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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AFG 595, U S Army
5 April 1944

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SUBJECT: Oprep Report. U.S.A.A.F. FORM 34A.

TO : Air Chief Marshall, Allied Expeditionary Air Force (Attention: Operations Records).
Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention: 26th Statistical Control Unit) APO 696, U S Army.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command, (Statistical Control Section) APO 595, U S Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Statistical Control Section) APO 595, U.S. Army.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, APO 595, U S Army.

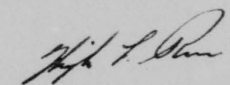
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Oprep A No NIL 1 for 24 hours ending Sunset 1 April 1944.

Mission or Operation No NIL

A. : This Group did not execute any missions for the period stated above.

For the Group Commander:



HUGH L. RICE,
Major, A. C.,
Adjutant.

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APC 595, U S Army
5 April 1944.

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SUBJECT: Cprep Report. U.S.A.A.F. FORM 344.

TO : Air Chief Marshal, Allied Expeditionary Air Force (Attention:
Operations Records).
Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention: 26th Statistical
Control Unit) APC 696, U S Army.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command, (Statistical Control
Section) APC 595, U S Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Statistical Control
Section) APC 595, U S Army.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, APC 595, U S Army.

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Cprep A No MI. 2 for 24 hours ending Sunset 2 April 1944.

Mission or Operation No NIL

A. : This Group did not execute any missions for the period stated
above.

For the Commanding Officer:

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HUGH L RICE,
Major, A. C.,
Adjutant.

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APC 595, U S Army
5 April 1944

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TO : Air Chief Marshal, Allied Expeditionary Air Force (Attention:
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Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention: 26th Statistical
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Commanding General, I X Air Support Command, (Statistical Control
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Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Statistical Control
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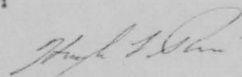
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Oprep A No NIL 3 for 24 hours ending Sunset 3 April 1944.

Mission or Operation No NIL

A. : This Group did not execute any missions for the period stated
above.

For the Commanding Officer:



HUGH L. RICE,
Major, A. C.,
Adjutant.

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APC 595, U S Army
5 April 1944.

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Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention: 26th Statistical Control Unit) APC 696, U S Army.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command, (Statistical Control Section) APC 595, U S Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Statistical Control Section) APC 595, U S Army.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, APC 595, U S Army.

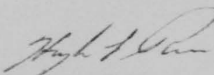
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Cprep A No XXX 4 for 24 hours ending Sunset 4 April 1944.

Mission or Operation No NIL

A. : This Group did not execute any missions for the period stated above.

For the Commanding Officer:


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Major, A. C.,
Adjutant.

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APC 595, U S Army
5 April 1944.

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TO : Air Chief Marshall, Allied Expeditionary Air Force (Attention: Operations Records).
Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention: 26th Statistical Control Unit) APO 696, U S Army.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command, (Statistical Control Section) APO 595, U S Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Statistical Control Section) APO 595, U S Army.

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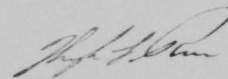
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Cprep A No AK 5 for 24 hours ending Sunset 5 April 1944.

Mission or Operation No NIL

A. : This Group did not execute any missions for the period stated above.

For the Commanding Officer:


HUGH L. RIGG,
Major, A. C.,
Adjutant.

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360TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AGO 595, U.S. Army
6 April 1944

SUBJECT: Group Report. U.S.A.A.F. FORM 94A

TO : Air Chief Marshal, Allied Expeditionary Air Force (Attention: Operations Records).
Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention: 26th Statistical Control Unit) APO 496, U.S. Army.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command, (Statistical Control Section) APO 595, U.S. Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Statistical Control Section) APO 595, U.S. Army.

FROM : 360th Fighter Group, APO 595, U.S. Army.

REF : SECRET

Prep A ~~Report~~ 6 for 24 hours ending Sunset 6 April 1944.

Mission or operation No. Nil.

A. : This Group did not execute any missions for the period stated above.

For the Commanding Officer:

Hugh L. Rice
HUGH L. RICE,
Major, A. C.,
Adjutant.

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AFG 595, U S Army
7 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Aprop Report. U.S.A.A.F. FORM 31A.

TO : Air Chief Marshal, Allied Expeditionary Air Force (Attention:
Operations Records).
Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention: 26th Statistical
Control Unit) APO 696, U S Army.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command, (Statistical Control
Section) APO 595, U S Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Statistical Control
Section) APO 595, U S Army.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, APO 595, U S Army.

REF : SECRET

Aprop A No. 7 for 24 hours ending Sunset 7 April 1944.

Mission or Operation No. WT.

A. : This Group did not execute any missions for the period stated
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For the Commanding Officer:

Hugh L. Rice
HUGH L. RICE,
Major, A. C.,
Adjutant.

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APO 595 US Army
9 April 1944.

SUBJECT: OPREP A USAAF FORM 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit).
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command, (Attention Statistical Control Section).
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Attention Statistical Control Section).

FROM : 368th Fighter Group. USAAF Station 404.

REF : SECRET
Oprep A No. 8 for 24 hours ending Sunset 8 April 1944.
Mission or Operations No 126.

A ✓ This Group provided penetration, target and ~~with~~ withdrawal support to limit of endurance for 3rd ATF which was composed of 1 box of 72 B-26s of the IX Bomber Command. The target of the mission was the marshalling yards at Hasselt, Belgium. The bombers attacked target, followed by dive bombing of this Group with 32 planes each carrying 2x250 lb. GP bombs. The planes took off 1215, landed at 1520. The planes were over target at 1347. 59 bombs were dropped on target from 3500 feet. 5 bombs were jettisoned in open field. Bombing results excellent. Repair shops set on fire in south east yard. Sheds and cars hit. North west yard burning. Many hits scattered over both yards. No flak or E/A encountered over target. The weather was clear under 18000, 6/10 cover over 18000. Visibility was good. Flak was heavy and accurate at Ostend, at Knecke, it was intense and accurate, south edge of Brussels intense, inaccurate and at air field near St.roud moderate and inaccurate.

