-26's. A/C carried no external load. Route flown was from base to N-7 at Neufchateau to target, bridge 10 miles NE of Mulhouse at V-9514, to Neufchateau to base. Bombers in good formation; none observed hit by flak. At least 4 direct hits observed on E end of bridge and numerous hits on approaches. Heavy, intense, accurate flak at V-9514. No E/A encountered; no claims; no losses. Weather: 6 - 7/10 from 7 - 9,000 ft until 25 miles S. of Epinal; thenceforth no clouds; visibility 6 - 7 miles. Time over target: 0955-1110; time down: 1115 hours.

16 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1215 hours to dive- bomb barracks and supplies at V-797944 (Colsheim) Each A/C carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs. Route flown was base to Colsheim to Benzingen to Offenburg to base. 28 bombs were dropped on Primary target. 4 direct hits on barracks area where fire started and 1 building was destroyed; 2 direct hits and numerous near misses among storage buildings, with 2 buildings destroyed. Also in Primary target area, 8 buildings damaged. 2 bombs missed pontoon bridge; 2 bombs returned to base, mechanical failure. Squadron then flew armed reconnaissance of Rhone-Rhine Canal, Rhine River, and RR between Benzingen and Offenburg with claims as follows: 10 barges damaged, 2 barges destroyed, 4 light AA destroyed, 2 Motor Transport destroyed, 20 RR cars damaged, 6 RR cars destroyed, 1 Pontoon bridge on Rhine River damaged (R-0079). Time over target 1255 - 1305. Flak was intense, accurate, light at FT with some flak coming from the town of Colsheim. No E/A encountered; no losses; no other claims. Weather: visibility excellent, thin cloud layer, tops 10,000 ft. Time down:1438.

16 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1449 hours for area escort of medium bombers. A/C carried no external load. Route flown was from base to Strasbourg to Lembach to Schielberg to Offenheim to base. Squadron patrolled area assigned. Bombers were above overcast and 35 minutes late. Squadron then strafed 2 trains at R-4518 (Forback) in M/Y with claims as follows: 2 locomotives destroyed; 6 RR cars destroyed: Also at R-4518 and destroyed by strafing were 2 M/V. Large concentration of supplies were observed. 40 to 50 tank cars seen on RR siding at Freudenstadt, R-5065. Time over target area 1525 to 1631 hours. Intense, accurate, light and heavy flak at Bischwiller, (R-9019) and Hagenau (R-0524). No E/A encountered; no claims; 1 P-47 damaged, Cat.1. Weather: Base to target, 12,000 ft. ceiling scattered clouds below, visibility 10 miles. Target area, 10/10 bottom 7,000, tops 13,000, visibility 3-4 miles. Time down: 1710.

16 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0915 to escort A-20s attacking Laverne. E.C.T. 0950 - 1040. Flak: heavy, meager at Balzere, A-2914; and heavy, meager Montdidier, A-3337. Good concentration of the bombs on Laverne observed with much smoke and flame seen. No claims and no losses. No E/A seen. Weather: en route - 9/10 with base at 8,000 and tops 10,000. Over target: 6/10 with visibility excellent. Down: 1055.

15 P-47s of 365th Squadron, carrying no external load, dispatched at 1509 hours to escort B-26s. Route followed was from A-30, north of Ligen, mid-fishback, Rastatt, north of Selestatt, A-30. R/V at Bitchie at 1540 hours. Bombers attacked through overcast; no results observed. Time over target 1545 - 1555 hours. Withdrawal at 1600 hours at almost 10 miles S. of Saarbourg at 12,000 ft. No E/A encountered; no claims; no losses. Flak: Nil. Weather: over target, 9/10 to 10/10, tops 8,000 ft, base 7,000 ft., visibility 10 miles; 6/10 to 7/10, tops 12,000 ft., base 9,000 ft., above and below. Time down: 1540 hours.

B. (i) 95 P-47s dispatched.

(ii) 16 A/C bombed L/Y at R-352292, and dive-bombed radio station at R-381329.
16 A/C dive-bombed barracks and supplies at V-797944 (Molsheim).
63 A/C acted as escort.

(iii) 1 A/C abortive, due to, mechanical failure to release bombs.

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 4 A/C damaged; 3 by flak, Cat."A", 1 A/C cat. 1.
(viii) 95

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 200:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 228,000rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 28,430 rds.(50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

[redacted]

F. (i) [redacted] - 500 lb GP bombs displaced, fuse, nose 11½; tail,11½½.
(ii) [redacted] - 500 lb GP bombs expended, as follows;
[redacted] bombs released on A/F at A-[redacted], and dive-bombed radio station at A-3[redacted]; bombed I,Y at A-[redacted],
[redacted] bombs dropped barrages and supplies at A-[redacted],
(details below).
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
Z - 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 7

3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 13
c) Damaged, 1

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 31
c) Damaged, 65

5. Bridges,
a) Damaged, 1

6. Gun emplacements,
a) Destroyed, 6

9. Buildings,
a) Destroyed, 15
c) Damaged, 11

11. Railroads cut, in 6 places

12. Vessels and barges,
a) Destroyed, 4
c) Damaged, 13

17. Other claims,
Tower destroyed, 1
Radio stattion destroyed, 1

For the Group Commander:

Joseph Evans
[redacted],
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 35TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374, U.S. Army

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25 November 1944

SUBJECT: Operep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 20 November 1944.

2. Operep No. 127.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Graib
JOSEPH J. GRAIB,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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Headquarters 358th Fighter Group
A.P.O. 374 U.S. Army

25 November 1944

SUBJECT: Operations Report.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 95-3, dated 22 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Operations No. 128, for the period ending 21 November 1944. Operation Nos.: A.C.46; A.C.47; A.C.51; A.C.52; and A.C.54. Gunflash #1 to #5, inclusive.

4. A. 16 P-47s of 366th squadron dispatched at 1000 to go on armed reconnaissance. Each A/C carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs. T.O.T. 1030 - 1145. Light moderate accurate flak at V-1033; heavy intense accurate at Strasbourg; and light intense accurate at V-8165. A convoy of 40 to 50 ambulances was seen heading west at V-5739. Prevailing traffic was moving N.E. 2 bombs dropped on L/Y at Freiburg, V-1033 resulting in destruction of 2 locomotives and 30 box cars and tracks were cut in 5 places. 2 bombs on L/Y at V-7142 destroyed 1 locomotive and 15 box & flat cars - 1 locomotive also claimed damaged. 4 bombs on and strafing of 5 trucks heading N.E resulting in destruction of three of them. 3 bombs and strafing at V-7160 resulted in destruction of 1 locomotive heading N. 2 bombs and strafing at V-7352 resulting in destruction of 1 locomotive and 15 cars. The following enemy transport was destroyed by strafing; 1 locomotive and 20 box cars at V-1242, 1 truck at V-5304, 2 trucks at V-6010, 1 truck at V-6318, 1 truck at V-6034, 2 trucks at V-7435, 1 truck at V-6844, 1 truck at V-6544, 1 truck at V-8405, 1 truck at V-9381, 1 truck and 2 horse-drawn ammunition carriers at V-6214. No E/A seen. 1 A/C damaged by flak - Pilot. 1. Weather:

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9/10 cloud with 1st layer base at 3,000, tops 4,000 and 2nd layer base at 5,000, tops 7,000. Visibility was 10 miles and below the clouds visibility was unlimited. 1 bomb returned to base - failed to release over target. Down 1155.

5 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1131 to dive-bomb rail bridge at V-789637. Each A/C carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs. T.O.T. 1150 - 1135. Route flown: base to Selestat to base. Flak: meager, inaccurate, light at Selestat. Did not go on armed reconnaissance because low on gas and unfavorable weather conditions. Squadron bombed briefed target. All bombs in target area, but bridge still intact. Factory to the right of the bridge was hit by one bomb and fire started. Bridge claimed to be damaged. No losses. No E/A seen. Weather: 9-10/10 clouds with base in layers from 2 to 5,000 ft with tops at 8,000 ft. Below clouds visibility was 5 to 6 miles. Down 1212.

14 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1517 to escort medium bombers. Course flown: base to R/V to base. Over R/V: 1557 - 1610. Squadron flew briefed course to R/V point, but could not contact "Fuzzy" and called other controllers who could not locate bombers. Squadron flew 360s around R/V for 15 minutes, but bombers were not seen so squadron returned to base. No losses. No flak. No E/A seen. Weather: Over R/V point 10/10 clouds with base at 2,000, tops at 5,000 with visibility above clouds good. Down: 1703.

15 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1400 to go on armed reconnaissance. Route flown: base to Selestat to base. Mission was abortive due to weather. Returned all bombs to base. Each A/C carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs. No flak. No claims. No losses. No E/A seen. Weather: 10/10 clouds with base at 1,000 ft and tops at 4500. 2nd layer's base at 6,000 ft. Down 1530.

16 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1410 to go on armed reconnaissance. Each A/C carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs. Squadron went to a point 25 to 30 miles E of Luneville and heard "Flatpost" report bad weather in interior so turned back, with all bombs. No flak. No claims. No losses. No E/A seen. Weather 10/10 with base 2000 ft and visibility 4-5 miles. Down 1540.

B. (i) 65 P-47s dispatched.

(ii) 16 A/C dropped bombs on L/Y at Freiburg, V-1033; on L/Y at V-7142; bombed and strafed at V-7660, locomotive; bombed and strafed at V-7352, locomotive; strafed enemy transportation.
5 A/C dive-bombed RR bridge at V-789637
14 A/C escorted medium bombers.

(iii) 30 A/C abortive, due to:-
a) weather, 30

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47 damaged by flak - Cat. 1.
(viii) 65

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 112:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 156,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 16,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 102 - 500 lb GP bombs dispatched, fuse, nose M103; tail, M101A2.
(ii) 41 - 500 lb GP bombs expended as follows;
8 bombs dropped on L/Y at Freiburg, V-1033.
8 bombs dropped on L/Y at V-7142.
4 bombs dropped on 5 trucks.
3 bombs at V-7660, on locomotive, and cars.
8 bombs on locomotive and 15 cars at V-7352.
10 bombs dropped on RR bridge at V-789637.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
61 - 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 15

3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 6
b) Nil
c) Damaged, 1

4. Railroad cars,

5. Bridges,
   a/ Damaged, 1

9. Factories,
   a/ Damaged, 1

11. Railroads cut, in 5 places

13. Horse-drawn ammunition carriers,
    a/ Destroyed, 2

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. REED,
2nd Lt., Air Corps.,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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November 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep. No. 129, for the period ending 22 November 1944.
Operation No.: A.C. 13,

4. A. 8 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0745 to go on armed reconnaissance. Each A/C carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs. T.O.T. 0810. Course flown: base to Sarrebourg to Saverne to base. No flak encountered. Contacted Atkin Baker 1 who vectored squadron to Strasbourg to report activity and to observe rail running from Strasbourg to Molsheim. 4 locomotives with steam up were seen and 4 more seen in R/Y at Strasbourg. Reported to "Baggage" who vectored them to Saverne for reconnaissance between Saverne and Phasibourg. No activity was observed in that area. Squadron then reported to "Baggage" who told them weather was closing in and to return to base. Order to return to base was received at 0835. No losses. No E/A seen. Weather: Base to target - 10/10 with base at 2,000. In target area - base 7500 and on return base was at 800 feet. Visibility air to air - 5 to 8 miles with air to ground good. Down 1900.

B. (i) 8 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) ~~nil~~ 0
(iii) 8 A/C ~~effective, 4 x 500 lb GP bombs, Dropped on weather.~~
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 8

B. (i) Nil

D. (i) 1 :25
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 14,2[illegible] rds. (.5 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 11,125 rds. (.50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 14 - [illegible] lb M bombs, fuses, nose, 1103; tail 11: 1A2.
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
16 - 500 lb M bombs returned to base.

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Nil

For the Group Commander:

Joseph Krazic
[illegible] USAAF,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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Headquarters 365th Fighter Group
A.P.O. 374 U.S. Army

25 November 1944

Subject: Opreps.

To : Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with AAFIB Air Force Letter 55-5, dated 30 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 23 November 1944.

2. Oprep No. 130.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph Berger
[illegible], 2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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Headquarters 359th Fighter Group
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25 November 1944

SUBJECT: G-Rep.

To : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 22 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending sunset 24 November 1944.

2. G-Rep No. 131.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph [illegible],
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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Headquarters 359th Fighter Group
APO 324 U.S. Army

25 November 1944

SUBJECT: Operations Report.

TO : Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 12th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 1 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 359th Fighter Group.

3. Operations Report No. 132, for the period ending 25 November 1944.
Operation Nos.: A.O. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25 and 27.