B : (i) 48 P47D
(ii) 30 P47D attacked marshalling yards at Hasselt, Belgium. 2 planes jettisoned bombs in open field, 1 plane jettisoned 1 bomb in open field and 16 planes provided cover for both B26s and dive bombing. 48 planes completed mission.

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(iv) N11 2 41 about 1000
(v) N11
(vi) N11
(vii) N11
(viii) 48

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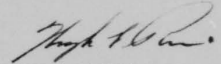
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- C : (i) 48 - 108 Gal. (American) external British fuel tanks.
(ii) 48
- D : (i) P47D: 163 Hours.
(ii) Nil
- E : (i) 76800 x 50 cal.
(ii) 1120 x 50 cal.
(iii) Nil
- F : (i) 64 x 250 lbs. GP Bombs - nose fuse 1/10; tail fuse 1/40.
(ii) 59 x 250 lbs. GP Bombs dropped on Marshalling Yards.
(iii) 5 x 250 lbs. GP Bombs.
(iv) Nil
- G : Nil
- H : Nil ✓

For the Commanding Officers:


HUGH L. RICE
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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360TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US Army
9 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprop Report. U.S.A.A.F. FORM 36A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention: 26th Statistical
Control Unit) APO 596, U.S. Army.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command, (Attention:
Statistical Control Section) APO 595, U.S. Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Attention: Statistical
Control Section) APO 595, U.S. Army.

FROM : 360th Fighter Group, APO 595, U.S. Army.

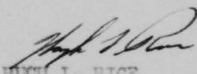
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Oprop A No. 9 for 24 hours ending sunset 9 April 1944.

Mission or operation No. Nil.

A. : This Group did not execute any missions for the period stated
above.

For the Commanding Officer:


HUGH I. RICE,
Major, Air Corps.,
Adjutant.

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AFG 595, US Army
10 April 1944.

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TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention: 26th Statistical
Control Unit) APO 696, U.S. Army.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command, (Attention:
Statistical Control Section) APO 595, U.S. Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Attention: Statistical
Control Section, APO 595, U.S. Army.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, APO 595, U.S. Army.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No 10 for 24 hours ending Sunset 10 April 1944.

Mission or operation No III.

A. : This Group did not execute any missions for the period stated
above.

For the Commanding Officer:

Hugh I. Rice
HUGH I. RICE,
Major, Air Corps.,
Adjutant.

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AFD 595, US Army
11 April 1944. *6/10/44*

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TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention: 26th Statistical Control Unit) APO 696, U.S.Army.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command, (Attention: Statistical Control Section) APO 595, U.S.Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Attention: Statistical Control Section) APO 595, U.S.Army.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, APO 595, U.S.Army.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No 11 for 24 hours ending Sunset 11 April 1944.

Mission or operation No NIL.

A. : This Group did not execute any missions for the period stated above.

For the Commanding Officer:

Hugh L. Rice
HUGH L. RICE,
Major, Air Corps.,
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APO 505, US Army
12 April 1944*289*

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TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit).
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command, (Attention Statistical Control Section).
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Attention Statistical Control Section).

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, USAAF Station 404.

REF : **SECRET**
Oprop A No. 12 for 24 hours ending Sunset 12 April 1944.
Mission or Operations No 140.

A : This Group took off at 1143 and returned to the base at 1436. The mission was to provide penetration support for the middle of the entire bomber formation composed of 240-B24s and 420-B17s from the Eighth Air Force. The middle section was composed of the 3rd ATF (3CW of 60 B17s each or a total of 180 B17s) and the last 2CW of the 2nd ATF (2CW of 60 B17s each or total of 120 B17s). The Group was to pick up bombers SW of Brussels and escort them to the limit of their (the Fighter escort) endurance. This Group at 1247 met some B24s just beyond the R/V SW of Brussels. It was uncertain as to whether these were part of the 1st or 4th ATF, and the 2nd or 3rd ATF could not be located in this area. This Group at 2000 then escorted the B24s who were at 17000 to a point between Huy and Leige, then the Group turned back at 1305 when bombers went into an overcast and were flying on instruments. The bombers proceeded on toward target and this Group returned to the base. The flak was fairly accurate, intense and heavy at Ostend, inaccurate, meager and heavy at Dunkerque and inaccurate, meager and heavy at Le Culot Aerodrome. The weather was 5 to 7/10 from 12000 to 26000 over continent. Visibility was poor. One large freighter was seen headed for Ostend Harbor at 1340 about one mile away from harbor. No E/A encountered. One B17 and one B24 were seen heading for England at medium altitude between Ghent and Brussels at 1315.

B : (i) 50 P47D dispatched. 2as radio relays. 48 as escorts to ⁴⁸ bombers.
(ii) 48 P47D completed mission.
(iii) 2 P47D 1 P47D abortive due to (e) mechanical trouble. *1/10 fuel 870*

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Note. The type of mechanical trouble is unknown at this time because aircraft made landing at Manston and information is not available. 1 P47D due to (d) acting as an escort to aircraft which aborted due to mechanical trouble.

- (iv) NIL
- (v) NIL
- (vi) NIL
- (vii) NIL
- (viii) ~~45~~ 48

- C : (i) 100 - 108 Gal British external Fuel Tanks (American Gal)
- (ii) 100

- D : (i) 149 P47D
- (ii) NIL

- E : (i) 80000 x 50 cal
- (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 Commanding Officer:

Hugh L. Rice
 HUGH L. RICE,
 Major, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

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AFPO 595, US Army
13 April 1944.