4. A. 8 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1035 to go on close support and armed reconnaissance. Each A/C carried 2 - 500 lb GP bombs. T.O.T. - 1115 - 1230. Routes flown: 1 flight from base to 20 miles S of Saarebourg; one flight to Rhine River. Light intense accurate flak at [illegible]5528. 3 enemy tanks observed at [illegible]epler, [illegible]5525 which were stationary on road. Flight drew from these tanks (fired). 2 bombs dropped on these tanks, but results were unobserved. 4 bombs on woods at [illegible]-1514 pursuant to instructions from Saarebourg, results unobserved. 1 plane hit by flak and [illegible]t, [illegible]t Murphy, had to bail out. Ground controller reported that pilot broke leg. Losses: 1 plane lost, 1 damaged Cat 1, 1 damaged Cat 3. 3 Jet a/c observed in vicinity of Saarebourg at [illegible]t, [illegible]0 at [illegible]. Weather: A/C base at 2500 and tops at [illegible] with visibility [illegible] miles. [illegible]ow 132. [illegible] returned to base as these planes were low on gas and could not find target.
16 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1115 to attack pontoon bridge. Each A/C carried 2 - [illegible] GP bombs and 1 - [illegible] frag bombs. T.O.T. - 1132 - [illegible]. Route flown: A/C to Orsteil to [illegible] to [illegible]. Flak: Intense heavy and light at objective;

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[illegible] ...ridge was left standing. ...trafed N. side of bridge toward town. Areas of both approached to bridge appeared flooded. Dropped 2 H bombs and 2 frag clusters on A/D at Offenburg with no results observed. Dropped 4 bombs and 4 frags from mile in overcast at Offenburg. Losses: 1 MIA, 2 Lt. ... A. Funderburk, who was last heard getting a vector of 240 degrees from "Manifold". No e/a seen. Weather: base to Offenburg - 6-7/10 with base at 6000, tops at 7000; between Saarebourg and Strasbourg 10 mile wide overcast of 10/10 with base unknown. Offenburg eastground to 9000 ft, 10/10 overcast with steady rain. Down 1355.

6 P-47s of 368th Squadron dispatched at 1235 to go on armed reconnaissance. Each A/C carried 2 - 500 lb GP bombs. T.O.T. 1310-1420. Route flown: base to Saarreburg, to Kehl, to Rhine River, 10 miles S of Colmar to base. Flak: scant, heavy at V-8428, and moderate heavy, weak light at V-8228. Moderate vehicular traffice observed in Colmar area. Enemy A/D at V-8228 observed with 1 T/E a/c and 2 S/E e/as. Another A/D seen just adjacent to this field. Both had very wide runways. 1 locomotive and 10-12 freight cars damaged by strafing and bombs and cutting of tracks in one place at V-8267. Train was moving south. 1 locomotive damaged by 4 bombs and strafing at V-8066 heading south and pulling 7-8 cars. 4 bombs on M/Y at V-7769 destroying 1 locomotive and tender with one direct hit. 8 freight cars destroyed by one direct hit. 1 P-47 damaged by flak: Sat 1. No e/a seen in air - 3 seen on ground. Weather: scattered showers with 5/10 cloud with base of 5000 and tops of 7000. Down 1500.

8 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1242 to go on armed reconnaissance of Saarreburg, Kehl, Mulheim area. Each a/c carried 2 - 500 lb GP bombs. Route flown:

Base to Sarreburg, Hagenau, Strasbourg, target, base. T.O.T. 1245-1350. Flak: scant, accurate, light at V-997765 and scant-inaccurate, light at V-9918. Numerous vehicles heading east on roads leading toward pontoon bridge which was bombed. Red Four flown by 2nd Lt. George A. Hentera believed to have been hit by flak over target and was seen to go in just SW of target; 16 bombs on pontoon bridge at V-997765. Concentration of bombs was fair to good. Bridge claimed to be damaged and cut loose from west bank. 9 vehicles destroyed by strafing on approach to bridge heading east and 2 vehicles damaged on bridge. 6 very near misses were observed on west side of bridge. Losses: 1 P-47 believed to be destroyed and 2 damaged by flak - Cat 1. No e/a seen. Weather: 10/10 with holes with base at 2500, tops at 6500 and visibility below the clouds excellent. Down 1427.

8 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1338 to go on armed reconnaissance of Sarreburg-Mannheim area. Each A/C carried 2 - 500 lb GP bombs. T.O.T. 1430. Route - base to Sarrebourg, east to Rhine River to base. Moderate, inaccurate flak encountered at V-5327. FT, 3 tanks, attacked resulting in one turning on side at V-5327 (Kirschland). Pontoon bridge on Rhine River, believed to be east of Bischweiller, strafed. No losses. No e/a seen. Weather: 6/10 cloud with base 6,000 ft and tops at 11,000 ft. Down 1539.

8 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1435 to go on armed reconnaissance. Each A/C carried 2 - 500 lb GP bombs. T.O.T. 1515 - 1615. Intense, light flak at V-0915, 1630 hours from our own lines, light intense flak at Strasbourg. 2 trains observed going SE at V-6129. 2 large luftburrys seen at point 10 miles SE of Strasboug, 1 at 11,000 ft, and 1 at 16,000. Squadron jettisoned bombs and attacked. Squadron claims 2 destroyed and 2 damaged - 1 Me-109 each by Lt Veldboon and Lt Morris destroyed, and 2 damaged by Lt Johnson. At least 4 e/a seen destroyed in encounter by other P-47s in area. Surviving e/a disappeared into clouds going SE. 8 bombs jettisoned. 4 bombs on 30 plus tanks in woods at Saarunion, V-5139 with no results observed. Losses: 1 plane damaged, Cat. 1. by fragments from e/a. 30 plus Me-109s seen at 1515 hours. Weather: 3/10 with base at 8,000 and tops 11,000 and visibility 15 miles. Down 1645.

14 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1520 to go on armed reconnaissance of Offenburg, Karlsruhe, Mannheim, Landau area. Flak encountered - weak, light at point 10 miles NE of Strasbourg. 30 plus Me 109s bounced squadron

16 miles NE of Strasbourg at 1615, 8500 feet from 15,000 ft. Following claims are made: 1 destroyed and 1 damaged by Col. Tipton; 1 destroyed by Lt Thompson and 1 by Lt Bishop. 4 damaged by the following pilots - Its Malcom, Wahl, Snell, Hockler, for a total of 3 Me 109's destroyed and 5 damaged. Losses: Lt Garcea MIA - last seen in dog-fight being heavily engaged. 19 bombs jettisoned safe. 4 jettisoned armed and 3 returned to base. 2 unaccounted for (MIA). Weather: 9/10 at Strasbourg with tops at 9,000 and base unknown - visibility good. Down 1705.

8 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1540 to go on armed reconnaissance of Sarrebourg-Kulheim area. Each a/c carried 2 - 500 lb GP bombs. Route flown: base to Sarrebourg to base. T.O.T. 1625. Flak: intense, inaccurate, light at ↙-5020 and area surrounding that point. Wooded area, ↙-5522, attacked as requested by "Otable" containing M/T. Several direct hits started fires. One M/T damaged by strafing at ↙-5522. No losses. No e/a seen. Down 1707.

B. (i) [redacted] P-47s dispatched.

(ii) 3 A/C dropped bombs on enemy tanks at Meyer, ↙-5528, and on woods at R-1514.
16 A/C dropped bombs on Pontoon bridge between Nonnenweier and Daubenfard, ↙-005720; dropped bombs on M/Y at Offenburg.
6 A/C dropped bombs on locomotive and freight cars at V-8267; on locomotive and cars at V-8066, and on M/Y at V-7769.
8 A/C dropped bombs on Pontoon bridge at V-997765.
8 A/C dropped bombs on 3 tanks at ↙-5327 (Hirschland).
2 A/C dropped bombs on 30 plus tanks in woods at Saarunion, ↙-5139.
8 A/C dropped bombs on wooded area, ↙-5522, as requested by "Otable" containing M/T.
~~4 A/C on weather reconnaissance.~~

(iii) 25 A/C abortive; due to, failure to release bombs over targets.

(iv) 2 P-47s missing; P-47D-28RE - 44-20234, last seen over target in dogfight. P-47D-25 42-26685, vicinity of Offenburg, hit by flak.

(v) Nil

(vi) 1 P-47D-27RA 42-27245, over target, hit by flak, at ↙-4827.

(vii) 6 A/C damaged; 5 A/C category 1; 1 A/C category 3.

(viii) [redacted]

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3. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

4. (i) 173:45
(ii) Nil

5. (i) 192,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 35,508 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) 7,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

6. (i) 152 - 500 lb GP bombs, Fuse, AN101A2, T103, and T113.
16 - 260 lb Frag bombs, Fuse, T1,M2.

(ii) 102 - 500 lb GP bombs expended, and
16 - 260 lb Frag bombs expended, as follows;
6 GP bombs on enemy tanks at Meyer, V-5508, and on woods at V-1514.
32 GP bombs and 16 frag bombs dropped on road and bridge between Bonnenweier and Sand Island, V-5724, and dropped frag bombs on M/T at Offenburg.
12 GP bombs on locomotive and freight cars at V-8207, on locomotive and cars at V- [illegible], and on M/T at V-7764.
16 GP bombs on Pontoon bridge at V-97745.
16 GP bombs on 3 tanks at V-[illegible] (Offenburg).
4 GP bombs on 3 plus tanks in woods at Haslach, at V-5193.
16 GP bombs on wooded area, V-5502.

(iii) 33 GP 500 lb Bombs jettisoned,

(iv) 2 GP 500 lb bombs lost on wrecked aircraft.
2 GP 500 lb bombs unaccounted for.
13 GP 500 lb bombs were returned to base.

9. 1. Henry Murphy, 1st Lt., O-[illegible], Enlisted Injured,
2. George A. Mentera, 2nd Lt., O-[illegible], MIA.
3. August Barcea, 2nd Lt., O-[illegible], MIA.

10. (i) Destroyed A/A in the Air, 5 Me 109's;
1 Me 109 destroyed by Col. James S. Tipton,
1 Me 109 destroyed by 2nd Lt F.J. Bishop, 365th Sq.
1 Me 109 destroyed by 2nd Lt A.L. Thompson, 365th Sq.
1 Me 109 destroyed by 1st Lt D.M. Waldbon, 365th Sq.
1 Me 109 destroyed by 1st Lt J.B. Morris,Jr, 365th Sq.

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(13) Damaged A/A in the air, 7 Le 109's;
1 Me 109 damaged by [illegible] James L. Tipton,
1 Me 109 damaged by 2nd Lt [illegible] Shell, 365th Sq.
1 Me 109 damaged [illegible] 2nd Lt C.A. Wall, 365th Sq.
1 Me 109 damaged by 2nd Lt [illegible] Lochler, 365th Sq.
1 Me 109 damaged by 1st Lt [illegible] Lalonde, 365th Sq.
2 Me 109 damaged by 2nd Lt Alvin C. Johnson, 365th Sq.

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 9
c) Damaged, 3

2. Armored vehicles and tanks,
a) Destroyed, 1

3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 2
c) Damaged, 2

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 8
c) Damaged, 12

5. Bridges,
c) Damaged, 2

11. Railroads cut, 1

17. Other claims, 1 train tender destroyed.

Other results unobserved, bad weather and intense flak.

For the Group Commander :

Joseph Bravo
[illegible],
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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Headquarters 359th Fighter Group
APO 374 U.S. Army

27 November 1944

SUBJECT: Operations Report.

TO : Commanding General, AAF Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 74th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 27 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 359th Fighter Group.

3. Operations No. 133, for the period ending 26 November 1944.
Operation No.: A.O.7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and A.O.12.

4. A. 12 P-47s of the 365th Squadron dispatched at 0826 to 50 on armed reconnaissance and close support. Each A/C carried 2 - 500 lb GP bombs. Route flown was base to Saarebourg to Hagenau to base. T.O.T. 0945 - 1000. Intense heavy, and moderate light flak encountered at A-170250 and moderate light flak at A-135425. 12 bombs dropped on 1 locomotive at Soufflenheim, A-170250 with steam up, and 12 cars. Locomotive and 8 cars damaged by near misses and strafing. Rails cut at A-177456. 12 bombs on 1 locomotive and 10 cars at Herrenhoffen, A-135225, resulting in damaging of locomotive and 7 cars. 2 rails cut at A-135225. 1 - 20mm light gun position damaged at A-175451 damaged by strafing. No losses. No E/A seen. Weather: In target area - 6/10 ths with base at 4000 and tops at 9000 and visibility 5-6 miles. From Nancy to target area 9/10 with same base and top. Down 1030.

16 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0920 to escort B-26s attacking Herrgzabern. No external loading was carried. Route flown was base to A/V at Nancy to Saarburg to target and return. T.O.T. 1035 - 1145. Intense, light flak encountered at A-2743, and intense, heavy at A-5044. Heavy rail activity was observed at Germersheim. Numbers in good

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for action, briefed through overcast and results not observed.
The following claims by strafing: 1 truck and trailer destroyed at A-3072; 1 locomotive destroyed at A-2774; 4 coaches damaged at A-4170; 1 truck destroyed at A-3405; 4 to 6 light flak guns damaged at A-2743; 1 truck destroyed at A-4401; 1 truck damaged at A-2157; 1 bike half-track destroyed at A-5.3%. No E/A observed. 2 of our A/C damaged by flak, category 1, weather; 8,10 base, tops 25.0, 7,10 base, fixed tops 10,000 Visibility 10 miles, scattered showers entire route. Down 1045.