SUBJECT: OMBREP A REPORT U.S.A.A.F FORM 344. 658

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit), APO 696, US Army.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command, (Attention Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Attention Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, MSAAF Station 404.

REF : **SECRET**
Oprep A No. 19 for 24 hours ending Sunset 13 April 1944.
Mission or Operations No. 144.

A : This Group took off at 0911 and was over target at 1005, landing at Kingston at 1100 and returning to home base at 1956. The mission was to attack and dive bomb Construction Works at LePleau, France. 32 aircraft each carried 2 x 250 lb GP bombs, 16 aircraft acted as top cover. Weather was 9/10 at 9,000 over target. Aircraft dove from 3000 and released bombs at 3000. Results of bombing were excellent. Many hits in target area, particularly on east side of area, on buildings and north-west much smoke and one explosion. Five bombs were jettisoned on an open field in France. No enemy aircraft encountered over target and there was no flak. At LeTouquet flak was light, moderate and accurate, north of Berck flak was light, moderate and accurate. Visibility was good over target with haze over the channel. The flak at Boulogne was heavy, intense and accurate. Two freighters were seen at Boulogne harbor. Three ships going north from berck and an 8 car freight train going north from LeTouquet were also noted.

B : (i) 48 P47D dispatched. 32 as dive bombers, 16 as top cover.
(ii) ~~48~~ P47D completed mission. 32 aircraft over target, 16 as top cover.
(iii) ~~NIL~~ 2 planes about bank of.
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 48

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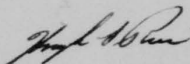
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- C : (i) NIL
(ii) NIL
- D : (i) 109 T47D
(ii) NIL
- E : (i) 76800 x 50 cal.
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL
- F : (i) 64 x 250 lb CP bombs 1/10 nose and 1/10 tail fuze.
(ii) 59 on Construction Works at Ioffray, France.
(iii) 5 jettisoned in open field in France.
(iv) NIL
- G : (i) NIL ✓
- H : (i) NIL ✓
(ii) NIL ✓
(iii) NIL ✓

For the Commanding Officer:


HUGH L. RICE,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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APO 595, US Army
14 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report U.S.A.A.F. Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit), APO 696, US Army.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command, (Attention Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Attention Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, USAAF Station 404.

REF : **SECRET**
Oprep A No. 14 for 24 hours ending Sunset 14 April 1944.
Mission or Operations No. 149.

A : This Group took off at 1037 and made I/F in at Istreport at 1124 at 12000, I/F out at Istreport 1225 at 10000 and returned at home base at 1319. The mission was to make Fighter Sweep. 21 locomotives and trains were strafed and the following results were accomplished: 48 P47Ds completed mission. Mission very successful. Hits on locomotives and cars, inflicting heavy damage at Formerie, east of Grand Villeris, Denain, north of Cambrai, 6 miles north of Valenciennes, Glisy, SW of Lille and at Arras. Locomotives destroyed were as follows: one at Achlat, one 9 miles north of Achlat, three near Albert, one 4 miles SW of Formerie, one 6 miles east of Arras, one west of Amiens, one south of Croisilles. Locomotives damaged were: one NW of Neufachatel, one south of Douai and two electric locomotives near Albert. The weather over the continent was 6/10 cirrus overcast above 13000. Visibility excellent over Channel and continent. No enemy aircraft were encountered. The flak west of Abbeville was heavy, meager, and accurate, at Beauvais heavy, intense and accurate, south of Boulogne light, meager, and inaccurate, at Boulogne heavy, intense and accurate, at St Omer Area heavy, intense, and accurate, at Foucarmont heavy, intense and fairly accurate, 4 miles north of Arras heavy, intense and fairly accurate. Many trains attacked had light, medium and inaccurate flak. 13 small boats were observed proceeding north between Cayeux and Istreport. Intensive harbor construction noticed at Istreport.

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- B : (i) 43 RL7D dispatched.
 - (ii) 43 RL7D completed mission, attacking two targets; ~~target and aircraft.~~
 - (iii) NIL Note: The one RL7D abortive reported on our Order A No. 12, Operations No. 143 was due to mechanical trouble i.e. power plant; fuel system failure.
 - (iv) NIL
 - (v) NIL
 - (vi) NIL
 - (vii) 7 RL7D slightly flak damaged. 5 category A, 2 category AC.
 - (viii) AS
 - C : (i) 18 100 Gal British external fuel tanks. (American gallon)
 - (ii) AS
 - D : (i) 12.15 RL7D
 - (ii) NIL
 - E : (i) 76000 x 50 cal
 - (ii) 31014 x 50 cal
 - (iii) NIL
 - F : (i) NIL
 - (ii) NIL
 - (iii) NIL
 - (iv) NIL
 - G : (i) NIL
 - H : (i) NIL
 - (ii) NIL
 - (iii) NIL
- 9 locomotives destroyed*
- 4 " " damaged*

For the Commanding Officer:

Hugh I. Rice
 HUGH I. RICE,
 Major, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AFPO 595, US Army
15 April 1944.

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TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit), APO 696, US Army.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command, (Attention Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Attention Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, APO 595, US Army.

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Oprep A No. 15 for 24 hours ending Sunset 15 April 1944.

Mission or operation No. NIL.

A. : This Group did not execute any missions for the period stated above.

For the Commanding Officer:

Hugh L. Rict
HUGH L. RICT,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US Army
16 April 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report U.S.A.A.F FORM 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention 80th Statistical Control Unit), APO 696, US Army.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command, (Attention Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Attention Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.

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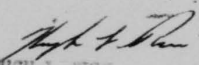
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Oprep A No. 16 for 24 hours ending Sunset 16 April 1944.

Mission or Operation No. NIL.

A. : This Group did not execute any missions for the period stated above.

For the Commanding Officers:


HUGH L. RICE
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AGO 595, US Army
17 April 1944

SUBJECT: Group A Report U.S.I.A.M. Form 24.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit), AGO 696, US Army.
Commanding General, II Air Support Command, (Attention Statistical Control Section), AGO 595, US Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Attention Statistical Control Section), AGO 595, US Army.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, AGO 595, US Army.

REF : SECRET

Group A No. for 24 hours ending Sunset 17 April 1944.

Mission or operation No.

A. : This Group did not execute any missions for the period stated above.

For the Commanding Officer:

for Maurice D. Lawrence, Lt. Col.
MURRAY L. WOOD,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US Army
18 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprop A Report U.S.A.A.F. Form 344.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit), APO 696, US Army.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command, (Attention Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Attention Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, USAAF Station 404.

REF : SECRET
Oprop A No. 18 for 24 hours ending Sunset 18 April 1944.
Mission or Operations No. 157.

A : Group took off on a Escort and Dive Bombing Mission at 1725, 18 April 1944. At 1810 the Group R/V with approximately 72 B26s, the second box of the bomber mission, at mid Channel, escorted them to the target which was the marshalling yards west of Charleroi. The bombers made their run followed by the dive bombing of 32 P47D (2 squadrons) of this Group. Each plane carried 2 x 250 lb. GP Bombs and at 1853 dove from 14000 feet and released the bombs at 3000 feet. 63 bombs were dropped on target (one bomb was jettisoned in the Channel) and the pilots reported 8 direct hits in southern yards, balance quite scattered. Results of dive bombing were fair. 16 P47D (one squadron) provided top cover for both B26 bombers and dive bombers. After the dive bombing run was made the Group escorted the B26s back to North Foreland and then returned to the Base at 2010. Pilots stated the B26 bombers attacked Railway Yards south of Charleroi and considerable damage was observed. No E/A was encountered on the mission. The flak over target was light, moderate and inaccurate. Also at Nieupoort, it was light, moderate and inaccurate. Pilots reported that 5 large ships at 1820, with big wake were headed east northeast at 51-19 north, 2-14 east. Also at 1935 Air-Sea rescue boats were seen picking up a bomber crew at 51-45 north, 2-05 east. A B26 aborted about 15 miles west of Blouhenbeighe at 1815. A German speech was heard over Channel A while the Group was over target. The weather over continent was very good and visibility unlimited but heavy clouds were noted for east of target.

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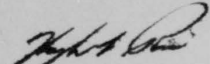
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- B :
- (i) 48 P47Ds dispatched; 32 P47Ds dive bombed target; 16 P47Ds maintained top cover. All 48 P47Ds escorted B26s bombers to-over and from target.
 - (ii) 32 P47Ds attacked Railway Yards at Charleroi.
 Note: In section B (ii) of Oprop A Report No. 14 for operation No. 149 the following was reported, "48 P47Ds completed mission, attacking two targets: LeTreport and LeTouquet". This remark should be corrected to read "48 P47Ds completed mission which was a fighter sweep. The two targets, LeTreport and LeTouquet were reported incorrectly as they were the location of I/P in and I/P out.
 - (iii) NIL
 - (iv) NIL
 - (v) NIL
 - (vi) NIL
 - (vii) NIL
 - (viii) 48
- C :
- (i) 48 108 Gallon British external tanks (American Gallon)
 - (ii) 48
- D :
- (i) P47D 142 hours 15 minutes
 - (ii) NIL
- E :
- (i) 76800 x 50 cal
 - (ii) 5369 x 50 cal
 - (iii) NIL
- F :
- (i) 64 x 250 GP bomb with 1/10 nose and 1/40 tail fuse.
 - (ii) 63 dropped on marshalling yard at Charleroi.
 - (iii) 1 jettisoned into Channel.
 - (iv) NIL
- G :
- (i) NIL
- H :
- (i) NIL
 - (ii) NIL
 - (iii) NIL

REMARKS: The 2 ME 109 claimed as destroyed by Captain T.M. Montag on 25 March 1944 were confirmed by Report Number 13 from Confirmation of Victory Credits Board, dated 15 April 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

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 HUGH L. RICE
 Major, Air Corps,
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AFG 595, US Army
19 April 1944.

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SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. U.S.A.A.F. Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit), APO 696, US Army.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command, (Attention Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Attention Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, USAAF Station 404.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 19 for 24 hours ending Sunset 19 April 1944

Mission or operation No. 158

A. : This Group consisting of 50 P47Ds, 48 as escort for 2nd ATF and 2 P47Ds acting as radio relays, took off at 1009, 19 April 1944. The purpose of the mission was to render withdrawal support for 2nd Air Task Force which was composed of 240 B17s of the Eighth Air Force, to limit of endurance. At 1124, 48 P47Ds R/V with 2nd ATF south of Liege, who were at 22000 feet and in good formation. These B17s were escorted back to Channel. Group then proceeded to base and landed at 1302. No enemy aircraft were encountered. The flak was heavy, moderate, inaccurate at R/V; at Ghent it was light, meagre, inaccurate; at Brussels it was heavy, moderate, and inaccurate. Visibility over Channel was good with a solid overcast at 3000, over the continent. ^(CEAG with good visibility) It was reported that just off Ostend there appeared to be a reddish band of water about one mile wide and 20 miles long.

- B. :
- (i) 50 P47Ds dispatched, 48 P47Ds as escort for bombers, 2 P47Ds as radio relays.
 - (ii) 50 P47Ds completed mission.
 - (iii) NIL
 - (iv) NIL
 - (v) NIL
 - (vi) NIL
 - (vii) NIL
 - (viii) 50

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C : (i) 50 108 Gal British external tanks, (American gallon).
(ii) 50

D : (i) 470 198 hours 45 minutes
(ii) NIL

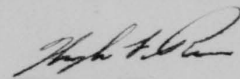
E : (i) 80000 x 50 gal
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL

F : (i) NIL
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL

G : (i) NIL

H : (i) NIL
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL

For the Commanding Officer:


HUGH L. RICE,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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APO 595, US Army
20 April 1944.