12 A/C of 365th Squadron, each A/C carrying 2 - 500 lb GP bombs, fused 8-15 seconds, dispatched at 1535, on armed reconnaissance and close support base Saarburg, Hagenau, Landweiler to base. Time over target 1620 - 1635. 2 locomotives with 15 - 20 cars each steam up standing new yards report at Falkenhouse A-772204. 4 bombs 50 yards in front on tracks, 4 bombs in side 5 - 10 yards away. 4 boxcars burning, others damaged. "CHAIN" told leader to go to Engweiler: large tank battle near A-8131. La Petete Ferriers A-695281 our tanks moving thru to Engweiler and at Hochfelden A-8818, our tanks and trucks moving toward Beumath. 16 bombs returned because of darkness. Claims: 4 box cars destroyed; 4 box cars damaged; 1 rail cut at A-070210. No E/A encountered. Flak: heavy moderate A-078211. Weather: Base to Hagenau 6-8/10 clouds Base 2000 tops 8000. Visibility 5 miles, heavy showers in Hagenau area. Time down 1730.

12 A/C of 368th Squadron, each A/C carrying 2 - 500 lb GP bombs, fused 8-15 seconds, to dive bomb bridge at Maximilliansau A-415437. Bridge damaged by 2 direct hits. Hit M/T at A-404480, no results observed. 1 locomotive and 6 cars (mostly flak cars) seen at A-385475 heading south, claim 6 RR cars destroyed, 1 locomotive damaged. Time over target 1700-1710. No E/A encountered. Flak: intense, heavy and light, accurate at A-415819. Weather: 10/10 base 7,000 tops 8500 feet. 2 jet contrails seen North West of Darreburg 15,000 feet. Trucks and M/T traffic seen at Lauterbourg heading East A-325470. Poor control by "BAGGAGE". Time down 1755. 4 bombs returned to base. 1 A/C aborted because of rough engine.

11 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0838 to dive-bomb A/D at Kalmheim. Each A/C carried 2 - 500 lb GP bombs. Route flown: base to target to Speyer to base. Time over target 0945-1015. Flak was scant, inaccurate heavy at Mannheim and scant, accurate light at Karlsruhe. Heavy rail traffic was seen on main RR from Mannheim to Karlsruhe. The A/D, an A/D, was not attacked due to adverse weather conditions. 8 bombs were dropped on 1 locomotive and 12 cars at A-5878 resulting in 6 near misses and they are claimed damaged. 8 bombs dropped on 1 loc-

motive and 2 cars at A-6[illegible] resulting in 4 direct hits and 2 near misses - train claimed destroyed. 5 bombs on locomotive and 4 cars at A-3[illegible] with 2 direct hits and 3 near misses - claim train destroyed. The following claims are made as a result of strafing: 1 light gun position at A-3434 damaged, engine at A-3434 damaged, engine at A-[illegible] destroyed, engine at A-[illegible] damaged, 5 vehicles at A-5354 destroyed. 2 A/C damaged by flak, but 1 Me 109 seen. Weather: 10/10 clouds with base at 5,000 ft, tops at 9,000 ft, and visibility 10 miles. Down 1132. 1 back returned to base.

12 B-17s of 379th bombardment dispatched at 1445 to dive bomb a railroad and pontoon bridge at Dreisbach. Each A/C carried 3 - 500 lb GP bombs. Route flown was base to Colmar to Interpoint, A-[illegible], to base. The over target was 1530. Intense light flak was encountered at Grostenquin (A-[illegible]) and at enroute. Incomplete pontoon bridge observed at A-[illegible]. Squadron was unable to find RR or road bridge and pontoon bridge in area approximately 8 miles S of Colmar as briefed. Two near misses believed to have damaged the road bridge. A pontoon bridge at A-[illegible] was damaged by strafing. 2 barges at A-[illegible], 1 river tug at A-[illegible] damaged and one tug at Heistatt destroyed by strafing. There were no losses. 2 jet A/C seen at 1630 hours, at 20,000 feet flying on a course of 090 degrees just S of Strasbourg. Weather: 1-2/10 clouds with bases between 2 and 4,000 ft and tops at 9,000 with visibility 8 miles. Down 1810.

4. (i) 75 B-17's dispatched.

(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on locomotive at Geiffertheim, A-[illegible]; on railroad cars; on locomotive and cars at A-[illegible]; on locomotive and cars at Geiswolfheim, at A-[illegible]; and on rails at A-[illegible].

4 A/C dropped bombs on railroad tracks, at A-[illegible]; and on rails at A-[illegible].

1 A/C dropped bombs on bridge at Maximilianau at A-[illegible]; on locomotive and cars at A-[illegible];

11 A/C dropped bombs on locomotive and cars at A-58[illegible]; on locomotive and cars at A-[illegible]; on locomotive and cars at A-353[illegible]; strafed gun position at A-3424; strafed locomotive at A-343[illegible]; strafed locomotive at A-[illegible]; strafed locomotive at A-[illegible] and vehicles at A-5354.

12 A/C bombed road bridge and pontoon bridge approximately 8 miles S of Colmar; a pontoon bridge at R-4560 bombed; strafed barges at R-4564; strafed river tug at R-4560 and one truck at Selestat.
1 A/C acted as escort to R-47s attacking Berrgzabern.

(iii) 10 A/C abortive; due to,-
(a) Nil
(b) Nil
(c) 2 a/c; failure to release bombs over target, of one aircraft, and rough engine trouble on the other aircraft.
(d) 8 a/c returned bombs because of darkness.

(iv) Nil

(v) Nil

(vi) Nil

(vii) 4 A/C damaged by flak; category 1.

(viii) 74

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 169:35
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 180,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 40,424 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 118 - 500 lb GP bombs, fuse, nose, M103 and tail M101A2 and M113.
(ii) 97 - 500 lb GP bombs expended as follows;
12 bombs dropped on locomotive at Soufflenhein, R-170250.
12 bombs dropped on locomotive and cars at Oehenhoffen, at R-135225.
4 bombs dropped on railroad tracks at Kaltenhouse, at R-072212.
4 bombs dropped on tracks and box cars, a t R-072212.
20 bombs dropped on bridge at Maximilliansau, at R-415487, or A/Y at R-400420; locomotive at R-385475;
8 bombs dropped on locomotive and cars at R-5878.
8 bombs dropped on locomotive and cars at R-6060
5 bombs dropped on locomotive and cars at R-3530.

24 bombs dropped on a road bridge and pontoon bridge at V-3560.

(iii) Nil

(iv) Nil
21 - 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 10
c) Damaged, 1

3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 4
c) Damaged, 6

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 34
c) Damaged, 31

5. Bridges,
a) Destroyed, Nil
c) Damaged, 3

6. Gun emplacements,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 7

11. Railroads cut,
a) Destroyed, in 4 places

12. Barges,
c) Damaged, 4

Other results unobserved because of weather conditions.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph Frazer
[illegible],
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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[redacted] U.S. Army

2[redacted] November 1944

Subject: Ops Rep.

To : Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with [illegible] Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 28 Mar 44, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 35[illegible] Fighter Group.

3. Ops Rep No. 124, for the period ending 27 November 1944.
Operation Nos.: A-16; A-17; A-23. Flash 42 to 44.

4. A. 12 A/C of 39[illegible] Squadron, each A/C carrying 2 - 500 lb GP bombs, dispatched at 1453 on Armed reconnaissance and close support of XV Corps. "Ellis" directed squadron to attack troop concentration south of Lochwiller, 24 bombs on target, excellent concentration, 8 strafing targets 1-5134, 4 light flak positions strafed at 1-5136, several damaged, 1 tank strafed and destroyed in town of Lochwiller. 1 house with lt. flak position strafed and damaged at 1-5137. 1 light flak position strafed and probably destroyed at 1-5137. 1 artillery gun position strafed and destroyed at 1-5134, sheet of flame rose from position. 2 staff cars strafed and destroyed at 1-5135. No E/A encountered. Flak: Intense, light, 2 mile radius Lochwiller 1-5138. Weather: 2/10, base 4,000 tops 4,000, visibility 3 miles. Time over target 1515-1515, time down 1615.
12 A/C of 39[illegible] Squadron, each A/C carrying 2 - 500 lb GP bombs, dispatched at 1500 on armed reconnaissance Strassburg to Breisach to Freidberg to Offenberg. Course flown A-20 to Strassbourg to Emmendingen to Appenweier to Hagenau to vicinity Baden Baden to A-20. "Ellis" could not be contacted,

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"Atkins" worked with squadron. [illegible] clouds along Rhine prevented locating target. Town bombed by 8 A/C, 16 bombs. 2 warehouses destroyed. [illegible] further. 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs thru 10/10s clouds east of Rhine. [illegible]. Area attacked believed to have been vicinity Baden Baden. 1 truck destroyed by strafing. 2 warehouses type buildings destroyed by bombs. No E/A encountered. No flak. 2 planes crash landed vicinity of Rindel. Category unknown, believed 3. Lt Buckio and Lt Usiatynski. Time over target 1635-1650. Weather: 10/10s on ground. 9/10s base 6,000 tops 7500 feet, visibility good. Time down 1717.

11 A/C of 367th Squadron, each A/C carrying 2 - 500 lb GP bombs, dispatched at 0840, on armed reconnaissance to Strassbourg, South onthe Rhine River to Freisach to base. Route flown A-90 to Wasselnheim to Lingweiler to Haganau to Offenburg to A-90. "ADKIN." sent squadron to East of the Rhine River on targets of opportunity. Heavy traffic in R/Y at Offenburg (J-1586). 5 barges in canal at J-0586 not moving. Claims: 4 bombs on locomotive and 10 cars at J-1893, Locomotive damaged and ten (10) cars destroyed by 2 direct hits and 2 near misses. 4 bombs on locomotive and 40 cars at J-2404. 4 near misses. 6 cars damaged. 12 bombs on R/Y at J-1586. 12 in T/A. Claim R/Y damaged. Locomotive destroyed, 4 cars damaged by strafing at J-0364. Locomotive and 4 cars damaged by strafing at J-1586. No E/A encountered. Flak: Scant, inaccurate, heavy at J-2750. Weather: 10/10s clouds, overcast moving East. Base zero, tops 2 to 300 feet. Visibility above good. Time over target 0915-1015. 1 A/C abortive, mechanical failure, bombs returned to base. Time down 1043.

16 A/C of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0950 on sweep Offenburg, Stuttgart, Mailsheim and Mannheim, "BADGER" ordered squadron to return to base, Mist after they had formed over the field. Weather: 2/3/10's base 1500 tops 4000 visibility 2-3 miles. Time down 1020.

3. (i) ~~55~~ 51 P-47s dispatched.

(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on target, troop concentration south of Lockwiller; 5 strafing targets.
12 A/C dropped bombs on Town, vicinity Baden Baden.
10 A/C dropped bombs on East of the Rhine River on targets of opportunity; locomotive and cars at J-1893; locomotive and cars at J-2404; on R/Y at J-1586; on locomotive and cars at J-1586; and on locomotive and cars at J-0364.

4 A/C on weather reconnaissance.

(iii) 17 A/C abortive, due to;-
a) weather, 16 a/c recalled.
b) nil
c) 1 A/C mechanical, landing gear.

(iv) Nil

(v) Nil

(vi) Nil

(vii) 2 A/C damaged; crash landed in vicinity of St Mihiel, 1 a/c category "B" and 1 a/c category "E". (Cat."B" a/c No. 44-[illegible] F-47D-Re; Cat."E" a/c No. F-47D Zebra-42-[illegible]).

(viii) 38

3. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

5. (i) 90:15
(ii) Nil

6. (i) 132,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 12,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) 4,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

7. (i) 70 - 500 lb GP bombs, fuse, nose, M103; tail, M101A2 and M113.

(ii) 68 - 500 lb GP bombs expended as follows;
24 bombs dropped on troop concentrations south of Lockwiller.
16 bombs dropped in town, in vicinity of Baden Baden.
8 bombs dropped East of Rhine.
4 bombs on locomotive and 10 cars at R-1893.
4 bombs on locomotive and 40 cars at R-2404.
12 bombs on M/T at R-1586.

(iii) Nil

(iv) Nil
2 - 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.

9. Nil

10. Nil

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[illegible] 358th Fighter Group
APO 394 U.S. Army

29 November 1944

SUBJECT: Operations.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with XIXth Air Force Memo 55-d, dated 7 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending midnight 29 November 1944.

2. Operations No. 135.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph Brown
Capt. A.C. [illegible],
Asst. Adjt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEAD[illegible] 359TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 US Army

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30 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Operep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Att: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Att: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-3, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 30 November 1944.

2. Operep No. 137.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph Brazis
JOSEPH J. BRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Stat Officer.