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TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit), APO 696, US Army.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command, (Attention Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Attention Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, APO 595, US Army.

REF : SECRET

Oprop A No. 20 for 24 hours ending sunset 20 April 1944.

Mission or operation No. NIL.

A. : This Group did not execute any missions for the period stated above.

For the Commanding Officer:

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HUGH I. RICE,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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APO 595, US Army
21 April 1944.

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TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Support Command, (Attention
Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.
Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention
Statistical Control Unit), APO 696, US Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Attention
Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, USAAF, APO 595, US Army.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 21 for 24 hours ending Sunset 21 April 1944.

Mission or operation No. 166.

A. : Group consisting of 48 P47Ds took off at 0858, 21 April 1944. The purpose of the mission was to dive bomb Hasslet Marshalling Yards in France. Two Squadrons of 16 P47Ds each carried 2 x 250 lb. GP bombs while the other Squadron of 16 P47Ds maintained top cover. At 1019 Group was over target and started their dive-bombing from 12000 feet. 30 P47Ds dove to 3000 to release 57 x 250 lb GP bombs on target in northwest section of yards. 3 x 250 lb GP bombs were jettisoned in Channel and 4 x 250 lb GP bombs were dropped on air field near Bruay. The Group then returned to the base, landing at 1159.

Results of bombing ~~was~~ ^{WERE} very good. 3 direct hits on locomotive shop. Locomotive shop and wagon shop were ringed by bombs. Orange flashes and smoke were observed. One hit on southeast choke point was also observed. 3 large aircraft were noted on airfield at Nivelles. Many military convoys were seen on roads in Callis Peninsula going in direction of Channel. No enemy aircraft encountered on entire mission. The weather over the Channel was 2/10 at 4000, over continent 2/10 at 4000. Visibility good. The flak at Douai was heavy, intense, accurate, at Leuvain heavy, intense, accurate, at Nivelles heavy, intense, accurate, and at LeCulot heavy, meager, and inaccurate and over target nil.

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- B. : (1) 48 P47Ds dispatched, 16 P47Ds as escort and
top cover, 32 P47Ds as dive-bombers.
(ii) 30 P47Ds attacked marshalling yards at Hasselt.
2 P47Ds dropped their bombs on airfield
near Bruay. 48 P47Ds completed mission.
(iii) *NIL (cont. rel.)*
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 48
- C. : (1) 48 108 gal british external tanks (American gal.)
(ii) 48
- D. : (1) P47D 149:38 hours
(ii) NIL
- E. : (1) 76800 x 80 cal
(ii) 249 x 50 cal
(iii) NIL
- F. : (1) 64 x 250 lb GP bombs 1/10 nose and 1/40 tail
fuse.
(ii) 57 x 250 lb GP bombs dropped on Marshalling
yards at Hasselt, 4 x 250 lb GP
bombs on airfield near Bruay.
(iii) 3 x 250 lb GP bombs were jettisoned in Channel.
(iv) NIL
- G. : (1) NIL
- H. : (1) NIL
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

Hugh L. Rice
HUGH L. RICE,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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APO 595, US Army
22 April 1944.

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TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention
Statistical Control Unit), APO 696, US Army.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command, (Attention
Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Attention
Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, USAAF, APO 595, US Army.

REF : SECRET

PART 1

Oprep A No. 22 for 24 hours ending Sunset 22 April 1944.
Operations Order No. 171.

A. : Group consisting of 48 P47Ds took off at 1111, 22 April 1944 to dive bomb St Chislain Marshalling Yards. 2 squadrons of 16 P47Ds each carried 2 x 1000 lb. GP bombs, with 1/10 nose and 1/40 tail fuse, while the other squadron of 16 P47Ds acted as escort and maintained top cover. Group was over target at 1240. 30 P47Ds attacked target at St Chislain Marshalling Yards from 10000 feet and at 3000 feet released 60 x 1000 lb. GP bombs. 4 x 1000 lb GP bombs were dropped on target of opportunity (2 at Berck A/D and 2 on E/R south of Valenciennes). Group then returned to base, landing at 1348.

The Pilots reported one direct hit on warehouse, four direct hits on locomotive sheds, four direct hits on car sidings and many other hits on target area. One B26 was seen to go down south of Auchel and 2 chutes were seen to open. One chute was seen between St Pol and Aubigny. Green slick on Channel about midway on course, with unidentified A/C seen circling was observed. Barges in Canal between Mons and 5027-N-0335-E were also noted. No E/A were encountered on entire mission. The flak at Bruay heavy, intense, accurate, at Lens heavy, intense, accurate, at Dempierre light, meager, and accurate. The weather over target and enroute was CAVU.

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- B. : (1) 48 P47Ds dispatched, 32 P47Ds as dive-bombers, 16 P47Ds as escort and top cover.
 (11) 30 P47Ds attacked target at St Chislain Marshalling Yards, 2 P47Ds bombed targets of opportunity at Berck A/D and R/R south of Valenciennes. 48 P47Ds completed mission.
 (111) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 (v) NIL
 (vi) NIL
 (vii) NIL
 (viii) 48
- C. : (1) 48 108 gal (British external belly) tanks (American gal).
 (11) 48
- D. : (1) P47D 120:55 Hours
 (11) NIL
- E. : (1) 76800 x 50 cal
 (11) 4461 x 50 cal
 (111) NIL
- F. : (1) 64 x 1000 lb GP bombs 1/10 nose 1/40 tail fuse.
 (11) 60 x 1000 lb GP bombs dropped on target at St Chislain Marshalling Yards, 4 x 1000 lb GP bombs dropped on targets of opportunity (2 at Berck A/D and 2 on R/R south of Valenciennes).
 (111) NIL
 (iv) NIL
- G. : (1) NIL
- H. : (1) NIL
 (11) NIL
 (111) NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

Hugh L. Rice
 for HUGH L. RICE, 1ST Lt MC
 Major, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

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APO 595, US Army
22 April 1944.