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1	[illegible]	[illegible]
2	Tech Insp - 8th AF	7 Mar 44
3	Ordnance Insp	18 May 44
4	Tech Insp	12 May 44
5	Ltr of Transmittal - 8th AF	- - -
6	Tech Insp	22 May 44
7	Investigation - [illegible] consumption	
8	3rd Insp	11 May 44
9	Compliance with TO 01-1-20	4 June 44
10	Tech Insp	24 Aug 44

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4. [illegible]:

f. [illegible] equipment now heavily stored in depots. [illegible] stations being turned in to Air Corps supply. All 25 hand refueling units would be necessary if servicing was to be accomplished from 50 gallon drums. Parts are on requisition and work orders submitted to convert American type oxygen regulator or assembler for use with British cylinders. Requisitioned parts are slow in coming.

5. [illegible]:

A standard 15-day supply level for all spare parts is being put into effect by the Group S-4. Stocking lists are being kept of all 15-day supplies. Additional records of spare parts on hand are being initiated.

6. [illegible]:

No comment.

7. [illegible]:

a. Batteries are now being received. Certain types of A.A.F. test units are not being received, namely A.A.F. test set AN-46-, AT-37, VT-44, and VT-170.

b. Insulators not in use are being removed from aircraft.

8. [illegible]:

a. No comment.

b. Indexes and missing Air Regulations, and Ninth Air Force orders applicable to operations are on requisition.

c. Additional Forms 47 are requisitioned. Technical orders pertaining to Link trainers on requisition. These trainers are scheduled for use 10 hours each day, and are being used except during combat missions.

9. EQUIPMENT [illegible] (Parachute, Oxygen, Armor):

a. Current records of parachute inspections now entered in Forms 46.

b. Personal equipment officers have been assigned to this organization since the inspection. All individual pilot's equipment in excess of the authorized requirements will be turned in to Air Corps supply. Facilities are being made available to store excess pilot's equipment in a locked room.

c. Statement concurred with.

10. MOTOR TRANSPORTATION:

a. Shortage reports submitted to higher headquarters. Full authorized allowance of jeeps received since inspection.

b. No comment.

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11. [illegible]:

a. More thorough inspections are being made of maintenance forms and records.

b. More T. O.'s will be initiated.

c. An improvement is noted in maintenance of auxiliary equipment and special service vehicles. Many units have been cleaned, painted and repaired.

d. Action is being taken to turn in all excess flying equipment to air corps supply.

12. [illegible]:

a. Concurred with.

b. Concurred with.

Cecil E. Ellis.
Lieut-Colonel, Air Corps.
Commanding

record of aircraft checks

Encl:
Encl 1 - Technical [illegible]

[illegible]

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section

[illegible]

[illegible] there are [illegible]
[illegible] this group.
[illegible] 1950) [illegible].
[illegible] 3rd echelon [illegible]
[illegible] all [illegible]
[illegible] are on hand.
[illegible] there are 6 vehicles [illegible]
[illegible] parts.
[illegible] permanent drivers [illegible]
[illegible] vehicles.
[illegible] 1st echelon maintenance on all
vehicles is very poor.
[illegible] permanent and [illegible]
vehicles are dispatched [illegible]
motor pool.
[illegible] permanent [illegible]
[illegible] maintenance when [illegible]
[illegible] work.
(c) 14 men in the group [illegible]
train[illegible] in water proofing.

1. Deficiencies Noted:

[illegible]

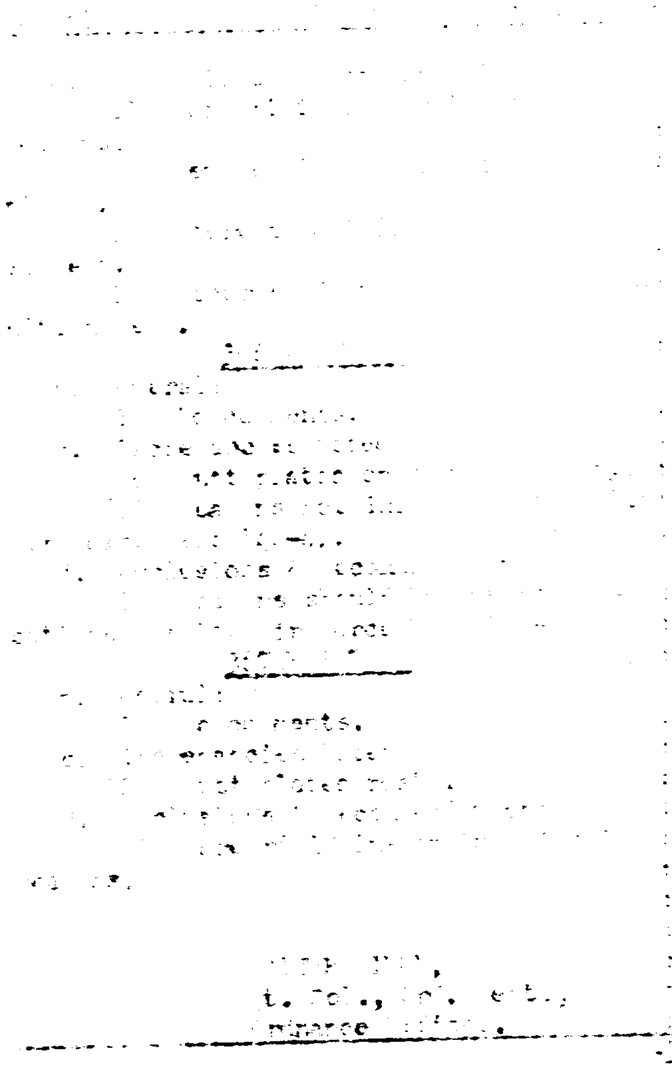
(1) Truck, 3/4 ton, [illegible], 2120[illegible], serial [illegible], [illegible]; oil very dirty, 1 valve cap missing, accelerator sticks, button [illegible] light switch, tarpaulin missing [illegible], and two hooks bent.

265th FTP S.

(11) Wrecker, 2-1/2 ton, [illegible] reg. 4L76632-[illegible], serial [illegible] age 2321; 2 valve caps missing.

(12) Truck, 2-1/2 ton, [illegible], reg. 4L53922-[illegible], serial [illegible], mileage 5677; distributor very dirty, no classification disc on front, [illegible] view mirror missing.

(13) Truck, 1/4 ton, [illegible], 203/4017-[illegible], serial # 256288, mileage [illegible], 2 valve caps missing, button on light switch missing, tires cut and worn, and instruments dirty in cab.



[illegible]

[illegible] 17 May 44

[illegible]

1. Under the [illegible] Order 121-1, [illegible] activities of the [illegible] Liber Area [illegible] Air Officer [illegible] by law.

2. [illegible] to this headquarters accordance with AR 20-11-1.

3. This is an initial inspection of the technical activities of the [illegible] Liber Area by this office. A visit of observation was made on 11 February 1944 by the Air Inspector, [illegible] and [illegible] deficiencies or irregularities were reported thereon.

4. The technical publications, files, and [illegible] of aircraft, general and special purpose vehicles and auxiliary equipment of the technical activities covered by this inspection are found to be in a very satisfactory condition, except as follows:

a. [illegible] were called to the attention of the officers concerned during the inspection and were corrected at once or not made a matter of record.

b. Irregularities and deficiencies which can be corrected by the group commander were reported to him by informal communication for necessary remedial action.

5. The group inspection and engineering section is very well organized and the maintenance of the aircraft is considered very satisfactory. The abortive rate for the period 14 February - 30 April 1944 is 5.2%.

6. The condition of the landing strips, dispersals and vehicle roads are considered satisfactory. The perimeter track is at present unserviceable and is being repaired by the British Works Party. The airdrome is very dusty, for which appropriate recommendations have been made below.

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1. The [illegible] during the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

d. [illegible] recommend that another tent be used for storage of spare and unused equipment. The present maintenance shop appears inside [illegible] and in a general state of disorder.

e. [illegible] recommend that cords be properly secured to plug on transmitter and stand-by power unit of weather detachment.

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Sec II

1. Test Motor Pool.

a. The Director [illegible] motor pool and the [illegible] inspection of the motor vehicles is considered to be satisfactory. The following discrepancies were noted:

b. 1/4 Ton 4x4 [illegible]

(1) No windshield [illegible].

c. 1/4 Ton 4x4, [illegible]

(2) Headlights not [illegible] but properly.
(3) Air filter not properly filled with oil.
(4) Leak in main gas tank.
(5) Valve caps missing on several tires.
(6) Steering has too much play.

d. Weapons Carrier #2110413

(7) Crankcase low on oil.
(8) Hose from radiator to jacket leaking.
(9) Engine dirty.
(10) Valve caps missing.

e. 1/4 Ton 4x4, #20341165

(11) Crankcase low on oil.
(12) Water in radiator excessively rusty.
(13) Overflow line from radiator broken.
(14) Rear view mirror bracket broken.

f. 1/4 Ton 4x4 #20312356

(15) Windshield cracked.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] the supervision [redacted]
[redacted] the maintenance [redacted]
[redacted] made an inspection of
[redacted] aircraft and special engines-
[redacted] that are to be considered very
[redacted] unsatisfactory, except for the
[redacted] following items:

b. Forms, records and publications.

(1) Forms 1A have been brought up to date, but the chief's name printed instead of his signature as per AR 95-20.

c. Hangar Equipment.

(2) Insufficient "No Smoking" signs inside hangar and in vicinity of emergency gasoline stores. (T.O. 00-25-172 Fire regulations.

(3) Type C-1 prop dolly hubs are not covered.

(4) All tires were not properly marked with slippage marks. (T.O. 01-1-11)

d. 147-1-20-12 776519.

(5) First aid kit was serviced with too heavy a fire.

(6) Battery air vent line kinked, preventing circulation of air.

(7) Landing gear shock struts low.

e. A spot check was made of the compressor and portable power units, and they were found in a satisfactory condition, except for minor discrepancies corrected at the time of the inspection.

f. [illegible] Fuel Servicing Truck, [illegible] and 2-2 Trailer, [illegible]

(10) Unit is in a very satisfactory condition.
(11) [illegible] not tagged.

g. [illegible] - 015806.

(12) In a very satisfactory condition.
(13) Starter button should be relocated to right side of dash. (TO 16-20-16)
(14) CO_2 Extinguisher not serviced with date of last inspection. (TO 16-20-2)

h. This section is to be commended on its organization and operating system.

WILLIAM H STRICKLAND,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Asst Tech Inspector.

D C Roper,
T/Sgt, A/C Inspector.

[illegible]

2. [illegible].

a. [illegible]

b. [illegible]

c. [illegible]

(1) [illegible]
(2) [illegible]
[illegible]

3. [illegible]

a. The supervision of the armament section, and maintenance of the armament equipment on the aircraft was considered satisfactory.

b. Files, Records and Reports are complete and efficiently maintained, except the following publications have not been received:

(1) AAF AAC Memo 145-10.
(2) Ninth AF Memo 145-2

are not in the files.

c. B-47-1-26, A/C 42-75519 aircraft was inspected, and the armament equipment was in a satisfactory condition. The following tech order was not complied with:

(1) Ejection chutes have not been sealed (TO 11-1-12)

[illegible]
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst Tech Inspector,

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[illegible] during the period 6-7 May 1[illegible]

[illegible] Articles, Irregularities and Re[illegible]

Sec II

1. [illegible] Wing.

a. The supervision, organiz[illegible] operation [illegible] inspection, [illegible] inspection of aircraft [illegible] equipment, expert for the [illegible] cies and irregularities listed.

b. Forms, Records & Files.

(1) Forms 1A were maintained in a good condition but not in accordance with AAF Res 15-1 in that no indication of who serviced aircraft is shown; crew chiefs name is printed instead of written; and no improperly cleared and pilot's signature should be preceded by his remarks.

(2) Forms 41B were maintained in a very good condition and in accordance with TM 00-[illegible], except that crew chief's are doubling up on the line of form instead of dropping down and using two more lines.

c. Hangar Equipment and Flight line.

(3) Compressor, type [illegible], serial No 15[illegible]068 was inspected and found very satisfactory.

(4) C-1-B Serial #[illegible]3776 is very satisfactory.

(5) C-1[illegible] Serial #43K16082 very satisfactory except for being dirty.

(6) 3KVA Serial #23-63986 is very satisfactory.

(7) C-13, very satisfactory, except the clutch ratchet sticks.

Sec III

1. Inspections.

a. The supervision of the armament section and the inspection and maintenance of the armament equipment on the aircraft are considered very satisfactory.

b. Technical Orders and Technical Publications are complete and efficiently maintained, with the exception that the following publications are not on hand:

(1) IX ASC Memo 142-12.
(2) Ninth AF Memo 142-2.

c. P-51, A/C #42-6041, was inspected, and the guns, bombracks, bomb shackles, release cables, sights, chutes and gun cameras were in a satisfactory condition. The following technical order has not been complied with:

(3) Ejection chutes have not been sealed, in accordance with TO 11-1-12.