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TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention
Statistical Control Unit), APO 696, US Army.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command, (Attention
Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Attention
Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, USAAP, APO 595, US Army.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 23 Part 2 for 24 hours ending Sunset
22 April 1944.

Operation Order No. 172.

A. : This Group consisting of 50 P47Ds, including 2 P47Ds acting as radio relays, took off at 1658. Nature of operation was to execute Fighter Sweep in the Duren, Koln, Koblenz, Trier area. Group flew route as briefed to Bonn. In the vicinity of Bonn at 1830 hours, 12 FW 190s attacked the 395th Fighter Squadron from 25000 feet. During the engagement with E/A which followed, Captain Montag shot down one grey colored FW 190, which was seen to crash. At the same time one P47D was seen to crash. This is believed to be Captain James W Goodwin's plane. One or two chutes were seen to open but cannot be confirmed if one of these was Captain Goodwin's. Captain Bowlin also engaging with E/A followed a FW 190 to the deck in the vicinity of Duren; the plane going down disappeared in some woods. Major Quimby and 1st Lt Staton made hits on a FW 190 which had a yellow nose, yellow tail and clipped wings. Lt Kie followed another FW 190 up the Ruhr Valley toward Dusseldorf obtaining strikes on the fuselage. Lt Kie broke off engagement when he ran out of ammunition. Lt Lougee followed a FW 190 to Enskirchen 15 miles north of Limburg. Many hits were observed and the pilot was seen to bail out and the aircraft hit the ground. Upon completion of mission, 48P47Ds landed at base at 2037, one P47D landed at Manston.

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- A. : Weather over Channel was 2/10 at 23000, visibility good; over continent 4/10 at 25000, visibility good. Flak was observed ten miles southwest of Pecamp as heavy, intense, inaccurate; near Rowen, heavy, meager, inaccurate; at Beuthelm, heavy, meager and accurate. Four FW 190s were seen flying low over Cambrai. The marshalling yards at St Chislain were still burning and much smoke observed.
- B. : (i) 50 P47s dispatched including 2 P47Ds acting as radio relays.
(ii) 48 P47Ds made Fighter Sweep and 49 P47Ds completed mission.
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) One P47D was seen to crash near Bonn. Believed due to result of engagement with E/A.
(vii) 3 P47Ds damaged by enemy action. In category AC; 2 in category B. (Note 1 P47D was damaged on returning from the mission which was reported on Oprep A No. 22 Part 1, Operations Order No. 171. Category AC. Nosed up on perimeter strip when brakes were applied sudden.)
(viii) 50 sorties P47D
- C. : (i) 100 108 Gal British external (wing) tanks, (American gal).
(ii) 100
- D. : (i) P47D 173 hours.
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 80000 x 50 cal.
(ii) 8263 x 50 cal.
(iii) 1600 x 50 cal.
- F. : (i) NIL
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
- G. : (i) 1 Pilot missing. *Capt J Goodwin*

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H. : in air:
 (1) 1 PW 190 Capt T.N. Montag, 395th Fighter Sq. ✓
 1 PW 190 Capt R.L. Bowlin, 395th Fighter Sq. ✓
 1 PW 190 1st Lt J.H. Lougee, 397th Fighter Sq. ✓
 (11) NIL ✓
 (111) 1 PW 190 Major H.R. Quimby and 1st Lt C. Stanton
 395th Fighter Sq. ✓
 1 PW 190 1st Lt B. Kik, 395th Fighter Sq. ✓

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For the Commanding Officer:

Hugh D. Rice
 HUGH D. RICE,
 Major, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

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APO 595, US Army
23 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. U.S.A.A.F. Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention
Statistical Control Unit), APO 696, US Army.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command, (Attention
Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Attention
Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.

PROM : 368th Fighter Group, USAAF, APO 595, US Army.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 24 ^(Part 1) for 24 hours ending Sunset 23 April 1944.
Operation Order No. 174.

A. : Group consisting of 48 P47Ds took off at 1147, 23
April 1944 to dive bomb Marshalling Yards at Monceau-sur-
Sombre. 32 P47Ds each carried 2 x 1000 lbs GP bombs while
16 P47Ds acted as escort and top cover. Group was over
target at 1320. 32 P47Ds dove from 12000 feet to 3500
feet and released 64 x 1000 lb GP bombs on the Marshalling
Yards at Monceau-sur-Sombre. Group then returned to
base, landing at 1435.

Pilots reported bombing results good with 3 direct
hits on locomotive shed and many other hits on cars in
yards. Much smoke was also observed. No E/A were encount-
ered on entire mission. The flak at Lens was heavy, meager,
inaccurate; at Douai (some yellow puffs were seen) heavy,
intense, accurate and at Valenciennes heavy, moderate,
and accurate and no flak encountered over target. The
weather on route and over target was CAVU.

B. : (1) 48 P47Ds dispatched; 32 P47Ds as dive bombers;
16 P47Ds as escort and top cover.
(11) 32 P47Ds attacked target at Marshalling Yards
at Monceau-sur-Sombre. 48 P47Ds
completed mission.

(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL

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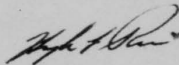
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B.	:	(viii)	48
C.	:	(1)	48 108 gal. British external (Belly) tanks (American Gal).
		(11)	48
D.	:	(1)	P47D 135 hours.
		(11)	NIL
E.	:	(1)	76800 x 50 cal.
		(11)	2584 x 50 cal.
		(111)	NIL
F.	:	(1)	64 x 1000 lb. GP bombs with 1/10 nose and 1/40 tail fuse.
		(11)	64 x 1000 lb. GP bombs dropped on target at Marshalling Yards at Monceau-sur- Sombre.
		(111)	NIL
		(iv)	NIL
G.	:	(1)	NIL
H.	:	(1)	NIL
		(11)	NIL
		(111)	NIL

For the Commanding Officer:


HUGH L. RICE,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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APO 595, US Army
24 April 1944

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TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention Statistical Control Unit), APO 696, US Army.
Commanding General, IX Air Support Command, (Attention Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Attention Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, USAAF, APO 595, US Army.

REF : SECRET
(Part II) 23
Oprep A No. 25 / for 24 hours ending Sunset 24 April 1944.
Operation Order No. 175.

A. : This Group took off on a Fighter Sweep over Holland and western Germany at 1630, 23 April 1944. Forty-eight (48) P47Ds made the sweep with one P47D as a radio relay over channel. Group flew course as briefed. Contrails at 35000ft. followed Group for a period over Schouwen on way in (also on way out). Four unidentified aircraft made a pass at one flight from out of the sun near Ommen but then broke off and no combat ensued. Mission then proceeded uneventful and Group returned to base at 2000 hours.
Pilots reported seeing a balloon barrage near Emmerich. Many Dutch Islands were flooded. Another P-47 Group was being fired at by intense flak in vicinity of Munster and the Group was split up. The flak on mission was reported as follows: Munster, heavy, intense; Leerdam, Heavy, meager, inaccurate; Schouwen, heavy, meager, inaccurate; Twente/Enchede, heavy intense accurate; Bentheim, heavy, intense, moderate accurate; Near Rotterdam, heavy, meager, and inaccurate, (One orange puff amongst the black puffs); Nordhorn, heavy, meager, and inaccurate. The weather over continent was haze and cirrus at 28000 with good visibility.

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APO 595, US Army
24 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprop A Report. U.S.A.A.F. Form 34a.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Support Command, (Attention Statistical Control Unit), APO 696, US Army.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, (Attention Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Attention Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, USAAF, APO 595, US Army.

REF : **SECRET**Oprop A No. 26 for 24 hours ending Sunset 24 April 1944.

Operation Order No. 179.

A. : This Group consisting of 48 P47Ds took off at 1341, 24 April 1944. The purpose of this mission was to escort and furnish withdrawal support to the 3rd ATF of the Eighth USAAF to limit of endurance. The 3rd ATF was composed of 240 B24s. At 1510 the Group met Bombers at approximately Rix, Germany at 25000 feet and accompanied them to I/F east of Nieuport. I/F was made at 1625. Group then returned to base, landing at 1732.

Pilots reported one B24 hit by flak near Brussels at 1600 feet. It seemed to fall apart and no chutes were seen. No I/A were encountered on entire mission. The flak at Brussels was heavy, moderate, accurate; at Nivelles heavy, intense, accurate; at Charleroi heavy, moderate, accurate; at Furnes heavy, moderate and accurate. The weather over continent was 9/10 at 19000 going in and raising to 30000 toward east. Visibility was good. R/T clear.

B. : (i) 48 P47Ds dispatched.
(ii) 47 P47Ds completed mission.
(iii) 1 P47D (e) 1 - Generator.
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 48

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- C. : (1) ⁹⁶ 48 108 gallon British external (belly) tanks
(American Gal).
(11) ⁹⁶ 48
- D. : (1) 1470 179:45 hours.
(11) NIL
- E. : (1) 76800 x 50 cal.
(11) NIL
(111) NIL
- F. : (1) NIL
(11) NIL
(111) NIL
(1v) NIL
- G. : (1) NIL
- H. : (1) NIL
(11) NIL
(111) NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D. Powell
 MAURICE D. POWELL,
 1st Lt., Air Corps,
 Asst. Adjutant.

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APO 595, US Army
25 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. U.S.A.A.F. Form 31A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit), APO 696, US Army.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, (Attention Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Attention Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, USAAF, APO 595, US Army.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 27 for 24 hours ending Sunset 25 April 1944.

Operation Order No. 181.

A. : This Group consisting of 48 P47Ds took off at 0910, 25 April 1944. The purpose of this mission was to dive bomb locomotive shed in Marshalling Yards at Malines. 32 P47Ds carried 64 x 1000 GP bombs while the other squadron of 16 P47Ds acted as escort and maintained top cover. The Group proceeded on mission to designated target but on arrival found the target area a solid overcast. Unable to see target because of overcast, Group then started return trip and on way out a slight break in clouds was observed. This gave the Group the chance to attack targets of opportunity in northern Belgium. Group was over targets of opportunity at 1030, dropping 26 x 1000 GP bombs on Poperinghe A/D. 8 x 1000 GP bombs were dropped on Coxysde A/D. 16 x 1000 GP bombs were dropped on Ostend-Middlekirke A/D. 3 x 1000 GP bombs were jettisoned in open field. 9 x 1000 GP bombs were jettisoned in Channel. Group then returned to base, landing at 1148.

Pilots reported good bombing results on Poperinghe A/D with direct hits on buildings thought to be hangars; 1 hit on control tower; many hits on runways. Fires started and activity was noted on the field. Excellent results were obtained in the bombing of Ostend-Middlekirke A/D. Many hits on runways and all bombs landed within the field. The results of bombing Coxysde A/D were poor. It was also reported that 30 to 50 soldiers were seen on beach between Dunkerque and Gravelines. An object resembling a sunken craft was seen near beach at Gravelines.