2. [illegible]

a. The supervision of the armament section and the inspection and maintenance of the armament equipment on the aircraft are considered very satisfactory.

b. Files, records and reports are complete and efficiently maintained, with the exception that the following publications are not on hand:

(1) IX ASC Memo 142-12.
(2) Ninth AF Memo 142-2.

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Middlesex, Area Headquarters

WOLFAN L FLEGH,
Captain, Air Force,
Asst Tech Inspector.

J J Clark,
Sgt, Communications Insp.

G D Jones,
F/Sgt, Armament Inspector.

Provisional Headquarters

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Re: [redacted]

1. [redacted].

a. [redacted]
[redacted] Section I
[redacted].

b. Forms, records and files [redacted] will be used and found to be [redacted].

f. Unit Personal Equipment.

a. The maintenance of [redacted] oxygen regulators and [redacted] are kept satisfactorily.

g. Unit Medical Supply.

a. The maintenance of records and files, and the storage of equipment was found to be satisfactory.

[redacted]
Capt, Air Corps,
Unit Tech Inspector.

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Subject: Deficiencies, Irregularities and Unsatisfactory Conditions

Sec II

1. Inspection.

a. [illegible] the Augmentation [illegible] maintenance and inspection of aircraft are special [illegible] Section, except for the [illegible] inspections.

b. Forms, Records or Files.

(1) Forms 1A are not maintained in accordance with AFR 66-1 in that red crosses are improperly placed, daily battery not entered in column 1 and there is crowding and doubling up instead of using two lines on the form.

(2) Forms 1A are not maintained in accordance with AFR 66-1, in that there is no indication of who serviced aircraft, ouno cleaning and oil change are not entered, and amount of oil and fuel in tanks is not entered.

(3) There is no record of maintenance performed on hangar equipment.

c. P47-D-20RE AC #42-[illegible].

(4) There were no slippage marks on landing gear tires as per TO 04-1-11.

(5) The landing gear strut was low.

d. Hangar & Maintenance Equipment.

(6) Hangar is cluttered up with various parts, supplies and equipment, and is not being used for 2nd echelon maintenance; camouflage netting is stored on

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dem: hanger floor slippin[illegible]
dication; paint, pressure, ti[illegible]
ripes in the hanger and store a[illegible]
[illegible] boxes of small [illegible]

(7) CI instrument [illegible]
[illegible] not maintained [illegible]
spec. (4b 00-1-2, [illegible]
[illegible]ication pads or sh[illegible]
are located on t[illegible]
3) Oxygen system [illegible]
[illegible] not manufacture and [illegible]
[illegible] unsatisfactory, in that [illegible]
[illegible] filler is being used.
[illegible] there was a [illegible]
units and parts in the [illegible]
section test.

6. [illegible]s fuel servicing truck, [illegible]6811, with A2 Trailor [illegible]
(mileage 2724)

(8) Static ground missing on fuel nozzle.

(11) Nozzle strainer should be checked daily.

(12) Pyrene extinguisher not tagged.

(13) Shock absorbers dry.

(14) Hose leak in line from segregator pump to nozzle.

(15) Strainer dirty.

(16) No cap on filler nozzle.

(17) "No Smoking" signs should be stencilled on 3 sides of unit.

f. Fletrac - 914172.

(18) Track to tight.

(19) Oil filters dirty.

(20) Leak at base of oil filter.

(21) Starter button should be relocated to right side of dash.

g. The section is to be commended upon the efficiency of their aircraft maintenance, and the interest displayed by the crews in their work.

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[redacted]

[redacted]

(1) MIL T2C Hero 15-3 has not been used.

(2) Ejection Seat Data.

a. B-47 Aircraft 47-[illegible] inspected, and the seat, harness, [illegible] personnel [illegible] condition.

(3) Ejection chutes have not been packed in accordance with T.O. 1-1-12

[illegible] I FITCH,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst Tech Inspector.

[illegible] Clark,
Sgt, Communications Insp.

[illegible] Jones,
S/Sgt, Armament Inspector.

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[illegible] of [illegible] Inspection [illegible] period for [illegible] 31 May 1944.

1. [illegible].

2. [illegible].

3. [illegible].

4. [illegible].

5. [illegible].

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13. [illegible].

14. [illegible].

15. [illegible].

16. [illegible].

17. [illegible].

18. [illegible].

19. [illegible].

20. [illegible].

Report of Technical Inspection XIX Tactical Air Command 22 May 1944.
319.1 1st Ind.
Headquarters 358th Fighter-Bomber Group, APO 141, US Army, 1 June 1944.

To: Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, US Army.

1. Noted.
2. Noted.
3. Noted.
4. a. Noted.
   b. Noted.
5. Noted.
6. Hard topping of the perimeter track completed and serviceable but further hard topping is necessary to make it satisfactory for prolonged operation. Air filters are being installed by the service team. Twelve aircraft have been completed to date. Six aircraft are now in process of filter installation.
7. Air filters installed are being used for ground operation and take off.
8. Fire precautions are now enforced in accordance with AR 850-20, AAF Regulation 85-6 and ETOUSA Fire Regulations. Fire extinguishers have been received and (NO SMOKING) signs posted.

CECIL L. WILLS,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND
Office of the Air Inspector

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F 333.1 - 358th Ftr Gp

APO 141, US Army,
22 May 1944

SUBJECT: Report of Technical Inspection of 358th Fighter Group.

TO : Commanding Officer, 358th Fighter Group, APO 141, US Army.

CG : Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, US Army.

I. AUTHORITY.

1. Under the provisions of the Ninth Air Force Memorandum 120-1, 7 December 1943, an inspection of the technical activities of the 358th Fighter Group was made by the technical staff of this office during the period 4-7 May 1944.

2. This communication will be indorsed to this headquarters in accordance with TC 00-15-1.

3. This is an initial inspection of the technical activities of the 358th Fighter Group by this office. A visit of observation was made on 11 February 1944 by the Air Inspector, IX Air Support Command. No irregularities or deficiencies were reported thereon.

II. IRREGULARITIES, DEFICIENCIES AND COMMENTS.

4. The technical publications, files, records, storage of supplies, and the maintenance and inspection of aircraft, general and special purpose vehicles and auxiliary equipment of the technical activities covered by this inspection were found to be in a very satisfactory condition, except as follows:

a. Minor matters which were called to the attention of the officers concerned during the inspection and were corrected at once are not made a matter of record.

b. Irregularities and deficiencies which can be corrected by the group commander were reported to him by informal memorandum for necessary remedial action.

5. The group inspection and engineering section is very well organized and the maintenance of the aircraft is considered very satisfactory. The abortive rate for the period 14 February - 30 April 1944 is 5.2%.

6. The condition of the landing strips, dispersals and vehicle roads are considered satisfactory. The perimeter track is at present unserviceable and is being repaired by the British Works Party. The airdrome is very dusty, for which appropriate recommendations have been made below.

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Report of Base Inspection, 55th Str Sq, cont'd.

III. [redacted].

7. Recommend that group engineering establish a policy in regard to the use of air filters due to the dusty condition of the airdrome. It is suggested that the policy be flexible enough to allow removal of filters during [illegible] conditions are contemplated. (TOs 01-1-13 and 1-1-23)

8. Recommend that adequate fire precautions be established within the dispersals, fuel dumps and technical areas in accordance with AR 850-20, [illegible] Regulations 85-6 and [illegible] fire regulations.

[redacted],
Lt Col, Air Corps,
Air Inspector.

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Headquarters
XIII Fighter Command,
Office of the Air Inspector

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APO 111, US Army,
17 May 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Commanding Officer, 359th Fighter Group, APO 111, US Army.

1. The attached memorandums of irregularities and deficiencies noted during the inspection of technical activities of units under your command made during the period 4-7 May 1944 are for your immediate consideration.

2. Upon completion of the necessary corrective action, these memorandums will be indorsed to this effect over the signature of the officers concerned. The original copy will be filed in the files of the Group Technical Inspector and the duplicate copy in the files of the unit concerned for future reference on subsequent inspections by the Air Inspector and the Inspector General.

[signature]
[illegible], [illegible],
Major, Air Corps,
Technical Inspector.

4 Incls:
Incl 1 - Memo, Tech Insp, 359th Ftr Gp (in dup)
Incl 2 - Memo, Tech Insp, 365th Ftr Sq (in dup)
Incl 3 - Memo, Tech Insp, 366th Ftr Sq (in dup)
Incl 4 - Memo, Tech Insp, 367th Ftr Sq (in dup)

FILE UNDER NO. 358th Tech Insp Rpts

INDEX SHEET

SUBJECT: SYNOPSIS

Report of Investigation on oil consumption in the 3.7th F/B Sp and 358th F/B Sp.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. Rpt of Tech Insp - 36~~4~~2th F/B Sp.

INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and

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Office of the Ordnance Officer

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APO 141, US Army,
12 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Ordnance Inspection of 358th Fighter Group.

TO : Air Inspector, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, US Army.
THRU: Commanding Officer, 358th Fighter Group, APO 141, US Army.

1. Inclosed herein Ordnance Technical Inspection of 358th Fighter Group, APO 141, US Army, conducted during the period 5-7 May 1944.

2. Request attention be invited in cover letter prepared by the Air Inspector to the poor first echelon maintenance that exists in the organization. A better system will of necessity be set-up and strictly adhered to.

Walter Simon

WALTER SIMON,
Lt. Col., Ord. Dept.,
Ordnance Officer.

1 Incl:
Incl 1 - Technical Inspection Report.

TECHNICAL INSPECTION OF 350TH FIGHTER GROUP during the period 5-7 May 1944.

Deficiencies, Irregularities, & Comments	Corrective Action & Comments
Section V	
1. AUTOMOTIVE:	
a. Rating:	
(1) Unsatisfactory.	
b. General:	
(1) There are 109 general purpose, 88 special purpose, and 2 British vehicles assigned to this group.	The British vehicles were sent to [illegible] (Present Action).
(2) The 1595th Ord. S&M Co. (Avn) is performing 3rd echelon maintenance.	Six vehicles are now out in operation.
(3) All pertinent army regulations and memos are on hand.	Classes now being held on this subject. Improvement will be noted.
(4) There are 8 vehicles on deadline awaiting parts.	
(5) Permanent drivers are assigned to all vehicles.	
(6) 1st echelon maintenance on all vehicles is very poor.	
(7) All squadron and group hq. vehicles are dispatched through a group motor pool.	
(8) Each squadron maintains their own maintenance shop and performs their own work.	
(9) 14 men in the group have been trained in waterproofing.	To date 14 men have been trained in waterproofing course.
c. Discrepancies Noted:	
HQ. SQ.	
(10) Truck, 3/4 ton, 4x4, WC, USA Reg. #2110210-S, serial #81501352, mileage 9010; oil very dirty, 1 valve cap missing, accelerator sticks, button missing on light switch, tarpaulin missing (on req.) and two hooks bent.	Oil changed, valve cap replaced, accelerator fixed, tarpaulin now on vehicle
365TH FTR SQ.	
(11) Trecker, 2-1/2 ton, 6x6, USA Reg. #4176032-S, serial #224225-A1, mileage 2321; 2 valve caps missing.	Valve caps have been replaced
(12) Truck, 2-1/2 ton, 6x6, Cargo, USA Reg. #4533922-S, serial #248812A2, mileage 5677; distributor very dirty, no classification disc on front, and rear view mirror missing.	Distributor cleaned, classification disc [illegible], mirror being [illegible]
(13) Truck, 1/4 ton, 4x4, USA Reg.# 20348019-S, serial # 256288, mileage 5818; 2 valve caps missing, button on light switch missing, tires cut and worn, and instruments dirty in cab.	[illegible]

Deficiencies, Irregularities, & Comments	Corrective Action & Comments
366TH FTR SQ.	
(14) Truck, 2-1/2 ton, 6x6, Cargo, USA Reg. # 4230485-S, mileage 10713; distributor very dirty, vesicant paint detector not dated, left inside door handle missing, no classification disc on front and no fire extinguisher or decontaminator in vehicle.	[illegible]
367TH FTR SQ.	
(15) Truck, 1/4 ton, 4x4, USA Reg. # 20348372-S, serial # 256620, mileage 4651; button on light switch missing, dirt in one battery cell, spare tire flat, and transfer case leaking oil.	[illegible]
(16) Truck, 2-1/2 ton, 6x6, Cargo, USA Reg. #4390694-S, serial # 283892-A2, mileage 6894; fan belt too loose and no gas decontaminator in vehicle.	[illegible]
d. Conclusions & Recommendations:	
(17) Scheduled system of preventative maintenance must be set-up and rigidly followed.	[illegible]
(18) A tire preventative maintenance schedule must be started.	Classes underway.
2. GENERAL ORDNANCE & AMMUNITION:	
a. Rating:	
(1) Satisfactory.	
HQ. SQ.	
b. General:	
(1) The 1595th Ord. S&M Co. (Avn) is maintaining ammunition and bomb dumps.	
c. Discrepancies Noted:	
(2) Butt plates on carbines rusty.	Weapons have been cleaned and inspected.
(3) Grade 3 ammunition uncovered, stored with fuze and oil cans in open.	
d. Conclusions & Recommendations:	
(4) Recommend more rigid inspection of weapons.	Complied with.
(5) Grade 3 ammunition should be turned into proper depot.	Complied with.
365TH FTR SQ.	
b. General:	
(6) No comments.	
c. Discrepancies Noted:	
(7) Butt plates on carbines rusty.	Will be cleaned and inspected.
(8) Excessive oil in carbine and pistol clips. (Ammunition coated in oil)	Cleaned
(9) Ammunition stored in tent with stove.	[illegible]
(10) No record kept on lot numbers of cal..50 ammunition.	[illegible]

HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP P/W/3
APO 141 US ARMY

4 June 194..

SUBJECT: Compliance with T.O. 01-1-70

TO : Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, US ARMY, (Attention: Air Inspector)

1. Request information as to whether T.O. 01-1-70 dated 25 January 1944 will be complied with in this command. Inclosed is an answer to U.R. 44-764 from Headquarters, XIX Air Force Service Command, Maintenance Division which indicates this T.O. should be complied with not later than the next 50 hour inspection.

For the Group Commander:

HARVEY HALL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1 Incl:
Incl 1 - Letter 319.1
U.R. 44-764

1st Ind 01-1-1

HQS, XIX [illegible], APO 141, [illegible].

TO: Commanding Officer, 358th Fighter-Bomber Group, APO 141, [illegible].

For your information, T.O. 01-1-70 will be complied with in accordance with letter, Air Force Service Command, file 319.1, subject: "Negative Storage Report No. 44-764 (Section 411, Serial No. [illegible]) on T.O. [illegible], AAF Vol 40-1 [illegible]", dated 31 May 1944.

By command of Brigadier General [illegible]:

1 Incl.
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Technical Inspection of 358th Fighter Group, 28 August 1944.

333.1 1st Ind.
Headquarters 358th Fighter Group, APO 141, U. S. Army, 7 September 1944.

To: Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, U. S. Army.

1. No comment.
2. No comment.
3. Recommended action taken.
4. No comment.
5. No comment.
6. A detailed procedure has been initiated for maintenance and records of inspection on auxiliary power units.
7. Property accounting in the 365th and 366th Squadrons now in accordance with existing directives.
8. The Squadron Transportation sections have never maintained F-3 Units in this Group. Squadron transportation sections have aided maintenance of this equipment by periodical check of the ordnance part of the units for proper maintenance and compliance with ordnance directives. The motor transportation sections have furnished their facilities for use by refueling operators when when desired. The Engineering Departments assume all responsibility for maintenance of this equipment.
   a. No comment.
   b. No comment.
   c. No comment.
9. No comment.
10. This information has been brought to the attention of the Squadron and will be followed up for compliance with the recommendation made.
11. Concurred with.
12. a. Refueling units (F-3) are now and have always been maintained by men assigned through engineering sections. Drivers are now more thoroughly instructed in proper maintenance of assigned units. A new system of instruction is being initiated.
   b. Drivers have been instructed to check fire extinguishers and decontaminating units daily for serviceability and inspection record tags.
   c. A system requiring complete written inspection and maintenance records that fixes direct responsibility for each unit by name is being initiated in this Group.

CECIL L. WELLS,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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[illegible] of the Air Inspector

[illegible] Army,
[illegible].

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1. Under the provisions of [illegible] Air Force Regulations, dated 1944, an inspection of the technical activities of the [illegible] Fighter Group was made by the technical staff of this office during the period 23-25 August 1944.

2. Previous inspection of the technical activities of this group was made on 6-7 May 1944 and corrective action had been taken on deficiencies reported. Rating given - Very satisfactory.

3. This communication will be indorsed to this headquarters in accordance with TR 20-10-1.

II. [illegible], [illegible] AND [illegible].

4. The files, records, storage of supplies and the maintenance and inspection of aircraft, general and special purpose vehicles are in general considered excellent, and the maintenance and inspection of auxiliary equipment, such as power plants were found to be satisfactory.

5. The group engineering and technical inspection section is very efficiently organized. Deficiencies and discrepancies found in daily inspections of aircraft, other equipment and facilities are immediately reported in writing to the section concerned for correction. The group technical inspector, 1C MacAllister, stated that he intended to consolidate the major and repeated discrepancies into the group monthly inspection report. This system is considered excellent.

6. The organization and supervision of the squadron engineering sections are considered excellent. Maintenance and inspection of auxiliary power units is lax, however, the 366th Fighter Squadron is setting up a detailed procedure for same. This was discussed with the group technical inspector and special attention will be given to this during the month.

7. The squadron technical supply sections are all well organized, however, in the 365th and 367th Fighter Squadrons the property accounting

procedures are not in accord with existing directives. Attention is called to the necessity for strict adherence to existing directives. Attention is to be given to this subject. The supervision of the 365th Fighter Group supply section is considered excellent and that of the 365th Fighter Squadron is considered very satisfactory.

9. a. The organization of the group and squadron motor transportation sections, under Captain Lemke, is complete in all respects. It was found that this inspection team's 3 units were operated for by the transportation sections. Although this is primarily a function of the engineering sections. Vehicles for attached units are furnished as follows:

a. [illegible] squadron, and vehicles necessary for operation are furnished by them.

b. Detachments 21, 21st Weather and 40th Radio Communications Squadrons, have four vehicles which are in excellent condition.

c. 1194th Military Police Company (avn) has their own motor pool, which was found in an excellent condition.

d. The group and squadron armament sections were considered excellent. B-7 bomb shackles are being changed over to the Interstate type as rapidly as they are available.

10. Distribution of pertinent series of administrative publications is not being made to the various sections in the squadrons. In cases where insufficient copies are received for distribution to all interested sections, a copy should be routed through that section for their information, or additional copies requisitioned.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS.

11. S/Sgt Schlossman of the 365th Fighter Squadron should be commended for his excellent organization.

12. It is recommended:

a. That refueling units (F-3) should be maintained by men assigned through engineering sections. A course of refresher study should be arranged by group engineering officer to keep men up to date on maintenance.

b. That all drivers be impressed with their responsibilities on 1st and 2nd echelons of maintenance and inspection of decontaminating and fire extinguisher units.

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358th Ftr Adm Insp Rpts

1	Gen Insp Notice	20 Apr 44
2	Adm Insp Rpt 358 & Ancillary	17 May 44
3	" " " Transmittal ltr to 9AF	17 May 44
4	" " " " " to CC Wg	17 May 44
5	Rpt on A/C Take-off time	13 May 44
6	Insp Extract of IG Rpt Team A, 309 Sv Gp.	19 May 44
7	Insp of Msg Cens at 358, 100 & 362	21 May 44
8	Messing facilities	4 & Jun 44
9	BS on S/R Remarks: Adm	4 Aug 44
10	Adm Visit of Obs by 9AF	21 Aug 44
11	Insp Rpt	19 Sep 44 by AI, XIX TAC

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[illegible]: General [illegible].

: Commanding Officer, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible].

1. As a matter of information and assistance in making this [illegible], a general inspection of the activities of your organization will be conducted [illegible].

2. As an incident to this inspection, all unit funds of all activities will be inspected. It is required that a certificate covering all funds under your supervision be executed on the attached form and held pending arrival of the inspector.

3. It is further desired that the custodian of each and every unit fund in your wing be instructed to close his books as of 24[illegible] 30 April 1944, and that all accounts, vouchers, bank statements (for British Bank Accounts) as of that date, and all other supporting papers and records be made available on 3 May 1944, and that each unit fund custodian complete in duplicate the enclosed form covering his fund as of the close of business that date. Appropriate changes in the form are to be made in the event that funds are on deposit in both American and British depositories.

4. The purpose of this inspection is that required to under [illegible] 4, AR 20-10, 3 September 1942, and Ninth Air Force [illegible] 100-1, 7 December 1943.

[illegible], Jr,
Lt Col, Air Corps,
Air Inspector.

3 Incls:
Incl 1 - Ltr, information requested by Inspector at beginning of inspection.
Incl 2 - Certificate of Auth Funds.
Incl 3 - Funds Forms.

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[illegible]

[illegible]

1. As a matter of [illegible] the inspector is to [illegible] operations, a general [illegible] activities of your [illegible] will be conducted [illegible].

2. [illegible] activities will be inspected. It is desired that [illegible] will funds under your [illegible] be completed on the attached [illegible] and held pending arrival of the inspectors.

3. It is further desired that the custodian of each and every unit fund in your [illegible] be instructed to close his books as of [illegible] 30 April 1944, and that all accounts, vouchers, bank statements (for British bank accounts) as of that date, and all other supporting papers and records be made available on 3 May 1944, and that each unit fund custodian complete in duplicate the inclosed form covering his fund as of the close of business that date. Appropriate changes in the form are to be made in the event that funds are on deposit in both American and British depositories.

4. The purpose of this inspection is that required to under [illegible] with 4, [illegible] 20-10, 3 September 1943, and Eighth Air Force Memorandum 120-1, 7 December 1943.

[illegible],
Lt Col, Air Corps,
Air Inspector.

3 Incls:
Incl 1 - Ltr, information requested by inspector at beginning of inspection.
Incl 2 - Certificate of Auth Funds.
Incl 3 - Funds Forms.

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Report of Tri-Annual Inspection of 358th Fighter Group. (17 May 44)
IG 333.1 1st Ind. A-N1
Headquarters 358th Fighter-Bomber Group, APO 141, U. S. Army, 1 June 1944.

To: Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, U. S. Army.

1. Noted.

2. Attention is invited to paragraph II, sub-paragraph 2 a (1), Memorandum, XIX Tactical Air Command, file 333.1 - 358th Ftr Gp, dated 17 May 1944:

a. A requisition covering the shortages of current directive publications for this headquarters its squadrons will reach your headquarters by 5 June 1944.

b. All units of this organization are in the process of completing posting up to date of all publications recently received.

CECIL L. WELLS,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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Report of Tri-Annual Inspection of 358th Fighter Group. (1 Aug - 1
I3 333.1 1st Ind.
Head uarters 358th Fighter- over roup, APO 140, U.S. Army, 2 June 194.

To: Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, APO 140, U.S. Army.

1. Noted.

2. Attention is invited to paragraph II, sub-paragraph a (1), Memorandum, XIX Tactical Air Command, file 353.1 - 358th Fighter Group, dated 17 May 194.:

a. A requisition covering the shortages of current directive publications for this headquarters its e uadrons will reach your headquarters by 5 June 194.

b. All units of this organization are in the process of completing posting up to date of all publications recently received.

Carl R. Weir,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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ead uarters [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible].

o: Commanding General, [illegible], [illegible].

1. Noted.

2. Attention is invited to paragraph 11, sub-paragraph a (1), emorandum, XIX Tactical Air Command, file 333.1 - [illegible], dated 17 May 1944:

a. A requisition covering the shortages of current directive publications for this headquarters its squadrons will reach your headquarters by 5 June 1944.

b. All units of this organization are in the process of completing posting up to date of all publications recently received.

Cecil L. Fell,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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Report of Tri-annual Inspection of 35th Fighter ...
I: 333.1 1st Ind.
Head uarters 35th Fighter-Bomber Group, A.P.O. ..., U. S. Army, 3 June 1944.

To: Commanding General, ... Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. ..., U. S. Army.

1. Noted.

2. Attention is invited to paragraph II, sub-paragraph ... Memorandum, XIX Tactical Air Command, file 333.1 - ... dated 17 May 1944:

a. A requisition covering the shortages of current directive publications for this headquarters its subordinations will reach your headquarters by 5 June 1944.

b. All units of this organization are in the process of completing posting up to date of all publications recently received.

CHAS L. ... ,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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IG 333.1 - 358th Ftr Gp

APO 141, US Army,
17 MAY 1944

SUBJECT: Report of Tri-Annual Inspection of 358th Fighter Group.

THRU : Commanding Officer, 358th Fighter Group, APO 141, US Army.

TO : Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, US Army.

I. AUTHORITY AND COMMAND INSPECTED.

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 3a, AR 20-10, 3 September 1943, the Tri-Annual Inspection of 358th Fighter Group, APO 141, U S Army, was made by Lt Col Frank K Johnson, AC, Acting Inspector General, Major Lyle P Wilcox, IGD, and MCJG S L Schwartzberg on 3-6 May 1944. The group is commanded by Colonel Cecil L Wells, AC.