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- A. : No E/A were encountered on entire mission. The flak at Ostend was heavy, moderate, fairly accurate; at Ostend-Middlekirke A/D was light, intense, accurate; at Blankenburghe heavy, moderate, fairly accurate. The weather over Channel was CAUV. Over the continent 10/10 overcast over original target at 6000 feet. Broke up to approximately 6/10 at 6000 feet at 1/F out.
- B. : (i) 48 P47Ds dispatched; 32 P47Ds as dive bombers; 16 P47Ds as escort and top cover.
(ii) 13 P47Ds attacked targets at Poperinghe A/D. 4 P47Ds attacked Coxyde A/D; 8 P47Ds attacked Ostend-Middlekirke A/D; 4 P47Ds completed mission.
(iii) 7- 1 P47D Radio failure. *6 Bomb release mech*
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) 1 P47D damaged by flak. Category A.
(viii) 47
- C. : (i) 48 108 gal British external (belly) tanks (American gal).
(ii) 48
- D. : (i) P47D 124 hours.
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 76800 x 50 cal.
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 64 x 1000 GP bombs 1/10 nose 1/40 tail fuse.
(ii) 26 x 1000 GP bombs dropped on Poperinghe A/D
8 x 1000 GP bombs dropped on Coxyde A/D
16 x 1000 GP bombs dropped on Ostend-Middlekirke A/D
(iii) 3 x 1000 GP bombs were jettisoned on open field.
9 x 1000 GP bombs were jettisoned in Channel.
(iv) NIL
(v) 2 x 1000 GP bombs were returned to base by aborted aircraft.
- G. : (i) NIL
- H. : (i) NIL
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D. Powell
MAURICE D. POWELL,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

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APO 595, U. S. Army,
27 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Uprep A Report. U.S.A.A.F. Form 3-A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force. (Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit). APO 696, U. S. Army.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, (Attention Statistical Control Section), APO 595, U. S. Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Attention Statistical Control Section), APO 595, U. S. Army.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, USAAF, APO 595, U. S. Army.

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Uprep A No. 28 for 24 hours ending Sunset 26 April 1944.
Operations Order No. 183.

A. This Group took off at 0805, 26 April 1944 on an escort and dive bombing mission. (The Group was to R/V with the 4th AFW (72-A20s) of the IX Bomber Command, escort them in, over and out from target. Also this Group was to dive bomb the same target after the A-20s made their attack.). The target was at Louvain. Thirty-two P47s each carried 2 x 1000 GP Bombs, 16 P47s were to provide escort to both A-20s and the dive bombers and maintain top cover during the attack on the target. Shortly after the take off, the mission was cancelled, but the Group was not notified by the controller. As the bombers did not show up at R/V, the Group continued on to target. The target could not be seen or located due to bad weather. The Group then turned back - dropping two bombs on A/D near Coxyde and jettisoning 62 bombs into the channel; returning to the base at 1215.

No E/A were encountered on mission. The Flak at Luskirk was heavy, moderate and inaccurate; at Coxyde - heavy, moderate and accurate. The weather over channel was clear; over continent 8 to 10/10, 3000 to 7000 feet, visibility was good.

- B. (i) 48 P47s dispatched. 32 as dive bombers, 16 as escort and top cover.
(ii) 1 ~~hit~~ (One P-47D dropped bombs on A/D near Coxyde) 16 *escort*
17 ~~46~~ P-47Ds completed mission.
(iii) ~~46~~ P-47Ds (a) ~~46~~ 29
31 (b) 1 - Pilot Error.
(c) 1 - Airplane, elevator controls.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 46

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- C. (i) 48 - 108 gallon British external (Belly) tanks. (American Gal)
(ii) 48
- D. (i) P-47D 122.30 Hours.
(ii) Nil
- E. (i) 76800 x 50 Cal.
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
- F. (i) 64 x 1000 GP Bombs, 1/10 nose and 1/40 Tail Fuse.
(ii) 2 x 1000 GP Bombs dropped on A/D near Coxyde.
(iii) 62 x 1000 GP Bombs jettisoned into channel.
(iv) Nil
- G. (i) Nil
- H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D. Powell
MAURICE D. POWELL
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AFPO 595, US Army.
28 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. U.S.A.A.F. Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit), APO 696, US Army.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, (Attention Statistical Control Section, APO 595, US Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Attention Statistical Control Section, APO 595, US Army.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, APO 595, US Army.

REF : Oprep A No. 29 for 24 hours ending Sunset 27 April 1944.
Mission or operation No. NIL.

A. : This Group did not execute any missions for the period stated above.

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D. Powell
MAURICE D. POWELL
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

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APO 595, US Army
28 April 1944.

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TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit), APO 696, US Army.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, (Attention Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Attention Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, APO 595, US Army.

REF : Oprep A No. 30 for 24 hours ending Sunset 28 April 1944.

Mission or operation No. NIL.

A. : This Group did not execute any missions for the period stated above.

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D. Powell
MAURICE D. POWELL
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

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APO 595, US Army
29 April 1944.

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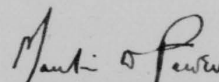
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Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, (Attention Statistical
Control Section), APO 595, US Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Attention Statistical
Control Section), APO 595, US Army.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, APO 595, US Army.

REF : Oprep A No. 31 for 24 hours ending Sunset 29 April 1944.
Mission or operation No. NIL.

A. : This Group did not execute any missions for the period stated above.

For the Commanding Officer:



MAURICE D. POWELL
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

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APO 595, US Army.
30 April 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. U.S.A.A.F. Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit), APO 696, US Army.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, (Attention Statistical Control Section), APO 595, US Army.
Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, (Attention Statistical Control Section), APO 595, U S Army.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, APO 595, US Army.

REF : Oprep A No. 32 for 24 hours ending Sunset 30 April 1944.
Mission or operation No. HIL.

A. : This Group did not execute any missions for the period stated above.

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D. Powell
MAURICE D. POWELL
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

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