2. This is the first Tri-Annual Inspection to be made of this unit by this command.

3. The following units of this subordinate command, operating administratively under the group, were also inspected and are included in this report:

ORGANIZATION	GENERAL RATING
365th Fighter Squadron	Very Satisfactory
366th Fighter Squadron	Very Satisfactory
367th Fighter Squadron	Very Satisfactory
190th Medical Dispensary (Avn)	Very Satisfactory
1194th Military Police Company (Avn)	Very Satisfactory
2056th Engineer (Avn) Fire Fighting Platoon	Very Satisfactory
21st Weather Squadron) 40th Mobile Communication Squadron)	Very Satisfactory

II. IRREGULARITIES, DEFICIENCIES AND COMMENTS.

4. Discipline, condition of troops, health, morale, supply, funds, records, tents and grounds, religious affairs, public relations, training, economy, and all other matters covered by this inspection were found in a very satisfactory condition or better, with the exception of the minor irregularities or deficiencies envisaged by paragraph 17, AR 20-10, 3 September 1943. No action letters, IGD, are required.

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III. CONCLUSIONS.

5. The general rating of the group is - very satisfactory.

FRANK F JOHNSON,
Lt Col, Air Corps,
Actg Inspector General.

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a. [illegible]:

(1) [illegible]

(2) [illegible]

(3) [illegible]

b. [illegible]:

(1) [illegible]

(2) [illegible]

(3) [illegible]

(4) [illegible]

(5) [illegible]

[redacted]

e. Pay Roster: [redacted] 345-25

(1) All men in squadrons do not [redacted] and separations by order to act within [redacted].

(2) Both fighter squadron does not maintain pay roster so that squadron duties may be detailed equitably among the enlisted men.

f. Identification Tags & Pay Books:

(1) All men are not carrying their pay books on their person at all times.

(2) Check of effective pay status currently not entered in all pay books.

(3) Forms 51 are not up to date showing result of allotments.

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uniform set of station regulations has not been issued.

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[redacted] appropriate corrective action, notation to
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Platoon, [redacted] Army.

I. [redacted]

1. Pursuant to provisions of Air Force Regulation 120-1, [redacted] report of compliance observed during [redacted] by Lt Col Frank A Johnson, AO, [redacted] Major, [redacted] and [redacted] Minor discrepancies and deficiencies were pointed out during the course of the [redacted] which others are listed below [redacted] action.

II. [redacted]

2. During a spot check on the administrative records and reports the following observations were made:

a. Morning Report: [redacted]

(1) Record of events not shown for the 29th, 30th and 31st of each month.

(2) Record of events show "Alert for departure" or day of receipt of order but not daily thereafter.

(3) Entries of men sick in hospital and from line that to duty fail to show the line of duty status.

b. Sick Book: [redacted]

(1) Inkeradicator used.

(2) Commanding officer and medical officer have not signed in all cases.

(3) Changes not initialed by the responsible officer.

(4) Lines have been omitted without proper lining out.

(5) Neatness is not [redacted]

c. [illegible]

(1) [illegible] of [illegible].

(2) [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

(3) [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] officers.

d. Files:

(1) [illegible] [illegible] publications [illegible] incorrectly posted.

(2) No index system used with [illegible] file for correspondence. AR 345-400.

e. Identification [illegible] key books:

(1) [illegible] not being [illegible] at all times.

(2) Last [illegible] series not [illegible].

f. Service Records. [illegible]

(1) "Returns Financial" not initialed by the custodian.

(2) Inserts not noted.

III. SUPPLY.

3. Property books is not being kept up to date.

a. New Table of Equipment not noted.

b. Requisitions made not entered.

4. Forms 32 and 33 are not being initialed, red-lined or dated

IV. FIRE CONTROL.

5. [illegible] Static Fire Fighting Equipment has not been received.

V. TENTS, [illegible] & AREAS.

6. The general condition of tents, latrines, and other installations was found to be satisfactory.

VI. MORALE.

7. The morale of the unit is excellent.

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Lt Col, Air Corps,
Asst Inspector General.

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1. The 358th Fighter Group take-off time is given on the attached sheet. This group is ultra-conservative and needs stimulation on the more aggresive side to do good combat missions.

2. Their take-off time is nearly double that of other P-47 groups, - due to single-ship instead of double-ship take-offs. Their runways are as wide and as long as those on other A.A.F.'s.

Air Inspector
10 May 1944

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358TH FIGHTER GP

Take-off Time for Missions

DATE	365TH SQ		366TH SQ		367TH SQ		AGGREGATE TOTAL	
	No. Ships	Time Required	No. Ships	Time Required	No. Ships	Time Required	No. Ships	Time Required
20-4-44	14	6	16	7	18	6	46	19
21-4-44	16	7	19	6	19	6	52	19
22-4-44	17	7	17	7	17	6	51	20
23-4-44	18	5	18	6	19	6	55	17
23-4-44	16	6	17	6	18	7	51	19
24-4-44	18	7	18	6	17	6	53	19
25-4-44	17	4	18	6	19	6	52	16
26-4-44	18	5	16	5	18	6	52	16
27-4-44	18	7	18	9	18	6	54	22
27-4-44	17	5	16	7	16	8	49	20
28-4-44	16	6	17	6	16	6	49	18
29-4-44	17	6	17	6	18	7	52	19
30-4-44	16	5	16	6	18	5	50	16
30-4-44	16	6	16	5	16	5	48	16
2-5-44	16	6	18	6	16	6	50	18
*2-5-44	14	6	14	4	17	6	45	16
*4-3-44	16	4	16	4	16	5	48	13

* Practice Mission

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FILE NO:

TYPICAL ROUTING SLIP

NOTE: Use this slip for comment in connection with papers attached. Number each comment consecutively. Draw a line full width of paper below each note. Initial each comment. File this slip with retained copy of papers.

SUBJECT: Extract of I.G. inspection report, Team "A", 309 Serv Gp, 19 May 44.

ATTACHED None.

NO.	DATE	FROM	TO	ACTION
1	26 May 44	I.G., 9th AF.	Air Insp, XIX TAC	Below is an extract of a report of inspection sent to CG, Ninth AF, of Team "A", 309th Service Gp, made 19 May 44, by a member of my office. The particular paragraph extracted deals with the 358th Fighter Group and is furnished you for your information and such action as you may desire to take.

* * * * Unit security and camouflage discipline is being stressed, but is only Satisfactory. It is held that the lack of camouflage discipline being practiced by this team is due to the adverse influence of the tactical group in this matter. Colonel Wells, C.O. of the 358th, has been approached on one or two occasions, by Major Bell, the Team Commander, in reference to the fact that a long line of airplanes, the team headquarters tent, the Ordnance shops, motor pool, tactical group headquarters, and one service team living site are all laid out in a perfectly straight line. Colonel Wells has indicated that nothing would be done to remedy this unsatisfactory locating of installations. * * * *"

G. W. LESTER,
Colonel, IGD,
Insp General,
Ninth Air Force.

HQ. 9th. A.F. 312

358th Fw pp

AIR INSPECTOR 21 May 1944.

TO: SIGNAL OFFICER

1. Inspection of the [illegible] 358th Fighter Group, and the 362nd Fighter Group, indicate that Ninth AF Memos 101-38 and 101-40 (SOP's on "Preparation of Test Tapes" and "Message Center Procedure and Operation" are not being followed.

2. As the wording of the memos include "will be adhered to by all units of this Air Force insofar as applicable" and "for information and guidance". The above units have evidently chosen not to adopt the procedures contained in the Memos.

3. Some of the practices now in effect that tend to slow up and overload traffic are as follows:

a. Failure to use short titles in addresses.
b. Relay messages repeating addresses not applicable.
c. Over classification of precedence.
d. Large number of service messages. (Probably due to low experience level of operators)

4. As it is the opinion of the inspector that present practice of each unit using procedure of its own invention is one of the contributing factors to unsatisfactory communications, it is suggested that a definite directive be promulgated to standardize twx procedure.

5. In connection with the suggestion in par 4, it is further suggested that such a directive contain sample messages as they would actually appear on the TWX.

C. [illegible] Jr,
Air Inspector, 21 May 1944.

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FILE UNDER NO. 3[illegible] Insp

INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

3[illegible]: Observation of Messing Facilities. 4 June 1944.

Report of observation of Messing facilities on Air Stations 411, 411, and 412 of this command, made by the command Mess Advisor.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 354th F/[illegible] Gp Adm Insp Rpts.

INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

[redacted] August 44

X

: Lt Col Bartnick

I 1. The following change (No 17) to AR 345-125, 1 Feb 1932, is quoted for your information:

"AR 345-125, 1 February 1932, is changed as follows:

27. Remarks, space for. - a. Administrative. - Under the heading "Remarks - Administrative" will be shown participation in action or in battles, wounds or other injuries received in service, a brief description of dentures and other prosthetic appliances, together with date of issue, spectacle prescriptions, and date of issue of spectacles, and such other administrative matter as is not shown elsewhere. Awards of decorations and service medals and authority therefor may be carried forward in this space if there is insufficient space under the heading provided for such entries. When FM 21-100 is issued the entry "FM 21-100 issued," together with date of issue, will be recorded."

FRANK K JOHNSON,
Lt Col., IGD,
Inspector General.

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HEADQUARTERS
NINTH AIR FORCE

R-S-1

APO 696, U.S. Army,
27 August 1944.

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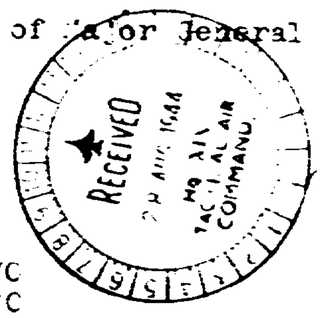
SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.

TO : Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, U.S. Army. (ATT: Chief of Staff)

The attached reports of inspection of the 358th Fighter Group are forwarded for your information and for file in the office of the Air Inspector, XIX Tactical Air Command.

By command of Major General VANDENBERG:



C.A. SHEBARD,
Lt Colonel, AC,
Asst Adj General.

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#2. Rpt of Tech V/C
#3. Supervisory Insp Rpt.

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Correspondence [illegible]
completed.

10. Morale, military bearing and discipline were excellent. The placing of a nearby town "On Limits" has not resulted in any laxity of discipline.

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II.

1.

2. At the time of the inspection, forms 32 and 33 were being

III.

3. File copies of the morning report are not [illegible] by

IV.

4. [illegible] recommendations, [illegible] and [illegible], and which Air Force [illegible] are not complete.

5. Correspondence will be kept [illegible].

6. [illegible]

7. Upon completion of appropriate corrective action, notation to that effect will be entered above the Guard's Commanding Officer's signature and this memorandum will be permanently filed at the Guard for information of Commanding Officers, and for future reference on any matters or subsequent inspections.

[illegible],
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst Adm Inspector.

[illegible] prompt corrective action.

[illegible]

[illegible] and ratings.

VII. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] refuse.

[illegible]

f. [illegible] were not hung [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible] Department Circular 153, 21 April 1944, and bailment [illegible] were not in file.

[illegible]

11. No certificate of [illegible] in the Property Book.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

1. [illegible] 12[illegible],
[illegible], AR [illegible] 17b, [illegible]-1[illegible], [illegible] the follow-
ing is a report of deficiencies observed during the mid-annual inspection
of 765th Fighter Squadron, stationed at [illegible].

2. [illegible] form of letter for deficiencies noted during the inspection, which [illegible] for your information and [illegible] corrective action.

II. [illegible]

3. The sanitation throughout the area and around the mess is [illegible].

4. No uniform arrangement of [illegible] present in the tents.

III. [illegible].

5. Dining facilities for enlisted men [illegible], men [illegible] were taking food into the tent area.

6. Ration requests were not being prepared in accordance with War Department Circular 156, dated 21 April 1944, and tallysheets from the Quartermaster are not on file.

IV. [illegible].

7. There is not certificate of responsibility in the property book.

8. Expendable items are being entered in the property book with the T/E [illegible].

9. Forms 32 and 33 are not complete. Grades and organization are not entered.

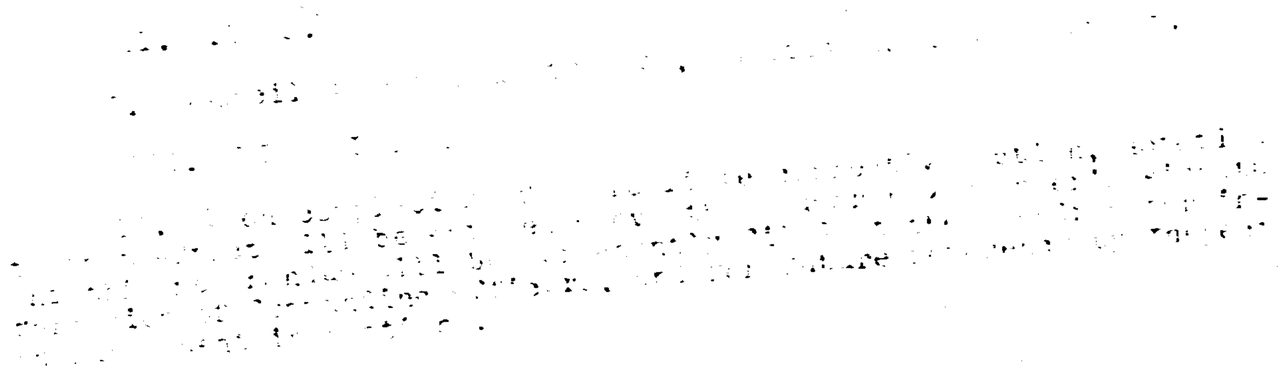
V. SQUADRON PUNISHMENT RECORD.

10. Copy of punishment form used, not certified as true copy, in the case of John M Pennington, dated 23 May 1944.

[illegible]

[illegible] for inform-
[illegible] officers, and for future reference by inspectors on
subsequent inspections.

[illegible],
[illegible] Corps,
[illegible] Asst Adjutant General.



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[illegible]

[illegible]

5. The last inventory taken was in [illegible] In view of the time element and organizational moves, it is recommended that [illegible] officer take an inventory of all equipment listed [illegible] and reconcile these figures.

[illegible]

9. File to be [illegible] by the [illegible] officer.

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HEADQUARTERS (REAR)
XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND
Office of the Air Inspector

H-S-2

IG 333.1

APO 141, US Army,
14 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Tri-Annual Inspection of 358th Fighter Group.

THRU : Commanding Officer, 358th Fighter Group, APO 141, US Army.

TO : Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, US Army.

I. AUTHORITY AND COMMAND INSPECTED.

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 3a, AR 20-10, 3 September 1943, and Ninth Air Force Memorandum 120-1, 28 June 1944, the Tri-Annual Inspection of the 358th Fighter Group was conducted on 9-11 September 1944. Colonel Cecil L Wells, AC, is the commanding officer.

2. This is the second Tri-Annual Inspection to be made of this Group by this Command, the first being conducted on 3-6 May 1944 by Lt Col F K Johnson, Inspector General.

3. This communication will be indorsed to this Headquarters in compliance with Section III, AR 20-10, 3 September 1943.

II. IRREGULARITIES, DEFICIENCIES AND COMMENTS.

4. Inspection:

a. The Administrative Inspection Section of this Group and its function are very satisfactory. Monthly reports of inspection have been made but the following deficiencies were noted:

(1) Practice of rating a section "Satisfactory" without enumerating the errors and deficiencies that caused the rating to be below "Superior."

(2) Indorsements from units inspected did not contain definite statement of corrective action taken.

b. Lt Col Bartnick is assisted by one Non-Commissioned Officer, who is also currently performing duties in the S-1 Section. The Enlisted Man is undoubtedly qualified to inspect personnel records, but there is a question as to his familiarity with Supply Procedures and Records.

c. Cooperation between the Administrative Inspector and the Group Commander and Executives of the Squadrons is considered superior.

5. Inquiry was made at all units as to the subject of Soldier Voting in November General Election. All units have received and distributed US.BC Form 1, "Request for State Absentee Ballot." The required records were complete, except that the following units did not have complete rosters on hand showing the receipt of the above Forms 1:

133th Medical Dispensary (Avn)
Detachment K
21st Weather Squadron
40th Mobile Communications Squadron
2050th Engineer (Avn) Fire Fighting Platoon
6th Bomb Disposal Squad

6. Inquiry was made as to the progress being made on the Inspection of Personnel Records, as required by USSTAF Regulation 30-1C, 5 August 1944. All units had started on this important project and were approximately 75% complete.

7. Personnel Records:

a. It was observed that Group Headquarters had issued instructions to all units under the Group's Administration to enter a remark under Foreign Service in the Service Record of all Enlisted Men to the effect that they had left England and had arrived in France. These instructions are contrary to current directives.

b. It was noted during the inspection that throughout the Personnel Records there were discrepancies between the Service Records and Qualification Cards in regards to personnel information on Enlisted Men.

8. Supply:

a. There were several items lacking in Supply Administration, such as Certificates of Responsibility in the Property Book, Simplified Loading Plans, accurate Property Books, etc.

b. Loading Plans for different units were found to be based on the transportation they were supposed to have, rather than on total cubic measurement and weight of all boxes, etc, to be moved.

9. Several units were not using the Envelope System for their Correspondence Files, and file copies of the Pay Roll are not being completed.

10. Morale, military bearing and discipline were excellent. The placing of a nearby town "On Limits" has not resulted in any laxity of discipline.

11. The Group is located at Station A-28, which is close to a small town. Three hotels in the town have been taken for billeting of officers, and the Consolidated Officers' Mess and Club are located in one of these hotels. Offices are located under canvas along the Air Strip. Enlisted men and a few officers are living in tents, the various units having their own assigned areas, all located close to the Air Strip. Areas were inspected and found to be in a sanitary condition. The men are living in comfortable surroundings with the following exceptions:

a. Some of the enlisted men were sleeping on improvised beds or patched up cots. This condition exists because of the loss of cots during the trip from the United Kingdom. Steps are being taken by the S-4 Section to replace these cots.

b. No uniform directive had been promulgated by any of the squadrons for the arrangement of beds and equipment in tents. This resulted in a general untidy appearance and several instances of seven men sleeping in a tent with only three or four in others.

c. Nearly every tent had a fireplace or homemade gasoline stove built near it, which was being used for heating water for washing, etc. The proximity of these fires to the tents and the lack of fire extinguishers and water buckets in sufficient numbers constitute a fire hazard.

d. None of the latrines were provided with top protection from the weather.

e. The 355th Fighter Squadron did not have an adequate dining hall set up for the enlisted men, and it was noted that, as a result, a number of the men were taking food to their living quarters.

f. The latrine for the Fire Fighting Platoon and Bomb Disposal Squad was not provided with a urinal. As a result the men were urinating on the ground.

12. Weapons were spot checked and found to be well cared for.

13. Six messes were being operated on the station, and all were found to be in a satisfactory to excellent condition. Mess personnel were being physically examined monthly, and in all messes, except the Consolidated Officers' Mess, certificates were posted. Garbage was being disposed of by delivery to nearby farm.

14. Narcotic Registers were being maintained by all Surgeons and were being audited and signed monthly by disinterested officers.

15. Classified Document Registers were being maintained by all units, however, it was stated that some documents were going directly

to the Squadron S-2 and S-3 Sections, without being logged through the Squadron Registers.

16. The Special Service Officer has organized and put into effect a comprehensive program of recreation and entertainment, the result of which has contributed to high morale. A Red Cross Aero Club is set up on the field. Movies are shown six nights a week, two shows per night, in a movie house in the town. Trucks are provided for enlisted men to and from the show. Three USO and one GI show have entertained at this station within a three-week period. The only deficiency noted is a lack of organized athletics, and the failure of the Squadrons to provide Writing Day Room facilities for the Enlisted Men.

17. Pursuant to paragraph 17, AR 20-10, 3 September 1943, minor irregularities and deficiencies observed are reported by separate memoranda, attached, for immediate corrective action.

III. CONCLUSIONS.

18. The following units of this subordinate Command, operating administratively under the Group, were also inspected and are included in this report:

UNIT	RATING
Headquarters, 353th Fighter Group	Excellent
365th Fighter Squadron	Very Satisfactory
366th Fighter Squadron	Excellent
367th Fighter Squadron	Very Satisfactory
1194th Military Police Company (Avn)	Excellent
188th Medical Dispensary (Avn)	Very Satisfactory
2056th Engineer (Avn) FF Platoon	Very Satisfactory
Detachment U -	
21st Weather Squadron	Satisfactory
40th Mobile Communications Squadron	Very Satisfactory
6th Bomb Disposal Squad	

19. The general rating of the Group is - Very Satisfactory.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS.

21. It is recommended:

a. That a more detailed inspection be made by the Administrative Inspector, particularly of the ancillary units.

b. That a qualified Non-Commissioned Officer be added to the Administrative Inspection Staff who is particularly qualified to inspect Supply Records and Procedure.

c. That a Standing Operating Procedure for arrangement of equipment in tents be promulgated by all Squadrons, and that Fire Hazards mentioned in this report be eliminated.

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Report of Tri-Annual Inspection of 358th Fighter Group. (14 Sep 44)

333.1 1st Ind.

Headquarters, 358th Fighter Group, APO 141, U. S. Army, 30 Sep 1944.

To: Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, U. S. Army.

1. In compliance with paragraph 3, Section I, basic communication, the following report on corrective action taken on irregularities and deficiencies noted, under paragraph indicated, is submitted.

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4. Inspection:

a. Noted.

(1) The practice of rating sections individually has been discontinued.

(2) The indorsements from units that did not contain definate statement of corrective action taken were returned to the units for correction.

b. Noted. A non-commissioned officer who is thoroughly trained in Supply Procedures and Records has been added to the inspection staff.

c. Noted.

5. The required records for Soldier Voting in November General Election (WD Pamphlet 21-11) for all units of this Station are complete.

6. The inspection of Personnel Records as required by Circular Reg. 20-10, 5 Aug 44, has been made. All units have completed this project.

7. Personnel Records:

a. Entry under Foreign Service in Enlisted Men's Service Record for leaving England and arriving in France will be lined out and initialed by Personnel Officers. This remark now entered under Remarks Administrative.

b. Discrepancies between Service Records and Qualification Cards are being corrected.

8. Supply:

a. Noted and corrected in keeping with recommendations and facilities.

b. Loading Plans on file from each Squadron and revised according to Command movement instructions and experience gained by each move.

(1st Ind. Hep't Pri-Annual Insp. cont'd./).

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James B. Fitch,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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Frame Number	Classification Number	Date Period	Vol	Pt.	Title	Security Classification	Remarks
4	GP-358-HI	Jan-Nov/43			358th Fighter GP.	U	
101		Oct/43				U	
105		Dec/43				U	
150		Jan/44				U	
213		Feb/44				U	
254		Mar/44				U	
286		Apr/44				U	
334		May/44				U	
357		Jun/44				U	
389		Jul/44				U	
394		Aug/44				U	
426		Sep/44				U	
457		Oct/44				U	
466		Nov/44				U	
483		Dec/44				U	
496		Jan/45				U	
506		Feb/45				U	
518	GP-358-HI	Mar/45			358th Fighter GP.	U	

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602	GP-358-SU	Jan/43				U	
607	↓	Oct/43-Apr/44				U	
633	GP-358-SU-AW	Dec/44-Jan/45				U	
665	↓	Dec/44-Mar/45				U	
720	GP-358-SU-OP	Feb-Apr/44				U	
769	GP-358-SU-OP-S	Feb/44				U	
788	↓	Apr-May/44				U	
933	↓	Apr-Aug/44				U	
1301	↓	Apr-Nov/44				U	
1331	↓	Jun-Jul/44				U	
1510	↓	Aug-Sep/44				U	
1727	↓	Aug-Nov/44				U	
1959	↓	Oct-Nov/44				U	
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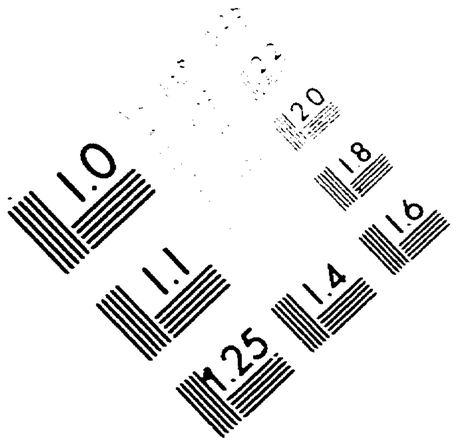
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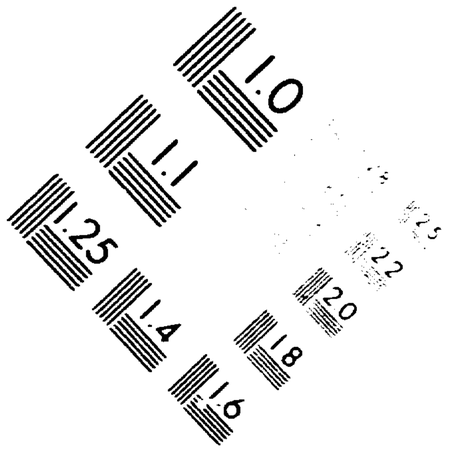
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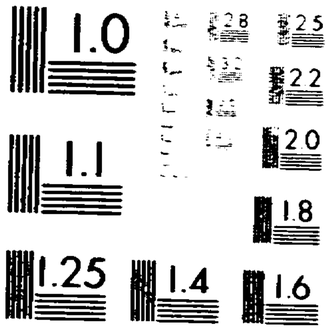
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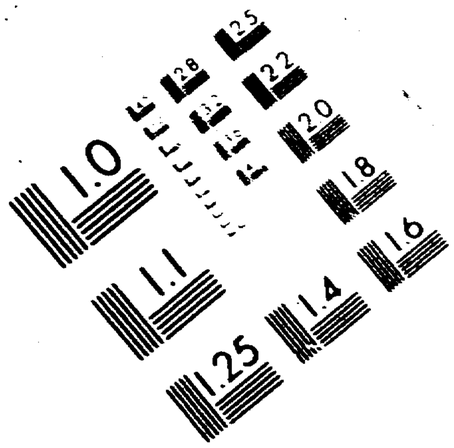
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